

Troop 2 Summer Camp, 2009

It's time to begin planning for Summer Camp, 2009. This summer the troop will journey to northern California. We'll travel by bus to Camp Chawanakee on Sunday, August 2, with everybody home by August 15. Because we must hold space at camp and organize backpacking teams, we need a commitment now if you plan to go. The total cost will be \$775 for two weeks or \$400 for one week. (This represents a discount from our actual expected costs.) We are requesting a \$300 deposit now to reserve your space. **Deadline: April 27.**

WEEK 1 - August 2 - August 8

For Week 1, the troop will be based at BSA Camp Chawanakee, operated by the Sequoia Council. Camp Chawanakee prides itself on the quality of its staff and program. It is located in a redwood forest on the shores of spectacular Shaver Lake at an elevation of about 5000 ft. The facilities and programs are outstanding. The camp has a large fleet of boats for the lake, a stable of horses for riding, mountain bikes, a cope course, riflery, archery, and shotgun ranges, as well as the usual array of scoutcraft, nature, and handicraft programs. The setting is beautiful and everything is first class. Water in the lake is warmer than it would be at higher elevations. It's a great place for Scouts to pick up the merit badges they need for rank advancement, and also the time when we work to build camaraderie and teamwork within the troop. The camp provides extra support for younger Scouts attending their first or second summer camp. It is important for every Scout to attend.

WEEK 2 - August 8 - August 15

For Week 2, the troop will travel by bus to the Trinity Alps wilderness of northern California, between Eureka and Redding, where we will divide into teams of Scouts and adult leaders. Each team will have its own program based on the age and experience of the Scouts. We'll fly home from Redding, CA.

- Our older Scout teams will complete 5- or 6-day backpacking trips in the Trinity Alps. This is one of the most spectacular trekking areas in California, filled with high peaks, beautiful rivers, lakes, and wildflower meadows. The trails are not so steep and difficult as in the Sierras, but the rewards are much the same.
- Our less-experienced Scouts will complete shorter but equally amazing backpacking trips in the same areas as the older Scouts. For the rest of the week, they'll stay at a base camp and participate in activities such as whitewater rafting, mountain biking, or other fun events. Each team will design its own program of adventures.

It is expected that current troop Scouts will attend the full two weeks, but we do have a limited number of slots for Week 1 only (camp week). Scouts joining the troop this spring are invited to attend this week only.

DADS: we need you to act as adult leaders either one or two weeks. During Week 1, we need dads at camp to support the Scouts and offer extra opportunities (it's fun!). During Week 2, we need dads to lead our backpacking teams, and also parents who can provide logistical support but not hike. (Week 2 adults will fly both ways.) I look forward to hearing from you.

Steve Marcy

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Deadline: Monday, April 27.

Scout or Parent Name: _____

Adult shirt size (please circle): **S** **M** **L** **XL** **XXL**

Please circle the option desired:

Option 1
two weeks
Aug 2 - Aug 15

Option 2
Week 1 only
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