

# TROOP 11

## SUMMER CAMP 2007

Summer Camp! The name alone spurs excitement in the ears of a boy scout! Summer Camp is the high point of the year for many scout troops. With a history dating back to Lord Baden-Powell on Brownsea Island off the coast of England in 1907, Summer Camp offers boys a week of woodcraft, camping, hiking, swimming, mastering scout skills, learning about nature, earning merit badges and meeting scouts from other areas.

This year our troop has again decided partake in yet another Summer Camp program outside the Gateway Area Council. This is generally done every three to five years so that the older scouts don't become bored with the program and cease to partake. Also, by visiting other council Summer Camps occasionally it gives the boys chances to partake in other merit badges and programs as well as see other areas and experience other things which they may otherwise not come in contact with.

From June 24 to 30, 2007, we will be attending the Chippewa Valley Council's L. E. Phillips Scout Reservation near Rice Lake and Chippewa Falls Wisconsin. Camp Phillips is "America's Premier Camp" offering a camp with 1450 magnificent, tree filled acres with 5 clear lakes, run by an enthusiastic, experienced staff and offering us the most diverse program opportunities to be found.

For the new scout they offer a quality first year camper program, for the scouts aiming toward advancement a wide merit badge and advancement program, and for the scouts 13 years and older the opportunity to partake in a high adventure whitewater canoe camping program.

In addition to this, Camp Phillips offers a family camp at Scouter's Point on the reservation for families to camp at while their scout is in camp. Camping Trailers and tents for the families are allowed at this site and electricity, showers and restrooms are available. This family camp is reasonably priced at \$50.00 for the week or \$15.00 per day.

Since the Summer Camp has an advanced sign up and deposit requirement, all scouts participating will need to be signed up and pay a non-refundable deposit of \$40.00 no later than March 26, in order for us to complete the paperwork and forward it and the deposits to camp by April 4. We are asking for individual payments and not debiting the scout accounts for the deposits since experience has shown that participation has increased and last minute cancellations (and even no-shows) are at a minimum when each scout puts something tangible "up front". This is extremely important since we must also arrange for sufficient transportation for the camp (thus requiring the appropriate number of leaders and parents to put in for vacation) as well having the required information needed for tour permits.

The \$40.00 dollar deposit will then be deducted from the total fee of \$205.00 per scout (\$195.00 if we are able to process the final payments before May 1, 2007). The older scouts wishing to participate in the whitewater canoeing expedition will incur an additional \$35.00 fee in order to cover the cost of this program. The remainder of the fees as well as the costs for transportation may be debited from each scout's fund raising account, if it is sufficient to cover the costs, if not, the troop will inform each parent of the remainder of the costs.

Each scout will be required to have a completed health exam form returned to the Troop prior to May 14, 2007. All scouts and adults under 40 will need to have had the health exam (class 2) within the last 36 months prior to attending and have updated the health history (class 1) within 12 months prior to attending. All scouts participating in the high adventure whitewater program and all adults over 40 must have a health exam (class 3) within 12 months prior to attending.

We hope that this will be one of the most memorable of Troop 11's Summer Camps ever!

Your Troop Committee