

# Cub Resident Camp

## Tips for Cubs and Parents

### 1) Supplies:

- a) It can get cold (40's) at night. An outdoor sleeping bag is a must. It is dark at night, so a flashlight is a must. Also consider an extra set of batteries and possibly glow sticks as nightlights for younger scouts.
- b) We go on several outings/hikes. An easy-to-carry water bottle like a Nalgene bottle or canteen is a good idea.
- c) The bugs are not too bad in August, but here are some ideas. Bug repellent may be useful. Also, a cot-sized sleeping net (see the BSA store in Hawthorne or the camping catalog) can make sleeping more comfortable. (The tents are not screened)
- d) Bed sheet (from dollar store) to cover potentially dirty mattress is a good idea, as is a pillow.
- e) A small day pack is a good idea...similar in size to a school book pack.
- f) Bringing non-aerosol bug sprays and non-aerosol sunscreens are a good idea.

### 2) Money:

- a) Camp group picture (approx. \$6.00) will be available for purchase.
- b) The scouts love the trading post (store). (Soda, candy- \$.50-\$1.00) (Books, craft kits, flashlights, T-shirts, etc. \$2.00 to about \$15).
- c) The den leaders can be asked to hold money for the scouts, but they will not make judgment calls about what the scouts should buy or spend. Discuss this with your scout.

### 3) Clothes:

- a) If you pack clothes in a trash bag, they will stay dry, even if the backpack/sports bag gets wet.
- b) Extra pair of shoes/sneakers. Water shoes are good for 'wet caves', boating and rainy weather. Hiking boots or high top sneakers are good for our Mt. Stevens hike.
- c) As mentioned, it can get cold. A knit cap (hat) to sleep in and a sweatshirt (or jacket) for evenings are good ideas.
- d) Cubs should have their class "A" uniforms for several dress occasions (including dinner). They should have at least the shirt, hat, neckerchief, slide, belt. Green non-scout shorts are OK.
- e) Have the scouts bring a cloth bag or pillowcase for laundry. Plastic bags can make wet laundry unpleasant.

### 4) Calling home:

Scouts can get homesick, particularly at night. Generally, calling home only makes them feel worse. (We generally try to persuade them to hold off until morning if they are going to call). There is only one phone and it is not in the campsite, so there are only emergency inbound calls. If you have strong feelings about your scout calling, discuss it with his den leader when you drop him off. Just in case be sure scouts know their phone number(s) and have a calling card or plenty of quarters to call home

### 5) Food:

A Tupperware container is good for keeping snacks, either those from home or those purchased at camp. This will keep them dry and will reduce the chances of attracting animals. (We haven't seen any large animals in our experience, but even chipmunks and field mice can be a nuisance.) Also, inform the den leader of any food. We have campsite storage in cars to keep food away from the tents. (This is to keep the animals, not the scouts, away from the food.)

### 6) Medical Form:

Make **sure** your son brings his **medical** to camp. Make sure he knows he has it with him. Make sure he knows where it is, even if you put it in an envelope pinned to his shirt. Repeat these instructions 3X each day until camp, until you have them memorized.