



## **Information for Leaders and Parents**

Thank you for choosing Camp Horseshoe for your summer camp! Please know we will take great care of your Scout during his week in camp.

### **Sunday Drop-Off and Pick-Up**

Please plan on arriving no earlier than 1:45 pm or later than 2:30 pm to drop your Scout off. A staff member will direct you to a drop-off point where gear should be promptly unloaded and the car immediately returned to the main parking lot. You may then return to the site to visit your son. Please help us make check-in as smooth as possible for you and other parents by strictly following these guidelines.

At the end of your Scout's week in camp, please be at camp by 12:45 pm and pick up your son at the same point you left him. Again, please observe our "no parking" signs and keep traffic moving. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### **Visiting and Leaving Camp**

As part of the BSA Child Abuse Prevention Program, we ask that all visitors sign in at our headquarters building. If a Scout is to leave camp for any reason, he must sign out at headquarters. If he is to leave camp with anyone who is not his parent/guardian, we must have a signed parent/guardian release form. Any individuals removing a Scout from camp must identify themselves with adequate identification prior to leaving camp.

Saturday from 2:30 pm until the awards campfire is over (usually 10:00 pm) parents are invited to visit camp to see what your Scout has been doing all week. There is a Camp-wide Inter-Troop Contest in the afternoon, a retreat ceremony at 5:45 pm, and an awards campfire at 8:30 pm.

Plan on a lot of walking, bring a flashlight and a jacket, be prepared for rain, and bring along a picnic dinner to share with your son. We are unable to accommodate any guests in the dining hall. Please leave all pets at home.

Visitations at any other times than Sunday check-in and Saturday afternoons are allowed only in extraordinary circumstances or for emergencies. Please contact camp prior to arrival for such visits. Under no circumstances may children not registered as Scouts or Scout leaders spend the night in camp. For youth protection and liability issues, there are no exceptions to this rule.

### **Annual Health and Medical Record**

All campers are required to have a current Annual Health and Medical Record to attend camp. A physical is

necessary and the signature of a health care professional required for completion of this form.

### **Letters and Phone Calls**

Letters generally take at least 3-4 days to reach camp from northern Chester County, so plan accordingly.

Address your letters as follows:

**Camp Horseshoe  
Scout's Name & Troop Number  
1286 Ridge Road  
Rising Sun, MD 21911**

Additionally, an email message can be sent to your Scout the week he is in camp. A link will be available on the home page of our website, [www.hsr-bsa.org](http://www.hsr-bsa.org), beginning the first day of camp. All email must contain the Scout's name and unit number to be deliverable.

Our camp has one public phone line and one business line. Because of the size of the camp and the varied schedule of each Scout, there is no practical way to hold an incoming call. If urgency demands, we will attempt to locate Scouts quickly; otherwise, a message will be delivered to the Scoutmaster who will have your son call as soon as possible. We request that incoming calls be limited to emergencies or urgent matters. The number of the camp business phone is **(717) 548-2525**.

### **Directions to Camp Horseshoe**

From the North. Drive south on US Route 1 approximately 2.5 miles south of the PA/MD line. Turn right onto Red Pump Road, then left onto Ridge Road about three-quarters of a mile from there. Continue on to Ridge Road as it winds all the way to its end at the Horseshoe Camp Gate. Pass the stone house and follow the dirt road to the Parking Lot.

From the South. Drive north on Interstate 95 and across the Susquehanna River Bridge. Exit immediately past the tollgate to North Maryland Route 275. Turn right on Maryland Route 276 about 5 miles until US Route 1. Turn right onto US 1, following it until Red Pump Road. Turn left onto Red Pump Road, drive about three-quarters of a mile, and then turn left onto Ridge Road. Follow Ridge Road as it winds all the way to its end at the Horseshoe Camp Gate. Pass the stone house and follow the dirt road to the Parking Lot.

Alternate Directions. If you are familiar with the area and you are coming from the South, you may also cross US 1 from Maryland Route 276 at the flashing red lights onto Slicer's Mill Road. Take the first right turn onto Spring Hill Road and follow to Ridge Road. Take a left onto Ridge Road and the Camp Gate will be straight ahead.



# Packing Check List



## Scouts:

Pack everything in a lockable trunk or duffel bag, and please put your name and troop number on all clothing and gear. This will ensure that you take home everything you bring with you!

### Scout Uniform

- Shirt
- Shorts
- Scout socks
- Scout hat

### Clothing

- Socks
- Tee-shirts
- Sets of underwear
- Hiking shoes or boots
- Extra shoes
- Rain gear
- Bathing suit

### Toiletries

- Soap in a carrier
- Towel for swimming
- Towel and washcloth
- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Shampoo

### Camping Gear

- Flashlight & Batteries
- Water bottle (very important)
- Mess kit & Eating Utensils\*

### Bedding

- Mattress or foam pad
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Pillow and case
- Flat twin sheet (for warmth)

### Other Items

- Pocket knife
- Notebook and pencils
- Scout Handbook
- Merit badge fees and prerequisite material (see program guide for more information)

## Troops:

- Copies** of Medical Records
- Merit Badge library
- Rope for clotheslines
- First Aid kit
- Lanterns (propane only)
- Troop flag
- Advancement records
- Troop cooking equipment

## Patrols:

- Cooking gear for outpost day
- Patrol flag
- Props for campfire skits
- Gear for outpost camping
- Notebooks for the Patrol Log

## Unit Leaders:

- Thumbtacks for bulletin board
- Alarm clock (battery operated)
- Cash box
- Folding chair
- Contact information for parents

**Do not bring fireworks, candles, or valuable electrical devices. These items are forbidden, and may be confiscated by your leaders or staff.**

\*Mess kit and eating utensils are required for outpost day. No paper plates or utensils will be available from the dining hall.

