

Winnebago 2015 Useful info for parents and Scouts

Hi Everyone

I put together a list of some of the activities that will be available to the Scouts this year at summer camp.

Camp Theme for Winnebago 2015

This year's theme is The Pirates of Winnebago

Trail to Eagle

Trail to Eagle Camp – Spend the week working on the merit badges required for Eagle and learn about what it takes to become an Eagle Scout. You must be a least a Star Scout, 13 years old or older. Scouts in the Trail to Eagle Camp form their own troop at camp in the Cheyenne site. We provide the adult leaders and special programs to help Scouts better understand the journey ahead of them. You can also participate in all of the program areas at camp.

Dan Beard – First Year Camper Program

The Winnebago Dan Beard Program is designed to supplement the troop's regular program and not replace it. It was developed from the perspective of the first year summer camper. The Dan Beard program is structured to provide individual attention to each Scout regardless of where they are on the advancement trail. Using the model put forth by Lord Robert Baden-Powell at Brownsea Island, the Scouts involved in Dan Beard will be immersed in a day long Scout skills and team building environment. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn at least three merit badges. However, the principle emphasis will be on learning and applying the skills necessary for rank advancement through First Class. Each Scout will enjoy the camaraderie of their home troop during meals and in the evening.

The key word of the Winnebago Dan Beard Program is FUN! Utilizing the Scout handbook and a hands-on approach, the program draws on the past and the present, as it strives to be on the cutting E-D-G-E of Scout-skills and team development. Baden-Powell often said that "The patrol method is not one way to run a Scout program, it is the only way." The Scouts in Dan Beard are divided into camp patrols, enabling them to work on both team building and leadership skills. The day long program allows for a more comprehensive and time effective approach to explaining, demonstrating, guiding and enabling (E-D-G-E) the mastery of specific Scout-skills.

Please refer to the Dan Beard Program Schedule in the appendix on page 44 for an overview of the week. If you, as the unit leader, feel that a Scout will not benefit from all parts of the program, then we ask that an adult, SPL or buddy accompany the Scout when leaving the program area.

Fishing

A valid New Jersey fishing license is required for residents at least 16 years and less than 70 years of age (plus all non- residents 16 years and older) to fish the fresh waters of New Jersey. Visit the Ecology lodge for fishing tips and tricks.

Mud Hike

Scouts and adults are encouraged to join us every week on the famous Winnebago Mud Hike. You are guaranteed to get wet and dirty. We recommend a large plastic garbage bag for each person's clothes for after the hike. Some people bring old clothes and dispose of them before departing camp. This is always a great photo op for those not going on the hike!

Mountain Biking

Morning and afternoon mountain bike rides are scheduled daily. See the Merit Badge and Program Schedule for times.

Baseball Batting Cage: See the Merit Badge and Program Schedule

Basketball: Balls are available at the shed or camp office

Disc Golf: Frisbee discs are available at the shed or camp office

Kickball: Balls and bases are available at the shed or camp office

Putting Green: Putters and balls are available at the shed or camp office

Skateboard Half Pipe: See the Merit Badge and Program Schedule

Tetherball: Visit the tetherball area near the trading post

Volleyball: Balls are available at the shed or camp office

Wiffleball: Bats, balls, and bases are available at the shed or camp office

Dual Zip Lines over Durham Pond

Introduced in 2014, our dual 1,000+ foot zip lines over Durham Pond instantly became a favorite activity for all campers. The first zip line begins near the dining hall. After you cross the lake, it is a short walk to the second zip line for your return trip. The zip lines are subject to a minimum weight requirement of 120 lbs. Lower weights may be allowed when conditions warrant. See the COPE director for current information.

The zip lines are open during morning, afternoon and evening program time. They may be closed due to weather or camp wide events.

Paintball Action Adventure

All Scouts and adults are invited to the Paintball Action Adventure near the archery range. We provide Tippmann 98 Custom semi-automatic paintball markers, paintballs, and all safety equipment. Test your skill at stationary and moving targets on our ten station course. High score for the week wins a prize. Fee: 20 shots for \$1.00. Please purchase tickets at the camp office.

Movie Night

A full length movie is shown every Wednesday night in the council ring amphitheater after the campwide games. Freshly popped popcorn is free for all. The movie is shown in the dining hall in the case of inclement weather. The movie title will be announced in the dining hall.

Miss Winnie Pontoon Boat

The Miss Winnie pontoon boat offers morning and evening fishing charters. Space is limited, and tickets must be purchased in advance at the camp office. The fee is \$1.00 for youth and \$2.00 for adults. Morning trips run from 6:00 am until 7:30 am, Monday thru Friday. Evening trips run 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Troop photo

A great souvenir of a fabulous fun week in camp is a troop photograph. There will be a professional photographer in camp after dinner on Monday to take a picture of your troop. The cost is \$8.00 per photograph paid at check-in. Please bring any troop flags or other troop items you wish to be in your photograph to dinner with you on Monday evening.

Mail to Scouts

Incoming Mail

All incoming mail will be available in your unit's box in the camp office. If parents want to send letters or packages to their sons, be sure they mail early. The Friday before camp is not too soon. The mailing address is:

Name, Troop Number, Campsite Winnebago Scout Reservation 102 Timberbrook Rd

Rockaway, NJ 07866

OA day

Thursday is OA day.