



**Camp Hinds
Pine Tree Council
Boy Scouts of America
2008**

*Summer Camp Guide for
Leaders, Scouts and families*

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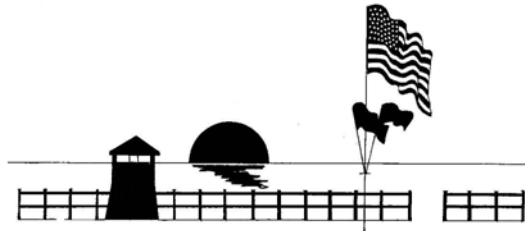
SCOUTMASTERS TIMELINE FOR CAMP PLANNING

- Early 2008
- Review with your Scouts the programs available as Camp Hinds this summer.
 - Reserve your week and campsite with Pine Tree Council
 - Send in site deposits for Scouts going to camp.
 - Make parents aware of summer camp dates and the required BSA Health Forms.
- April, 2008
- Payment due of \$25 per Scout to PTC.
 - Arrange for Adult leadership to cover your troop at camp.
- May 1, 2008
- Deadline for registering for SCUBA-Use SCUBA registration form.
 - Date that online registrations of merit badges starts- go to www.pinetreebsa.org and then to the calendar and on week attending at Hinds.
- May 15, 2008
- Campership application deadline
 - Confirm the number of Scouts & adults attending camp with PTC by returning the camp contract mailed to Scoutmasters.
- May 10th & 22nd, 2008
- Scout Leader and SPL pre-camp meetings. May 10th at 1 pm at Camp Hinds and May 22nd at 7 pm, at Pine Tree Council in Portland.
- June 1, 2008
- Early bird deadline. Payments due at PTC for discount**
 - Start Sending Merit Badge Forms to camp
- May/June 2008
- Review with Scouts the Merit Badges available at camp
 - Counsel Scouts on appropriate Merit Badges and pre-requisites
 - SPL's – Discuss with Scouts program opportunities available at camp, troop rotations, Outposts, and troop activities.
 - Scoutmasters secure 2-deep leadership for troop at camp.
- 30 Days before Troop Comes to Camp Hinds camp
- Finalize plans, shake-down equipment, leadership, and transportation for week at
 - Make final payments to PTC (bring receipts to camp)
 - Review Merit Badge sign-up forms for all Scouts
 - Collect and review BSA Health Forms for accuracy and completeness.
 - Prepare gear for Wednesday Cookout meal in campsite
 - Arrange for emergency funds for camp (extra money – just in case)
- AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL TO CAMP HINDS
- Mail photocopies of all BSA Health Forms and Advancement Registration materials to Camp Hinds. **MAIL FORMS DIRECTLY TO CAMP HINDS:**

**CAMP HINDS
146 PLAINS RD.
RAYMOND, ME 04071**

DO NOT SEND FORMS TO PTC, SEND THEM TO CAMP HINDS!

- Sunday at Camp
- WELCOME! Scoutmasters and SPL's attend the orientation meeting – **1 PM at the TABOR RETREAT. Bring 2 copies of Troop Roster.**



CAMP HINDS

Dear Scouts, Leaders, and Families,

Welcome to the 2008 Camp Hinds season! We look forward to an exciting summer, as we will be celebrating the Centennial of Scouting World Wide as well as our 81st season. It is our goal to make sure everybody who attends camp this summer has a fun, safe, and fulfilling experience during their visit. I am excited to be coming onboard as the Hinds Camp Director and welcome back Ed Molleo as Program Director.

As always we will be offering some new merit badges and updating our program. See the highlights for 2008 below! Please visit our web page at www.pinetreebsa.org for more information regarding Pine Tree Council's camps, and check the form section to download much of the paperwork you will need to prepare for camp.

It is our hope to provide all of our guests who visit us here at camp with the highest level of service. We want folks to come to camp energized and excited, and leave satisfied and refreshed. We all look forward to seeing you at camp this summer!

Yours In Scouting,
Steve Saucier & Ed Molleo

2008 Season Highlights

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR 2008

- Daily themes including Scouting of the Future! Think about where Scouting will be in another 100 years!
- PADI certified SCUBA- new this year!!! Join us on weeks 3 or 5 for SCUBA certification!
- New- Hinds Survivor Challenge
- 2nd week of Trail to Eagle Advancement Camp added in Week 6
- Special Patch Rockers to commemorate your stay at camp!

NEW MERIT BADGES AND ACTIVITIES

- New Merit Badges Include Insect Study, Soil & water Conservation, Reptile & Amphibian Study along with Kayaking BSA.
- New Afternoon Rotations Include FROLF (what is it?) and Historical Scouting with old-time Scouting activities!

- Night on Scout Island: A chance for your troop to canoe to and camp overnight on the Pine Tree Council's newest Camping Property in Little Sebago Lake

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2008 DATES & PROGRAMS:

WEEK 1 JUNE 29 – JULY 4

- Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
- *Trail To Eagle* Advancement Week

WEEK 2 July 6 – 11

- Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
- BSA Lifeguard
- CIT Session 1: For 3 weeks - Weeks 2-4

WEEK 3 July 13 – 18

- Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
- CIT Session 1: For 3 weeks - Weeks 2-4
- **NEW ~ SCUBA Week with PADI Certification**

WEEK 4 July 20 – 25

- Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
- BSA Lifeguard
- CIT Session 1: For 3 weeks - Weeks 2-4

WEEK 5 July 27 – August 1

- Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
- CIT Session 2: For 3 weeks - Weeks 5-7
- **NEW ~ SCUBA Week with PADI Certification**

WEEK 6 August 3 – 8

- Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
- BSA Lifeguard

CIT Session 2: For 3 weeks - Weeks 5-7

Introduction to Camp Hinds

Camp Hinds is located on over 300 acres of land on Panther Pond in Raymond Maine. Less than an hour outside of Portland, Panther Pond is part of the Sebago Lakes Region of Maine. Camp Hinds is owned and maintained by the Pine Tree Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The camp was founded in 1927, and over the years has grown to include a number of facilities and buildings including a 300+ seat Dining Hall, Health Lodge, Recreation Hall, Trading Post, Craftshop, Messer Training Center, High and Low Ropes course and waterfront areas. Several building are used for year round camping but Hinds is used

primarily as a traditional resident summer camp. When not serving as a summer camp, various Scout units for the area can be found utilizing its many campsites and buildings throughout the fall, winter and spring months.



CAMP HINDS STAFF

Camp Hinds has a trained staff of approximately 55 Scouts and Scouters. Our camp staff are all 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 a Camp Director, who works with a Program Director and the Camp Properties Superintendent. 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.

THE CAMP HINDS PROGRAM

Program Introduction

All boys who are Scouts can attend Camp Hinds; either with their own troop or as an individual Scout. Events at Camp Hinds are organized primarily by troop; those Scouts coming on their own are placed in the Provisional Troop and are assigned leasers. The events and activities are available for all scouts are the same regardless of whether that come with their troop or are provisional. Each camp session is one week long and runs from Sunday afternoon to Friday evening.

Each troop is required to have a minimum of two adult leaders in camp at all times. One must be 21 years or older and one must be at least age 18.

The day at Camp Hinds is organized in such a manner as to provide both structure and flexibility. The morning activities include three periods when boys go to Merit badge classes and work on their own Advancment. Boys, whether coming as members of a troop or provisional Scouts, individually choose the badges that they want to work on. Sing ups for classes are done prior to camp, but some changes cane be accommodated after arrival.

In the afternoon, the are three troop “rotations” during which boys engage in a variety of activities- rifle shooting, boating, swimming, crafts, etc. Boys rotate through these activities with their troops including those in the provisional troop. Scoutmasters, who will be bringing their troop, need to sign up for these activities prior to arrival in camp.

During this rotation period, Camp Hinds also provides alternative activities that are open to older boys who want to challenge themselves further. (See the section of Older Boy Activities and Special Advancement Opportunities for more information on these)

Camp Hinds also provides opportunities for younger Scouts to work on Tenderfoot to First Class requirements in the Basic Scout Skills area to help their opportunity for advancement and strengthen their Scouting skills.

Evenings at Camp Hinds bring the opportunity for Scouts to visit open program areas, special evening activities and a few merit badges to choose from. And at the end of your busy day, some quiet time around the campfire in your campsites!

MERIT BADGE INFORMATON

Merit badge classes expose boys to new subjects and disciplines and enable boys to learn a variety of skills. Some are more advanced than others and some have age guidelines and prerequisites. Scoutmasters need to meet with their Scouts and determine which merit badges and advancement opportunities best suit their needs based on their age and interests. A list of MB's and their prerequisites, if any, are located in the Appendix B.

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR MERIT BADGE CLASSES & ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES BY MAIL OR ONLINE:

Complete with each Scout a 2008 Camp Hinds Advancement Form. Please make sure you only use the 2008 forms. ***ALL merit badge registration forms should be mailed to camp two weeks prior to your arrival.*** This will allow the camp office staff to input your registration material into the computer to be ready for your arrival to camp.

New this year - Online registrations for a troop to complete merit badges will be available starting May 1st. Go to the Calendar on www.pinetreebsa.org and click on the week you are attending camp to register for merit badges online! Please –note- all merit badges classes will need to be balanced by the camp

office staff on Sunday of your week of camp

PLEASE BE AWARE that some merit badges have limits on class sizes. Preference is given to older youth who have not yet completed the merit badge, and then it reverts to a first come basis.

Merit badge classes, and their requirements, may change due to updated materials put out by the BSA in the late winter of each year or according to the number of staff hired.

Scoutmasters will receive a printed verification sheet at the Scoutmaster's planning meeting, held on Sunday at 1 PM at the Tabor Retreat.

Scoutmasters will receive a printed schedule for each Scout and a copy of the troop schedule after the campfire on Sunday evening.

SIGN-UP AT CAMP:

Any late registrations or sign-ups can register for Merit Badges on Sunday afternoon at the camp office as well as Monday morning before and after breakfast.

BALANCING CLASS SIZES:

In order to balance class sizes, we occasionally change the time a Scouts has a class. This allows each Scout the opportunity to get the most out of his classes. Some classes are balanced out based on program equipment availability.

ATTENDANCE AT MERIT BADGE CLASSES:

Every Scout should be strongly encouraged to attend every one of their Merit Badge classes. Experience

shows us that the Scoutmasters that visit the program areas on a regular basis and encourage their Scouts in their classes have the best record for completion on Merit Badges.

DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING MERIT BADGE WORK:

All Merit Badge work must be completed and turned in by 11:30 AM on Friday. No merit badge work will be accepted after this time.

EXTRA HELP FOR MERIT BADGE WORK:

All Scouts can receive extra help for Merit Badges during the scheduled open areas at 7 PM Tuesday through Thursday evenings. Our staff will try to inform Scoutmasters in any of their Scouts are having trouble completing the required work. Scoutmasters should check their Scouts to make sure camp work is being completed.

BLUE CARDS:

Camp Hinds uses a camp facsimile of the blue cards to record all work done in camp. Leaders will be able to pick up copies of the Camp Hinds Merit Badge Sheets for their youth Friday afternoon. *If you have missing paperwork, please contact the camp office to receive a new copy. Please try to contact us before August 15th.*

AFTERNOON TROOP ROTATION ACTIVITIES & SELECTIONS

Troop Rotations runs from Monday afternoon to Thursday afternoon. Friday afternoon is reserved for the Camp Wide Event. There are three rotation periods each day for a total of twelve per week. Scoutmasters need to send in the Troop Rotation request form with the choices. Camp staff will coordinate and schedule these requests and based on numbers and availability. A schedule of troop rotations will be given out to Senior Patrol leaders at Mondays meeting.

CPR Practical (Costs 1 period) –

A 50-minute lesson on the basics of CPR. THIS IS NOT A CERTIFICATION COURSE; this class simply satisfies the requirement for those merit badges needing practical experience in CPR to complete (Swimming, Lifesaving, First Aid, and Emergency Preparedness).

Troop Challenges:

We encourage you to challenge another troop to a sports event, Scouting skill challenge and enjoy a little

friendly competition – this can be set up at camp through the Program Director

FROLF- Frisbee Golf:

Follow the Hinds FROLF course and see who will come out as the winner!

Old Time Scouting:

Enjoy some of the old skills that Scouts used to have to learn. Can you learn Morse code, flag signaling and more?

Fire Building (Cost 1 period) –

For the Pyromaniac in all of us, this activity is designed to give units hand-on experience building and lighting different fires under different conditions (matchless, wet wood, etc.).

Rifle Shooting (Cost 1 period) –

Wander up to the Rifle Range and squeeze off a few rounds with the staff.

Archery Shooting (Cost 1 period) –

Robin Hood watch out, here come the Scouts! Take a period and test your skill with the bow and arrow.

Boating (Cost 1 period) –

If you have a unit full of swimmers, take a period and enjoy boating on Panther Pond in a canoe or rowboat.

Main Beach Waterfront Activity (Cost 1 periods) –

Play some water polo or have a free swim time! Your troop will be expected to use members as extra lifeguards (who need not be trained nor do they need to be an adult for this activity).

West Beach (Cost 1 period) –

Play some water volleyball or just cool off. Follow the new snorkeling trail. The unit will be expected to use members as lifeguards (who need not be trained nor do they need to be an adult for this activity).

History Hike (Cost 1 period) –

Take a walk around Camp Hinds and hear the history about the campsites, buildings, people, and events that have helped make this place so special for over 80 years.

Rattlesnake Hike (Cost 3 periods) –

Take the afternoon and hike up Rattlesnake Mountain and enjoy the wonderful views. The perfect “high adventure” activity for the younger scouts. The unit will be expected to provide the proper leadership. Maps of the trails will be provided by camp.

Tenny River Run (Cost 3 periods) -

Take the afternoon and paddle your way down the Tenny River to Crescent Lake. The perfect “high adventure” activity for a troop of mostly older boys. The unit will be expected to provide the proper leadership for this trip, including one with Safe Swim

Defense and Safety Afloat Training. All participants must be Swimmers.

Initiative Games (Cost 1 period) –

Take a period and participate in some activities that will help your unit work together and bond as a team.

Survivor Challenge (Cost 1 period)

Try your hand at completing some of the Survivor challenges made famous on the show- with a Camp Hinds twist.

Athletics (Cost 2 periods) –

Take over the volleyball field, basketball court, or baseball diamond at the end of the road.

Swamp Romp (Cost 2 periods) –

(Swamp Romp Patch Rocker available)

Not for the faint at heart. Take a period and romp in the Hinds swamp. A great way to see nature up close and personal.

Geocaching Course (Cost 2 periods)

Learn to take the next step in orientation. Using GPS devices to navigate our course, and meet other challenges along the way.

Service Project (Cost 2 periods) –

(Service Project Patch Rocker available)

Spend some time helping Camp Hinds improve for scouts who will visit us in the future, as well as earn valuable service project time towards rank advancement.

Troop Time (Cost 1 or more periods)

Spend some time working on troop programming in your site or take a hike on our trail system.

Camp Hinds 2008 Older Boy Activities

Camp Hinds offers special afternoon activities for our older scouts. Older boys can sign-up for these activities in place of attending troop rotations. Older boys can choose to try their hand at COPE, water skiing, mountain biking, Cinematography MB, and much more! *Sign-ups will take place on Sunday Evenings after the Waterfront Orientation and is open to Scouts 14 years or older.*

WATER SKIING:

Work on Water Skiing MB! Monday night class for those wanting to work on the MB will be required. Two sessions

offered daily to allow as many Scouts as possible the opportunity to try skiing.

Maximum number of 6 per session.

Must have the Swimming MB

SHOTGUN SHOOTING:

John Wayne was pretty handy with a “shooting iron” – how are you at it?

Test your skills at our Shotgun range, partner!

Session held on Thursday.

Enrollment is Limited to 12 Scouts.

SNORKELING, BSA:

Learn the basic skills of snorkeling.

Successful completion of the class will

result in the earning of the BSA

Snorkeling Swim Suit Patch. Bring your

own snorkels and fins if possible.

Patches can be purchased at the Trading Post.

Sessions will be offered Monday through Thursday.

Must have Swimming MB.

BLACK POWDER:

Learn how the pioneers used their muzzle loading rifles for hunting and protection!

Try your hand at this old technique!

Monday evenings at the Rifle Range!

Limited enrollment.

MOUNTAIN BIKING:

Ride the camp trail on our new LL Bean mountain bikes! Course covers hills and trails.

Sessions held Monday through

Thursday.

Enrollment is limited by availability of bikes. Must wear the provided safety equipment- helmets and goggles!

TOMAHAWK THROWING:

Bury the hatchet...in the target! Learn this old technique brought back from the

frontier. Sessions will be offered Monday through Thursday.



Basic Scout Skills 2008 Our First Year Camper Program

All first year campers, regardless of their age will be invited to an ice cream social while at camp to meet the staff and get comfortable with the camp life. Time will be announced at camp.

Please remember that all requirements passed at Camp Hinds for rank, need to be signed off in the Scout's book by a scout leader from the troop. The camp records only prove that the boy completed the skills to the satisfaction of the counselor - it is the choice of the leader whether or not they honor the counselor's judgment or test the boy's skills to their own satisfaction.

Basic Scout Skills gives the younger scouts a chance to get ahead on rank advancement under the guidance of older scouts – folks who have been where the newer Scout is currently at, and want to help them towards the rank of Eagle Scout.

Each advancement skill set is offered only one period – together covering over 85% of the Tenderfoot to First Class rank requirements. Scouts sign up for these classes just as you would for a merit badge class – on the camp advancement form. The Scouts can spend the

whole morning in the Basic Scout Skills and get really close to First Class Rank by the end of the week or just take one or two BSS classes along with a merit badge or two- the choice is yours!

Basic Scout Skills also offers two other classes, every night in the BSS area, open to all Scouts – **Fireman Chit and Totin' Chit.** These classes are simply show up in the evening and participate in the class – no sign up needed.

The Waterfront area also offers a first year program – our **BSS Swimming Skills.** designed to help the scouts get all of their aquatic requirements for rank completed.

The BSS skill sets offered are as follows –

1. **BSS Tenderfoot Rank Advancement**
Work on rank requirements for the Tenderfoot including meal preparation, knot tying with the two ½ hitches & taut line hitch Safe Hiking rules, working with the American Flag, using the buddy system, identifying local plants, basic first aid care and more...
2. **BSS Second Class Advancement**
Learn how a compass works, orienting a map, map symbols, taking a 5 mile hike, proper care and use of the knife, saw and axe, food pyramid and good nutrition, work on a service project, identify 10 animals, use lightweight cooking stoves and cooking fires, hurry cases of first aid, safe swim and second class swimming requirements and more...
3. **BSS First Class Advancement**
Learn how to find directions – day or night – w/o a compass, do menu planning and cook and prepare meals, work on lashings and tying the clove & timber hitch and bowline knots, make a camp gadget, practice the transport of conscious and unconscious person, procedures for choking and the steps in CPR.
4. **BSS Swimming**
Great for the very basic swimmers who need help to pass the swim test. Learn the breast, crawl, sidestroke, and backstrokes,

Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, reach and throw rescues, and line and tender rescue.

(A scout needs to pass these skills before taking Swimming Merit Badge)

SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

BSA LIFEGUARD:

BSA Lifeguard is a three-year certification recognized in most states, including Maine, for those wishing to lifeguard at public beaches and camps. It is roughly equivalent to the Red Cross Senior Lifesaving Program. The BSA also recommends that a BSA Lifeguard be present for all troops of packs engaging in aquatics activities.

Camp Hinds will be offering the BSA Lifeguard program during Weeks 2, 4, and 6 of the 2008 camping season.

This is an intensive program that will run all week and will involve the candidate for most of each day during the course. The prerequisites for a BSA Lifeguard is that they are 13+ years old and require Swimming, Rowing, Canoeing, Lifesaving, and First Aid Merit Badges. Adults wanting to become BSA Lifeguards must contact the Camp Hinds Administration for approval. Available class space will be given to Scouts first, then adults. *Adults participating in the class will be charged the extra leader fee, as they are not available to provide troop leadership while enrolled in the course.*

In order for your BSA Lifeguard Certification to be valid, you must hold a current CPR certification. **The CPR class offered during camp is as a REVIEW for the candidates, but will not qualify as a full CPR certification**

SCUBA: Offered during Weeks 3 & 5 only!

New this year- Scouts age 14 and above will be able to take SCUBA lessons at camp in conjunction with the Maine Divers Inc. Program open to adults leaders also (if space allows). Maine divers will be providing

Master Dive Instructors with topnotch gear for this program! Work will include online training starting prior to camp with PADI “Professional Association of Divers Instructors”. Scouts successfully completing both the online and hands-on training at camp will be certified as “Open Water Diver” Divers under the age of 18 will have limits on their certifications as to whom they can dive with until they reach age 18 under PADI rules.

While in Camp, Scouts can attend either a morning or afternoon session of SCUBA. The program will encompass the full morning or afternoon time frame. Scouts can also choose to take merit badges in the morning or older boy activities in the afternoon to round out their camp program.

Extra fees to cover the PADI certification and SCUBA gear will apply to this program. Camp fee for SCUBA participants is \$500 for the week, with approx. \$80 more for personal gear which the students will own including mouthpieces, facemask and fins. A parents/guardian evening will be set up in May for Scouts and parents to visit the Dive Shop in Portland, be fitted for gear, sign up for online training and for parents/guardians to sign health forms and permission slips.

Pre-requisites for SCUBA: Age 14 and above with parental permission, strong swimmers, must have the Swimming & Lifesaving MB. A Swim test to prove swimming ability will be done at camp.

Deadline for registering for the scuba program is May 1st. Complete the SCUBA registration forms and mail to Pine Tree Council, as directed on the form.

COPE PROGRAM:

Our “Challenging Outdoor Physical Experience” program is designed to challenge our older Scouts both mentally and physically. It is a program based upon the values of teamwork and “challenge by choice” – no one is forced to do a

task, if they do not wish to undertake the challenge presented. *The class will take a week to complete, all afternoon, every afternoon – from 2:15 PM to 4:45 PM. COPE is open to Scouts 14 years or older, and spaced is limited due to equipment availability.* The program will consist of teambuilding activities on the ground, the low course (elements 6 ft. in height), and the high course (elements 20 ft. in height). Interested Scouts may sign-up by circling the COPE option on the Advancement Registration form.

TRAIL TO EAGLE

ADVANCEMENT WEEK:

Our popular Trail to Eagle week will be offered during Weeks 1 & 6 this summer! This program is only open to Scouts 13 + year old, and a minimum of 1st Class Rank. **Trail to Eagle Scouts will select from Eagle required merit badges in this intensive program.** *Most of these merit badges do have prerequisite work to be done prior to camp. Trail to Eagle Scouts will also participate in a daily Leadership Seminar – learning communication, teamwork, and leadership skills. The seminars will also include a service hour to camp in order to put their lessons to practical use. Scouts not attending with their troop during the week will be assigned to a Trail to Eagle Provisional Troop. Prior arrangements with regards to having Scouts stay in specific troops need to be arranged with the Camp Administration prior to the Scouts arrival in camp.*

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM

Camp Hinds offers a program for interested Scouts that will introduce them to life at camp as a staff member. *The course encompasses 3 weeks of the summer, and requires the candidates to work and live at Camp Hinds for the entire span of this time.* Scouts completing this program will gain valuable on the job training in the program areas of camp, practical experience in leadership, communication, teaching, campfire etiquette, basic counseling, decision-making, and teamwork skills.

While taking the program, Scouts will be able to earn Merit Badges, as well as visiting many areas of camp and experiencing some

of our Older Boy at team building activities. Scouts who complete this program may be eligible for staff positions the year following their CIT experience, and those Scouts interested in working on staff who have experience in camp, will usually be hired before those with out experience in camp.

Camp Hinds will be running 2 sessions of CIT Training in 2008 – Weeks 2 to 4, and Weeks 5 to 7. Scouts will need to live and work at camp, with weekends off, for all 3 weeks. *Scouts who wish to participate need to be 15 years old as of July 1, 2008, and must fill out and mail in a Camp Hinds Staff Application – available from the Pine Tree Council Portland office.* All Scouts who apply will be contacted by the Camp Hinds Administration for an interview in order to be selected to participate in the program.

For those Scouts who are accepted, cost is \$200 for all 3 weeks with the understanding that if the Scout completes the program this year, and is hired on Camp Hinds staff the following year will have a starting salary bonus of one year's employment—effectively making the training free for those Scouts.

CIT candidates need to complete a Hinds Staff Application, which are due into the PTC office by May 1st; late applications will be considered if space permits.

SPECIAL CAMP THEMES

Tuesday- Scouting in the Future Day:

What will Scouting be in the next 100 years? We haven't changes a lot in the past 100 years- but what will the future hold- come and see some of our ideas!

Wednesday-Exploring & Venturing Day

Find out more about the opportunities in Exploring and Venturing.

What lies ahead for Boy Scouts- looking for the next adventure!

Thursday- Order of the Arrow:

The Order of the Arrow is an organization of honor campers. We want to honor all members by encouraging them to wear their sash to retreat and any other appropriate attire through out the day.

Friday –Survivor Camp Wide Event

Who will be the winner of our Survivor Challenge? Prepare to have fun in what will be a fast-paced, camp wide event for you and your troop. This year's camp wide event will be based on challenges from the Survivor Show with a twist to make it a Hinds special! Senior Patrol leaders will get info at the SPL meetings.

AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES

WATERFRONT ORIENTATION:

A brief, but mandatory waterfront orientation for all Scouts and Leaders will be held at the waterfront directly after dinner on Sunday. Everyone in camp must attend.

TREK ON SAFELY TRAINING:

Trek on Safely is the Boy Scouts training for adult leaders on how to perform safe High Adventure activities with their units. The training takes 30 to 45 minutes and will be offered Wednesday nights for all interested leaders.

SAFETY AFLOAT AND SAFE SWIM DEFENSE:

Adults are encouraged to attend this important aquatics training on Monday, 11:30 AM, at the waterfront. For troops wanting to do aquatics based activities, this is the training that BSA requires you to have. No swimming is involved.

Reminder that you can take this training online at www.pinetreecbsa.org.

Go to the online training section.

Bring your proof of training to camp, if you will be taking your Scouts on a canoeing, kayaking trip at camp.

COOKING DEMO:

Scouts and Adults are welcome Tuesday evening to come by the Scoutcraft Area as our staff shows off some of the tricks of the trade when it comes to outdoor cooking.

MILE SWIM, BSA:

Mile Swim, BSA is a rugged swimming challenge for all Scouts who want to test their endurance. Completion cards will be given to all who complete the challenge, and a patch can be purchased for the Scout's swim trunks if they have the card. *To meet this challenge, Scouts must attend ALL the mile swim sessions, Monday through Thursday, at 11:45 AM.*

Scouts can sign-up for the event on the Camp Advancement Registration Form. Adults are also welcome to meet the Challenge.

POLAR BEAR DIP:

The Challenge of the Polar Bear awaits you this summer. Every morning, Monday through Friday, at 6:45 AM on the Main Waterfront, there is an open invitation for all troops and leaders to take the challenge for the early morning dip. For those folks brave enough to attend ALL five mornings, the honor of being able to buy the Polar Bear Swim Trunks Patch or Polar Bear Dip patch rocker will be theirs. Dust the early morning sleep out of your eyes and join the waterfront staff for the mystery and majesty that is the Polar Bear Swim.

FREE SWIM AND OPEN BOATING:

A free swim and boating time is available to all campers every evening after dinner Monday through Thursday. *Leaders are asked to help out with lifeguarding at the main waterfront.*

FISHING:

Scouts may go fishing with a buddy during open areas. A favorite spot is along the Tenny Point. Scouts may fish from rowboats only, during their troops scheduled boating time or during open boating. Fishing is not allowed off the bridge or in the swimming or boating areas. No wading allowed while fishing.

CLIMB ON SAFELY TRAINING:

On Monday evenings, Climb On Safely training will be held for adults up at the Climbing Tower. This training is important for any troop leaders wishing to have their youth participate in climbing activities outside of a Boy Scout camp. This training is focused on making adult leadership aware of BSA climbing policies and procedures, so that this information can be passed any qualified climbing facilitators not familiar with the BSA program.

EVENING HELP:

Any youth requiring extra help on a merit badge class or activity may get it in ANY area in the evenings, as long as the area is not hosting a specialty event during that time. Thursday evening is specifically set aside so that EVERY area in camp is free

for scouts to get the extra help they need to finish their work.

NIGHT HIKE:

On Thursday evening Explore Camp Hinds from a different perspective ~ after dark. Look for the Kattywampus to leave his mark that will lead you through woods to your destination.

MORNING FLAG RISING:

(Earn the right to wear a special patch rocker)

We see the Staff take down the flags at night but who puts them up in the morning? How about your? Every morning we'll be available for Patrols or Troops that would like to help raise the camp flags. This will also meets a requirement for Tenderfoot.

BADEN POWELL AWARD:

(Earn the right to wear a special patch rocker)

Every patrol in camp is eligible to work towards the Baden Powell Award. Patrols must complete all of the requirements for the award and turn the completed form into the office by noon on Friday. Patrols receiving the award will be recognized at the Friday night campfire.

PAUL BUNYAN, TOTIN' CHIT, & FIREMAN CHIT:

All three of these awards are available to earn, as individuals or as a patrol activity. Sign up for these events with the Program Director in the Camp Office. Classes are usually held in the evening at the Scoutcraft area.

NIGHT ON SCOUT ISLAND:

Pine Tree Council now owns an Island on Little Sebago Lake just minutes from Camp Hinds! Scouts from your Patrol or Troop can sign up to spend the night on the island. Availability is extremely limited. Please see and fill out the sign-up sheet at the back of the Leaders' Guide in order to learn more about this opportunity and to sign-up in advance.

LEAVE NO TRACE:

LNT is the Boy Scouts of America's training on how to perform successful low-impact camping excursions. The training takes 30-45 minutes and will be offered Thursday night for all interested campers and leaders.

HONOR CAMPER AWARD: (Special patch rocker for Honor Campers)

The Scouts of each troop should vote for the Scouts that they feel best lived up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law during their week at camp.

WORLD CONSERVATION AWARD:

Scouts can earn the World Conservation Award by completing the following Merit Badges: Environmental Science, Soil & Water Conservation OR Fish & Wildlife Management, and Citizenship in the World.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES:

Volleyball, water volleyball, soccer, basketball, baseball, and much more are available for your troop to participate in during their week at camp. Your troop needs to sign-up with the Program Director to reserve a spot and equipment. For added fun, challenge another troop and show your Scout Spirit.

Duty to God:

A non-denominational service is held every Tuesday evening, after the meal, in camp at the Council Ring. All scouts and leaders are encouraged to attend. For those scouts and troops not attending, there will be a "period of silence" though out the entire camp. Scouts and leaders need to remain QUIET, wherever they choose to meditate, and there will be NO CAMP PROGRAM RUNNING during Duty to God services.



CAMP HINDS **GENERAL** **INFORMATION**



2008 CAMP FEES:

\$260.00 per week for PTC Scouts

\$290.00 per week for Out of Council Scouts

Add \$25.00 to fee if attending as a Provisional Camper (Regular and Trail to Eagle Programs)

\$500 per week for SCUBA certification includes camp fee and PADI fees

DISCOUNTS: EARLY BIRD:

Deduct \$20.00 from above fee if total camp fee is paid in full by June 1st, 2008.

Reservation policy: To reserve a troop campsite, the reservation fee is \$10.00 per Scout. Reservations can be made through the Pine Tree Council Camping Secretary, at 207-797-5252 x 14. Camp space is limited so reserve early.

*An additional \$25.00 per Scout is due by April 1, 2008.

ADULT LEADER FEES: *Two adult leaders go free with the first eight boys.*

One additional adult goes free for each additional eight boys. Extra adult leaders are charged \$90.00 per week. Adult fee will be prorated according to # of Scouts attending camp @ \$15.00 per day.

REFUND POLICY:

Individuals or groups that cancel a program reservation 30 days prior to the date of the event will receive a refund of fees, less 15% administrative charge. **No refunds will be made after the 30-day cancellation period.**

Any exceptions to this policy will need a written request with documentation for a refund to be considered. For ex. If a Scout broke his leg the day before camp started; written documentation from his physician will be needed.

CAMPERSHIPS:

Limited financial assistance is available on an individual basis for Scouts who could not attend camp without assistance. Individual campership applications must be submitted and approved by the unit leader and the Pine Tree Council Campership Committee. Applications are available through PTC or on our web site. Please call 797-5252 and ask for a campership application or www.pinetreebsa.org. The campership application deadline is May 15th, 2008.

NOTE ON CAMPERSHIPS TO SCOUTMASTERS:

Camperships should be reserved for those that truly need financial assistance. Scoutmasters need to sign off on the camperships forms, prior to them being sent to Pine Tree Council. Camperships forms must be entirely completed.

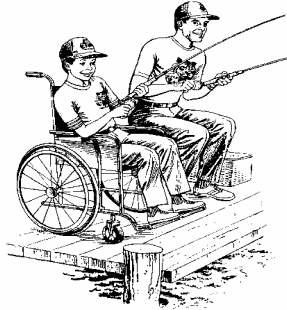
ORDER OF THE ARROW CAMPERSHIP:

Madockawanda Lodge of the Order of the Arrow is offering two free camperships to deserving Scouts.

Applications are available through Pine Tree Council or from your districts' OA Chapter.

If you live in either Portland or Lewiston, you may be eligible for Libra Foundation camperships. The Libra Foundation will grant up to \$1000 for deserving kids. Find information through your school office or by visiting the web site at

www.unitedwaygp.org/summercamps.htm



HANDICAPPED INFORMATION:

Camp Hinds 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 655-4878 at least two weeks prior to you stay at Camp Hinds.*

TROOP PHOTOS:

A professional photographer will be in camp on Tuesdays to take troop photos before and after lunch for those units wanting them. 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.

Photo Release Forms:

Pictures may be taken in camp to be used by Pine Tree Council for

advertising, marketing to highlight our programs. Every Scout's family needs to complete the Photo Release Form (found in the Appendix) and return with camp paperwork.

DONATIONS & CAMP PROJECTS:

We encourage troops to contact Ranger Bob Gosselin (655-4878) during the off-season, in order to find out what camp needs for help and equipment. Troops are always welcome to perform a small service project for camp such as erosion walls and brush removal.

Adopt A Site Adopt A Site

Units can also participate in the Adopt A Site Program, run by Ranger Bob, where units can select a site in camp and help keep in working condition for the year.

CAMP PROCEDURES

Arrival:

Scouts should arrive at the Camp Hinds parking lot (not the parking lot on Plains Rd. but the one in camp by Cadigan Cabin) just prior to the gates opening at 2 PM on Sunday.

Troops will be met by their campsite guide, who will accompany the boys, parents and leaders to their campsite.

A vehicle pass will be given to each troop to enable all gear to be brought to the campsite.

Once the unloading of gear is complete, vehicles need to be moved back to the parking lot. Each troop is allowed a trailer with gear to remain in the campsite.

After unloading, the campsite guide will accompany the boys on a tour of camp and to the Health Lodge for a medical check-in. All medication must be checked in at the Health Lodge at this time.

Again, it would be prudent for leaders to have copies of all medical forms in the event some are missing.

Once the boys and leaders have completed their medical check-ins, they will be given identifying armbands that they are to wear for the duration of their week stay.

Following medical checks, buddy tags will be given and all must complete their swim test followed by time to get settled into your campsite. A brief waterfront orientation, mandatory for all, will follow Sunday's night dinner.

DEPARTURE:

On Friday the camp gathers for a sit down lunch, highlighted by the traditional plaque hanging ceremony in the dining hall. Following lunch there is some time to begin the process of packing and cleaning of campsites before the campwide events that ends at approximately 4:30 PM.

Starting at 5 PM, parents and guardians can arrive to pick up boys and gear. Given the large amount of pedestrian traffic, only one troop vehicle will be allowed in each campsite to haul out

troop and personal gear. Vehicle passes will be issued to Scoutmasters.



FRIDAY BARBECUE AND PARENTS NIGHT:

Parents and families are invited to attend the Friday evening activities, including retreat, barbecue, and closing campfire – all starting around 5 PM. Please stay and attend the Friday closing campfire with your Scout. The staff will be putting on a show for all of our visitors that your Scout will not want to miss.

BBQ tickets are available at the Trading Post, for purchase by visitors and family, starting on Sunday. Tickets must be purchased by noon on Tuesday to allow time for ordering food. The meal will be hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixing's! Veggie burgers and dogs will be available for the vegetarians. Campers do not need to purchase tickets.

COST OF BBQ TICKETS FOR GUESTS-

***\$5.00 per person
\$3.00 under 12 years old.***

WET FRIDAY:

In the event of liquid sunshine, the Friday barbecue and campfire may have to be held indoors at the dining hall and campsites will be given an arrival time to help facilitate serving.

MEDICAL INFORMATION: MEDICAL SUPERVISION:

Dr. Donald Burgess, Chief of Pediatrics at Southern Maine Medical Center, oversees the camp medical staff. 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 Hinds 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.** Please report any dietary or health restrictions to the camp office at least one week prior to your arrival in camp.

MEDICAL FORMS:

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.

All leaders over the age of forty must have the completed BSA Class 3 form signed by a licensed physician within 12 months of his arrival in camp.

It is a regulation of the Boy Scouts of America that anyone who does not have a completed and signed medical form at the check-in time at camp will not be allowed to remain in camp. No exceptions will be made. Camp Leaders

should collect all medical forms and check them to make sure they are complete prior to leaving for camp. Please mail a copy of each persons health form to Camp Hinds at least two weeks prior to your stay in camp. The health officer will review forms before your arrival to help with provide your troop with a smooth check-in once in camp.

Special note: Please make two copies of your medical forms: one for camp and one for your records.

MEDICAL RECHECK & MEDICATIONS:

Upon arrival in camp, all Scouts and Leaders will go through a medical recheck at the camp 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, and 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.

Emergency Medication Plan: New as of 2006, the State of Maine requires that all campers that are going to carry a rescue inhaler or Epi-pens, provide the camp with an Emergency Medication Plan. Additionally, each

camper must have their parent's and physician's approval to carry the inhaler and indicate that the camper is able to use that inhaler. At the time of check in, the camp health staff must also evaluate the camper's ability to use his inhaler. Please be sure to complete the Emergency Medication Plan with the physician and send it to camp with the health form. A copy of the school asthma plan will be acceptable as well.

Epi-Pens and Inhalers:

All campers that are allowed to carry medications for emergency use must demonstrate their ability to use the medication. During the check in process, the camper will demonstrate to the health staff that he is able to use his inhaler or EpiPen. Permission to carry the rescue inhaler or EpiPen should also be documented by the parents and physician on the Emergency Medication Form.

Peanut Butter Free Zone:

Due to the increase in campers having peanut butter allergies, some which are life threatening, we have decided to make the Camp Hinds dining hall a peanut free zone. This means no foods with peanut oil or peanut butter will be used in the kitchen or dining hall.

Any parents, who have a camper with food allergies, still needs to list the allergies on the campers health form and notify the camp at least two weeks in advance.

Many campers love a peanut butter sandwich and this can be a great snack! Troops may still choose to have peanut butter in their campsites as long as the Scouts in their campsite don't have the peanut allergy!

Our Trading Post will still carry individually wrapped candy bars that may have peanuts or peanut butter in them.

MAIL & EMERGENCY

PHONE NUMBERS:

Scouts enjoy receiving mail from home during their stay at camp. Please write, but don't call unless it's an emergency.

Remember there is no phone next to your son's tent! The camp phone is for camp business and emergencies.

EMERGENCY PHONE # - 207-655-4878

Send Mail To:

(Your Scout's Name)
(Your Scout's Troop # and Campsite)
Camp Hinds
146 Plains Road
Raymond, ME 04071

There is a pay phone available in camp for non-emergency use. We encourage all leaders to keep their Scouts away from the phone. Experience has taught us that this really helps with homesickness. ***Camp does require that all Scouts using the pay phone have the permission of their Scoutmaster to use the phone!***

Mail is delivered daily to camp. Each campsite has a mailbox in the Trading Post for mail and non-emergency messages. Leaders please check your mailbox a couple of times each day for incoming mail and messages. All emergency messages received in the camp office will be delivered immediately to the adult leadership of the Scout to whom the information concerns by the camp staff.

CAMPSITE ETTIQUETTE & QUIET HOURS:

Getting enough sleep can make a difference between having a great or poor week at camp! Camp Leaders should see that their Scouts are in the campsite by 9:00 PM and quiet time is observed from 9:30 PM - 7:00 AM. A siesta is scheduled for rest time everyday directly following lunch. Everyone should show respect for others within the campsites, by following quiet hours, assisting with campsites and general camp cleanliness and following the Scout law.

TRADING POST:

Camp Hinds operates a trading post, like a general store. The trading post offers camp T-shirts, hats, sweatshirts, 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's stay.*

UNIFORMS:

Camp Hinds has a long established tradition of wearing uniforms in camp. Our staff is in uniform at all times, unless their job requires something else. We encourage all of our Scouts and leaders to proudly wear the Class A Scout uniform every evening for retreat and the dinner meal. The 2008 camp T-shirt, hats, etc will be available in the Trading Post for those that would like to purchase them.

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. Visitors must purchase tickets for meals, which are available in the trading post.

VISITOR HOURS:

Visitors should try to limit their visits during regular daylight & program hours. We ask that all visitors sign out before 9 PM.

SIBLINGS IN CAMP:

Due to insurance issues, limited space requirements and program needs, younger or older siblings of Scouts are not allowed to stay overnight in camp, even if their parents are Scout leaders in the campsite. They may come as an occasional guest to visit during the week. Program activities are open for Scouts and leaders only unless advertised as a family event- such as the Friday night campfire. Please be aware that there may be some children of the staff that live in camp for the summer.

**ADULT LEADERSHIP:
EVERY TROOP IS REQUIRED TO
HAVE A MINIMUM OF TWO
LEADERS IN CAMP AT ALL
TIMES. ONE MUST BE 21 YEARS
OR OLDER, AND ONE 18+.**

If your troop is having problems securing two-deep leadership for your week at camp, you should consider sharing a campsite with another troop. Arrangements for this can be done through the PTC camp administrator.

The troop is responsible for providing adult leadership for its Scouts. Discipline problems are the responsibility of the Troops leadership, with help from the camp staff when necessary. Feel free to contact the camp director with any concerns while in camp. Leaders are responsible for making sure their Scouts receive their medications. Notices will be sent to Scoutmasters for any Scouts consistently missing their medication distribution times.

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 men who visit Hinds each summer.

A copy of the camp menu will be posted in the dining hall.

Troops are assigned tables at the dining hall on Sunday by the Dining Hall Steward based on the number of people in your troop, including adult leadership for breakfast and dinner. Some of our troops eat indoors and some will be assigned tables at the outside dining deck. Tables are set to hold eight people. **Troops are strongly encouraged to assign one adult leader to each table.**

Breakfast and dinner are served family style, with the kitchen staff providing platters or bowls of food for each table. Lunch is served buffet style.

The waiter system is used at camp during the family style meals to help facilitate the serving and cleanup of the meals. **Each troop needs to assign waiters, one per table assigned to the troop, for each of these meals.**

RESPONSIBILITY OF WAITERS:

All waiters are responsible for arriving at the dining hall 20 minutes before breakfast and dinner. The Dining Hall Steward will instruct waiters in setting the tables for

the meal being served. Waiters are the only Scouts allowed to be up during the meal to get seconds and desserts from the kitchen. Waiters are also responsible for staying after the meal to clear their tables and sweep the floor. The dining hall steward will dismiss them from their duties when he or she feels the hall has been properly cleaned.

CAFETERIA STYLE

LUNCH:

Our dining room will be open for serving lunch from 12 PM to 1 PM to provide a convenient lunch break. Scoutmasters can decide if they want their troop to eat together as a group, by patrol or with the buddy system. You may choose to eat inside or dine outside on the picnic tables. A self-serve salad bar will be available as well as a lunch entree (and of course dessert) at the window. This will allow more flexibility with the schedule and give those that need it, the opportunity for a longer lunch break or siesta!

TROOP COOKING:

All troops will be cooking Wednesday night dinner in their campsite. The kitchen will provide a variety of ingredients, to be announced at the Leaders Meeting, that troops can cook it according to their own personal taste and cooking techniques. *Troops will need to provide a majority of their utensils and cookware.* Camp will have a limited amount of cooking equipment available at the camp room.

MORE TROOP COOKING:

If your troop is interested in doing more cooking in your campsite, arrangements may be made through the Camp Office

for in camp meals, and through the Program Director for Outpost trips.

SPECIAL DIETS:

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 and food can be ordered.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

Camp Hinds has established procedures for lost campers, lost swimmers, fires, and severe storms. We use a siren as a warning device if and when it becomes necessary to call the camp together.

Camp Hinds has written agreements with local fire, police and medical departments to provide Camp Hinds with the necessary coverage for any emergency.

Further information on the emergency procedures to be followed while in camp can be found posted in each campsite for review by all Scouts and Leaders in camp.



WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP:

Each troop site has two-man tents on platforms for all of our Scouts and leaders. Bunks with mattresses or cots, picnic tables with tarps, water buckets, a flagpole, and a bulletin board are also provided in each campsite.

Troops are encouraged to spruce up their campsite with troop flags or banners, cooking equipment, and lanterns. Troops may want to bring along sports equipment, paper products, water jugs and campsite games.

Recommended Camper equipment:

- Summer Scout uniforms
- Extra shorts, T-shirts, pants
- 6 Pairs of socks & underwear
- Pajamas
- Towels
- Scout handbook
- Sneakers
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Water bottle
- Light jacket
- Pocket knife
- Toiletry Kit
- Bathing suit
- Hiking shoes
- Rain gear
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Spending money

Optional gear:

- Laundry bag
- Compass
- Camera
- Sunglasses
- First aid kit
- Bible or prayer book
- Bug Spray
- Bug Net

DO NOT BRING:

- Radios
- Fireworks
- Sheath knives
- Bows and arrows
- Aerosol Can Products
- CD Player/Walkman
- Laptops
- Alcohol or drugs
- Televisions
- Firearms
- Electronic games
- Pets

CAMP ROOM:

The camp room is located next to the camp office. Toilet paper, cleaning supplies and extra fire buckets area available at the camp room. A limited supply of cooking equipment, American Flags are also available for units to check out.

The camp room will be open daily following breakfast until 8:45 a.m.

Please try to send a representative of your campsite during this time. If supplies are needed in an emergency basis, please check with the camp office.

CAMPSITE SUPPLIES & FIRE PROTECTION:

A broom, shovel, rakes, fire buckets and water hose will be kept in each campsite. Commissioners will check daily to see if the camp equipment is there. Equipment that is lost or broken due to misuse will be charged to the unit. There is no need to bring this equipment back to the camp room at the end of the week.

Please use care around the campfires in your sites. Only established campfire rings may be used in camp for fires. No liquid fuel may be used to start any fires. No open flames of any type are permitted around or in any tent. Full fire buckets are required around the campfire ring, along with a full, trash-free, 55 gal drum in or near the campsite. Troops need to fill out and follow the posted Troop Fire Guard Plan found on the bulletin board in your campsite. Hot showers, with individual shower stalls, are available for all Scouts and leaders. Latrines with toilets and hand-washing facilities are found in each campsite.

CAMPSITE INSPECTION:

Camp Commissioners will inspect each campsite on a daily basis for cleanliness, safety and conservation, organization and scout spirit. Troop Inspection Sheets are posted in each campsite. Can your Troop have the best site in camp? The top troops will be recognized in front of their peers.

CAMP GOOD TURNS:

A Scout is helpful and clean! Each day troops are asked to assist in keeping camp clean with a rotating schedule of good turns. Good turns should be done directly following lunch. Schedules of good turns are posted in camp!

LOST & FOUND:

A lost & found box will be in front of the Trading Post. **Valuable found items will be kept in the camp office.** Anyone finding items are requested to place them in the lost & found box.



OA SERVICE HOUR:

Members of the Order of the Arrow will have the opportunity to participate in the OA Service Hour. On Thursday evenings, members of the OA will join with the OA staff members for a service project in camp. Your participation will earn your troop points in the campsite inspections and all workers will receive a specially designed patch after their "cheerful service."

OA BROTHERHOOD

CONVERSIONS:

A brotherhood conversion ceremony will take place on Thursday nights starting at 7 PM. To be eligible, the Ordeal Member must have over 10 months of tenure as well as be a member in good standing (dues paid in full). There will be a small fee attached to cover the cost of the Brotherhood sash.

CAMP HINDS **MEETINGS**

CAMP HINDS 2008 PROGRAM
KICKOFF MEETINGS: NEW
SCOUT LEADERS ARE STRONGLY
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

- **May 10th, at 1 pm at the Hinds Training Center, or**
- **May 22nd, 7 pm at the Pine Tree Council Service Center in Portland**

The 2008 Program Kickoff Meeting is an informational meeting to update Scoutmasters and/or Troop Camp leaders of the changes and program info for the 2008 camp season. **Both meetings will cover the same information & new leaders are STRONGLY encouraged to attend.**

PRE-CAMP SCOUTMASTER AND SENIOR PATROL LEADERS MEETING:

For Camp Scoutmasters and SPL's held on each Sunday at 1:00 PM, at the Tabor Family Retreat, ***prior to the 2 PM check-in.*** All Scoutmasters and SPL's are expected to attend. Material to be covered includes Merit Badge registration, troop planning, camp rules, and emergency procedures. **No Units will be allowed into camp before 2 pm.**

SENIOR PATROL LEADERS COUNCIL:

All SPL's will meet daily with the Program Director at 11:45 am at the Waterfront. If the SPL is not available, he should appoint a representative for those meetings.

Scoutmaster's Coffee:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, at 8:45 am, troop leaders are invited to meet with the Program Director at the Dining Hall for an informational gathering.

CAMP PAPERWORK:

All paperwork-needed for camp, is enclosed in the Appendix A & B. Feel free to make additional copies of information to pass on to your Scout families.