

### **Welcome new Scouts and Families to Troop 283!**

Now that your cross over is completed, your journey through Boy Scouts has begun. We want give you additional information on the first camping opportunity ahead for you and your Scout. It is alpine skiing, snowboarding, and cross country skiing at Giants Ridge. The flier will give you a great run down of events logistics, but we realize that you may have additional questions especially if you do not have an older sibling in the Troop.

Following are a list of frequently asked questions by parents of new Scouts. We hope you find them useful. If you still have a question or concern please feel free to call us any time and we can discuss them.

Regards,

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### **Does a parent have to attend and ski with their Scout?**

No. Once a Webelos has completed the crossover ceremony he is a Boy Scout. Parents are not required to attend this event in order to have their Scout attend. That being said it is a great opportunity for you to join in the fun of scouting. In many cases entire families will make the journey with the Scout staying with the Troop and the rest of the family staying at one of the local hotels in Eveleth, or right at Giants Ridge (Only registered Scouts, and adults aiding in supervision of Scouts, can stay at Camp Warren)

### **If the family of a Scout stays at a hotel can we still stop and see our Scout at Camp Warren?**

Yes. You're invited to stop and tour the camp, or have dinner with the Troop. Be aware that two-deep leadership is required to go into the Scout's cabins. If you would like to see where your Scout is sleeping any of the other adult leaders can accompany you to their cabin. Female siblings will not be allowed in the Scout's cabins. They are allowed in the main cabin where we cook and share our meals. Please allow some flexibility within your itinerary, as we need drivers to shuttle Scouts to and from Camp Warren and Giants Ridge. You may be asked to help with this transportation.

### **Can adult females (Mothers) volunteer to help with supervision or transportation and stay at Camp Warren?**

Yes. The main lodge has two bedrooms. We reserve one of the bedrooms for adult females. There are separate bathroom facilities for them in this cabin also.

### **My Scout is excited, but apprehensive about attending**

This is common for new Scouts. We can assure you that the older Scouts will be helpful with the new Scouts, and make them feel welcome. Some Scouts may prefer to have a buddy from their Webelos den, but your Scout is sure to make new friends and have fun even if none of his buddies from his Webelos den attend. While at Camp Warren each patrol will be assigned various cooking and cleaning chores by the senior patrol leader. This really helps the new Scouts become accustomed to the Troop. From experience we will tell you that they may leave apprehensive, but will come home very excited about the Troop and scouting! (Oh yea they might be tired also!)

### **What are the sleeping accommodations?**

There are 5 different cabins that we utilize at Camp Warren. They are heated, outfitted with 6 to 7 bunk beds, a table, and each has a bathroom. Your Scout should bring a sleeping bag, pillow and personal toiletry items. They will be required to remove their boots upon entering any of the cabins. It is strongly recommended that they bring along slippers or tennis shoes to wear in the cabins. The cabins have wood floors and occasionally Scouts without slippers have gotten a sliver in their foot. The Senior Patrol Leader will assign Scouts to cabins according to patrol and age. We have found that keeping boys of near the same age in cabins works the best.

### **My Scout has a need for daily medication. How do I handle that?**

All medications should be given to the Scoutmaster in charge of the trip. Make sure that you include directions for use and frequency of usage. It is a good idea to introduce your son to the Scoutmaster in charge so that he knows to whom to go to for his medication.

### **Will my Scout need additional money while on the trip?**

The drivers will stop along the way up to Camp Warren, usually in Hinckley. This affords the Scouts a chance to purchase dinner and use the restroom. Your Scout should either bring money for dinner, or he can bring a sack dinner along. Other than that the cost of the trip is inclusive. That being said there is a snack bar in Giants Ridge Lodge and many Scouts will bring some extra spending money to purchase a treat.

### **My Scout has skied very little, and only at small hills like Hyland.**

This is difficult for the Troop to give guidance for. Giants Ridge is a much larger ski area than Hyland. There are a number of easier runs, and a number of runs that can challenge your Scout. Although the Scouts are required to ski with a buddy, if your Scout has not skied in this type of environment, then this could be a concern. Safety is the 1<sup>st</sup> goal and we don't want to have any one to get hurt. You may want consider holding your Scout back for a year. Better yet accompany your Scout and help get him accustomed to this type of skiing.

### **Are there lessons available?**

Giants Ridge offers group lessons for about \$40/person. These group lessons would include other individuals visiting Giants Ridge that day and would not necessarily include other Scouts. Group lessons start at 10:30 a.m. Private lessons are available for about \$100-\$120/hour. You should contact Giants Ridge if you are interested in private lessons.

### **Why is it important to fill out the driver's survey?**

There are two reasons:

Boy Scouts of America requires that we fill out a tour permit whenever the Scouts travel to an event. Part of the permit is registering the drivers that will be transporting Scouts. BSA requires the information from the survey for the permit. No information is shared outside of the organization. This is still required by BSA even if you're planning to drive your son, along with another parent and their son.

The Giants Ridge Ski event requires a lot of driving logistics. We need to transport between 50 and 70 Scouts and adults from Wayzata to Camp Warren and back as well as back and forth to Giants Ridge daily. In order to make the trip a success we need drivers to support this.

It is important that we know the exact number of seat belts for each vehicle so that we can make sure each Scout has a place to ride. For this reason we ask every adult to be ready and willing to transport Scouts in addition to their own Scout.

### **Is a health form necessary for adults?**

Yes. If you're transporting Scouts and or staying with us at Camp Warren, then BSA requires that we have a health form on sight for each Scout and adult. The health form allows for immediate access to necessary health information in the event that an accident happens. The length of this camp requires only requires Parts A and B of the health form. This is in essence a health survey, and does not require a doctor's signature. Camps of longer duration, like Many Point, require Part C, and that does require a physical and doctor's signature.

### **Why is there an additional consent form for Camp Warren?**

Camp Warren is a YMCA camp. It is their policy that every person (Scout and Adult) fill out and sign their form. A parent or Guardian must authorize Scouts forms also.

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