

## **Information for Leaders and Parents**

### **Directions to Camp Horseshoe**

From the North. Drive south on US Route 1 approximately 2.5 miles south of the PA/MD line. Turn right onto Red Pump Road, then left onto Ridge Road about three-quarters of a mile from there. Continue on to Ridge Road as it winds all the way to its end at the Horseshoe Camp Gate. Pass the stone house and follow the dirt road to the Parking Lot.

From the South. Drive north on Interstate 95 and across the Susquehanna River Bridge. Exit immediately past the tollgate to North Maryland Route 275. Turn right on Maryland Route 276 about 5 miles until US Route 1. Turn right onto US 1, following it until Red Pump Road. Turn left onto Red Pump Road, drive about three-quarters of a mile, and then turn left onto Ridge Road. Follow Ridge Road as it winds all the way to its end at the Horseshoe Camp Gate. Pass the stone house and follow the dirt road to the Parking Lot.

Alternate Directions. If you are familiar with the area and you are coming from the South, you may also cross US 1 from Maryland Route 276 at the flashing red lights onto Slicer's Mill Road. Take the first right turn onto Spring Hill Road and follow to Ridge Road. Take a left onto Ridge Road and the Camp Gate will be straight ahead.

### **Sunday Drop-Off and Pick-Up**

Please plan on arriving no earlier than 1:45 pm or later than 2:30 pm to drop your Scout off. A staff member will direct you to a drop-off point where gear should be promptly unloaded and the car immediately returned to the main parking lot. You may then return to the site to visit your son. Please help us make check-in as smooth as possible for you and other parents by strictly following these guidelines.

At the end of your Scout's week in camp, please be at camp by 12:45 pm and pick up your son at the same point you left him. Again, please observe our "no parking" signs and keep traffic moving. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### **Visiting and Leaving Camp**

As part of the BSA Child Abuse Prevention Program, we ask that all visitors sign in at our headquarters building. If a Scout is to leave camp for any reason, he must sign out at headquarters. If he is to leave camp with anyone who is not his parent/guardian, we must have a signed parent/guardian release form. Any individuals removing a Scout from camp must identify themselves with adequate identification prior to leaving camp.

Saturday from 2:30 pm until the awards campfire is over (usually 10:00 pm) parents are invited to visit camp to see what your Scout has been doing all week. There is a Camp-wide Inter-Troop Contest in the afternoon, a retreat ceremony at 5:45 pm, and an awards campfire at 8:30 pm.

Plan on a lot of walking, bring a flashlight and a jacket, be prepared for rain, and bring along a picnic dinner to share with your son. We are unable to accommodate any guests in the dining hall. Please leave all pets at home.

Visitations at any other times than Sunday check-in and Saturday afternoons are allowed only in extraordinary circumstances or for emergencies. Please contact camp prior to arrival for such visits. Under no circumstances may children not registered as Scouts or Scout leaders spend the night in camp. For youth protection and liability issues, there are no exceptions to this rule.

### **Letters and Phone Calls**

Letters generally take at least 3-4 days to reach camp from northern Chester County, so plan accordingly. Address your letters as follows:

**Camp Horseshoe**  
**Scout's Name & Troop Number**  
**1286 Ridge Road**  
**Rising Sun, MD 21911**

Our camp has one public phone line and one business line. Because of the size of the camp and the varied schedule of each Scout, there is no practical way to hold an incoming call. If urgency demands, we will attempt to locate Scouts quickly; otherwise, a message will be delivered to the Scoutmaster who will have your son call as soon as possible. We request that incoming calls be limited to emergencies or urgent matters. The number of the camp business phone is **(717) 548-2525**.