

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 379

Desert Cross Lutheran Church

2012 Summer Camp July 13-21 Camp JN Webster, Ashford, Connecticut

December 6, 2011

Re: 2012 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 2012 Troop 379 has reservations to attend summer camp at camp JN Webster in Ashford, Connecticut during the week of July 15-21. Our troop has attended summer camp at JN Webster in past years and it is an exceptionally 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 2012. 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 sleep one night on a Battle Ship before arriving at camp on Saturday night. There is also a possibility of attending a Red Sox baseball game at Fenway Park if scheduling allows. This is in the planning stage now.

The cost of attending an out of council summer camp is more than staying in Arizona. Through the year, our troop offers several fundraising opportunities which enable each scout to earn money applied directly to their camp costs. The Christmas Wreath sales fundraiser is one of our most profitable fundraisers for scouts. 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. In order to better plan, we have to know of this need ahead of time, before our fundraising has ended for the year. Please contact our Scoutmaster Alan Garlington as soon as possible and before our fundraisers have ended if you would like additional information about scholarship funds.

At this point we need you to know:

Our 2012 summer camp plans and the approximate financial commitment needed to attend Camp with troop 379.

Our troop has several fundraising opportunities to help scouts pay their way to camp

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Alan Garlington or Duane Lidman.



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What: 2012 Summer Camp
Were: Camp JN Webster, Ashford, Connecticut www.jnwebster.org
When: July 13th to 21st
Departure: Friday July 13th or Saturday morning July 14th determined by airfare & flight schedule.
Return: Saturday Afternoon/Evening July 21st

Estimated Cost:	Camp fee:	\$350.00* If signed up by Feb. 27 th 2012 \$375.00* If signed up after Feb. 28 th 2012 \$400.00* If signed up after May 14 th 2012
	Battleship Cove	\$ 40.00 www.battleshipcove.org
	Air fare:	\$450.00** (Estimated)
	Ground transportation:	\$60.00 (Estimated)
	Misc:	\$20.00 (Estimated)
	Estimated Total	\$920.00 *** If signed up before Feb. 27 th 2012

* Fees paid to Camp JN Webster and for Airline tickets on your behalf are non refundable to our troop. If you have paid your non refundable camp deposit along with any additional payments and later discover that you cannot attend summer camp your payments will only be refunded if someone else is able to take your spot.

** We will attempt to lock in our group airline reservation and cost before the end of February. If you sign up after the Feb. 27th early bird discount date your airfare costs will most likely increase.

*** Note: These cost projections are estimates and could change by the time comes to pay the fees. The June payment will be adjusted to reflect the actual final trip cost.

Deposit: Minimum non refundable deposit to hold your spot \$100.00
 We will start accepting deposit checks any time after January, 1st 2012.
Early Bird camp discount deposit deadline February, 27th 2012.

Payments: Our first camp payment to Camp JN Webster is due in Feb, our second camp payment is due in March and our final payment is due in May. In order to get the lowest priced airfare we need to start looking for the best price before February. In the past we usually lock in on a flight and need to pay for the airfare sometime between March and the middle of May. In order to not overdraw our troop account or have someone carry the balance on their personal credit card we need your camp payments deposited in the troop's account before we make our troop payments. For these reasons we have the following camp payment schedule.

Deposit deadline*	February 27th	\$100.00
2ND Payment	March 26th	\$100.00
3rd Payment	April 23rd	\$250.00
4th Payment	May 21st	\$400.00
5th Payment	June 18th	\$ 70.00 *** or final adjusted cost.

