

## ***Parents Information- Here is some helpful camp hints for Parents!***

### **Mail:**

All scouts enjoy receiving mail at camp. A word of caution – Many parents send care packages with goodies – while your son enjoys these – so do the animals in camp. Scouts should not have food in their tents unless they have a secure container to keep them! They do chew through Tupperware! Please plan on sending your mail early – many times the mail is received at camp after the Scout has returned home!

Send Mail to-  
Camp Hinds Address:  
Scouts Name  
Troop & Campsite  
c/o Camp Hinds  
146 Plains Road  
Raymond, ME 04071

### **CAMP STAFF:**

Our camp's have a trained staff of Scouts and Scouters. Our camp staff are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and our mission is to help promote the aims and methods of Boy Scouting, to their fullest, here at Camp Hinds. The camp is lead by the Camp Director who works with the Program Director. Each of our program and support areas are overseen by an Area Director, many of whom have attended the National Camping School program for training specific to their job. Our staff will assist and try to accommodate your needs in every way possible, so don't hesitate to ask for assistance. Occasionally, it may be necessary to shift or rearrange program plans or campsites to accommodate everyone, but this will only be done when no other alternative is possible.

### **HANDICAPPED INFORMATION:**

Camp aims to make our program available to all Scouts. If you have persons with a disability that may require special attention, auxiliary aids or any reasonable accommodations, please contact the Camp Director at least two weeks prior to you stay at Camp.

### **TROOP PHOTOS:**

Again this year, camp will be offering troop photos! Photos are colored 8 x 10's. Cost for each photograph will be \$8.00. A troop photo order form will be given to each troop at camp. Money needs to be collected and turned in with the order form to the Trading Post by noon on Tuesday. Troops will receive their photos at the Friday night campfire.

### **TRADING POST:**

Camp operates a trading post, like a general store. The trading post offers camp apparel, postcards and stamps, souvenir items, candy, soda and toiletries. We also offer camping equipment like flashlights, bug spray, jackknives and much more. The amount of money that each Scout brings is an individual matter and should be determined by the Scout and his parents. Generally speaking, \$40.00 is plenty for a week stay.

### **VISITORS:**

Visitors are welcomed in camp, but please understand that everybody is on a busy schedule and Scouts prone to homesickness may do better without visitors. All visitors must sign in and out at the camp office. Remember that camp facilities are primarily for the use of campers and leaders. Tickets for Visitor meals may be purchased in the trading post.

### **DINING HALL & MEALS:**

Meals are prepared by our kitchen staff and served in the dining hall. The camp menu has been designed and dietician approved to ensure that properly balanced meals are being served to the growing young Scouts who visit camp each summer. Arrangements can be made with the cook for those with special dietary concerns (religious or health based). Please contact the camp at least one week prior to your arrival at camp for special diets so that arrangements can be made.

### **FRIDAY BARBECUE AND CAMFIRE & PARENTS NIGHT:**

Parents and families are invited to attend the Friday evening activities, including retreat, barbecue, and closing campfire – all starting around 5 PM. BBQ tickets are available at the Trading Post, for purchase by visitors and family, starting on Sunday. Tickets must be purchased by noon on Wednesday to allow time for ordering food. Cost of BBQ tickets for guests-\$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. In the event of liquid sunshine, the BBQ and campfire will be held indoors!

### **Photo Release Forms:**

Parental permission is needed to allow Pine Tree Council to use photographs taken of Scouts while at camp in our marketing pieces. A photo release form is needed for all campers.

### **MEDICAL INFORMATION:**

A licensed health officer is in camp, on duty at all times, to handle all medical emergencies. If the injury or illness is serious, the person is brought to a local health care facility. Written agreements are in place between Camp and local health care providers to care for our campers, staff and guests. All medical illnesses or injuries must be reported to the health officers in camp – no matter how minor the incident.

All Scouts and Leaders attending camp must have a completed BSA medical form on file with the camp health office while in camp. All Scouts and leaders under the age of forty must have a BSA medical form, with a completed physical, Class 2, by a licensed physician within 36 months of his arrival in camp. The Health History section, Class 1 must be updated and signed by a parent/legal guardian every year. Please be sure that the immunization records are accurate and completed.

Upon arrival in camp, all Scouts and Leaders will go through a medical recheck at the camp Health Lodge. Please send your son's medication in the original prescription bottle. Your son and his troop leadership will be given a written notice as to when he needs to come take his medication at the Health Lodge. Pine Tree Council and Camp Hinds must comply with all of the State of Maine laws and BSA policies concerning medications in camp. All medications brought to camp by campers, leaders, or staff MUST be given to the Health Officer upon arrival in camp. This includes prescription and non-prescription items. The health officer is available at scheduled times to administer medications as needed. An exception may be made for a limited amount of medications to be carried by the Scout or adult for life-threatening conditions- including bee-sting kits, nitroglycerin, inhalers, and medication specifically prescribed "to be carried at all times" by a physician. Camp supplies over the counter medications such as pain relievers and antihistamines; along with first aid supplies- so there is no need to send these to camp.

### **Release of Scouts:**

If your Scout has to be released early from camp or picked up by someone other than his parent or legal guardian, please send written permission to camp giving your authorization for your child to be released! All scouts must be signed out at the camp office when being picked up early!

### **Directions to Camp Hinds**

The Plains Road is between State Routes 85 and 121, both of which intersect Routes 302 and 11.

From the South, take Exit 48 Westbrook, off the Maine Turnpike and turn right onto Riverside Street, and then left at the third traffic light onto Route 302 West. Go 15 miles and turn right at traffic light onto Route 85. Drive 6 miles on Route 85, past the Jordan Small School. Turn left onto the Plains Road at the bottom of the hill. Camp is ½ mile on left

From the North, take Exit 63 Gray, off the Maine Turnpike and turn left onto Rte. 202 and then turn right onto RT. 26A, go approx. 3 miles and turn left onto North Raymond Road (by Dry Mills Store) go ½ mile and turn left onto Egypt Road. At end of Egypt take right onto Rte. 85, go past schools and down large hill and turn left onto Plains Road. Camp is ½ mile on left.

If you have questions, feel free to call Camp Hinds at (207) 655-4878!

*We hope your son has a great week at Camp!*