

Boy Scout Troop 965

Summer Camp 2009 Additional Info

- 1. Getting ready for camp:** A packing list will be provided separately from this notice. Each scout should bring the listed items, and not much more. For the most part, additional items are not needed and are just subject to loss or damage. Remember that items such as lighters, fireworks, candles, shaving cream, boom boxes, and expensive electronics (single value over \$20) are specifically prohibited. Don't forget items for any chosen merit badges. We are recommending that first year campers take first aid merit badge, which requires that a scout have items to make up a small personal first aid kit. Swimming merit badge requires a long sleeve shirt and long pants (not jeans). Also, please assure that all items are clearly marked with the scout's name and troop number. We highly recommend that everything but the scout's sleeping gear be packed and stored in a lockable footlocker or other storage box (combination locks are recommended). Each scout should wear his class A uniform (don't forget the troop hat) to camp with his bathing suit underneath. Also, please don't forget to pack the troop neckerchief and a slide plus a hanger for the uniform.
- 2. Getting your son to Camp:** The troop does not provide transportation to camp. Parents usually provide this transportation, and please plan to arrive between 1:45 and 2:00 PM on Sunday, July 05th. It takes about 30 - 40 minutes to get from Level/Webster to Camp Horseshoe. To get to Camp Horseshoe, get to U.S. Route 1. Travel north across Conowingo Dam, 6.9 miles north of junction Rtes 623 and 1 at Darlington, just past a furniture store on the right and a convenience store and gas station on the left, turn left on Horseshoe Road. Continue .9 miles on Horseshoe Road, and make a hard right across a small bridge. Immediately across the bridge, turn right on Spring Hill Road. Continue .4 miles, bear left, and continue up the hill. At the "T" intersection at the top of the hill, turn left on Ridge Road., and continue 1 mile to the entrance gate. Go through the gate and travel on the dirt road to main camp. As you enter main camp, a staff member will direct you to an unload point near Timberline Campsite and then to parking. We ask that parents minimize their visitation time on arrival day, because we must gather as a troop as soon as we arrive and move out for our health check-in and swim test.
- 3. Mail and emergency contact:** A scout's mailing address will be:
Scout's Name
Troop 965, Timberline Campsite
Camp Horseshoe
1286 Ridge Road
Rising Sun, MD 21911

The camp's new website is web site <http://www.hsr-bsa.org> . They expect to have email available (as in the past), with a link to be posted by mid-June. Please be sure to include "Troop 965" and "Timberline Campsite" on all emails. The web site does provide some great information and photos; they even have a web cam of the parade field that's continuously updated (day & night). Parents, consider mailing letters several days before we leave for camp so that the letters arrive within the first few days we are there.

The emergency telephone number is: 717-548-2525. Please, only use this number for emergency calls. The one and only phone is located at camp headquarters. A messenger must be sent to our campsite and the scout has to return the call. There is a pay phone for very limited use by the scouts, but they are required to be accompanied by an adult leader and, again, there is only one phone for the entire camp.

- 4. Family day at Camp:** Saturday is family day at camp. Parents and siblings are welcome as early as 2:30 PM to watch the inter-troop competitive activity. However, families may want to consider a more realistic arrival time of 5:30 PM to watch the retreat ceremony. Camp Horseshoe cannot accommodate families in the dining hall for supper, but many families bring a picnic supper, and join their scouts for a picnic in the picnic grove by the parade field or back in our campsite. Scouts can then give their families a tour of camp during the free time, and finally, families can attend the evening's camp-wide ceremonial campfire.
- 5. Getting your son home:** Parents are expected to provide transportation home for scouts and their gear. Please arrive at Camp Horseshoe at 1:00 PM on Sunday, July 12th. Scouts will not be available to leave earlier as we will be having our big Sunday dinner and then cleaning our campsite for final check-out.

We, the leaders of Troop 965, appreciate very much your sharing your son with us for this week of fun and excitement, and allowing us to provide him with one of the most memorable events in his scouting career.