

Troop 111 Summer Camp
Ockanickon Scout Reservation (OSR) 2007
Assembly and Official Troop Policies

(1A) Saturday Assembly - The Troop will pack all personal gear on Saturday night. All drivers should come to the front of the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. The Master of Ceremonies, Registrar, Forms Coordinator, Uniform Checker, Packing Coordinators, Merit Badge Book and Pre-Requisites Checker, Banker, and Medications Czar should assemble at 7:00 p.m. to set up chairs and tables. The Patrol members should come according to the following schedule:

- Scooters and Snake Eyes - 7:15pm
- Conquistadors and Spectre - 7:30pm
- Burning Pants and Stonecutters - 7:45pm

The Registrar, Forms Coordinator, Merit Badge Books and Pre-Requisites Checker, Banker, and Medications Czar will have individual tables set up (with signs indicating who they are) when you arrive. Upon arrival, park your car in the parking lot in front of the Church. The parking lot in front of the Parish Hall will be restricted to pedestrians only. The Master of Ceremonies will direct you to the Registrar FIRST to check in. Then see the Forms Coordinator to review your paperwork and payment status and the Medication Czar to give two sets of meds and (if not completed) the corresponding Medications Administration Form. See below for further information on these two issues. Next, see the Banker to hand over excess funding. After that, stop by the Merit Badge and Pre-Requisites Checker to ensure you have brought all books and items associated with the Merit Badges you have registered for during Camp. Note: Merit Badge books will only be distributed prior to Camp to Scouts who have Pre-Requisites. All other Merit Badge Books will be distributed on Sunday evening at Camp. Next, return to your car and pack your Merit Badge materials with your gear. Bring your personal gear and camp chair to the Uniform Checker, who will confirm that you have your Scout uniform (shirt, pants, and belt), and bolo tie and socks if you are an SPL, ASPL, and PL. Your uniform should be on top. Next, go to the Troop Van identified for your Patrol and give your personal gear to the Packing Coordinator. Remember, lawn chairs will be held out until last and will not be packed if we're out of room. After that, return to the Registrar and check out.

(1B) Sunday Assembly - Eat a **light** breakfast **before** you arrive (not as or after you arrive). We will stop at a fast food restaurant on the way to Camp. Drivers and the various Coordinators should assemble by 7:00 a.m. We'll park at the southern end of Randolph St. Drivers should have their vehicles in a completely "ready-to-roll" mode (gas, oil, air, fluids, etc.) **before arriving**. All drivers will receive a Troop Motorola radio and an E-Z Pass for the trip. The rest of the Troop should

assemble at 7:15 a.m., in the parking lot in front of the Parish Center. Each Scout should have about \$20 CASH in his pocket. Upon arrival, see the Master of Ceremonies FIRST!!! Next, see the Forms Coordinator, Medication Czar, Banker, or Packing Coordinator, if you have remaining actions with them. If you must leave temporarily for any reason after having been checked in by the Master of Ceremonies, let him know so the Troop does not leave without you. We expect to arrive at camp between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. and will immediately begin setting up camp.

(2) Dress Code - The Troop will travel wearing swim trunks, T-Shirts, and sneakers with athletic socks. Hats are strongly recommended. Any Scout, who loses his uniform between the pack up on Saturday and arrival at camp, will have to purchase a new uniform at camp using his personal funds, and when that runs out his family Troop account (a cost of about \$90).

(3) Money - As noted above, each Scout should have \$20 in hand - NOT PACKED AWAY IN HIS GEAR! - for the breakfast stop and first day of camp. Each Scout should also have \$60 for the week in the Troop Bank, depending on his Merit Badge selections of which \$10 will be reserved for a meal on the return trip. These funds (singles and fives only, no checks) should be given to the Troop "Banker" during the Saturday evening assembly for safekeeping/disbursement through the week. Excessive money is not desirable and is discouraged. No Junior Scout (defined as not having completed 8th Grade) will be allowed to keep most of his cash! In addition, note that Senior Scouts who insist on bringing (and retaining) excessive money on their own are fully responsible for its safekeeping - the Troop is responsible only for funds turned into the Banker. If you need to give additional money, see the Banker next.

(4) Medications - Each Scout using medication(s) is responsible for providing the "Medication Coordinator" with TWO TIMES his week's prescription, divided into two equal sets and properly labeled. This especially includes medications taken during the school year for Attention Deficit Disorder and/or Hyperactivity (e.g., Ritalin or Dexedrine); there are no "Drug-Free Holidays". The Camp Director will send Scouts home who fail to bring their medications. Parents who feel that their son(s) does not require his normal medication(s) for summer camp are required to stay at camp for the entire week in order to provide parental control. Either provide the medication, or come yourself. No exceptions. We require two full sets of medications so that we have one for the camp (required), and the other for us in case the camp fails to do its job (which has been a problem in past years at some camps.) You may need to get a second "vacation" prescription from your son's physician in order to have adequate medications to meet this

requirement. Each Scout requiring medication(s) must provide 2 completed copies of the *Administration of Medication Form* to the Medications Czar. In the case of inhalers or epi-pens, or any other “emergency use” medication, the Scout will keep one, while the Troop will keep the other.

(5) Food - No food should be brought to camp. Any and all food found in possession of a Scout will be confiscated. There are no exceptions to this rule!!! The Dining Hall staff will accommodate special dietary needs provided this information is recorded on the Scout's medical form. Any food in camp causes problems with the local wildlife invading the tents. Junk food such as candy or chips causes problems and “favor-trading” between the ‘Haves’ versus ‘Have-Nots’ among the Scouts and causes problems with camp cleanliness. Excessive sugar and caffeine are distinct health risks with respect to severe dehydration in an extremely hot and humid camping environment. As we have for the last 19 years, the Troop will have a copious in-camp supply of acceptable “goodies” and drinks for all Scouts, which will be dispersed in reasonable amounts and at reasonable times. There is absolutely no need for the Scouts to bring extra food. This issue is non-negotiable. Any Scout who appears to be “living in the Trading Post” will be subjected to immediate monetary restrictions for Health and Safety reasons. This has been a distinct problem, especially the past three years. Experience has proven that Scouts who make frequent visits to the Trading Post daily to buy ice cream, candy and soda become a distinct behavioral problem for everyone else. If necessary, we will deny ALL Trading Post privileges to any Scout who is unable to control himself, and if he then gets his friends to buy his junk food we'll stamp him “Return to Sender” and have you come get him. **Please discuss this issue with your Scout(s)!**

(6) Electronics - Any and all electronics among the Scouts are banned; any electronics found in the possession of the Scouts will be confiscated. This includes cell phones, iPods, electronic games, etc. These items continuously detract from what the Scouts are trying to accomplish, prevent them from hearing assembly calls and similar verbal notices and instructions, cause tensions between the ‘Haves’ versus ‘Have-Nots,’ and are a distinct theft hazard in a camp. This issue also is non-negotiable.

(7) Discipline - All Scouts are expected to conduct themselves by the Scout Oath and Law. The following infractions will be considered grounds for sending a Scout home for the remainder of the week – bullying, theft, fighting, repeated or gross insubordination to SPLs, ASPLs, Adult Advisors, and Merit Badge instructors, possession of fireworks or other illegal materials or substances, destroying camp property, starting unsupervised fires, misuse of knives and axes,

and gross infractions of camp rules, particularly in the Field Sports and Waterfront areas, which physically endanger fellow Scouts. Discipline has been an issue at several past summer camps; problem Scouts will be sent home! **OSR expects all Scouts to behave in a manner that ensures Summer Camp is enjoyable for all.** It is **strongly advised** that each Parent have a discussion with his son(s) concerning this critical issue. The policy of OSR (and the Troop) is no refunds for Scouts departing early for any reason. Both Troop 111 and the Camp Director have sent Scouts home in the past and will doubtless do so again.

(8) Merit Badges Pamphlets – Each Scout is responsible for bringing and maintaining possession of his Merit Badge Pamphlet(s). The Troop will bring its Merit Badge Pamphlet Library, which will be available to Scouts and Leaders. All Scouts should sign the inside front page of the pamphlets and list “2007”, so that it can be returned in case it's misplaced (typically, they get left at the MB sites). Each MB pamphlet should have “TR 111” prominently marked on the front cover in large black magic marker. If the pamphlet is the personal property of the Scout, he should still mark “TR 111” on the front cover (so it can be returned), but add “personal copy - 2007” on the inside cover.

(9) Parental Visits - Parents may NOT visit during the week. This is a Camp policy that was instituted to increase the security of the Camp. If a parent must pick up a Scout early, and this has not been pre-coordinated, please call the Arlington Summer Camp Liaison Jeanne Sweeney, who will relay the info to us. Please do not just arrive unannounced.

(10) Other Merit Badge Requirements - Scouts are responsible for bringing all specified pre-requisites and proper clothing necessary for individual Merit Badges. Problems, call the Merit Badge Coordinator (Melissa Bristow) first, then me.

(11) Communications - We will be calling the Arlington Summer Camp Liaison every day for mutual exchanges of information. All non-emergency communications should be relayed to this person. Actual emergency calls should be made to the OSR Office at 215-297-5290. If you can't get through (which would be rather unusual), call the Council Service Center for help at 215-348-7205. Note that the Council Office is only open during normal business hours (M - F, 9 - 5). Note that Emergency means just that - don't be calling for routine matters Please remember that the adults in camp will be busy working with Scouts and the cell phone coverage at Camp is not reliable.

Questions should be directed to Maggie Eddy, our Summer Camp Coordinator. You may also call me, but please do so only as a last resort.

Dr. Bob, Scoutmaster, 2007 Printing