

# Be Prepared for the Pond

## Boy Scout Uniforms at Camp

The Official Boy Scout field uniform, informally called 'Class A' consists of the official shirt, belt, shorts and socks. This uniform is worn each day for evening retreat and dinner, as well as for chapel services. The activity or 'Class B' uniform consisting of Boy Scout shorts and a Boy Scout T-shirt with belt and socks is appropriate at all other times.

The content of all clothing and hats should be consistent with the principles of the Boy Scouts of America.

## Trading Post

A full-service trading post is operated at camp. It is stocked with Goose Pond custom items, including patches and T-shirts; Official Boy Scouts of America gear and uniform accessories; merit badge pamphlets; stamps; handicraft kits; and an assortment of soda, ice cream and snacks. Regular business hours are posted at the Trading Post. Generally, the Trading Post is closed during meals, campwide campfires and chapel services.

## Contacting Scouts & Leaders by US Mail

Parents may wish to send mail or packages to their son at Goose Pond. Please realize that sometimes letters may cause homesickness. Excessive letters and packages may become problematic. Mail should be addressed in this manner:

### **Goose Pond Scout Reservation**

**Scout's Name, Troop #**

**1047 Goose Pond Road**

**Lake Ariel, PA 18436**

An outgoing mailbox is provided in camp for use by Scouts and leaders. Postage stamps are available at the Trading Post. United Parcel Service and Fed Ex make regular deliveries.

## Telephones & Communication

### **The Camp Business Telephone: 570-689-2561**

Please use the camp phone number for business and emergency calls only. The camp clerk will take a message and deliver it to the Scout or leader at the next meal. *Individuals will be summoned to the phone only in cases of emergency.* Goose Pond's new fax number is 570-689-7669.

**Public Telephone:** A pay phone is located on the side of the Handicraft Building. It is available for campers and leaders to make outgoing calls at any time. Users should exercise courtesy toward others and keep calls brief. Leaders should see the Camp Director for additional telephone access.

**Cell Phones:** Troops are encouraged to set their own policies regarding use of cell phones by Scouts. Cell phone access often leads to homesickness and other problems. As a service, Goose Pond will charge cell phones for *adult leaders* at the Camp Office.

**Email Communication:** Goose Pond can be emailed directly at [goosepond@nepabsa.org](mailto:goosepond@nepabsa.org). An open Wi-Fi (wireless network) internet connection is maintained at the Administration Building for adult leaders with wireless-capable laptops. Leaders should see the Camp Director for additional computer or internet access.

## Boy Scout Equipment Checklist

### Personal Equipment

- Complete Boy Scout uniforms
- Order of the Arrow Sash, if a member
- Underwear & socks for at least 6 days
- Scout T-shirts
- Jacket, sweater, sweat-shirt, cap
- Swimming trunks
- Hiking boots, athletic shoes, and old shoes for boating, shower shoes
- Rain gear
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Toilet kit (toothbrush, towels, soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Notebook, pencil, pen
- Scout Handbook, merit badge booklets
- Flashlight with extra batteries and bulb
- Wrist watch and/or alarm clock
- Pocketknife
- Camera, personal first aid kit
- Water Bottle
- Backpack, daypack
- Spending money
- Fishing tackle
- Religious materials
- Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- Sunscreen
- Medical form, prescription medication

### Troop and Patrol Equipment

- American & Troop flags
- Lantern
- Patrol flags
- Patrol cook kits
- Woods tools
- Extra rope
- Soap (handwashing, pump bottles)
- First aid kit
- Fieldbook
- Merit badge pamphlets
- Thumbtacks
- Merit badge applications (blue cards)

### Things to leave home

Kerosene or gasoline, fireworks/explosives, illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, firearms and ammunition, hunting knives, candles, pets, obscene or otherwise inappropriate materials, radios, bicycles, computer games, aerosol cans, glass containers. (See p.14 for additional information.)