

Summer Camp at KIA KIMA

Troop 335

It that time again!

The dates for Summer Camp this year are June 13 to June 20.

We will be leaving mid-morning on Saturday the 14th. This allows us a more leisurely trip up, additional time to get camp set up and to do our swim checks if we need to. The guys have really enjoyed the extra time the last few years.

- Cost is \$200 plus the troop's \$25 camping fee – which covers gas and some 'fun' food we bring along.
- Additional costs can be incurred if you son(s) is/are attending any of the special programs such as O.U.T or C.O.P.E as well as the shooting merit badges. We will charge the miscellaneous fees back to your son's account.
- The camp fee **does** include a t-shirt.
- Camperships (fee assistance) forms are available – talk to Mr. Mike **BEFORE April 1st**.
- Your son must have a current Class 3 medical form or the new all-in-one form. We have attached a blank for your convenience.
- **Attached is a permission slip, please sign it and return it with your son(s)'s medical examination form on the day we leave.**
- **Please attach a second COPY of the medical form for us.**
- We will be stopping for Lunch on both days of travel. We stop at McDonald's. Please provide your son(s) with the appropriate amount of money needed to eat on those stops.
- **Do NOT bring electronic items of any kind. Do NOT bring weapons (BB guns, slingshots, etc) of any kind. *These will be confiscated on sight and returned ONLY to a parent.***
- **DO BRING recreational equipment. Frisbees, bat, ball, glove, football, soccer ball, etc. Have your name clearly printed on it with indelible ink.**
- You should have your son(s)'s initials on t-shirts, towels, etc to make sure they can easily be located at the group activity areas.

If you would like to send your son(s) a letter at camp, the scoutmasters can 'play' mailman on the day you wish. Just give on of the scoutmasters the letter with instructions prior to our departure. To make it look real, the address is

Scout Name/Troop
Kia Kima Scout Reservation
629 Kia Kima Trail
Hardy, AR 72542.

Visiting camp is **HIGHLY** encouraged. You are encouraged to make the trip with us when we leave, or come up for Friday night's campfire ceremony and stay overnight with us until we leave on Saturday. We enjoy the company and the boys will too! If you plan on doing either of these (or both) talk to the scoutmasters so that we may make allowances for sleeping/eating during your visit. We also have driving instructions and maps!

Also, most scouts benefit from approximately \$20-30 of spending money during the week. There are snack machines and the trading posts (stores) open all day during the week. And they sell a great flavored ice drink that is very refreshing on those hot summer days! Your scoutmasters will be glad to play the role of "Bank" if you wish. Just provide a sealed envelope with instructions to us before we leave.

You should have received a required equipment list assist in packing. We will travel in full uniform. We do **NOT** wear our uniform except for flag/special ceremonies so they will need comfortable clothes for the remainder of the time. Pack extra clothes. Pack an extra pair of shoes. Pack toiletries!!!! Pack a swim suit and towel for bathing and showering – which will be required daily. We hang-dry wet items at camp all week.

We suggest that they have a 'day-pack' (school backpack) with them – they come in handy – but are not necessary.

Medical emergencies of any kind are handled through the on-site camp staff and nearby hospital. It is essential that the medical form be accurate as this is our only record to use for treatment/diagnosis. We will attempt to contact a parent immediately if any situation develops. If any non-medical situation arises that requires we contact a parent, we will do so at our earliest convenience.

As stated earlier, you should contact us via the following numbers. Typically, the cell phones do work at our campsite, but since camp is fairly hilly, and you never know where we'll be, give them a try.

Pete's Cell phone: 901-351-3116

Mike's Cell phone: 901-212-6655

Medications that must be taken at camp need to be delivered to a scoutmaster with **EXPLICIT** instructions, signed by a parent. We will dispense medications according to the instructions only. If your son(s) needs additional medication we will attempt to contact you immediately. Please provide us with a few contact numbers with the instructions.

Scoutmasters
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