

Parents,

We will be departing for camp on Sunday, 20 June at 0700 from Sanders Corner. Please take a moment to read this document and any links that apply to you. It will probably answer many of the questions you have about camp.

1. If you have any questions or concerns about summer camp, don't hesitate to contact me (703.431.6968, mick.ange@yahoo.com), or Steve Rau (571.238.5125, str041@yahoo.com). Please do not wait until the last minute when we can't help.
2. If you plan on driving your Scout down separately or picking him up separately, please let me know. The troop will finalize our plans for drivers and it is vital we know how many we need to take. If you are planning on taking your boy out of camp early (before Saturday morning) there is a form that needs to be filled out. Directions to the camp are: head west (Rt 7, Interstate 66), south on Interstate 81, take exit 109, and then follow the map you can download from <http://www.bsabrmc.org/campmap.htm>
3. Medication Reminders: For prescription medications, each dose must be placed in a separate plastic baggie with a signed prescription medication card (from the forms I sent out - there are four forms per sheet). For as needed medication, place the medication in a plastic baggie with the as needed forms filled out. We will be collecting meds at the pool party on Thursday, 17 June. If you're not going to the pool party give me a call or our to be named "Troop Doctor" to make arrangements to drop it off prior to our departure. We do not want to be collecting this on Sunday morning when we are trying to leave.
4. Mosquito netting is not necessary at camp. The elevation keeps the bugs away.
5. Money: The bottom line is that this is a personal responsibility for each Scout. The leaders will not police your son. If you send him with \$1000 and he wants to buy a mile of rope, we won't stop him. Please make sure your son understands he needs to have \$5-\$7 remaining for the trip back on Saturday June 26 to cover lunch.
6. We will be traveling in Class A uniform. Please remind your son to wear it proudly. This means it should be complete, clean, with shirt tucked in and proper patches sewn on. However, we will be wearing the blue Troop hats and NOT wearing neckerchiefs or slides (these just get lost at camp). If your son wears Scout shorts, make sure he wears Scout socks and has at least one extra pair for use during the week (we wear Class A uniforms at formations daily).

7. Please take a moment to review the camp admin guide and the camp Powhatan guide located at:
<http://www.bsa-brmc.org/pdfs/camp/leaderguides/admin08.pdf> and
<http://www.brmcreservation.org/docs/ottari%2009%20CLG.pdf> especially if your son has not visited Camp Ottari before. These are excellent orientations to camp. The mailing addresses for the various camps can be found in the admin guides. If you want to send mail to your son at camp, I suggest you mail it early (the Saturday we depart would be good).

8. Please review the base camp guide for specific information on merit badge pre-requisites and special materials required for certain badges. If you do not complete the pre-requisites, you may come home with a partial (for you new Scouts, this means you don't get the badge and must find a qualified counselor and complete the badge on your own initiative, not good). <http://www.bsabrmc.org/pdfs/camp/leaderguides/basecamp08.pdf>

9. Scouts sleep 2 to a tent at camp. We will be assigning "tent buddies" before we leave for camp. If two Scouts want to tent together this is no problem, we will have a sign-up sheet at the pool party or you can contact me directly.

10. We will be meeting at Sanders Corner at 7AM on Sunday June 20 morning to leave. We would like to be wheels up as soon as possible. Please don't be late.

11. We plan on being back around 2PM on Saturday June 26. We will have the boys call when we're about an hour away from Ashburn.

12. A recommended packing list for camp is posted on our site. **Please have your son pack his own gear.** That way he will know where his gear is and have no one but himself to blame if he forgets his favorite teddy bear.

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