

Pack 438 Fall Camporee 2018

GENERAL SAFETY NOTES: Hiking sticks are allowed. Usage of a hiking stick as a sword, lance, or other “non-hiking stick” usage results in confiscation by an adult witnessing the action. No exceptions. Keep everyone safe. Please review this with your son before you arrive. Whittling sticks sharpened to a point are allowed, but the sharpened point **MUST** be blunted before moving anywhere, no exceptions. They can break the point off or whittle it to bluntness. Any infractions of walking, running, or moving a pointed stick will result in a corner cut from the whittling chip card as if a knife infraction occurred.

The Friday evening “Friendship Fire” is a big draw for our scouts. Scouts will only be allowed inside the marked fire area with adult supervision and must follow these basic campfire safety rules:

- Do not take anything from the fire. If something goes in the fire, it stays, so no “stick roasting” (burning the ends of walking sticks, etc).
- No running, jumping or horseplay within the designated fire area.
- Please do not place anything in the fire. This includes sticks, trash, etc.
- Stay back a minimum of 3 feet from the fire at all times unless you are cooking.
- If you choose to toast marshmallows/hot dogs, please use a stick long enough to allow access from a safe distance and do so with close adult supervision.

New Webelos Parents (4th and 5th graders), if your son has and wants to carry a knife, you must go over the rules with him and he must participate in the Whittling Chip training Friday night. We will award him a whittling chip with the Bears on Saturday.

If your son is using his knife, he must have his whittling chip with him. No exceptions.

Also, the “hill” area where the boys love to play and roam in the small tulip poplars will be closed at dark each night due to safety risks of falls, slips, and the fact that it’s very difficult to manage adult supervision in there. Please help to ensure that your son is not running amongst the tents as an alternative as there are tripping hazards there as well.

Please mark any tent guy wires with something visible (grocery bags, duct tape “flaps”, or other). This will reduce the risk of tripping hazards. Be careful around camp!

General Note, IMORTANT: Please bring a full mess kit for each person – **MUG** (for drinks (hot cocoa)), plate, bowl, silverware, mesh bag (\$1 lingerie bag at Walmart).

Please give your health forms to the Pack Staff – Cubmaster Forrest or Communications Chair Julie Forrest, preferred.

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Friday night 5 October:

5:00 PM: Arrive after this time.

- Dinner on your own – suggestion: bring Subway, or the like.

7:30 PM: Friendship Campfire with s'mores

9:30 PM: Night Hike. Meet at the campfire circle.

10:00 PM: Lights out.

Saturday 6 October:

6:00 AM: Bear parents and scouts up and at 'em for breakfast prep

7:00 AM: Reveille.

7:15 AM: Breakfast served by Bears (Den 5).

- Pancakes, bacon, eggs, OJ, Hot Cocoa, and COFFEE!

8:00 AM: Assembly in Class A uniform.

8:15 AM: Depart for morning flag and camporee opening. AOLs flags.

9:15-10:00 AM: Den preparation - skits, etc. Have your scout find their den leader.

10:00-10:45 AM: Group 1 - Animal Presentation, Group 2 go to activity stations in camping area

10:45-11:30 AM: Group 2 - Animal Presentation, Group 1 go to activity stations in camping area

11:45 AM: Tiger parents and scouts prep lunch.

12:00 PM: Lunch served by Lions, Tigers and Wolves (Dens 4, 3 and 2).

- Sandwiches, chips, fruit, lemonade, tea, cookies.

1:00-2:30 PM: Webelos and AOLs den time. Lions, Tigers, Wolves and Bears games in the activity field.

3:00-4:30 PM: Lions, Tigers, Wolves and Bears den time. Webelos and AOLs games in the activity field.

4:00 PM: Webelos (Den 8) Parents prep dinner

4:45 PM: Assemble in Class A for evening flag/closing. Web IIs flag lowering.

5:30 PM: Dinner (Webelos (Den 8) Parents prepare and boys help serve).

- Barbecue, Velveeta Mac n Cheese, Green Beans, Fruit, Lemonade, Tea and Cake for dessert.

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Saturday 6 October continued:

6:45PM: Assemble for campfire

7:00 PM: Campfire – skits and flag retirement.

10:00 PM: Lights out.

Sunday 7 October:

6:45 AM: Leaders, parents and scouts prep breakfast

7:00 AM: Reveille

7:15 AM: Breakfast

- breads, cereal, fruit, OJ, milk, COFFEE

8:00 AM: Sunday flags (Webelos) and service (Class A).

8:30 AM: Closing ceremony. Tear down camp.

10:00 AM: Target completion for tear down and departure.

The fishing derby will be in effect all day on Saturday. Please see Andy Boro if you are interested in participating. We will have fishing poles and bait available and welcome donations of worms or other suitable bait to be shared with others.

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Camping dos

- Always watch out for your son and know where he is at all times. Enforce the Buddy System always (make sure your son is with a buddy – and knows he is - if he is not physically right there with you. They will need constant reminding).
- Do a trial set-up your tent before you get on the camping trip. Make sure it is complete and you know how to put it up.
- Always bring rain gear (Cub Scout camping is usually fair-weather camping but better safe than sorry)
- Always have a change of clothes to wear to sleep in. This is mainly to stop you getting cold due to moisture in the fabric, and also in case you have come into contact with poison ivy.
- Always have a tarp to put under your tent. Make sure none of it sticks-out from the bottom of the tent or it will collect rain and make the inside of your tent wet.
- Get your son to do as much of the work in camping as possible (help putting up the tent, carrying stuff, etc).
- Air-out your tent, tarp, and sleeping bags as soon as you return home to allow condensation to dry-out (otherwise you get a musty smell that's hard to shake).
- Store your sleeping bag loose when you get home, not in its stuff-sack, or it will lose loft (loft gives it warmth).
- Be sure to drink plenty of water throughout the day and encourage your scout to do the same. A refillable water bottle is essential.
- All scouts must have adult supervision when they are around the Friday night friendship fire. The fire safety rules mentioned in the camporee packet must be followed.

Camping don'ts

- Never sleep in a tent with a child who is not your own. – BSA rules [?](#)
- No alcohol anywhere, anyhow, anytime. – BSA rules [?](#)
- No smoking in sight of Cub Scouts. – BSA rules [?](#)
- Cub Scouts should not have knives in Lion, Tiger and Wolf ranks. Bears and higher ranks can only bring pocket knives if they have completed the “Whittling Chip” pocket knife achievement and if they also bring their Whittlin’ Chip card or badge. No knives with a blade longer than the width of a child’s palm. – BSA rules.
- Avoid 100% cotton clothing. Cotton stays damp and makes you feel cold. [?](#)
- Leave behind iPads, Nintendo DS, or other electronics / game systems. This is the boys’ opportunity to get away from all that. Besides, they could get damaged or lost.
- No precious toys/ jewelry – could get damaged or lost.

Camping equipment list (for you and your son)

1. Tent
2. Folding/camp chair
3. Sleeping bag or blankets
4. REQUIRED: Insulating layer (matt, air mattress, or thick blanket) for each person.
5. REQUIRED: Wool cap for sleep (or hoodie) and cold mornings.
6. Pillow.
7. "Wet shoes" or boots for the morning dew. Dry shoes after mid-morning.
8. Jacket and light gloves (cold AM).
9. Rain coat or poncho
10. Class A and Class B uniform
11. Extra pair shoes
12. Extra socks (several pair)
13. Change of clothes
14. Bug Spray
15. Sun screen
16. Compass (orienteering!).
17. Camera (optional)
18. Scout book and Pencil/paper.
19. Flashlight and extra batteries
20. Snacks and drinks (if you have a favorite snack or drink)
21. Water Bottle with your name on it to keep at all times
22. Plastic plate, bowl, knife, spoon and fork or a mess kit to be washed, mesh bag for hang drying.
23. Mug for Hot Choc/coffee/juice/lemonade.
24. Games, cards etc to play during down time, at night or if raining
25. Medications
- 26. Health Forms** (mandatory)**
27. Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc)
28. Fishing gear if you want to fish
29. Webelos: Whittling Chip (card). No whittling chip, no knife use.

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Directions to the Merritt's Farm from Hillsborough

From the intersection of US 70 and St. Mary's road, travel out of town on St. Mary's Road (NE) approximately 4 miles. Turn left onto Stagg Road There will be a "Pack 438 sign with an arrow on the right side of St. Mary's road. Stagg Road is a gravel road. The Address is 220 Stagg Road. Follow the gravel road (bear right at the asphalt driveway) and watch for the parking area on the left past the ponds.

<https://goo.gl/maps/82hBoWT3eLx>

GPS coordinates of parking area (from Google Earth);

N36 deg 6.877'

W79 deg 1.505'

Street Address:

220 Stagg Road

Hillsborough, NC 27278