

## Oljato Orientation for Parents of New Scouts 2007

Getting there .....Car pool, ride with others. Week 1 leave on Sunday, July 11 at 6:30 am from Troop room, need to arrive at Scout dock between 12 and 1:00 pm. Week 2, leave on Sunday, July 18 at 6:30 am to arrive at Scout dock between 12 and 1:00 pm.

Transportation.....We will work out a carpool plan depending on how many drivers we have, etc.

Map .....How to get there – 5+ hours.

Parking .....For dropoff, you can park in Scout dock lot, but adults can't go over to camp without prior pass from council.

Mail .....Mail letters to camp 4-5 days early. Postcards are available at trading post, stamps too. Packages, food.

Phone calls .....Parents can't call Scouts, only leave messages. Message number 559-893-3393. Scouts CANNOT use phone except for real emergencies.

Both weeks.....New Scouts can only stay both weeks if a parent stays in camp both weeks.

Safety .....Waterfront extremely well controlled, same with rifle range, archery, etc. Swim test (later under arrival), buddy checks, etc. Scouts cannot leave camp area.

Arrival .....Must take boat over, then carry gear to Pawnee.

Swim check.....Do it first thing after arrival. Red/White/Blue swimmer.

Classes.....New Scouts take skills patrol every morning from 9 until noon.

MB classes .....All new Scouts should take least one MB class in the afternoon (1:30-2:30). Easy ones are art and/or leather work. Do one.

Free Time .....Scouts free from 2:30 until 5:00. Can do free time MB, but not necessary.

Evening .....Games, camp fires, star float, stay in camp.

Meals.....Most meals in dining hall. Cafeteria style. Always have cold cereal for breakfast, P&J, etc. In-camp cooking one day during week. Try not to be a picky eater. Some live on candy and soda, we don't control that.

Food Allergies.....*Serious* allergies let us know, staff will work around.

Food in camp.....Absolutely NO food in camp at night – no hidden candy bars, chips, etc. Bears are a problem only if you leave food around. Same with food, empty fast food wrappers, etc. in cars parked over night.

Visits .....Family camp, make reservations with Lois at 650-341-5633, need approval for all in-camp visitors from council, even for brief visit. Need medical form for all staying in family camp – same forms as Scouts/adults leaders. Tents on platforms, hot showers.

Money .....Limit money available since we have no control over purchase of snack and candy at trading post. Talk to Scouts and encourage them to limit candy. Oljato T-shirts sold at trading post (\$12-15). Some MBs cost extra, basketry, shooting, archery Meals enroute. \$25 enough.

Neatness .....Camp area is inspected daily by camp commissioners. Scouts must keep their gear neat, and their tents picked up. Tents will be inspected daily by adult leaders.

Misc rules.....Hands/face inspected before entering dining hall, must be clean. No hats in dining hall.

Cleanliness .....Scouts must be strongly encouraged to brush their teeth daily, and shower

Showers.....Scouts wear swim suit, have shower sandals. Can't force them to take showers, encouraged. Posted list.

Homesickness .....Usually goes away after 1-2 days, don't worry. Let us know ahead of time if it might be a problem. Very big problem is "overbooking". Scouts have every day booked between end of school and start of school. Not home the week before camp means parents do all packing, Scouts don't know what they have or where it is. Some boys just want down time – sleep in my own bed, see my friends, pet my dog, etc. Give this serious consideration – it has ruined camp for boys and they have left Scouting

Sleeping.....Tents will be assigned, no switching without SM/ASM approval. Let us know ahead of time about sleeping problems, afraid.

Latrines .....Near to our campsite, only certain ones can be used by Scouts, others reserved for adults/staff only.

Duties .....All Scouts have duties: steward, latrine, flag, etc. Older Scouts will show you how/what to do. Don't complain or slack off, this will get you a bad reputation among the troop.

Tribe of Oljato.....New Scouts must participate in camp activities and perform 1 hour service project. Older Scouts will be doing 2 hours.

Hazing .....Not allowed, safe haven in camp, always one adult in camp when Scouts present.

Adult leaders .....Should have youth protection training if you stay in camp. If you come to camp, don't treat it like a vacation. Work parties, walk around, watch skills/MB classes, police in camp, etc. Get to know Scouts, help with MBs, skills, etc. BORs at camp

What to bring .....Tents optional, camp can supply, Troop will bring limited number. Duffel bag. Flashlight very important, don't buy cheap, fresh batteries, extra batteries.

Uniform.....Scouts must wear full uniform (Class A) for morning and evening assembly – this includes scarf with slide, shirt, and pants/shorts.

Other times class B is nice not required. Adults are asked to be in Class A or B at all times.

Eating utensils.....Everyone needs cup/bowl and utensils for overnights, and in-camp cooking. Insulated mug (REI) is very good.

Skills overnight ....Skills patrol does overnighter just outside camp during week. Should have backpack or large day pack for essential gear.

Medication .....Bag by day with instructions, absolutely no self-medication unless life threatening, etc.

Forms .....Class 1/2 MUST be available at checkin for all Scouts and adults under 40, class 3 for adults 40+, – SM will carry these. Consent to treat, insurance.

Phone list.....Extra phone numbers, work, grandparents, neighbors, etc. Let us know if you will be out of town/unavailable.

Pickup .....End of session pickup on Saturday, July 17, or July 24. Time TBD by lottery – sometime between 7 AM and 10 AM. We can call back home with time as soon as we know. Friday night closing campfire. Pickup drivers can stay in Shaver, Fresno, etc.