

Schiff Scout Reservation

2013 Cub Scout Summer Program Guide

Cub Scout Day Camp



A Theodore Roosevelt Council Scout Camp
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General Information for Parents & Leaders

The John Mortimer Schiff Scout Reservation is located in the town of Wading River, NY. The reservation contains 400 acres of land that is home to over 1,300 Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts each summer during its six-week season. All Scouts who visit Schiff Scout Reservation experience a wide variety of programs consisting of adventure, advancement pins, belt loops and camp achievements but most of all, **FUN!**

Schiff Scout Reservation offers several different types of Cub programs.

- **Cub Scout Family Camping** weekend is an overnight program designed for cubs and parents to experience the outdoors and get a taste of the Scouting program.
- **Cub Scout Day Camp** is for all age Cub Scouts. Scouts will get a chance try experience activities including swimming, nature, crafts, Scout Skills, BB shooting and Archery. The Day Camp program runs from **9 am to 4 pm**. daily Monday thru Friday. With Bus service to and from camp.

The staff is highly skilled and trained with all key staff trained by the Boy Scouts of America at their National Camping Schools. The veteran staff has an impact on a quality program.

The staff participates in camp specific training; including health & safety, youth protection, age appropriate program, and the Core Values of Scouting. Staff members come from varied backgrounds, including professional teachers, others are certified in aquatics, rifle and archery instructors supervisors and food service professionals.

An Adventurous Program in a Scouting Atmosphere

Cub Scouts and Leaders will spend each day exploring the camp and visiting the Age-appropriate advancement and achievement are interwoven throughout the fun and exciting camping program!

Camp Rules & Emergency Procedures

Below is a list of camp rules and procedures that all scouts are asked to follow. Please review this list and be familiar with it before arriving at camp.

Camp Safety Rules

1. All campers, leaders and staff will be issued a camp wrist band that recognizes them as a weekly paid camper.
2. Walk at all times, unless participating in an activity where running is allowed.
3. Wear closed-toed shoes (sneakers or hiking boots).
*Open toed shoes may be worn at the waterfront and showers.
4. No bathing suits or exposed underarms in the dining hall.
5. Remove hats and wash your hands before entering the dining hall.
6. Avoid climbing on the larger rocks at camp.
7. Candy and soda purchases in the trading post should be less than \$3 a day.
8. No alcohol or fireworks may be brought into or consumed/used on camp property.
9. Use the buddy system! Each scout must have a buddy at all times.
10. Report all injuries to the camp's health officer.

Emergency Procedures

- Alert the staff to any emergencies.
- An emergency procedure will start with an announcement on the camp's PA system.
- When you hear the announcement, walk or remain at your designated activity area.
- Have a seat near your pack and wait for further instructions from the staff.
(Leaders take a head count of scouts, den chiefs, and leaders in the area. Report your pack number and your counts to a nearby staff member.)
- DO NOT DEPART THE AREA until the staff dismisses you. There will be a brief meeting following each drill or procedure.

Schiff Scout Reservation Day Camp

Description:

Cub Scout Day Camp is open to all Cub Scouts, yet is best suited for those entering Tiger, Wolf or Bear year. Day campers will enjoy many of the same facilities as resident campers which include the waterfront, BB range, archery range, scoutcraft, sports field and nature lodge. Day Camp runs from 9am-4pm daily.

Daily Sample Schedule:

9:00-9:20	Bus Arrival and Activities in Den Areas
9:20-9:45	Opening Ceremonies
9:00-11:45	Morning Program Periods
12:00-12:45	Lunch and 'Afternoon Special'
1:00-3:45	Afternoon Program Periods
3:45-4:00	Closing Ceremony/Bus Departure



Important Notes:

- Punctuality is key! Please make sure to be early at your bus stop so that you can get your son to camp on time.
- National BSA policy requires that every camper, youth and adult, **MUST** have medical forms on file at camp. A physical examination conducted within the last 3 years is required for all day camp participants (scouts and adults). **The 3 year physical exam applies only to day campers. All resident campers must have an annual physical exam.**
- A health officer is on site during all day camp hours of operation. All medications including over the counter medications must have a medical authorization form and be in the original container. The medical officer will dispense the medication at the appropriate times.
- Be sure to pack a small day pack including: a bathing suit, towel, rain gear, hat, sunscreen and water bottle. Hats are recommended as well; although there is adequate shade this protective measure is recommended.
- Label all personal items with your scout's name.
- Scouts will be placed in dens according to age level to travel to different program areas. Depending on the size of the pack attending, scouts and adults may be with members of their pack only or with scouts and adults from other packs.
- Webelos attending day camp will have the opportunity to earn activity badges. This opportunity includes **Geologist, Forester, Sportsman and Aquanaut**.

Those attending as Tigers, Wolves or Bears will have the opportunity to earn many belt loops and requirements towards rank

Important Notes:

*Medical forms with necessary sections completed are required for all campers. Campers or adults without medical forms cannot participate in any camp activities.

*A camp health officer is on site during all camp hours of operation. **All medications, including over the counter medications must have a medication authorization form and be in the original container.** The health officer will dispense medications at the proper times. Please contact us if special arrangements are needed.

*Cups and water are provided throughout camp. Scouts are encouraged to stay hydrated throughout the day and it is recommended that you bring a water bottle with you to camp. See the Suggested Gear list for more ideas of equipment individual scouts should bring to camp.

Check the following items BEFORE submitting all Medical Forms:

IMMUNIZATION SECTION (Part A), with latest tetanus date.

Be sure that all personal information, including emergency phone numbers and insurance information is current and accurate.

If parents will be away while the Scout is at camp, be sure a person who can make decisions for the child is listed. It is recommended to include a copy of both sides of your insurance card.

ALL MEDICATIONS REQUIRE WRITTEN DOCTOR'S ORDERS

All medications must be in original pharmacy containers.

Pill dosage boxes will not be accepted. This includes any non-prescription medications such as Claritin or vitamins. Inhalers and epi-pens used for emergency conditions may be carried with the camper with a pharmacy label, and appropriate orders after the Camp Health Officer logs them in.

Only the necessary amount of medication for the week should be brought to camp.

**** No medications may be kept by, or administered to Scouts by an adult leader unless the leader is the parent of the Scout. Otherwise, the Camp Health Officer is the only designated person to dispense medications.**

A school physical form is acceptable BUT a BSA form with Parts A, C & D must be completed and accompany the school form.

Plague

What is "Plague" ?

Plague is a word that the camp staff uses to describe homesickness. Nothing perpetuates homesickness more than hearing the word home. Camp staff refers to this phenomenon as —plague because it can come on quickly and spread rapidly through a pack if not dealt with. Take advantage of the following tips from seasoned staff members on avoiding/dealing with homesickness.

Step 1: Educate and communicate with parents! Most parents want to know that their children are being cared for while not in their supervision. They also want to know that their scouts are having fun (i.e. not miserable). Remind parents of other times they have left their child with someone new (grandparent) and reassure them that most children may experience some displacement at first, but often recover by dinner time the first day. If you have a reluctant parent/child combination, assure the parent that you can call during the week with an update about how the scout is doing. We do not recommend letting scouts call home.

Step 2: Prepare scouts! Let scouts know what to bring and where they will be staying. This can make a big difference for hesitant scouts that do not know what to expect.

Step 3: Pack proper equipment. Often times, scouts show signs of "plague" due to wet socks, damp clothing or being cold. Be sure that scouts **do not bring cell phones**. No one likes a surprise visit from a parent because a scout called home and nobody knew.

Step 4: At camp, encourage proper hygiene and healthy eating habits. These are all pitfalls that can lead scouts to feeling crummy and asking to go home. Often, a scout remembers home as a place that is comfortable and more desirable when they are wet, cold, tired, or miserable.

Step 5: Call on the staff. Staff are trained on how to approach and talk to a scout who is showing signs of homesickness. Sometimes, all it takes is a different adult or staff member to tell a scout it is bedtime for the sniffles to subside.

And lastly, Schiff Scout Reservation offers year round camping, Take advantage of this by having your pack/den spend a weekend at camp during the fall/winter or spring seasons. Cabins can be rented or you can rent a campsite and bring your own tents. The more

exposure your Scouts have camping and to the outdoors, the less likely homesickness will set in.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What if my son has food allergies?

A: If your son has food allergies, be sure this information is noted on his health form. Also, it is helpful to contact either the camp director or the head cook ahead of time if special dietary concerns exist.

Q: What if my son takes medication daily?

A: All medications must be locked in the health lodge. A health officer will distribute medications before/after breakfast and dinner. If special accommodations are needed, please indicate this on the health form and talk with the health officer on arrival. If your son has an epi-pen or an albuterol inhaler, he may carry it with him provided he has written approval from his parent/guardian and physician.

Q: Should I send snacks with my child?

A: No. We have many small critters in camp that love tasty treats and have been known to destroy personal gear to obtain snacks or even wrappers. Meals are served each day and pre-approved by a dietitian. Also, single serving snacks are available in the Trading Post. If special accommodations are needed, please let us know ahead of time.

Q: Is a nurse available?

A: A health officer is available throughout the day and stays on site overnight during resident camp weeks. A qualified health officer is an EMT.

Q: What happens if my child does not want to participate in one of the planned camp activities? What else can he do?

A: No child is expected to do anything he does not want to do. Our staff is trained to assist children who may be hesitant to participate or try something new. Each program area offers a variety of activities. If one is not desirable, a scout can opt for another in its place.

Q: What if my child is homesick?

A: Scouts may experience homesickness or feelings of displacement in the beginning of the week. This often fades after the first day or two. In extreme cases, a camp staff member may contact a parent.

Q: If my child goes home sick, can he return?

A: The child must be free of fever or vomiting for 24 hours before returning. The child must also be cleared by a doctor to return to camp. Written proof of this must be submitted to the health officer when the child returns.

Q: If my child is sent home, can I get a refund for the week?

A: Please see the council's refund policy below. In most cases, money may not be refunded because it covers nonrefundable items such as the purchase of food.

BSA's Camp Refund Policy:

Refunds will be granted if written notice is received at least two weeks prior to the opening day of camp. In the case of illness, refunds will be granted until the opening day of camp if a written notice from a physician is provided. Refunds are not granted if notice is received after the opening day of the camp session that the camper is scheduled to attend. All refunds for Camps are subject to a \$50.00 service charge.