

SCOUTS-L

BOY SCOUT CAMPS

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 1994 23:43:07 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Length of Summer Camp
To: Keith Kaiser <usvv7j8n@IBMAIL.COM>

Keith,

Over the years I've been to a few camps. The data is what I can recall. Some of it goes back as many as 30 years, but still remains unchanged as the camps have kept pretty much the same schedules:

Camp Hahobis	Pacific Harbors Council	6 days/6 nights
Camp Cullom	Crossroads of America Council	6 days/6 nights
Camp Kiwanias	Crossroads of America Council	6 days/6 nights
Ransburg Scout Res.	Crossroads of America Council	6 days/6 nights
Cary Camp	Sagamore Council	6 days/6 nights
Camp Buffalo	Sagamore Council	6 days/6 nights
Camp Crossland	Sagamore Council	6 days/6 nights
Anthony Wayne Sct Res	Anthony Wayne Area Council	6 days/6 nights
Camp Marriot	National Capital Area Council	7 days/7 nights
Camp Olmstead	National Capital Area Council	7 days/7 nights
Camp Bowman	National Capital Area Council	7 days/7 nights
Camp Ross (Webelos)	National Capital Area Council	6 days/6 nights
Camp PMI (Webelos)	National Capital Area Council	6 days/6 nights
Lenhoksin Trail	National Capital Area Council	7 days/7 nights
Camp Yawgoog	Narragansett Council	6 days/6 nights
Camp Rock Enon	Blue Ridge Council?	6 days/6 nights
Owasippe Scout Res.	Chicago Area Council	6 days/6 nights*

* One of its camps, but can't remember the name. Not sure of times for other camps on the same reservation.

Hope this helps you out.

Yours in Scouting, Michael F. Bowman, a/k/a Professor Beaver
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Date: Mon, 18 Jul 1994 11:12:56 -0500
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I just returned from Wood badge (at Philmont) and while there, several of us were discussing this list. A fellow Eagle had a pretty good idea - Compile a Camp Directory of all the various Councils and post it back to the list (either in FAQ form or perhaps something else). Basically, it was felt that many people were unaware of the resources of councils right next door, and thus could not make plans to camp in other councils, even though they were easily accessible, and had unique opportunities.

So, that being said, I would like to compile a list of camps, by council, and include the types of programs offered at each camp. I think this resource would be valuable to all of us.

If you are interested in helping, please send a list and description of the camps you council has available. Include a short description of the programs offered, as well as your personal comments and opinions of each camp.

If possible, include the telephone number of your local council as well.

I will post periodic updates to the list as they occur.

Send your submissions to either of the addresses provided below under the subject line: Summer Camp List

Used to be an Eagle...

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From mfbowman Tue Jul 19 00:28:51 1994
Date: Tue, 19 Jul 1994 00:16:24 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@cap.gwu.edu>
Subject: Re: Local Council Camps

The Order of the Arrow in the Northeast Region published a booklet entitled "Northeast Region, Boy Scouts of America, Directory of Local Council Camps and Outdoor Facilities" which includes long term resident camps, high adventure sites, and camps in Europe.

This Northeast Regional listing includes Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Parts of Northern Virginia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Transatlantic Areas.

You can probably obtain a copy by writing to:

Douglas C. Fullman
Associate Regional Director/Program
Northeast Region
Boy Scouts of America
P. O. Box 350
Dayton, New Jersey 08810-0350

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From: ianford@dircon.co.uk (Ian Ford)
To: mfbowman@CapAccess.org
Subject: Thanks
Date: Sun, 16 Jul 95 20:48:14 BST

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>Ian,

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>Well after some delay, I've finally posted a packet to you with the pogs.
Hi Mike !

Thank you for the POGs and other goodies. I am looking forward to reading your paper.

I've just returned from Summer Camp where I found myself SM of a provisional troop of seven kids from two troops. They are Air Force troops and several of their leaders had their leave cancelled at short notice. It worked out fairly well, despite having to scratch around for equipment etc., and we even madew Honor Troop on two days. The Camp Director said that we will probably offer a Provisional Troop next year on a formal basis. I think I would like a weekend with the kids, or at least a pre-camp meeting of all the youngsters and leaders.

Before camp I did the Ordeal for OA ... That was a very interesting experience. I had actually been nominated twice before , but the previous DE had blocked it because of my nationality. This year I was nominated both by both the troop and the district !

Our new DE realises that the only way the BSA can run a program in Europe is with active host national support. This year was our first as " Baden-Powell High Adventure Camp " and we offered sailing , board-sailing, spelunking, mountain biking, climbing and rapelling , weaseling, kayaking and Canadian canoeing. The instruction was by a combination of BSA adults , British Sea Scouts, campsite staff and local professional instructors.

The Camp Warden (ranger) Roy is a great character ... ex special forces and an expert " scrounger " ... if you want something Roy has it or knows

somebody who does. Unlike the traditional BSA Ranger the site staff are involved in instruction as well as maintenance. They run the obstacle course and climbing tower. The obstacle course is great fun and <very> muddy - if there is not enough "natural" mud they supplement it with a fire hose.

The campsite itself is not geared to the BSA style of summer camp program, but we have managed to work with the crew to improve the facilities. This year we managed to acquire several freezers from a US base that was closing down, which made the Commissary operation easier, and also some washing machines and driers. The service crew will be installing them in one of the buildings near the pool and we will have a better laundry facility next year.

For the three weeks of camp we take over the training centre. The Camp Director moves into the County Commissioner's office (complete with executive desk and flag stand) and the Program Director, High Adventure Director and Commissioners take over the library. It seems to work out OK.

More later ...

YiS

Ian Ford

Date: Sat, 21 Oct 1995 12:59:57 -0400 (EDT)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@CapAccess.org>
Subject: Re: Camp Closing Policy

Bert,

Fear of losing camps and misunderstandings are potent causes of such rumors. We went through the same strategic planning process here and considered using some local private camps, state park facilities, etc. for a training and activities site, eventually deciding that the best bet was to repurchase a Camp that had been sold about thirty years back. Each Council faces a lot of hard questions about how to make the outdoors

program a reality with eroding United Fund support, etc. Each has to find the best alternative and for some it may not be viable to keep a camp if the burden is too high. Some will also find the only viable means is to acquire additional property. The best thing I can recommend is to involve yourself in the strategic planning process by contributing constructive ideas. Public trusts, conversion of property to government held parkland with perpetual rights to use, rental of camp facilities for conferences and events, are all within the realm of possibility, if a camp is not able to be fully funded. I think you will find that most want to keep Camp properties and improve them and likely will not resort to sale until it is the last and only resort. And this is not new. In Sagamore Council 20 years ago the Council acquired a larger property to develop to avoid running three separate summer camps. Anthony Wayne Council about 30 years ago acquired a 1200 acre reservation to service growing membership and planned the sale of Camp Big Island, which was destroyed totally by a Tornado in its last year of operation. The list of acquisitions and consolidations has been pretty steady through the years. The need to constantly evaluate and consider the best alternatives is not necessarily bad, but it does hurt to see a camp close where you had fond childhood memories.

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Date: Thu, 16 Nov 1995 21:32:58 -0500
From: Ed Henderson <BigEdBSA@AOL.COM>
Subject: Re: Scout Camp Fees For 96 Req. For Info.

At Camp Thunder in the Flint River Council of Central Georgia, we feel we have one of the most reasonable fee structures in the United States. We are now totally booked for the 1996 summer season and have set up a waiting list.

For next summer we expect 2,400 scouts in our nine week main camp program plus about 400 more for High Adventure/Soccer/ and other Canoe Base Programs, 50 for JLT & 100 for Webelo Resident Camp and hundreds of cubs on the weekends.

We have Camperships available for in council units to help defray Camp Costs.

Units are asked to make a \$50.00 site deposit to hold a site. This fee is applied towards overall camp fees or it can be rolled over to the following year. At our camp we require all units to have their own Mutual of Omaha Accident Insurance Policy (or similiar policy).

We went up \$5.00 this year, our Camp Fee is \$99.00 if at least \$50.00 is paid by April 1st. This fee applies to both in council & out of council units.

We do not want to peanalize out of council troops & benefit from having over

65% of our camping units coming from out of council. If at least \$50.00 is not paid by the 1st of April, then the camp fee is \$115.00. We wave the \$16.00 late fee for scouts just crossing over or joining a scout troop.

Several of our specialty programs do have an added fee. This includes Mountain Biking, the FDR American Heritage Program, Project COPE, Mountain

Man, Kyacking, and Spelunking. Our specialty camps including Chess Camp, Soccer Camp, Joint GSUSA (Pine Valey Council) and Explorer High Adventure

Camp (I think we may be the only joint GSUSA & BSA high adventure camp in the

country), JLT, and Webelow Residenjt Programs all have their own fee schedule. All food is prepared & served in the dining hall except for one

evening meal which is prepared in the campsite. A few of the classes at the main camp have lab fees like Shotgun Shells for Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge.

We have three types of sites including Wooden platform tents, Adorandacks, & Cabins.

One other thing you should check on in your survey is that some camps offer a premium for early payments (vs our \$16.00 discount). I have seen some camps give away T-Shirts, Hat Pins, etc.

I too am looking forward to seeing the fee schedule for other camps.

Date: Fri, 24 Nov 1995 21:49:17 -0500
From: Ed Henderson <BigEdBSA@AOL.COM>
Subject: Re: Camping Committee & Summer Camp (long)

Having been on Summer Camp staffs for 16 years and in five different councils

I can say with regard to Tim Falend's request for Camping Committee info that

I understand his concern. At all of the other councils I have been in the Camping Committee Chairman was some nice but obviously clueless bank executive put there either by the Scout Executive or the Council's Executive Committee to look nice on paper. This Chairman might be trotted out once

a year to go on a 30 minute tour of camp and then proclaim to the executive board that they had a "fine camp!"

If your council has a weak summer camp program it probably also has a weak or

non-existent camping committee. The cold hard facts are this: The Boy Scouts of America is rapidly moving in the right direction with increased requirements for the operation of a Boy Scout Long Term Summer Camp.

All of

the sudden these councils that serve up the same warmed over stuff in a camp

that is falling apart are going to be forced into shutting down their

organized summer programs and encourage their units to go out of council. Councils with a small 2- 5 week summer program will find the costs of hiring an EMT, complying with health & environmental requirements, and adding high adventure programs well beyond their means.

Fifteen years ago the Flint River Council of Central Georgia was in this very position. We were (and still are) Geographically a very small council (our headquarters city of Griffin Georgia is the largest municipality in the council with only 24,000 people). We were surrounded by huge wealthy councils (Atlanta, Central GA (Macon) and Chattahoochee (Columbus GA). Our camp was a hell hole dump with a three week unimaginative program, several counties were filled with scouters demanding to be moved into Atlanta Council, our summer camp Director in those years was a Vietnam Veteran (and wonderful scouter) who I remembered was chewed out by our Scout Executive at that time for the unforgivable act of spending \$9.95 on a smoke detector in order to pass the National Camp Inspection, that was the big camp improvement of 1983. Our council was dead in the water, financially and membership wise were were on our deathbed, as the vultures circled (neighbouring councils) waiting to grab our 2200 camp and our counties after we closed shop.

At this time however, what can only be described as a Miracle Happened. We had two really dynamic Scout Executives over the past 10 years who understood the value of a strong camping committee and in what our little council could do. David Allen (Currently SE in Gastonia NC got the ball rolling by getting a small town Citgo Oil distributor and Eagle Scout interested in camp, this man, Gerald Lawhorn was our first legitimate Camping Committee Chairman. As Gerald's fledgling business took root he and other volunteers saw our

council for what it could be. Even though we had three miles of prime river front on our camp, there was nothing there but beer cans from weekend ruffins from nearby towns. They turned this into the Lawhorn Canoe Base, raised the money to bring in a ranger and put our camp on the map. As our second Scout Executive, Les Baron came in back in 1989 (he just left last month for a big promotion as SE in Tampa, probably the finest SE in America - one day he will probably be the Chief Scout Executive) he got our current Camping Committee Chairman (Roy Garner) involved and camp really exploded. More than 3 million dollars has been sunk into the main camp, the volunteers raised money for ads in Scouting Magazine, Videos, two full time rangers, a full time Camp Director & a full time Marketing Manager. Today we ARE ALREADY TOTALLY BOOKED FOR 1996! All nine weeks, every site, and we had to turn down dozens of troops. Troops come back year after year as we serve 70% out of council units. Our council is a financial powerhouse among councils in our state with very healthy increases in FOS, United Way, etc. As our camp grew so did everything else. Scouting Magazine did a story in 1993 about how we were the top council in the nation for two years running in number of adult leaders trained (we are still near the top) - that was the result of our Training Committee. Our membership has had monthly increases every month now for 15 years with never a drop, and they are not paper units either!!! We have aggressively marketed our camp and it is used by Mountain Bikers, Colleges, etc.

Our camping committee chairman is there, weekend & week out getting his hands dirty, building buildings, listening to leaders every week of camp along with our SE. Camp Thunder & The Gerald I Lawhorn Canoe Base of the Flint River Council is the Crown Jewel of Southern Region Scouting. Our leaders guide

was out October 1st, we recruit our staff from across the country, we train year round, we have legitimate committees like Relationships, Training, NESAs, OA, Health & Safety, Risk Management, etc. As our camp grew, neighbouring councils have allowed their programs to weaken, even collapse. Chattahoochee Council has not even operated a camp for two years, even though they have three summer camp properties with facilities for running a camp. Macon council along with Albany, Augusta, Savannah, and Waycross Georgia will all operate small 3 - 5 week camps. Even the giant Atlanta Area Council is having problems filling up their northern Camp Woodruff (and they are only going to attempt to run it for six weeks) while their southern camp, slated to run four weeks is used for Olympic events.

It starts with a SE who is not intimidated by a strong Camping Committee. It starts with a Camping Committee of dedicated volunteers who can organize, raise money, see five years in the future, write and execute a plan. A Summer Camp program not ran by a pair of hapless DE's who are forced to neglect district activities as they rush around at the last minute to throw camp together. Camp Thunder literally saved Flint River Council, it is the keystone that turned things around for us. We go the extra mile in so many ways. We believe in training of our staff - even to the point of flying our full time summer camp Chaplain out to Denver Colorado in 1994 to go to BSA Camp School BECAUSE WE WERE THE ONLY COUNCIL IN THE ENTIRE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES TO EVEN SIGN UP A STAFF MEMBER FOR THIS CAMP SCHOOL SECTION.

With a class size of one, our region cancelled its session but we would do whatever it takes to have everything we could for our campers

Most camp directors are happy to follow the dictates of BSA Supply Division, where they mindlessly order every overpriced trinket presented to them. Our

Camping Committee saw that so much more could be done and thus supported a major expansion of our operations, unshackled the manager to aggressively order and manage the operation, and last year the Trading Post grossed over \$8,000.00 A WEEK (that is more than some camps do all summer). Even now the camp generates hundreds of dollars every week off season since the camp is booked year round, and the "Virtual Country Store - Online:" the Camp's Internet store, serves the needs of a worldwide scouting audience with hundreds of items NOT AVAILABLE FROM SUPPLY DIVISION.

Still more? Every week we have not one or two, but DOZENS of activities to keep campers busy. Chess, Mountain Biking, even our RADICAL OUTDOOR CHALLENGE TV SHOW which is seen by millions every week on ESPN!

Last year over a dozen councils sent professional and volunteer staff to visit our camp and see what works. We will soon open a new council/camp/oa WWW Home Page which I will announce to Rec.Scouting, & Scouts-L. We always welcome visits.

If your council views summer camp as a ball & chain, a necessary evil, or a black hole of disappearing cash that drains the council coffers, if your camping committee is some phony bunch of geezers on paper that only sets foot in camp once a year, if your DE's are trying to juggle the impossible demands of running district day camps, FOS, and membership while also trying to aggressively market and manage their summer camp year round (unsuccessfully), or if your professional staff tries to run everything while suppressing or ignoring volunteers on dead committees and scoutmasters better seen than heard, then it is time for you to set in and save your council.

We have a super Professional Staff, we were very careful in selecting a new Scout Executive back in September to get one that would continue to move us

forward (Jack Sears out of Central Florida Council - Orlando) and he appears to be exactly the kind of SE that could pick up the ball our last SE left and continue to run and score for our scouts & leaders. Our committees remain active and strong. Camp is now well in the black financially and, as very few councils have been able to achieve, it is not a financial liability for our council but part of our strength. We will not rest on our laurels. Right now we are well along in the process of Cub World, Family Camping, Expanded Mountain Biking, Campmaster Program, and our exciting new cooperative development in the inauguration in 1996 of the FDR/American Heritage Disability Trails Program. In 1996 we will be up on the Web, we will produce our new camp video, we will expand our Camp Radio Station - WBSA & our Publishing Company (Dripping Rock Publishing Company & Thundering Press). We will probably be among a small handful of BSA camps to be a fully accredited American Camping Association site, and oh yes, we will expand our contacts with then more than 120 outside experts, organizations, and guests that make our summer camp program what it is. We will have everything from the C-SPAN school bus (hopefully) to an even larger Space Exploration / NSS / Nat'l Assoc. of Rocketry demonstration site.

Last year our new BSA summer camp management software which was developed and beta tested by our volunteers was the rage of every scoutmaster. Summer Camp class sign up was a pleasure, not a pain. It even interfaced with popular troop management software like Troopmaster. Imagine a Troop from Texas with more than 65 scouts coming 1000 miles to our camp and being able to register every scout, in every class and transmit data on everything from religious preferences of each scout to their parents emergency number instantly.

Some of our innovations are so unique that we attract some of the best scouters in the country. We welcome in 1996 Scoutmaster Ray Harriott of Maryland, author of the run away best seller hit "Stories Around the

Campfire" who is coming to Camp Thunder because of our programs and our aggressive efforts in networking with scouters on the Internet. Many of our professional scouting staff & volunteers are on America On Line, E-Mail me for a complete list of addresses at BIGEDBSA@aol.com. To reach our Virtual Country Store write us at BSASTore@aol.com.

YIS,

Ed Henderson

**District Advncement Chairman, Scoutleader, Explorer Advisor
Camp Thunder Business Manager, Chaplain & 16 year staff Veteran
Flint River Council # 95**

**Date: Tue, 28 Nov 1995 12:48:30 EST
From: MR TERRY L GARDNER <PNZQ86C@PRODIGY.COM>
Subject: Re. High Adventure camps**

Sara Duff wrote that she had problems with philmont, and was looking for an alternative.

Utah National Parks council has a weeks adventure at Beaver High adventure base outside of Beaver Utah. you can choose 5 outpost programs each requiring at least a 2 mile hike to each one and food and camping gear can also be provided. They have: mountain biking, a 200 yard zip line, aquatics, survival techniques, Camelot with jousting and a treetop village sleeping area, mountain man adventure with black powder shooting, hawks&knives,rapelling and rock climbing, a COPE course, three peaks hike with 20 miles of rugged hiking and a 50 miler. All this for 120.00 for out of state (I think it is slightly less with own gear)

Having been there for my woodbadge course and having sent my varsity age son for All stars (JLT) there I can say the country is great the course is challenging and the staff has been great the two years I have been.

You can contact Utah National Parks Council for more information at BSA, UNPC, 250 West 500 North PROVO UTAH, 84603 or contact Steve Foster at 801-896-5276

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Terry Gardner EPA

used to be an EAGLE... look out food chain

Date: Fri, 1 Dec 1995 10:15:55 EST
From: Michael Derleth <75112.1671@COMPUSERVE.COM>
Subject: Great Summer Camps

I thank Ed Henderson for his list of exceptional Scout camps in the southern and eastern U.S. I would like to add two exceptional camps to the list for whatever it's worth:

Canyon Camp, (Blackhawk Area Council, Rockford, IL) One of two camps operated by the BAC, Canyon will celebrate their 60th anniversary this year. They typically have run a 6-8 week season that combines a healthy combination of advancement work with afternoon and evening "big events" to make the week unique.

Tomahawk Scout Res. (St. Paul, MN) I can attest to the high quality of the weekend winter-camping program called Spearhead. My troop was willing to drive 5-6 hours to attend this camp program and was impressed with the thoroughness of the training.

Anyone know of a top-notch camp in the NE Louisiana area?

**Mike Derleth, ASM T231 75112.1671@CompuServe.Com
Happy Holidays from Monroe, LA**

Date: Wed, 29 Nov 1995 18:17:56 -0500
From: Ed Henderson <BigEdBSA@AOL.COM>
Subject: Re: Need high adventure alternative BSA/GSUSA - Pine Knoll

I should have known, everything about the Blue Ridge Council's Summer Camp Program is first rate! Anyone who has not seen their video (it is almost as good as ours <<<G>>>) should call & order it. If I had to pick 10 Boy Scout camps & Councils in Southern Region that get it right I would choose (in no particular order).....

**GA * Flint River Council, Thunder Scout Reservation/Lawhorn Canoe Base
TN * Council based in Memphis, Kia Kima Scout Camp in Hardy Arkansas
TN * Middle Tennessee Council, Boxwell Scout Reservation
VA * Blue Ridge Council, Pine Knoll/Camp Ottari/Camp Powatan
GA * Northeast GA Council, Camp Rainey
NC * Council based in Ashville, Camp Daniel Boone
NC * Council based in Gastonia, Camp Bud Shields
KY * Council based in Paducah, Camp Roy C. Manchester**

SC * Council based in Charleston, Camp Ho-Non-Wa

DC * Capitol Area Council, Camp Goshen

TX * Sam Houston Council, Camp Strake & other camp properties

That is not to say there are not other good camps. I have tried very hard to stay on top of BSA summer camping in our region but I am sure there must be excellent camps I am not aware of. There are other examples of fine camps all over the country like Yagwoog in New England, Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch in the Denver Area Council, etc. These camps, I know, year after year, invest in their camps, promote their camps, the council leadership does not view the camps as a necessary evil, and they don't serve up the same warmed over lame programming. In all, with few exceptions, these are the camps that attract many out of council units because they are worth the drive, these are the camps that unit leaders rave over, and come back to year after year. There are other councils on the fast track up, who are in the stages of becoming regional high octane camps like Mac Morris in Western Tennessee Council, and Camp Sidney Dew in Northeast Georgia Council or Camp John J. Barnhardt in the Albermarle Council of North Carolina.

Then there are the camps with so much potential who are being handicapped by poorly ran council leadership. The Coastal Empire Council in Savannah has a 10 year old wonderful camp (Blue Heron), and even launched a Deep Sea Sailing Program but the camp, at best, will only operate three weeks this year. The Scout Executive there did not even show up at camp the entire Camping Season of 1993 to meet with staff or Scoutleaders, his only concern was how often he could yank his professional staff back to the office (Camp Director & Business Manager) to raise even more FOS funds (this despite the fact that the Senior DE who served as Camp Director in 1993 easily had exceeded his

goals, two months after camp he resigned after 10 years of stellar service to Scouting just to get away from the slave driving executive who apparently has no clue how to manage an effective and vibrant long term camping program.

That hell hole of a council is a career ending place that has hamstrung a camp with great potential while causing a great number of the professional staff to leave. Similiary, the Central Georgia Council in Macon had an Executive so intent on making the council look good on paper, he created dozens of paper units, while his personality (something like the Nuclear Power Plant Boss of Bart Simpson's dad on the Simpsons) caused his "promotion" to a desk job in Irving Texas. Later I heard that he was going around the country doing a study for the national office on successful scout summer camps (like how would he know if one came up and bit him). We as volunteers need to recognize that a dynamic Scout Executive can do a lot to set the tone for how a camp operates, and an awful one can kill a camp and kill a council. Your only hope then is that they will promote him out of the way to Irving Texas!

Other councils have no business in the summer camp business, running two and three week camps that end up costing the council thousands of dollars they are forced to go in the hole each year. Look at camp Tolitchee in Waycross Georgia, or Alaflo in Dothan Alabama or the camp that no one apparently wants to go to in DeFuniack Springs Florida operated by the Pensacola Based Council.

Come on people!!!! We are not talking rocket science here. A good camp requires effort, if your council is so hung up on FOS and Membership at the expense of good program, it is like spinning your wheels in the mud. A camp with vibrant active programs invited donors to give, and attracts scouting families like a magnet. It is no accident that when our council started investing in our camp, both our membership and money increased along with the investment in our camping and other programs.

YIS,

Ed Henderson
Volunteer Scouter of the Flint River Council

Date: Wed, 10 Jan 1996 10:01:23 -0700
From: Jim Van Hecke <vanhecke_j_f_jr@LANL.GOV>
Subject: Haven't Picked a Summer Camp Yet? Boy, do we have a camp for you!

CAMP FRANK RAND-One great camp that can serve your whole troop!

FIRST YEAR CAMPER PROGRAM for the new and younger boys in your unit. Our emphasis is to give these boys lots of basic Scout Skills and to have them progress in rank quickly. Except for time-in-rank requirements, we can teach the skills necessary to have boys earn the Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks.

**MERIT BADGE TRAILS offer boys the opportunity to learn the skills and knowledge necessary to complete many Merit Badges. Scouts of all ranks can work on the requirements for Merit Badges that only summer camp can offer best - those that deal with nature, outdoors, and fun. Our staffers are older Scouts who are well rounded, competent, and able to instruct many different Merit Badges. Furthermore, they know that the boys have already spent nine months in classes and don*t want to sit still. We will do our best t
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make the Merit Badge instruction fun and not just another classroom experience. The Merit Badge Trails idea will take the boys on walking tours of the camp property. Instruction during sessions will be outside the classroom, using the hands-on potential of our great outdoors and our outdoor swimming pool in the woods.**

PECOS WILDERNESS TREKS - A TOTAL WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE.
For your older Scouts, we offer high adventure backpacking in the Pecos Wilderness. Camp Frank Rand borders the Pecos Wilderness of northern New Mexico. We have access to its 233,667 acres of incredible beauty and inherent adventure. The terrain varies from high alpine meadows and

timberline ridges to dense conifer forests and aspen glades. Elevations range from 8,400 to 134,103 feet above sea level at the top of Truchas Peak. This is the same mountain range that Philmont Scout Ranch is in. Three different levels of treks are available, serving those with limited experience to very experienced; treks vary in length from 25-50+ miles. Participants must be at least 13 years old and First Class. If you can go to Philmont, GO! If you can't, this is the next best thing. OR take your older boys to Philmont (only 100 miles from Camp Frank Rand), and bring your younger Scouts to Camp Frank Rand.

The Chimayo Scout Reservation, home of Camp Frank Rand, can serve your whole troop! We offer a First Year Camper Program for the newest Scouts, Merit Badges and advancement for the tenured Scouts, and a high adventure program to challenge you older Scouts. We think you'll like the ease of one stop shopping*. Start a tradition, for your Troop by taking the whole Troop to one camp where there is something for everyone, or use our camp to fulfill the needs of the younger Scouts while your more mature Scouts take advantage of nearby Philmont Scout Ranch.

Contact the Great Southwest Council at 5841 Office Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109 (505) 345-8603.

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Great Southwest Council, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Kshippehellen Kitchkinet - Swift Current Guide

From <@cmsa.Berkeley.EDU:owner-scouts-l@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU> Thu Jan 18 08:30:43 1996

From: Dean and Robin Bolton <bolton@mail.kdcol.com>
Subject: Re: 1996 Camp Costs

My name is Dean Bolton and am a Scoutmaster of Troop 402 in the Trapper Trails Council. I regards to your questions:

- > **How much are your summer camp fees?**
- >
- > **Can you seperate Program cost from Food/Commissary Costs?**

The camping fee is \$50.00 per boy (not adult).

The commissary fee is \$45.00 per person or you can bring your own food. The dining hall fee at Barlett in 96 will be \$50.00 per person.

The final part of the cost is the transportation cost which varies.

- > **Where is your Council and Camp?**
- >
- > **What type of resident camp?**
- > **(eg. Treasure Valley is a 7 day patrol/troop style**
- > **camp with waterfront/COPE-High Adventure, etc.)**

Trapper Trails Council covers Northern Utah, Southern Idaho and Western Wyoming.

The camps here include:

Camp Loll near Yellowstone National Park located on the Lake in the Woods. This is a wilderness/high adventure 5 day patrol/troop style camp. Great for Varsity Scouts 7 day high adventure into yellowstone. Our troop and team attended here Jul 95. Great camping experience, we will go back in a few years. We charged the boys \$145 each and brought our own food for the week.

Camp Barlett 5 day patrol/troop style in Southern Idaho near Bear Lake. Our troop attended here Jul 94. We charge the boys \$135.00 each and brought our own food for the week.

Camp Hunt 5 day patrol/troop style which is on Bear Lake in Utah. This is an aquatics camp. Our troop will be attending here in Jul 96. We are charging the boys \$135.00 each. We will use the commissary, but will also suppliment it with food we will bring.

Camp Aspen Ridge which is near Preston, Idaho. This is a wilderness camp. The camp was reopened in 1994. We may go there in 1997.

Camp Newfork which is in Wyoming. I do not know to much about this camp.

Camp Kiesel near Huntsville, Utah. This is a Cub Day Camp. I do not know to much about this camp.

Hope this information is helpful.

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**Date: Thu, 18 Jan 1996 22:52:54 -0500
From: John Pannell <PANNELLJ@DELPHI.COM>
Subject: Re: Need help-activities in SE U.S.**

Henry Knowles was looking for places to camp (or camps?) in the SE'ern US, where he might do rock climbing or see "For Unto These Hills.

Two camps I can reccommend in that general area are Camp Daniel Boone (Daniel Boone Council, NC) and Raven's Knob (Old Hickory Council, NC).

I have only personally visited Raven's Knob, but I know both to be wonderful wonderful camps. Both are located in North Carolina's mountains.

Camp Bud Shiele (Piedmont Council, NC) might also be a possibility. It's located NW of Charlotte, NC in the southwestern piedmont of NC (for lack of a better term).

Cherokee Scout Reservation is the camp of my former council (Old North State

Council -- Cherokee Council, before that) but that is likely too far away since it is near Yanceyville, NC (closest town of "note" is Danville, VA)

For those who don't know... "For Unto These Hills" is a wonderful show mounted each summer by the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation each summer.

It details the history of the Cherokee (Tsalagi). For obvious reasons, emphasis is put on their interactions with the European and American peoples. For anyone visiting the Cherokee reservation in NC, this is a "must see."

YiS,

John Pannell

Unit Commissioner, Three Fires Council, IL

I used to be a buffalo... (SR-92, working ticket)

...but I will always be an Eagle (1981)

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Date: Fri, 26 Jan 1996 18:24:40 -0500

From: Dave McCullough <Mccecolsys@AOL.COM>

Subject: Looking for a Summer Camp?

Are you looking for a high adventure camp for this summer, and didn't get into Philmont? Why don't you consider Boulder Dam Area Council's Camp Del

Webb, located in the Southern Wasatch Mountains neighboring Zion National Park in southern Utah.

Camp Del Webb will have 2 weeks of camp program this summer and the facilities are currently being worked on to make this a High Adventure Outpost Camp. Minimum age for boys will be 13 years old as of January 1, 1996.

Scouts and Scouters who attend Del Webb will enjoy 7 days and 6 nights of high country camping. Their neighbors will be the deer and elk that are indigenous to southern Utah. Following the first half-day at base camp, where you will check in, shake down, and attend the opening campfire, you'll

get a great night's sleep camping at 9,000 feet in the mountains of southern

Utah. The next morning after a great breakfast, you'll hit the trail accompanied by one of the camp's rangers, and begin a great adventure of

hiking, rappelling, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, mountain biking, black powder shooting, and much more. Over the course of a week, you'll hike 20-25 miles, and you'll enjoy the excitement and challenge of a high adventure experience surrounded by the beauty and majesty of southern Utah. The rappelling course is set up on a 150-foot red sandstone face, and the council recently purchased 70 new mountain bikes for the mountain biking part of the trek. This promises to be a great camping experience for older Scouts.

Reservation forms are available for units to sign up for this exciting adventure. Units will be limited to 12 members per trek. Camp fees are \$ 199.00 for boys as well as adults.

If you would like more information about Camp Del Webb, and the program planned for this summer, please contact the Council Camping Director, Paul Beames, at (702) 736-4366.

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Boulder Dam Area Council
Las Vegas, Nevada

Date: Thu, 28 Dec 1995 08:27:43 -0500
From: PABLOM@N4.OPNAV.NAVY.MIL (PABLO_MANUEL)
Subject: Re[2]: New Lenhok'sin Provo Fees

Mike- I am replying privately, so as not to waste bandwidth. But a correction is in order about the profitability of Goshen. In 1994, the last year figures were available [altho the 1995 figures may be in by now], Goshen Scout Camps reaped a net profit. I believe the total was \$30,000. This was shared with the Camping Committee. I thought it a refreshingly daring revelation, so I am treating its dissemination with care.

I also believe, altho no breakdown was offered, that LHA was a net loss, but I'm not so sure. I'm not in the accounting business, and I trust the paid staff to act with integrity. But when I spoke to Mike Noriega

halfway thru last summer, he was in wonderment that LHA had purchased all its supplies, had bought harnesses for COPE, Lumberjack and Rock Climbing

I & II, all new caving lights for Caving, and caving overalls for staff, and he had only run thru half his budget. We both wondered what LHA budget had paid for in previous years, before individual accounts. And since LHA was decidedly understaffed in 1995, I think it would be a fair bet to wager that LHA paid its own way last summer, and should pay its own way in 1996 as well.

And that is one nice thing Mike Hurlbert brings to Council, a more orderly, businesslike basis for establishing costs and fees. But even well-meaning people can do things automatically, without seeking adequate counsel on consequences. Just ask Sam Moore about Mike's check-in and meal policy, or Mike's edict about leashed dogs at Goshen which even his wife found insufferable.

But there is a limit to business practices in a volunteer organization. Volunteerism is all about attitude and perception. Take volunteerism for granted, or impose too strong a commercial attitude, and it just might be catching.

Enough. See you at the banquet tonight, where a fine time will be had by all. Manny.

Reply Separator

Subject: Re: New Lenhok'sin Provo Fees

Author: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@CapAccess.org> at Internet

Date: 12/27/95 2:37 AM

Mannie, Pete, et al,

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You should also realize that even if NCAC charged \$250 each, they would not be recovering enough per camper to meet operating expenses from fees alone. Boy Scout Camps seldom come close to realizing enough funds from fees to be anywhere close to self-sustaining. That is why FOS and Capital Funding are critical.

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**Date: Wed, 27 Dec 1995 02:37:43 -0500 (EST)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@CapAccess.org>
To: NCAC BSA <NCAC-L@ALPHA.TAGUS.COM>
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Date: Thu, 28 Dec 1995 23:21:43 -0500 (EST)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@CapAccess.org>
To: PABLO_MANUEL <PABLOM@N4.OPNAV.NAVY.MIL>
Subject: Re: Re[2]: New Lenhok'sin Provo Fees

Manny,

Thanks for the response. Your news is absolutely amazing to me concerning profits from camp. I'd like to know how they figured this or what it means; e.g. are they just talking seasonal operating expenses without capitalization? There are a lot of ways to look at figures and depending on what you want to portray, there are an equal number of ways of presenting information. If I want to make you think we are doing a great job, I show you a profit on operations. If I want you to invest, I show you long term capital loses.

I've been to Goshen enough to know that by comparison to other camps, it looks tired, run-down and in need of some renovation. Certainly in recent years more money has been spent to good purpose, but much more is needed to make a top flight camp. I've been to about 30-40 camps and ours is in the bottom in my ranking.

Eventhough they may have had an operating profit, I suspect that in the long-term, the camps are not paying for themselves.

I agree with you that treating them as a commercial enterprise is not the way to go. Using business sense is one thing, but it needs to be tempered by a realization of what the purpose is too.

Glad that Mike is trying to make things better through better accountability. That is a step in the right direction. There should be a clear audit trail.

What I'd really like to see is a big picture presentation on both operating and capital costs compared with dedicated income and projected costs for capital improvements.

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Date: Sat, 30 Dec 1995 15:17:27 -0500 (EST)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@CapAccess.org>
To: Pablo_Manuel <PABLOM@N4.OPNAV.NAVY.MIL>
Subject: Re: More on Goshen "Profit"

Manny,

After the first time I camped at Goshen, I was aghast and sent a 21 page letter to Council explaining the problems I had witnessed based on my experience in Scout Camp management in several councils. They didn't much care for my initiative, but eventually some of the issues were addressed. So, I guess there is hope. :-)

In every Council I have worked in, the volunteer base has been critical to a successful Summer Camp. That goodwill and effort is invaluable. And I couldn't agree more that it has to be cultivated.

Part of that cultivation is communication. This is the first Council that I have seen that did not open up everything to the camping committee so that help could be garnered wherever needed. Unfortunately, we have some folks that do not know how to manage volunteers or exploit readily available resources. The results are obvious by what you see at camp. And I understand that it can be disheartening and that some will quit because they get peeved with Council.

Long ago I was involved in Scouting in Mount Rainier Area Council and I too quit in 1980 when I got peeved. Been there. What did I learn? Well the only people that were affected by my action were Scouts and myself. I cheated myself out of a lot of fulfillment because I got angry and the changes I could have nudged along just didn't happen. So the Scouts got a little less. Did the Council learn anything? No. They just thought they had got rid of a complainer and were the happier for it. My problem was that I thought I had some ownership rights. I didn't. I forgot that my role was to be of service.

It took me another eight years to get back into Scouting and I've always regretted that eight years separation. What I've learned is that we can always do a little to make things better for the boys. We may never fully succeed in getting things as good as we'd like. It may be hard

dealing with some people. It may be an uphill fight. But, what is the measure of our effort? In my book the measure is how it affects the Scouts.

Sometimes all we can do in a give situation is to nudge things along a little at a time, even when it seems that dynamite might be more appropriate to make the large shifts that we see as necessary.

Sure the Trading Post operation stinks. They should be marketing things the Scouts and Scouters really want to buy and they would make so much money they could afford more program stuff. They aren't doing this though and I criticized the same thing years ago. I'm with you. On the other hand the Scout that attends camp probably will have as much fun even if the only thing sold is a few cokes and candy. So I'm back to the old theme again of nudging here and there to make improvements.

The job will never be done, but usually it gets better over time. Keep nudging. For my part, I'll keep chipping away too, trying to sell ideas to those who can make changes.

Well thanks for listening as I have vented a little myself.

And if you haven't heard it anywhere else, your efforts to help at Goshen have not gone unnoticed. You have made a difference in the lives of Scouts and in the years to come your gift will keep on multiplying in the growth and development of these Scouts. I for one am thankful for all that you have done. Thanks for all that you do to help in Scouting.

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From mfbowman@CapAccess.org Mon Apr 1 02:34:45 1996

Date: Mon, 1 Apr 1996 02:34:44 -0500 (EST)

From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@CapAccess.org>

To: SCOUTS-L - Youth Groups Discussion List <SCOUTS-L@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU>

Subject: Re: Quality Unit! Yes or no

Matty,

The Quality Unit Award requires attendance at a long-term camp without

specifying that be a BSA owned camp. This may be in part purposeful because some Councils have leased properties for camp programs without owning them and some use properties held in trust by an organization other than BSA where the trust agreement allows BSA use.

Ownership of the property is not the real issue. The quality of the program is the issue. BSA maintains fairly high standards for the camps it operates and inspects them regularly to assure that these standards are maintained. From a Council's perspective, there is no way to assure that a Troop spending a week at a Troop campsite has the same level of program quality and services that the Troop would have at its own Camp. And the language speaks to a long-term camp, not to a one-week Troop outing.

While your Troop may have tried its very best to offer a quality program with a high level of adult support (for which you can justifiably be proud), there are many other Troops that have not done as well. I know of a Troop locally that had its own camp area on private land and I also know the results - not good.

Take a second to look at this from your Council's perspective. From their perspective they may see:

- * You don't offer the fellowship associated with meeting other units.**
- * You may not have leaders certified by the National Camping School for key adult positions to offer a full program; e.g. Field Sports, Acquatics, etc.**
- * Your facility may not meet the standards for safety, health, and the like that BSA uses.**
- * Your facility is not subject to external inspections for quality assurance.**
- * Your Council's Risk Assessment Committee may have established a policy to discourage unit "camps" for liability reasons.**

I think that the question of fees is a red herring. Most Councils try very hard to provide camperships and reduced-fees to needy youth in order to provide the opportunities that costs would otherwise foreclose. Yes they need to keep the numbers up to make the camp viable, but this is a

bit different than making decisions strictly to get a higher fee.

If you can understand your Council's possible viewpoints, perhaps you can talk with your Council's program staff about recognizing your camp or making an exception. If you do talk, I would suggest that you also be prepared to hear the other side of the story. Perhaps you can work out understandings that will solve the problem, perhaps not.

Yes your boys are getting a long-term camping experience, but it is not at a long-term resident camp. If the Council can't provide camperships and sufficient help to get the boys to camp, I would be inclined to hope an exception might be made. However, this is something you will have to address with your Council.

In either case, I applaude any effort to get a Troop into the outdoors where the boys can experience all the fun of camping and adventure.

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From: Ed Henderson <BigEdBSA@AOL.COM>

Subject: Re: Camp Amenities/Thunder Scout Reservation

Thunder Scout Reservation in the Flint River Council of Central Georgia has a number of special things we do for leaders. While I am not sure what is planned for 1996, in the past some of the amenities have included:

*** Morning Coffee delivered by the Camp Commissioner to their campsite via**

Golf Cart with morning USA Today & Atlanta Constitution

*** To the extent possible, a dailey briefing from America On Line & the internet with local weather as well as State & Local News from their home town (we have a bunch of troops from Florida, and in particular Orlando, so we do a daily download of Orlando Sentiental Stories and distribute them to Central Florida Council troops as an example).**

*** Scoutmaster Merit Badge Patch and activities during the week for leaders**

*** Free GA Hunter's Safety Class Certification**

- * Free Am Heart Association Class for Leaders**
- * Safe Swim & Safety Afloat Class**
- * Youth Protection Seminar**
- * Project Wild & Aquatic Project Wild For Leaders**
- * Project Learning Tree for Leaders**
- * Air Conditioned scoutleader only area with coffee, newspapers, and outdoor type magazines like Backpacker, Outside, Outdoor Photographer, etc.**
- * Free visits to the Canoe Base on our shuttle trams**
- * Free Steak Dinner on Wednesdays for leaders & SPL's with Scout Executive**
- * Complimentary Thunder Pocket Knife, Mugs, and Leader Patches for all adult leaders**
- * Free Fax & E-Mail reception service and a PC that is available for composing outbound E-Mail messages during the week.**
- * A letter on our Camp Stationary to the spouse & employer of each adult leader thanking them for allowing the leader to spend a week at Camp Thunder (only if they provide us with the addresses, we realize that some leaders don't want their employer knowing where they have been all week.)**
- * Free use of our Camp Media Center and a TV/VCR terminal at the leader's lounge with access to more than 300 video training titles on all aspects of outdoor skills.**
- * Scoutleader Skeet Shoot**
- * Scoutleader Belly Flop Contest**
- * Scoutleader "Almost Anything Goes" Pinewood Derby Contest**

* Copies of Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and the Atlanta Paper in leader's lounge

* Discounts on THUNDERCARD, our own prepaid long distance service so they can call home for less (to heck with 1-800- Collect)

* Totally automated precamp registration on computer disk. No paperwork fuss before or during camp. Nice computer printout upon departure.

Date: Tue, 21 May 1996 09:18:52 CST
From: Jim Sleezer <JHS8%OSUVM1.BITNET@cmsa.Berkeley.EDU>
Subject: Camp Amenities

Over several years on the faculty of National Camping School in the North Central and East Central Regions, I heard about such things as room service for leaders, the constant coffeepot for leaders, etc. One of my favorites was "high tea." We had a British staff member who served tea and crumpets at the flag pole each afternoon (I don't remember the exact time but that seemed to be significant). The deal was that leaders brought their camp chair and took a seat. A scout then brought you tea and a basket. "Brit," as he was known and called by all, insisted on serving the tea with milk. It took me a very long time to learn to drink it that way! Service was on china and always very gracious. It amazed me that he could get the scouts to act that way but he never lacked for people wanting to be waiters!

I digressed from my original intention which was to ask people to share some of the small things their camps do to help leaders enjoy the week. Any other room service type stories?

jim sleezer

Date: Tue, 9 Jul 1996 11:24:38 -0600
From: Jim McMaster <mcmaster@SWENG.STORTEK.COM>
Organization: StorageTek Software Engineering

Subject: Re: Colorado Camps

Bob Robinson wrote:

- >
- > **We have been attending Denver Areas summer camps**
- > **at Peaceful Valley and we are ready for a change.**
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- > **Does anyone have information about other Council camps**
- > **in Colorado, in particular, south of Denver.**

The Denver Area Council has another camp, Camp Tahosa, in the Mountains just south of Rocky Mountain National Park. Longs Peak Council has two camps: Ben DeLatour Scout Ranch near Red Feather Lakes, and Camp Laramie Peaks in Wyoming. I know neither of these is south of Denver, but they are the ones I know about,

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From: Ed Henderson <BigEdBSA@AOL.COM>

Subject: Re: Camp Daniel Boone, Camp Thunder

X-To: PANNELLJ@delphi.com

To: Multiple recipients of list SCOUTS-L <SCOUTS-L@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU>

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My appologies to John Pannell for omitting Camp Raven Knob! He is right, Raven Knob and Camp Thunder were the very first two councils in the nation

to develope customized and well written Camp Registration and software management programs for scout camps in the nation.

Camp Raven Knob rests among other very good camps in North Carolina, there is

perhaps only one or two below average BSA Camp properties in the state, and

excellence at one camp forces others to compete. Raven Knob, Daniel Boone,

John J. Barnhardt, Bob Harden, Camp Grimes, Camp Bonner, and Bud Shields are

all excellent camps. In fact, our Ranger at Camp Thunder is so impressed with Bonner that he will be going there with his family for Christmas

vacation (how do you like that a Camp Ranger spending his vacation at another Scout Camp!!! LOL)

YIS,

Ed

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Camp staff visits to other camps to share ideas and learn "new tricks" is not new to Scouting or particularly unusual. And BSA has in its own way institutionalized this process to a degree.

My experience was a bit shorter than Ed's - only 12 years with camp staffs, but in those years at camps in five Councils scattered across the country, we regularly visited other camps (BSA and a few girl's camps he he) to see how folks were doing the same things we were doing and get ideas. Likewise we had visitors from numerous camps come visit us for the same purpose, including a couple of Scouters from outside the U.S. Over this period these visits probably involved a dozen or so different Councils and frequently resulted in staff members moving from one camp to another in the following camp season - me among them.

These visits facilitated a lot of idea swapping and not infrequently some horse-trading over scarce supplies. I remember taking a truckload of donated left-over civil defense crackers and peanut butter tins and a second truckload of cool-aid packets to trade for leathercraft supplies and canned vegetables and soup with the staff of another camp following a

program visit.

This visits of course were chaotic in terms of planning and regularity, often depending on the distance between camps and the attitude of the camp director or program director. BSA as part of its commitment to quality camps operating in a safe environment for years has regularized this to an extent with its camp visitation program that we used to refer to as a "camp inspection." This visits are conducted by experienced volunteer Scouters and their professional staff advisors and hit every camp each year. Camp safety, business management, and program are reviewed and suggestions for improvement are made in each area even at the "best camps." These visitors also take lots of notes and report back both the good and the bad about what they have seen.

The visit reports are then used to help the staffs of the National Camping Schools with program ideas, business ideas, etc. and with areas that frequently need improvement. As a result the key adult staff members that must be National Camping School certified (Camp Director, Program Director, Field Sports Director, Aquatics Director, etc.) are exposed to ideas and lessons learned from many Scout camps across the country.

Some folks tend to think of a local camp as operating in isolation keeping its own way of doing things without growing. Of course that is up to the people that staff the camp, the Council management, and the volunteers that work with the camp or lead units in camp. Many camps have traditions, special programs and more. These lend an individual flavor to a camp. However, the opportunity to profit by experiences at other camps is constantly near at hand through the National Camping School training program and the camp visits. Most camps take advantage of these opportunities and make improvements each year to the extent they can within the limits of Council budgets and staffing.

In some cases a camp may fall on some pretty hard times, especially if the facility is worn down and having trouble complying with safety and health standards or if the money isn't there for basic maintenance and staff salaries. This causes the heart-wrenching process of evaluating the future of a camp to begin and may lead to the difficult choice of consolidating or opening a newer facility to better serve the Scouts.

Many volunteers who have lived a long time in a community and who maybe

even attended a the same camp as a youth have a lot of trouble dealing with the prospect of closing a camp - its almost like killing a friend. But the real issue is whether the camp can put on a quality program that will further the aims of Scouting. If no longer can do that, then evaluation is warranted and alternatives have to be carefully considered. It never is an easy process.

Before it gets that bad, there is a lot of room for volunteers to help out starting with good, honest camp evaluations at the end of a camp stay. Volunteering for work crews or helping with Council fundraising efforts that support camp maintenance, development and program are also ways to give assistance.

I'd be interested in hearing how volunteers in your Council or Scout Organization help keep camps operating or help in program development. Maybe a few good ideas could be shared here. :-)

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Scott,

Here's what my son's Troop put out in its March and May Newsletters year before last:

SUMMER CAMP 1995

Scouts camping at Camp Marriott will live in two-man 9' x 7' canvas wall tents with cots on a raised wooden platform. Mattresses and bedding are not supplied. Because Camp Marriott emphasizes the patrol method, it is not a dining hall camp. Scouts will eat in patrol sites.

Camp Marriott is on the Northeastern Shore of Lake Merriweather and has some of the best facilities for fun and adventure, as well as, learning Scout skills. Your week at camp will be fun and exciting. Before you go, there are some things you should know. But most important, you should remember the Scout motto:

"BE PREPARED"

GETTING READY FOR A WEEK AT CAMP MARRIOT

FIRST TIME CAMPERS

Goshen Scout Camps offers a program promoting the development of Scouting skills required for rank advancement from Tenderfoot to First Class. Skills are taught by a senior staff member. The method of instruction is demonstration followed by time for each Scout to perform the new skill. At the end of the week the Scoutmaster will be presented with an action report showing rank requirements the Scout successfully completed.

To prepare for camp, before you leave you should read through the requirements for the rank you are working on and the parts of the handbook that are related to the ones you want to complete at camp. If there are requirements that you can do at home or on Troop campouts, do them ahead of time. Then you will may be able to complete a rank advancement at camp. Don't worry about bringing a lot of gear, the camp has plenty.

Many younger Scouts find they enjoy handicrafts; e.g., leatherwork and wood carving. Kit are available at the Camp Trading Post. If you are interested in making something like a wallet or knife holder for your belt, plan to a little extra money.

OLDER SCOUTS

Older Scouts are expected to provide leadership and be role models while assisting the Scoutmaster. However, they also will find that Goshen offers many special activities to challenge their advanced maturity and physical skills. Opportunities include canoe trips, C.O.P.E. challenge courses, water tubing, BSA Lifeguard, shotgun shooting, sailing and Eagle Trail merit badges.

Older Scouts working on merit badges by now probably realize that there is usually some work that should be done before camp. Now's the time to get a merit badge booklet for each of the ones you are going to work on at camp. Read it ahead of time. Some merit badges are going to require you to do activities for a period of time; e.g., Nature Merit Badge requirement number five requires a month long project. Other merit badges also require long term efforts. Read the requirements now and get started, if a long term effort is needed. Check to see whether you need to make something and bring it to camp for the Counselor to see.

ALL CAMPERS - MEDICAL FORMS

Make sure that your BSA medical form is filled out completely. It is very important to note food, animal, and other allergies; prescriptions; and other conditions. In the event of an emergency, the camp's doctor at the camp health center will need to know as much as possible, so please help by making sure that this form is complete. Scouts will not be permitted to keep medicine in their tents. All medicines will be stored at the camp dispensary.

WHAT IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT YOUR SON?

If you have a family emergency and need to contact your Scout at camp, you can call the main camp office at 1-703-997-5140. A staff member will help you. Be aware that there are few telephones and a lot of activities going on over a large area. It may take a while for your Scout to call back.

WRITING TO SCOUTS AT CAMP

You can write to your Scout at Camp Marriot at the following address:

Scouts Name, Troop 856
Camp Marriott

**Route 1, Box 86
Goshen Scout Camps
Goshen, Virginia 24439-9539.**

In the past mail has usually arrived four to five days after it was sent. You may find that it is better to send mail a few days before your Scout leaves, that way he will get mail in the first few days. Everybody likes to get mail and when its the first time at camp, it helps.

**PACKING FOR
SUMMER CAMP
FOR THE FIRST TIME**

We all know that parents want to make sure that their Scouts have everything they could possibly need to make their week at camp fun. I have seen Scouts struggling under loads that would stagger Hercules. Parents, please remember that each Scout will have to carry everything he brings from the bus to his campsite - - and that can get to be a long haul.

The key words for Scouts are: PACK LIGHT - take only what you want to carry. If it is heavy, consider a lighter alternative. If you have questions ask the Senior Patrol Leader, the Scoutmaster or one of the Assistant Scoutmasters for advice.

Don't bring axes, hatchets, sheath knives, electronic toys, electronic games, TVs, radios, and anything that you do not want to lose.

In the picture above, can you identify which things you should take to camp and which things should be left at home?

Some of the things you should bring include:

- _____ An air or foam cushion for your bed**
- _____ Sleeping bag or blankets**
- _____ Small pillow**
- _____ Complete Uniform**
- _____ Sturdy hiking shoes or sneakers**
- _____ Extra underwear & socks**
- _____ Handkerchiefs**

- _____ Bathing trunks (no cut-offs)
- _____ Raincoat or poncho
- _____ T-shirts & shorts
- _____ Jeans or dungarees
- _____ Sweater & Jacket
- _____ Flashlight with spare batteries
- _____ Canteen
- _____ Mess kit and eating utensils
- _____ Pencil & Paper
- _____ Scout Handbook
- _____ Spending money (\$20.00)
- _____ Extra money for handicrafts
- _____ Toothbrush & Paste
- _____ Washcloth and towels (2)
- _____ Comb, brush, and mirror
- _____ Soap and container
- _____ Sun screen or lotion
- _____ Insect Repellent
- _____ Sewing kit
- _____ Inexpensive camera (optional)
- _____ Completed Medical Form!!

GETTING TO GOSHEN SCOUT CAMPS

Scouts attending summer camp at Camp Marriot will be riding a chartered bus from the PRC parking lot in McLean, Virginia to the camp. The bus will depart at 11:00 on July 8 1995. Parents must drop of their Scouts no later than 10:30 A.M.!!!!

To get to PRC take I-495 to Exit 11. Turn on to Route 123 headed into McLean. At the fourth traffic light turn left onto Lewinsville Road. At the third traffic light turn left onto Planning Research Corporation Drive. At the stop sign, turn right and follow the directions of volunteer Scouts to parking and unloading areas.

Scouts should be picked up at 11:00 A.M. on July 15, 1995. More information will available concerning Goshen Scout Camps at a June (date to be determined) parent's meeting.

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Date: Thu, 3 Apr 1997 15:57:33 -0500
From: Mike Walton <blkeagle@DYNASTY.NET>
Subject: Re: Wood Badge for Scouts? BSA Lifeguard for Scouters?
Summer
Camp in Ireland?

Tom Morrissey asks three questions:

>"Is there a Woodbadge for Scouts and is it required to go to the
>UK Summer Camp (BSA Transatlantic Council)?"

Wood Badge (as Kathie would remind us all, is **TWO WORDS LONG**) is as you stated, Tom, the highest-level of adult training available in the USA and the most common form of Scoutmastership available within all member nations of the World Association.

Junior Leader Training (JLT, called different things in each Council, including TAC, which calls it "Golden Falcon") is *supposedly* the youth equal to Wood Badge. Senior Patrol Leaders and other youth leaders attend "Golden Falcon" and other courses as an additional week of summer camp, usually at the start or end of the Council's camping season. It is coordinated, conducted and supervised by selected Scouters, many of which are Wood Badge holders or working toward their Wood Badge by serving on staff as part of their "ticket".

As far as I'm aware, JLT has NEVER been a requirement to attend ANY BSA summer camp, including the TAC's summer camp program in England (which varies from camp to camp every other summer; I'm not sure which British camp is hosting TAC summer camp this year). Attending summer camp in Europe, Tom, is JUST LIKE attending summer camp in the States: same general program, same carefully-selected staff and leadership, same period of time (one week or eight days depending on camp). The variations come in the flavor of the program, the creativity of the staff and individual Scouts, and the location of the camp. In TAC's "heyday", we operated summer camps using host-nation camps in Turkey, Greece, Morocco, and in two places in Germany in addition to the camp in England. As a matter

of interest, it was getting so that we had to create special camp segments for the "Camp in England" or the "Camp in Greece" or the "Camp in Turkey" because as the military decided to use or not to use different facilities, and as the number of youth moved from place to place, a different location had to be found for the summer camp each spring.

Kandersteg International Scout Center in Switzerland was also used off and on as a BSA summer camp facility.

No.

>"Can a Scouter (adult) get BSA Lifeguard and is there an age >requirement for Scouts getting BSA Lifeguard?"

Different Councils have different requirement for the youth age, Tom. Basically, the Scout should be old enough to understand the responsibilities of being a Scout Lifeguard. The Lifeguard, BSA requirements are listed in the current BSA Requirements booklet. As the Lifeguard, BSA recognition is a youth recognition, "adults should not seek youth recognitions".

Now, saying this, an adult if the local Council permits, MAY earn the Lifeguard, BSA recognition WITHOUT getting the actual patch. What your adult friend SHOULD work toward, is the "Aquatics Instructor, BSA" recognition, which would not just allow him to supervise the waterfront, but also to teach and coach others in the teaching of aquatic skills. Those requirements are available from your Council office, as I'm pretty sure that they are not listed in the Boy Scout Requirements booklet.

ALL Scouters should receive the Safe Swim Defense training and hold a valid Safe Swim Defense card. I recommend it even for parents who have a swimming pool, because the skills demonstrated there can be easily transposed to a out-in-the-backyard swim party!

> Are there any BSA Summer Camps in Ireland? Are there Summer >Camps in Ireland that BSA Scouts can attend?

The BSA operates camps worldwide, Tom, wherever there's a significant number of Scouts and Scouters. Ireland is a part of the Direct Service Council, not TAC, but has enjoyed a warm working relationship with TAC over the years. Because TAC actually has

summer camp programs, with a full staff (I can see Vince now, trying to fill his summer camp staffing!! *grinning*) and a wide range of programming, many DSC Scouts and units will take the trip across the water to England to attend summer camp rather than to put on their own.

However, if you plan on going to Saudi Arabia this summer, my understanding is that they will hold summer camp there for the first time in two or three years, and will actually have two weeks of camp!! Scouts and Scouters from the "mini Council" there (they have well over 40 Troops in the Kingdom itself, with another 20 or 30 in adjacent countries!) will be going to the southern part of the Kingdom during the summer (when it should be cooler there; I don't understand it...everywhere in Saudi was HOTTTTT when I was there in '91!!!). The Direct Service Council and the Saudi Scouting association are jointly hosting the camp.

There's also BSA summer camps in Hong Kong, in Chile, and in Panama. Most DSC units, though, Tom, go to the nearest "real Council"'s summer camp program or are lucky enough to come back to the States to go to summer camp somewhere here.

ANY SCOUT may attend ANY summer camp in ANY local Council (of course, with permission of that local Council Executive or his or her representative). DSC Scouts and Scouters are exempt from getting that permission, because they receive their service and support "directly from National", so ALL Councils are obligated to extend special courtesies to DSC Scouts and Scouters.

To answer your second part, in order for you or any BSA member to attend another country's summer camp, you have to obtain something called an "International Letter of Introduction", or ILI. This is a one-page form, completed by the International Division, BSA, which identifies you as a member of the Boy Scouts of America to the other country, explains your rank and skill level, and provides other information. It is a REQUIREMENT, so don't think about going without it. Most camps in Europe know about the ILI, and will give you a VERY hard time without it or access to one. The form is FREE. All you have to do is write the International Division, BSA at the National Office address and request it. It will be sent to your Council within four to eight weeks after you request it, so do it NOW instead of waiting until the "summer rush". No, it's NOT sent to your home; it has to be sent, like all official Scouting

documents, to your local Council. It IS the closest thing to a "Scouting passport". With that comes the name and address of the National Scouting Association in Dublin, Ireland. You can call or write them ahead of time requesting information about summer camps or (what I would do) have the International Division to do it for you and save your money for the trip over.

While I have been lucky in the past about wearing my uniform and getting to a host-nation's camp with a membership card and a smile, that's a DEFINATE NO-NO now....the card's nice, Tom, but you NEED the ILI to get in!

Hope those answers yours (and your Scoutmaster's) questions!

Settummanque!

Date: Fri, 30 May 1997 19:00:37 -0400
From: Vicki Careccia <vickic@GTE.NET>
Subject: Re: Bob Nix / Camp Daniel Boone

Major Improvements at Camp Daniel Boone=20
Responding to the feedback of campers and leaders, Camp Daniel Boone has undertaken several major improvements and modifications.

First - New Food Service & Management includes employing new chef and increased cook staff, new menus, change to cafeteria-style feeding, new steam tables for warmer food, new drink stations, new interior painting and floor covering, all new tables for eight (less crowding) and increased dining room staff for cleanliness.

Campsite improvements include new gray water lines and the contracting of more frequent pumping of latrines and assignment of one ranger staff pressure wash each latrine each day. New quartermaster facility built to improve supplies distribution. Scoutmaster=92s lounge is in progress.

Program features enhanced to include indoor climbing walls of natural hand-laid stones and programmable wall to alter difficulty. New 27-element
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C.O.P.E. course features =93CDB Mountain Express=94 (300+ foot Zip Line) = and

=93The Eagle=92s Perch=94 challenge pole with the best view in the Smokie=

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Swimming and Boating area were dredged, sloped and leveled, new sand bott=

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and beach added to swimming area.

New Campfire Shows Arena expanded to 1,000 seats with 12 ft waterfall on

perimeter. All new wooden seats, lighting and sound system for outstandin=

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shows and ceremonies overlooking beautiful Lake Allen which is full and will be stocked with over 2,000 lbs of rainbow trout. Toll free number fo=

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your answers to question 1-800-526-6708.

Now in response to Bob Nix posting: Lake Allen is 10 acres of clear, stream-fed water. Little East Fork of the Pigeon River fills the lake in = 36

hours. Lake is currently at full level. Lake was drained for flood contro= l

and to allow heavy equipment for campfire arena development. Thanks for your interest.

General response and appeal to all: Please be careful of statements that will be taken as fact without first verifying info with council or other sources with validity.