



Troop 137

2017 Summer Camp Announcement #1

Celebrating Our 24th Year at Camp Keowa

This summer, Troop 137 will be attending summer camp at Ten Mile River Scout Camps, Camp Keowa in Narrowsburg, NY. Camp Keowa will be celebrating its' 90 anniversary. The Camp Director this year will be Scott Delloso, Troop 137 Eagle Scout. All Troop 137 youth Scouts are encouraged to attend this fantastic learning experience. As has been the practice, leader attendance will be by invitation only to ensure the best possible experience for the scouts.

Date of Camp:

Sunday, July 9, through Saturday, July 15, 2017. Drop-off & Pickup time 10am. Optional early arrival WORK day, Saturday, July 8th (\$8.00 additional fee for food; second year campers only).

Cost: \$435.00 Per Camper

The above cost will be reduced to \$405.00 if the following payment dates are met.

- A deposit of \$50.00 per camper, by check or Scout Bucks request, must be in the possession of the Troop by **March 21, 2017**. Make check payable to Scout Troop 137. Do not miss this date. No special arrangements will be made. Payments can be made the day of the General Information meeting or before.
- The balance of \$355.00 per camper must be in the possession of the Troop no later than **May 16, 2017** to earn the discount. Make check payable to Scout Troop 137. Do not miss this date. No special arrangements will be made.

Failure to meet the cut off dates will require a full payment of \$435.00

The Camp Experience: All Scouts sleep in either a 2-person canvas wall tent, on cots above a wooden platform or on cots in a 3-person open front lean-to. Scouts can choose their tent mates, but the adult leaders will make the tent and lean-to assignments relative to what site and tent/lean-to the Scouts are in. The lean-tos and tents are spaced over 3 beautifully wooded sites. All meals are served family style in the Camp Keowa dining hall. ALL Scouts and Scouters must be in FULL uniform for evening meals.

General Information Meeting: This meeting will be held for all parents on March 7, 2017, during the regularly scheduled Troop meeting at Middle Road School and is strongly suggested for a new scout's parent(s). This meeting is to answer your questions, review recently received Keowa information, and to distribute the new Medical Forms. A second meeting will be held on March 21th for new crossovers or those who missed the March 7th meeting. This is the time to ask any questions you may have about summer camp.

Pre-Camp Meetings: The troop will conduct two very important pre-camp meetings – one on May 2 and one May 9, to review preparation and planning for the week at camp.

The May 2nd meeting at Middle Road School, 7:15PM, will cover topics specific to this year's summer camp schedule, required equipment, collection of medical forms, sleeping assignments, merit badge schedules, and tips for an enjoyable time.

The May 9th meeting at Middle Road School, 7:30PM, is for the benefit of the families who have last minute questions/concerns.

ALL 1st & 2nd year attending Scouts and a Parent/Guardian are required to attend the first meeting.

Medicals: All campers (youth and adults) must complete a new "Annual BSA Health and Medical" form (Parts A, B, and C), TMR OTC medication form, and have had a physical exam after July 10, 2016 (past 12 months). These medical forms will be given to you at the General Information meeting. The medical form must be signed and stamped by the examining physician. The completed medical form is to be returned to Mr. Downing, Troop Summer Camp Coordinator, by May 16th, 2017.

Questions: Please see or contact John Gibney 732-299-0890 (mr.gibney@t137.org) or Walter Downing, 732-495-0941