

TROOP 629 SUMMER CAMP

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CAMP

1. Drop off your scout by 1:00pm Sunday June 20th at Camp in full uniform with all his gear. Bring an additional pair of water shoes or old tennis shoes if your son is participating in the whitewater rafting trip. As you enter Woodruff, continue on the main road and the drop off site will be on your right, in a parking lot.
2. The Camp offers a trading post and refreshment center where scouts may purchase a variety of Scout items, as well as all types of refreshment stand snacks, ice cream cones, candy, cokes, etc... Please be sure that your scout understands how much daily allowance they have to spend and plan accordingly. The recommended daily allowance for the scout is \$2.00 to \$3.00. If you want a leader to hold your son's money, please let us know as soon as possible and we can make arrangements to provide the daily allowance to your son.
3. NO radios, cell phones, game boys, cd players, tape players, two-way radios or any other portable game device is allowed at camp.
4. If your son is a new scout, and this is his longest stay away from home, please write him letters and/or send him packages. You may want to send mail a day or two prior to their departure to camp. This way the mail will arrive and your son is reading your letter on Monday night. Very important, if you give scoutmaster Fran Gillis the package a week before the departure then he will give the package to the scout at camp on the day that you had indicated. Mail call is conducted daily by Mr Gillis. Before you enclose family pictures in the letter that you send to your son, please give this some consideration. If you think that your son may be homesick, it may not be the best idea. The mailing address for camp is:

Woodruff Scout Reservation
"Scout's name"
Troop 629, Week # 3, June 20-June 26
10387 Boy Scout Road
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

5. Please be sure to mark your son's name on every article of clothing and camping gear that he will be bringing to camp. All camping gear looks the same and the identification of the article is very important.

6. Your son will NOT be COMPLETING any merit badges at camp. The completion of a merit badge entails three components, performing the skills, reading the book and then the review with a registered leader of the troop. Most of the boys will not have read the merit badge book before going to camp. Your son should have selected merit badges to work on at camp, they could check out the book now and get a head start on the process. Please remember that your son should take notes as he reads the merit badge book. The notes will help him answer the questions during his review of the merit badge requirements with the leader. Your son can use his notes during the review.

7. We recommend that all first year scouts practice their swimming skills before coming to camp. All scouts will be taking the swimming test, which consists of three strokes (front crawl, breaststroke, and backstroke). They will have to swim 100 yards and be able to turn in the water. Then after swimming, be able to float for at least 30 seconds to one minute. Your son's experience at camp will be much better if he passes the swim test!

8. Please be on time to pick up your son from camp. You will need to be there by 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 26th. If your son is going to be riding home with another boy, please send us a note that indicates the same.

9. If your son has medication that he must take on some interval, it is very important that we know this. First, the medicine should be given to Mr Gillis in a zip-lock bag with the sons name written on the outside. Secondly, the instructions for when the medication is provided should be written out on a sheet of paper and lastly, if the medicine has to be refrigerated, please let us know that. All medication should be given to Mr Gillis when your son is dropped off at camp.

10. DO NOT BRING ANY OPEN TOE SHOES TO CAMP, THEY ARE NOT PERMITTED.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

1. Foot locker or water proof duffel bag that will fit under the cot.

2. Coat hangar(preferable plastic), this to hang up the class A uniform that will be worn daily.

3. Please pack each of your son's clothing by day in a zip lock bag. Mark each of the days. The bag should contain socks, shorts, underwear and a shirt. Extra clothing as you see necessary. Your son may prefer all the same article in the bag.

4. If this is your son's first year at camp, we would recommend that you pack every pair of swimming trunks that he owns. You son will be swimming everyday and if it rains at camp, the pair that he is using will never dry.

5. One pair of hiking shoes, at least two pairs of comfortable tennis shoes and two pairs of water shoes. The shoes are going to get wet and it is nice to have a dry pair to put on.

6. Rafters should have water shoes and warm extra clothes to wear on the trip back. A warm-up shell on the river is a good idea.

7. Sleeping bag or bedding. The boys will be sleeping on cots. Inflatable or self inflating mattress for the cot.
8. Rainwear, we recommend a poncho.
9. Towels, AT LEAST four of them. They never get dry.
10. Sunscreen, recommend Bullfrog spray/stick.
11. Scout handbook, pencils, paper/note books, and merit badge books.
12. Scout uniform, scout shirt, class b(red shirt), scout belt, scout pants, scout socks.
13. Insect repellent, mosquito bracelet at Walgreen. One around wrist and one around ankle. Pump, no aerosol spray.
14. Compass.
15. Sweat shirt or jacket.
16. Hat with a brim, baseball caps do absolutely no good.
17. Flashlight and extra batteries. Small mag light or headlamp.
18. Day pack to go carry around the towel, pencils, paper, books. This is very important as he will use this pack daily to get around to the different classes.
19. Hydration, camel back or other type is the best. Serves as a daypack and keeps your son hydrated.
20. Crystal light or other mix that is self-contained. Probably two per day.

21. First aid kit/equivalent. Include chapstick, zinc oxide/diaper rash medicine, band-aids, benadryl stick, anti-bacterial ointment, foot powder,
22. Tree freshener for your tent.
23. Optional items, camera, fishing gear, books, and cards.
24. Pillow.
25. Candy. Anything that will not melt! Once again, please place in a plastic bag since this will keep the ants away.
26. Soap, comb, tooth brush, toothpaste, and other personal items.
27. If your son is a first year scout, he will probably be participating in the Mountain Man class. Please find attached excerpted pages from the Summer Camp Flier. Please review the equipment needs. Several of the items mentioned there have been covered above, but a few have not. Under aquatics, it is important that he bring a long sleeve shirt and long pants. Under the overnighiter, he will need to bring the tarp, groundsheet, nylon cord and tent stakes. Your son will need to be able to fit this in to his daypack.
28. Pocket knife
29. Dirty clothes bag