

Tesomas Scout Camp 2010

Dear Troop 592:

Our troop will be attending Tesomas Scout Camp in Rhinelander, WI again this summer for the 16th consecutive year. For those of you that have never been there, it is truly a great place to go for a week. They have everything from waterfront to rank advancement to merit badge work to just doing the Tesomas experience. For those of you returning for the 2nd year or more, it will be a chance to enjoy it once again.

When and Cost

We will be attending during the 6th period this year (Sun. July 25-31). **We will be leaving St. Matthias at 7:00 AM on Sun. July 25th. We will be leaving Tesomas on the morning of Sat. July 31st and returning to St. Matthias around 3:30 or so. The cost per Scout will be \$272 (camp) plus transportation (to be determined). Leader fees are \$130.** Currently, we plan on taking a coach bus there and back. The bus price has not been firmly set as of yet.

Spending Money

We will be stopping for fast food up and back so please bring \$5 or so for each way. Spending money for the week is your choice. Available are snacks and drinks from the Trading Post. Also available are Scout items as well as T-shirts and sweatshirts. If you plan on buying these types of things, please bring additional money. One Leader from the troop will be designated as the Treasurer for the week and will hold onto all Scout money. The money will be given to the Scouts as they need it throughout the week.

Payment Deadlines

The first important deadline is a \$75 deposit (check payable to **"BSA Troop 592"** or indicate from savings) along with a permission slip. This is attached. **The slip and deposit will be due no later than Tue. March 30.** The troop will then forward all deposits with one troop check to Tesomas. The deposits are non-refundable but are transferable. This means that, if you can't make it, someone else who previously wasn't signed up could go in your place. **The balance of \$197 (plus transportation) will be due no later than Tue. May 18.**

Medical Forms

BSA national has rolled out a new medical form. There is one form for both Scouts and leaders and it is valid for 12 months only and requires a doctor's signature each time. Parts A, B, and C must be completed for trips longer than 72 hours which includes Tesomas. The form is in the packets which will be available to all Scouts. Your medical form is due back to the troop by June 22, 2010 so contact your family doctor now!! Although this form includes a section for medications know that a separate Tesomas medication form will need to be filed with troop leadership before going to camp.

Advancement

Scouts can participate in Eagle Quest (training requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class), merit badge classes, rank advancement, and many other exciting opportunities. Blank week-long program forms will be in the packets for each Scout. This, coupled with the advancement information also contained here, will allow each Scout to put together a suitable program for himself. All new Scouts (and 2nd or 3rd year Scouts who need it) are expected to participate in Eagle Quest plus a couple of merit badges (e.g., Basketry, Fingerprinting, or other one to suit their interest). Returning Scouts are also expected to work on at least 2 merit badges. More than 2 would be great and would go a long way toward the trail to Eagle.

From the information given here, you should look over the possible programs to participate in over the next few months. As Tesomas gets closer, each Scout will have a planning session with one of the Troop 592 leaders to plan out the specifics of what they will be doing for the week.

Full printed packets will also be available at troop meetings, starting **Tuesday March 16th**. Links under items 3, 4, 6, and 7 below are available now. Links 1, 2, and 5 will be available by March 19 (or sooner; please check the website periodically). Starting March 31 (or perhaps sooner), these links will also be available via the Troop 592 website <http://www.troop592.org>

1. Dates and deadlines
<http://www.troop592.org/pdf/Tesomas2010Deadlines.pdf>
2. Permission slip
<http://www.troop592.org/pdf/Tesomas2010Permission.pdf>
<http://www.troop592.org/pdf/GenericPermission.pdf>
3. Medical form
<http://www.tesomas.com/newhealthform.pdf> **Scouts and adults**
4. Advancement and program info
<http://www.tesomas.com/pdf/AdvancementSchedule.pdf> Schedule
<http://www.tesomas.com/TSCPrerequisites.pdf> Prerequisites
<http://www.tesomas.com/EQschedule.pdf> Eagle Quest
5. Individual blank Scout planner for the week
<http://www.troop592.org/pdf/TesomasCampwideSchedule2010.pdf>
6. Maps (directions to camp and map of camp)
<http://www.tesomas.com/pdf/maptotesomas.pdf> Map **to** Tesomas
<http://www.tesomas.com/pdf/campmap.pdf> Map **of** Tesomas
7. Tesomas Guidebook 2009 (everything you wanted to know about Tesomas)
<http://www.tesomas.com/pdf/09Guidebook.pdf>

If you want even more information, please visit the **Tesomas website at:**
<http://www.tesomas.com/index.shtml>

If you have any questions, please see Mr. Gerber, Scoutmaster (262-796-1718), or one of his assistants or Committee people.

See you at camp this summer!

Sincerely,

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