



# ***BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP 2011***

*LaSalle Council, Boy Scouts of America*



## **LEADERS GUIDE**



# FEATURE PRESENTATIONS!

## Eagles Pointe Program Area! *ENCORE PRESENTATION FROM 2009 - SCOUTS MUST HAVE ACHIEVED THE RANK OF 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS AND ARE 14+ YEARS OLD TO PARTICIPATE.*



THE FOLLOWING EAGLE REQUIRED MERIT BADGES ARE NOW AVAILABLE: CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION, CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD, COMMUNICATIONS, PERSONAL MANAGEMENT, PERSONAL FITNESS.

## Sports Program Area! *ARE YOU READY FOR THIS NEW PROGRAM AREA?! WE WILL BE BRINGING BACK MOUNTAIN BIKING AND ADDING SOME OTHER FUN!*



THE FOLLOWING MERIT BADGES WILL BE OFFERED: SPORTS, CYCLING, GOLF, CLIMBING—AT CLIMB KALAMAZOO, AND FLY FISHING. ALSO AVAILABLE, MOUNTAIN BIKE TREK— AT TK LAWLESS OFFICIAL MTN. BIKE TRAIL (MUST BE 15 OR OLDER TO PARTICIPATE), MOUNTAIN BOARDING (MUST BE 15 OR OLDER TO PARTICIPATE).

## More Highlights!

- 44 MERIT BADGES OFFERED
- WELCOME BACK PARTY & MOVIE NIGHT
- OPEN SWIMMING, BOATING, SHOOTING
- BLACK POWDER SHOOTING
- 1ST YEAR SCOUT PROGRAM (THUNDERRIDGE)
- GREAT FISHING ON WOOD LAKE
- BSA LIFEGUARD
- 1830'S MICHIGAN
- SNORKELING, BSA AWARD
- KAYAKING BSA AWARD
- MILE SWIM AWARD
- GEOCACHE TREASURE HUNT
- MOTORBOATING & SAILING
- PROJECT C.O.P.E.
- HUCK FINN RAFT RACE
- GREAT FOOD!!!

## Leader Trainings! *WE HAVE HIRED A FULL TIME STAFF MEMBER TO PROVIDE TRAININGS FOR ADULT LEADERS.*



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Dear Unit Leader,



Welcome to Camp Tamarack at Wood Lake Scout Reservation. It's the best place on earth. We are keyed up to offer an outstanding and fun Summer Camp program this year. We believe the purpose of Summer Camp is to cement a Scout into a program that will teach him character, citizenship and physical fitness. Troops can participate in as much of the Summer Camp experience as they would like. We are confident the Scouts will leave our camp with a better understanding of Scouting and a stronger Troop program.

### TOPS REASONS TO ATTEND BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP AT TAMARACK!

- Where you're not just another Troop.
- Five week season beginning June 19 through July 23, 2011.
- Awesome camp-wide activities like the welcome back party and GPS geocache treasure hunt.
- Highly qualified, well trained and FUN staff!
- Scouts learn Merit Badges!
- Shower House with private stalls and warm water!
- 500 acres of natural beauty to enjoy!
- Top notch aquatics program on the gorgeous waters of Wood Lake and Little Wood Lake!
- Food that is delicious and plentiful— and even when someone has dietary restrictions!
- Convenient Location: 45 minutes from South Bend, 45 minutes from Niles, 50 minutes from Kalamazoo, 1 hour from LaPorte, 1.5 hours from Valparaiso, 1.5 hours from Fort Wayne, 1.5 hours from Grand Rapids, 2.5 hours from Chicago, 3.5 hours from Indianapolis.

Boy Scout Summer camp is a nationally accredited Boy Scouts of America summer camp. This means each year our camp meets the standards of being a safe, healthy and quality camping experience for you and your Scouts. This is in addition to our meeting state, OSHA, EPA, ADA and child labor laws to provide summer camp.

This 2011 Leader guide is designed to help answer the most important questions about life at Camp Tamarack. Use it with your Troop Committee and Patrol Leaders Council in planning for your week at Camp. Please note that this year will have some noteworthy changes. Please read the leaders' guide to learn about these alterations.

We, as well as our staff, look forward to meeting all of you this summer at Camp Tamarack. We look forward to making your week with us awesome. Thank you in advance for the time, effort, and energy, you as a leader have invested into the Scout Program. If at anytime you have a question you're unable to answer, please, feel free to give us a call at the Council Service Center (574) 289-0337 ext. 315. Thank you for attending Summer Camp at Camp Tamarack.

Take time to visit our new website at <http://www.lasallecouncilbsa.org/summercamp>, for updated and new information.

Yours in Scouting,

*Will*

Will Wilson  
Camping Chair

*Bill*

Bill Stauffacher  
Camp Director

*Phil*

Phil Bontrager  
Program Director



## **ABOUT CAMP TAMARACK**

Camp Tamarack is located about 5 miles north of U.S. 12 and just south of Jones, Michigan. Camp Tamarack consists of more than 500 acres of heavily wooded land. Located on the camp are two glacial lakes (Wood Lake and Little Wood Lake), and miles of trails and much wildlife.

There are presently 15 campsites scattered in the woods on the north side of Wood Lake and Little Wood Lake. The Scouts live in the outdoors in tents, which they bring and pitch themselves. There are several buildings used to provide services to the campers and staff. These include a dining hall, shower house, health lodge, and of course, a well-stocked trading post.

The Boy Scouts of America and the State of Michigan, Department of Social Services rate Camp Tamarack as a National Accredited Camp. Camp Tamarack, WLSR maintains a policy of non-discrimination in regards to color, creed, religion, national origin, or disability in all phases of its programs and operations.

Camp life at Camp Tamarack, WLSR, builds the Patrol Method, Troop Leadership Skills, and Scouting Spirit. During your stay at Camp, you as a leader have the ability to learn more about your Scouts, spend more individual time with them, and develop personal satisfaction in working with and assisting in Troop Development. Camp Tamarack provides programs for your troop that you can “take back home with you.” Besides being the peak of many Troops’ summer adventure, Camp Tamarack is just plain fun.... for you, your Scouts, and of course our staff!!!



Camp Tamarack reserves the right to move large Troops to Larger Campsites. If a smaller unit has campsite reservations, they will be given the option of sharing the campsite with the larger Troop, or being moved to a smaller campsite if available.

## THE MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

The earning of Merit Badges is the backbone of Camp Tamarack and Boy Scout Summer Camps everywhere. Over the years, Tamarack has been known not as a merit badge mill, but instead as a place where Scouts can truly earn the badges. We as a staff do not add requirements to the badges, but we do make sure that if the Merit Badge calls for a Scout to write and give a report, he does it. If the requirement calls for a demonstration, he does it. The Summer Camp Staff of Tamarack takes pride in the fact that when Scouts leave here, they have earned their merit badges and have had fun doing so.

### Ways to help your Scouts with their Merit Badges....

1. Before they get to Camp, sit down with your Scouts and help them decide which Merit Badges they will be working on there.
2. Have your Scouts obtain the merit badge books and go over the requirements before they get to Camp. Camp has a very limited amount of books available.
3. Check the list of work needed before camp and have the Scouts work on them before they get to Camp.
4. Have your Scouts make out a schedule for the week so they can do all the activities they want to.
5. Check with your Scouts after Monday to make sure they have gotten to all their Merit Badge Sessions.
6. Check with the Staff sometime during the week to see the progress of your Scouts.
7. If there are conflicts, talk to the staff as soon as possible to work them out.
8. Don't think that every hour must be filled with merit badge work. Leave time for other camp activities such as swimming, canoeing, or shooting at the Archery, Rifle, or Shotgun ranges.

Some Merit Badges require work before camp to be completed at Camp. Please make sure all Scouts have the necessary merit badge book, and have read it prior to camp. Please make sure your Scout has completed or studied the pre-camp requirements to make his week in camp a success. For Swimming and Lifesaving Merit Badges Scouts must bring the clothing needed to complete the clothing inflation and disrobing requirements. If the Scout doesn't have these clothes, he will not be able to complete the requirements. Camp is unable to supply these clothes.



**FINAL MERIT BADGE PREREQUISITES**

All merit badges require the appropriate book to be ready prior to arrival in camp.

<u>MERIT BADGE</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>BEFORE CAMP</u>
Archery	Good for older Scouts- difficult to qualify	
Art		
Astronomy	By appt. only	4c, 5, 9
Basketry	Will cost extra money	
Bird Study	By appt. only	5,7,8
Camping		9
Canoeing	Need to be a swimmer	
Chemistry	Not Good for younger Scouts	
Citizenship in the Nation	Must be 14 and 1 <sup>st</sup> class	2, 8
Citizenship in the World	Must be 14 and 1 <sup>st</sup> class	7
Climbing	Fee for Climb Kalamazoo	
Communications	Must be 14 and 1 <sup>st</sup> class	5, 8
Cycling	Bring bike – will be locked up when not in class	
Emergency Preparedness		First Aid MB, 8
Energy	Bring article (req. 1a) with you	1a, 4
Environmental Science	Not good for younger scouts	3e
Fingerprinting		
Fire Safety	Have Firem'n chit Card	
First Aid	Must have first aid kit, Should be first Class Scout	
Fish and Wildlife Mgmt.	By appt. only	5, 6, 7
Fishing	Bring your own pole, tackle, and bait.	
Fly Fishing		
Golf	Greens Fees & Club Rental (if no clubs)	
Indian Lore	See Indian Lore Campfire	2
Insect Study	By appt. only	4, 7
Leatherwork	Will cost extra money	
Lifesaving	Bring street clothes for quick disrobing	Swimming MB
Mammal Study	Good for younger Scouts	
Motor boating	Need to be a swimmer	
Nature	Good for older Scouts	
Oceanography		
Orienteering	Good for older Scouts	
Personal Fitness	Must be 14 and 1 <sup>st</sup> class	1,7, 8
Personal Management		
Pioneering	Good to reinforce Scouting Basics	
Reptile & Amphibian study		8
Rifle	NOT recommended for 1 <sup>st</sup> yr. Scouts	Read MB book
Rowing	Need to be a swimmer	
Shotgun	May cost up to \$10.00	Read MB book
Small Boat Sailing	Needs to be a swimmer	
Soil & Water Conservation	Requires extra time	7
Space Exploration	Will have additional cost	
Sports		4
Swimming	Bring street clothes for inflation	
Weather		8
Wilderness Survival	Overnight in the Wilderness	5
Wood Carving	Will cost extra money	



**Camp Tamarack 2010 Schedule (Tentative until April 2010)**

Session	Ecology Conserv.	Aquatics	Shooting Sports	Scoutcraft	Thunder Ridge	Eagles Pointe	Sports	High Adventure
<b>Morning Flag: 7:45 AM - 8:45 AM</b>								
<b>Breakfast</b>								
1 9:00 AM	Forestry Nature Reptile/Amphibian	Rowing Canoeing Fishing Swimming Lifesaving Kayaking	Rifle - MB Shotgun - MB BW Archery - MB	Indian Lore Pioneering Camping	Art Fingerprinting Woodcarving	Personal Fitness Personal Management	Cycling Golf	Cope Course Tuesday only 9:00am - 1:00pm
2 10:00 AM	Reptile/Amphibian Pulp and Paper Environmental Sci.	Rowing Canoeing Fishing Swimming Lifesaving Kayaking	Rifle - MB Shotgun - MB BW Archery - MB	Orienteering Fire Safety Wilderness Surv.	Basketry Leatherwork Space Explora.	Citizen. in the Nation Citizen. In the World	Cycling (cont.) Fly Fishing	Welcome to 1890s Michigan Monday & Tuesday (evening after dinner)
3 11:00AM	Environmental Sci. (cont.) Mammal Study Energy Oceanography	Mile Swim Instructional swim	Rifle - MB Shotgun - MB BW Archery - MB	Indian Lore Pioneering Camping	Art Fingerprinting Woodcarving	Citizen. In the World Communications	Fly Fishing (cont.) Sports	
<b>Lunch 12:15 - 1:00 PM</b>								
<b>Rest Period 1:00 - 2:00 PM</b>								
4 2:00 PM	Geology Mammal Study Environmental Sci.	Motorboating Open Swimming Open Boating	Open Shoot - Rifle/ Archery Small Bore ML Opt.	Orienteering Fire Safety Wilderness Surv.	Basketry Leatherwork Space Explora.	Citizen. in the Nation Communications	Cycling Sports	Hunter's Safety Mon-Fri
5 3:00 PM	Environmental Sci. Soil & Water Conserv. Oceanography Chemistry	Small Boat Sailing Motor Boating Open Swimming Open Boating	Open Shoot - Rifle/ Archery Small Bore ML Opt.	Indian Lore Pioneering Emergency Prep.	Art Fingerpainting Woodcarving	Personal Fitness Citizen. In the World	Open MTN Board Golf	Hunter's Safety (Cont.) Mon-Fri
6 4:00 PM	Weather Forestry Mammal Study	Motorboating Snorkeling - Mon, Tues & Wed	Open Shoot - Rifle/ Archery Field Course	Orienteering Wilderness Surv. First Aid MB	Basketry Leatherwork Space Explora.	Personal Management Communications Citizen. in the Nation	Open MTN Board Golf	
<b>Evening Flag: 5:45 PM - 6:45 PM</b>								
<b>Dinner</b>								



Camp Tamarack 2010 Evening Schedule						
DAY	Sunday (Thr)	Monday (Handic)	Tuesday (Odr)	Wednesday (Eco)	Thursday (Agu)	Friday (Eg)
4:00 PM		Evening Shotgun Shoot Open Boating	Evening Shotgun Shoot Open Boating 1st & 2nd Class Req. @ Waterfront Climbing MB @ Climb Kalama zoo (Return Wed. Morning)	Evening Shotgun Shoot Open Boating 1st & 2nd Class Req. @ Waterfront	Mountain Bike Trek @ TK Lawless Evening Shotgun Shoot Open Boating	Campwide Huck Finn Raft Race (Presented by Aquatics)
7:00 PM		Firemen-chit/Toten-chip @ Outdoor Skills	Campwide Geocache Treasure Hunt (Presented by Scoutcraft)			
7:30 PM						
8:00 PM		Campwide Hit like in Movie Theater and Welcome Back Party! (Presented by Handicraft)		Indian Lore Campfire & Sweat Lodge Wilderness Survival Overnigher	Interfaith Service @ Firebowl	
8:30 PM	Opening Campfire (Presented by Thunder Ridge)			Inter Troop Cracker Barrel (Presented by Aquatics)		Closing Campfire (Facilitated by Eagles Pointe)
9:00 PM						
9:30 PM						
10:00 PM						
NOTES	<p><b>PRECAMP</b> Read and understand merit badge books before coming to camp! Remember to bring MB book with you.</p> <p><b>BY APPOINTMENT</b> Merit Badges at Ecology: Bird Study, Fish/Wildlife Management, Insect Study</p> <p><b>SCOUTMASTER RANK ADV.</b> Please, stop by trading post for rank requirements and then return for counselor to sign off and present special patch</p> <p><b>LEADERS SHOOT</b> Friday 2-5pm</p> <p><b>OA Day</b> Thursdays - OA members wear OA class B's and OA sash with class A. - OA members will be the first to leave from each meal on this day</p> <p><b>TRADING POST &amp; QUARTERMASTER</b></p> <p><b>MON - FRI</b> 8:45-11:00 AM 1:30-5:00 PM 6:45-8:15 PM</p> <p><b>FRI</b> 8:45-11:00 AM 2:00-5:30 PM 6:30-8:00 PM, 45 minutes after campfire. Closed Sat.</p>					



Summer camp at Tamarack is much more than daily Merit Badge Sessions. Summer camp is a learning adventure. During your week with us, your scouts will learn about themselves, friends, and leaders. One of the best ways to learn is by participating in the Camp Troop and Patrol Activities.

**THUNDER RIDGE PROGRAM:** The purpose of this area is to help first and second year Scouts to advance not only in rank but also aid in getting the basic merit badges they need to strive for Eagle. Those Scouts that enroll in the Thunder Ridge Program will split their time between advancement and merit badges. For those Scouts who just want to work on advancement and not on the merit badges, we will still offer open hours.

Suggested First Year Merit Badges

- Leatherwork
- Basketry
- Mammal Study

Suggested Second Year Merit Badges

- Woodcarving
- Pioneering
- Nature

Plus any time advancement for rank is desired.

**SPORTS:** A new program area offered this year at camp. Some of the sports will require fees to complete. The final fees will be announced on April 30, 2011.

**CLIMBING:** Must be 14 and first class to participate. Will take place on Tuesday nights after dinner. We will leave camp at 7PM and stay overnight and arrive back at camp Wednesday morning. Scouts will get a chance to have a blast and earn their climbing merit badge at Climb Kalamazoo, 136 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Kalamazoo, MI. Approx. 1 hr. ride from camp. The cost is \$45 and a returned waiver. Each Scout that participates will need to complete a 1/2 hour orientation/safety training before they climb. The camp Health Officer must ok participation. **HELP:** We will also be asking for a few adult drivers to help transport the Scouts to and from the facility.

**CYCLING:** Scouts can bring their own bikes – and we’ll lock them up when they are not in session. We will have a limited number of bikes – on a first come, first serve basis.

**GOLF:** We will be taking a golf outing to complete this merit badge on Thursday or Friday weather permitting. Fees will be \$25. Scouts should bring clubs or plan to rent them. **HELP:** We will also be asking for a few adult drivers to help transport the Scouts to and from the golf course.

**MOUNTAIN BOARDING:** Must be 15 years or older to participate. Participating Scouts must return waiver to participate – See Page 25. The cost will be \$5 for a session of riding. We will be riding at Camp Tamarack. Mountain boarding, also known as Dirt boarding, Off-road Boarding, Grass Boarding, and All-Terrain Boarding (ATB), is a well established<sup>[1]</sup>extreme sport, derived from snowboarding. A mountain board is made up of components including a deck, bindings to secure the rider to the deck, four wheels with pneumatic tires, and two steering mechanisms known as trucks. Mountain boarders, also known as riders, ride specifically designed boarder cross tracks, slope style parks, grass hills, woodlands, gravel tracks, streets, skate parks, ski resorts, BMX courses and mountain bike trails. It is this ability to ride such a variety of terrain that makes mountain boarding different from other board sports.



**MOUNTAIN BIKING:** Must be 15 years or older to participate. Participating Scouts must return waiver to participate – see Page 24. Thursday evenings. Leave camp at 7PM and arrive back at 9:00PM. The 6 mile mountain biking course is at Dr. TK Lawless Park, Jones, MI. The bike ride is approx. 1-1.5 hours. Mountain Bike, a CPSC helmet, a water bottle and appropriate attire (shorts, shirt, socks, footwear). Scouts can bring their own mountain bike, CPSC helmet and water bottle or we can provide them. If Scouts do not have a bike we'll need to measure their height and inseam at that time. The bike/gear rental cost will be \$10. Scouts must be age 14 and first class. Each Scout that gets into this program will have to complete a 1 ½ hour orientation/safety training before the ride. The health officer must ok their participation. **HELP:** We will also be asking for a few adult drivers to help transport the Scouts to and from the Park.

**EAGLES POINTE:** Scouts must be 14 years of age and first class to participate in this program area. New in 2009 Eagles Pointe offers a variety of Eagle required merit badges.

### SHOOTING SPORTS:

**OPEN RIFLE SHOOT:** A good time for you and your Scouts to brush up on aim, and have some fun. 2:00 – 4:45 pm.

**OPEN SHOTGUN SHOOT:** A lot of fun for Scouts and adults. Come and try to hit Tamarack's bright orange skeet birds. Because of the extra expense of the equipment, there will be an additional charge. Please purchase your tickets at the Trading Post.

**OPEN ARCHERY SHOOT:** Can you hit each of the targets at the different stations? Well if you can or you think you can, this is a great time to test your skill.

**LEADERS' SHOOT:** Friday from 2:00 until 4:45 pm, there will be opportunity for our Leaders to shoot. Come see if your leaders can hit the targets.

### HANDICRAFTS:

**HANDICRAFT PROJECTS:** When not working on Merit Badges, come on in and work on one of the many projects that can be purchased at the trading post.

### AQUATICS:

**BOATING INSTRUCTION:** This is a great time for Scouts and Scouters to learn or brush up on boating skills. See the Waterfront Director to schedule a time during open boating.

**SWIMMING INSTRUCTION:** Need some help advancing to the level of swimmer? Come down at 11:00 am and let the Waterfront staff give you a hand.

**MILE SWIM:** An older Scout program that challenges strong swimmers to push themselves to swim a mile. These swimmers will meet at 11:00 am every day.

**BSA LIFEGUARD:** For adults, or Scouts who have completed the major aquatics merit badges. This certification will involve about 6 hours a day, 30 hours during the week. There is a minimum age of 14 for this certification.



**SNORKELING BSA:** Come see what is under Wood Lake. Our BSA Snorkeling program will allow Scouts and Scouters to learn how to snorkel properly and safely. This program runs Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 4:00 to 4:45 pm.

**NOON CANOE TRIPS:** Take a trip to Little Wood Lake and have lunch at Jim Bridger. This is a great trip to take as a troop. Sign up your Troop or Patrol with the Waterfront Director. One-day notice for the packed lunch is appreciated.

**SAFE SWIM DEFENSE:** For Scouters and Scouts. The time will be announced at Sunday Orientation. Discussion will include the 8 point Safe Swim Defense Plan, Safety Afloat, and the year round aquatics program.

**TROOP SWIM:** Sign your Troop up for some fun at Wood Lake. Troop swims are a great time for Scouts and Scouters to practice Safe Swim Defense. Sign your Troop up for one or more of the Troop swim times.

**OPEN SWIM:** Come down and cool off every day from 2:00 - 2:50 pm or 3:00 – 3:50 pm.

**OPEN BOATING:** Come practice for your merit badges or just have fun in Tamarack's boats. Everyday from 2:00 till 5:00 pm.

**KAYAKING:** Come and Challenge yourself. You **must** be a swimmer!

### **CAMPWIDE:**

**WELCOME BACK PARTY:** Join us for a back to Tamarack party! We'll celebrate by watching a movie and eating popcorn and candy!

**GEOCACHE TREASURE HUNT:** All campers can participate in finding treasure by following the coordinates on a Global Positioning Unit (GPS) bring your own or borrow one from the Trading Post.

**WELCOME TO 1830'S MICHIGAN:** While we have the Thunder Ridge Program for the new Scouts, we are in the developing stages of this program for the older Scouts. It will be a two evening excursion into the 1830's woodlands of Michigan. Some highlights of the program will include cooking with very few utensils over an open fire, building shelters, and learning about living off the land. This is an advanced program for older scouts who want to challenge their knowledge of Scouting skills and put into the action what they have learned from wilderness survival. This is hands on intensive, not for the faint of heart. Scouts must be at least 14 years of age, and have a minimum of First Class Rank.

**CAMP CONSERVATION PROJECT:** This is a great time for Scouts and Scouters to get service hours in for their merit badges or rank advancement, while helping out Camp Tamarack. Please schedule your project with our Ecology Director or Camp Ranger.

**STAR HIKE:** Come and hike with our Ecology Staff to see the stars like you have never seen them before (weather permitting). This is a great time to get away and star gaze. The time will be announced during the Sunday evening Leader Roundtable.



**SENIOR PATROL LEADER ROUNDTABLE:** The SPL Council is comprised of all the Troops' Senior Patrol Leaders. This council will meet with the Program Director each day (times to be announced). This is a chance for the SPLs to voice their cares and concerns about their Troop or about Camp Tamarack. During these meetings, the SPLs will also be working on planning the Friday night Campfire.

**CAMP TAMARACK COUNCIL FIRES:** Kick back and enjoy the opening campfire put on by the Staff Sunday night at 8:30 pm. Then come Friday night - it's YOUR TURN to entertain the staff and your guests. Do not forget that throughout the week, you may ask the staff to help you put on your own nightly campfire at your site.

**CHAPEL SERVICES:** A great way to wind down the week is by attending the Inter-Faith Chapel service at 8:15 pm on Thursday evening. The Camp Staff, led by the Camp Chaplain, will lead the inter-faith service.

**BADEN-POWELL PATROL AWARD:** To stimulate good patrol operation, each patrol in camp has the opportunity to qualify for recognition as a Baden-Powell Patrol. For recognition, the patrol must complete the seven (7) required items and any three (3) of the five (5) electives. **Please sign up for this at registration, or by the SUNDAY Evening Meeting.**

- **REQUIRED:**
  - Have and display your patrol flag.
  - Hold a daily troop leaders' council.
  - As a patrol, participate in an inter-troop campfire.
  - As a patrol, cook three meals at your campsite (Meals for this are supplied on Wednesday). Friday Night meal does not satisfy this requirement.
  - Complete a campsite improvement project (with approval from Ranger Staff).
  - All patrol members are in Full uniform at all evening meals.
  - **NEW:** As a patrol, participate in the Thursday evening inter-faith chapel service.
- **ELECTIVES:**
  - Take a planned Hike.
  - Take a planned patrol canoe trip to Little Wood Lake.
  - Do a PATROL camp conservation project (different from the Camp wide Project).
  - As a patrol, build a pioneering project.
  - As a patrol, develop and act out a skit, stunt, or song for a campfire.

**C.O.P.E. PROGRAM:** This is NOT an obstacle course, its events are meant to inspire an individual's potential, not measure it. C.O.P.E.'s activities have been carefully designed and constructed to offer its participants a challenging and exciting arena in which to pit their skills. Scouts must be 13 years of age by Jan 1st, 2010 to participate in C.O.P.E.

C.O.P.E.'s tenets are:

LEADERSHIP	Everyone has a chance
PROBLEM SOLVING	Instructions divulge nothing
COMMUNICATIONS	Speaking is not the only way
SELF ESTEEM	You do it, not the staff
TRUST	You rely on the group
DECISION MAKING	There are many possibilities
TEAMWORK	It cannot be done alone.



Because of the cost of the equipment there is a \$20.00 fee for this program. Scouts must sign up for C.O.P.E. at Registration and bring the consent form signed by the parents. The course is in conjunction with, and sponsored and administered by Camp Eberhart, the Y.M.C.A. Camp located on Corey Lake, about 7 miles from Camp Tamarack. Scouts will eat their noon meal with Camp Eberhart's Campers. There must be a total of 8 Scouts participating per week, or the session is unable to be held. Monies will be refunded if this happens.

**THE ORDER OF THE ARROW: NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF HONOR CAMPERS:** The Order of the Arrow is a society to honor scout campers. The OA exists primarily as a service organization with emphasis on cheerful service to others and the promotion of Scout Camping. Operating democratically as primarily a youth organization, the OA offers leadership opportunities for the youth members who are elected or appointed to various leadership positions. Adult members of the Order of the Arrow serve only as advisors and counselors.

- OA elections must be scheduled with your chapter. **These must be completed before summer camp.** Elections will not be valid or recognized if done at Summer Camp.

Membership is granted to youths not by popularity, but by service to others. Their own troop members elect Scouts as Candidates for induction. Troops that elect at least one youth Candidate may also recommend one adult Scouter for consideration. Friday is Order of the Arrow Day at Camp Tamarack. All arrow men are encouraged to wear their Class A's and Sash. The OA Call Out Ceremony is Friday night during the closing campfire.

Due to the interest in the Brotherhood ceremony and honor, we hope to again make this service available to LaSalle Council OA Members. Further information will be given at Camp.

## **ADULT SCOUTERS' PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES**

Camp Tamarack is proud to offer an expanded program for the Adult Scouters staying with us for the week.

**MILE SWIM:** Everyday at 11:00 am, show your Scouts that you too can swim the mile.

**BSA LIFEGUARD:** A full week program that is highly recommended for troops that are active in water activities.

**SNORKELING BSA:** A fun and relaxing activity that you can do with your Scouts.

**SAFETY AFLOAT & SAFE SWIM DEFENSE TRAINING:** A must for any Troop wanting to do any water activities as a Troop.

**LEADERS' SHOOT:** Travel on down to the range and take your best shot at being the Top Leader.



**TROOP LEADER ROUNDTABLE:** Troop leader roundtables will be held on Sunday evening and Tuesday evening after dinner. There will also be meetings on Thursday and Friday after breakfast. During these meetings, Staff and Leaders will discuss programs and procedures and answer all questions. These meetings will be held in the Scoutmasters' Lounge. Thursday evening will give you an opportunity to meet with La Salle Council Representatives to "Tell it how it is."

The following **Training** will be available. The weekly Schedule will be released on April 30, 2011.

FAST START LEADER TRAINING  
BOY SCOUT LEADERSPECIFIC TRAINING  
TREK ON SAFELY

## GENERAL INFORMATION & POINTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

### **MICHIGAN YOUTH PROTECTION LAWS:REQUIRED FOR LEADERS TO ATTEND!**

- All adult volunteers and staff over the age of 21 in camp will need to complete pages 26-27 and return to Aaron Bradford at the Scout Office.
- Each adult volunteer and staff will also need to complete a central registry clearance form, from their state of residence, submitted to their state of residence.
- Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois forms provided on pages 28-30.
- Please, make sure the registry clearance will be forwarded to Aaron Bradford at the Scout Office, as you will need this on file to attend camp.

### **HEALTH FORMS:**

All campers, adult and youth, are required to have a physical examination conducted by and **signed** by a licensed physician.

- All Scouts and Leaders must have had this completed within the **preceding 12 months**, along with a current health history.
- A current signature of a parent is also required.
- The date of the exam must cover through the date you are in camp. Send health forms to Aaron Bradford at summer camp after June first: Camp Tamarack, WLSR, 10891 Withers St, Jones, MI 49061.
- **See appendix pages 32-37 for forms and FAQs**

### **HEALTH LODGE:**

In the event of accident or illness, a health officer will be on duty in the Health Lodge during the course of Camp. If the health officer feels that the Scout or Scouter needs hospital treatment, arrangements will be made with the local hospital. Please note that if the incident does not require an ambulance, the Troop Leadership will be responsible for the transportation of the Scout to the hospital. The parents or family of the Scout or Scouter will then be contacted from camp.

**MEDICATION:**

Please note that all medications, for youth or adult, prescription or over the counter, are to be turned in to the health officer upon arrival and registration in camp.

- All medications need to be in the original containers and labeled with the person's name to receive them, dosage instructions and times when the medication is needed.
- If there is more than one medication, put ALL medications in a Ziploc bag for that individual.
- Medicines will be available at the health lodge, are self-administered and are the responsibility of the Scout for dosage compliance.
- Please make sure the Adult leadership is aware of the medication and times it is required.
- Due to the large volume of traffic in the health lodge, not all Scouts can be monitored for compliance. Please have leadership check with the health lodge regarding compliance before or after the flag ceremonies.

**PERSONAL SAFETY:**

\*Shoes must be worn at all times while in camp. **Open toe sandals, clogs, and thongs are not considered shoes.** Shower shoes should only be worn while in the shower area.

\*Swimming is allowed only in the designated area of the Waterfront and only in accordance with BSA Policy and Procedures.

\*The use of the buddy system throughout camp is encouraged.

\*There is no running in camp, except for staff in an emergency and during Camp-wide games.

**UNIFORM:**

Scouts and leaders are strongly encouraged to wear the Scout Uniform for evening flags and meal, Chapel Services, and Campfires. At the closing campfire on Friday evening, OA members may wear sashes.

**Camouflage clothing is not considered proper attire at**

**Camp Tamarack.** Camp uniform consists of Scout Shorts, Scout related or plain T-Shirt, Boy Scouts Socks, and belt.

**TELEPHONE:**

The camp phone should be utilized for emergency and business use only. If you must call your Scout or Scouter while at camp, the phone number is (269) 435-7533. For calls home, the phone at the Trading Post will be available for calling card or credit card calls only. It may be a good idea to get your scout a calling card to call home with.

**MAIL:**

If you would like your Scout or Scouter to receive mail, please remember to mail early. The address is:

Scouts Name, Troop #, Campsite  
Camp Tamarack, WLSR  
10891 Withers St.  
Jones, MI 49061



**VISITORS' NIGHT:** Friday evening is visitors' night.

- Dinner guests should arrive by 5:30pm for closing flags. **Visitors coming for campfire should arrive by 7:30 PM.** This is a great chance for parents to visit their Scout's home for the week.
- The cost of the Friday Night Steak Dinner is \$15.00 and will be served at 6:00 pm. Tickets are required and may be purchased from the Camp Director by Monday at noon of the week you are at camp.
- The campfire will follow dinner at 8:30 pm. Reservations and payment for the steak dinner must be made no later than Monday at noon.
- Please be aware that if you have parents staying Friday night, reservations and payments must be made during check-in if they will be joining us for Saturday morning breakfast. The cost of the Saturday morning breakfast only is \$3.00 per person.

**GUEST MEALS:** Individual visitor meals **through the week are not available.** If you will be having visitors through the week, you will be required to pay an additional leader fee for the week. Meals for visitors **MAY NOT** overlap at any meal.

**RELEASE FROM CAMP:**

No Scout may be removed from the Camp's care or custody except by persons identified by his legal Parents or guardians. These names must appear on the medical form where indicated.

**VEHICLES:**

Vehicles may not be moved beyond the parking lot except for loading and unloading during arrival and departure from camp. Unless medically necessary, vehicles will not be permitted in camp during the week. Trailers detached from vehicles are permitted in most sites. **Please make arrangements for your Friday evening guests. Vehicles will no longer be able to drive to the campsites, but must stay in the parking lot location.**

**CAMP QUATERMASTER:**

Some tools and equipment are available for loan from the camp for use in camp. When you check out equipment be sure to inspect the condition it is in. There will be a charge for any equipment lost or damaged. Please return equipment when you finish using it so that it may be used by other troops.

**CHEMICAL FUELS:**

Extra liquid/propane fuel must be locked up by the Quartermaster when not needed. Please label containers with Troop Number.

**GUNS AND BOWS:**

In the event that a Scout or Leader brings their personal bow or gun, the equipment must be turned over to the Shooting Sports Director for storage and will be returned when the camper is leaving camp.

**FIREWORKS:**

The possession and use of fireworks by scouts or Leaders is strictly prohibited.

**ALCOHOL AND DRUGS:**

The consumption, possession, or use of controlled substances is prohibited at Camp. Local, State, and Federal laws will be enforced where violations of the above are reported.



**SMOKING:**

National Boy Scouts of America policy prohibits smoking in all Scout Council Buildings and in the presence of Scouts. Smoking is permitted in designated areas of camp.



**SUMMER CAMP PERSONAL CHECK LIST**

**PERSONAL GEAR**

**\_\_\_\_\_ PERSONAL HEALTH FORM WITH CURRENT SIGNATURES  
(UNLESS SENT IN EARLY)**

- |                    |                           |                    |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| _____ PACK         | _____ MEDICAL FORM        | _____ FLASHLIGHT   |
| _____ MONEY        | _____ CANTEEN             | _____ COMB         |
| _____ TOOTHPASTE   | _____ TOOTHBRUSH          | _____ WASHCLOTH    |
| _____ TOWEL(S)     | _____ SCOUT BOOK          | _____ OA SASH      |
| _____ POCKET KNIFE | _____ COMPASS             | _____ SOAP/SHAMPOO |
| _____ PAPER & PENS | _____ PERS. FIRST AID KIT | _____ NYLON CORD   |
| _____ BELT         | _____ EXTRA BATTERIES     | _____ PILLOW       |
| _____ SLEEPING BAG | _____ MERIT BADGE BOOKS   |                    |

**CLOTHING**

- |                       |                        |                    |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| _____ SCOUT UNIFORM   | _____ SLEEPING CLOTHES | _____ HIKING BOOTS |
| _____ SECOND PR SHOES | _____ UNDERWEAR        | _____ SWIM SUIT    |
| _____ T-SHIRTS        | _____ HAT OR CAP       | _____ RAINCOAT     |
| _____ PANTS/JEANS     | _____ JACKET           | _____ SWEATSHIRT   |
| _____ SOCKS           | _____ SHORTS           |                    |

**OPTIONAL GEAR**

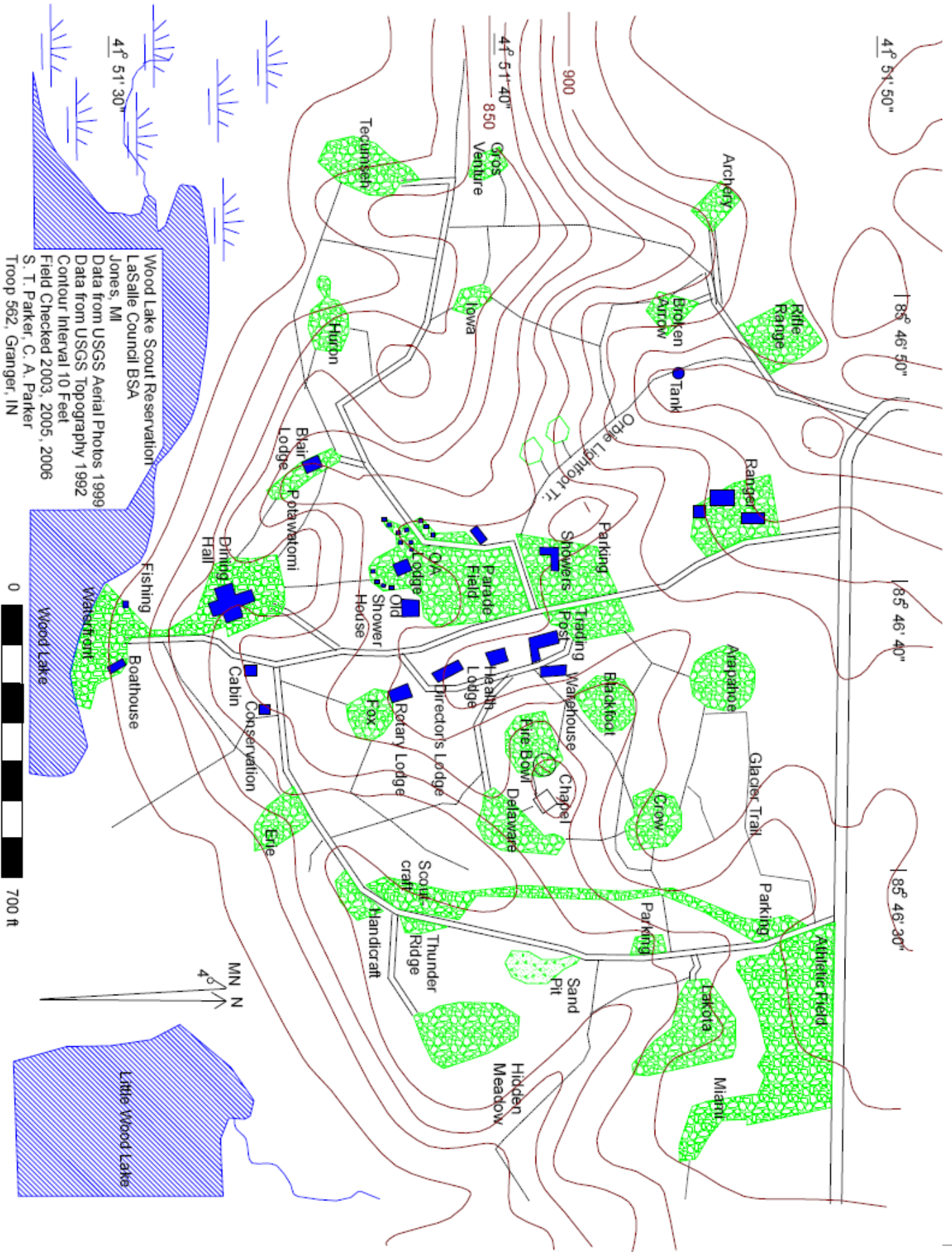
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| _____ HANKERCHIEFS    | _____ GLOVES        | _____ CAMERA & FILM |
| _____ SUNGLASSES      | _____ SUNTAN LOTION | _____ FISHING GEAR  |
| _____ BIBLE           | _____ SEWING KIT    | _____ WATCH         |
| _____ AIR MATTRESS    | _____ COT           | _____ BOOK BAG      |
| _____ CAMP FIRE CHAIR |                     |                     |

**WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP**

- |                   |                            |                 |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| _____ PETS        | _____ RADIOS               | _____ FIREWORKS |
| _____ GUNS        | _____ ALCOHOL              | _____ TOBACCO   |
| _____ CD PLAYERS  | _____ ELECTRONIC GAMES     |                 |
| _____ CELL PHONES | _____ PORTABLE TELEVISIONS |                 |

**REMINDERS AS YOU PACK:**

- \*\*\*\*MARK ALL OF YOUR GEAR WITH YOUR NAME AND TROOP #
- \*\*\*\*PLAN ALL OF YOUR PACKING FOR A 6 DAY TRIP
- \*\*\*\*PACK EVERYTHING IN WATERTIGHT ZIP-LOCK BAGS



## ***Frequently Asked Questions Concerning the Annual Health and Medical Record***

**Q. Why do we need a new health form?**

**A.** Based on input from individual Scouters, the Order of the Arrow, local councils, health and safety and risk management committees, and high-adventure bases, there was confusion on when to use any of more than 20 different health forms in use across the nation. There was also an immediate need to update a medical form for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree. The Health and Safety Committee took on the challenge and the opportunity to establish one Annual Health and Medical Record for all ages and known risks. It is simple and yet comprehensive enough to be used for both health and wellness evaluations as well as emergency situations.

**Q. What are the major changes?**

**A.** A health history is still sufficient for typical activities lasting less than 72 hours (Parts A and C of the new form—similar to the old Class 1 form). For activities lasting longer than 72 hours, a medical evaluation by a health-care provider is now required annually (Part B). For high-adventure activities for which medical care may be delayed, restrictions based on standardized height/weight ratios are now mandatory.

**Q. When does the Annual Health and Medical Record go into effect? I am used to the old form and would rather use it.**

**A.** Transition and change can be exciting and easy, especially if it positions the BSA for the future. Everyone should begin using the Annual Health and Medical Record immediately. The existing stock of Class 1, 2, and 3 forms can continue to be used while supplies last in 2009. The only supported form effective January 1, 2010, is the Annual Health and Medical Record. Its use will be mandatory for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree.

**Q. Where can I find the Annual Health and Medical Record?**

**A.** It can be found at your council's Scout shop and is posted in a downloadable PDF format on Scouting Safely on Scouting.org.

**Q. Can I keep a record of my Annual Health and Medical Record somewhere at my council's office or online?**

**A.** Districts and councils are discouraged from keeping any medical records, whether digital or paper, unless required by local or state ordinances. However, the electronic version of the Annual Health and Medical Record is intended to be filled out and saved by individual Scouts and Scouters. The electronic Annual Health and Medical Record should not be transmitted via e-mail or stored by units, districts, or councils. Units are encouraged to keep paper copies of their participants' Annual Health and Medical Records in a confidential medical file for quick access in an emergency and to be prepared for all adventures.

**Q. The old Class 1, 2, and 3 forms were based on age. What about the Annual Health and Medical Record?**

**A.** There is no longer a difference in the exam interval based on age. The Annual Health and Medical Record is for everyone.

**Q. There are three parts to the Annual Health and Medical Record, which part do I need to fill out?**

**A.** All participants should fill out Parts A and C for any event. Part B (the physical examination) should be completed if you are participating in an event that exceeds 72 consecutive hours, such as jamborees, summer camps, and Wood Badge training courses. Part B also is required for participation in a resident camp setting or when the nature of the activity is strenuous and demanding such as service projects, work weekends, or high-adventure treks. It is important to note that if the event will take your unit beyond a radius wherein emergency care is more than 30 minutes by ground transportation, the height/weight chart found at the bottom of Part B should be strictly followed. Please note that individual units, districts, or councils may have policies in place to exceed this standard based on their unique risks.

**Q. How often will I need to renew/update my Annual Health and Medical Record?**

**A.** This form will need to be updated annually, just as many schools or sporting leagues require an annual update. Many changes can happen throughout a year, including changes in disease processes, medication, address, and insurance.

**Q. What is meant by "Annual" and "valid for 12 calendar months"?**

**A.** If you complete your record on March 9, 2009, it will be valid through March 2010, but you must complete a new Annual Health and Medical Record by April 1, 2010. Please note that the 2010 National Scout Jamboree will have a specific window when the record must be submitted.

**Q. I have several children in the program and a health care plan that does not provide cheap co-pays for physicals. What can be done to divert the increased cost of participation?**

**A.** Many units, districts, and councils offer physical exams. Facilitating such an event could be a positive experience, as well as decreasing costs. Several county clinics offer physicals at a very low price in order to assist children across the nation maintain a well and healthy life.

**Q. I heard a physical for an adult can be very expensive. Is that true?**

**A.** As participants age, physicians (MDs, DOs), NPs, and PAs may require extra testing in order to approve and/or clear their participation in events. Participants who are on medications should already be checked annually.

**Q. Do I really need to explain everything about myself or my child, such as learning disabilities or depression? I don't want myself or my child to be treated differently.**

**A.** As hard as it may be to share these aspects about yourself or your child, this information is needed to structure safe activities and is imperative when giving emergency care. Please be thorough and honest. Our experience also indicates that a Scouting activity is not the place to experiment with or stop medications, especially those that address these issues.

**Q. Why do I need to put my child's or my own social security number on the record?**

**A.** It is your choice as to whether you fill in this number; however, in many states, medical care cannot be rendered without it.

**Q. What does "grade completed" mean?**

**A.** If your son has completed the 6th grade and is currently enrolled in 7th grade, you would enter 6th grade here. You may always update your information more frequently than annually.

**Q. What if I don't want to have my child immunized for tetanus or other immunizations due to religious or philosophical reasons, do I have to sign a release?**

**A.** Yes, the recommendations of the immunization task force were accepted by the Health and Safety Support Committee in October 2008 and are listed on Scouting.org under Scouting Safely. If you choose not have your child immunized, the release form can also be found there. Declining or inadequate immunizations will require verification by a certified and licensed physician (MD, DO), NPs, or PAs that a communicable disease is not present. Inadequately immunized participants will be identified so that they can be located in case of a necessity for isolation or quarantine as per local public health official directives

**Q. Can I decline medical treatment?**

**A.** Yes, but a release must be signed. The release can be found under Scouting Safely on Scouting.org. This practice is highly discouraged because this choice can put the entire unit at risk, both mentally and physically. Declining medical treatment will require verification by a certified and licensed physician (MD or DO), NP, or PA that a communicable disease is not present.

**Q. Can I use another medical exam, such as a school sports exam, and attach it to the Annual Health and Medical Record?**

**A.** No. In an effort to maintain standards of preparedness and fitness for participation, and to make sure that the medical professional conducting the examination knows the various outdoor adventures that can occur in Scouting, the BSA requires completion of Part B. Part B also includes the height/weight chart for high adventure situation where emergency medical care is not readily available.

**Q. Why can't I use the Annual Health and Medical Record for participation at the high-adventure bases?**

**A.** The high-adventure bases have very specific activities that are unique to each of them. They each provided valuable input to position the Annual Health and Medical Record for use in the future. YOU are responsible to Be Prepared for your high-adventure trek and understand and follow all high-adventure base rules, procedures, and guidelines.

**Q. Why is there a talent release on the Annual Health and Medical Record? It doesn't really have anything to do with health.**

**A.** In response to requests from several councils to eliminate paperwork, we have included the talent release as part of the Annual Health and Medical Record.