



2015 Winnebago Provisional Camp Troop Information Sheet

Provisional Camp Troop Overview

The Provisional Camp Troop is designed for the Scouts who can't go to camp with their troop, Scouts who want to spend more than one week at camp, and Scouts who need to finish up partial merit badges from other camps. While attending summer camp with your troop is a great experience for all Boy Scouts, if you cannot go to camp with your troop or you would just like more weeks at camp, the Provisional Camp Troop is for you.

The Provisional Camp Troop resides in the Witauchsundin campsite. The site has BSA wall tents on wooden platforms with two canvas cots in each tent. There is also a covered pavilion. The Provisional Camp Troop is supervised by a full time Scoutmaster and one or more assistant Scoutmasters who live in the site.

Full Leaders' Guide

A complete Winnebago Summer Camp Leaders' Guide is available on the Forms/Information page of the Winnebago website. Provisional Camp Troop parents and Scouts are encouraged to review that guide for more details about summer camp at Winnebago Scout Reservation. While some of the information is for leaders of troops attending camp, much of the information is helpful for Provisional Camp Troop participants too.

Here are some particular sections to review:

- Personal Equipment List
- Program Areas – First year Scouts should review the Dan Beard program
- Merit Badges and Advancement
- Swim Classification Tests
- Health and Safety Information
- Charts at the end of the guide:
 - Merit Badges Offered, Prerequisites and Information
 - Dan Beard Program Schedule
 - Merit Badge and Program Schedule



Pre Camp Orientation

There is no orientation or pre camp e-z check-in for the Provisional Camp Troop.

Arrival at Camp

Provisional Camp Troop check-in is at **2:00 pm on Sunday** in the parking lot. Our cheerful staff will be there to greet you. At check-in on Sunday, all personal gear will be transported from the parking lot to your campsite by camp vehicles.

Immediately after check-in, your Scout will participate in a medical re-check. Please plan to stay with your Scout until he completes the medical re-check.

Swim classification tests will be conducted after the medical re-check. Please arrive at camp with **swimsuits on under your uniforms**. Everyone should bring a small bag or day pack with towel, T-shirt, and socks so they can dry off after the swim test. The first meal will be dinner, so please eat lunch before arriving, or bring a bagged lunch.

Required Forms

Please be sure to have the following completed and signed forms. They are available on the website under the Provisional Camp Troop Confirmation Packet:

- **BSA Annual Health and Medical Record** - Required for all Scouts - Parts A, B and C must be completed and signed. Please bring photocopies and keep the originals.
- **Three Strikes Rule** – Parent must review and sign.
- **Completed Blue Cards signed by your scoutmaster** – If you wish to work on merit badges at camp, please bring a completed Application for Merit Badge (aka blue card) signed by your home troop Scoutmaster for each badge.
- **Picture Fees** - \$8.00 for an 8x10 Provisional Camp Troop photo (optional).



Special Needs

Please inform us if your Scout has any special needs and let us know the specifics, i.e. physical, medical, dietary, food allergies, etc. Special requests and needs should be submitted as soon as possible so the camp staff can work with you. Feel free to call the camp at any time prior to camp to discuss any special needs. **Advance notice makes it much easier for us to meet special needs.**

Merit Badges to Consider

Two popular merit badge for Provisional Camp Troop Scouts are Fingerprinting and Indian Lore. If you have not earned either of these merit badges, you may want to consider them at camp. Fingerprinting can be completed on one evening. Indian Lore is taught by the Provisional Camp Troop Scoutmaster. Be sure to bring signed blue cards if you wish to work on these merit badges.

Contact Information

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Winnebago Scout Reservation

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Directions to Camp

Address

Winnebago Scout Reservation – 102 Timberbrook Road, Rockaway, NJ 07866

Turn by Turn Directions

Available on the Winnebago website www.camps.ppbsa.org/camps/wsr

Visitors

A week of camp goes by very quickly due to the myriad of projects and activities offered to each Scout. Scouts are in program from 9 am to 12 noon, 2 pm to 5 pm, and 7 pm to 9 pm – a very busy and rewarding experience. For this reason, the boy has little time for much else. Certainly, parents and friends are interested in what he is doing, and Scouts are encouraged to send postcards and letters telling of their experiences.

Feel free to contact the camp if you have any specific concerns about your son. Of course, we will always call the parent/guardian if their son is having any difficulties at camp.

Leaving Camp

Scouts are under the supervision of the Provisional Camp Troop leaders. Should a camper need to leave camp (family obligations, sports, etc.) they will be released to a parent/guardian, or other adult authorized in writing by the parent/guardian. The Patriots' Path Council will not release a Scout to an unauthorized adult. A sign-out/sign-in log is kept in the camp office and must be used by all adults or Scouts entering or leaving camp outside of the normal Sunday arrival or Saturday departure schedule.



Mail Service

Incoming Mail

All incoming mail will be available in your unit's box in the camp office. If parents want to send letters or packages to their sons, be sure they mail early. The Friday before camp is not too soon. The mailing address is:

Name, Provisional Camp Troop
Winnebago Scout Reservation
102 Timberbrook Rd
Rockaway, NJ 07866

Outgoing Mail

Bring any outgoing mail to the camp office and put it in the outgoing mailbox which is located underneath the troop mailboxes in the office.

Telephone Service

Incoming Calls

Scouts, and parents should be made aware that incoming calls to individuals are seldom practical due to the size of our camp.

Emergency Calls

In case of emergency, the camp office telephone number is 973-983-9075. A message will be taken and delivered to the individual concerned as quickly as possible. Do not expect to talk to the person immediately.

Cell Phones

Cell phones are strongly discouraged for Provisional Camp Troop participants. They can take away from the camp experience, and sometimes help homesickness for younger Scouts. If a parent feels their Scout needs to have a cell phone at camp, please discuss with the camp director or Provisional Camp Troop Scoutmaster before departing camp on Sunday.

Lost and Found

All Patriots' Path Council camps will hold any items that are found in camp for a period one week. Medications, food, and perishables will be destroyed immediately. Articles may be retrieved by claiming the item in person at the camp office. Any item not claimed within the one week period will be discarded.

Saturday Departure

Please pick up your son at the camp office on Saturday between 9:00 and 10:00 am. Park in the parking lot, and walk to the camp office.

Each Scout should be sure to take home:

- Merit badge blue cards for all completed or partially completed merit badges
- Rank Advancement Sheet – For Scouts who participated in the Dan Beard program. We do not sign Boy Scout handbooks.
- Medical Form
- Provisional Camp Troop photo – if purchased