

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

We have been receiving a lot of questions with regards to the 2010 Council Centennial Campout. If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Nancy Simien at (225) 769-8746 or at nsimien@bellsouth.net.

1. **Do I have to order my t-shirts ahead of time?**

Yes. There may be some t-shirts available at the event, but the cost will be \$15.00 each. Depending on the number of participants that inquire about t-shirts after the deadline, orders may be taken and you will be notified once the shirts are received. You will need to make arrangements to pick them up at the Pennington Scout Center. The cost will be \$15.00 per shirt.

2. **Can I park my car next to my tent?**

No. Once you arrive, you will be directed to your camping area. You will need to unload your vehicle and park your vehicle in the designated parking areas.

3. **Can I bring my own food? Do we have to bring our own food...are we eating as a unit or as a group?**

Yes. Saturday evening supper will be provided by way of the cook-off contest. All other meals will be the responsibility of the participants. You can pack a lunch to bring with you to the Summer Camp area where all the activities will be taking place. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and snacks for sale on Saturday during the event. Drinks will also be available for sale on Saturday evening at Lake Magee and Woodbadge Hill. Each unit decides how they will be setting up their cooking area. See the answer to question #4. The only meal being provided is the Saturday evening meal.

4. **Can I cook in the campsite?**

Yes. We are asking that units get together to cook as a group to maximize the amount of people we can get in each campsite. Also, because of the number of tents that will be in each campsite, we are requesting that there be **NO** ground fires. All cooking must be done on camp stoves.

5. **Does It matter what size tent I bring or how many?**

We are asking that if you bring a large tent that the whole family share the one tent. Campsites will be assigned based on the number of people each unit brings. If you have a large tent, then we ask that the whole family camp in the one tent. If the parents are intending on staying in one tent and putting the kids

in another, then you should bring tents of appropriate size. If you have concerns about the size of your tent, please call Nancy Simien.

6. When will I know what site I have been assigned to?

Once the September 22, 2010, deadline date is past, we will be assigning campsites based on the number people from each unit attending.

7. Do I have to pre-register?

Yes. Everyone must pre-register. There are things that need to be ordered based on the number of participants that are in attendance. We also need to know how much food will be needed to feed everyone on Saturday evening.

8. Do I have to register as a unit?

No. You can register as an individual/family. Once all registrations are in, we will put everyone from the same unit camping in the same campsite.

9. Can a pack and troop camp together? I'm a Cubmaster who's never been to Avondale...where are we staying and what are the accommodations? I'm a Scoutmaster...where are we camping and what are the accommodations?

Yes. Packs will be camping at Lake Magee; Boy Scouts will be camping at Woodbadge Hill; Venturers and Explorers will be camping at Lake Tigator. We will be bringing in port-o-lets for the weekend. In addition, there are two new bathhouses in the process of being built at Lake Magee in addition to the existing one.

You need to indicate on both registration forms, by sending an e-mail message, or by attaching a note to the registrations that the Pack and Troop would like to camp together. In this instance, everyone will be camped at Lake Magee. Because Woodbadge Hill is primitive in that there are no bathroom facilities and only one water spigot, Cub Scouts **WILL NOT** be camping at Woodbadge Hill.

10. Have provisions been made for special needs participants?

If someone within the unit has special needs, please indicate on the registration form. We will do whatever is necessary to make sure that everyone has an enjoyable weekend and can get to all of the activities for the weekend.

11. What is the schedule of arrivals and departures?

We are asking everyone to arrive on Friday evening. Check-in will be from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The gates will be locked at 10:30 p.m. Cub Scouts will be

camping at Lake Magee and will come in from the back gate that is located on Highway 63; Boy Scouts will be camping at Woodbadge Hill, and Venturers and Explorers will be camping at Lake Tigator and will enter through the front gate located on Highway 10. Boy Scout Troops that are camping with the Cub Scouts will enter through the back gate.

12. What is the schedule of Cub Scout and Boy Scout activities?

We are still in the process of finalizing everything and will have a schedule and information booklet ready as soon as possible.

13. Do we have to sign up for activities to avoid long line?

There is no sign-up. It will be a first come, first served. Because of the amount of activities that are planned for the weekend, if one line is too long you can go to another activity.

14. What is the schedule of special activities...Governor's arrival, helicopters, whatever?

Once again, we are trying to finalize everything at this time. We do not have a definite arrival time for Governor Jindal. Once things are finalized we will be putting out a schedule.

15. Can we just come for one day?

Yes, you may come for the day only. The cost is still the same--\$15.00. Please indicate that you are DAY ONLY. There will be a special parking location for DAY ONLY participants.

16. Do you have a map of the reservation?

There is a map on the Istroma Area Council website. Go to Camping, click on Camping and it will bring up the screen that has information about Camp Avondale. Click on Avondale Scout Reservation Map and you will have a map of Avondale. Once everything is placed, we will have a map available that will be sent out with the information packet.

17. We're Cub Scouts and we don't usually go camping...so do we need to go buy tents and cook our own meals?

If you are planning on camping overnight, then yes. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to really experience what Scouting is about. Everyone will be making new friends. If you have never camped, this is an excellent opportunity to get with another unit who has camped and pair up together.

18. Avondale Scout Reservation is BIG...how is everyone getting around?

We are working on the transportation issue now. We are working on getting buses to transport everyone.

19. Do I send my medical form with my registration?

No, you need to keep your medical form with you throughout the weekend.