

B O X W E L L 2009

To: All Troop 137 Scouts and Parents
From: Linda Rehm

Sunday June 14 through Friday, June 19, 2009 at Camp Stahlman, Site Number 16

Key Dates

Due dates for registering new Scouts joining Troop are extended – contact Mrs. Rehm

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| March 26 | \$25.00 deposit and online registration due for existing Scouts |
| May 26 | Final payment and Medical Record due (earlier is better, much earlier is much better) |
| June 14 | Off to camp for a week of fun! |

Fee Schedule for the Camping Program

Please do not let fees stop any scout from attending camp. For scouts who are unable to pay the camp fee a Council Scholarship or Troop Scholarship are possible. Please see Mrs. Rehm or Mr. Green for assistance in this matter.

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| Camper fee (all Scouts) | \$175 if deposit received by March 26 or new Scout joining Troop \$190 for Scouts proving late deposit This fee includes two Troop 137 “Class B” T-shirts which will be distributed shortly before camp. For Scouts who sold at least 10 Christmas wreaths, fees are reduced \$50. |
| Basic COPE | Additional \$30 must be paid at camp Trading Post |
| Advanced COPE | Additional \$35 must be paid at camp Trading Post |
| Additional Fees | If your Scout signs-up for one of the following Merit Badges or activities, then he will need to purchase a corresponding token or materials kit(s) at the Trading Post when he gets to camp. These costs are in addition to the Boxwell Camping fee. |

Additional Merit Badge and Activity Fees (these will be paid AT CAMP)

| Description | Fee |
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| Archery Merit Badge (week) | \$14.00 |
| Basketry Merit Badge (2 basket kits) | \$9.00 each (2 kits needed) |
| Leatherwork Merit Badge | \$10.00 |
| Motor Boating Merit Badge (week) | \$22.00 |
| Muzzle Loading Shooting Program (by appointment only) | \$10.00 |
| Photography Merit Badge | must bring own camera, film, and money to process film |
| Recreational Motor Boating Token (day) | \$11.00 |
| Recreational Shotgun Shooting (for 5 shots) | \$2.00 |
| Recreational Rifle Shooting (per target - 5 shots) | \$0.50 |
| Recreational Water Skiing Token (day) | \$9.00 |
| Rifle Shooting Merit Badge (week) | \$16.00 |
| Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge (week) | \$18.00 |
| Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge (extra practice, 25 birds) | \$9.50 |
| Scoutmaster (adult) Shotgun Shoot (25 birds) | \$9.50 |
| Space Exploration Merit Badge (rocket kit) | \$14.00 each |
| Water-Skiing Merit Badge (week) | \$22.00 |
| Woodcarving Merit Badge | \$6.00 each |
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| Dining Hall Guest Meals (if parents come and visit) | Breakfast: \$4.00 Lunch: \$5.00 Dinner: \$6.00 |

If you have a new Scout...

then we highly suggest that you sign-up for the Green Bar Program. This program will allow a Scout working on Tenderfoot, Second Class, and/or First Class to largely complete the rank advancement at camp. Taking Green Bar, there is still time in the schedule for merit badges. It isn't always possible, but we recommend taking Green Bar in the morning hours when it is cooler.

If you have a returning Scout who has NOT earned 1st Class rank...

then we recommend that you sign-up for the Green Bar for your next rank, so you can make an advancement at camp. Again, with Green Bar, there is still an opportunity to complete merit badges as well.

If you have a returning Scout who has already earned 1st Class rank...

then he has a couple of choices. He can sign-up for 5 Merit Badges or, if he is 13 years old, sign-up for Basic COPE and a couple of Merit Badges. If he is planning to do Basic COPE, we recommend signing up for the morning Basic COPE program; it is much cooler in the morning.

If you have a Scout who has taken Basic COPE...

then he also has a couple of choices. He can sign-up for 5 Merit Badges or sign-up for Advanced COPE and a couple of Merit Badges.

Please note the minimum skill level indicated for each merit badge; the online system will only present choices appropriate to their camp experience. Scouts can be scheduled for merit badges not recommended for their camper year by special request, but please use good judgment before asking. Remember, your son will have more fun if they are in a program with other scouts they know.

Again this year we plan to offer the swim test before we go to Boxwell. We encourage everyone going to Boxwell to complete the swim test before we get there. This will speed up the sign in process on the first day (Sunday) at Boxwell, but remember the Boxwell swim staff can require another test at camp (though they have not asked anyone tested through our pre-camp testing to re-test the last few years).

All Boy Scouts are required to have a current medical record on file **BY THE TIME OF SUMMER CAMP**. Please use the standard Health and Medical Record form available on the Troop web site under "Summer Camp".

HELP. We need adult leaders/parents to attend summer camp with the Troop. If you can go to camp please complete the Adult Registration on the Troop portal. We need at least 6 to 8 adults always there to help make sure things are progressing nicely. Adults can stay the entire week or a portion of the week, but we must have adult help. Come and stay some, you will enjoy it.

NEW AND RETURNING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR 2009

Triathlon

This year's course will be at the Fehrmann Training Center. The distances will be a fifty-yard swim, a three-mile bike ride and a one-mile run. The course will be run in the opposite direction as last year. You must have completed the swim check to participate.

Walk the Plank Water Recreation

Stahlman has new aquatic recreational equipment

NRA Shotgun

Only Scouts enrolled in the Shotgun Merit Badge Program may also qualify for the National Rifle Association (NRA) Shotgun patch

"Leave No Trace" Training

Training Monday 7PM at the Cripple Crab

"Wild about Wildlife" Show

4pm show about Wildlife in Tennessee

Water Carnival "Anything That Floats Race"

Activity for Tuesday Night Carnival

NEW MERIT BADGES FOR 2009

Automotive Maintenance

Woodworking (different from Woodcarving, which is still offered)