

# Napowan 2014

## March 23, 2014 Parents Meeting Handout

### Parents and Scouts Napowan Summer Camp Manual

[www.napowan.org](http://www.napowan.org) is an excellent source of information. You should have received paperwork yesterday on email.

#### Napowan Monies and Paperwork Due date:

All remaining Napowan troop fees and paperwork are due no later than June 16, 2014 at our Troop 50 Court of Honor and Parents Meeting.

#### Summer Camp Dates:

Sunday, July 20 to Saturday, July 26

Sunday, July 27 to Saturday, August 2

Going to Camp: On Sunday the Scouts and drivers to arrive at the church parking lot by 8:00am.

Arriving Home: Troop will arrive back to Park Ridge by mid to late afternoon.

#### Summer Camp Location:

Camp Napowan, N4789 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Wild Rose, WI 54984, Wolf B Campsite

#### Troop 50 Napowan Contact:

Week 1:

Week 2:

Coordinators: Cindy Grau	<a href="mailto:cindy@equivoice.com">cindy@equivoice.com</a> or 847 384-8136
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#### Payment:

Early Bird rate is \$270 and is due to Martha Annis on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Napowan Camp Fee (Last Minute Fee) is \$310.

*For Webelos who have just joined Troop 50 the early bird fee applies regardless of the date.*

Fees are generally non-refundable.

This Napowan Camp Fee covers the Napowan portion of the expense. There is an additional Troop 50 fee which covers the adult leader expenses, miscellaneous camping expenses and supplies, special activities at camp (campfire treats, etc).

This year's troop fee is \$65 per camper per week, due no later than June 16.

## **Additional Monies:**

You will also need to provide additional monies to cover costs specific to your son for:

- 1) Working on certain merit badges (see Merit badge list)
- 2) Spending money for your son. (Include money for lunch going to and from Napowan)

See the Final Fee Submittal Form for details on Spending Money.

## **Medical Exams:**

To ensure a safe and healthy camping experience, the National Council, Boy Scouts of America requires that all Scouts and adult leaders (including visitors) attending camp and participating in the program activities must have a physical exam. All scouts and leaders are required to have an updated and completed Class A, B and C. These are valid for 1 year.

For any adults staying longer than 72 hours, you must have Class A, B and C completed. If you are coming to camp for shorter than 72 hours just Class A and B are required.

*The Class A, B, and C Medical Forms are available on Napowan website on the resource page.*

**Two copies** of the required, completed and signed Medical Forms are due no later than the June 16 Court of Honor – Parents Meeting. If you have any questions about the medical forms, please contact Linda Haas, [Lhaas@gbop.org](mailto:Lhaas@gbop.org) 847-318-6409.

*It is very important that you make the Napowan leaders aware of any of your son's medical conditions including allergies or allergic reactions to chemicals, drugs or food.*

## **Medical and Health Services:**

For the protection of the staff and campers, the camp maintains a central health lodge, which is staffed 24 hours a day by a qualified medical officer. In the event of a health emergency in camp, medical services will be provided in the campsite by an individual qualified in first aid, or at the health lodge. If the medical officer determines that the situation requires a higher level of medical care, patients will be transferred to a hospital for treatment. Parents will be notified immediately of any serious health situations.

## **Medication For Scouts:**

State of Wisconsin health codes require the camp to store and administer all medications with the exception of those necessary for immediate relief (i.e. inhalers and epi-pens.) Records of medication disbursement will be completed by the camp medical officer. An adult leader from Troop 50 will accompany any scout that is going to the central health lodge whenever they are getting their medication.

*All medication, prescription and over the counter (OTC), must be turned the designated leader for First Aid/Health prior to leaving for Napowan. All medication should be in original containers.*

## **Special Dietary Needs:**

If your son has any special dietary needs please let us know. The Napowan Dining Hall staff will work to meet these special dietary needs for your son.

*We will need to know of these special dietary needs by June 16.*

## **New older scout program**

For the last couple of years, Napowan has tried to provide excellent programming for older scouts through our AI program, a week long program for scouts 14+ that is associated with a single fee. The attendance of this program was minimal because of conflicting schedules with other merit badges or lack of interest on selected events included in the program.

This year, we are going to try to do things differently to provide a stronger and more accessible program for scouts 14+. There will be many events and activities for the older scouts that can be signed up for individually. This means that the scouts will not need to commit to a week long program, can participate only in things they are interested in, and hopefully be able to meet even more scouts their age.

Some activities will be free and some will cost a small fee. Activities that take place off camp (overnight trip to a State Park and Archery Golf) will have a fee and need to be registered on DoubleKnot before camp to gauge interest, but all other events will be signed up for at camp when the scout has a better idea of what his merit badge schedule will be. **SPEAKING OF MERIT BADGES** we will be offering the Automotive Maintenance merit badge **ONLY FOR SCOUTS 14+!**

## **Skynet**

In 2012, Camp Napowan introduced the computer lab, a room with computers for scouts to do merit badge homework and projects in. In 2014 we have taken a giant leap forward with the lab to make it into a **BRAND NEW AREA: The Skynet S.T.E.M. Lab!** We are introducing 4 new merit badges to his area including cinematography, architecture, fingerprinting and chemistry, as well as the NOVA Award SHOOT which was introduced by the National S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program last year. Currently there are 4 NOVA awards available through the BSA and Napowan will cycle a different award every year to constantly be providing a new experience for the scouts at Skynet! Very exciting times indeed!

## **Storing Food In Campsite:**

No food may be stored in your campsite whether you have a cooler or not! This is a BSA National Camping Standard. No food is allowed to be eaten or stored in your tent.

## **Drivers:**

**We need adults to drive to and from Napowan. We also need a volunteer to pull the troop trailer.**

We cannot attend Napowan WITHOUT parent involvement.

## **Scout Safety:**

*The buddy system will be enforced at ALL times.* All scouts must be accompanied with a buddy at all times when not at the campsite. No scouts may remain in camp alone.

All Scouts and leaders attending camp will be given a wristband to be worn at camp. If you lose the band a \$2 fee will be needed to replace the wristband.

Water bottles – the key to hydration. Scouts going to Napowan are required to bring at least one refillable water bottle (a 1 liter Nalgene type bottle works best) that can easily be carried around during the day. Prior to leaving camp, for morning and afternoon activities each scout will be required to fill up his water bottle and carry it with him.

## **Aquatic Qualifications:**

Anyone planning to use the camp aquatic facilities (including boats and canoes) is required to take the aquatic swim check test conducted by the camp staff on the first day. This policy includes all youth, adults and guests. Each person will be tested according to the standard B.S.A. requirements as outlined below.

- Swimmer: Swim 100 yards as follows: 75 yards using side, breast or crawl strokes and 25 yards using elementary back stroke and float for one minute.
- Beginner: Swim 50 feet.
- Learner: Anyone who cannot qualify for beginner or swimmer.

Beginners and learners can ask to be retested. Instruction is offered. In all cases the aquatic staff has the right and authority to disqualify an individual from use of the waterfront facilities. This is necessary to maintain health and safety standards.

## **Adults Staying at Napowan:**

All adults are welcome to stay for the week or just a few days. You will be required to bring your own tent and personal gear (Sleeping bag, water bottle, flashlight, etc.). Don't have a tent, let us know and we will most likely be able to help you out.

Adults are required to adhere to all BSA, NWSC, Napowan and Troop 50 guidelines, policies and rules while attending camp.

Our campsite does have a KYBO and a water station that is shared with another campsite. You can use those facilities, or the modern individual bathroom and shower facilities located less than 100 yards from our campsite

Adults staying for the week will not be required to pay a Napowan Camp fee but will be required to work during their Napowan stay. Every adult that stays at Napowan will be required to perform a duty for the troop. Some of these duties include: Banker, Medical Liaison, Quartermaster, Merit Badge Coordinator, Fire Marshal, Campground Inspector, Postmaster, etc.

Adults that want to participate in any aquatic activities or want to go into the aquatic areas will be required to take a swim test.

Adults staying for only a few days will be required to pay for their own meals when they sign in at the Camp Office.

Based on prior notice and space available. Meals must be purchased at the Camp Office prior to meals and guests will need to sit at Camp Guest Table

Approximate Pricing:

Guest breakfast	\$5	Guest lunch	\$5
Guest dinner	\$5		

Family Camping Is Not Permitted At Napowan. An adult leader may bring to camp to stay overnight only those children of his/hers who are Boy Scouts registered with the troop with which he/she is a leader.

### **Merit Badges:**

Napowan is a great opportunity to work on outdoor and scout skills merit badges.

It is very important to review the list of merit badges available at Napowan with your son and discuss with him which ones he is interested in earning. The list of Merit Badges available at Napowan for 2014 can be accessed at: [www.napowan.org](http://www.napowan.org) Select the Program Tab and then Merit Badge Button.

To review individual Merit Badge requirements you can go to the MeritBadge.com website <http://meritbadge.org>

Prior to selecting which merit badges your son will be working on at Napowan, I would encourage you to speak with one of the Troop 50 Adult leaders.

Scouts are required to review the merit badge requirements for the merit badges they will be taking at camp and they must have the "MUST DO BEFORE CAMP" requirements completed prior to leaving for Napowan. It is also recommended that any "written" requirements be completed prior to leaving for camp.

*The "Napowan 2014 Merit Badge Sign Up Sheet" is due by the June 16 Court of Honor – Parents Meeting.*

## **Telephone Use:**

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE: 920-622-3681.

When such a call is received, the Troop Leader must be found and notified by Camp Officials. It is often an hour or more before the return call is made due to location and schedules. We will distribute Adult Leader cell phone numbers as we get close to departure. However, cell service can be sporadic at camp due to the trees/forest. Texting is your best bet in reaching one of the adults or adult leaders present at camp. Please remember that your Scout is not allowed to have his cell phone at camp. This will be confiscated if found.

The fax number for the camp is 920-622-4678

*PLEASE DISCOURAGE YOUR SON FROM CALLING HOME DURING CAMP.* Outgoing calls are made from the Camp's pay phone, usually collect! In addition to costing a small fortune, calls home tend to cause a "home sickness" epidemic and disrupt the Troop's schedule. If one of our Troop's leaders believes that it is necessary for your son to call home, permission will be granted.

## **Mail Service:**

Napowan has daily mail service. Scout Leaders will pick up their mail at the Camp Office following lunch. Incoming mail should be addressed as follows:

*Scout's name  
Unit# 50  
Wolf B Campsite  
Napowan Adventure Base  
N4789 24th Avenue  
Wild Rose, WI 54984*

First Class USPS letters and package sent on Sunday *should* arrive by Thursday. UPS also delivers packages to Napowan.

Letters and "small" packages can also be given to the "Postmaster" prior to leaving for Napowan. These items will be delivered to your son during the week. Please make arrangements with the Napowan leader concerning this.

Please believe us that experience shows that a card, letter, or care package goes a long way toward raising sagging spirits.

## **Our troop uniform for Summer Camp:**

A Field Uniform (Class A) is required. This includes: Scout shirt tucked into pants, with scout or dress pants, scout shorts, blue jean or solid color shorts. (No gym shorts or loud colored pants or shorts) No neckerchief or slide should be sent to camp.

For traveling to and from Napowan an Activity Uniform (Class B) is required. This includes: Red Scout T-shirt tucked into pants, with scout or dress pants, scout shorts, blue jean or solid color shorts. (No gym shorts or loud colored pants or shorts). Class B troop t-shirts are ordered and will arrive in time for Napowan.

OA members should bring their OA sash.

**Please have your son wear his swimming trunks under his uniform on the drive to camp on Sunday.**

We will take our swim-check as soon as we arrive at Camp (before we set up our campsite), so having your son in his trunks with his beach towel readily available will be required.

### **Pack Lightly:**

Scouts must be able to carry all their gear to our campsite (Approximately ½ mile uphill). Make sure that they can handle their equipment bag. Bags should be able to be carried or thrown over their shoulders. Luggage and “wheeled” bags do not work well on large rock gravel roads and duty paths.

Pack EVERYTHING in zip lock bags to protect them from rain and minimize the space required. The 2 and 2 ½ gallon Hefty zipper bags are great.

Scouts should also bring an additional small backpack/daypack for use during the week. This would be used to carry his water bottle, books, pens, pencils, paper and other supplies used during his merit badge sessions. A watch (not valuable) is also recommended.

### **Mark all personal belongings:**

Each year campers leave at Camp several thousand of dollars worth of clothing and other personal belongings, which the Camp Staff cannot return because it has no name or Troop number. We suggest that parents pick up an indelible fine point marker and mark at least valuable stuff with the name and Troop #. Found items can then be placed in your Troop’s mailbox.

### **Additional Napowan Meetings: MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

#### **June 16 –Parents**

ALL monies and paperwork associated with Napowan are due by the June 16 Court of Honor – Parents Meeting.

#### **July 13 – Napowan Scouts & Parents**

All scouts and a parent of each scout attending Napowan are asked to attend a Napowan “Shake-down” meeting on Saturday, July 13, from 9-11am in the Family Center at the church. Parents will work on merit badge cards.

***ALL paperwork and remaining monies will need to be turned in by the June 16 Court of Honor – Parents Meeting. If you will not be at the meeting we need your paperwork BEFORE the meeting!***