

Boy Scouts of America

Troop 379

Desert Cross Lutheran Church

Summer Camp July 19-26 2008 Camp JN Webster, Ashford Connecticut

October 17 2007

2008 Summer Camp

Dear Scouts, Parents, and Scout leaders

Troop 379 has a long tradition of attending out of council summer camps which offers our scouts the unique experience of camping and earning merit badges at some of the best scout camps in the United States. Going out of state offers our scouts the opportunity to visit a part of the country that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to see. Attending camps out of council also provides scouts an increased growth experience that is unique to our troop. As always parents/guardians are welcome to attend summer camp with the troop. Parents who attend summer camp will need to register as a Scout leader and take some basic scout leader training prior to attending camp.

For the summer of 2008 Troop 379 has reservations to attend summer camp at camp JN Webster in Ashford, Connecticut during the week of July 19-26. Our troop has attended summer camp at JN Webster in past years and it is very well run camp. The staff at JN Webster has a history of going out of their way to deliver a top tier scouting program to the scouts which is why we are planning on returning to camp Webster in 2008. In the past, we have tried to travel to summer camp a day or two early to allow some extra sight seeing. This year we are hoping to arrange a pre camp visit to New York City and possibly attend a Yankees baseball game. This is in the planning stage now.

The cost of attending an out of council summer camp is more than staying in Arizona. Airfare in the last few years has increased significantly which has raised the cost of going out of council. Through the year, the troop offers several fundraising opportunities which enables each scout to earn money applied direct to their camp costs. The harder a scout and his family work on these fundraisers, the more they can earn towards paying up to the entire cost of camp. Attending a long term scout camp is one of the requirements for earning the camping merit badge; therefore Troop 379 would like every active scout to have the opportunity to attend summer camp at least one time during their scouting experience. If the cost of attending summer camp is too large of a financial commitment for your family, our troop has provided various levels of scholarships in the past to share the cost. We would just like to know of the need ahead of time before our fundraising has started to be able to plan. Please contact our Scoutmaster Alan Garlington as soon as possible if you would like additional information about our *no scout left behind* program.

At this point we need you to know:

Our 2008 summer camp plans

The approximate financial commitment needed for Camp

That our troop has several fundraising opportunities to help scouts pay their way to camp.

Summer Camp 2008 Camp JN Webster, Ashford Connecticut Letter of Intent

What: 2008 Summer Camp

Were: Camp JN Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford, Connecticut

When: July 19-26

Departure: Still in the planning stages but probably between July 18-19

Return: July 26

Cost:

Camp fee:	\$180.00	
Air fare:	\$340.00	(estimated)
Ground transportation:	\$100.00	(estimated)
Misc:	\$60.00	(estimated)
<u>Estimated Total</u>		<u>\$680.00</u>

In order to get the lowest priced airfare we need to start looking for the best price in January. In the past we usually lock in on a flight and need to pay for the airfare sometime between February and April. Our final camp payment is due in May. For these reasons we have the following camp payment schedule.

Deposit payment to hold your spot	January	7 th	\$100.00
2 ND Payment	February	4 th	\$150.00
3 rd Payment	March	3 rd	\$150.00
4 th Payment	April	7 th	\$150.00
5 th Payment	May	12 th	\$130.00

In order to begin planning and making travel arrangements we need to know several months in advance how many people are planning on attending summer camp. Therefore we ask that you please complete, detach and return the following questionnaire by December 3rd

Return to Duane Lidman
2315 W. Palomino Dr.
Chandler, AZ. 58224

Scout Name(s) _____

_____ I **do** plan on attending 2008 summer camp at JN Webster with Troop 379

_____ I will decide and pay my deposit by January 7th 2007

_____ I **do not** plan on attending 2008 summer camp at JN Webster with Troop 379

Leader – adult - guardian Name _____

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_____ I will decide and pay my deposit by January 7th 2007

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