



# **Cub Scouts – Pack 537**

## **Fall 2008**

**October 10<sup>th</sup> thru October 12<sup>th</sup> 2008**

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Reserve your campsite for the Family Fall Camp-out. Each site can accommodate 8 people. You can share a site with another family of your choice or be assigned a site by the campout committee. All campsites are first come first serve. Each site will have water and electricity.

The fall campout theme will be “Adventures in Books.” All activities will be based around this theme. We are asking all campers to decorate their campsite in a book related theme. You may want to include a family name and / or pack sign in your decorations. Try to be creative with this theme. The judges will look for your active participation.

**PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO JOIN IN ON THE FUN!**

Each person camping (scouts, siblings, parents and any other person attending our campout) **MUST** have two (2) health forms on file with the Pack. This is for your own safety!

**Please return completed forms by the September 23<sup>rd</sup> Pack Meeting**

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**Lake Somerville State Park – Birch Creek Unit**

**AGENDA**

### **FRIDAY, October 10th**

Arrival for "Two Night" Campers - set up campsite.

### **SATURDAY, October 11th**

8:30 – 9:15 AM	Check in - Registration (Please make sure you check in, even if you arrive late. Letting us know that you are here is <b>very important</b> for Health & Safety reasons).
9:15 – 9:30 AM	Opening Ceremony
9:30 – 12:30 PM	Five (5) sessions
12:30 – 2:00 PM	Lunch Break - (The pack will be providing hamburgers & hot dogs; just bring your own drinks.) (Set up for Saturday night campers)
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Pack Leaders' Meeting – Free time for others
3:00 – 4:30 PM	Pack hike for all family members (Meet @ Trail)
4:30 – 7:30PM	Dinner (Each family provides their own dinner.)
7:30 – 9:00 PM	Campfire Each Den will participate in a skit and a song during the campfire.
10:00 PM	Lights out and all's quiet!

### **SUNDAY, October 12th**

9:00 AM	Religious Service (optional)
2:00 PM	Check out time is 2 pm – We must be out of the campsites.

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# Campsite Judging

This is a short explanation of what the Pack looks for in the Campsite Judging:

**First Aid Kit:**

Everybody knows the importance of having a FIRST AID KIT. For those scrapped elbows, knees and who knows what. The pack looks for the FIRST AID KIT to be displayed in an obvious place, i.e. the picnic table. Oh by the way, make sure it is marked FIRST AID.

## **Fire Safety:**

Fire is always a major concern, not only for our own safety but the protection of our natural forests and State parks that we visit. Pack 537 has a few guidelines that we would like to see everybody follow, also this is a major area for the campsite judging. First, each campsite should have these items:

Fire Buckets:

One filled with water

One filled with dirt / sand

Your tent area should have one set of fire buckets near the fire pit area and your cooking stove.

Your fire should be in the fire pit or fire ring and/or grill. If you have a fire going, you should be tending it; otherwise, the fire should be out and cold.

## **Food & Personal Gear:**

First let us talk about food. Everybody loves food (especially kids). Well, wild animals love food too, especially if it is easy to get to. Leaving food out in the open is an invitation for wild animals to come into your camp (seems like only when your not there) and have a feast. So here you come from the hike to fix some dinner and to your surprise you have no dinner to fix because you forgot to put your food up somewhere so the animals wouldn't get to it.

Put your food up some way. Some examples are, in a box or container or such, you may want to build your own chuck box; you may even want to rig some type of device to place your food up off the ground and out of reach of animals (hint-hint).

Pack 537 and BSA try to teach your scout what LOW IMPACT CAMPING is all about. This includes placing your ice chest up off the ground. This can be accomplished by putting tuna cans under the chest or a couple of small logs underneath. Anything that you may think of to place your ice chest up off the ground would be considered acceptable.

Personal gear can be kept in your tent and camping gear should be kept organized in your campsite. When not cooking, your stove should be closed with no pots or pans on top. The lantern is placed on the table or the lantern hanging post which is sometimes provided at some State parks. Driving nails into trees to hang clothes or towels is strictly prohibited. Making some form of "GADGET" to hang clothes or towels could be beneficial to the judging.

## **Litter and Trash:**

There is an old scout saying, "Always leave your campsite cleaner than you found it." Of course this old scout saying is still practiced today. It is now known as "Leave No Trace." How many times have you gone camping, picked out your site and found all kinds of trash in it? We hope that it has not been too many times. Well, we do not like to see trash in the campsites at any time. Keep your campsites clean at all times.

We all have everyday trash that just hangs around the campsite. The ideal thing to do is to place the trash out of reach of the animals. Just like food, if the animals smell the trash, they think it is food.

## Tent Placement:

Your tent should be placed either on a tent pad that is provided by the park or placed in an area that nothing could fall on top of it. Example: Away from a dead tree with limbs that are ready to fall. Your tent should have a proper ground cloth underneath it. This ground cloth will not only provide protection for your tent when it is raining but will also provide added warmth to your tent for those cold evenings. Outside of moving large rocks or tree limbs out of your tent area, try not to disturb too much of the natural surroundings. If your campsite does not have a tent pad to place your tent, make sure that you put your tent away from any open fires and / or grills. Don't forget that one set of fire buckets are required to be placed by your tent.

## Judging:

Each item will be rated on a scale of 1 to 10, 10 being the best. So if you are interested in competing in the campsite award, try to follow these guidelines and your chances of winning may surprise you. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact any member of the pack. Thanks and good luck!



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### RESERVATION FORM

Parent(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Cub Scout's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Den # \_\_\_\_\_

First Aid or CPR Trained (circle one or both) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Brother(s) / Sister(s) Attending:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Den # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Den # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Sharing campsite with: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please list the name of the family you sharing with or NOT SHARING. Do not leave blank)**

**CAMPING:**

Friday night only: \_\_\_\_\_ 1 site \$16.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday night only: \_\_\_\_\_ 1 site \$16.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday & Saturday nights: \_\_\_\_\_ 1 site \$32.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Activity Fee: Per Family \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Paid \_\_\_\_\_

If you are sharing a site, please work it out with the other family. **THE PACK WILL NOT TAKE PARTIAL PAYMENTS! Make checks payable to Pack 537.**

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Each family is responsible for paying their own entrance fees. Entrance fees are \$4 per person for each day. Children 12 and under are free.