

B O X W E L L 2010

To: All Troop 137 Scouts and Parents
From: Linda Rehm (SummerCamp@Troop137.com)

Sunday June 20 through Friday, June 25, 2010 at Camp Stahlman, Site Number 16

Key Dates

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

March 23	\$50.00 deposit and online registration due for existing Scouts
May 25	Final payment and Medical Record due (earlier is better, much earlier is much better)
June 20	Off to camp for a week of fun!

Registration Process

All registrations are handled online through the Troop Portal. This is necessary to handle the complexity and scale of administration for an event with typically 70 Scouts, ten or more adult leaders, and 120 potential class choices (each with unique registration requirements). Please do not ask the Troop leaders to handle the registration for you. (There will be an introduction to the Portal made available.)

Scouts must be registered with the Troop and entered into TroopMaster before a Portal account is created for them. If you cannot access the Portal, please contact PortalManager@Troop137.com providing your name, your Scout's name. If you are not registered, you will be told.

During registration, the total fees owed (see information below) will be displayed on the main enrollment page for summer camp on the Portal. There also is a link which will display a detail of how the balance is calculated if needed. Adding and removing certain classes will change the fees owed as some classes have special fees.

There is a minimum skill level indicated for each merit badge; **the online system will only present choices appropriate to the Scout's rank, age and camp experience.** In limited situations, 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 and at a level they can handle.

Your Scout will not have any class confirmed until the deposit is paid. At that time, the classes are entered into the Council system if slots are still available. Once confirmed, your Scout's schedule will be locked and any further changes will require contact with the summer camp Coordinator. Note that if you change a confirmed class, there is no guarantee that it will be available later to switch back.

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.

Camper fee (all Scouts)	\$210 – reduced in most cases by the Discounts listed below... This fee includes two Troop 137 “Class B” T-shirts which will be distributed shortly before camp.
Discounts	The Troop offers discounts to reduce the overall cost of camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Registration (current Scouts with on-time deposit) – \$20 • Fundraiser Participation (sold 10+ wreaths) – \$50 • New Scout (just joining Troop) – \$20
Additional Fees	Some Merit Badges or activities have additional fees as listed below...

Additional Merit Badge and Activity Fees – Paid With Camp Fees

Description	Fee
Archery Merit Badge	\$15.00
Automotive Maintenance	\$5.00
Basketry Merit Badge	\$16.00
COPE - Advanced	\$37.00
COPE - Basic	\$32.00
Leatherwork Merit Badge	\$10.00
Leatherwork & Woodcarving (combined class)	\$15.00
Motor Boating Merit Badge	\$23.00
Photography Merit Badge	Bring own camera, film and money to process
Rifle Shooting Merit Badge	\$17.00
Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge	\$19.00
Space Exploration Merit Badge	\$12.00
Water-Sports Merit Badge	\$23.00
Woodcarving Merit Badge	\$5.00

Additional Fees Paid At Camp

Description	Fee
Muzzle Loading Shooting Program (by appointment only)	\$11.00
NRA Light Rifle Program	\$15.00
Recreational Motor Boating Token (day)	\$12.00
Recreational Shotgun Shooting (for 5 shots)	\$3.00
Recreational Rifle Shooting (per target - 10 shots)	\$2.00
Recreational Water Skiing Token (day)	\$10.00
Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge (extra practice, 25 birds)	\$10.00
Scoutmaster (adult) Shotgun Shoot (25 birds)	\$10.00
Dining Hall Guest Meals (if parents come and visit)	Breakfast: \$5.00 Lunch: \$6.00 Dinner: \$7.00

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.

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 2010

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. You must have completed the swim check to participate.

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 (Monday 7PM at the Cripple Crab)

"Wild about Wildlife" Show

Show about Wildlife in Tennessee; animals brought in by conservation officer

Water Carnival "Anything That Floats Race" (at Tuesday Night Carnival)

Walk the Plank Water Recreation

Dodge-ball Competition

Duty to God Program

Native American Games

NEW MERIT BADGES FOR 2010

Astronomy

Radio

Survivor Man series

- taken as one all-day block
- must be 4th year camper
- will cover Wilderness Survival, Fishing, Hiking*, Backpacking, Weather, and Cooking
- Hiking is an Eagle merit badge, it will require review at the Barn if signed off by camp staff to ensure quality of instruction/learning