



## Summer Camp 2023

### Minsi Scout Reservation Week #4

Summer camp is only a short time away and it's time to communicate the final logistics and information to make everything run smoothly. Please read the reminders carefully and be sure you review the last minute check list. I know that the PLC is looking forward to a successful adventure for all of our scouts and hope your scout's are as eager as we are.

#### Paperwork:

##### 1. Due ASAP

- ☐ 3 copies of BSA Health forms (Parts A, B, C with Physician Signature)
- ☐ 3 copies of your Health Insurance Card.
- ☐ RK Medication form
- ☐ Be sure you have paid your Scout Account in full.

##### 2. Due by July 1

- ☐ Special Dietary Needs submitted to Minsi.

##### 3. Due for Check-in/Gear Drop July 15<sup>th</sup>

- ☐ Troop Discipline Policy signed by parent and scout.
- ☐ Medications for week in original bottles.
- ☐ Spending Money (small bills) turned in to Troop Banker
- ☐ Last chance to bring your Scout Account current!

#### Logistics:

1. **Saturday July 15, 2023 between 5pm and 6pm** – Gear Check-in and Paperwork Check
  - a. Scouts must drop their off equipment and do a final paperwork review at **RCCPC**. Exact check in location at RCCPC is weather dependent Given the complexity of this trip and the amount of special paperwork involved please be sure you bring or have brought the following:

##### Required for Camp. Bring or have brought previously

- ☐ Camp trunk filled with everything on your equipment list. (Swimsuit & towel at the top of the trunk!)
- ☐ Sleeping Bag / Bedroll / Blanket
- ☐ Mosquito Net poles (PVC frame or popup)
- ☐ Scout Handbook
- ☐ Deadline for all paperwork listed above in #2

2. **Sunday July 16, 2023** – Scouts must arrive at RCCPC upper parking lot at **8:00am**

- a. We will be departing as close to 9:00 am as possible and driving to Minsi Scout Reservation. **DON'T BE LATE – WE CANNOT WAIT.**
- b. Scouts should bring with them for the ride:
  - ☐ Daypack.
  - ☐ Water bottle (with water)

- Breakfast Snack.
- Bag Lunch ← important!
- Entertainment – Books, Cards, travel games, etc.  
Electronics permitted ONLY ON THE BUS and will be collected by the Scoutmasters prior to exiting the bus. DVD's and movies subject to approval of content by Scoutmaster.

3. **Saturday July 22, 2023 approximately 1:30pm – Pick-up**
  - a. **We anticipate arrival at the church by 1:30pm.** Please understand we are 2+ hours of travel distant and traffic is never guaranteed. BE FLEXIBLE. Approximately 30 minutes prior to arrival back at the church the Scoutmaster will be in contact with our Committee Chair. The Committee Chair (Mr. Spencer) will then e-mail the troop letting them know a more precise.

### **FAQ's:**

**Q How will I know everything is ok at camp?**

- “If you don't hear from us....everything is just fine!”

**Q I simply MUST contact my scout at camp.**

- Cell phone reception is always spotty at Scout Camps and Wi-Fi is a joke. Adult leaders will be on the move and not always immediately accessible. In order to reduce your frustration and expedite your message leaders will be checking in periodically with Randy Spencer (Committee Chair) to collect messages. If you need to contact anyone at camp please contact Randy FIRST and he will contact the adult leaders. Randy has a complete list of cell phone numbers for all of our adult leaders as well as contacts at Rodney.
- **PLEASE WORK THROUGH RANDY TO CALL CAMP.**  
**C:** (302) 521-2254 **E:** [spencer.randyk@gmail.com](mailto:spencer.randyk@gmail.com)
- PLEASE! DON'T CALL unless it is a true emergency.
- Calling directly to the camp will likely take just as long as working the system since they will need to track us down.

**Q How much money should I send with my scout?**

- We suggest a maximum of \$50. This money will be turned in to our camp banker who will manage the “Last National Bank” on a daily basis.
- Please send money in small denomination bills. Scouts can make withdrawals, but NOT deposits at summer camp.

**Q Can my scout bring their own extra money?**

- We would prefer not. There is little reason for ‘extra’ money. We aren't at a spa and encouraging thrift is an important scout virtue.

**Q I'm worried that my scout will be homesick.**

- We're worried about them too! Being away from home can be an unsettling time for both scouts and parents. Trust that your scout is surrounded by caring adults and scout friends. While we may not be mom or dad, we will do our best to make them comfortable and happy.

**Q Is it ok for my scout to keep their cell phone..."just in case".**

- Please don't encourage this. You may believe you are helping your child by giving them a convenient way of connecting with you, but at the same time you are training them to be covert in their behavior – the scouts know cell phones are forbidden. Plus you may unwittingly create a worse situation if they cannot reach you or if they cannot get a signal in the woods.
- Adult leaders have cell phones and access to camp telephones should a scout need to contact home in an emergency.

**Q I'm not sure if I should mention to you about my scout's \_\_\_\_\_,**

- PLEASE tell us. You are entrusting your scout to our care for a week. We don't ask you to tell us personal information just to be nosy. We want our scouts to be successful and have a good time. Even if your scout has an occasional problem...it would be best if we knew about it in advance and could plan accordingly.

**Q What kind of stuff are you really talking about? Can you give examples?**

Sleepwalking	Insomnia	Reaction to medicines
Night Terrors	Afraid of the dark	Afraid of bugs
Can't swim.	Chronic diarrhea	Allergies
We took him off his meds for the week.	Bed wetting.	

- This list is not all inclusive....please give some thought to making your scout's trip enjoyable and tell us what to expect.

**Q Is it ok to send food to camp..."it's only a bag of chips".**

- Please don't. There is plenty of food available and the scouts inevitably find the snack bar at the trading post. Hidden food in camp implies food in tents which is a safety hazard. Scavenging critters living near scout camps are notorious for their persistence. Raccoons in tents = frightened scouts out of tents. Not good.

**Q Would you really make me drive to camp at midnight to come collect my scout for fighting at camp?**

- Absolutely.

**Q What type of Footlocker do I need?**

Essentially any solid plastic footlocker will do. The goals are:

1. Large enough to store all gear and for a scout to locate items easily.
2. Waterproof
3. Solid enough for scouts to sit on.

**Popular Models.**



**J. Terence Thompson**  
**32-1/2 x15-3/4 x13-3/4**  
Available: Amazon



**Sterilite Footlocker**  
**31.125 x 17.5 x 13.875**  
Available: Amazon  
(doesn't fit under all bunks)

**Q Where can I get gear?**

- Some of our favorite sources:

Retail	Web
REI	<a href="http://www.campmor.com">www.campmor.com</a>
Dick's	<a href="http://www.scoutdirect.com">www.scoutdirect.com</a>
Walmart	<a href="http://www.alpsmountaineering.com">www.alpsmountaineering.com</a>
Amazon	<a href="http://www.amazon.com">www.amazon.com</a>

**Q What about bugs?**

- Mosquito's and spiders are an annual complaint. Allowing a scout to get a good night sleep without insects is critical. We suggest either of the alternatives listed below; a homemade set of poles to accompany store bought mosquito netting or the popup purchased alternative. If you are using the suggested rectangular pole rig be sure to get a rectangular net.
  - Also, FWIW I priced the home made version. By the time you purchase all the component parts it is about equivalent to the purchased popup solution so unless you like family projects....both are roughly \$50

Mosquito solution. This or any similar model.

Amazon: ~\$50



Just Mosquito Netting:

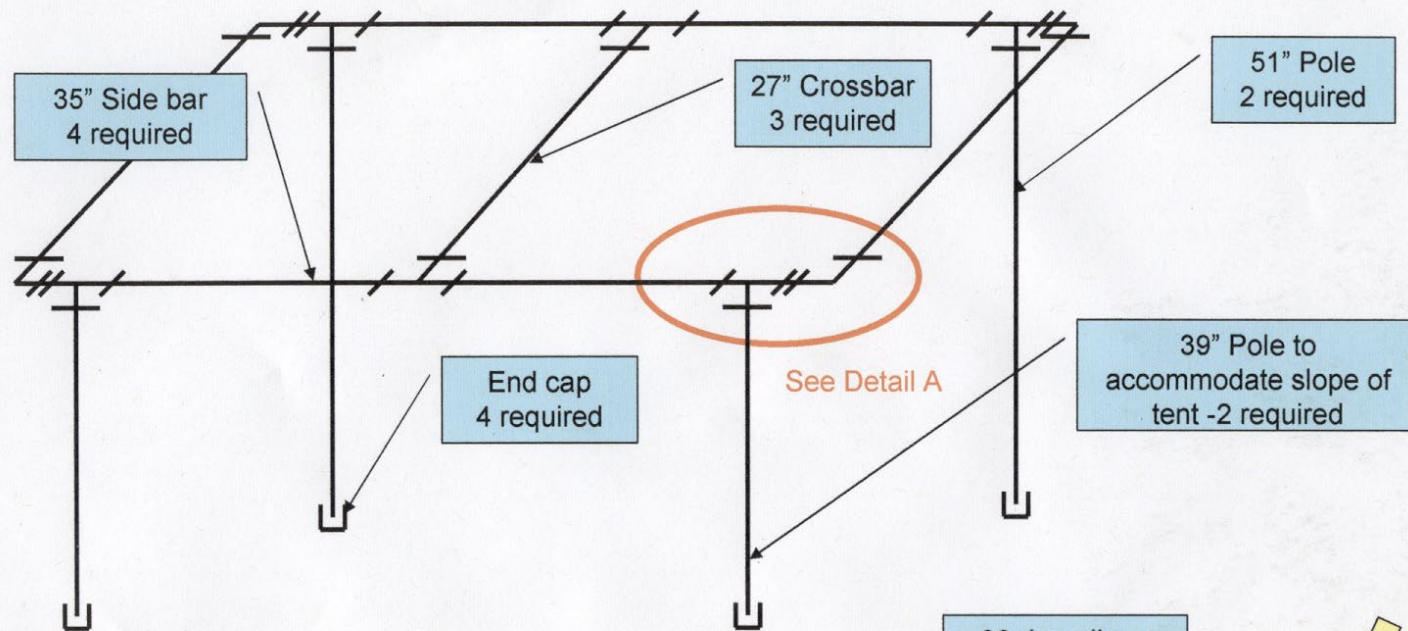
Amazon: \$20



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Parent/Scout project  
Cost ~\$50  
w/net

### Mosquito Netting Frame – ½" PVC Pipe



### Bill of Materials – all ½ " PVC

- 4 Ten ft. lengths of PVC Pipe
- 6 Tee joints
- 4 90 degree elbows
- 4 End caps

