

The Pre-Camp Orientation

All Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders are cordially invited to Camp Horseshoe for our retreat ceremony followed by dinner at **5:45 pm** the Tuesday before your Troop is scheduled to arrive in camp. Immediately following dinner, there will be an **IMPORTANT MEETING** on the front porch of the Headquarters Building, where program schedules and general camp business will be discussed.

Please be sure to bring with you copies of your Troop's Medical Records so that the Camp Health Officer can review them. By bringing them to this meeting, they can be reviewed and incorrect forms can be corrected before the start of camp. Medical Records that are correct will be kept at the Health Lodge, expediting the check-in process on Sunday.

This meeting is an excellent opportunity for Leaders to ask questions and meet the camp staff. In addition, any changes in the program from what is published in this guide will be discussed, including possible additions and revisions of the merit badge schedule. Therefore, this Tuesday evening meeting is highly recommended for troop leaders, both new and old to Horseshoe.

Preparing for Camp

What to Bring to Camp

Scouts:

Pack everything in a lockable trunk or duffel bag, and please put your name and troop number on all clothing and gear. This will ensure that you take home everything you bring with you!

Scout Uniform

- Shirt
- Shorts
- Scout socks
- Scout hat

Clothing

- Socks
- Tee-shirts
- Sets of underwear
- Hiking shoes or boots
- Extra shoes
- Rain gear
- Bathing suit

Toiletries

- Soap in a carrier
- Towel for swimming
- Towel and washcloth
- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Comb or brush
- Shampoo

Camping Gear

- Flashlight & Batteries
- Water bottle (very important)
- Mess kit & Eating Utensils*

Bedding

- Mattress or foam pad
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Pillow and case
- Flat twin sheet (for warmth)

Other Items

- Pocket knife
- Notebook and pencils
- Compass
- Camera and film
- Scout Handbook

Do not bring fireworks, candles, or valuable electrical devices. These items are forbidden, and may be confiscated by your leaders or staff.

* Mess kit and eating utensils required for outpost day. No paper plates or utensils will be available from the dining hall.

Troops:

- **Copies** of Medical Records
- Merit Badge library
- Rope for clotheslines
- First Aid kit
- Lanterns (propane only)
- Troop flag
- Advancement records
- Troop cooking equipment

Patrols

- Cooking gear for outpost day
- Patrol flag
- Props for campfire skits
- Gear for outpost camping
- Notebooks for the Patrol Log

Unit Leaders

- Thumbtacks for bulletin board
- Alarm clock (battery operated)
- Cash box
- Folding chair
- Contact information for parents

Planning

Planning Advancement

The merit badge program is described completely in this guide. Take some time to look over the schedule and the descriptions of the badges, consult with your Scouts individually, and help them assemble a realistic, satisfying schedule for the week.

It is likely that additions and alterations to our merit badge schedule will occur between the time this guide is published and your arrival at Camp. Changes will be