

Troop 824 Announcements – June 10, 2021

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Send Venmo payments to: @Kendra-Gaynor



Tonight is our final regular meeting for the year!

See below for the final information to be shared with our Scouting families:

FUNDRAISING

Due to Covid we did not do fundraising last year. This has depleted our Scout funds and we need to build them back up.

Fundraising Options:

- Chiavetta's Chicken dinner –
 - Chairs are Sheila Sullivan and Phil Tavenier
 - To Go with pre orders
- Spaghetti Dinner
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- Meat Sticks
- Rada
- Meat Raffle
- Popcorn
 - Popcorn Sale Goals:
 - Two years ago, our popcorn sales were down, last year they were minimal. This is the big fundraiser for the Troop and for the Council. We need every Scout to "Do Their Best" this year for popcorn sales.
 - If we sell popcorn, each Scout is requested to sell at least \$800. (If the \$800 is not met the Scout's Dues will be increased by \$100)

Note: Dues for next year are estimated to be \$100 per Scout. This will help to cover awards and other regular Troop expenses for equipment and activities. Dues and Registration will be due in September.

SUMMER CAMP

We are still hoping that NY State will relax the Masking and Covid rules for Summer Camp.

At this time:

- All Camp Staff must be vaccinated or tested weekly.
- All Campers (youth and adult) must meet one of three criteria before attending camp:
 - Be vaccinated.
 - Have had Covid within 3 months of attending camp.
 - Family has secured a negative Covid-19 test, 72 hours prior to attending. (Rapid test is not acceptable)
- A COVID-19 Verification Form will need to be completed by all campers that certifies their completion of one of the three above standards. This will need to be attached to the med-form at check-in.
- A unit attending camp (or a group of units sharing a site) will be considered a stable group.
- Vaccinated and Unvaccinated campers do not need to wear a mask when they are in their stable group (campsite) after the third day of camp assuming they had no sick campers in the first several days.
- Vaccinated campers and staff will need to wear a mask in the presence of other campers outside of their stable group.
- Masks must be worn at any time outside of the campsite.

Refunds must be requested 30 days prior to the start of camp (June 17th)

All Health forms, and Merit Badge Prerequisites need to be turned in to Kendra at her house by July 1st. (We are still missing a lot of these forms. Camp will not let you in the gate if the health forms are not 100% complete! You will not earn the Merit Badge if the Prerequisites are not complete!)

Since all campers must arrive together at camp we will all be departing at the same time for each camp from Sanborn Fire Hall. (Camp Merz will leave at a different time than Camp Massawepie.) There are several Scouts who will need to share a ride.

We are still looking for a small, enclosed trailer to carry supplies to camp Merz.

Troop Tents – Please let Mrs. Gaynor know tonight if you are in need of borrowing a Troop tent for summer camp. (Even if you have already stated your need. We have had some changes and want to make sure we have records correct)

CAMP SHAKEDOWNS

Bring your Tents, Stakes, Ground Cloths, and Permethrin Spray

Camp Massawepie – Thursday July 8 at 6pm at Mr. Gaynor's house (2886 Upper Mountain Rd)

Camp Merz Girls – Sunday July 11th at Sanborn Fire Hall from 1-3

Camp Merz Boys – no shakedown is required (spray your tents at home)

All Scouts with Merit Badge prerequisites should have them completed and turned in to Mrs. Gaynor by July 1st.

**Levi Siegmann's Eagle Court of Honor is being held
this Sunday June 13th at 3:00pm. Please come in
Class A uniforms and help us honor another Eagle
Scout from Troop 824!**

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT LIST

PARENTS: We suggest labeling every item of clothing and equipment with the Scout's name and troop number. This will be helpful in returning items that may be lost or left at camp.

Pack in an 18-gallon bin. PLEASE do NOT send Scouts with their equipment packed into plastic garbage bags. These tear and make a huge mess. Personal equipment should be packed in the 18-gallon tote. Sleeping bag may be packed separately in a duffle bag or stuff sack.

Summer Camp MEDICAL FORMS – Completed and Signed

CLOTHING (camouflage clothing is NOT allowed at camp)

- Class A Uniform
- Class B T shirts (if you have one)
- OA Sash
- Jacket/sweatshirt/Rainwear
- Pajamas/sweat suit
- STURDY shoes/boots 2 pair recommended (NO sandals or open toed shoes)
- Old sneakers or water shoes
- Shorts – 5 pair
- Swim Suit
- Long Pants – 2 pair
- Socks/Underwear (7 pair) Change daily!
- Extra shirts
- Laundry Bag/Plastic Bags for dirty clothes



Absolutely! NO Food in tents or lean-tos

EQUIPMENT

- Sleeping Bag/Bedroll/Foam Pad/Pillow
- Flashlight (EXTRA batteries)
- Scout HANDBOOK
- Shower clogs/flip flops (For shower area only)
- TOILETRY KIT including
 - Toothbrush & Toothpaste
 - Washcloths/Towels/comb
 - Soap/Deodorant (yes, they DO need deodorant!)
- Insect Repellent (Non-Aerosol ONLY) At least 20% Deet
- Sunscreen
- Totin' Chip card/Small pocketknife
- Day Pack
- Sunglasses
- Water Bottle

OPTIONAL

- Fishing gear
- Work Gloves
- Notebook/Writing paper
- Hat
- Folding camp chair

Money for Trading Post

Troop Leaders will be glad to keep Scout Money and distribute it as requested. Please put money in an envelope with your Scout's name on it. Camps suggest \$50. Use small bills.

Personal Tents



Due to Covid this year we will be sleeping in separate tents. The only Scouts who may share a tent are Scouts who are siblings less than two years apart in age.

This means we will be fitting all the tents in the regular camping site that is planned for 2 people per tent. We may have to pitch tents rather close together.

Please consider this when bringing your own personal tents. We may not have room for large tents that are designed for multiple people or families when only 1 person will be in each tent.

Suggested tent sizes would be **2-4 person tent or smaller**. (Our troop tents are 4 person tents and we usually have between 2-3 Scouts per tent.)

Remember to bring a ground cloth and make sure your tent has a rain fly.

Mountain Fox Packing List:

Backpack

Hiking Boots

Water Shoes

Two water bottles

Non cotton clothing (this includes jeans, sweatshirts, etc.)

Rain jacket/pants

Hat

Fleece

Bathing suit





Tick born diseases are highly preventable if campers heed a few, easy-to-follow precautions.

- 1) treat clothing with a chemical called permethrin and
- 2) apply a repellent containing the chemical DEET to exposed skin.

Permethrin adheres to natural and synthetic fabrics very well. It's deactivated by an enzyme that is present naturally in human skin, so it doesn't penetrate the skin or get into the bloodstream. It is recommended that Scouts treat all of their outer clothing as well as tents and sleeping bags with the repellent.



When you spray the Permethrin on, you want to position the sprayer 6 to 8 inches away from the clothing you plan to treat. Pay particular attention to the cuffs of long pants and shirt sleeves where ticks will try to attack you. It's also a good idea to spray it on your hat.

As a treatment for clothing, Permethrin clothing insect repellent does not harm fabrics and is odorless after it dries. Use Permethrin on clothing by itself or with skin-applied repellents to create the ultimate protective, armor-like insect barrier. Permethrin-treatments on clothing are non-toxic to humans and are registered for use by the U.S. EPA.

When a tick or mosquito comes in contact with permethrin-treated clothing, the insect gets sick.

Typically, a tick will take hours to find a place to attach to the skin, but with permethrin present, it will lose interest in eating you well before that.

A tick must remain attached to its host for about 36 to 48 hours to successfully infect it with Lyme disease, and there's no way it'll survive that long if you're wearing clothing treated with permethrin.

Scout leaders should be sure that everyone on a camp-out uses permethrin. A bug-free barrier can be established when people use permethrin collectively. The overall presence of insects in the area will be significantly lowered.

For areas of exposed skin applying an insect repellent containing DEET in combination with wearing the permethrin-treated clothing is recommended.

If a tick is found imbedded on a Scout they will be sent to the Health Center for it to be removed.

If a tick is not imbedded it is to be removed, placed on the ground and crushed. **DO NOT FLICK THE TICK**, it might land on someone else.

Tick checks will be regularly performed during camp.

Campers are advised to change and launder clothes and to shower immediately upon arrival at home from summer camp.

