

PLEASE PRINT THIS AND HAVE YOUR NEW SCOUT **READ IT OUT LOUD TO YOU**

Dear New Scout Families:

Here are some friendly tips and guidance for the New Scout Campout.

1) MY PARENTS HAVE COMPLETED TWO (2) REGISTRATIONS FOR ME: One registration for joining Troop 55 and the other for attending this campout. They used the online link found on the troop's website, www.troop55htx.com to sign up for the campout. At least one of my parents is planning to attend the campout and they're signed up too. If one of my parents cannot attend the campout, then they have spoken to the Scoutmaster (Mr. Eikenburg) or the Troop Committee Chair (Mr. Rice) beforehand.

2) I WON'T LET MY PARENT PACK FOR ME! Instead, we will print the packing list and other documents at <https://www.troop55htx.com/camping/camping-checklist/> and then my parent can supervise while I pack my own bag. The less my parents help me with their hands the better I'll know what's in my bag and how/where my things are packed. I want to develop a packing system for my stuff with a place for everything I need and everything I need in its place, especially my rain suit and my head lamp. For future campouts, I'll want to develop a habit of packing-up Thursday for Friday departures.

3) I HAVE MARKED MY NAME ON EVERYTHING AND I MEAN EVERYTHING! More than 40 other new scouts just bought new gear that looks exactly like my new gear. I'll use a sharpie and mark my name on everything. That is everything my parents or I ever want to see again.

4) I HAVE A GOOD IDEA ABOUT THE ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES I'LL BE DOING because I have flipped through my Scout Handbook and read through the Scout and Tenderfoot Rank advancement requirements. I understand it's important for me to ask my Patrol Assistant Scoutmaster (PASM, or possum) to sign off on each and every requirement I complete.

5) I HAVE PRACTICED PITCHING THAT NEW TENT. One day soon I will pitch my tent in the cold, dark, rain and I'll be glad I practiced enough to do it well. In our living room or garage, I have practiced setting my tent up, taking it down, and repacking it; then I did it all over again. Since adults NEVER share tents with scouts (not even their parents), I need to know how to pitch my own tent all by myself. My parent will be busy resting with the other parents in the goat patrol area. I am not allowed to visit the adults goats patrol area and they will not be visiting me in my patrol area.

6) I WILL EAT A GOOD BREAKFAST BEFORE ARRIVING SATURDAY MORNING. Troop 55 is planning to feed me lunch Saturday and breakfast Sunday. I know I should bring food for my dinner (silver turtle), but not my lunch or Sunday breakfast, not even snacks. The adults' Goat patrol grubmaster will feed everyone lunch, and then I will be with my patrol to cook my dinner Saturday night. I will be cooking my own breakfast Sunday morning.

7) MY PARENT(S) AND I WILL ARRIVE WEBB RANCH 8:00am SHARP (having already eaten a good breakfast). Webb Ranch is near Chappell Hill (note the spelling, 2 "Ps" and 2 "Ls"). A map, driving directions and other important / required forms documents are provided at signup.

8) NO ELECTRONICS! I will NOT need my Smartphone during the campout. I will leave it at home or in the car.

9) UPON ARRIVAL I WILL CHECK-IN WITH THE CAMPMASTER.

- a. Check-in means a checkmark on the troop roster, both adults and scouts.
- b. Hand over any prescription medicines at check-in. The Medical Officer will keep them safe and dry.
- c. Turn in any forms not already turned in: Medical Forms, BSA applications etc.
- d. Scouts bid farewell to their parents and cross the creek to join their patrols.
- e. Parents enjoy Old Goat Patrol coffee, have their own training, and practice saying "Ask Your Troop Guide."

10) "ASK YOUR TROOP GUIDE!" My parents are practicing using this important phrase. It is important for adults to use throughout the weekend. Scouts are not welcome in the Old Goat patrol area. Older scouts known as troop guides are assigned to each patrol for the specific purpose of helping me learn how to take care of myself in the out of doors. If I need help with anything, I will ask my patrol troop guide or another older scout.

11) I MIGHT GET TO BRING HOME THE PATROL'S "ACTION PACKER" One of the new scouts in my patrol will be responsible for the patrol's "action packer" full of cooking gear. If I'm lucky enough to be asked to handle this responsibility, I will take it home with me and get it ready for the next campout. The phrase "ready for the next campout" means: I've disposed of any bug tempting trash, cleaned out any spills inside the box, re-washed the pots, pans, serving spoons, etc. At the next regular Tuesday Troop meeting, I will return the action packer to the troop's closet in the rear of the Scout Room in SJD's basement.

12) I MIGHT GET TO BRING HOME A SACK OF YUCKY GARBAGE. My parents and I know someone from my patrol might will asked to carry home my patrol's garbage sack(s).

13) CAMPMASTER COLSON WILL DISMISS THE TROOP — NOT BEFORE NOON SUNDAY and after all the scouts have given the entire campground a thorough clean sweep leaving it looking better than we arrived.