

# Scoutmaster Campfireside Chat – Tomahawk 2014

- ❖ How will we get to camp and home again?
  - Adults from the troop drive. We may need additional drivers to ferry scouts.
- ❖ Will we be stopping to eat on our way to camp or on our way home?
  - Yes. McDonalds in Rice Lake on the way to camp and DQ in Barron on our way home.
  - Cost of this food is already included in camp fees.
- ❖ Will scouts need to bring a tent?
  - No. Scouts will sleep in Army style tents provided by camp. Eagle Scouts can bring their own tent.
  - Adults generally bring their own tent. Can get camp tent if they notify Mr Porwoll.
- ❖ Who will scouts tent with?
  - Scouts will pick their own tent mate. Start pairing-up now.
- ❖ What other gear should scouts bring?
  - See Tomahawk packet for recommendations. Be sure to bring a sleeping bag, 2 pairs of shoes, rain gear, mess kit, scout handbook, beach towel, and shower towel.
- ❖ Where will scouts tent?
  - Adults set-up camp on the south end of camp, older scouts set-up on the north end and new scouts set-up near the adult tents.
- ❖ Recommendations for clothes.
  - Bring clothes for all kinds of weather. Discuss cotton vs synthetic. 2<sup>nd</sup> pair of shoes, rain gear.
- ❖ Can scouts bring a knife, saw or hatchet?
  - Once scouts have earned their whittling chip and tot' chit they can use a pocket knife with a blade less than 3". Scouts may bring **one** knife. No saws, hatchets or axes.
- ❖ Should scouts bring money?
  - Yes. They can buy Scouting supplies, candy and pop at the trading post. Adults will not monitor spending habits. MB fees will be charged to the troop. The troop will then charge the scout.
- ❖ Who needs a swim check?
  - Anyone who wants to go near the water. Adults too. Swim check 6/17/14
- ❖ What MBs will scouts work on?
  - The ones they signed-up for unless they did not get into limited space MBs like cooking. We will know 2 weeks before camp what MB everyone got.
- ❖ What can we expect for food?
  - Most delicious meals will be served in the dining hall. Everyone helps.
- ❖ Are there bears at Tomahawk?
  - Yes. We will go over bear training prior to departure. **No food in tents.**
- ❖ Can scouts bring food with them?
  - Yes. It must go into their "personals" box in the bear box, though.
- ❖ What is a "personals" box?
  - It is a plastic shoe box that all smellables go into. It then goes into the bear box. Soap, shampoo, tooth paste, deodorant etc...
- ❖ Are there mosquitos at Tomahawk?

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- Yes. Bring non-aerosol bug repellent, mosquito netting for your cot. Permethrin works really well. Spray on clothes prior to camp. Check for ticks every day.
- ❖ Can scouts wear flip-flops?
  - No. Only closed-toe shoes around camp. Can wear flip-flops in shower.
- ❖ Can scouts wear camouflage clothes at camp?
  - No.
- ❖ Can parents call or visit camp?
  - Call only in case of emergency. No news is good news. Can visit but do not plan on a lot of one-on-one time with scout. They are very busy. Do not plan on eating camp food unless you have arranged the visit previously with Mr Porwoll.
- ❖ Can campers use cell phones, ipods etc at camp?
  - Scouts should not. Adults can use in their tents or parking lots. Camp is a nature setting.
- ❖ What are bathroom and shower facilities like?
  - Scouts use outhouse and a shower building.
  - Adults use outhouses and private bathroom/shower facilities. Much like at state parks.
  - Please encourage scouts to shower regularly while at camp.
- ❖ Should scouts ever tent with their parents while at camp?
  - No.
- ❖ Will there be a Court of Honor at camp?
  - Yes. Friday at 7:00 pm in our camp site. All are welcome to attend. Eat before coming. Bring a chair. Keep in mind traffic will be bad, 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend and bridge work in Stillwater.
- ❖ When will we leave and return.
  - We will meet in the Epiphany parking lot at 8:30am on Saturday and hope to leave by 10:00am.
  - We will return to the Epiphany parking lot at about 1:00pm the following Saturday.
  - Please be on time to claim your son.
- ❖ Is there free time during the day?
  - Yes. There are 3 troop activity times each day plus open program at night.
- ❖ If parents come to the Court of Honor can they take their son with them when they leave?
  - No. There is a lot of work to be done one Saturday.
- ❖ When should all paperwork be turned-in?
  - No later than the picnic on Monday June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- ❖ Who is responsible for getting scouts to activities on time?
  - Each scout is. **Bring a watch.**
- ❖ What behavior is expected?
  - Scout Oath and Scout Law says it all.
- ❖ What are segments?
  - Explain.
- ❖ What will Brownsea Scouts cover?
  - Rank advancements in the morning? MBs in the afternoon.
- ❖ What is the cost?
  - Scouts pay \$250 this year.
  - Adults should see Mr Porwoll or Mr Manion for the total cost.