

Resident Summer Camp
June 28, 2009 to July 4, 2009
Camp Acahela

We are excited that your son will be joining us for camp this year. He will have a great time. Attached you will find information on packing, medical forms and payment. Please be sure to turn in everything on time. We have camp deadlines to meet.

The attached medical form must be completed for each scout/scout leader attending camp.

A pack Waiver and Permission Form must be filled out for each scout attending. Please be sure to include at least two emergency numbers in the order to be called. In the event that you need to be notified we will call the emergency numbers until someone is notified. We will not call anyone else once someone has been contacted.

The medical form and waiver can be given to your Den Leader; however they must be turned in by **June 15th**.

Your balance of **\$175.00** for Cub Scout summer camp is due by **May 8, 2008**. Please make the check payable to "Pack 80" and drop it off at the Willenbrock's house. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

On **Friday, July 3th**, the parents are welcome to attend Camp Acahela's closing campfire and buffet dinner. Please let us know if you are planning to do so. When you arrive you must check in at the office and also purchase a dinner ticket. If you come up Friday we expect you to take your son home with you.

The pack will be coming home Saturday morning. When we leave camp, a call will be placed to the first person in the telephone chain, and you will receive a call letting you know when we expect to arrive at Exchange Field for you to pick up your son and his gear.

Also, please let us know if your son sleep walks, needs to be awakened to use the bathroom at night, has any really bad phobias, or any other little thing that you think will help make his week at camp more enjoyable if we know about it ahead of time. Our job is to keep them happy and make sure they have fun. We can't do that if they are unprepared or embarrassed to tell us something. Everything is kept private and done as discretely as possible. So please, let us know.

Costumes will be provided to the boys based on the camp theme, and the Pack will purchase a camp T-shirt for them to wear the last day of the week. Late night snacks are also provided for the boys. There is no need to send food for your son. Please do not pack food with his clothes. It will attract nocturnal visitors! Special diets can be accommodated at camp—let us know.

Letters and notes from home are encouraged, but they must be sent ahead of time to ensure arrival. Letters can also be sent with a leader to place in the camp mail bag. Remember—we're in the middle of nowhere. See the camp directions for the address and phone number of the camp. Family photos are discouraged. These often make the boys sad and miss home even more.

This year due to the record number of boys going to summer camp we are going to try something new. We will be having a shake down on **Thursday Night, June 25th** at 6:30 pm. This means you will bring your campers gear to the parking lot across the street from the First United Methodist Church of Somerville. We will be checking it in and packing our trailer on Thursday night. We will be leaving **Sunday, June 28th** from Exchange field in Somerville. Please bring your camper and remaining gear to Exchange Field by *10:45 am*. All medicine, spending money and letters from home will be checked in at that time. Your son needs to bring a bag lunch to eat in the car. We ask that the boys also wear a class B t-shirt (Pack t-shirt or scout camp T-shirt) to camp.

Be sure to pack the daypack with your son's lunch, rain gear, swimsuit, towel and water bottle. We are required to take a swimming ability test when arriving at camp. We may not have access to your son's gear prior to the evaluation.

Medications must be given to the leaders in their original bottle and labeled with the child's name. These meds will then be turned over to the camp health officer who will dispense them to your son. Please keep in mind those "occasional" medical needs your son might have because, as we have learned, if it happens sometimes, chances are it will happen at camp. If your son uses a nebulizer, that must also be sent along.

If you have any questions, please contact David Willenbrock, 293 W. Summit St., Somerville (908) 541-0962. My Cell Phone in case of Emergency Only (732) 921-0076

Camp Address

Camper's Name

Pack 80

Camp Acahela

HC 1 Box 1129 Route 115

Blakeslee, PA 18610

Camp Phone

(717) 646-2223 Emergency Only

PACKING POINTERS

In our experience, we have found the following to be the best way to pack your son for Cub Scout camp. You, of course, may decide to pack him another way. This is merely a suggestion.

Instead of a backpack, purchase a large Rubbermaid container (only one please) and label it with his name. Place individual days of clothing in large Ziploc bags; shorts, shirt, socks and underwear in one bag. That way, when it is time to get ready in the morning, all he has to do is find a bag and get dressed. This saves on shuffling through all his belongings to find missing socks, etc. Send along a large plastic bag or laundry bag for his dirty clothes, which he can place in the bag at the end of the day. Put all the extra socks in one Ziploc and all the extra underwear in another. Should something get wet or soiled, he can find a clean replacement easily. Place all your son's toiletries in some sort of case or bag, too. The hanger we requested is for your son's uniform. He must wear this shirt everyday for dinner, and it can get quite fragrant! We ask the boys to hang up their shirts every night in their tents so they can "air". The neckerchief slide can be placed in the shirt pocket, and the neckerchief can be folded over the hanger. This helps to cut down on lost uniform items. An extra slide might be a good idea, also.

Please do not send anything valuable with your son. No matter how careful and watchful we are, there is always the possibility that something will get lost or broken.

Video games or electronic toys will be confiscated by the adult leaders if found at camp and will be returned when the boys are dropped off on Saturday. We ask that you do not send these with your boys. Also, please do not send radios, cell phones or televisions.

Please label as many items as possible with your son's name or initials. Especially important to label are those items that everyone else will have—handbooks, flashlights, uniform parts, ponchos, mess kit, water bottles, compasses, towels, socks, even underwear.

One final note; Temperatures at camp can fluctuate greatly. Do not ignore anything we have put on the gear list. It is there for a reason. One year we had a week of unseasonably cool weather and many boys were unprepared with "play" sleeping bags and only one pair of pants. The year before that had been very hot—the hottest week of the summer. One really never knows. A good rule of thumb to also remember: Whatever temperatures go down to in Somerville at night, subtract another 15 or 20 degrees for the temperature at night when you are camping.

CAMP ACAHELA PERSONAL PACKING CHECKLIST

- _____ Sleeping Bag, not one made for sleep-overs, (or three blankets and a sheet)
- _____ Complete uniform, including
 - _____ Shirt (with patches sewn on)
 - _____ Neckerchief
 - _____ Slide
 - _____ Blue shorts (denim is okay)
 - _____ Hat
- _____ 7 T-shirts
- _____ 7 Shorts
- _____ Raincoat or poncho (disposable ponchos do not hold up)
- _____ Swimsuit
- _____ 2 pairs of long pants
- _____ Sweatshirt
- _____ Jacket
- _____ 9 pairs of socks
- _____ 9 pairs of underwear
- _____ Laundry Bag
- _____ Sturdy hiking boots (broken in)
- _____ Sneakers or extra shoes
- _____ Water shoes for tubing (or old sneakers—not the same pair as above)
- _____ Clothes and socks to sleep in
- _____ Toothbrush
- _____ Toothpaste
- _____ Tissues
- _____ Washcloth
- _____ Bath towel
- _____ Beach towel
- _____ Comb
- _____ Soap (in a plastic container or bottle)
- _____ Non aerosol insect repellent
- _____ Sunscreen
- _____ Shampoo
- _____ Hanger
- _____ Deodorant (if boy is using it at home)
- _____ Flashlight or small lantern
- _____ Extra batteries for at least two complete flashlight battery changes
- _____ Cub Scout Handbook
- _____ Water bottle or canteen (It is helpful if it has a strap.)
- _____ Spending money in one dollar bills (about \$10)
- _____ Daypack

Webelos I and Webelos II

- _____ Mess kit
- _____ Eating utensils

Optional Items:

- Camera and film
- Playing cards
- Compass
- Travel games (NO VIDEO GAMES!)
- Pencil and paper, a diary or letter writing materials
- Comic books or a paperback
- Small pillow
- Fishing rod (not the toy one) and tackle box if boy would like to go fishing
- Camping Chair

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP ACAHELA

Take 287 N to 78 W (Toll \$0.75 into PA)

Take 78 W to 33N (Exit 71)

Take 33N to 80W (Approximately 27 miles)

Take 80W to 115N (Exit 284) (Approximately 18 miles)

Follow 115 for about 6 miles. Turn left on Kerrick Road. A large rock with a fluorescent arrow on it will be on the corner.

Make a left onto camp road at Camp Acahela sign. (Go slow or you'll miss it.) Follow this road into camp.

Park in the parking lot by the swimming pool. Check in at the first building which is the camp office and trading post.

SOMERVILLE PACK 80
WAIVER AND PERMISSION FORM

Instructions:

1. Complete form
2. Sign (parent or guardian)
3. Return



My son _____ has permission to participate in the pack/den activity known as Cub Scout Summer Camp which will be held at Camp Acahela, Blakeslee, PA from June 29, 2008 to July 5, 2008, leaving from Exchange Field.

I understand that even though guidance and leadership are provided, the actions and behavior of my son while participating in this activity are still my responsibility. In the event it becomes necessary for my son to be returned home because of illness or other reasons, I may be reached at (phone) (____) _____ or as an alternative, contact Mr./Mrs. _____ at (phone) (____) _____.

To the best of my knowledge, my son does not have any physical disabilities and has my permission to engage in all scouting activities except for: _____

In the event that I can not be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician, selected by the adult leader in charge, to hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia, order injection or perform surgery for my son.

Signature of parent or guardian

Date

- Parent/guardian is available to provide transportation for this activity
- Drive to activity
 - Drive home from activity
 - I can do both