

TROOP 127 SUMMER CAMP  
JUNE 16-22, 2002  
SID RICHARDSON SCOUT RANCH

1. Balance of camp fees are due tonight; also, we need a permission form filled out.
2. We must have medical forms with us before we leave for camp! Two copies would be great; keep the additional one at home in case of emergency.
3. Meet in far west parking lot by Holy Rosary School no later than 9:00 AM, Sunday, June 16. Scouts must be in Class A uniforms for travel. Bring a sack lunch and drink or \$5.00 to purchase lunch in Decatur on the way to camp.
4. Items needed at camp:
  - Footlocker/packer (preferably one which locks – give extra key to leader or write down combination)
  - Cot
  - Sleeping bag/pad and/or sheets
  - Pillow
  - Chair
  - Clothes for the week (shorts, t-shirts, one pair of pants, socks, underwear, light jacket, tennis shoes)
  - Swim suit, swim shoes or water shoes, and towel for pool
  - Towel for shower!
  - Personal grooming items (soap, shampoo, TOOTHBRUSH, toothpaste, deodorant, hairbrush) in a dopp kit or large baggie to keep it together
  - Flashlight/EXTRA BATTERIES
  - LARGE WATER BOTTLE OR CANTEEN!
  - Dirty clothes bag (large trash bag works well – just don't let them throw it away!)
  - Bug spray
  - Sun block
  - Hat!!
  - Rain poncho
  - Any needed medication – must be checked in with Scoutmaster Sunday morning
  - Wristwatch – helps in getting to and from merit badge classes in a timely manner
5. Money for trading post --- recommended amount is anywhere from \$25-\$50. Boys will spend what you give them, so plan accordingly. This is a good chance to learn responsibility!
6. Purchase merit badge books before camp unless you want to send extra money to purchase in trading post. Boys in same class can share. Some merit badges require small purchases in the trading post (woodcarving -- \$3.00/basketry -- \$6.00 to \$7.00).
7. Money for T-shirt to wear home????????? Cost is usually around \$10.00
8. Mail: We encourage mail, especially for first-year Boy Scouts. It can be sent to the address below, or sent with the Scoutmaster to be given out when you specify. Address for camp is:  
Joe Jones/Troop 127  
Sid Richardson  
Route 1, Box 157  
Jacksboro, TX 76458

Please use discretion in your letters. Don't say how much you miss them – tell them how proud you are of what they're doing and you know they're having a great time!

Care Packages: Again, use discretion. Recommended items might be extra batteries for flashlight, \$5.00 for the trading post, hard candy (Skittles, etc.), or a deck of cards. No candy that might melt because packages will be stored in vehicle until the day they are given out. Don't send a lot of junk food; you've paid for their meals and there will be plenty to eat. But a small treat is always nice and makes them feel special!

9. Phone calls: There will be no phone calls allowed home by the Scouts either by cell phone or pay phone. Once that parent's voice is heard, it's all over for the week! If a parent or leader feels that they **HAVE** to call home for some reason, it will be done where the boys can't see. For emergencies, the phone number to Sid Richardson is 940-575-4243.
10. Homesickness: We expect some of the Scouts to have a tough time. It's happened every year, but they **WILL** survive and be proud of themselves for making it! During the week before camp, pump them up about camp and we'll continue to do the same while we're there.
11. Family Night: The Family Night Campfire will be Friday, June 21. Families of Scouts at camp are welcome to join the Troop for dinner and the campfire ceremony that evening. Cost for dinner is \$5.00. Camp does not end until Saturday morning; Scouts may not leave with their parents on Friday night. Parents and siblings are not allowed to camp on Friday night at Sid.
12. We should be back at the church on Saturday, June 22 by 3:00 PM. Please be in the church parking lot at that time. If we run late/early, we will call. We will have a light breakfast in camp, but lunch will be on the road again. Please have them tuck away \$5.00 for lunch on the way home that Saturday. Again, **RESPONSIBILITY!** They need to remember this so they don't spend it in the trading post during the week! If you feel more comfortable, a leader will hold the money for them.
13. Swimming Merit Badge requires an extra set of OLD clothes worn over the swimsuit: long pants (preferably loose and not denim), long-sleeved shirt, belt, socks, and shoes. Please make sure these are not good quality and it would not be a loss if they don't make it home! These Scouts will be spending two hours every day in the pool; an old t-shirt worn with their swimsuit would help prevent sunburn. Sunblock is sometimes forgotten!
14. We will be keeping a close eye on the Scouts during the week. We'll keep them out of trouble but we don't hover and we don't hold their hand. It will be up to them to make it to their Merit Badge Classes on time each day, get to the dining hall for meals, take an occasional shower, and find their toothbrush buried in the bottom of their packer. Most of these boys have been camping since they were Tiger Cubs, and if their Webelos leaders did their job, a lot of this should be old hat to them. Scouts that went to Resident Camp as Cubs know exactly what to expect and will be able to help the others. They will be doing a lot of growing up this week and being accountable for themselves is the first step.

Thanks for helping us make Summer Camp a good experience. As always, we want the boys to learn something, but having fun is as important. This is a totally new adventure for them, with difficult requirements and sometimes less-than-perfect teenaged counselors. Learning to deal with the bad as well as the good is all a part of growing up and becoming a better Scout. Let us know if we can help in any way to make this a great camp!