Yawgoog Summer Camp Information

After missing summer camp in 2020 because of Covid-19, Troop 482 will be once again returning to Camp Yawgoog in 2021!! We will be going on Sunday July 11th and returning Saturday July 16th. In the past we have always returned on the following Sunday but because of certain sanitary restrictions they want all campers to leave by the following Saturday after lunch so they can do a thorough cleaning before the next group of campers arrive on Sunday.

With that being said, all health forms must be completed ASAP so they can be checked over before we send them to camp officials. Below is the link for the health form that must be filled out and returned to Brian Cody at 58 Larch Ave. All forms MUST be submitted to Mr. Cody by May 28th no later, Yawgoog wants all forms 30 days prior to our arrival and Mr. Cody needs time to look them over before sending them out. Mr. Cody has been our summer camp coordinator for many years and this will be his final year doing this, so any parent that is willing to step up and take his place would be greatly appreciated and many thanks to Mr. Cody for helping us out this year.

www.yawgoog.org/parents.html (click on BSA HEALTH FORM)

Upon arrival scout leaders must provide proof that all scouts & parents that are at Yawgoog have a negative Covid-19 test result no more than 72 hours prior to arrival or must provide proof of vaccination or else you will not be allowed onto camp grounds. So please make sure to have this done.

For anyone interested in watching the webinar that Camp Yawgoog had regarding this year's restrictions and rules please see the website:

WWW.YAWGOOG.ORG

Unfortunately, no one is allowed to come to camp for just a few days after we have already arrived. I checked with the camp director and he said no to mid week visits, also, anyone interested in taking the IOLS must arrive on Sunday with the troop, they are not allowing anyone to come to camp just to take this course (meaning if the course begins on Tuesday, you will not be allowed to come up on Monday or Tuesday morning).

Special Diets

The link below has the 2021 menu for the week (It will say 2019 when you click the tab). There is also a tab for vegetarian, gluten free & special diet requests.

WWW.YAWGOOG.ORG/PARENTS.HTML

Merit Badges

Below is the link for merit badge pre-requisites, it is recommended that the scout finish the pre-requisites prior to attending camp, if they don't, they will only get a partial completion of the badge.

WWW.YAWGOOG.ORG/SCOUTS.HTML

Once the scout has finished the pre-requisites have them fill out the form below and have their Scoutmaster (Mr. Walsh) sign it, it then has to be given to the Merit Badge counselor at camp.

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(Click on "Merit Badge Requirement Sign Off")

For anyone attending for the first time there are 3 campsites at Yawgoog, we are at MEDICINE BOW the actual campsite is called WEEMAT, the link below shows the Medicine Bow program highlight, any activities for Saturday will be moved to Friday.

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(Click on 2021 Medicine Bow Themes / Highlights)

Fees

The total fee for each scout is \$470, a \$100 deposit is due by Wednesday 4/21 at our next meeting for any scout who wants to attend. Three adults are free, that is usually for the ones who will be staying from Sunday thru Saturday, I will be staying the whole week. For every 12 scouts attending we will get another free bed for an adult. Again, no bed can be split between two parents for the week, camp officials are not allowing anyone to come up after Sunday to stay a few days (ex/ Wed-Fri), this is because of Covid-19 restrictions.

The total amount (\$470) must be paid by May 26th (Wednesday meeting), Yawgoog requires all the fees paid 30 days prior to arrival, so I'm going to need time to put all the funds together and send them the registration fees in a timely manner.

Sibling discount: Yawgoog offers a discount to families that send two or more siblings to camp. The discount is \$50 for each sibling.

Transportation

We will be using North Fork Express as our means of transportation, its a large charter bus with A/C, Wi-Fi, outlets for phone chargers, and multiple tv's for movies (DVD player included). We will be departing from the Floral Park train station on Caroline Place on Sunday 7/11. I do not have a time yet because this year Yawgoog is going to set up arrival times a week in advance, so I won't know until the first week of July what time we are scheduled for arrival.

What to bring to camp:

The main item is a foot locker, we're going to be there for 6 days so a backpack is not an option to pack everything that you're going to need. Of course the scouts can still bring a back pack for their supplies of snack foods as well as money to purchase items at the Trading Post.

Check our troop website (<u>www.troop482.com</u>) under Camping / Yawgoog Summer Camp for information regarding what you're going to need for the trip.

All scouts must bring their Class A uniform to summer camp (bring a hangar also), they are required to wear them at dinner every night.

Final Note

Per Yawgoog officials:

ALL PAYMENTS, ROSTERS & HEALTH FORMS ARE DUE 30 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT CAMP. TROOPS NOT ADHERING TO THIS POLICY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INTO CAMP. Therefore, it is imperative that payments & health forms be completed and turned in as early as possible.

I hope all this information was helpful, if you have any questions, you can call or text me anytime.

Yours in Scouting,

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