



2015 Winnebago Boy Scout Day Camp Information Sheet

Day Camp Overview

Winnebago Boy Scout Day Camp is a regular Boy Scout summer camp program for all Scouts. Instead of staying overnight, Scouts arrive at camp in the morning and return home to sleep. Day camp is flexible for Scouts and parents. Come for a full week or individual days or half days. Bring your lunch or purchase a dining hall lunch.

Some day campers are first year Scouts who are either not ready for a resident camp experience, or they want a taste of Boy Scout summer camp before committing to a week of resident camp with their troop. Older Scouts who cannot stay overnight, come to day camp because they want to work on merit badges or just have fun in the various program areas at camp.

Full Leaders' Guide

A complete Winnebago Summer Camp Leaders' Guide is available on the Forms/Information page of the Winnebago website. Day Camp 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 Day Camp participants too.

Here are some particular sections to review:

- Program Areas – First year Scouts should review the Dan Beard program
- Merit Badges and Advancement
- Swimming Qualification 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 Boy Scout Day Camp.

Required Forms

Please be sure to have the following completed and signed forms when checking in your first day at camp. They are available on the website under the Boy Scout Day Camp Confirmation Packet:

- **BSA Annual Health and Medical Record** - Required for all Scouts and leaders - Parts A and B must be completed and signed. No doctor's signature is required. 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.

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.**

Arrival and Departure

Most campers arrive after breakfast between 8:30 and 8:45 am, but you may arrive as early as 7:30 am. Park in the parking lot, and walk to the camp office across from the parade field. Pick-up is in the camp office. Most Scouts are picked up



between 5:15 and 5:30 pm, but we are flexible. Be sure to let us know your plans, especially if you will be picking up your Scout outside of normal hours.

Scouts must sign in and sign out at the office every day. Parents/guardians should be prepared to show identification when picking up their sons. Scouts will only be released to a parent/guardian, or other adult authorized in writing by the parent/guardian.

First Day

Please allocate some extra time on the first day at camp. We will review the required forms, and your Scout will participate in a medical re-check. Please plan to stay with your Scout until he completes the medical re-check. We will also be happy to answer any questions.

Meals

Most day campers are at camp during lunch. You may bring your own lunch or purchase a dining hall lunch. Scouts who arrive early or stay late can also eat breakfast or dinner in the dining hall. Please pay for any optional dining hall meals in the camp office. You may do this weekly or daily.

- Breakfast - \$6.00
- Lunch - \$8.00
- Dinner - \$10.00

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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

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 Day Camp 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 on the first day of camp.



Questions

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.

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.

Last Day of Camp

On your last day of camp, 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

What to Bring

Recommended Gear

- T-Shirt
- Hiking boots or closed toe footwear
- Socks
- Shorts or zip-offs
- Day pack
- Bathing suit
- Handkerchief or tissues
- Insect Repellent (No aerosol)
- Medications properly labeled (all must be included on the medical form)
- Merit badge prerequisites
- Pen/Pencil/Notebook
- Rain gear
- Shoes that can get wet (required for boating)
- Sunscreen
- Towel
- Wallet w/spending money
- Water bottle (Nalgens are great)

Optional Gear

- Fishing tackle
- Merit badge pamphlets
- Pocket knife (no sheath knives)
- Watch

A good rule is: If you don't want it lost, damaged or destroyed, consider leaving it at home.

Completed and Signed Forms

- Medical form
- Three Strikes Rule
- Blue cards for all merit badges you want to attempt; signed by your home troop Scoutmaster

We recommend that Scouts do not bring their handbooks to camp. At the end of the week, Dan Beard Scouts will receive a weekly report of the requirements they completed that a Scout can give to his Scoutmaster. We do not sign any handbooks in camp – that is the responsibility of the home troop leaders.