



BOY SCOUT TROOP 26
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Dear Parents and Scouts of Troop 26,

This letter is being sent to you for some housekeeping details in regards to our week at camp this year. I would just like to remind everyone that our week at camp is Sunday, July 16, 2017 through Saturday July 22, 2017. The first meal at camp this year will be Sunday dinner, and the last meal will be Saturday breakfast.

For the most part all registrations and payments are completed. Many thanks to Mr. Rauenbuehler for entering the registrations in the Camp Long Lake web-based registration tool. All Scouts have completed the process of signing up for their merit badge selections – thank you for your coordination efforts and flexibility in dealing with updated camp information. Your son has been registered for the merit badges he signed up for. Please make sure that he has completed any prerequisite requirements for his merit badges before arriving at camp. If you have any questions regarding this please give me a call. This will help to limit the number of partial merit badges at the end of the week. New crossover scouts have been signed up for Project First Class, with 1 merit badge.

Each scout and leader in camp will need to have on file a current doctors physical for this “long term” camp (**Parts A, B and C**). **This form is available on our council’s website or on troop website “resources” page.** (pacbsa.org or pacunits.org/t26) Both adults and youth will use the same form. You can fill it out on line and then print it out then have your doctor fill in the rest. Your doctor must sign his portion of this form in order for your son to stay in camp for the full week. Please make sure that any allergies are listed on the form, especially food allergies. **Please put a copy of the front and back of your medical insurance policy card on a separate sheet.** For medications please fill in the area on the form for listing medications prescribed by your doctor that will have to be taken while at camp. You will additionally need to have a **“PAC routine drug admin card”** signed by the doctor for each prescription dispensed. This form is also available on our council’s website or troop website. Only send enough medications for the week in the **original container**. You will get the containers back at the end of camp. Please keep the original form and supply me with **2 copies** of all five pages. I need to furnish camp with a copy of each person’s form and they need to keep it on file for three years. The other copy will go into our troop medical binder. Please try to have your medical forms to me by July 1, 2017. We are being asked to transmit electronically these forms to camp 2 weeks before we arrive at camp. Please note that any sensitive data on your form will get blacked out when transmitted to camp if you wish. Please let me know about this. Included in this form is an area for you to list people that you authorize to pick up your son at camp. Please note that if someone other than parents is to pick your son up, their name **must be listed** on the form.

The emergency phone number at camp is **920-533-8258**. Please note that this is **only for emergencies** and should not be used to check up on how your son is doing at camp. If no one answers, please leave a message. Camp staff will forward the message to us. We are registered as Troop 26, from Big Bend. Our campsite is named “Bear Trail”. Mail is delivered to camp each day. Please remember to take in consideration the post office delivery process to make sure that your mail reaches your son before we leave on Saturday. **There will be no mail delivered to us on Saturday July 22nd.**

If you would like to send your son mail, the mailing address is:

Scouts Name
Troop 26, Bear Trail Campsite
C/o Camp Long Lake
N4350 Boy Scout Road
St. Cloud, Wisconsin, 53079

Upon arrival at camp on Sunday the troop will start the registration check in process. We need to have everyone at camp by 12:00pm if at all possible. Our registration process begins at 12:30pm that day. If this is a problem, please let me know as soon as possible. We will not be allowed to start our registration process until our entire expected group is present. Parents are responsible for getting their son to and from camp, although carpooling is permissible. I have enclosed a map for your use. We will meet in the parking lot. Parents are welcome to stay and help get your son settled in. There are no provisions for parents to stay for dinner on Sunday unless they are participating as troop leaders.

Wednesday night will be "Family Day" and also the OA callout. Parents and family are invited to come up and eat dinner at the troop campsite (we are targeting 6 pm to start dinner) and then there will be a short campfire at 7:30 just prior to the campout. I will notify parents whether their son will be called out. I will need to know if you desire to participate in the dinner and/or the call out ceremony – I will need to register your families at the Sunday check in.

Friday night will again have campfire entertainment put on by all the scouts in camp. Parents are invited to attend this if they wish. It all starts with dinner on Friday night at 6:00pm. (prices are \$5.00/youth, \$10.00/adult). Tickets are sold at the Trading Post for all visitor meals. Following dinner will be the retiring of the flag at around 7:45pm. The campfire will start shortly after that. Following the campfire there will be a cracker barrel in the dining hall. The campfire should conclude about 10:00pm, and the cracker barrel around 10:30pm. If your family would like to stay overnight on Friday, they may set up their tents in our campsite. There is a nominal fee for breakfast on Saturday.

There is no fee for camping if you camp in our campsite. Families that wish to bring a pop up style camper may do so for use **only in the parking lot**. There is a \$20.00 fee for this type of camping. There is **no hook up for water or electricity**. Please let me know if you would be taking advantage of this so that I can make arrangements with camp. If for some reason a family pet is brought to camp, it **must remain in the parking lot** while your son is moving into or out of our campsite. Someone in your family must attend to them while we are at our troop site. Your pet **can not be left alone** in the parking lot.

Our week will end after breakfast on Saturday morning. Checkout time should be around 9:00 am. We will then return to our campsite after breakfast and finish packing up. Please plan on picking your son up on Saturday at that time.

We will be using the tents supplied by camp. They would be a wall tent with two cots and mattresses. These tents will be set up on wooden platforms. Most of you should have the netting supports that we used last year. Please remember to bring them along, as they will be needed again. A netting support design drawing is included to be able to make your own personal set. Our troop has a supply of netting that each scout may use if they wish. I would advise each scout to use some type of netting to keep the insects from bothering them while they sleep. We will also have both of our Teepees available at camp again this year. Scouts will be able to rotate in and out of these each night. We expect to have 13 scouts in camp this year (and also three working as camp staff). Roughhousing at camp is not allowed, as any damage to camp or troop equipment will have to be paid for before leaving camp.

The following items will not be allowed in camp. Radios, CD players, electronic games, sheath knives, fireworks, firearms and ammunition, bows and arrows, TV's, beepers or scanners, laser pointers - cell phones are only allowed for specific use. I would just like to remind everyone that open toed shoes or sandals are **not allowed in camp**. Water shoes are ok, but will **only be allowed in the shower house or swimming or boating areas**. Please **leave all aerosol spray cans at home**. These are a fire hazard and also destroy the waterproofing on the tents. Pump sprays for bug control are ok. I would also recommend that each person attending camp bring along some type of hat for use during the day. The horse and deer flies are quite evident each year.

Spending money at camp should be limited to \$30.00 to \$35.00. Please do not send much more than this, as it may cause problems. Exceptions would be for those who are taking merit badges that have a fee such as Shotgun shooting, and any other merit badges requiring money to buy supplies. These fees may be paid on Sunday at the Trading Post, Scouts must present the receipt to their instructor.

You will be able to contact me directly at camp by calling my cell phone. I will be checking for messages daily. My cell phone number is **262-719-2284**. John Rauenbuehler (**414-315-9557**), and Sue Winiarski will be at camp during our week camp also. This ensures that we have the required minimum 2 deep leadership for the entire week. If any parents would like to help out please give me a call to discuss further. Just a reminder to all parents; that if for some reason that your son is not acting in a scout like manner, and will not respond to any leaders or camp staff, parents will be called and asked to pick their son up. This call could come at any time of the day or night. If you will be away from your home for any reason, please let me know of some alternate numbers to call in case of an emergency. The only numbers that we have available to me at camp are the ones you supply on your sons physical form.

In conclusion, along with this letter you will find 3 forms for your use. First, a set of plans for mosquito netting supports for those that need to make a set. Second, a basic list of what to bring to camp. Last, is a map to get to camp. If you should have any questions relating to camp, please feel free to call or email me. If I am not available, please leave me a message and I will do my best to return your call as soon as possible. We as leaders look forward to working with your sons for the week at camp. Please remember that all programs and activities will go on rain or shine, so **Be Prepared** and pray for sunshine.

See you Sunday July 16th!

Patrick Gerum
Scoutmaster, Troop 26