

Troop 85

General Information

MEETINGS

Meetings are held at St. Bede Church (36399 N. Wilson, Ingleside) from 7:00 to 8:30 PM every Tuesday night (except for: school holidays). Occasionally, other groups reserve the church and we must move our meeting to another location and you will be notified of the change. Scouts are expected to be in Class "A" uniform at these meetings.

During the summer vacation, the meetings are held at Grant Woods Forest Preserve (corner of Rte. 59 and Monaville Rd.). While at the Forest Preserve, meeting times are 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Class B uniforms may be worn during these meetings. Since we are outdoors, please bring or wear insect repellent (Non-aerosol only); consider bringing water to drink, too.

GAS REIMBURSEMENT

Transportation is provided by the leaders and parents attending the campouts. Gas purchases will be reimbursed only when the campout is 50 miles or more away. Anyone wishing to be reimbursed must start with a full tank of gas and fill up immediately upon return. Receipts must be submitted to be reimbursed.

CAMPING

The troop holds a campout or other activity every month except December. Campouts generally run from Friday night to Sunday.

We leave from Gavin Central promptly at 6:00 PM. Friday night. Please arrive between 5:30 and 5:45 PM. to allow time to get organized and load the gear. There is no dinner on Friday night so make sure to eat before leaving! We return to Gavin Central by 12 noon on Sunday. ***Please*** drop off and pick up on time. The leaders attending the campout are anxious to get home and spend what is left of the weekend with their families.

To attend a campout you must sign-up ahead of-time. The sign-up deadline is usually 2 meetings prior to the campout. Don't just show up on Friday night. We must know who is going ahead of time in order to plan for food and transportation.

There is a fee of approximately \$10.00 for a standard camp-out. This is payable by cash or check to the Troop Treasurer. The fee needs to be paid 10 days prior to the camp-out and prior to 7:30 at the Troop on deadline night. This is necessary so that the money for buying food can be obtained and distributed the following meeting and so that the boys have ample time to plan their duty roster and menu. Some activities will cost more due to additional fees we must pay to the organization running the activity. For example: Eagle Cave, Galena, and Summer Camp just to name a few. You will be notified ahead of time what the fee will be.

It is very important to mark **all** of your camping gear and clothes. Inexperienced campers are prone to getting their things mixed up with their tent-mates. Please mark all clothes with a permanent marker and engrave any metal items such as mess kits. We will be happy to provide an engraver if necessary.

CAMPOUTS

NO-NO'S - The following items are not permitted on camping trips: soda, gum, candy, snacks, gaming cards (Star Wars, Pokeman, Magic), electronics (Game Boys, Walk-mans, etc.), and cell phones. The leaders will confiscate these items. Items of value will be returned to the parents upon our return. Edible items will be consumed by the leaders. Exceptions will be made re: electronics on long trips (except for cell phones); however upon arrival these items will be left in the vehicles at camp.

MEDICATIONS

At all activities, all medications, ***prescription and non-prescription*** must be turned into the "Medicine Man" before leaving the school. The medications must be placed in a zip-lock bag in their original container. The Scouts name must be on the bag and a detailed note must be in the bag describing the type of medicine and what it is for. In addition, detailed instructions must be provided detailing dosage and frequency of dosage. The only exceptions are for inhalers and epi-pens; however the leader in charge must be advised that the Scout has these items in his possession. It is strongly suggested that a second inhaler and/or epi-pen be turned into the "Medicine Man" in case the Scout loses the one he is carrying. Due to Federal Law and the safety of the Scouts there can be no exceptions to this policy.

FUNDRAISING

Troop 85 holds several fundraisers during the year. Some of these are to raise operating funds for the Troop. Others are to help the Scouts raise money to pay for their Scouting activities.

Troop Fund Raisers – Spaghetti Dinner - November
Pancake Breakfast - March
Rummage Sale - spring
Scout Fund Raisers - Candy Sale - March
Car wash - May or June
Flower Bulb Sale - fall

Some or all of the money your son brings in for these sales is held in an account for him to use for summer camp or other Scout related items or activities. Every Scout and adult leader will have an account set up for him in which deposits can be made. Once deposited, the money can only be used for scouting related items.

WEBSITE

The Troop website can be found at <http://www.foxlaketrop85.org/>. Please utilize this site for information on upcoming activities.