

Attention Parents...Summer Camp !!!!!

Saturday, June 21, – Saturday, June 28, 2008

Location: *Camp Wehinahpay, New Mexico*...Located at an elevation of 9000 feet in the Lincoln National Forest near Ruidoso, NM...this year's Summer Camp promises to be a memorable experience in a beautiful setting. Each troop campsite is set in some of the most beautiful forest land you have ever seen.

Summer Camp provides an opportunity to develop camping skills, earn merit badges, meet other Scouts and participate in lots of fun, outdoor activities. Boy Scout Summer Camp is an environment in which the Scouts work together learning and teaching; it's a learning by doing environment with activities from dawn until well after dusk.

Programs: Camp Wehinahpay offers a wide range of Summer Camp fun with an emphasis on the activities that are naturals for a camp located in a National Forest...hiking being a particularly attractive option in the Lincoln National Forest. Other programs unique to the Camp include:

- Mountain Man Camp is open for troops to visit. This is a fantastic program built away from the main camp and as close as possible to how the real mountain men lived. Learn to throw a Tomahawk like the Mountain men did.
- Chuckwagon is dedicated to the skills used by the pioneers of the Old West.
- Camp Wehinahpay boasts one of the finest climbing towers in the B.S.A. and is open during the day for the Climbing merit badge and in the evenings for a troop activity.

Additionally, the Camp offers C.O.P.E. (*Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience*) is a great challenge for older scouts. Project COPE is established to give you the chance to find out just what your limitations are. Not on a physical level, but rather on levels of confidence, leadership, teamwork, communications, self esteem, trust, problem solving, decision making and, of course, perception.

A full range of merit badge opportunities will be available including **scout skills** (pioneering, orienteering, emergency preparedness, wilderness survival, etc.), **nature/ecology** (fishing, forestry, environmental conservation, etc.), **handicraft** (basketry, woodcarving, & leatherwork) and **field sports** (archery, rifle, & shotgun).

Physical Examinations: Scouts and Leaders under 40 who are attending camp must use the Personal Health & Medical Record Class 1 & 2 (form 34414). An annual health history attested by parents (or guardian) supported by a medical evaluation completed within the last 36 months by a physician licensed to practice medicine is required. A copy of current immunization records must be attached.

Travel Plans: We will leave from Good Shepherd on the morning of Saturday, June 21st and travel to west Texas where we will camp overnight at the Guadalupe Mountains National Park. On Sunday, the 22nd, we will tour Carlsbad Caverns in the morning before completing our trip to Camp Wehinahpay the same day.

On Saturday, June 28th, we will leave Camp early and return to Dallas arriving in the afternoon.

Cost: Cost for Summer Camp this year is \$240.00. Payments are due no later than April 15th.