

Getting Ready to Enjoy Geiger

What needs to be done before coming to camp

A meeting of all Unit Leaders will be held at Camp Geiger on the patio of Goetz Lodge at 7:30 PM on the Monday prior to your week at camp. It is very important that each unit attending camp send at least one representative to this meeting. Attendance by your unit's Senior Patrol Leader is encouraged. General scheduling, including the number of boys in each program, campsite requests as well as a general question/ answer period will take place at this meeting.

Please printout the Pre-Camp Meeting Form, the Troop Roster of Scouts and the Troop Roster of Adult Leaders in the camp forms section. Bring these forms with you to the pre-camp meeting. The rosters have been formatted so they can be completed on a computer. It is important that they be filled out completely.

This meeting is your opportunity to check your Scouts' enrollment in activities. If you are unable to have a representative attend the meeting please either email the forms to atchisonscouter@msn.com or fax it to (816) 364-5967.

Any unit that has not camped with us for the last three consecutive summers will be required to post a \$250.00 registration deposit. This deposit may be applied toward the unit's total fee, but is not refundable should the unit decide not to camp with us.

Scouts who join your unit after February 1 are considered new Scouts, and qualify for the discounted fee. The term "new Scout" does not refer to any Scout who has joined your unit since summer camp last year - only to one who has joined since February 1, 2010. Payment for a new Scout must be received two weeks prior to their camp session in order to qualify for the discounted fee.

A damage deposit of \$300 per unit is due at check-in, and will be returned to the unit at check-out if there is no damage to camp property.

There is a \$3.00 per-person fee for out-of-council units to cover insurance costs unless the unit provides proof of insurance from their council.

Camp Fees

DISCOUNTED FEES

In order to benefit from the discounted fees payment must be received in the council office or post marked on the date due. Payments received after March 1 will require the FULL PRICE per person. The second payment must be received by April 1 to continue to receive the discount.

Due date for first half of feesMarch 1

Due date for balance of feesApril 1

Camp Fees will be posted on the Pony Express Council Website as soon as they are set by the Council Board, usually at the December meeting. Please check the site frequently

Pre-Camp Planning Meetings

Session	Pre-Camp Meeting
1 st – June 13-19	Jun 7, 10
2 nd – June 20-26	Jun 14, 10
3 rd – June 27-July 3	Jun 21, 10
4 th – July 4-10	Jun 28, 10
5 th – July 11-17	Jul 5, 10
6 th – July 18-24	Jul 12, 10

Financial Help for Scouts

A limited number of Camperships are available to help boys in need of financial assistance. An application form is available in the *Forms Section*. Early requests are preferable to ensure equitable distribution of monies and to qualify for the discounted fee. Camperships may not pay a boy's entire camp fee and are nontransferable. The boy's family/troop/chartered institution should pool their resources first with a Campership request to meet the balance. It has been our experience that certain individuals within each community are ready and willing to provide full or partial Camperships. Please explore these possibilities with your District Executive.

Camp Refund Policy

Camper Fees are refundable under certain conditions. Refunds must be requested in writing to the Pony Express Council Office before the troop leaves camp. Refund forms are provided in the Camp Office.

The following particular rules apply:

1. The unit leader may request a refund of the fee under the following conditions:
 - A. Illness of Scout prevents his attendance at summer camp.
 - B. Illness or death of a family member of the Scout prevents the Scout's attendance at summer camp.

- C. Scout's family has moved from local council and Scout is not attending camp.
(Make this request at check-in.)
2. If a Scout becomes ill while attending camp, and is sent home by camp medical personnel, he shall be entitled to a pro-rated refund. This request must be made in writing by the unit leadership before the troop leaves camp.
 3. Balance of fees is not refundable for homesickness.
 4. Leader fees are refundable under the same conditions as Camper fees.
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Camp Session Selection

The Pony Express Council Camping Committee has an equitable method for determining camp session assignment. Units which have already registered for camp get their session assignments by mail. Units which have not signed up for a session and out of Council units that wish to camp at Camp Geiger may receive a session assignment by contacting the Council Service Center.

What if a Scout Can't Camp With His Troop?

Some Scouts cannot attend summer camp with their troop due to conflicts such as family vacations. Some Scouts wish to attend an additional session. Any Scout can attend Camp Geiger with leadership arranged by camp administration. Space is limited for these provisional campers and advance reservations are required.

Provisional Leadership Policy

The Pony Express Council will accept any Boy Scout as a camper. If the Scout does not attend with his registered troop, he will be assigned to camp with a troop and the Council will arrange provisional leadership for the Scout. In return, the Scout and his Parents must agree to accept the Leaders' orders and directions, obeying the Scout Oath and Law at all times.

How to Get to Camp Geiger

Camp Geiger is located northwest of St. Joseph, Missouri, near the K highway exit from Interstate 229. Those coming from the North on I-229 will find the ramp is directly across from the camp entrance. Those coming from the South on I-229 will take the K-Highway exit and turn left, traveling across the



bridge. The camp entrance is located 100 yards North of the bridge, on the left side of the road.

Camp Geiger Provides

Flagpole per campsite

Latrine and water supply

Hose

Trash Barrels

One picnic table per campsite

2-man tents

Tent platforms

Bulletin board

Cots will no longer be provided. A few solid cots will be available in each campsite for use by campers who do not bring their own.

Quartermaster Can Provide:

Toilet paper

Trash bags

Brooms

Rakes

Shovels

Other tools

You may wish to bring special items for your unit if you think they may not be available. All supplies and tools will be checked out to your troop, and charged to you if not returned. Plastic liners will be furnished for each day's trash accumulation. Receptacles for trash disposal are marked.

What to Bring to Camp

Troop Equipment

Troop Roster, two typed copies

American Flag

State Flag

Troop Flag

Patrol flag(s)

Troop first aid kit

Lock box with lock for valuables and medicines

Rope or binder twine

Lantern(s)

Personal Gear to Bring to Camp

Scout Uniform.
3-5 pairs of socks
Sweater or jacket
Swim trunks
Raincoat or poncho
Extra underwear and T-shirts
Hiking and/or gym shoes
Bath towel and soap
Toothbrush and toothpaste
Comb or brush
Sleeping bag or sheet/blanket and pillow
Mattress/sleeping pad/cot if desired
Flashlight
Extra batteries
Jeans or long pants
Long-sleeved sweatshirt
Mosquito repellent, non-aerosol
Hat or cap
Boy Scout Handbook
Individual program needs
Medical exam, completed and signed
Spending money
Canteen or water bottle

Optional Scout Equipment
Bible or book of one's faith
Air mattress
Musical instrument
Sewing kit
Camera and film
Pocket knife (no sheath knives)
Sun screen, SPF > 15
Laundry soap
Sunglasses
Mosquito netting
Stationery, pens, pencils

Activity-related material (Certain merit badge activities require special equipment such as mess kits, tents etc.) Check the activity descriptions found in this guide for detailed information.

Mail Service

Outgoing mail is picked up daily from the Camp Office. Stamps and writing material are available in the Trading Post.

Camp Mailing Address

Scout's Name and Troop #
Camp Geiger, BSA
9525 County Road 388
St. Joseph, MO 64505

Telephones

The Camp telephone is used for camp business and emergencies only. Pay phones are not available at camp. Many leaders and scouts have cell phones. The cell phone policy is up to each unit, however, scouts are not to carry cell phones to camp activities.

The following are important numbers where you can obtain information or make contact in an emergency.

**Council Service Center: (816) 233-1351
Fax Council Service Center: (816) 279-9333
Camp Geiger Headquarters: (816) 364-1523
Camp Geiger FAX: (816) 364-5967
Camp Ranger: (816) 232-3886**