

General Information

Mail Service And Camp Addresses

Outgoing mail should be taken to the Trading Post after breakfast. Incoming mail may be picked up after 3 P.M. at the Trading Post. All letters should be mailed to Scouts by Wednesday to ensure arrival before the Scout leaves camp. Letters to Scouts should be addressed as shown below:

Scout's Name, Troop #
Saukenauk Scout Reservation
2948 E 1000th St
Mendon, IL 62351

Scout's Name, Troop #
Camp Eastman
750 E County Road 1780
Nauvoo, IL 62354

Telephone

Saukenauk Scout Reservation
(217) 985-4983

Camp Eastman
(217) 847-2770

A Scout **must** have permission from his Camp Leader to use the telephone. All long distance calls must be collect or charged to a credit or calling card. Except for emergencies, please discourage parents from calling a Scout at Camp. **Please help us – the telephone is to be used for emergencies only.**

Camp Participation Award

To qualify for the 2007 Camp Participation Award, a Mississippi Valley Council troop must meet all three of the requirements listed below:

- ◆ All camp fees must be paid in full on or before the day of camp check-in.;
- ◆ At least one adult leader (at least 21 years of age) must be with the troop 24 hours a day during the entire camp;
- ◆ At least 60% of the Scouts registered with the troop must be in camp for the entire camp session. (Note: Scouts in camp with the troop that are not registered with the troop do not count toward meeting the 60% standard. Scouts registered with the troop serving on staff DO count toward meeting the 60% standard.)

An out-of-council troop may qualify for the award by doing the following:

- ◆ Meet each of the three requirements listed above for a Mississippi Valley Council troop
- ◆ During check-in on Sunday, turn in a unit membership roster that is: a) official (prepared by its home council); and b) current (dated within ten days of the date of check-in at camp).

Campers And RVs

Individuals that require a camper or RV for sleeping will park in the family camp area at Camp Eastman. Campers and RVs are not permitted in troop campsites. There is a

\$10.00 per day charge for an electrical hook-up. There are no provisions for campers or RVs at Saukenauk Scout Reservation.

Care Of Camp Equipment And Facilities

Damages to camp facilities and equipment are unacceptable. Troops will be billed for such damages at repair or replacement costs.

Cutting Firewood With Or Without A Chainsaw

Cutting of firewood should be limited to gathering and cutting of small deadwood, using non-powered woods-tools. Cutting or damaging of living trees is prohibited.

Any person who operates a chainsaw or fells a tree more than 3 inches in diameter must be at least 18 years old. and either (1) be a professional forester, (2) be a certified arborist, or (3) have received training in these techniques from the ranger section of National Camping School or (4) have written documentation of having other training in these techniques that is recognized by the state or federal government, or (5) Approved by the Camp Ranger. Approval of the Camp Ranger is required before any tree cutting of any kind.

Equipment – Troop, Patrol, Personal

Proper equipment and clothing are essential for a memorable summer camp experience. Sample troop, patrol and personal packing lists are included in the *Forms Packet*. It is suggested that a copy of the personal page be given to each Scout (and his parents) and each leader that will be attending summer camp.

Lost And Found

A lost and found service is provided at the Trading Post. Unclaimed items will be discarded at the end of the camp session. Every effort will be made to return unclaimed items before they are discarded.

Out Of Camp Trips

Scouts should have no reason to leave camp. But, if they do, they must be under the direction of their adult leaders or parents. Scouts and leaders must check out with the Camp Office before leaving and check back in when they return to camp.

Showers And Restrooms

Separate shower and restroom facilities are maintained for youth and adult campers. Shower and restroom facilities for female leaders will be provided during their stay at camp. Cleanliness problems in the Shower House may result in monitoring or closing the facility.

Smoke Free Policy Reminder

The smoke-free policy prohibits BSA leaders from using tobacco products of any form in the presence of youth members. In addition, extreme care should be exercised to provide smoke-free environments for all Scouting participants. Remember all buildings or facilities under control of the local council are designated as non-smoking facilities.

Smoking outside entrance and exit doors is not permitted at any location. In addition, all Scouting functions, meetings, or activities should be conducted in a smoke-free environment, with permitted smoking areas located away from all other participants.

Swim Check

Each Scout and leader will be issued a “BUDDY TAG” during medical recheck. Everyone will be given the opportunity to take the swimming test. Units may conduct swim tests prior to arriving at camp as long as a certified BSA or Red Cross Lifeguard administers the test and documents the proper swimming ability of each camper. The swimming test measures swimming ability. The BSA recognizes three swimming ability levels:

White Swimmer (Non-Swimmer) – Everyone is considered a White Swimmer until a test for Red or Blue Swimmer is passed.

Red Swimmer (Beginner) – Requirement: Swim 50 yards in deep water making one turn.

Blue Swimmer (Swimmer) – Requirements: a) Swim 100 yards without stopping as follows: jump into water over your head, swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen or crawl, swim 25 yards using an easy resting backstroke and b) at the end of the 100 yard swim, rest floating as motionless as possible for one minute.

A word of caution to swimmers and boaters: If a “BUDDY TAG” is forgotten and left on the “IN” board, the aquatics staff has no choice but to put the alarm system into action, calling everyone to their campsites so a search for the missing scout or scouter can be started. This is a pain for everyone, so please caution all Scouts and leaders not to forget.

Tentage

Troops may bring tents for their scouts and leaders, scouts and leaders may bring their own tents to camp, or troops may opt for Council-owned tents. If a troop wishes to use council owned tents, they are asked to inform the camp director by the pre-camp leader meeting. If the troop does not inform the camp director by the pre-camp leader meeting, they may be required to set up the tents themselves.

Trading Post

A well-stocked trading post is maintained. Hours may vary, but usually the trading post is open throughout the day and evening except during meal times. Refreshments (candy, soft drinks, ice cream, etc.), handicraft kits and supplies, camp souvenirs (T-shirts, patches, etc.), and other items are available.

Merit badge books for classes offered at camp should be purchased at your local Scout Shop prior to camp arrival.

Uniform

Summer camp is a week long **UNIFORMED** experience. Please encourage your Scouts to dress like Scouts. Scout Uniforms are required at evening meals. Although we encourage wearing uniforms we, of course, will not turn away a Scout for not having one.

Troops should be aware that each camper must have a tent-mate (buddy system), and that each camper must have a minimum of 30 square feet of sheltered space for sleeping and storing personal gear. This does not apply to outpost or off camp camping, or to the "Wilderness Survival" experience.

All tentage used in the camp must be fire-retardant, and "no flames in tent" must be marked on, or adjacent to, each tent.

All campers must have clean quarters reasonably safe from inclement weather, and comfortable bedding.

Vehicle Policy

Private vehicles are not permitted in camping areas. They must be parked in the area provided. Only camp vehicles are allowed on camp roads. All exceptions require Camp Director approval. Only **one vehicle** per troop will be allowed to transport equipment to the campsite. If more than one vehicle is needed to transport equipment, the first vehicle will need to be unloaded and returned to the parking lot before the second vehicle transports equipment to the campsite. Equipment trailers may be taken into the campsite area. However, they must be unhitched from the towing vehicle and the towing vehicle must immediately return to the parking area. **No vehicles or equipment trailers**, except for emergency and camp personnel, will be allowed past the parking lot on the **Jambo side of Saukenauk Scout Reservation**. Golf cart usage will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Vehicle Policies Specific To Camp Eastman

Motorized Personal Transportation Policy:

All forms of motorized personal transportation are prohibited in camp with the following exceptions, approved on a case-by-case basis:

- ◆ Golf carts and other vehicles owned by the Mississippi Valley Council for use by camp ranger staff and medical staff.
- ◆ Motorized wheel chairs or personal mobility devices medically prescribed for and fitted to the user.
- ◆ Golf carts that are needed for medical reasons or limitations.

Approval process required for the above exceptions:

Those who need to use motorized transportation in camp must: notify the camp director by the pre-camp leaders' meeting, give written evidence of need from a medical doctor to the camp medic at check in, pre-pay the fee to the camp director or camp business director. The camp medic will verify the evidence if needed, and notify

the camp director that it is on file. The camp director or camp business director will issue a special tag to be used with the key to the vehicle. The camp director will work with the staff to monitor and enforce safe use of vehicles. The fees for use of motorized transportation will be established each year and published in the *Leader Guide*.

Safety rules for motorized transportation:

1. Only those authorized to use the vehicle will operate it or ride in it.
2. If a driver is used, he/she shall be 21 or older.
3. The vehicle shall not carry multiple passengers.
4. The vehicle will stay on established roads and trails.
5. The vehicle shall use a forward facing lamp after dark.
6. Speed shall be limited to 5 miles-per-hour.
7. When not in operation key will be removed by authorized operator or confiscated by camp staff.

Cars and Trucks (condensed from 6-28-01 Camping Committee Policy)

1. All cars and trucks will remain in the parking lot with these exceptions:
2. During check-in and check-out.
3. Family night needs for visitors requiring transport.
4. Ranger staff vehicles doing maintenance and service.
5. No vehicle shall carry passengers except in a seat with a seat belt (for example: no passengers in the bed of the truck, on running boards, etc.).
6. The speed limit in camp is five miles-per-hour. In an emergency, the speed limit is five miles-per-hour. The camp director will revoke privileges for unsafe driving.
7. All vehicles shall be operated on established roads unless absolutely necessary. Turf damage will be repaired by anyone causing it, and, if a vehicle drives off the road and gets stuck and the ranger staff has to pull them out, they will be billed \$ 100.00 for the ranger's time.
8. The Tribe of the Silver Tomahawk shall transport tribe members with disabilities or medical reasons to the Thursday night ceremonies. All other tribe members' vehicles shall parked at the top of the hill behind the gate in outpost.

Other Policies Specific To Camp Eastman

Wrens Nest Accessible Restroom for People with Disabilities Policy:

The Summer Resident Camp Director (Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts) has full authority over opening and closing of the Wrens Nest Accessible Restroom.

Electrical Use from Camp Structures Policy:

Campers or leaders may use electricity during camp for medical need in one of two ways. First, they may power their equipment from their own rechargeable marine batteries. They may recharge batteries for medical use at a location specified by the camp ranger. Second, they may camp in the Family Camp area where electricity is available for a fee. Third, their troop may reserve the Wrens' Nest or Bluffs campsites where electricity is available for a fee. Those who need to plug in to camp electricity must: notify the camp director by the pre-camp leaders' meeting, give written evidence of need from a medical doctor to the camp medic at check in, pre-pay the fee to the camp director or camp business director. The camp medic will verify the evidence if needed, and notify the camp director that it is on file. The camp director will work with the camp ranger to inspect the hook up for correction of safety issues. Fees for use of electricity will be established each year and published in the *Leader Guide*. The fee for 2008 is \$10.00 per 24-hour period or part thereof, or \$48.00 for the week. It should be noted that if a leader must camp in the family camp area, s/he will be unable to contribute to two-deep leadership in the campsite after taps and before breakfast.

Visitors

Visitors are always welcome in camp. Visits should be with the knowledge of the Scoutmaster so Troop schedules will not be disrupted. Overnight accommodations for parents and visitors are not available in camp. All visitors must register with the Camp Office upon arriving and checking out of camp (except on Family Night). All visitors will be expected to follow all camp rules. If a visitor does not have a current physical, their activities will be limited. Please also see SECURITY for guidance about identification for visitors.