



Welcome to Canyon Camp!

Thank you for joining us this summer as you camp along the bank of Coon Creek. We want to make sure you have the best experience at camp- which starts before you step foot at camp and culminates with check-in. We thought it may help you knowing what to expect before you even get here for your first day in camp. We have provided a brief schedule overview with a more elaborate step-by-step guide below.

The preferred arrival time for troops is from 1:00-2:00PM. We recommend that larger troops (15-50 scouts) plan to arrive between 12:30 and 1:00 if possible for the smoothest check-in experience. This provides your troop the ability to be one of the first troops to check-in on Sunday and affords you a relaxing experience through the process. Check-in ***begins*** at 1:00 PM. It can be more difficult to get through all integral portions of check-in for large groups that arrive closer to 2:00 PM.

We do *not* provide lunch on Sundays, but we do have a few recommendations. If you have a long trip to get to camp, packing a lunch is easy. If you prefer to stop somewhere for lunch, Stockton (East of Camp) has a Subway and McDonalds that troops have stopped at in the past.

When you get to camp you will be greeted by Canyon Camp staff members in the parking lot. Each troop will have at least one staff member to help them through each step of the check-in procedures as a "resident expert." They will be with you until the flag ceremony that evening. If you have questions at any point during the check-in procedures do not hesitate to ask your staff member.

When the staff member connects with your troop, they will introduce themselves and ask for three things:

1. Ask for one unit leader check-in at the office with a copy of your troop roster. Please be sure all names of scouts and leaders that will be in camp are on this roster. If a second troop roster is available, please leave this with your staff member assistant.
2. Verify that these items are NOT in the troop trailer:
 - a. Physical Forms
 - b. Any Medication
 - c. Swim Trunks and Towel (easiest if scouts wear swim trunks to camp)
 - d. Water bottle (Highly recommended)
3. Identify a second leader who is able to ride with our camp ranger to move your unit trailer to your campsite.

After the Scoutmaster returns from the office, the staff member will lead you through the following activities all prior to seeing your campsite for the first time. One thing to note, the order of these activities are not necessarily sequential depending on the amount of units at the health lodge or getting their photo taken- we attempt to find the most efficient order possible with the health officer check being the primary focus:

- A. **Check in with the Health Officer.** During this the Health Officer will check the physical forms for the scouts and unit leaders, this is when all medication is turned into the Health Officer. The Health Officer will also give a brief safety talk and what is expected of scouts and unit leaders during the week.
- B. **Troop Picture.** One of the staff members will take a picture of the troop, that the troop can purchase as a memory of their week at camp. Some troops get a picture for just the troop, while others get this and individual pictures for the scouts. There will be order forms that you can turn into the office. Pictures will be handed out during check-out.
- C. **Merit Badge sign up revisions (should be completed online prior to camp).** Before coming to camp your troop should be fully registered for the merit badges and activities they plan to take. This is done online through the DoubleKnot registration system. We understand that plans change, so we have the scouts make sure they are accurately registered for the merit badges or activities that they want to take. This allows the camp staff to know how many scouts they should be expecting during each session. If there are changes to make, make

sure that the scouts cross their name out on the merit badge or activity that they don't want to take. This helps us plan most appropriately for your scouts' experience.

- D. **Swim Check.** At this point the the staff member will take the troop to the **pool** where we have our swim checks. The Aquatics Director will have a small overview for the the troop about the Aquatics area and the swim checks. The staff member will then pass out the buddy tags that we have. One of them will stay in the pool area for the entire week and the other one will go to the lakefront for any potential boating activities. The staff will ensure the buddy tags are properly delivered to the Lakefront Area.

Once these four activities are completed, it is (finally) time to see your campsite for the week. The staff member will take you to the campsite and help you unpack your trailer. ***It is our goal to have your unit through the entire check-in process between 3:00 and 3:30.*** We prefer to have you to your campsite closer to 3:00 PM to allow the unit ample time to set-up their campsite without any rush.

At 4:45 there is a meeting for Senior Patrol Leaders (SPL) at the big oak tree (near the flagpole-the staff member will point it out to you; this is also where unit leaders will meet each day for unit leader meetings). Your troop will be guided to the parade field around 5:00 PM and show you where your troop will stand for flag every day. ***It is recommended to bring anything from your campsite that you might need for the rest of the night at this time.*** Your troop won't be back to your campsite until after the opening campfire. These items may include: a water bottle and a flashlight. The flag ceremony begins at 5:30 on Sunday night.

The rest of the evening is full of activities that will be discussed at dinner time. Just to let you know ahead of time, after dinner there will be a unit leader meeting under the big oak tree while the scouts watch a demonstration on how to raise, lower and fold the American flag. Each troop will have an opportunity to raise or lower the flag throughout the week and each SPL signs up for a specific day. After these meetings, there will be a camp wide tour and an opening campfire with skits and songs. After this, troops can return to their campsites for the evening or stop by the camp Trading Post for the first time! Typically the campfire ends around 9PM.

Once again thank you for choosing Canyon Camp for this summer. We look forward to seeing your troop grow in the Scouting program. We hope this document helps answer some of your questions regarding one of the busiest days of camp- your arrival! Once

you're here, put your feet up and watch your Scouts grow under the guidance of qualified staff members and key Scoutmaster leadership... wait, that's you! Maybe you won't be able to put your feet up, but we promise you will enjoy your experience at camp! If you have any questions feel free to send us an email at program.canyon@gmail.com. Thank you again, and we can't wait to see you at camp!