

TROOP 721
Sequassen Summer Camp
Information and Policy

RELEASE OF CAMPERS:

Release of campers from camp during a camping session must be verified through the Unit Leader upon the arrival of the person picking up the camper. A picture ID shall be requested and the person will sign the camper out on the sign out sheet maintained in the office.

When verification cannot be determined, the camper's family will be called to authorize their son's release to the person who is at the camp.

NOTE: Unit leaders are advised during the Program Kick-Off, Pre-Camp Meetings and Sunday Check-in to inform the Camp Administration of any Scouts who intend to leave camp during the week. Unit leaders are also asked to inform the Camp Director of any possible "Child Custody" disputes occurring with any of their Scouts. This procedure pertains to Camp Staff as well.

All Camp Staff are trained and informed of the above procedures and instructed to report any situation that looks suspicious to the Camp Director.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

In the event of an emergency, the camp has a system to alert campers, leaders, visitors, and staff. Whenever sirens are heard, report immediately to the Clark Parade Field area.

MEDICATIONS:

All medications are dispensed from the Camp Health Lodge by the Camp Health Officer. All medications must be labeled with the Scout's name, Unit Number and Campsite. All medication must be in the original prescription container. All medications must be turned into the health lodge upon arrival in camp on Sunday.

TELEPHONES:

The camp telephone is for emergency purposes and camp related business only. Pay phones are located throughout camp for the convenience of leaders and parents. Scouts may not use the pay phones unless an adult leader is present. Scouts are NOT ALLOWED to have Cell Phones in camp.

Camp Telephone:	860-379-2009 (for emergency use only)
Camp Fax:	860-379-8977
Mr. Scukas Cell Phone	203-410-5107
Mr. Hewston's Cell	203-675-9696
Mr. Tom Gordon	203-980-6525

MAIL SERVICE:

Mail is delivered daily to Camp Sequassen. Mail received at Camp will be given to the site Leader. The camp mailing address is:

Camp Sequassen, BSA
Attn: Scout's Name
Royalwood Campsite and Troop 721
791 West Hill Road
New Hartford, CT 06057-4218

Scouts love to receive mail from home during the week. We encourage family to write to the Scout at the address above and mail your letter or "care package" early so he receives this before he leaves camp on Saturday. (If your sending a care package- be sure he shares it with the Scoutmaster...haha.Cookies are good!)

Do **not** mail things after Tuesday afternoon as he may never receive it.

ALSO, Parents and family really enjoy receiving mail from a SCOUT who is at Scout Camp. Please be sure to bring Envelops, paper or cards, Address's and Stamps with you to camp. As Scoutmaster, I always try to request that especially First Year Scouts take the time to write home during the week.

TRADING POST:

Camp Sequassen operates a Trading Post. The trading post includes a full selection of advancement materials, souvenirs, snacks and craft kits. The camp trading post accepts MasterCard, Visa, personal checks and Travelers' checks. It has been found that the average Scout will spend between \$ 25.00 & \$ 30.00 a week at the Trading Post. This is in addition to any Merit Badge Kits or supplies that he needs to buy.

***NOTE: Scouts should purchase their Merit Badge Books at the Council Store here in Milford before going to camp.

Almost all Merit badges for Camp have written work that needs to be completed BEFORE arriving in camp- Some have parts of Projects and "Home Cooking" that needs to be done at home before coming to camp.

SHOWER HOUSES:

Camp provides shower houses for the convenience of campers and leaders. Under Youth Protection Guidelines, the shower house schedule is as follows:

North Sequassen--Scouts may use the shower house from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

Scouters(adults) may use the North Shower house from 9:00 PM to 9:00 AM.

South Sequassen-- Scouts and Scouters may use the shower house at anytime due to the individual locking shower stalls.

The Troop is staying in North Sequassen- This Shower House is a Locker Room type of Shower Room. It has Six Shower Heads in one big room. Scouts may only Shower with other Scouts and may not enter this shower house when Adults are using it.

SCOUTS ARE EXPECTED TO SHOWER AND WILL BE REQUIRE TO DO SO.

LATRINES:

Each campsite and program area in camp is equipped with a latrine facility. Please help us to keep them clean. Units are responsible for daily cleaning of their latrines.

Scouts are NOT ALLOWED to use the locker room bathrooms that are in the basement of the Alderman Office. They are for Adult Unit Leaders and Adult Camp Staff Members Only.

UNIT CAMP PHOTOS:

Unit camp photo shoot sessions should be scheduled with the Camp Director upon Sunday arrival during check in. Unit photos can be taken anywhere in camp as long as the Camp Director is asked in advance. An 8x10 photo costs \$10.00, please make your check payable to Troop 721. Unit photos will be returned and distributed to unit leaders on Saturday.

Troop 721 has their Unit Pictures taken in "CLASS-B" Shirts - the red Collared Shirts. We usually have this done on Monday either just before or after lunch. Anyone that needs extra Class B Shirts we have some and they can be purchased for \$19.00 each

FAMILY BRUNCH:

A Family Brunch will be held on Saturday for parents and guests. Brunch Tickets must be purchased during Check-In on Sunday or prior to arrival at camp.

Ticket prices are: Adult - \$7.00 Youth (under 8 years of age)-\$4.00

If your planning on coming up for Saturday Brunch, please be sure that you are in camp by 9:00 AM. We will be on Clark Field at 9:15 AM. Meet us there.

VISTOR & GUEST MEALS:

Guests and visitors may eat with their unit. Arrangements should be made when the guests sign in at the Alderman Administration Center with the Camp Director. Meal costs for visitors and guests are:

Breakfast - \$4.00 Lunch - \$5.00 Dinner - \$6.00

SIGN-IN & SIGN-OUT:

All Scouts and Scouters leaving camp for any reason must sign out at the Camp Administration Center. Upon return, each person must sign in. If a Scout is leaving camp and adult leader from the unit, the parent and the Scout must sign the Scout out of camp at the Alderman Administration Center.

VISITORS IN CAMP:

All visitors to camp must sign in and sign out at either the Camp Administration Center or the Camp Trading Post. Please remind all visitors to report to a sign in center immediately upon their arrival at camp and before proceeding to campsites or program areas.

BUDDY SYSTEM:

No one should be alone. All Scouts should travel through camp in pairs or larger groups. Anyone not following this policy may be sent home at once.

NOT ALLOWED IN CAMP:

The following items are not allowed in camp. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in dismissal from camp.

Camouflage clothing	Open-toed shoes
Use of liquid fuel	Alcoholic beverages and drugs
Fireworks	Aerosol cans of any type
Glass bottles	Sheath or survival-type knives
Electronic devices such as Radios, Video games, pocket televisions, cell phones- Scouts, laser pointers, etc.	

CAMPFIRES:

Troop Campfires are allowed only at NIGHT in "MAIN CAMPSITE" and only under direct Adult Supervision. Campfires should only occur in the designated campsite fire ring. Ground fires may be suspended during droughts. No flames, propane or candles in any sleeping shelter especially tents.

Scouts are reminded that this Troop DOES NOT ALLOW Scouts to have or carry any type of "disposal Lighters" with them. This is grounds for being sent home at once!

POCKET KNIVES:

Pocket knives are used in some camp programs, but sheath knives and survival knives should not be brought to camp. Pocketknives must be no longer than three inches when closed. At Troop 721 unless you have earned your Tot'n Chip, you are NOT ALLOWED to carry a pocket knife. If your going to be learning/earning Tot'n Chip while at Camp, you may bring your pocket knife to camp and keep it in your Day Pack until such time that the Instructor in that program area advises you to take it out.

If you are signed up for "Wood Carving Merit Badge", you must already have earned Totn' Chip before starting this Badge. You must bring your card with you to camp.

If your missing your card, you see Mr. Skoog before camp to obtain another one.

Troop 721 DOES NOT ALLOW ANY TYPE of LOCK BACK POCKET KNIFES. Please do not purchase this type of knife for your Scout as we will not allow him to use it and we will take it away from him while at camp. If that's his only knife that he brought to camp and was signed up for wood carving, he will not be able to take it. NO EXCEPTIONS.

PETS:

Pets of any type are not allowed in camp. (This includes Electronic type pets as well as actual living pets) Please remind parents and visitors that animals are not allowed at Sunday Check-In or Saturday Brunch.

LITTER:

Help us to keep Camp Sequassen clean. Please dispose of trash properly in trash receptacles located throughout camp. Remember a clean camp---is a safe camp.

TAPS:

As a General rule, ALL TROOP 721 Scouts are required to return to the "CAMPSITE", upon the closing of the Program Areas each evening. That means that they should be returning to our site by 8:30 PM generally. They are reminded that if they plan on Showering that evening, they need to be sure they have enough time to complete this by 9:00PM.

Upon returning to the Campsite, they will check in with the Scoutmaster or his Assistant as well as the SPL or ASPL- who ever is on duty that evening.

In some Troop or Camp special cases, a Scout may be granted permission to be out later, but the Scoutmaster must be informed so to the exact time the Scout(s) will return. The Scout upon his return must check in with the Adult Leader in charge of the Campsite, no matter what time it is.

Taps is 10:00 PM. After this time, all Scouts and leaders should be in their campsite under supervision. Scouts are expected to be washed up, teeth brushed and heading to their respective tents.

Scouts may quietly talk within their OWN tents for a while providing they are not too loud or disturbing others around them.

SMOKING:

Parents & Adults - Smoking is NEVER Allowed around or near Scouts. No smoking is allowed in or around tents and campsites and camp buildings or Program Areas. Smoking is only permitted in the designated Smoking Area near the Camp Administration Center.

UNIFORMS:

The Boy Scouts require that Scouts and Scouters wear the official B.S.A. Class-A uniform to dinner each evening. During other times, Scouts and Scouters should dress in Class-B uniform, or other appropriate attire for their activities. Open-toed shoes (except within the confines of the waterfront area) and camouflage clothing are not permitted in camp.

MERIT BADGES:

The merit badge program at camp provides Scouts with opportunities to learn new skills, share with others, and develop a hobby or interest. Merit Badge work can be done in the campsites, camp program areas and all pre-work MUST be done at home. Some merit badge requirements must be accomplished before arriving at camp in order to complete the badge at camp. The summer camp merit badge program requires advance planning by Scouts and leaders prior to arrival at camp.

Partials: A Scout completing only a portion of a merit badge will be issued a "partial" on his merit badge card. Partials will only be given for completed requirements or skills actually completed at camp. Partials are valid until a Scout's eighteenth birthday.

All Troop 721 Scouts are required to pre-purchase ALL MERIT BADGE BOOKLETS at the Milford Council Scout Store prior to coming to camp. All TROOP 721 Scouts are advised to complete ALL WRITTEN REQUIREMENTS as well as ALL DISCUSSION requirements (Discuss also means to write out) prior to coming to Camp. Additional Project items may also be required to be completed before arrival - See sheets that I handed out a few weeks ago about camp merit badges and awards!

We have found that if the respective Scout does not complete all of this written work prior to arrival at camp, he then must spend a great amount of his free time and night-time working on this by lantern light. If he does this work before arriving he has much more time for all other Camp activities. Also some Merit Badges require some project work before camp; i.e.-

Environmental Science- Scouts need to build an ECO System and record their observations for the week before Camp. Please DO NOT FORGET to bring this system to camp with you, or you will have to re-do it at camp and only receive a partial because you won't have enough days recorded to complete the badge.

Some Merit Badges such as metal working require the purchase of materials. Please review the sheets I have handed out and bring funds for these project materials.

Order of the Arrow Day:

Every Tuesday will be OA Day. Members are encouraged to wear their sashes and participate in service projects during the day. Those members that are eligible and interested will be able to complete their Brotherhood and seal their membership in the Order. After the Brotherhood Ceremony, all members are invited to join in a cracker barrel. Also, all Scouts are encouraged to work on the Owaneco Trail award, which is sponsored by the lodge.

Senior Patrol Leaders Council:

Senior Patrol Leaders are requested to participate daily in the Senior Patrol Leaders Council Meeting. The meeting will be held daily after the noon meal with the Commissioner staff. The Senior Patrol Leaders Council will assist the Commissioners and Camp Staff in planning daily activities and inter-unit competitions and challenges.

Leaders Meetings:

An adult leader meeting will be held daily at 11:00 AM on the Dining Hall Porch to discuss program topics relevant to that day as well as for Scouters to air and share their ideas with the Program Director. On Friday, a Council representative will be available to discuss any and all issues regarding operation of the camp. This is your opportunity to directly affect the future of Camp Sequassen.

Campfire Programs:

On Sunday and Friday night a camp-wide campfire will be held at the amphitheater. Units are able to participate in the Friday evening campfire but must have their skit approved by the Camp Commissioner and Program Director before Thursday lunch. Taking Part in these programs are a requirement toward Unit awards!

Activity Signup Period:

Some activities may be done as a troop but need to be scheduled with the Area Director. Sunday at 7:00 PM is the appropriate time, on Clark Field, to schedule these activities.