

Camp Friedlander

Be sure to read this material completely so that you gain a full understanding of the troop's plans for a great week of summer camp for your son.

If you still have questions after reading this packet thoroughly, please direct them to the troop Summer Camp Coordinator, that way all parents will receive a consistent message of what to plan for and expect.

Here are things that need to be done before camp.

Review the "what to bring to camp" list and add any additional personal items.

1. Turn in Annual Health and Medical Record to Troop Summer Camp Coordinator by the date designated by your troop.

a. Complete parts A and B and **sign the form**.

b. Have a certified and licensed healthcare provider complete and sign part C.

c. This form must be updated within 12 months of the camp arrival date.

d. Include a copy of the participant's medical insurance card.

2. **REVIEW THE ACTIVITY LISTING SHOWING MERIT BADGES AND OTHER PROGRAMS OFFERED AT CAMP FRIEDLANDER** – Listed by some merit badges are age requirements and pre-requisites your son may need to do before going to camp. Please help your son prepare for a successful experience at camp by helping him review the merit badge requirements and follow up to see that he completes any pre-requisites listed.

3. **SPENDING MONEY:** The amount to bring depends on your own circumstances, program plans, and your family's wishes. Ordinarily, the average Scout spends about \$50 during a week's stay at camp. One of the adults with the troop can provide a bank for Scouts to place their money in safekeeping.

4. **VISITORS: To insure the safety and security of our Scouts, all visitors are required to sign-in at the Camp Office upon arrival and will be given a visitor wristband to wear.** While parents and visitors are always welcome to observe the programs and facilities at Camp Friedlander, we recommend scheduling visits with your troop's leadership and/ or notifying them of when you will be at camp.

The troop has a schedule of activities planned and you run the risk of missing your son if you do not coordinate with your leader. Additionally, some youth may be experiencing homesickness that can be exacerbated by a surprise visit from parents. Discussing this with your leader prior to your arrival at camp can make for a more positive visit and experience for your son.

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5. **GUEST MEALS** at camp are always available: Breakfast \$5.00, Lunch \$6.00, and Dinner \$7.00. Purchase meal tickets at the Camp Office. Children 6 and under eat free.

6. **FAMILY CAMPING IS NOT PERMITTED** at Camp Friedlander. The only children under 18 permitted to stay overnight are registered Boy Scouts with a troop. A list of local accommodations for family members who wish to stay overnight in the area is available through area campground and motel listings in the telephone yellow pages or on the internet.

7. **SEND CARDS, LETTERS AND "CARE" PACKAGES TO YOUR SON AT CAMP!**

Send the first on Friday before we leave for Camp.

That way it will get there on Monday or Tuesday. If you send a "care" package, please send enough so that your son can share it with his patrol or with the whole troop.

Experience shows that a postcard, letter, or care package goes a long way toward keeping your son happy at camp! Please be sure to include a return address in case the package arrives after we leave camp.

Address: Scout's name

Troop # _____, _____ Campsite

Camp Friedlander

581 Ibold Road

Loveland, OH 45140

Please discourage your son from calling home during camp. Calls home tend to disrupt the troop schedule. **If one of our troop's leaders believes that it is necessary for your son to call home, permission will be granted.** AN ADULT LEADER MUST ACCOMPANY A SCOUT WHILE HE USES THE PHONE.

Please do not allow your son to bring a cell phone to camp.

8. **LABEL YOUR SON'S PERSONAL BELONGINGS:** Each year campers leave clothing and other personal belongings the camp staff cannot return because it is without a name or troop number. We suggest that parents use an indelible fine point marker to label items with your son's name and troop #. A lost and found area will be designated. The camp will not be responsible for missing items. Valuable items should not be brought to camp. Raccoons in the area have been known to pilfer valuable items. All items will be kept for one week after camp. After this they will be donated to a local clothing drive.

9. **FIREWORKS:** Fireworks of any kind are not permitted at camp.

10. If your troop has not completed an advance swim check, **PLEASE HAVE YOUR SON WEAR HIS SWIM TRUNKS UNDER HIS UNIFORM ON SUNDAY.**

11. **LEAVE AT HOME:** Matches, candles, firearms, cell phones, iPods, and pets. Any Scout with a knife must have it approved in advance by the Scoutmaster and carry a signed TOTIN' CHIP card.

12. **BIKE POLICY:** Personal bicycles are not permitted at camp unless there is a documented medical reason (please contact the Camp Director for approval). A troop may want to do a biking trip at near-by Loveland Bike Trail, but must walk bikes in and out of camp.

13. **PARENT'S NIGHT IS FRIDAY NIGHT STARTING AT 5:30 PM.** Come have dinner with your son and see your son's campsite and Camp Friedlander. Dinner is served between 5:30 and 7:00 pm and the cost is \$7.00 per person. Register for dinner through your troop. After dinner, the camp will have open program areas and a closing campfire program. All are invited.