



Troop 876

NEW PARENTS MEETING

February 22, 2011

Welcome

- “ We are under full disclosureõ .
- “ This is one of the greatest bait & switch schemes ever
- “ What your son signed up for wasõ .



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But what you will get isõ

- “ Self Confidence
- “ Self Reliance
- “ Values
- “ Morals
- “ Leadership Experience

Key Roles and Responsibilities

- “ New Parent Meetings . Steve Porter
- “ New Scouts . Fred Klotz
- “ Troop Guides .
- “ Junior Asst. Scoutmaster . Michael Klotz
- “ Troop Guide/Instructor Mentor . Fred Klotz
- “ Treasurer . Elaine Simmons/Steve Wunschel
- “ Instructors .

So much to learn ã so little time!

- “ Don't worry ã we are here to help you!
- “ It may seem overwhelming at times
- “ It's not a race
- “ There's plenty of time
- “ You are embarking on what hopefully will be a 6 or 7 year adventure
- “ We have designed a 6-month program especially for you as new parents, as well as for your sons.

New Scout Program

- “ Generally these programs will be held weekly
- “ They will focus each week on a particular scout skill most likely from the Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd Class and 1st Class requirements.
- “ They will be taught by Troop Instructor, boys who are specialists in their particular material.
- “ There will also be Troop Guides (older scouts who can sign off when the new scout demonstrates proficiency
- “ Scoutmasters will be present during the entire program

Your Role

- “ Be an encourager and cheerleader for your son's progress.
- “ Encourage them to read their scout handbook prior to the meeting – generally 2-3 pages will cover the material for each night.
- “ Copy advancement pages in handbook!
- “ Celebrate their progress
- “ Let us know your interests/expertise in areas

New Parent Program

- “ Monthly schedule . complete by September
- “ Special program to teach you some of the scouting ways
- “ Led by adult leaders in the troop
- “ Mt. Pisgah Chapel or meeting rooms upstairs
- “ 7:15- 8:00

New Parent Meeting Schedule

- “ February 22nd . New Parent Orientation
- “ March 8th . First Camping Trip
- “ March 15th . Merit Badge/Advancement
- “ March 29th . Youth Protection
- “ April 26th . Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat
- “ May 10th . Open forum/Questions
- “ June 7th . Summer Camp
- “ July 26th . Training Opportunities/Service Projects
- “ August 9th . Election Process-Troop and OA
- “ Date TBD . Troop Fundraiser/Financial Report
- “ Date TBD . Cold Weather Camping

Topics for Parents

- “ The Patrol Method...*learn is not one of the ways...it's the only way*
- “ The first campoutõ *.don't freak out...little Johnny is spending the weekend outdoorsõ HOW TO COPE!*
- “ Youth Protectionõ our number one priority
- “ Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense training course
- “ Summer Campõ *.more COPING skills!*

More Topics for Parents

- “ What’s the big deal about **BLUE CARDS!**
Learn the process of earning merit badges.
- “ Adult Leader Fast Start Training and/or New Leader Essentials.
- “ Policies and Procedures . copy provided

Schedule

- “ March campout is specifically designed for all new scouts at the Confroy Family Farm . Halifax County
- “ This is a great campout .lots of instruction from fellow scouts .cooking, setting up tents, how to use an ax, build a campfire and lots more.
- “ Calendar of outings have been provided . we prepare the calendar in August with input from the PLC for the next year.

So much to buy and so little money

- “ Prioritize the wish list consider this order
 - . Scout handbook (a must right away)
 - . A sleeping bag synthetic material between 20-30 degrees. Not too heavy or bulky. Used is fine. Small size is fine.
 - . Scout uniform . make sure you have it before we go to summer camp (be sure to check the website for uniform exchange parts)
 - . A class B RED Troop 876 T-shirt
 - . Rain gear
 - . Flashlight or headlamp
 - . Simple mess kit (bowl, cup and spoon is minimum)
 - . Simple first aid kit
 - . A small external frame backpack (Kelty Yukon)
 - . Shoes suitable for hiking with wool socks (boots not required)
 - . Lightweight sleeping pad
 - . Camp shoes . comfortable with no open toes (CROC, e.g.)
 - . Compass
 - . Pocketknife
- “ Troop provides a cook box for new scout patrols
- “ Equipment Basics handout

Tents



- “ The Troop uses Eureka Timberline 2 and 4 tents to provide uniformity
- “ The troop does have tents for scouts to use
- “ Many scouts have chosen to invest in a personally owned Timberline tent
- “ Cost is about \$129 (May get group discount at some stores)
- “ Contact Mr. Davis for more details

Final Thoughts

“ Summer Camp 2011

- . While not absolutely required, this week is certain to be a major first step for your scout
- . A chance to learn a lot of scout skills, self reliance, be away from home and create a lot of new friends in his patrol
- . Cost is \$290 to hold your son's spot
 - “ Also: Cracker Barrel, Camp Store, Snacks

“ In Scouting, they say it's not over until the paperwork is in

- . Scout applications are needed for all new scouts
- . \$30 is due for all cross over Webelos and \$45 is due for all new scouts who are joining without having been a Webelos.

Website

- “ Troop@troop876
- “ See what's there
- “ Respond to webmaster to be sure you are included in all troop e-mails
- “ Calendar is updated with all upcoming outings and events