



Summer Camp

Will Rogers Scout Reservation



Scout / Parent Information

Dates: Our Troop generally attends during the second full week of summer camp.

Arrival/Departure:

We will meet at the Scout Hut at 1:00 PM on the Sunday we leave for camp. We will load up the trailer and head out to Will Rogers Scout Reservation, which is located near Cleveland, Oklahoma. Before departure, parents must verify that Troop 818 adult leaders have current emergency contact information, and that medical conditions or medication that were not included on the most recent health form are highlighted.

We will depart from Will Rogers Scout Reservation before 10:30 AM on the following Saturday, arriving back at the Scout Hut at about 11:30 AM. Scouts must all help to put away all Troop equipment before they will be dismissed to go home.

Travel Uniform:

Scouts and leaders will wear the full Boy Scout uniform while traveling on the road. Scout must have all medications and their swimsuit trunks & towel handy because the medical check and swimming test will be administered during check in, which will be shortly after arrival.

Eagle Quest - for First Year Campers:

First Year Scouts will participate in specific programs that are the basis for other experiences that will follow later in their Scouting career. During many of these activities the junior and adult leaders of Troop 818 will be available for guidance. Additional opportunities for training in skills and safety will be offered in the Troop 818 campsite, which may include fire building and safety, wood tool use and safety, cooking desserts, personal hygiene while camping, and dishwashing.

The first two hours each morning are spent on the requirements for Tenderfoot and Second Class. The third morning hour is devoted to the First Class requirements. The first afternoon period each day is devoted to the First Aid requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class. For the next period the Scout goes to the swimming pool for the Swimming Merit badge and swim instruction. The swimming requirements for advancement are taught during the instructional swim. The last period of the day covers the First Aid Merit Badge.

Spending Money:

Many Scouts typically bring \$20 - \$25 to spend in camp at the Trading Post. Some money may actually be needed to supply materials for some merit badges (estimated cost listed below by the MB's). There are also Scout items, crafts, souvenirs & stuff (t-shirts, hats, compasses, harmonicas, cups & other junk), and snacks (candy & pop) at the Trading Post. Research has shown that Scouts with too much money buy a lot of junk, which consumes their time, and they tend to have a candy feeding frenzy. The money that a Scout brings can be kept in a camp lock box, and measured out on request. The Trading Post will be open on Visitors Night, and items purchased at that time usually have greater chance of returning home. No food items, such as candy, can be allowed in tents due to the problem of attracting ants, skunks, raccoons and other varmints.

Merit Badges:

Most of the offered merit badges don't require additional fees for materials. Some, however, will and it's important that the Scout be prepared. Offered merit badges that typically require additional monies for materials or craft items purchased from the Trading Post include: Archery, Shotgun, Rifle, Basketry, Woodcarving, Motor Boating, Water Skiing, and Red Cross CPR.

Tent Partners & the Buddy System:

The Troop will operate on a buddy system (usually the tent partner), and each buddy should keep the other one informed of their schedule (merit badge classes, etc.) so that they can inform one of the Troop leaders if they fail to return when expected. Patrol members will also be expected to keep track of each other so that no one is left sleeping through breakfast. Scouts will not leave camp unless checked out by their parents through the camp office.

Camp Housing:

Each Scout must select one tent partner for the entire week. We will use the large Troop tents and each boy will have about 30 square feet of tent space, which would be an area about six feet long and five feet wide (enough space for a cot, gear, and clutter). We may have several thundershowers during the week, and although the tents are mostly waterproof, stuff in the tent should be stored in waterproof bags or containers to avoid becoming wet.

Camp Facilities:

A shower and latrine facilities are located in our Troop campsite (Stillwater Rotary), and each member of our Troop will have the opportunity (on a rotating duty roster) to keep it sparkling clean. There are also showers and toilets located near the pool.

Mail:

Mail should be sent in advance in order to provide 2-3 days for it to reach camp, and should be addressed to:

Scouts Name, Troop 818
Will Rogers Scout Reservation
P.O. Box 107
Cleveland, OK74020-0107

The Phone:

The phone in the Administration building at Will Rogers Scout Reservation is restricted to business and emergency calls. In case of an emergency, the number is 918-358-5572.

Medication/Medical Emergencies:

All prescription medications (except inhalers) will be stored at the camp health office, near the Dining Hall, which is not far from our Troop site. Prescriptions should be in the original bottle, and must have written instructions for appropriate dispensation. Scouts attending Will Rogers Scout Reservation must have the BSA "Annual Health and Medical Record" form which must list any current health problems, restrictions or limitations of activity, and specific instructions for action if there should be trouble or an emergency. The camp health officer will handle most minor medical problems (beyond treatment with soap & water). In the event of a serious or questionable injury, the patient will be transported to a local hospital in Cleveland for treatment. If the patient is a youth, one of the Troop 818 leaders will accompany the boy to the hospital, and notify the parents.

Meals:

Three daily meals will be served in the camp Dining Hall, and we will be eating family style. Our Troop will sit together around one table with the food in the middle, and once grace has been said, the food will be politely passed from person to person. Each member of our Troop (on a rotating duty roster) will have the opportunity to serve as a table waiter for each meal. The table waiter is responsible for going to the Dining Hall early, setting the table, getting seconds on food if requested, and clearing the dishes from the table after the meal.

Wednesday Evening Special Meal Event:

Troop 818 will be preparing a special theme meal in camp on Wednesday evening. Scouts will be planning activities, meals, costume, and other materials required to enhance the fun of the theme.

Special Activities:

An Order of the Arrow Calling Out Ceremony will be held on Thursday night. Parents, friends, and Scouts who are not attending camp are welcome and encouraged to witness this solemn activity. Scouts who were elected into OA this Spring will be identified through the ceremony at this time. Scouts who are currently in OA should bring their sash.

Visitors/Visitors Night:

Parents and friends are always welcome on any day of the week. A special Visitors Night that will include special activities, dinner, and campfire program is scheduled for Friday, June 22. Please notify a Troop 818 leader prior to our Troop departure for camp if you will be eating supper, and bring a folding chair. The Wednesday count is important to ensure enough food for all. Cost of visitor meals is usually \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 8 years old. Visitors should check in at the Camp Office upon arrival at Camp. Parents or friends are welcome to spend Friday night in the unit campsite with approval of the unit leader. Everyone staying overnight should check in with Camp Director. Scouts are to remain in camp Friday night, and return home with the Troop on Saturday.

Directions to Camp:

The sign pointing South to Will Rogers Scout Reservation is located north of Highway 64 approximately 1 mile east of the junction with Highway 99. We will be camping in the Stillwater Rotary campsite, which is located in the northwest portion of WRSR.

Camp Uniform:

The official BSA uniform must be worn for the evening meal and evening activities. The red Troop 818 T-shirt will be worn at the morning flag ceremony and breakfast. Troop 818 T-shirts will be available for purchase (\$12) during Troop meetings prior to camp. Appropriate clothing (Scouting t-shirts are preferred) should be worn during the remainder of the day. Scouts serving in the color guard must be in full uniform. Members of the OA are encouraged to pack their sash and wear it to the calling out ceremony on Thursday.

For Safety, closed toe and closed heel shoes (no sandals) must be worn in camp at all times, except when in the pool.

Proper Scout Behavior:

It is the responsibility of each Scout and adult leader to conduct themselves in a manner representing our commitment to the Scout Oath and Law. The discipline of Troop 818 Scouts is the responsibility of our Troop's adult leaders, not the camp staff. We will deal with discipline problems as we do during Troop activities. Scouts should never enter the campsite of another Troop or the staff living area without an invitation. Scouts are expected to be in the Troop 818 campsite from 9:00 PM until 6:00 AM unless permission to be elsewhere has been granted by Troop 818 adult leaders. A Scout's language should always be respectful and divisive behavior will not be tolerated. If the Scout will not conform to the principles of Scouting, his parents will be consulted and they may be asked to retrieve their son from camp.

Personal Safety:

Scouts will not leave camp unless they are checked out by their parents, released to another adult guardian after Troop adult leaders have received permission from the Scout's parents, or when seeking medical attention accompanied by Troop adult leaders. Scouts and adult leaders must check in and out of camp at the Administration Building when leaving, arriving, and returning to camp. All visitors will be required to check in and out of camp, and obtain a visitor's badge from the Administration Building.

What to Bring:

— Medical Form	— Soap & Container	— Cot or Sleeping Pad
— Prescription Medication	— Toothbrush and Paste	— Spending Money
— Scout Uniform	— Towels (2)	— Merit Badge Books
— Extra Shirts (4)	— Washcloth (2)	— Notebook, Pen, Pencil
— Extra Shorts (4)	— Shower Shoes	— Bible or Prayer Book
— Long-sleeve Shirt	— Hat (Sun Protection)	— Rain Suit
— Long Pants	— Sleepwear	— Windbreaker/Jacket
— Troop 818 Shirt	— Trash Bag	— Sweatshirt
— Camp Shoes (Sneakers)	— Flashlight	— Sunscreen
— Hiking Boots	— Extra Batteries	— Insect Repellant (Non-aerosol)
— Socks (7)	— Pocket Knife	— Water Bottle
— Underwear (7)	— Drinking Cup	— First year Scouts and those taking Swimming MB will need a long sleeve shirt and pants without holes, belt and sneakers that can get wet.
— Bandanas	— Swimsuit	
— Sleeping Bag	— Small Backpack/Bag for hauling things around camp during the day.	
— Toilet Articles	— BSA Handbook	
— Laundry Bag		

Optional Gear:

— Fishing Gear	— Sewing Kit	— Lip Balm/Foot Powder
— Musical Instrument	— Sunglasses	— Fingernail Clippers
— Frisbee / Playing Cards	— Camera	— Compass
— Watch	— Pillow	— Water Proof Container

Remember!

- Do not bring radios, TV's, tape/CD players, iPods, electronic games, etc.
- Everything should be clearly labeled with your name and Troop number.
- Be able to keep yourself and your gear dry. Make sure that your rain gear is in good condition. If your duffel bag is not water resistant, it would be wise to put your clean clothes, sleeping bag, and other gear that can be damaged by water in plastic bags before loading these items into your duffel bag.

Electronic games, radios, and other some other obnoxious stuff:

Summer Camp is expected to be an experience that is free from most prevalent distractions. Electronic games, radios, and other obnoxious items must be left at home. The travel time from Stillwater to the Will Rogers Scout Reservation is less than one hour, and therefore these items are not considered necessary travel companions. Problem items and obnoxious stuff found with Scouts at Camp will be confiscated until we return home.

Prohibited Items:

Prohibited Items include personal firearms, ammunition, archery equipment, other items with dangerous propulsion systems, fireworks, lighters, or other explosive materials. Please also don't bring illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco, personal hatchets, and sheath fixed blade knives (pocketknives must have blades less than 4 inches long), and anything else that is determined to be dangerous.

Any clothing such as shirts, caps, etc. with words and or pictures that do not represent our commitment to the Scout Oath and Law, and will not be permitted in camp or on the road to camp. In addition, the use of any clothing in a way that does not represent our commitment to the Scout Oath and Law will not be permitted in camp or on the road to camp.