

Trail Life
North Central Summer Camp
Summer Guide 2020

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A Message from the Camp Coordinator

Welcome Trailmen! I want to take this opportunity to personally thank you for being part of this very exciting Summer Camp. This is a new type of event for Trail Life. Summer Camp is a stepping stone to Summer Adventure. It is not designed or intending to be a Summer Adventure. We are catering to the younger Trailmen who are not quite of age and maturity, both physically and spiritually, to attend a Summer Adventure, as well as the Navigator and Adventurers who don't have troops large enough to work on badges and skills due to locations, number of Trailmen, cost to get training complete for the smaller numbers, or who just don't have the opportunities to complete badges to work towards their Freedom due to a variety of circumstances. We are chartering a new trail and may be in unfamiliar territory. This Summer camp is not intended for experienced Adventurers seeking a Physical or Spiritual challenge, however we welcome the leadership and example they bring.

Once you drive onto this 88 acre campus, you will be captivated by the scenic setting. With cabin's nestled into Illinois timber, a gorgeous 2.5 acre lake, a state of the art meeting paces, it's the perfect combination of tranquility and functionality.

What should you expect? Fun, work, laughter, friendships, joy, and a chance to grow spiritually. Your volunteer camp team has worked diligently pulling together options and activities to make your time at camp an absolute blast. But there's more and it begins before you come to camp! You will be receiving a devotional packet closer to the start of camp that focuses us on our theme: "Here I am!" Are you willing to listen to what God has to say to you about being present? About opening yourself to Him? Saying to Him: "Here I am!"

So bring your troop, elect your first officer, prepare your best skits, polish your color guard and I look forward to meeting you this summer at camp.

Walk Worthy -

Trephina Bedell
North Central Summer Camp Coordinator

A Message from Our Safety Team

SAFETY FIRST!

Lots of excitement awaits you at camp, but we want to remind you that with adventure comes risk! Are you ready? We've given serious thought to safeguards and response. Just read through the booklet. You'll find our safety team's guidance as you go. Expect a safety briefing or two – and maybe a realistic and amazing experience - once we're on-site!

Blessings,
Randy Thayer
Safety Team Leader

Experience Tells Us. . .

Troopmasters have expressed the desire for a section of the Program Guide telling “experience has shown us....” This is a collection of what experience has taught us regarding what to expect and the camp experience in general.

You should come to camp prepared! Have your patrols already organized. We have offered some meetings of leaders and First Officers online prior to camp to help you get to know each other - and we encourage Troops to do the same if you have youth joining you from neighboring Troops! Work on ideas as patrols and have the First Officer represent the group at camp. Come with some of your own activities planned. We'll call that your “Best Game” – your best preparation to make this an engaging and fun experience for your Trailmen and those they will meet – AND your best skill/activity to share during camp.

Your campsite/cabin is your home for the event so work at making it comfortable by bringing flags and banners to dress it up. Build a gateway/entry to your camp if you wish! You should bring any supplies you might need for pioneering projects your Troop may want to build, i.e., entrance-ways, camp gadgets, etc. Remember – *while you can pick up deadfall...you can't cut live trees! And you should note, the camp has a significant supply of poison ivy on hand.*

You should schedule time for rest! That's right. Too often, you don't take time to sit and enjoy the beauty around you at camp. Don't keep such a pace that you miss the trees, the nature, and the clean, fresh air. The area is beautiful – enjoy it!

Be flexible! There will be roughly three hundred Trailmen (we hope!) attending camp and while the staff is there to meet everyone's needs, we must all practice respectful manners while in camp.

Communicate! If you have a special need or want to do something spectacular, tell us about it as soon as possible and we will do our best to meet your needs. There may be some things we may not be equip to handle. Being up front and asking ahead of time, saves a lot of stress and worry for all involved.

Advise your Trailmen to be responsible for their own valuables. Watches, spending money, etc. should not be left in the shower room or in an unattended campsite. That goes for cell phones too! Remove temptations! Neither the Camp nor this Event Team can be responsible for lost or stolen valuables.

Speaking of cell phones, we know many of you use your phone for pictures so bring them if you wish – but be aware cell coverage is spotty. No Trailman will be allowed a cell phone, even for pictures. Bring an old fashioned digital camera if you wish. If a phone call needs to be made home, camp staff can assist. If a trailman campers is found to have a phone, it will be confiscated and given to Troop leader. How about other electronics??? No Cell phones, cd players, ipods, electronic readers (kindle, nook), hand held games, mp3 players, dvd players or any other electronics. Leave them at home or lock them up in your car when you arrive. The Trailmen simply can not use them. Disconnect from world for a few days and connect with God.

For Adults: Camp-wide Wi-Fi is available for adults, however, please limit the use of your cell phone, keep it on silent or vibrate. If you must answer a call, do so discretely. Step away. If it becomes an issue we will bring it to your attention and ask you to put it away.

One last thing.....we want to make this the best camp we can. If you have any suggestions, we will gladly listen to your ideas!

A Quick Reference...

Camp Policies & Procedures

The following policies and procedures have been developed to help protect you and your Trailmen and to ensure the best possible experience for everyone attending camp. Individual items may be discussed at greater length elsewhere in this guide but are presented here as a "Quick Reference."

Registration at Camp

All Trailmen (including youth *and* adults) must be registered members of TLUSA *before* arriving at camp. Wear your TLUSA lanyard. To register, you will be asked for your Troop number and roster. Your Troop reservation and individual participant information will be reviewed. All COPIES of paperwork will be turned in. Once you have completed check-in and a medical review, each participant will be issued a wrist bands and t-shirts. Parking will be in an assigned area. Even though there might be a road, it may not be safe to drive on - we do not want to crush the septic field. Please respect the areas marked off and do not drive on the grass or past the flag pole. Trailers and cars will be given a designated parking spot. Trailers may not be in your campsite.

Conduct: *A Trailman honors God.* Let your conduct be governed accordingly as a good example.

Medical

Be sure every registered Trailman has a completed a current **TLUSA High Adventure Activity Medical Form**. No one can participate without a medical form. This will be reviewed by a Health & Safety person at check-in. Trailman who arrive without a medical form will be denied participation.

Additional liability forms may be required for participation. If your Trailmen are signed up to participate in an event, they will need to have the form for that event, or will be denied participation.

Medications will be kept by the Troop leader in the campsite. If special considerations (i.e., refrigeration) are required, please notify the Camp Medical Director during check in.

If you plan to bring a Trailman with physical disabilities or limitations, alert the staff PRIOR to coming to camp. Deadline for this notice is May 1st. We need to have time to be fully aware of limitations and special needs so that we can evaluate if we are able to assess accommodations.

Safety

Closed-toed **shoes** must be worn at all times during activities. Sandals are only permitted for showers, walking to and from the pool, or when in your tent/cabin. We practice wet-foot canoeing, so bring some old tennis shoes that can get wet.

Youth Protection: Troops must have at least two registered adults in camp at all times. At least one of these must be 21 years of age; the second adult may be 18 years of age or older. All adults must have current "Child Safety Youth Protection" training.

Do not bring firearms, ammunition, fireworks, or any other explosive material/device to camp. If you are found in possession of these items, you will be removed from camp. Propane, liquid fuel, and fire starters should be kept in a locked area, not accessible without supervision. You shouldn't need any of these things at summer camp.

Smoking by youth is not permitted in camp. Adults who smoke are asked to do off property, Camp Warren is a smoke free property. And **never** in the presence of any Trailman. Smoking in any of the buildings is strictly prohibited.

Alcohol & Controlled Substance

Alcoholic beverages of any sort and possession or use of any controlled substance is strictly forbidden in all TLUSA events and camps. Anyone using them will be removed from camp immediately.

Buddy System: Three (3) or more Trailmen constitutes the buddy system in Trail Life. That will be our standard of accountability at camp.

Entering & Leaving Camp

Anyone entering or leaving camp must sign in and out at the camp office (First Aid/Administration Area) before doing so. Troop leaders are accountable for the whereabouts of their Trailmen at all times. A Camper Release Authorization must be signed and kept on file at camp for any Trailman wishing to leave during the week. The adult picking up the Trailman must present a **photo ID** and have had their name listed on the Camper Release Authorization Form in order to be able to remove the Trailman from Camp. Only individuals authorized to pick up a Trailman by written permission of the parent will be permitted to do so.

Transportation In Camp

All vehicles must be parked in assigned areas. Vehicles are not to be used for transportation to/from any area unless there is a medical need. No camper shall ride in Camp Vehicles unless properly seated and restrained. Campers are never authorized to ride in or on the back of an open vehicle or trailer.

Walkie-Talkies & "Talk-about" Radios

The use of walkie-talkies and "talk about" radios is prohibited by all youth and adults youth in camp with the exception of the Communications Badge. Telepathy is also an acceptable alternative method of communication for technology-challenged leaders who have not yet become digital adopters – it's entertaining for your Trailmen as well.

Knives: Knives are not permitted on Camp Warren property without going through Camp Warren Knife Safety Certification. This applies to both youth and adults. The blade of any **pocket knife** must be 4" long or less. **We recommend/encourage folding/lock-blade knives. All interested individuals who would like to carry their pocket knife for the week, must attend a knife safety review on Sunday at check in and receive a special card to carry with them for the week. Mountain Lions who have yet to earn their Wood Tools, may bring a knife with them but it must remained properly contained until after the completion of the Wood Tools badge on Monday. See later in document for more details.**

Staff Campsite

Staff campsites are off limits to all campers. If you need to see a staff member, make arrangements in advance so they can meet you in their primary work area.

General: Pets are not permitted in camp. The same is true of pests.

Uniform

You are expected to wear TLUSA event, trail, or travel shirts (Tees or Polos) – or your full TLUSA formal uniform at dinner and during evening flags. Wear it with pride! If you have the full field uniform, wearing it will give you preferential treatment for flag ceremonies. To be clear, in order for event photos to be taken, BSA logo clothing is not to be worn in camp, just don't even bring it. Camp t-shirts are to be worn at all other times. You will be provided with two at check-in.

Campsite

Your campsite is your home during your time at camp. Keep it clean and orderly. You should not

enter anyone else's campsite without their permission. Courtesy calls for you to call out, "Permission to enter camp?" then wait for a reply before entering another's campsite.

Lights Out: Lights Out for all campers is at 10:30 P.M. No one is to be out of their campsite after unless they are accompanied by an adult from their Troop.

How to Get to Camp Warren:

Directions: Camp Warren 4225 Camp Warren Lane Decatur IL 62521

From Chicago (City)

Take Interstate 57 South and exit 235B onto Interstate 72 West. Take Interstate 72 West and exit 141A onto Highway 51 Business/ Main St. Drive south on Business 51 and then turn left and go east on Highway 36/Eldorado toward Tuscola. Take a right on Long Creek Rd. Take a left on Camp Warren Rd. Take right onto Camp Warren Lane.

From Chicago (Suburbs)

Take Interstate 55 South toward Bloomington. Keep left and take Interstate 74 East/Highway 51 South. Take exit 135 onto Highway 51 South. Go South on Highway 51 until it turns into Business Highway 51/Main St. Turn left and go east on Highway 36/Eldorado toward Tuscola. Take a right on Long Creek Rd. Take a left on Camp Warren Rd. Take right onto Camp Warren Lane.

From Peoria

Take Interstate 74 East then merge onto Interstate 155 South via exit 101 towards Lincoln. Merge on to Interstate 55 South and exit at Lincoln exit 126 and turn left onto Highway 10/121. Continue on Highway 121 into Decatur. Turn Right and go south onto Business Highway 51/ Main St. Turn left and go east on Highway 36/Eldorado toward Tuscola. Take a right on Long Creek Rd. Take a left on Camp Warren Rd. Take right onto Camp Warren Lane.

From St. Louis Take

Interstate 55 North to Exit 63. Go North on Highway 48. Turn Right and go east on W. Elwin Rd/County Highway 30 which becomes W Main st. Turn left and go north on Highway 121. Turn right on Spitler Park Dr. Turn left on Kruse Rd. Turn right on Camp Warren Rd. Take right onto Camp Warren Lane.

From Southern Illinois

Take Interstate 57 North to Exit 212 Tuscola/Newman. Take Highway 36 west toward Tuscola. Take a left on Long Creek Rd. Take a left on Camp Warren Rd. Take right onto Camp Warren Lane.

Camp Contact Visit Camp Warren at <http://www.gocampwarren.org/>



How to Plan for Your TL Summer Camp Experience

READ THIS "LEADER'S GUIDE" CAREFULLY

Even if you've gone to camp before there are quite a few new program offerings and changes in procedure with which you will want to become acquainted.

CONDUCT YOUR PARENT'S NIGHT MEETING

Make sure every family in the Troop gets a personal invitation from a member of your Troopmaster's Staff or the Troop Committee. Experience shows that parents who attend the meeting are more likely to send their son(s) to camp.

DURING THE WEEK BEFORE CAMP

- o Make sure you have finalized your Troop Roster. Make 3 copies for check-in.
- o Double check transportation to and from camp. (Safety check for vehicles and trailers.)
- o Review troop equipment to make sure everything is in good repair and ready for transport. Check your gear twice!

THE DAY YOU LEAVE FOR CAMP

- o **Make sure you have everyone's completed medical form and two photocopies before you leave home.**
- o Label all medications with the Trailman's name and Troop number (including aspirin, cough syrup, etc.) before coming to camp. All medication must be in ORIGINAL containers. We encourage you to have two sets of medications for all who need them, stored in separate containers. This helps to avoid the challenge of lost meds during travel and on-site.
- o Bring 3 copies of your final Troop Roster with you.
- o Plan on arriving between , at the time you have been assigned.



GENERAL
INFORMATION
TO HELP YOUR TROOP

General Information

Camp Location

Address: 4225 Camp Warren Lane, Decatur, IL 62521 Phone: 217-864-3263

Mail

Because of the short length of the event, we recommend that Troopmasters bring any letters from home with them and turn them into the Camp Coordinator at check in. They will be delivered during mail call at every lunch time, appropriate time.

Emergency Phone Number & Telephone Use

The camp coordinators cell phone number is: 847-942-2099 (Trepina Bedell) Feel free to call or text with any pressing matters. Other emergency numbers will be available on-site.

Hawk Camp: Entering 2 -3rd grade fall of 2020. Attending with a Registered Adult Parent.

Hawk campers will continue to develop their skills and advance in Trail Life by attending a number of sessions designed specifically for their level. They will even have an option of activities for a couple of days. Hawks will work on branch/star skills, enjoy afternoon free time, and participate in adventurous and fun evening activities.

Mountain Lion Camp: Entering 4-5th grade fall of 2020.

Mountain Lions will have the opportunity to complete Wood Tools and Fire Guard while they are at camp as well as pick a couple of their sessions they will to attend. They too will work on branch/star skills, enjoy afternoon free time, and participate in adventure and enjoy fun evening activities.

Navigator/Adventurer Camp: Entering 6 - 12th grade fall of 2020.

This higher level Trail Life Camp will test and expand the Navigator and Adventurer abilities. Nav/Ad camp allows the older Trailmen to customize their summer camp experience to meet their skill and advancement goals by selecting from a variety of badge sessions. Many badge sessions will focus on the core requirements. They will also have the opportunity to serve at camp through a service option.

Campers with Special Needs: Camp Warren seeks to provide an inclusive environment. Campers requiring special accommodation, meals or equipment must include this on the registration form. To inquire if a special need can be met prior to registering for camp, please contact the Camp Coordinator, Trepina Bedell 847-942-2988. All information will be kept confidential and shared only with the appropriate staff. Notifying camp staff of needs upon arrival at camp is unacceptable and may cause undue stress and if not resolvable, may lead to denying a Trailman to stay at camp. Communicate ahead.

Badgework:

All campers have the opportunities to earn badge/branch requirements through the activities in which they participate. Each camper will receive a *Badge Completion Form* per badge (a listing of requirements for each badge) to take home and present at the troop level for record keeping. Badges will be attained by each troop's typical procedure.

Badge/Option Selections will be made online. Once your registration and \$100 per person deposit is received the Badge Sign Up link will be sent to you. Badge sign up closes April 30. Badges will be assigned to Trailmen after April 15. All Trailmen will have a badge schedule and are expected to attend the sessions.

Pre-Camp Leaders' Meeting

The plan is to conduct online videoconference meeting once prior to camp! This is your chance to meet and get to know your staff – and each other – before you arrive at camp. Come prepared with LOTS of questions! Times will be communicated to you via email prior to the meeting.

Uniforming

Why do Trailmen have a uniform? For the same reason that the Native Americans who used to live in our area

wore similar clothing and for the same reason a football or baseball team wears a uniform...because a uniform gives a standard to be met, promotes group spirit and camaraderie, and designates equality from the start among members of a group. At camp any official TLUSA clothing (event shirts, travel and trail shirts, and formal uniform) is appropriate dress at flags and dinner. Otherwise, it is expected that each Trailman will wear the provided camp event t-shirts.

Activity Wear— It is required that the Trailmen wear the provided camp t-shirts all day, every day. You will be provided with two. Any clothing that advertises or implies anything inappropriate or inconsistent with the faith and values of Trail Life USA, including but not limited to obscenities, alcohol, or tobacco use will not be tolerated. All clothing and accessories must reflect the values of TLUSA. Questionable clothing will be deemed appropriate or otherwise by either the Camp Coordinator. This includes sleepwear. **You will be in photos. Do not bring or wear clothing with BSA logos.**

Wicking material for shirts, synthetic underwear, a good supply of extra socks, and your personal stash of Gold Bond powder would be good choices when you pack!

Shoes—TLUSA policy requires that shoes be worn at all times except when swimming, showering or in a tent. **NO OPEN TOED SHOES.**

Retreat & Chapel Services—All Trailmen and leaders are expected to be in full uniform (as described above and as commonly required by YOUR Troop) for flags and evening meals and flag retreats during the week.

Color Guard—Trailmen who provide the Color Guard at retreat should be in full TLUSA uniform.

Swimming

Swim-Check and Waterfront Procedures

All Trailmen (youth through adult) who come to camp and intend to participate in any event involving water (pool or lake, badgework or free time) must complete a Swim Classification Test. It is highly recommended that the Trailmen come to camp with this form completed, although it can be completed at camp. Non-swimmers must bring and utilize a Coastguard approved personal floatation device and stay in the "kiddy" pool.

Each Trailman (youth through adult) will have a wrist band. They will be colored by swimming level.

Blue - Swimmer, No restrictions

Red - Beginner, Some Restrictions

White (No band) - non-swimmer

Women attending Trail Life Camp. Please utilize a modest one-piece or full coverage tankini with no midriff showing. No bikinis or speedos. Leaders reserve the right to question any swim suit or attire.

Campers may be asked to wear a t-shirt. All campers need to bring sunscreen.

Camp Warren Staff Counselors

Camp Warren Staff will help implement the Trail Life program and camp activities for the enjoyment and learning opportunities of our Trailmen. The camp staff during program activities is not counted as part of our adult ratios.

Trail Life Registered Adult Camper Roles

Registered Adult (RA) campers make Trail Life Summer Camp possible. RA's will contribute to 2 - deep leadership coverage per the TL Health and Safety Guidelines. **ALL** RA's will be asked to sign up for 2 - deep leadership badge and/or free time activities. RA's have the option to follow their Trailman's schedule or not by the badges/activities they choose to attend. TL Adult volunteers are expected to engage in the program activities and badge work to ensure that the proper ratios are met and assist as needed to the lead instructor.

For example: Each Day, Monday - Thursday, adults will be asked to sign up for 1 badge session daily, AND 1 free-time activity or bathroom monitor slot (for a total of 4 badges AND 4 activity/bathroom slots)

We also need 2 bathroom monitors for Friday night. Anyone selecting this slot may trade a Monday - Thursday activity slot for the Friday bathroom slot.

- Troops should register enough adults along with Trailmen, to satisfy ratios. Troops short adults may be placed with another troop to form a contingency troop.
- Adults should choose sleeping accommodations with their Trailmen. If the trailmen tent, leaders should tent. If Trailmen stay in the cabin, leaders should stay in the cabin.
- Each troop should select currently certified CPR and First Aid certified adult volunteers in order to meet the Health and safety guidelines.

Volunteer Role Descriptions: (so you know what you are signing up for!)

- **Badge Session:** Please engage during the badge session. Some Badge teachers will need more assistance than others. Keep your phones away, there's free time for that! Note that there are some Registered Adults who are floating - don't assume you are not needed if the badge session seems heavy with adults. That means skipping out on your badge session to nap is not acceptable.
- **Lake:** Bring your camp chair and monitor boating usage. Assist with floatation devices. All Trailmen may use paddle boats during free time (not high adventure). Only those Trailmen with a high adventure wristband (Green or Yellow) may use the kayaks and canoes.
- **Pool:** you may certainly get in the water, but please be mindful of the Trailmen swimming.
 - Blue - Swimmer, No restrictions - full pool access
 - Red - Beginner, Some Restrictions - shallow end of pool
 - White (No band) - non-swimmer - kiddie pool only
- **Low Zipline:** Camp Warren asks for an adult to be present while Trailmen use the low zipline. Trailmen may come and go. Bring your camp chair and a book. Trailmen should not be excessively wild and crazy, but are welcome to enjoy. Remind Trailmen to not grab hold of line - where the pulley is - we want them to keep all their fingers.
- **High Zipline:** Assist Camp Warren in running the high zipline. Maybe stationed at the top or bottom of the hill. Nav/Ad and Registered Adults 75 lbs. or more with a yellow wristband may ride the zipline.
- **Bathroom Monitor:** Monitor bathrooms during evening peak time. There should be no rowdy behavior - this means no handstands on the toilet seats (true story).

Troopmaster (or other designated Registered Adult) Duties:

Each troop should designate a contact person to handle their troops registration forms, payment, and serve as a liaison to the Camp Staff leadership.

- Oversee camper's paperwork is in order
- Is responsible for the return of camper's unused snack shack funds
- Is responsible for any final camper envelopes left at camp
- Sends IL0412 balance of camp fees - 1 check (you will be notified of balance owed)
- Is responsible for knowing who is authorized by parents/guardians to pick up a Trailmen from camp and ensuring that the Trailmen leave camp only with authorized individuals (see further down for Release of Campers)

Accommodations Choices

- Tent: Bring your own personal tent. Tents may sleep the number of people they are rated for.
- Cabins: With air conditioning and bunk beds. Bring your own bedding. Note: Going into 5th grade and up only may sleep on top bunk. Trailmen entering 2, 3, or 4th grade must sleep on bottom bunk.
- Retreat Center: Air conditioning motel style, private room, includes sheets, but bring your own towels. No made service. (Only 20 rooms available)
- RV hook ups: There are 8 hook ups available. The first 4 (sites 1 - 4) are full hook up (WSE). Hooks up 5-8 are electric only. You will be assigned a style of hook up at registration. Please be respectful of camp arrival time - NO EARLY ARRIVALS.

Showers and Restrooms

Warm water showers and toilets are located near the campsite. Separate facilities are provided for adults and

youth. Note: There is a bathroom facility, next to the cabins and tent area, which contains multiple stalls and showers. (No women at this facility next to the cabins and tent area . Women leaders will use bathroom facilities at other location.)

From 9:30 - 10:30 p.m. Youth Trailmen may use both sides of the facility. Male adults will use the "Women" side of the bathroom facility at all other times. No adults in the youth side of the bathroom - only bathroom monitors as needed.

At times it may be necessary for adults to enter the bathroom when youth are present. Two male adults/bathroom monitors may do so.

Camp Fees

Send \$100 per person as deposit (for both youth and adults) within 10 days of completing online registration. Badge sign up link will be sent when deposit is received. Trailmen registrations not secured by a deposit will be moved to a wait list. Registration closes April 15. All fees due May 1. Your Troop Designated individual will receive a final troop balance due and pay balance with one troop check.

TRAILMEN (HAWKS, MOUNTAIN LIONS, NAVIGATORS, AND ADVENTURERS):

- **Tent:** \$250
- **Cabin:** \$275
- **Retreat Center:** \$325
- **RV Additional Trailman:** \$150

REGISTERED ADULTS:

All attending adults must be registered members of Trail Life. Peak 1 and Peak 2 training are also included for all registering adults.

- **Tent:** \$150
- **Cabin:** \$165
- **Retreat Center:** \$215
- **RV 1st Adult:** \$310
- **RV Additional Adult:** \$140

Important Dates:

- February 1 - Registration Opens
- April 15 - Registration Closed, Badge Sign Up Closed
- May 1 - All Fees Due

Note: ONLY currently TL Registered Trailmen, Youth and Adults may attend. Register with your troop TODAY!

Troop Rosters

Troop leaders are required to bring their final troop rosters (3 copies) to pre-camp leaders' meeting. All participants, including adult leaders, shall be listed on the roster at this time.

Forms Needed:

- **Health and Medical Form**
- **High Adventure Medical Form (needed for climbing, horse, zipline, kayaks, canoes, shooting sports, etc.)**
- **Swim Test Form**
- **Zip Line and Camp Warren Waiver**
- **Climbing Waiver**
- **Horse Waiver**
- **Travel Permission (to get to camp and get to off - site locations for activities)**
- **Knife Safety Class Permission**

Tour Plans

Be sure you submit a Tour Permit if traveling more than 400 miles from home This will be due to the Home office no later than May 15. Completed by your Troopmaster or other designated individual.

Camp Refunds

Fees are transferable to another Trailman. No refunds will be made for campers arriving late, leaving early, attending only part of the program, or for those who fail to show up.

Request a refund in writing (email). No refunds will be given after April 15. A \$50 fee will be retained on all refunds. Partial refunds will be considered on a case by case basis and only in the case of extenuating family circumstances or medical reasons supported by a doctor's statement. Allow 4 - 6 weeks for processing.

Visitors / Parking / Meals

Visitors

Parents and friends are always welcome at camp; however they must check in upon arrival and check out before leaving. Note that their attire is expected to meet the same standards as outlined for youth participants (no obscene clothing or objectionable messages as noted earlier). Visitors are subject to the same standards of behavior as leaders (smoking, behavior, etc.). Visitors are not permitted to participate in the Trail Life activities (other than opening and closing ceremonies, chapel and entertainment events).

Visitor Parking

ONLY CAMP VEHICLES ARE PERMITTED BEYOND THE PARKING LOT ON THE CAMP SERVICE ROADS. All visitors' vehicles should be parked in the designated area and are not to be driven unless leaving camp.

Visitor Meals

Visitor meals are not available unless arranged in advance.

Vehicles in Camp and Parking

Upon your Troop's arrival at camp, you will be given instruction as to where to park your vehicle. No private vehicles travel in or about the campsites. No Troop trailer may remain at your campsite. The speed limit in camp is 5 mph. Please do not park in the flag area and beyond. There is a septic field and we need to stay off it. This includes the service road that leads past the bathrooms. Just don't drive past the flag pole.

Trading Post/Snack Shake

The camp also operates a Snack Shack (food) of their own. Please bring additional funds to add to your account for your snack shack needs. Typically \$20 is sufficient for most Trailmen attending camp. Trailmen may turn in spending money to Camp Warren at Registration. Individual accounts will be kept. Any unspent money will be returned to the camper or camp coordinator at the end of the week. Campers leaving early, or those who forget to claim unused funds - forfeit the funds to camp. No reimbursement will be made after the camp ends on Saturday morning.

Transportation

For a safe trip to and from camp all rules in the TLUSA Health and Safety Guide must be followed. The following should receive your careful attention:

- TLUSA Tour Permits are required to be approved by your Charter Organization and sent to home office prior to travel & must be presented at check-in.
- TLUSA Policy requires that only drivers age 21 and older may carry any other Trailmen/Leaders with them in their vehicles.
- All drivers must be licensed.
- Vehicles should be inspected and in good condition including brakes, steering, lights, tires, etc.
- Any vehicle designed to carry 12 or more people must be driven by someone with a commercial driver's license (CDL).
- Driving is limited to 8 hours during any 24 hour period and must be interrupted by frequent rests and food stops – please drive during daylight hours only. Traffic and speed regulations must be obeyed.
- \$100,000/\$300,000 minimum public liability insurance should be carried.
- Persons are not allowed to ride in the back of a truck, trailer, or camper.
- There must be a seat belt available, and used, by all passengers.

NOTE: If the Troop or family will be detained, please contact the Camp Coordinator (Trepina Bedell) 847-942-2988 to indicate a revised arrival time.

Leaving or Entering Camp / Release of Trailmen

Any Trailman or leader who leaves or enters camp during the week, for any reason, must sign in and out. NO Trailman will be permitted to leave camp without the permission of their parents as approved on the "Camper Release Authorization Form." Those individuals coming to camp to remove a Trailman during the ***event must bring a current photo ID with them and be at least 18 years of age*** when they come to check out the Trailman. Trailmen cannot be released to anyone without a photo ID.

Release of Campers

In accord with our TLUSA policy, youth/Trailmen may only be released to an authorized person as listed on the "Camper Release Authorization Form" held on file. The form must be completed and turned in with the camper's medical form at the time of check-in. Only the camper's parent or legal guardian may complete and sign this form.

Each camper leaving camp shall notify his Troop Leader and the Camp Director/Administration Representative as to the estimated time of departure. The camper shall wait at the administration building for the appropriate adult providing transportation to arrive.

When the adult arrives, the Camp Director will verify the name on the "Camper Release Authorization Form" and ask to see a photo identification card (i.e.—Driver's License, State Identification Card, Military Identification Card, etc.). After the verification of the name on the form to the picture ID, the adult shall sign out the camper. The sign-out form shall include the camper's name, time leaving, anticipated return time, and the printed name and signature of the person to which the camper is being released.

NO CAMPER SHALL BE RELEASED TO ANYONE NOT LISTED ON THE "CAMPER RELEASE AUTHORIZATION"

Main Objective of Camp

The main objective of camp is to give every Trailman a great camping adventure filled with new experiences and FUN. The Law of the Camp is Golden Rule and Christian Charity – enjoy the camping, but in all things, let your behavior honor God – Walk Worthy.

Rookie Campers!

Care should be taken with any youth new to camping. Too many times the first camp experience is the last because of the way he is treated by other boys and leaders while at camp. We want everyone to have fun, but not at the expense of an inexperienced camper. There are numerous instances where HAZING has led to serious consequences, both to the physical well-being and emotional health of a boy. Hazing is not tolerated.

Troop Flags

Each day at Colors and Retreat, Troops are asked to raise / lower their Troop flags. (If you don't have a Troop flag, you may wish to quickly order one from the TLUSA Store.)

Media Inquiries

Please refer all media inquiries to the Camp Coordinator.

Knife/Hatchet Policy:**Hatchet:**

Hatchets may only be used for badgework. It is not necessary for a Trailmen to bring a hatchet with them. One should be provided for the necessary learning that needs to be conducted. The hatchet must have a leather head cover on at all times when not being used. Hatchets are to be used ONLY while at badge session under supervision of the badge instructors. Trailmen violating this rule will have their hatchet confiscated and returned upon camp departure. Having a hatchet is not a right, it is a privilege and the privilege of using a hatchet carries significant responsibility. TL leaders and Camp Warren staff maintain the right to immediately confiscate a hatchet for any reason.

Knife:

Camp Warren has a "NO Knife Policy" and is making an exception for the Trail Life camp. We appreciate Camp Warren's flexibility in this area. All Mountain Lions, Navigators, and Adventurers choosing to bring a knife to camp, with parental permission, will be required to attend the Knife Safety Class on Sunday at check - in. Regardless of whether he has already taken a knife-safety class or earned his Wood Tools badge. (NO EXCEPTIONS). A refresher course will be given. NOTE: This class is for Trailmen level Mountain Lion and up who are mature enough and have sufficient impulse control to earn the privilege of responsibility bringing and using a pocket knife during Trail Life events. Parental permission to enroll in this class is required.

Additionally, Trail Life leaders accompanying Trailmen at camp must give their approval. Upon passing the class, a Trailmen will be given a "Pocketknife Privilege Card" (PPC), granting him permission to carry and use his knife. The PPC must be carried anytime Trailmen have their pocketknife. Knife should be a pocketknife, 4" maximum blade. No sheath knives allowed. Knives should be labeled with Trailman's name. It is best to label the knife using tape as permanent marker wears off the knife handle and blade. Campers take full responsibility for their knife. Knives maybe use during daylight hours only, and in designated areas. Upon misuse of the knife or failure to follow all knife safety rules, which may be reported by any Trailman to an TL leader, a TL leader will cut off a corner of the PPC. If all four corners are cut, the knife and PPC will be confiscated and the knife will be returned upon camp departure. This will be explained in greater detail at the Knife Safety Class. TL Leaders and Camp Warren staff maintain the right to immediately confiscate a knife for any reason. Having a knife is not a right, it's a privilege and the privilege of using a knife carries significant responsibility. Knife Safety Class Permission (This is an online google form. There is no paper form.) Adults choosing to keep their own knife take full responsibility for doing so. It must be kept on their person or in a safe, preferably locked box/car, inaccessible to Trailmen or others.

Daily Schedule

7:30 Troop Devotions

7:40 Opening Flag Ceremony

8:00 Breakfast and Clean UP

8:45 Devotions

9:30 Badge Work

11:30 free time

12:00 Lunch and Clean Up

1:00 Badge Work

3:00 Free Time

5:30 Dinner and Clean Up Duties

6:40 Closing Flag Ceremony

6:45 Camp Meeting and Worship

8:00 Late Night Venue

10:30 Lights Out

Check-in Procedure

- 1) Bring your completed medical forms to have them checked by the Health Officer.
- 2) Submit your final roster

Personal Health & Medical Record

Our medical form incorporates ALL required documents into one pamphlet. Your medical form should be current within the last 12 months.

NOTE: We do not want your original medical forms! *Bring three (3) PHOTO COPIES of each medical form to camp. They will be returned at checkout.*

CAMPERS AND ADULTS WITHOUT CURRENT MEDICAL FORMS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO STAY IN CAMP!!!!!!!!!!!!

Medications

All medications, over-the-counter or prescriptions should be kept by the Troop leader. Medications must be packaged in their original containers with the prescription clearly labeled along with dosing instructions. Emergency meds for those with insect allergies and asthma may be carried on the person but must still be registered with the Health Officer. Medications requiring refrigeration should be turned in at check in.

CHECK-IN WILL BEGIN AT 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 28th

Troops may not be in camp before 3 p.m.

Check In and Check Out

Check In: Sunday, June 28 between 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Please no late arrivals, Gate will be locked at 9 p.m.

Check Out: Saturday, July 4, 9:00a.m. - 10 a.m.

You will be assigned check out cleaning jobs

Each Troopmaster or other point person will be given the registration envelopes. They will contain any medical forms, high adventure forms, and camp patch. Badge completion forms will also be given to the Troopmaster. Trailmen must pick up their own un-used snack shack money. Any snack shack money not claimed will be forfeited to Camp Warren.

Early Check - out: If you intend to leave earlier than Saturday, 9 a.m. the Camp Coordinator, Trepina, needs 24 hour notice in advance of your departure time. Please also try to complete your check-out cleaning duties.

Mail and Telephone Service

Mail and care packages are always welcome. Campers love to receive a letter from home. The best way to get your Trailman a package (NO FOOD PLEASE) or letter is to drop it off when you drop them off or have the Troopmaster bring it with them.

Camper Name
TL Camp Warren
4225 Camp Warren Lane
Decatur, IL 62521

If you need to reach your Trailman, please call Camp Coordinator, Trepina: 847-942-2988 email: TLNCSummerCamp@gmail.com

Your First Day at Camp

Check-in

Troops are to check-in as a Troop between 3 and 5 PM on Sunday July 21st. A staff host will accompany the Troop to your campsite. Troops arriving after 5 p.m. must notify the Camp Coordinator, Trepina Bedell 847-942-2988. Gate will be locked at p.m.

The Troopmaster and First Officer should immediately proceed to the Check-in Area with your designated staffer. Please bring the following materials:

- 1.) ***Completed troop roster (3 copies)***
- 2.) ***All fees for camp must be paid in advance.***
- 3.) ***All health & medical forms & medications***

During this time the Second Officer and Assistant Troopmaster will organize the remaining troop members and their gear. Once the Troopmaster and First Officer are done, the rest of the troop will enter the building and go through medical checks including lice and temperature check. Once complete, the whole troop will proceed to their campsite. No one is allowed in camp prior to medical and lice check.

Swim Check

Swim checks will are required for all who swim, canoe, kayak or in/on the water at any point. Trailman should practice and build up their swimming skills before camp. All participants will be required to wear a PFD at the water area.

Campsite Selection

When our Staff assigns campsites, there are several things that are taken into consideration, including capacity limits and the physical characteristics of the site, as well as the size of your Troop. The locations and topography dictate how many tents can be set up to make a campsite comfortable. Based upon the approximate number of Trailmen and leaders who will be attending camp with you, we will assign you a site which will accommodate your Troop. The Camp Director and / Program Director reserve the right to change, at their discretion, your site reservation if it is in the best interest of the Camp. Smaller Troops will be assigned to share both a site and leadership with a "brother" Troop with similar interest or needs.

Campsite Use

Your campsite is your home for the duration of the event. Make sure to share the following dictum with your Trailmen: **RESPECT EACH OTHER'S CAMPSITES AND PRIVACY. DO NOT ENTER SOMEONE ELSE'S CAMPSITE WITHOUT ASKING FOR PERMISSION! IT IS INAPPROPRIATE TO "CUT THROUGH" ANOTHER TROOP'S CAMPSITE WITHOUT THEIR EXPRESSED PERMISSION.**

Flames in Tents

Troop leadership is responsible to ensure that all Trailmen and leaders in camp are aware of the potential dangers of having flames of any type in tents. **NO FLAMES IN TENTS AT ANY TIME! Absolutely NO FLAME IN CAMP - not even propane lanterns. There is enough light between flash lights and other lighting.**

Child/Youth Protection

TLUSA will not tolerate the abuse of campers or their rights. The following are "external barriers" that must be in place to protect our Trailmen, leaders, staff and any visitors to our camp.

- o Two deep leadership
- o No one-on-one contact (use the “buddy system” – 3 or more constitutes a buddy team)
- o Respect each person’s privacy while changing clothes or taking showers. Intrude only to the extent that health and safety requires it.
- o There are no secret organizations in TLUSA.
- o Appropriate attire is always worn in camp.
- o Constructive discipline is practiced. There will be no corporal punishment.
- o Hazing is prohibited.
- o Junior leaders must be trained and supervised.

Any suspected abuse or violation of TLUSA policies must be reported directly to the Camp Coordinator immediately!

Personal Identification & Camper Security Procedures

Camp Staff Identification

All regular camp staff members will wear a readily recognized staff hat as well as their TLUSA Lanyard.

Camper Identification

All campers (youth & adult) are to bring their standard issue TLUSA lanyards.

Visitor Identification

All visitors entering camp must sign-in at the designated Administration office upon arrival and sign out at the same location when they leave. In addition, they will be issued a “Visitor ID” lanyard.

Anyone in camp without appropriate identification . . . Will be escorted to the Camp Coordinator for processing. Everyone in camp is REQUIRED to have a VISIBLE ID displayed on their person at all time.

Food Services

Food

- 17 meals will be provided: Sunday Evening through breakfast Saturday morning
- Camp Warren is not able to accommodate special dietary needs. If you have dietary restrictions, please contact the Camp Warren Camp Director PRIOR to the week we will be at camp.

Campsite Cooking

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided at the designated dining hall area. Everyone is expected to attend meal. Meals will be served in shifts starting at:

Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

Lunch 12:00 p.m.

Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Dining Hall Clean - up

Troops will be assigned dining hall clean up and other clean up duties on a rotating schedule. Thanks for encouraging your troops to be diligent with their assigned duties as this is one way we can serve Christ and Camp Warren.

A Trailman Honors God

Honoring God



Trail Life Vespers

Softly falls the light of day,
As our campfire fades away.
Prayerfully, each Trailman asks,
Have I done what God would ask?
Have I served my country well?
In God's grace, tried to dwell?
Have I done all that I could,
To Walk Worthy as I should?

Listen Lord, oh listen
As I whisper soft and
Bless my mom and bl
For these are things that they should know.
I have served my country well.
In God's grace, I tried to dwell.
I have done all that I could,
To Walk Worthy as I should.

The Warrior's Prayer

(As You Lead Each Prayer, Say:) "A Trailman Honors God..." (then...)
For the strength and provision You have granted us this day,
For the many blessings which surround us in this YOUR place,
For the sunshine and rain – and blizzards of this life,
For the wisdom You promise to all who seek You,
And for the forgiveness and grace You offer all who come to you.
For these things and so much more, we thank You Lord.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Health & Safety

more info.....

Possible Forms Needed for each Trailmen (youth and adult):

- Health and Medical Form
- High Adventure Medical Form (needed for climbing, horse, zipline, kayaks, canoes, shooting sports, etc.)
- Swim Test Form
- Zip Line and Camp Warren Waiver
- Climbing Waiver
- Horse Waiver
- Travel Permission (to get to camp and get to off - site locations for activities)
- Knife Safety Class Permission

Medical Forms

The TLUSA High Adventure form is required for all participants at this event regardless of age.

Campers and adults without proper medical forms are not permitted to remain in camp.

Make sure to double check the following items on health forms before coming to camp:

Emergency name, address, and phone number are listed on the medical form

Parent or guardian signatures and dates (current year)

All immunizations must show the most recent date – or the participant must provide the form stating that they elect not to immunize their child (available on the Trail Life Connect).

Medications

All medications, over-the-counter or prescription, must be identified to the Camp Medical Director during the medical recheck upon arrival in camp and then held by the Troop leader. Medications should be clearly labeled and in their original containers. Medicine will be dispensed by the Troopmaster [as prescribed on the label]. It is the Troop leader's responsibility to make certain that their Trailmen receive their medications at the proper time.

First Aid

An individual trained in first aid will be available at all times. For emergencies, the camper will be transported to a nearby hospital where a physician is on duty. All registered Trailmen are covered by minimal accident insurance [which is secondary to the family's own insurance plan]. Report all injuries and illnesses to the Camp Coordinator immediately.

Alcohol, Illegal Drugs or Stimulants

It is the camp policy and TLUSA's policy that under no circumstance shall alcohol, illegal controlled substance or paraphernalia associated with illegal substances be brought onto, held in possession, or consumed on any camp property. Any violation of this policy shall be cause for immediate removal from camp as well as referral to the appropriate legal authority. TLUSA reserves the right to require testing of those suspected of the use or abuse of such substances. In addition, those who knowingly withhold information related to the use and / or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance on camp property shall also be removed from camp. The above policy, and consequences so noted, shall not be open to arbitration or negotiation.

Fire Prevention

Fires should never be left unattended. No fires should be had except in the main fire pit by the lake.

Fires should be started only with natural materials.

In case of fire, notify the Camp Director or closest staffer immediately.

KEEP ALL FLAMES OUT OF & AWAY FROM TENTS AND CABINS!!!!

General Health & Safety

- No Trailman or leader should leave the camp property without checking in or out at the Administration building.
- Each Troop will act under its own adult supervision at all times.
- Shoes must be worn at all times to prevent cuts, bruises, or thorn punctures to the feet. Open-toed shoes and sandals are not permitted.
- Alcoholic beverages, firearms, controlled substances, illegal drugs and fireworks are prohibited.
- Do not climb trees.
- NO horseplay. More Trailmen are injured because of carelessness than any other cause.
- No moonlight swims. Swimming in the lake is prohibited.
- Report all injuries and illnesses immediately.
- Each Trailman should receive proper instruction in the use of knives, axes and other hand tools.
- When the weather forecast presents a potential hazard, the Camp Director, Program Director, and/or Safety Director have the authority to temporarily suspend ALL activities.

Camp-Wide Emergencies

Fire Plan

When a person detects a fire they should alert those in the area and then notify the nearest staff member or troop leader who will in turn notify the Camp Office. At no time should any Trailman be exposed to danger. Campers must not fight the fire. Adults in the area should try to control the fire if possible. The Camp Director [or his designee] will activate the emergency warning (continuous long whistle blasts). All program areas of the camp will be closed and all campers report to the Warrior Arena immediately assembling there by Troop. If the Warrior's Arena is the location of the fire, campers will be directed to assemble near the Administration building.

Lost Camper

Troop leaders should be aware of where their Trailmen are during the course of the day. If a Trailman is unaccounted for, proceed as follows: Assemble the Troop. Find out pertinent information such as last seen location, homesickness, camp interests, friends from other sites, topics of conversation, etc. Check all areas where the Trailman may be including tents, cars, cabins, latrine, Trading Post, program areas, etc. If not found quickly, contact the Camp director or the closest staffer. Staff search procedures will be initiated.

Major Medical Emergencies

The nearest trained First Aider provides immediate primary care. Do not move an injured person; send for help from the Camp Medic/EMT. Notify the Camp Director. The Camp Director will evaluate the situation and determine what further steps need to be taken. The rescue squad will be called if required. Transportation will be arranged to proper facilities as needed. The Trailman's parents will be notified if a camper is sent for treatment. Emergency landing area for helicopters is the field adjacent to the stage area.

Severe Weather

A severe weather warning of will be activated at the discretion of the Camp Director, Camp Coordinator, or Safety Director based official NOAA and/or local weather alerts.

Severe Storm or Tornado WATCH - A staff member will notify the program areas and campsites that a Watch exists until an established watch expiration time.

Severe Storm or Tornado Warning - **Three consecutive air horn blasts will be sounded.** All program areas will close immediately and Trailmen must report to the designated safety area in their activity area - and remain in that area until the threat has passed and the Camp Director, Program Director or Safety Director has released campers to return to their activities. In most cases, simply reporting to and remaining in your campsite is the correct procedure. However, in extreme cases, you will need to take the following action(s).

The Camp Director (or his designee) will direct the campsites to evacuate to the safe shelters. Troop leaders should

be alert and ready to move their Troop to a safe area in any condition that looks dangerous. ***If you are caught on the trail, take cover in the nearest depression or ravine. Be on the lookout for flash floods and falling branches.***

Troop Organization in Camp

The same organization used to conduct your year-round program is the one you use to conduct your program at camp. Many Troopmasters have found that when the entire troop will not be attending camp, the reorganization of patrols and election of new or temporary patrol leaders should be done in advance of camp. This gives the new patrol a chance to develop patrol spirit and the new leader gets some on-the-job training.

Your main objective should be to see that every Trailman gets to camp. A well-organized troop will not only have a stimulating camp experience, but also will have well-trained junior leaders for the fall program. Assistant Troopmasters should be responsible for a phase of camp life as assigned by the Troopmaster. We suggest that they be placed in direct charge of some aspect of the program. Troopmasters are usually given specific responsibilities involving definite skills, such as instructors in camp craft and nature or the direction of certain activities such as campfires and games. **The First Officer, as the youth leader in charge, should conduct the Patrol Conference and be responsible for program scheduling, inspections, roll calls and the coordination of the patrols. Patrol Leaders should act in their usual capacity as the youth leader of the patrols in all activities.**

At least once a day, the Patrol Leader should meet to discuss the day's schedule, duties and program. As a group, they are responsible for the daily inspections and all troop activities.

A TROOPMASTER ACHIEVES ONE OF THE GOALS OF TRAIL LIFE: LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT -

BY DELEGATING RESPONSIBILITY, OPPORTUNITY, AND CHALLENGE TO HIS TRAILMEN

Troopmaster's Responsibilities

I. Before Camp

- Hold a Parent / Trailman meeting to review the contents of this Program Guide with them.
- Review the advancement possibilities with each Trailman and the Patrol Leaders. This is a must for a successful camp experience.
- Counsel Trailmen who plan to do Trail Badges so that a proper balance and variety can be achieved in their program.
- Supervise the planning of the Troop's program with your Patrol Leaders. Your First Officer should be prepared to run the Troop program during camp.
- Arrange with the Troop Committee for adequate transportation to and from camp. (Please note that TLUSA does not permit the transportation of passengers in the beds of trucks, trailers or campers).
- Distribute the TLUSA High Adventure Medical Form to Trailmen and leaders. These may be obtained online. Every Trailman and leader must have a properly completed form paying careful attention to the parent's signature/date, examination dates and inoculation record dates. Review these carefully before coming to camp.
- Check with your Troop Quartermaster and First Officer to see that they have carried out their assignments.
- Complete Troop roster (total of 3 copies) before you arrive at camp (Photocopies are fine).

II. At Camp

- Meet the designated site host and proceed through check-in as directed. (Review the "Check-in Procedures" section of this manual).
- Supervise the setting up of the campsite.
- Attend Troopmaster / First Officer orientation meeting.
- Maintain open communications between the Troop and camp. Attend camp leaders' meetings when held.

- Supervise your Troop's program. Be aware of where your Trailmen are and how they are doing.
- Make sure Trailmen, leaders, and visitors at camp are aware of the camp's schedule, policies and procedures.
- Maintain and enforce Troop discipline and behavior.

III. As you Leave Camp

- You will have some things to pick up before you leave – your Troop's medical forms and perhaps some other paperwork. A site host will release you once your site has been inspected for cleanliness.
- Note that all Troops will have some nominal camp tear down duties.

IV. Stuff You May Want to Buy Before Leaving Camp!

- We may have some camp supplies available for sale after the event. More information will be forthcoming.
- We MAY have a few extra event Tee Shirts and lanyard pins. If so, these will be sold at on-site while supplies last.

First Officer's Responsibilities

You are the leader who, with your Troopmaster's supervision, plans the encampment with your Patrol Leaders. You make assignments to patrol leaders for their part in the Troop's program and follow through to make sure these assignments are carried out.

I. Before Camp

- Plan the program with your Troopmaster, using this leader guide and information from the pre-camp leaders' meeting.
- Call at least two meetings of your Patrol Leaders: the first one to help plan the program; the second one to make arrangements to carry out the plan.
- With the Quartermaster, check the Troop equipment needed at camp and make tent assignments before you leave for camp.
- Instruct Patrol Leaders to strive for advancement objectives for each Trailman in his patrol.
- Encourage Trailmen to experience all of the camp's program areas and have FUN!

II. At Camp

- Lead Trailmen through "check-in".
- Lead Troop in setting up campsite.
- Attend camp First Officers' meetings to discuss program and new ideas.
- Communicate information gathered at First Officers' meeting to remainder of your troop.

What Should I Bring to Camp? (refer to page 308 in your handbook)

1. What should the Troop bring?
 - a. Your food is provided by the camp, so you don't need all the gear to cook.
 - b. Your trailer is probably going to be loaded with tents, ground cloths, cots or ground pads, and stuff for camp gadgets or all sorts - remember please NO lanterns . Can you have a fire? No. That is for the designated area only.
 - c. What about hammocks? Only if you want to sleep in poison ivy and poison oak. Yes, there are a FEW places but we're encouraging you to plan to tent camp or stay in a cabin for this week's adventure.
 - d. And a gateway? Sure! Make it happen! If you have a favorite game, bring it!
2. Leave the radios and noisy stuff at home - or lock it up in your car when you arrive.
3. Need more ideas about what to pack? Consult the zillion lists on Pinterest!

Then there's always the list:

Packing List

LABEL EVERYTHING WITH YOUR NAME!

	Sleeping:		Compass
	Sleeping Bag		Personal First Aid Kit
	Pillow		Pocket Knife (if you intend to take the knife class) - 4" long or less
			Hatchet for Wood Tools (ML) or Nav/Ad in badge work only
	Clothing:		Watch
	Poncho or Rain Suit		
	Shirts (pack a few - we will be wearing camp t-shirt)		Optional:
	Pants/Modest Shorts		Tent (if choice of accommodation)
	Sweatshirt/Jacket		Sunglasses
	Socks (enough for each day plus one extra pair)		Camera
	Underwear (at least one pair per day plus extra pair)		Fishing Gear
	Extra pair of shoes or hiking boots, Flip Flops only for shower		Personal Medications (to be given to your Troopmaster)
	Old Shoes for water play		Earplugs
	PJ's (Sweats/shorts are great)		Fan, battery powered
	Swim Suit (modest)/Goggles if desired		Camera (not on a phone)
	Jeans, 1 pair (Horsemanship, Nav/Ad Swimming)		
			Leave at Home:
	Toiletries:		Sheathed Knives
	Wash Cloth/small towel		Knife if not required for badgework and will not be taking knife class
	Beach Towel		ALL electronics (radio, cell phones, ipods, etc)
	Soap		Personal snacks (NO food in tents or cabins)
	Brush/comb (Do not share with other campers)		Fireworks, guns, tobacco, alcohol
	Toiletries (Toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant)		Illegal substances
	Miscellaneous:		Consider a Convenient Day Pack: (To be carried with camper to activities and badge work):
	Flashlight or headlamp with new batteries		Small personal first aid kit
	Camp Chair		Sunscreen
	Journal/Bible/Pen/Devotional booklet		Hat
	Sunscreen		Bug Spray
	Bug Spray		Rain Jacket
	Hat/Bandana		Water Bottle
	Large mesh bag (for wet clothes - do not use plastic bag)		Anything else that comes to mind
	Re-fillable water bottle		
	Personal floatation device (For non-swimmers)		
	Money for Snack Shack		

A Few Special Notes as we Close

Troop and Camp Level Duty Rosters – Will your Troop have a duty roster? You bet! One of your own for use with your Trailmen – but ALSO, your Troop will have responsibilities in the camp operations! Watch for more information.

Leadership at Camp – Yes, there is most definitely a camp staff - but our goal is to develop leadership among our Trailmen. So First Officers... Get Ready!

First Officers, plan now to say *Thank You* to your adult Troop leaders. Many have quietly done extraordinary things to make this week you are soon to enjoy possible.

A final word about copies of stuff... Print what you need at home. Bring them ready to use on-site. That includes schedules, Leader's Booklet, duty roster, your Troop's medical forms (remember, three copies), and a copy of the daily devotionals for every youth and adult in your Troop.