

TROOP 695 MANY POINT INFORMATION

WELCOME to our 2006 troop long-term camp. As you know, we are going to Many Point Scout Camp near Itasca State Park. I know there are a number of final items and I hope to address most of them here. Should you have any questions you can call me, Paula Boudreaux, at 952-906-9604. **Enclosed are a number of items. Please review carefully.** It looks to be a fun and exciting week.

DEPARTURE: We will leave from **Starring Lake Park** July 16, at 8:00a.m via Mayers Coaches. Be at Starring Lake by 7:30 am. We want to load the bus as soon as it arrives and leave promptly at 8:00 am. We will be stopping at Park Rapids for a quick bite to eat before we hit camp. Please send lunch money or a bag lunch with your Scout! Snacks are allowed on the bus, but no one is allowed off the bus until it passes inspection. As you are all Scouts we do not need to discuss conduct on the bus or respect as you all should be shining examples of this. We should arrive at camp between 2-3pm

WE DON'T ALL FIT ON THE BUS! Due to the large number of Scouts attending camp again this year, the Scouts will again not all fit on the bus. So far we have 53 Scouts attending. As yet I do not have the bus roster made out. If you as a parent are heading up to camp on Sunday and would like to drive your Scout up let me know. I will need a written note stating who your child is riding with and what days. If your child is to be driving home early or arriving late to camp I will need times as to leaving and approximate time as to when your child will arrive at camp. This way we will have staff waiting for them when they arrive. Even if the child is driving with their parent I need a hand written note.

RETURN: We will return on Saturday, July 22. You may pick your Scout up at **OAK POINT SCHOOL LOWER PARKING LOT** between 2-3 pm. It is better to be early rather than late to pick up your Scout. We are all tired and ready to get home. Please be prompt. If a Scout is catching a ride home with another family from the school I would also like to know this information with a hand written note.

DISCIPLINE: We always hope and plan that things will go well. However, there is always a possibility of problems arising in which we need your support.

If such a situation does arise, we will call you. In worst case, we may ask you to come get your son.

CAMP PHYSICAL FORMS must be complete or the Scout is not allowed in camp. The class II form or class III form must be completed and turned in to Diane Grunewald by May 31st or as soon as possible. The sooner the better so we will not have any worries prior to camp. You can either drop them off at her home or throw them in the mail.

MANY POINT MAILING ADDRESS:

Please address envelope as shown below.

Scout Name

Fort William Site-Troop 695

Voyageur Camp

Many Point Scout Camp

41408 Many Point Scout Camp Rd.

Ponsford, MN 56575

TIPS: Due to mailing times (about 3 days), if you want to send a letter(s) to your Scout, I suggest you mail it Saturday through Tuesday so your Scout will get it before we return. Use your judgement on the last day to send something.

DAILY MAIL CALL is a REALLY BIG DEAL with the boys and sending them something is a big hit. Please do your best to send them at least one postcard. **DO NOT MAIL ANY EDIBLES!** That means no cookies, no candies, no chewing gum, etc. The raccoons will locate and tear apart tents, bags, and bedding to get at these goodies.

FAMILY EMERGENCY: If you should have a family emergency the Many Point phone number is **218-573-3257**. Be prepared to give the individual's name, troop number, campsite, and camp. They have to find us and this place is huge! This phone number is strictly for emergency use only!

MEDICINES: We will need complete medicines and written directions for its use when your Scout arrives at Starring Lake Sunday morning. Summer camp is not a time to have your Scout take a break from meds. We will store meds in camp with an adult in charge of meds, unless they need to be kept with the Scout (like bee sting kits, or inhalers, etc.) Regular Health Lodge "sick call" hours are held from

8:30 am to 9:30 am and from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Emergency medical help is available at all times.

MONEY MOOLA BREAD DOUGH: You want to send some money with your Scout. They have a small trading post with snacks, patches, and crafty things, etc. If they want to shoot at the rifle / shotgun range during free time (Scouts in the shotgun merit badge will have to purchase ammunition tickets), the cost is:

Rifle- 5 rounds for \$0.25.

Shotgun- 3 shots for \$1.00

The ammunition tickets can be purchased at the trading post. The average amount spent in the Trading Post by Scouts last year was \$38.00. **Also, a few of the merit badges may have additional material fees- see enclosed list!**

MERIT BADGES AND ROSTER: If a Scout or parent would like to see the selection I will have them at the Many Point meeting this Tuesday, July 11th or they can e-mail me at pboudreaux@mn.rr.com. Some of the merit badges have requirements that need to be completed before camp or have material fees. Please refer to the merit badge sheet attachment for further information on these and plan accordingly. The troop will be bringing along the Merit Badge Book Library for the Scouts to use. If you would like to check out a book Tuesday see me after the meeting.

REMINDER: When the Scouts leave camp each morning they will be expected to take everything they need for their AM sessions. They will return for lunch. After lunch, they will be expected to take everything they need for the PM sessions. There are not allowed to run back and forth to our campsite between sessions. Each Scout must bring a **notebook, pens, and a water bottle** in his day pack.

BE PREPARED!

WHAT TO BRING: See the Many Point Gear List. A pack or duffel bag works best for storing all your gear. Make sure you get mosquito netting to fit over your cot and will tie up in the tent.

CLASS B TEE SHIRTS are available for \$10.00 at the meetings.

Again, if you have any questions or want further information, please call me.

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Many Point Coordinator
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