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1. Challenge Course/Horse Ride Campout, March 26-28, 2010

Whenever we camp at Beaumont, we do not gather at Stanton on Friday evening, or return to Stanton on Sunday. Parents are expected to deliver their Scouts to Beaumont on Friday and pick them up at the same place on Sunday. In this case, deliver them to Lane Field between 5:30-6:30 Friday evening and pick them up between 11:30 – 12:00 Sunday morning. If you son will be participating in the horse ride, see the pickup instructions below.

Lane Field is easy to find at Beaumont. Just go past Emerson Center, past the swimming pool and follow the signs to Lane. It is the first of the large fields used for camping.

Please make every effort to deliver and pick up in the specified times. Delivering before 6:30 on Friday evening provides just enough time for your Scouts to set up a tent before it gets dark. Picking them up by 12:00 on Sunday eliminates hassle and confusion as we try to either go home or transition to the horse rides.

Here are the details:

The Challenge Course can accommodate 24 Scouts; the Horse Ride can accommodate 20. There is no cost for the Challenge course; the Horse Ride is \$20.00 per person.

Every Scout who plans to attend the campout must attend the Troop meeting on March 24. If a Scout knows he will be attending the campout but is absolutely unable to attend the Troop meeting, he must notify me no later than 5:00 pm on March 23, letting me know he will be at the campout and his preference for either the Challenge Course or the Horse Ride.

We will write the name of each Scout attending the campout on a card and put the card in sack. Cards will be drawn one at a time and the Scout must tell us Challenge Course or Horse Ride. We will continue this process until one or both of the activities is full. Scouts participating in the Horse Ride must have \$20.00 with them to reserve their place.

If, when we finish, the Horse Ride is full but not the Challenge Course, Scouts doing the Horse Ride will be given the opportunity to also participate in the Challenge Course. We will do this in the same order the cards were drawn.

My suggestion is for each Scout who hopes to participate in the Horse Ride have the \$20.00 payment with him at the meeting.

Food: Patrols are responsible for turning in menus for approval no later than 7:00 PM on the 24th. They are also responsible for purchasing their food and distributing the cost equally among their members. Normally, one or two patrol members and their parents purchase the food Thursday evening or Friday during the day, then the Patrol members are responsible for paying their share when they arrive at the campout. We have required a non-cooked breakfast and non-cooked lunch on Saturday. Participants in the Challenge Course must be ready to go no later than 8:00 AM Saturday morning and will be restricted to a quick sack lunch during the Course. All Patrols are expected to plan and cook an excellent, hearty dinner for Saturday. Sunday's breakfast is non-cooked.

The Schedule:

Scouts should eat dinner before arriving at Lane Field on Friday. Patrols who wish to can plan a snack for Friday evening.

Scouts and leaders participating the Challenge Course will leave the campsite by 8:00 Saturday morning and will not return until 6:00 or later. Scouts not participating in the Challenge course will remain in the campsite on Saturday and will participate in skills sessions, some structured games, and some free time. Saturday evening calls for each Patrol to plan, prepare, eat and clean up an excellent dinner, followed by game and free time.

Sunday morning consists of breakfast and cleanup, followed by an Interfaith Service. All Scouts will then pack their gear, take down and pack up all tents, dining flies, patrol boxes, etc.

Scouts not participating in the Horse Rides should be picked up between 11:30 – 12:00. Scouts riding horses will be transported to Nagel Horse Ranch by 12:15, ride the horses, and will need to be picked up at Nagel at 2:30. Nagel is at the end of the road in Beaumont. Just follow the signs. Please be on time at 2:30.

ALL SCOUTS PARTICIPATING IN THE CHALLENGE COURSE MUST HAVE A HEALTH/MEDICAL FORM ON FILE WITH THE TROOP. PLEASE READ THE NEXT ENEWS VERY CAREFULLY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THESE FORMS. THEY MUST ALSO HAVE THE PERMISSION SLIP THAT IS PART OF THE HANDOUT FOR THIS CAMPOUT, SIGNED BY A PARENT.

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