

TROOP 778

SUMMER CAMP PARENTS MEETING
April 27, 2011

1. When: June 26 – July 2, 2011.
2. Where: S-F Scout Ranch, Camp Famous Eagle, Rottman Campsite.
Maps are available on the following websites:
Troop 778: www.fentontroop778.org
GSLAC: www.bsastl.org
3. Cost: \$210.00; \$ 200.00 if paid on or before 5/2/11.
Note: Funds in a Scout's account can be used for Summer Camp.
Make all checks payable to Troop 778.
Total cost must be paid no later than June 13, 2011.
Requests for refunds if a Scout who has paid and is unable to attend must be made within 30 days of the Troop's departure from Camp. The maximum refund amount is \$100.00.

Costs for adults beyond the number of free leaders will be divided and shared by all leaders attending camp.

4. Arrival
Arrive on Sunday, June 26, between 11:30 AM and Noon. Do not arrive earlier than 11:30 AM. If you do, you may be asked to wait until the advance party is ready to begin checking in Scouts. Parking is available on the lot shown on the map.

Each Scout MUST check in with the Scoutmaster as soon as he arrives at the campsite.

Scouts are responsible for their own transportation to and from Camp. We strongly suggest car pooling.

The chains blocking the road leading to the campsite may be down. Do NOT drive to the campsite. Leave all vehicles in the parking lot.

Do not block a chain, road or gate when parking.

5. Departure
Parents should arrange for their sons to be picked up between 10:00 and 10:30 on Saturday. **SCOUTS MUST BE PICKED UP BY 10:30.** If the Troop is not completely checked out by 10:30, parents will be asked to wait until we are completed.

6. Visitors
Visiting hours for parents and relatives are Thursday from 5:30 to the conclusion of the Order of the Arrow Call-Out Ceremony. The ceremony begins at 8:15 and lasts approximately one hour. Parents are encouraged to visit during this period and not at any other time. Do not bring dinner for your Scout. Do not bring snacks or drinks for your Scouts. The Patrols will be eating dinner at 6:30. You may bring a picnic dinner for you and the rest of your family. Pets are not allowed in Camp at any time.

7. Mailing address:
(Scout's name), Troop 778
Camp Famous Eagle
Rottmann Campsite
S-F Scout Ranch
Knob Lick, MO 63651

8. Telephone
For incoming **emergencies** only: 573-756-5738. Phil's cell: 314-401-2339. The Ranch office is staffed 24 hours per day.

Scouts are not allowed to have cell phones at camp.

9. Health Forms

Every Scout and leader going to camp must have a completed health record. Part C, the physical examination, is to be signed by licensed medical professional as specified on the form. The Annual Health and Medical Record requires a yearly medical exam by licensed medical personnel for all Scouts and adults attending camp.

Adults who will be spending less than 72 hours in camp are classified as visiting leaders and are not required to have the physician's statement. They must submit Parts A and B of the Annual Health and Medical Record. Visiting leaders may not swim, boat, mountain bike, or other physical activities unless they have Part C of the Annual Health and Medical Record signed by licensed medical personnel.

All Health and Medical Records must be signed within one year from the last day of Summer Camp.

Health and Medical Record forms will be distributed to the Troop. Follow the instructions located on the Troop's website for complete and accurate completion. Incomplete or inaccurate forms will not be accepted by the Troop.

10. CPR Red Cards

All aquatics merit badges and a few of the others offered at Summer Camp cannot be completed without a signed, current BSA CPR red card. The cards are kept by the Scoutmaster. If your Scout has one in his possession it needs to be turned in immediately.

CPR training sessions will be scheduled in May or June. CPR training is valid for two years.

11. Troop Preparation Meeting

Will take place at one of the Troop Meetings in June.

12. Medicine

All medicine (both prescription and over the counter) must be given to the Scoutmaster immediately upon arrival at Camp on June 26. There will be no exceptions. Medicine is kept in a locked container during the week at Camp and will be dispensed by an adult leader.

The medicine for each Scout must be in a clear plastic sealable bag. Each prescription must be in its original container. Do not mix prescriptions in one container. Do not put prescriptions in a Sunday-Saturday weekly container. Multiple prescriptions must each be in their original container, with dosage and frequency instructions printed on the labels. Non-prescription medications must be in their original containers with clear printed instructions regarding dosage and frequency.

The Troop will not accept or dispense any medicine not in its original container. No Scout will be allowed to keep in his possession either prescribed or over the counter medications.

13. Equipment

The Troop will use the following equipment provided by S-F: tents, floorboards, cots, dining flies, tables and charcoal for cooking. The use of other S-F equipment, including patrol boxes, cooking gear, stoves, isolators, etc. is optional and will be decided by the Scouts.

Scouts should bring the personal items shown on the Summer Camp Equipment List on the Troop website. We encourage all Scouts to bring two pairs of swim trunks, two towels and at least three pairs of socks.

14. Uniforms

Each Scout must have a full uniform (tan shirt with all badges properly located, Troop neckerchief with slide, belt, appropriate pants, socks and shoes).

OA members must have a complete Scout uniform, including Scout pants or shorts, Scout socks and Scout belt, in order to wear the OA sash during the elections and call-out ceremonies on Thursday.

Scouts are encouraged to wear their Troop 778 T-Shirt or other activity uniform during the day and evenings when field uniforms are not required.

15. DO NOT BRING

Soda

Firearms

Fireworks

Any electronic device other than a flashlight, unless you want to donate it to the Scoutmaster. Scouts must not bring a cell phone.

16. Hammocks

Hammocks may not be used by any Scout or adult unless:

a. It has solid wood bars at each end

b. A device is used to protect the trees from the rope on each end. Any device must be approved by a leader before the hammock is hung.

The use of hammocks at Summer Camp in 2011 will be decided by the PLC at their May

meeting. Do not purchase or plan to bring a hammock to Camp until after that meeting.

17. Patrol Sites

An advance party will assign patrol camping areas. Patrols are encouraged to develop their sites throughout the week with camp gadgets. All improvements must be removed by Friday night.

18. Cooking and Meals

Scouts cook their own meals by Patrols at their Patrol campsite. Kindling will be provided by the Troop. This will be used for Scouts to earn their TotinChip cards and can then be used for the isolators.

19. Personal Hygiene

Scouts will shower at least once a day, with soap.
Scouts will brush their teeth at least once a day.
Troop 778 Scouts will be clean!

20. Leadership

The Patrol Leaders Council will provide all Troop leadership throughout the week. Troop 778 is a Scout-run Troop. Each Patrol will be encouraged to achieve a high level of excitement coupled with a high skill level.

Camp Staff members are usually Eagle Scouts and will be present throughout Camp Famous Eagle. Troop 778's adult presence will be a minimum of two deep at all times.

21. Order of the Arrow

A list of Scouts eligible to be elected to the Order of the Arrow will be posted on the Campsite bulletin board all week. Elections will take place Thursday morning. A Scout must be present in camp to be elected and to take part in the election.

Order of the Arrow Call-Out Ceremonies are held on Thursday evening. Scouts eligible for election should bring a personal-size ground cloth.

22. THE PROGRAM --- HAVE FUN!!!

Advancement	Field Sports
Swimming - twice a day	Mile Swim
Canoeing	Huck's Cove
Rowing	Overnight Canoe Float
Archery	Fishing
Rifle Shooting	Volleyball
Trading Post	Campfires
Troop Rifle Shoot	Develop Leadership
Camping Skills	Hiking
Orienteering	Cooking Skills
Develop Friendships	Beach Party

23. Voyageur Program for First Year Scouts
Voyager for 2011 will be provided by the Troop and led by Dean Branaman with assistance from our older Scouts.

All first year Scouts plus 2nd year Scouts not yet First Class will attend all or some of the sessions. Scouts participating in the Voyageur program will need to have the following items with them each morning: Scout Handbook, Water Bottle, Pocket Knife, and Compass. Each Scout will receive a wood carving neckerchief slide. Voyageur Scouts will find it helpful to have a school style backpack to carry their program materials and swimwear around camp.

Voyageur Scouts will be able to complete the Swimming and Cooking merit badges by the end of the week.

24. Older Scout Program - 14 years old or 4th Year in Camp or above

Water Polo	Ropes Course
Sail boating	Ironman Competition
Night Shoot	Trail Bikes
Kayaking	Water Skiing

A one-day float trip on the St. Francis River.

An overnight trip to Pine Ridge Scout Ranch and repelling in Giant City State Park.

Additional programs are under development and will be announced on the Council's website.

The Older Scout registration form must be filled out by eligible Scouts and mailed to S-F as soon as possible but no later than June 1, 2011. Fees for Water Tubing and Shotgun Shooting will be collected at Camp.

25. Merit Badges
The schedule of Summer Camp merit badges, along with a description of all pre-requisites can be found on the Troop's website. Scouts will be provided with an individual schedule sheet. Scouts must discuss their merit badge preferences with Phil no later than June 8.

26. Troop Summer Camp Awards

Patrol Campsite Award - Daily -- Selected by SPL/ASPL
Based on cleanliness, unique features, Scoutcraft applications

Patrol Award - Daily -- Selected by SPL/ASPL
Based on patrol teamwork and those parts of the Scout Law that apply to groups (Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Cheerful, Clean)

Honor Camper - Weekly -- Selected by the leaders in Camp during the week.
The recipient is entitled to wear the Kachina around his neck until the last day of

Summer Camp, 2012.

27. Scout Behavior

The Scout Oath and Scout Law serve as the code of conduct of all Scouts attending Summer Camp.

28. Activities at Camp

S-F Scout Ranch is 5,200 acres of fun waiting to be experienced. This experience is difficult to achieve when your fanny is parked on a table at the campsite. Get up, get moving, go somewhere, do something, have some FUN.

Do not bring chess sets, backgammon sets, decks of cards, or any other card or board game.

30. The Purpose of Summer Camp