

Wiccacan Scouts **2010 First Year Camper Program**

The first year camper program is for young scouts who are attending summer camp for the very first time.

The program is limited to a maximum of 48 Scouts per week. The **Wiccacan Troop** is divided into patrols of 8 scouts with a Troop Guide assigned. As much as possible, patrols will be made up of scouts working towards the same rank; i.e. Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class.

The program will run all day from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The scouts will stay in their home troop site but will prepare and eat lunch with the other **Wiccacan Scouts** in the Outdoor Skills program area. Scouts will eat breakfast and dinner with their home troop and participate in any planned troop twilight activities (except Thursday night).

On Thursday night scouts will depart for an overnight off-site campout to complete the camping requirements for Tenderfoot Reg. # 1, 2 & 3 and 2nd Class Reg. # 3b. Do not schedule your Wiccacan Scouts for Thursday night twilights.

Throughout the week the scouts in the program will cover the first ranks in scouting and may complete the First Aid and Swimming (if classified a beginner on the check-in swim test) merit badges.

There are five basic goals for the **Wiccacan Scouts** program:

- To provide a well-organized program based upon the patrol method and lead by qualified instructors.
- To teach participants basic skills necessary to succeed in Scouting and to enjoy outdoor programs.
- To instill in the boy a respect for Scouting's methods and ideals.
- To maintain a ratio that is comparable to an average patrol: eight-ten boys for every patrol guide/instructor.
- To provide an exciting and memorable summer camp experience that motivates boys to be active in their troops and continue in Scouting.

While in the first year program scouts will cover a vast majority of the basic rank advancement requirements (except for troop participation requirements, Scoutmaster Conferences & Boards of Review).

Scouts should complete the following requirements:

Tenderfoot requirements: 1, 2, 3, 4a, 4b, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12a, 12b, 13

Second Class requirements: 1a, 2, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 4, 5, 6, 7a, 7b, 7c, 8a, 8b, 11

First Class requirements: 1, 2, 4a, 4c, 4d, 6, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11, 12

Reference: *Boy Scout Handbook*, 12th edition 2009 printing

Scouts will live the *Patrol Method*: Scouts will be placed into patrols and will rotate patrol leadership positions during the course of the week.

All scouts should bring a Boy Scout Handbook 12th edition, pocketknife, rain gear, water bottle (two would be best), flashlight, backpack suitable for hiking with gear, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, ground cloth, 2-man tent (if available from troop), spoon, drinking cup, small unbreakable bowl/plate, & items to make a first aid kit (1st Aid MB reg. # 2b).

A commemorative camp patch will be awarded to all who complete the **Wiccacan Scouts** program.

