



CAMP FEES AND ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Ockanickon Scout Reservation

2008 Program and Leader Guide

WHETHER you have done this all before or you are new at it, moving your troop to summer camp and having a great week doesn't just happen. Like any endeavor, success tends to be proportional to effort. In this section we have listed some recommendations and ideas from Scout troops that have "done it all before". We hope you will find this information valuable as you plan for your week of camp at Ockanickon.

ADULT LEADERS IN CAMP

Two-deep leadership is the rule for any troop outing and the same applies to summer camp. You must provide at least one adult 21 years of age or older and another adult 18 years of age or older during your troop's entire time at Ockanickon. Leaders are given steep discounts on their stay because of how much help they provide their Scouts. Please remember this necessity as you plan your summer camp week.

MEDICAL FORMS

Status	Requirements
Boy Scout, Explorer, Venturer, Team Member, or Adult Leader under 40	Class 1 & 2 or class 3 Medical form completed by a physician within the last 36 months and annual health history page completed within the last 12.
Adult leader over 40 (regardless of length of stay)	Class 3 medical form completed by a licensed physician within the last 12 months.

Accepted Medical Forms

The standard Class 1 and 2 Medical Form (No. 34414) which includes an annual health history signed by parents or guardians, supported by a medical evaluation that was completed within the last 36 months by a physician licensed to practice medicine may be used by anyone under 40.

3 Medical Form (No. 34412) may be used by both those over and under 40 if completed within last 12 months.

A Medical Form from any of the BSA High Adventure Bases (Northern Tier, Florida Sea Base and Philmont Scout Ranch) may be used by both those over and under 40 if completed within last 12 months.

A Medical Form for the National Jamboree may be used by both those over and under 40 if completed within last 12 months.

Other forms such as sports physicals or physicals for non-Scout camps may not be accepted!

Physicals Reminder

All physical forms require more than one signature and many blank spaces to complete, during check in our staff will check for the following:

- Physician signature and date
- Parent signature (where appropriate) and date
- Immunization history
- Allergies and chronic conditions
- Current medication

- Any other conditions of which the health officer should be aware

Physicals are merely an overview of a Scout's health. Remember to ask Scouts how they're feeling before they come to camp and take appropriate action.

Don't let a sick Scout ruin your troop's stay. Scouts that miss camp due to illness that purchase the Travmark Camp Insurance are covered and will receive a refund.

HOLDING A TROOP SUMMER CAMP MEETING

Sometime in the spring, many troops hold a special "Summer Camp Meeting" for the benefit of the boys and their parents. The purpose of such a meeting will vary from troop to troop. Here are some possible topics of discussion that would be beneficial for such a meeting.

- Your troop's travel plans (maps, departure & return times) and other information
- Collection of medical forms, camp fees & merit badge selections
- Time to counsel individual Scouts on their summer camp plans and to review pre-requisite requirements
- Selection of troop and patrol activities for the week.
- Confirm Adult Leadership for the week of camp
- Question and answer time for parents and curious Scouts

Getting Summer Camp Commitments from Webelos

If your troop is associated with an established Cub Pack, it is important that you always maintain a healthy relationship with that Pack. Cub Scouts are the primary source for new boy Scouts. To make sure that Webelos crossing over have the opportunity to come to summer camp at Ockanickon, it is important that you start talking to them about summer camp, as soon as possible. Here are some suggested ways to get Webelos signed up to go to summer camp with your troop:

SCOUTMASTER TOOL		
Invitations Send a special letter to every graduating Webelos Scout inviting them to summer camp with your troop.	Promotions Arrange for your S.P.L. and some Scouts to stop by a Webelos Den meeting, teach a skill and talk-up summer camp	Blue & Gold Banquets If you're Cub Pack has a Blue & Gold Banquet plan on stopping by this year with a few Scouts and some camp pictures.

The task of being a unit leader may seem thankless, but a little bit of planning can help you guarantee a smooth camp stay and make it through to all the thank yous you'll get (or *should* get) for your Scouts.

To Do List:

January to March

- Collect Early Camp Fees
- Begin Planning with the Patrol Leaders' Council
- Prepare Summer Camp Letter to Parents

April to June

- Check for program updates
- Medical Forms and Merit Badge Schedules
- Collect Camp Fees
- Arrange for Adult Leadership
- Attend May Leaders' Meeting at Camp
- Hold Troop Summer Camp Meeting
- Attend May 3rd Leader Meeting

On Arrival at Camp

- Tour Permit & Proof of Insurance (if out of council)
- Final Roster and Final Payments

SUMMER CAMP FEES, 2008

Our camp program is the best around and we structure our fees to make this experience accessible to everyone. Listed below are the camp fees for summer camp 2008. Please note that when your Scouts commit to camp early by paying early we, as a camp, are better able to save them money through better planning.

Rate Type (see below details)	Due By	Camp Fee	100% Ockanickon Discount
Special Discounted Rate	February 22, 2008	\$297.00	\$281.00
Special Webelos Crossover Rate	May 30, 2008	\$297.00	\$281.00
Regular Camp Rate per Scout	April 25, 2008	\$315.00	\$299.00
Late Camp Rate per Scout	May 30, 2008	\$338.00	\$321.00
Walk-In Camp Rate	after May 30, 2008	\$350.00	\$337.00
Provisional Camper Rate (1st stay)	arrival at camp	\$380.00	N/A
Provisional Camper Rate (2nd+ stay)	arrival at camp	\$292.00	N/A
Adult Leader Slot Rate	May 3, 2008	\$102.00	N/A (see below)
Camp Fees are Not Refundable			

Notes and Explanations of Above Fees	
Special Discount Rate	All monies paid by your troop before February 22, 2008 (including any monies rolled over from your 2007 account and \$25 of the original \$100 enrollment fee) will reserve and secure space for your troop in your week at camp at this Special Discounted Rate.
Webelos Crossover Rate	Webelos who crossover to your troop can still qualify for the Special Discount Rate if they are paid in full by May 30, 2008 with copies of crossover applications.
100% Ockanickon Discount	Cannot be applied to Provisional Camper Fees or Adult Leader Fees. Your troop must have been to summer camp at Ockanickon in 2007 to earn this discount.
Free Weeklong Adult Leaders	Each 10 youth your unit pays for entitles your unit to a free weeklong adult leader. There is no maximum and your unit is guaranteed 2 free weeklong leaders regardless of contingent size. Free weeklong leaders must meet the following qualifications: They must commit to attend camp for the entire week at the May 3th Leader Meeting and at least one full time camp leader must attend the May 3th Leader Meeting
Leader Slots	Traditionally, Ockanickon has charged a day rate for any leader not staying the whole week. Instead, now units will purchase leader slots. Each leader slot allows a unit to have a single adult stay with the unit regardless of how this slot is filled during the week. The leader slot can be filled by a single leader all week, or a leader that stays until Wednesday followed by a new leader for the remainder of the week. A unit may not fill a slot by having two leaders stay for first half of the week. Please note that there is no longer a day rate so a leader that would like to come up for two days would require an entire leader slot. There is an exception for leaders helping with arrival or departure and information is available below.
Leaders Helping with Arrival and Departure	Many units have significant transit times and sometimes leaders wish to stay over Sunday to Monday to help arrival or Friday to Saturday to help departure. These leaders were previously charged a day rate despite rarely staying a day. Now, these leaders may simply pay the meal fee for Sunday's Family Picnic or Saturday's Quick Breakfast. There are some restrictions on this option. First, leaders that help with arrival and departure will not be counted with the unit's head count for the purpose of assigning beds and should plan on bringing a tent. Second, leaders will not be included with the head count for meals and will not be covered for Monday Breakfast or Friday Dinner and seats for these meals may not be available depending on seating

Summer Camp Fee Policies

1. Your Troop will be billed at the prevailing rate for the number of campers that you tell us you are bringing to camp. No matter how hard we try, your best quote will always be better than our best estimate of your troop's attendance. Please update your numbers often.
2. All fees must be paid with a troop check made payable to: "BCCBSA"
3. Camp fees must be sent to the office address below and processing will be delayed if fees are sent to camp

All camp fees must be sent to:
Ockanickon Summer Camp
Bucks County Council, BSA
One Scout Way
Doylestown PA 18901

4. When paying camp fees, your troop is reserving space for individual Scouts at the prevailing rate. That payment locks out other potential Scouts from attending and directly affects a refund. (See refund policies) Therefore, any and all monies paid before the due date will reserve those spots for your troop. Example: If your troop is bringing 15 Scouts and pays \$2,970 by the February due date, 10 will be completely paid for. The remaining 5 and any additions to your roster will be billed at the next higher rate. (Remember your confirmation either reserves enough spots for your group or locks out other campers from attending)
5. As noted above, camp fees do increase as we get closer to the opening of camp. To insure fairness, we use the postmark date on the envelope to determine all rates.
6. Camp fees are transferable to any Scout in your troop but not transferable to any Scout outside of your troop.
7. Camp fees are not refundable. [Families may purchase Camp Cancellation Insurance as detailed here.](#)
8. A final roster is due 3 weeks prior to arrival. An additional charge of \$100.00 will be applied if the roster arrives after the 3 week deadline. All persons placed on the roster agree to allow their likeness to be used in future camp publications like slide shows and the web page.

TROOP PHOTOS: Venture Crew 507 will take Troop Photos during the Dinner meal on Sunday. 8x10 color photographs and 5x7 color portraits of a Scout or Scout family will be available. All pictures are developed at the Ockanickon Photo Lab with photo proceeds funding the youth photography program. The current price of a 8x10 Troop photo is \$7.00 and \$5.50 for a 5x7 individual or family photo.

LEADERSHIP MEALS: If space permits, registered adult leaders from your unit may eat in our dining facility. Those leaders must be listed on your unit's summer camp roster on Sunday. Meal costs are - Breakfast: \$5.50, Lunch: \$6.50, Dinner: \$6.50. No visitors are permitted.

ACTIVITY FEES: To help keep individual camper fees down and finance future program improvements we may be charging fees for certain extra programs and services. These fees, if any, will be announced at the May Leader Meeting.

SUMMER CAMP 2009: You will have an opportunity to sign up for summer camp 2009 while at camp. A \$100 (non-refundable) deposit will be required to reserve a spot for next summer. Visa and MasterCard accepted. \$50.00 will be applied to your 2009 Camp Balance and \$50.00 will be kept for processing.

REFUND POLICY: There are no refunds. Families have an opportunity to purchase Camp Cancellation Insurance. This will protect their camp investment should their son be unable to attend due to illness or other covered issues.

PROVISIONAL CAMPERS: Scouts who come to camp without their troop are provisional campers. Troops that choose to host provisional campers receive a \$10 credit for each provisional camper that they host. The credit will be applied to the troop's 2009 summer camp fees. The fee for the first time a Scouts attends camp as a provisional camper is \$380.00. The fee to attend Ockanickon for a second week is \$292.00, this includes Scouts who attended their first week with their troop.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS: Qualifying Scouts may receive camp scholarships. More information concerning the Ockanickon Campership program and an application are available from the Bucks County Council Service Center in Doylestown. This application can also be found on the [Documents Page](#). Application deadline is April 1, 2008. No Exceptions!

GOLD CARD DISCOUNT: Bucks County Council Troops may qualify for an additional discount if they earned Gold Card status with Bucks County Council. This adjustment will be made in the June 2008 account statement. Leader's fees are already significantly discounted and are not further discounted with a Gold Card.