

**Troop 111 Summer Camp
Ockanickon Scout Reservation (OSR) 2007
Senior Scout Guide**

This Guide is intended for all Scouts who are attending camp for the third or greater time, and also for the attending adults. This Guide covers camp set-up on Sunday afternoon and other responsibilities. You are expected to be very familiar with this information when we arrive at camp. First and Most Important - Read ALL the various Guides, which are posted on the Troop 111 website, and mass e-mails on Summer Camp that I have already sent out (or soon will send out). The most important of these is the Troop Policies. Know them well. Remember that the SPLs and PLs listed below need to bring their FULL Scout Uniforms to camp (with socks, bolo tie, and belt), in case we are asked to run a flag ceremony.

JASM and SPLs:

Alan Reyes is this year's JASM. The SPLs are Evan and John Clough (Life Practical Scouts). Alan, Evan, and John speak with my voice, and all Scouts, including those who are older, larger, or greater rank, WILL defer to their authority.

Patrol Leaders:

This year's camp signups is unusual in that every Patrol has a functional Patrol, and only one Patrol has no associated parents attending. We will continue to co-camp in the usual dual Patrols; however, each Patrol will act independently for assemblies, flag ceremonies, meals, etc. Assignments are as follows:

- **Scooters** (9 Scouts) – Brian Title/Collin Seamens and **Snake Eyes** (8 Scouts) – Colin Smith/Thomas Macnamara.
- **Conquistadors** (9 Scouts) – Nick Kelleher/James Janopaul-Naylor and **Spectre** (9 Scouts including the Cloughs) – Jamie Mangan/Will Diffiee.
- **Burning Pants** (6 Scouts) – JP Shannon/Tim Peel and **Stonecutters** (7 Scouts) – Collin Pin/John Ciampa.

Alan Reyes will camp with a Senior Scout of mutual choice (any Patrol). Marco Pineyro and Bob Klein will camp with Snake Eyes or independently.

As I have said to you all on many occasions, you have two primary jobs: *Set a Proper Example*; and: *Take CARE of the Younger Scouts*. This is especially important at summer camp.

Miscellaneous Personnel Issues:

A) I need you guys to take special care of the New Scouts. We don't have many coming this year, but we don't want to lose any of them. Remember, summer camp can make or break these guys' Scouting experiences - let's make sure it's the former, not the latter. If you see problems developing, let me know. That is everything - homesickness, fighting with older boys (esp. in other Troops), refusing to eat, refusing to poop in the latrine, refusing to take a shower, missing classes, moping all day in their tents, spending half the week in the Trading Post, ANYTHING that suggests they have a problem.

B) I will also expect all of you to help guide guys away from stupid or destructive behavior. Remember, we have had some serious problems over the past 4 or 5 years, and it has to stop, now. Let's not let anything get to the point where I have to start sending Scouts home, or terminating them from the Troop.

C) If you see a Scout who is not sure of his schedule, help him out. Most Scouts will not have the same schedule two days in a row. If you see a New Scout who looks lost or confused, help him. We will post each day's schedule on the Troop Bulletin Board. Remember, some merit badges meet on Sunday night.

CAMP SET-UP:

As usual, we will be de-emphasizing Adult direction, and emphasizing Patrols. The following is a quick summary of how the camp will be set up:

(1) We expect to get there around 12:30 p.m. It may be quite hot, and we may also eventually have a thunderstorm. Many of the Scouts will be overheated, dehydrated, wild, and cranky. We will have a butt load to do, and not a lot of time to do it. Organization is critical. Upon arrival, we expect to go directly to our site. So we will start by dumping gear and setting up as much as possible. About 1:30 p.m., we will take a quick break for lunch. Around 2:00 p.m. our site guide should show up, and that's when we'll start the paper chase of the Medical Check-In, Swim Check, and a Camp Tour. From the very start, we need to keep organized. During the gear dump, keep the Troop Equipment separate from personal gear! As previously noted, no one selects a tent until much later. We may need to move tents and platforms to accommodate the 3 dual-Patrols and their "parent" adults. Once we have all the gear up at the site:

(2) Quickly survey our site - the whole site! • What is best place for "main tarp" area?

- What are best sites for Patrol sites? (Note: we need adequate tents for the number of Scouts in the combined Patrols). I want distinct Patrol sites if at all possible. Note that Adults will be "divvied up" between the various Patrol sites, if possible. Note that all Scouts must stay (tent) within their combined Patrols! We have 49 Scouts and 11 adults attending

camp this year. Since the Camp is sold out, we expect to get just enough tents to meet our sleeping requirements, that is, 32 tents.

- Locate the Latrine, "best" Fire Ring circle, best places to put the Bulletin Board(s), Clothes Lines, Tarp Areas, and Ax Yard(s).
- Set up Plan of attack - work by Patrols! Remember, our Site Guide WILL interrupt us about 2:00 p.m. (maybe earlier) to do the First Day Orientation stuff.

(3) Organize the Patrols.

(4) Inform Patrol members of the following protocol: If we are allowed to move tents:

- Re-set up all tents as needed (more on this later)
- NO RESERVING OF TENTS BY ANYONE!

When all tents are re-set up, selection goes in order:

- Adult pairs First,
- Youngest Scout pair next,
- Next youngest, third, and so on.

This is done because the senior-most Scout pairs can easily re-do their tent if it's not the best job, but the youngest Scouts have no clue, and would be "stuck" with whatever they got. This is part of taking care of the younger Scouts.

No "solo" Scouts. Since we have an odd number of Scouts, we will ask a parent to stay with a son. If we are lucky, the camp will have done a decent job in setting up our campsite. However, don't be at all surprised if it's terrible. If it is, we'll fix it up right.

(5) Set up Patrol sites (Note: Patrols act as teams, one tent at a time!) If necessary to re-do the tents:

- Remove bunks and take down tents
- Lift and move platforms to new site; Use Adult help if necessary.
- Level platforms with wood "shims" or large rocks, if necessary (*Note: Adults may be cutting shims for you.*)
- Re-erect tent - properly oriented - over re-set platform.
- Prop up sides of tent with sticks as needed; use extra tent stakes if necessary.
- Set up coat hangar twine inside tent; place 2 - 4 clothes hangars only on twine.
- Move bunks back in.
- Move to next tent; LEAVE ENOUGH ROOM BETWEEN TENTS!
- If possible, arrange all Patrol tents in a rough semicircular arc.
- Move picnic table and CAMP tarp (not ours) to the approximate center of the Patrol tent "arc."
- Fill and move fire bucket, propane tank, propane lantern and trash can to the site.

(6) When done, do tent selection as previously detailed, then move your personal gear into the tents. DO NOT UNPACK! Return to main area, move on to next job.

See Evan or John for the next job. Be sure to drink plenty of fluids before moving on to your next job.

(7) Other jobs:

- Blue Polytarp "Hats" on all Tents
- Main Tarp Set-ups and 4 Troop tables
- Bulletin Boards
- First Latrine Cleaning
- Ax Yard set-ups
- Fire ring cleanup and/or set-up
- Camp Signs

When ALL jobs are done, then handle personal gear. Remember tent selection protocol. Help younger Scouts when they need it - give hints on staying organized and clean inside their tents. Whatever we don't get done before dinner, we will get done after dinner.

Other Duties:

- Teach or Administer Practical Exams, teach Totin Chip, Modules, etc.
- Lead groups doing extracurricular activities.
- Earn Mile Swim or Polar Bear Swim Awards.
- Volunteer around the site - keep things clean and organized.
- Work with younger Scouts on improving their tents, building baskets, working with gimp, whatever. Remember well my cautionary comments on sitting around camp all day, doing nothing - that will be a really good way to get in Bob's doghouse.
- I will try to hold PLC's every day (probably after dinner). The first PLC will need to establish Waiters.
- More than likely, I will handle the Latrine and Camp Cleaning Duties with whichever Scouts do not have a 9 a.m. class. That being the case, those "latrine duty" Scouts should not be given other duties during the rest of the day.
- PLs should include themselves in the waiter duty rosters; the SPLs should fill in on an "as needed" basis. We have oversized Patrols and each table seats 10. We need a set of Waiters for each Table. Waiters are expected to sit at the ends of the tables.
- PLs are responsible for inspections of their Patrol areas, getting Scouts up in the morning, reminding Scouts of assigned duties, and helping the new Scouts with basic tenting skills.
- Assemblies will always be based on Patrols. Uniform inspections (at dinnertime only) are the PL's responsibilities.
- Evan and John always will lead the Troop to all flag ceremonies.
- Alan will be our liaison to the SPL meetings and Evan and John also are encouraged to attend.

Your role is important. **"Provide a Proper Example and Take CARE of the Younger Scouts."**

- Dr. Bob, Scoutmaster, 2007