

Cherry Valley Summer Camp Parent Meeting Notes of May 16, 2017

ATTENDANCE

- ✓ Five adults and 33 scouts will be attending. The five adults are Harper Wong (CC and Medical ASM), Kent Screechfield (SM Emeritus), Glen Aikin (ASM Emeritus), Greg Clore (new ASM) and Brett Screechfield (Eagle Scout and former SPL).

BUS

- ✓ Arrival time at Sycamore Park & Ride at 5:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, June 18th. Bus will depart at 5:30 a.m. Sunday morning.
- ✓ As a courtesy to others, please be on time. Bus will leave with or without your scout.
- ✓ 7 ½ hour bus trip

FOOD ON BUS TRIP TO LONG BEACH

- ✓ We will be making two stops along with route. Scouts should bring money for breakfast and snacks (or they can bring snacks).
- ✓ One of the stops will be at a McDonald's.
- ✓ AND bring a hearty sack lunch with snacks – healthy options please.

RETURN TRIP (via bus)

- ✓ Boat will leave Catalina at approximately 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 24th.
- ✓ Boat will arrive at Long Beach at approximately 1:00 p.m.
- ✓ Estimated 9:00 p.m. return to Sycamore Park & Ride Saturday, June 24th; you will be notified via email as the bus trip progresses.
- ✓ Working to arrange lunch for all scouts at Long Beach – will keep you updated
- ✓ Scouts will buy dinner on the way home – pack a separate envelope with \$10 in it.

MEDICATIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS

- ✓ Medications (prescription and OTC) need to be in original packaging
- ✓ Place medications in a Ziploc bag with campers name in permanent marker
- ✓ Needs to be readily available for when we get to camp (Day Pack).
- ✓ Must fill out “Camp Cherry Valley Medical Administration Form”
- ✓ Medications will be stored in the Med Lodge and dispensed by the Health Officer.
- ✓ If your scout has any special needs that we should know about, please let me know.

HOME SICKNESS

- ✓ Scouts will not be permitted to call home. The program usually helps distract and entertain homesick boys. Keeping them busy is the best thing. Please refrain from sending too much mail or pictures. Please do not send a care package – there is plenty of food and snacks at camp.

WHAT TO PACK

- ✓ DUFFEL BAGS ONLY – 1 bag please.
- ✓ NO framed packs.
- ✓ Day Pack – avoid bladder bags – must be big enough for towel, lunch, change of clothes, boots, water for hike day (very important).
- ✓ Water Bottle(s) – 1 liter type not cheap plastic store bottle.
- ✓ Scouts need to manage all their own gear.
- ✓ Everything must be IN the bag, nothing attached outside.
- ✓ Packing List will be sent.
- ✓ NO pad or thermarest needed (the camp has cots with pads).
- ✓ All bags will be “flagged” with an additional tag but still should have name tag.
- ✓ Clothing should be scout appropriate.
- ✓ Boys can purchase their own camp T-shirt.

MERIT BADGES /RANK ADVANCEMENT

- ✓ Mr. Screechfield will be working with scouts on MB options. Scouts are to choose 3 merit badges with 1 alternate during MB Troop period. Scouts should review with Mr. Screechfield. Suggest doing with a friend.
- ✓ Scout not at First Class rank should focus primarily on rank advancement and not Eagle required Merit Badges.
- ✓ Scoutmaster conferences can be held at the camp itself.

FOOD AT CAMP

- ✓ Vegetarian options will be available without special request.
- ✓ If Scout has allergies, please alert the camp 2 weeks ahead (phone or mail).
- ✓ If Scout is extremely “picky,” please alert the camp 2 weeks ahead.

MONEY

- ✓ The camp suggests \$60-\$70 spending money. Parents are free to send what they wish, but **the Scouts are in charge of their own money.**

CAMP T-SHIRT

- ✓ Strongly encouraged Scouts bring money to purchase a camp T-shirt on site. Cost is approximately \$15-\$20.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

- ✓ Mala Quatman will be our emergency communication person. Mala's cell number is 925-588-1948; his/her email is teamquatman@gmail.com.
- ✓ She will send an email when the bus arrives in Long Beach.
- ✓ After that, don't expect to hear from us; all is well.
- ✓ Mala will send an email saying we are off the boat and on our way back.
- ✓ Mala will update via email approximate arrival time on Saturday, June 24th (we're guessing ABOUT 9 p.m.).
- ✓ In case of emergencies, Mala will be our contact.
- ✓ If you have a family emergency or have an urgent message, contact Mala.

PAPERWORK

- ✓ Medical Forms due now. Please contact Mala Quatman for any questions.
- ✓ ABC Medical forms (C to be signed by doctor).
- ✓ Insurance card copy (both sides please).
- ✓ Merit Badge request forms (from your son).

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- ✓ No phones or electronic devices – Mandated by the Camp.

CAMP STRUCTURE

- ✓ Camp schedule to be distributed to the boys (along with merit badge selection chart).
- ✓ Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday schedule is similar.
- ✓ Wednesday is hike/canoe day.
- ✓ Free time each day for rank or merit badge (except Wednesday).
- ✓ Older boys will escort the younger boys as needed but buddy system to be used.
- ✓ Adult supervision all around.