

# Summer Camp 2009

**WHERE:** Schuster's Glen Campsite, Camp Friedlander, Loveland Ohio

**WHEN:** Sunday June 21 noon (NMPC Parking lot) until Saturday June 27 10 AM (Camp Parking Lot)

Council has information about Summer Camp on their website at:

**<http://www.danbeard.org/campfriedlander.aspx>**

We encourage all the boys to go to Camp. If cost is an issue, please see Don, Ernst, Jim, or any other Committee Member. The Troop has a scholarship fund which can help you. We have many opportunities for Scouts to earn money, including the Christmas Greens sale, Dutch Bulb sale, Bass Pro Shop merchandise bagging, & year-round use of Kroger Gift Cards. Scouts can easily pay for a large portion of their camp fees by participating in any or all of these. Council also has a Campership program that can provide financial assistance. Follow the "Dates & Fees" link on the Council website for more information. Please do not let cost keep your son from Summer Camp.

The cost of the Camp this year has gone up, to \$195 per Scout, and adults (18 years old & up) are free. Camp requires that we have a minimum of 2 adults at camp at all times. If you are interested in spending a night or more at camp, you are most welcome! We are blessed to have very well-behaved boys and they pretty much take care of themselves. Our campsite is next to a modern bathroom facility with private bathrooms and hot water showers!

Camp also has a program to place individual Scouts with other Troops throughout the Summer. So if your son cannot attend the 1st week, they can still go to camp in a different week. I would not recommend this for 1st or 2nd year Scouts. Some boys elect to go an additional week, with a Troop of their choosing or as an individual Scout. Additional weeks cost only \$155. See me for more details.

**Here is a list of important dates for Summer Camp:**

<b>Tuesday, Feb. 2nd:</b>	<b>\$60 Deposit Due</b>
<b>Sunday, Mar. 22nd:</b>	<b>Leader's Orientation Dinner</b>
<b>Monday, Mar. 23rd:</b>	<b>Merit Badge sign-up begins (9 AM)</b>
<b>Tuesday, Apr. 7th:</b>	<b>\$50 Payment Due</b>
<b>Monday, Apr. 13th:</b>	<b>Campership Application due to Scout Service Center</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 12th:</b>	<b>Balance: \$85 + High-Adventure activity fees (see below)</b>
<b>Tuesday, Jun. 2nd:</b>	<b>Troop Summer Camp Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday, Jun. 2nd:</b>	<b>Health Forms Due</b>

All payments may be made from Scout Accouts or by check made out to "Troop 857". We cannot schedule your classes until the deposit is received. Mr. Gebhardt will give you a schedule sheet when you make your deposit, and Mr. Stegman will help you fill out your schedule.

If the Scout is participating in a High-Adventure activity such as Powerhorn or COPE, payment for those activities are also due in April. Also Snorkeling, SCUBA, Rifle MB, Shotgun MB, & Plumbing MB have additional fees. See the Council website for these fees.

This year there are four new Merit Badges offered, American Cultures, Automotive Maintenance, Disabilities Awareness, & Public Health.

Finally, older Scouts (14 & up by Summer) might want to consider working at Summer Camp. The hours are long, the days are hot, and the pay is meager, but the Scouts seem to love it anyway. See me for more details. One of our Eagle Scouts, Rick Hayes, earned something like 11 Merit Badges one summer while working at Camp Falling Rock, running the Nature program. It was a great experience for Rick.