

Parents' Page

(Please reproduce this page and give it to the parent(s) of each boy attending camp).

My son is in Troop _____ . We will be attending Camp Melakwa _____

We will leave for camp on _____ at _____ AM/PM.

Dear Parent:

It is our objective at Camp Melakwa, to provide a learning environment that is both safe and fun for your son.

You should know that there are no laundry facilities at Camp, so pack for the entire week. There is only one cell phone to be used in camp and it is strictly for emergencies. We check in at our Council Service Center regularly. If you need to get an emergency message to a Scout or adult leader, please call the Oregon Trail Council Service Center at 541-485-4433. **We kindly ask that Scouts do not bring electronics to camp - we do not have electricity in camp.**

There is a Register Nurse on the camp staff that stays in camp at all times. We are prepared for emergencies of all types and have transportation to McKenzie River Clinic. Camp is located 70 miles East of Eugene and 11 miles up a forest service road. Weather is typically hot during the day and cool at night.

Boots are a must for long hikes. Tennis shoes do not hold up if you are crossing lava fields. Open-toed shoes are not permitted to be worn in camp.

There is a camp store where your son and visitors may want to buy Scout-related items, pop, candy, memorabilia, or merit badge items. Scouts typically bring \$60-75 for the week.

Camp T-shirt and hats are only available for order before camp on the order form provided in this packet and at our website. www.otcbsa.org

The boys are dropped off at Irish Camp Lake trail and hike into camp. Our staff will be at that location when the boys arrive. The hike in is about one mile, so "be prepared." Heavier equipment may be brought around on the service road and unloaded **after the Scouts hike in! No pets of any kind are allowed at Camp Melakwa.**

For Monday arrivals you would use the parking area shown on the map provided to your unit leader. Please advise the Oregon Trail Council office if you will be arriving on Monday.

Boys enjoy mail and care packages from home. Use the address below. Be sure to send EARLY in the week as mail service is once a week. Some Scout parents even send mail before camp begins. Postcards will **not** arrive in time to be received by your Scout.

"Johnny Scout"
Troop "123"
Camp Melakwa
McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413

WHAT TO BRING CHECKLIST

*Marked items need to be accessible upon arrival and check-in. Share this with parents!

CLOTHING & BEDDING

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm jacket | <input type="checkbox"/> At least 1 complete Scout Uniform | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-shirts (3 minimum) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 sturdy pants (jeans or Scout) | <input type="checkbox"/> Socks (6 pairs) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear (5 minimum) | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes (Sneaker hiking) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleepwear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag & small pillow | <input type="checkbox"/> Short pants | <input type="checkbox"/> Raingear or poncho |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scout belt | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout hat or other headgear | <input type="checkbox"/> Water shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping pad | <input type="checkbox"/> NO sandals or flip flops | <input type="checkbox"/> Hoodie / light jacket |

TOILETRY ARTICLES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> Wash Cloth | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap and Shampoo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antiperspirant | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Towels* | <input type="checkbox"/> Comb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen SPF 30+ | <input type="checkbox"/> Bathroom bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Mess kit (cooking) |

ADVANCEMENT MATERIALS & PAPERWORK

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Book | <input type="checkbox"/> Money for materials, snacks, and souvenirs in wallet or pouch (\$60-75) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Updated medical form* | <input type="checkbox"/> Pen & paper / notebook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long pants (COPE, Swimming MB) | <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation of merit badge work already done |

OTHER USEFUL ITEMS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing gear | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight & fresh batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OA Sash | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal first aid kit (required) | <input type="checkbox"/> Compass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canteen/water bottle - required | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket knife (no sheath knives) - <i>Sheath knives will be confiscated</i> | | |

SCOUTS IN SWIMMING OR LIFESAVING MERIT BADGES & BSA LIFEGUARD WILL NEED:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Long-sleeve button-down shirt | <input type="checkbox"/> Mask, snorkel, fins (BSA Lifeguard) | <input type="checkbox"/> Long Pants |
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TROOPS & PATROLS GEAR

- American Flag
- Accident Insurance Policy # (if out-of-council or LDS) ⓘ**
- Troop & Patrol Flags*
- Unit checkbook
- Medical forms for all campers!
- Troop first aid kit and log
- Scoutmaster's Handbook & advancement records book
- Patrol Leader's Handbook
- Field Book (recommended)
- Current BSA Requirements Book
- Lantern (*liquid fuel not allowed*)
- Camp stoves, fuel, and coolers
- Dutch oven, favorite recipe and supplies for Scoutmaster Cook-Off
- Items to improve campsite & make your stay more enjoyable at camp
- Lockable box for troop members' medications

Personal items that we do NOT want in camp: *Electronics (including cell phones – bring a watch and a camera), personal firearms, fireworks, rocket engines, ammunition, sheath knives, climbing gear (shoes ok), radios/music players, hand-held video games, open-toed shoes, tobacco, electronic cigarettes or vaping items, alcohol, or pets of any kind!*

Emergency Phone Numbers

Scout Service Center (Eugene) 541-485-4433 or 800-801-4430