

## Policy for Camp out Sign Ups

**Policy:** Every Camp Out Sign Up Sheet will have a deadline date on it. It will be labeled as “Last Day for Sign Up”. This will mean that all Permission Slips, Medical Forms (if needed), and Camping Fees must be paid to Mr. Deetman by that date. The “Fees” will also include an amount for food on the campout, depending on the length of the campout. Fees may be adjusted after that date due to a finished meal plan. Any excess in fees will go back into the Scouts account. Any adjustment that causes the final amount to go up will be collected before the scouts depart on the Camp Out.

Other Items you will find on the “Sign up Sheet”: Name of the Camp Out, Date of Event, Adult in Charge, Scout in Charge and the Fee which is due by the “Last Day for Sign Up”.

If you cancel after the sign up date every effort will be taken to return your paid “Fees” to your account, but if food has already been purchased, that money will be lost. This decision will be made by Mr. D (Activities Chair), Mr. Berry (Scoutmaster), and the Adult in charge after a discussion on the circumstances. Last minute additions to the sign up sheet will only be allowed after a discussion by the same 3 individuals listed above.

**Purpose:** To eliminate last minute changes, confusion, missed/late payments, changing of reservations and timeliness of required paperwork from scouts going on the camp out. This is an effort to provide a more organized Camp Out for the Scouts. Hopefully it will give everyone more time for detailed planning knowing all the facts at least one week prior to the Camp Out.

**Background information:** Several of the last few Camp Outs have had to endure last minute changes due to Scouts either jumping on the Sign Up sheet the last week, or canceling their name off of the Sign Up Roster in the last week. I do not hold this against any of the scouts since there was no policy enforced, or really for that matter, stated as to when and how sign ups should occur. This has resulted in a change in fees, reservations, more food having to be purchased, and lack of knowledge of who is actually going.

**Goal:** Ultimately the goal is to get the Scouts to Commit sooner, not later, to a Camp Out. Have a set plan more than one week out.

**Final Thoughts:** This is my attempt to make the Camp Outs easier to plan and enjoyable for all the adults and scouts going on the Camp Out. Planning has not been going as it should and this is my attempt to fix that problem. The “Scout in Charge” also has responsibilities he must accomplish before the Camp Out and hopefully this will help with his planning as well. I welcome all suggestions and ideas that any of you have to help improve the Camp Out process. Please feel free to e-mail or call me anytime.

Mr. Brian D. (Activities Chair)