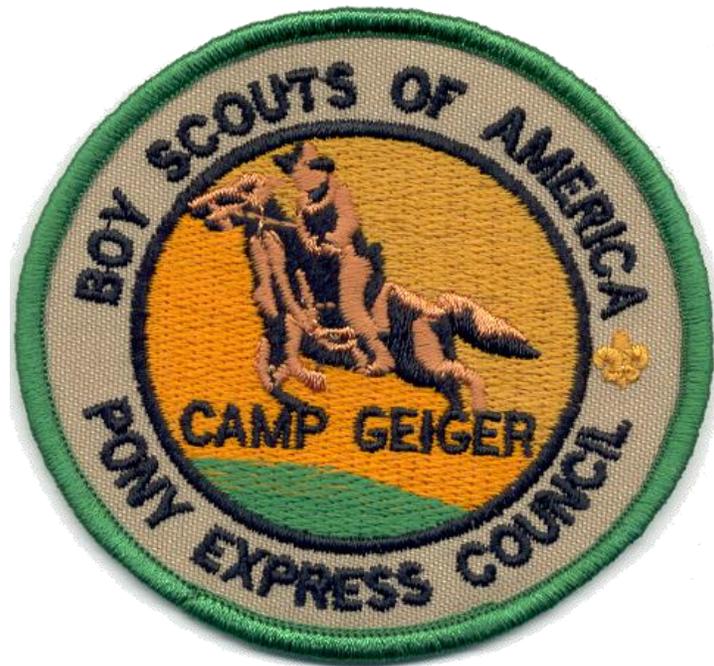


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Foreword

Camp Geiger Director

To those of you who have camped with us before – Welcome Back! To those of you new to Camp Geiger – Welcome and I hope your experience this year will bring you back again and again...



This Unit Leader’s Guide was created to answer many questions we receive. If you have one it doesn’t answer, do not hesitate to call our Camping Secretary at the Council Office. She will either answer it or obtain an answer for you.

There are several YouTube clips that are also intended to answer your questions. You will find those at the following address:

<http://www.ponyexpressbsa.org/Camping/BoyScoutCamp/Orientation>

Tony Sasso
Camp Director

Program Area Director

Three things!

Camp Geiger’s program staff is one of the things that sets Camp Geiger apart from other Boy Scout resident camps. On average they are older and more mature than other camp’s staffs. And they are who teach your scouts’ classes and are a model of behavior for your scouts. We are extremely proud of them.



Every year we offer an exceptional variety of merit badges and other activities that can be chosen by your scouts. I believe it is another reason troops have returned to Camp Geiger year after year.

We are extremely proud that over 55% of the troops attending Camp Geiger are from other councils. It gives our camp a diversity that you won’t find at most camps.

Don’t fail to read about the new activities under Program News later in this guide.

Aaron Lewis
Program Director

Mic-O-Say Director

The Tribe of Mic-O-Say is the honor camping society of Camp Geiger, Pony Express Council, Boy Scouts of America. Its ceremonies, customs and traditions are loosely based on the folklore of the American Indian.

By blending the spirit and pride of the American Indian with the ideals and objectives of the Boy Scouts of America, the Tribe of Mic-O-Say endeavors to prolong the Scouting adventure with an historical theme that has held the attention and captured the imagination of boys and men alike for many generations. Its purpose is to reinforce the principles of the Scout Oath and Law, and to foster continued participation in Scouting.

The legendary H. Roe Bartle, our third Scout Executive in 1925, served as the midwife to the Mother Tribe of Mic-O-Say as we know it. The "Mother Tribe" because it first appeared here in the Pony Express Council and was later introduced in the Heart of America Council when Bartle became their Scout Executive.

We believe Mic-O-Say is partially responsible for the above average retention of scouts in our program and the higher than average percentage of Eagle Scouts. Needless to say, I am very proud of our Mic-O-Say program!

Mike Gerhardt
Mic-O-Say Director

Program News

Our council's home page can be found at the following URL, www.ponyexpressbsa.org. There is a link on the left with which you can begin navigating to a host of information about our summer camp program: Camps/Outdoor Prgms > Camp Geiger Summer Camp. Surf around. You cannot hurt the site.

Daily Activity Schedule 2013

The Daily Activity Schedule 2013 is an important tool to help you counsel with your scouts regarding their schedules. It can be found by clicking on the [Forms and Other Resources](#) link on the page above. Print it! It lists the sessions/periods for every merit badge and most of the other activities offered.

Scout Program at Camp Geiger

Another useful location on our website can be found by going to Calendar in the top menu bar and paging forward to the month and week of your camping session. There will appear a page with several tabs, one of which is "Activities". All the merit badge classes and activities are listed with descriptions and prerequisites. Although 30+ pages long it is a great resource. When you actually register you scouts for their classes it will be from this list. The merit badge classes are listed alphabetically first followed by the other activities in alphabetic order.

New Fun Programs/Badges/Activities for Scouts

There are 9 merit badges that are new to our program this year: Bugling, Cycling, Dentistry, Kayaking, Plumbing, Search and Rescue, Scholarship, Soil and Water Conservation and Veterinary Medicine. Our Program Staff schedules more than 150 different sessions for the merit badges and activities that we offer in order that you may put together a schedule for each scout that is both fun and educational.

Merit Badges Offered 2013

Camp Geiger is proud to offer 52 different merit badges for scouts to choose from. Again, 9 are new this year.

Animal Science	Cooking
Archery	Crime Prevention
Astronomy	Cycling*
Basketry	Dentistry*
Bird Study	Emergency Preparedness
Bugling*	Environmental Science
Camping	Farm Mechanics
Canoeing	Fingerprinting
Citizenship in the Community	Fire Safety
Citizenship in the Nation	First Aid
Citizenship in the World	Fish and Wildlife Management
Climbing	Fishing
Communications	Indian Lore

Kayaking*
Law
Leatherwork
Lifesaving
Mammal Study
Metal Work
Nature
Orienteering
Personal Fitness
Personal Management
Plant Science
Plumbing*
Pottery

Public Speaking
Reptile and Amphibian Study
Rifle Shooting (.22 CAL)
Sculpture
Search and Rescue*
Scholarship*
Shotgun Shooting
Soil and Water Conservation*
Space Exploration
Swimming
Veterinary Medicine*
Wilderness Survival
Woodcarving

* New merit badges in 2013

A detailed list of these merit badges with the times, location, recommended for, preparation, required materials, activity fees or anticipated costs and other information can be found in a PDF file, **Merit Badges Offered 2013**, on the [Forms and Other Resources](#) page of our website. Please print it and refer to it when counseling with your scouts regarding their class selections.

Activities Offered 2013

In addition to the merit badge classes there are also 15 activities that are offered in 30 different sessions. Scouts may sign up for and enjoy any of these.

3D Archery	Buckskin Games
Aquatics – Non-Swimmer	C.O.P.E.
Aquatics – Beginning Swimmer	First Class Trail
Aquatics – BSA Lifeguard	Mic-O-Say Dance Practice
Aquatics – Paddlecraft Safety	Shotgun – 5 Stand
Aquatics – Swimming and Water Rescue	Sporting Clays – 4 Station
Aquatics – Extra Help on Merit Badges	

There are also several fun activities listed below that scouts may participate in for which there is no registration requirement. Just show up and have fun!

The Mile Swim

Interested scouts must have qualified as a “Swimmer” during the swim check. Practice will be Monday and Tuesday morning at 6:00 AM at the pool. On Wednesday morning at 6:00 AM the mile swim will begin, all 88 laps! Successful completion of the swim will earn the scout a patch to be presented Wednesday evening at the campfire.

Open Shoots

An open rifle and archery shoot will be on Mondays 7 to 9 PM. Another open rifle shoot will be held on Thursday from 5 to 6 PM. They are open to both scouts and adults. Additional open shoots for troops and patrols on the Rifle and Archery Ranges may be arranged with the Shooting Sports Director. A nominal \$2 fee will be charged for using the Rifle Range to cover the cost of ammunition, but there is no fee for using the Archery Range. Appropriate awards will be presented to the best shooters and archers.

Trail Rides

5:00 to 6:00 PM and 7:30 to 8:30 PM Monday and Tuesday

The camp's fleet of off-road bikes await any Scout who dares to take the challenge of the Geiger mountain bike trail. The activity will be open to Scouts of all ages. Each trail ride session will last for about an hour, and Scouts may repeat the experience as many times as they like. Scouts must purchase a Mountain Bike Trail Ride ticket at the Trading Post. Tickets are \$1.

Choosing Activities

Selection for merit badges and other activities is online again this year. **Online activity selection will open April 1st**. An email will be sent to the Contingent Contacts announcing the opening of activity selection and detailed instructions on the process are posted on the website under Boy Scout Camp Program News. This will enable you furnish each of your scouts with a class schedule and will enable our program staff instructors to have a class roster of the scouts enrolling in their classes.

Please note that some of these classes have capacity limits and are on a first come basis. That is why registering individual participants as soon as possible after April 1st is important. You want to be ready to select their classes and activities as soon as possible after activity selection is opened.

Some other classes also have a limited class size and the Program Staff will approve a participant's selection of one of these classes based upon rank, number of years of summer camp or other specific criteria. If a scout is interested, register him for it. The approval will be made by the Pre-Camp Meeting date and published on the website for you to review a week before you arrive. If not selected the scout may register for an alternate class.

Here is a list of those merit badges and activities where the Program Staff will make the final determination regarding enrollment.

- Climbing Merit Badge (1 Session)
- Metal Work Merit Badge (5 Sessions)
- Rifle Shooting (.22 cal) Merit Badge (5 Sessions)
- Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge (6 Sessions)
- 3D Archery (2 Sessions)

C.O.P.E. (1 Session)
Shotgun-5 Stand (8 Sessions)
Sporting Clays-4 Station (6 Sessions)

Religious Services at Camp Geiger

Scouts have an opportunity to attend an all-faith worship service on Sunday evening. A Catholic Mass is held on Monday evening. Any religious group is welcome to hold its own service.

Duty to God Program

Both scouts and scouters can earn a beautiful "Duty to God Patch" by participating in this second year program at Camp Geiger. This can be worn as a temporary patch on the pocket of the scout uniform. The purpose of the program is to help youth and adults experience God at Camp and also learn how they can earn their Religious Emblems Award later in their own Church. 2012 marked the third year for this special program.

Adult Program at Camp Geiger

Camp Geiger has tried to plan some classes and activities for the adult leaders. We encourage leaders to tour the classes and activities that your scouts are taking to encourage and support them. And, of course, providing two deep leadership always needs to be kept in mind, but summer camp is for you, too.

New Fun Activities for Adults

The Scoutmaster's Merit Badge was introduced and refined last year. It will be offered again in an even more fun format.

Leader Training

Youth Protection Training

All adult leaders attending camp with a contingent are required to have current youth Protection Training. Therefore the date of that training is a required field when registering the adult for camp online. That training can be renewed online while at camp.

Adult Activities

There are also fun activities listed below that adults may participate in for which there is no registration requirement. Just show up and have fun!

Open Shoots

An open rifle and archery shoot will be on Mondays 7 to 9 PM. Another open rifle shoot will be held on Thursday from 5 to 6 PM. They are open to both scouts and adults. Additional open shoots for troops and patrols on the Rifle and Archery Ranges may be arranged with the Shooting Sports Director. A nominal \$2 fee will be charged for using the Rifle Range to cover the cost of ammunition, but there is no fee for using the Archery Range. Appropriate awards will be presented to the best shooters and archers.

Awards

Several awards are given each week to recognize outstanding performance. Ask the Camp Director, Program Director or the Area Directors about the qualification for any of these awards.

Scout Awards

The Mile Swim, Best Scout Archer, Best Scout Rifle Shooter 12 and Younger, Best Scout Rifle Shooter 13 and Older, Best Pottery Project, Various Handicraft Projects will be recognized, Nature Challenge, 360 Games

Adult Awards

Best Adult Archer, Best Adult Rifle Shooter and the Key to Camp Geiger (presented to the outstanding Scouter by the Camp Director).

Troop Awards

The Spirit Stick is awarded weekly to a troop by the Commissioners.

Visitors Night

Visitors' Night is held each Wednesday evening. Many campers count the minutes until Mom, Dad or other friends and family come to visit on Wednesday. Please plan to come see what these Scouts have accomplished and perhaps even see them perform at the visitors' campfire. Many units make this a gala troop/family event by having picnics between 5 p.m. and the 8:30 Visitors' Campfire. Some troops order pizzas from the Trading Post for their picnics.

Mic-O-Say Tapping Ceremony

In addition, visitors are welcome at our Thursday night Mic-O-Say Tapping Ceremony (8:30 p.m.) All parents, families and friends are requested to attend at these times only. All visitors are requested to leave the premises by 10:00 p.m. Units with handicapped visitors should notify the Camp Ranger or Camp Director to arrange transportation while at Camp Geiger

Planning for Camp Geiger

Promoting boy scout summer camp starts with the troop signing up for camp. After that, encouraging every scout to attend summer camp should be an ongoing process in the troop. Try to finalize the registration of participants and selection of classes by the Pre-Camp Meeting (the Monday before you are to arrive).

Unit (Troop) Registration for Camp

Troops that decide to attend Camp Geiger need to register online for the week of their choice. During the online registration process the troops will be asked to estimate the number of scouts and adults that will attend camp. As the maximum capacity is reached troops might have to accept their second or third choice of weeks. No Unit (Troop) registration will be complete until the fee is paid (preferably) online. Payment can be made by credit/debit card or by eCheck.

Typically the Unit (Troop) Registration for next summer will be available shortly after the last week of camp. An email will be sent to all contingent contacts informing them that registration for next year is open and inviting them to register.

The person registering the troop will be designated the Contingent Contact/Registration Manager. If the troop wishes another person to have those permissions, contact the Camping Secretary at the Council Office.

Troop Meetings

One of the best ways to promote camp and create enthusiasm is through the use of Parent's Night programs, special meetings of the troop attended by all scouts and their parents. Troops are encouraged to hold at least two such programs. The first should be held soon after the week of camp is selected and some of the other details are decided to kick off the summer camp promotion effort. It is important to keep the parents well informed about the troop's summer camp plans. First they need to know the value it plays in their son's scouting life and be assured there are high standards for their son's health and safety. Secondly, they need to know the facts such as costs, payment dates, leadership, etc. Parents should know these things early because they may have family plans to make. They can only be enthusiastic and supportive of the troops plans if they know what those plans are.

The second Parents Night program should be held as summer camp approaches to announce and discuss the details that parents need to do to prepare for summer camp.

Individual (Scout and Adult) Registration

The registration of individual participants will open on February 1st. The incentive to register individuals early is to be able to select merit badge classes and other activities that will open April 1st. An email will be sent to all contingent contacts prior to the opening of registration. There are detailed instructions on the Council website on Registering Scouts and Adults: Camps/Outdoor Prgms > Camp Geiger Summer Camp > Boy Scout Summer Camp News: Registering Participants for Boy Scout Summer Camp.

Camp Fees

Fees are due in the council office on April 1st. A minimum down payment of \$100 will be required when registering a scout or adult online. The incentive to register participants early is to begin signing them up for merit badges and other activities when that opens April 1st. A scout cannot sign up for merit badges or other activities until he is registered.

The balance should be paid by the above due date. A registration made after April 1st will be at the higher rate and a \$15 late fee will be applied to any registration made before April 1st with an unpaid balance after that date. Newly crossed over scouts may be registered again this year as a "New Scout" and will not be assessed for registrations or payments made after the due date.

	Fee	Late Registration
Youth	\$240	\$255
Adult	\$170	\$185

In-Council scouts earning the \$50 discount to their fee through their Popcorn Sale should pay \$190 online and the Contingent Contact/Registration Manager should e-mail Janice Sipes, janice.sipes@scouting.org, to have the \$50 discount credited to that scout's account.

The part-time leader's fee is \$40 per day, this includes 3 meals and an overnight stay. The fee is payable when registering the part-time leader online. Two part-time leaders may share a full-time slot and will not be charged the per diem fee. The first to arrive part-time leader should be registered as an Adult - Full Week and the second part-time leader should sign in at Headquarters when checking in to replace the first to arrive. Both will need their health forms.

There are some activities the cost for which cannot be completely covered by the basic camping fee. An activity fee is charged for these activities and is to be paid at the Trading Post prior to the first session of the activity. These activities are:

- Shot Gun Merit Badge \$15
- Rifle Merit Badge \$5
- Metal Work Merit Badge \$10
- Pottery \$2
- 3D Archery \$5

Some other activities, especially in the Handicraft Area, require kits which can be purchased in the Trading Post. The estimated cost for each Merit Badge/Other Activity is listed on the Merit Badges Offered 2013 on Council website. Please review each so the scouts and their families can plan for the expense.

Tour Plans

Camp Geiger would like to remind out-of-council troops attending Camp Geiger that because of distance traveled their council (a national requirement) might require them to file a Tour Plan ahead of time. Tour Plans are now filled in electronically before printing them. A link is on our Council website on the Forms and Other Resources page. Do not put yourself at risk and fail complete this plan. Not doing so might leave you ineligible for coverage under your council's Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan. Camp Geiger does not require that it be presented at Check-In, but the troop should keep it among their records.

Pre-Camp Meeting

A meeting of Unit Leaders will be held at Camp Geiger on the patio of Goetz Lodge at 7:30 PM on the Monday prior to your week at camp. It is important that each unit

attending camp send at least one representative to this meeting if at all possible. Attendance by your unit's Senior Patrol Leader is also encouraged. General scheduling, program announcements, as well as a question/answer period will take place at this meeting. Campsite assignments will be announced at the meeting.

Short YouTube clips (the links to which are found in the Camp Leader's Orientation section of our website) address many of the issues covered at our Pre-Camp Meeting. Please view them.

Pre-Camp Meeting Form

Prior to the meeting units should print the [Pre-Camp Meeting Form](#), found on the Forms and Other Resources page. Complete the form and either deliver it, scan/email it or fax it to the Council Office by the Friday before the meeting. It asks for the number of full-time campers (scouts, adult males and adult females) in order to make campsite assignments; campsite preferences; special campsite needs; etc. A second form is requested if you have any Part-Time Adult Leaders that will be attending with your troop.

Other Paperwork

Rosters

Emergency last minute changes can be made online up until Saturday before arrival. Using the Tools tab on your troop's website you should download a participant file in excel format. That file can be sorted and columns hidden to create your rosters. You can print as many copies as you may need before arrival. The online registration process gives Camp Geiger the roster information it needs.

Insurance Forms

The Pony Express Council purchases an accident insurance policy for its "registered" scouts and adult leaders. We would like a copy of the comparable policy from any out-of-council troops attending Camp Geiger. You may request your council office e-mail a copy directly to our Council Office to the attention of the Camping Secretary, Janice.Sipes@scouting.org. But, they should also give you a form with which to submit a claim through them should an accident occur to one of your scouts or adult leaders.

Health Forms

Please look at the details concerning the Annual BSA Health and Medical Form under Health and Safety section below.

Arrival and Departure

Assigned Campsites

The registration of all participants should be completed online and all fees should be paid online by the Monday before you arrive (your Pre-Camp Meeting date). Based on these numbers, each troop will be assigned a campsite on the Monday before

your camp week. If you are unable to attend the Monday evening Pre-Camp Meeting you may find your assigned campsite on the Contingent tab of your troop's home page Tuesday morning.

Troop Check-In

Plan to arrive at Camp Geiger between 1:00 and 3:00 PM on Sunday. Notify Camp Geiger if you are experiencing any delays to your planned arrival. Camp Geiger's contact information is on the cover page of this guide. LDS Troops and others that will not arrive during these hours should alert Camp Geiger of their specific plans so they can plan special check-in procedures.

Parking Lot

Troops assigned to Strong Bull, Sky Hawk or Short Arrow should proceed to the parking lot on the south side of the Dining Hall. All others should proceed to the parking lot west of the Trading Post. Please refer to the Camp Geiger map found on the [Forms and Other Resources](#) page. A Camp Geiger staff member will meet you at the parking lot with instructions, guidance, answers to your questions and will control the vehicular traffic in and out of your campsite.

Weather permitting, your unit may be allowed to take a fully-loaded truck/trailer to your campsite, **but you must first obtain permission from the staff member in the parking lot.** Only two vehicles will be permitted in a campsite at any one time, so please remove your vehicle as soon as it is unloaded. In the event of bad weather, units should be prepared to pack in their gear, though the staff will make every effort to help.

The Campsite Commissioner and Damage Deposit Check

An assigned Campsite Commissioner will meet you in your campsite. Jointly inspect the campsite with the Campsite Commissioner. He/she will record any damage so it can be repaired. He/she will then expect each troop to leave a check for \$400 (or \$900 if assigned to Short Arrow with the new tipis) as a damage deposit. **Please make a check out ahead of time payable to the Pony Express Council and take it with you to the campsite.** The Campsite Commissioner will place it in an envelope and, hopefully, return it to you at Check-Out when you jointly verify that there has been no damage.

Camp Commissioner's Office

Dispatch one adult leader to the Camp Commissioner's Office as soon as possible after arrival. That office is located in the basement of the Headquarters building. The Camp Commissioner will confirm the number of registered participants (campers) including last minute changes, issue your wristbands and communicate any last minute instructions. Please have this adult bring a checkbook to take care of any outstanding fees.

Health Lodge

The scouts should change into swimming trunks and shoes as soon as possible. Leave everything they do not need for check-in in the campsite. When ready, the

Senior Patrol Leader and a host staff member will lead the scouts and leaders on an introductory tour of Camp. One important stop is the Health Lodge. When reporting to the Health Lodge everyone will be expected to have their own health forms in their hands. Be prepared to pass them out so each individual can personally hand his physical form to the health care practitioner.

Swim Check

Another stop on the tour is the swimming pool and for the standard and mandatory BSA Swim Check. The Aquatics Staff will administer the check. Activities have been planned for scouts at the pool if there is a delay in getting swim checks. Scouts will be allowed to also participate after they have completed the swim check.

Mic-O-Say Registration

An opportunity for any Mic-O-Say tribesmen to register at Swimming Rock Lodge will also be provided on the introductory tour.

Troop Check-Out

Troops should plan to leave camp after breakfast on Saturday by 10:00 AM. However there are several things to do that morning.

Breakfast in Bed

Well not exactly, but it will be brought to your campsite so you can begin packing and organizing your departure.

Pick up Troop Packet

A packet containing the health forms of the individual participants and the merit badge progress reports will be available for the troop to pick up at the Closing Ceremony at 9:30 AM.

Closing Ceremony

At 9:30 AM there will be a Closing Ceremony in the Handicraft Coral.

Campsite Inspection

A unit leader and the Campsite Commissioner must jointly inspect the campsite to ensure the campsite is clean and no damage has been incurred. If so your damage deposit check will be returned uncashed. If damage has occurred the Camp Ranger will be called to assess the amount of damage and your damage deposit check will be cashed. Any excess will be refunded and any deficit will be billed to the troop.

Individual Participants Checking In or Checking Out During the Week

If a scout must leave camp during the week he must sign out at the Camp Office. The scout must have a Camper Release Form on file at Camp Headquarters signed by his Scoutmaster and a parent or guardian. The name of the individual transporting the Camper must be specified. Scouts may only leave with this authorized adult over the age of 21 (a photo ID will be required when picking up the scout). The form is located on the [Forms and Other Resources](#) page and should be submitted during the unit's check-in. Campers who sign out during the session are to stop by

Headquarters and sign back in. This is necessary for the camp to maintain a record of who is in camp

Adults who must leave camp are to check out at the Camp Office, indicating date and time of expected return.

Camp Leadership

All adults attending camp must be currently registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Two-deep leadership is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America and of Camp Geiger. An exception must never be made to this principle for any reason.

At least two adult leaders, one of whom must be 21 years or older, are required for all trips and outings, preferably the registered Scoutmaster is one of the leaders. All adults must have completed Youth Protection Training. The training is available on line.

Scoutmaster/Campmaster

If the Scoutmaster is unable to attend full time, the Troop Committee should name a Campmaster. The Campmaster is expected to participate in the daily Leaders' Meetings. He assigns and coordinates responsibilities of all adult leadership in his troop.

Please remember that two-deep leadership during the Thursday and Friday night Mic-O-Say ceremonies will also be needed in your campsite.

Flag Ceremonies

Flag ceremonies are held before breakfast and at supper. The flag raising is held at 7:25 am. Scouts should be dressed for their daily activities. Flag retreat is at 6:25 pm and scouts should be in full uniform and participate in a manner respectful to our country's flag. The "sharpest" unit (determined by uniform inspection) will be honored by displaying its Troop flag the following day at the Dining Hall. No Scouts should remain behind in the campsite.

Health and Safety

Health Lodge

A full-time health care provider is on staff 24/7. He or she is lodged at the Health Lodge and therefore readily available. Prescription medications may be safe kept and dispensed from the Health Lodge (preferred procedure). A copy of each campers health form will be kept at the Health Lodge and returned to each troop when checking out.

Annual BSA Health and Medical Record Form

The current and official Annual BSA Health and Medical Record form is the only physical that Camp Geiger will accept. A link to the form is in the Forms and Other Resources section of our website. Complete Parts A, B and C. Part-time adult leaders attending camp for less than 72 consecutive hours do not need to complete Part C.

Part B includes a Talent Release Agreement section that provides permission to use the individuals picture or interview in promotional materials. Please check Yes.

At no time on the Camp Geiger reservation will a scout or adult be more than 30 minutes from an emergency vehicle accessible roadway. And Camp Geiger is only 12 minutes away from an excellent medical care facility. However, health care providers giving the individual physical may apply stricter requirements based on the individual's physical condition. It should also be noted that the Health Lodge's health care provider reserves the right to deny admission to camp based upon an individual's physical condition.

What is meant by "Annual"? If the health-care provider signed the record on June 9, 2012, it will be valid through June 30, 2013. If the participant is camping on or after July 1, 2013 he/she must obtain a new Annual Health and Medical Record dated before their arrival at camp.

Since the Mic-O-Say program is unique to Camp Geiger, the camping committee has decided Runners, Keepers, Tribal Council Members, Chieftains, and other individuals that come most weeks during the camping season need to have a physical on file. These can be turned in at Feast or the first session you are in camp. When you come for your session let the health lodge know that yours is on file.

See the Check-In Procedures section. While the adult leader may keep the forms in a single file the forms must be handed to each individual just prior to check-in at the Health Lodge. Each individual must have their form in their hand when checking-in at the Health Lodge.

PADI Medical Statement

A completed PADI Medical Statement Form is also required for any scout selecting either the SCUBA BSA - Discover SCUBA Diving class or the SCUBA Merit Badge class, if offered.

Prescription Medications

Medications listed on Part A of the Annual BSA Health and Medical Record may be left with the Health Lodge for safekeeping and administration or kept by the troop in the campsite. If a participant elects to have their medications kept in the campsite they must complete a form entitled, Individual Scout/Scouter Medication Waiver Form. This form absolves Camp Geiger from liability related to this method of safekeeping and administering the medications and fixes very specific

responsibilities on the troop for their safekeeping and administration. The form can be found on the Forms and Other Resources section of our website.

Cost of Examinations

Thoughtful pre-planning can avoid additional expense. Scouts who are scheduling Health Maintenance Exams or Sports Qualifying Examinations may wish to have their camp or high adventure physicals conducted concurrently. Most physicians or practitioners are generally willing to complete the additional evaluations required and complete the required BSA form at the time of such visits. Scouts and Scouters are asked to be aware that the new form has several areas that must be completed prior to submitting one's self and the physical exam form to the physician. Insuring that one's personal "paperwork" is completed prior to the visit will keep the additional time required to complete the added paperwork to a minimum. MOST insurance plans cover an annual complete physical. Most do NOT cover sports physicals and camp physicals. If one can incorporate the camp physical into an annual health check-up, additional costs are avoided.

Special Needs

Special health, dietary or physical needs of participants should be noted when registering them online as well as on the Pre-Camp Meeting Form submitted the week before attending camp. Those special needs will be sorted and given to the Health Lodge, Dining Hall and/or the Camp Commissioner as appropriate.

Health and Safety of Campers

The health and safety of the campers is of paramount importance to Camp Geiger and its staff.

Adverse Weather

Camp Geiger has emergency weather plans that include sirens, drills and shelters. Those will be reviewed with you when you arrive at camp. Should an alarm be sounded a staff member will be dispatched to every campsite to help direct personnel to the assigned shelters. Roll calls will be taken and all campers quickly accounted for.

Fire

Camp Geiger holds weekly fire drills to familiarize staff and campers with fire procedures.

Shelters

Every campsite has assigned shelters to which campers will report.

Drinking Water Regularly

Keeping hydrated is most important during the summer in northwest Missouri. Carrying a canteen or bottle of water AND drinking frequently will avoid most all problems. All campers should be taught and leaders should constantly encourage scouts to drink at least 8 ounces or a full glass of water every hour.

Council Accident and Sickness Insurance Plans

Report any accident promptly. If the accident results in an injury to a camper (scout or adult), report to the Health Lodge for treatment. If transportation is needed do not hesitate to ask the Camp Commissioner. If further treatment is needed the Health Lodge will arrange for treatment in town.

All councils purchase an accident insurance policy for its “registered” scouts and adult leaders. We have asked you to furnish us with a copy of that form (See Insurance Forms in the Other Paperwork section above). Claims need to be filed through the council of the registered scout or adult. We have the needed forms, but they need to be filed with your home council.

Camp Facilities

Headquarters

The Camp Director, Program Director and one or more staff members can usually be found in the Camp Office at the Headquarters Building. The office will close for meals briefly.

Camp Commissioner

Our Camp Commissioner and his staff are largely responsible for your physical comfort while at Camp Geiger. That does not, unfortunately, include air-conditioning! He will endeavor to assist you and your participants in their needs while at Camp Geiger.

Check-In

Your first introduction to the Camp Commissioner will be at Check-in on Sunday. Thereafter you may call on him for any need.

Ice

Troops may obtain bags of ice at the Trading Post. The Camp Commissioner’s staff will deliver larger orders of ice if arrangements are made ahead of time.

Transportation for Those with Special Needs

Please note any special needs for transportation when registering a participant for camp and on the Pre-Camp Meeting Form. The Camp Commissioner staff will provide any needed transportation on one of their 4-wheel drive carts.

Health Lodge

The Health Lodge is located in the Headquarters Building. A well-qualified health care provider is lodged in the Headquarters building. All participants must check in at the Health Lodge on Sundays. Prescription medicines may be kept at and dispensed from the Health Lodge.

Trading Post

The Flaming Crow Trading Post is located just east of the main parking lot. See the map on the [Forms and Other Resources](#) page. Campers may purchase kits and supplies for their classes, souvenirs, refreshments and other items. The hours of operation are posted outside the trading post.

Dining Hall

All scouts and leaders are required to be in the dining hall for all meals. The exception is Visitors Night on Wednesdays. Each contingent will be assigned their table(s) on Sunday evening. Wristbands (issued at check-in on Sunday) must be worn to get into the dining hall for meals.

During some weeks of camp some adult leaders may be asked to eat in a second shift or dine on the porch of the dining hall. Part-time adult leaders will be given a Dining Hall Pass at check-in that details the days and meals for which they are scheduled.

The Menu

Camp Geiger is proud to offer a salad bar each evening as an addition to the dinner menu. The salad bar features a variety of fruits, pasta salad, desert salads, and more.

In addition to the salad bar the kitchen staff will continue to order and prepare a pre-determined percentage of food above and beyond that which is required to feed the number of people at Camp each week. This is done to provide "seconds", usually in smaller portions than original full servings. While seconds are not guaranteed for every person at every meal, it's important to us that nobody leaves the dining hall hungry. For those picky eaters in camp, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are available as a staple at all three meals everyday.

The weekly menu is available as a downloadable document in the [Forms and Other Resources](#) section of our website

Table Waiters

Camp Geiger uses a table waiter system. Table waiters report to the dining hall 20 minutes before the meal and assist preparing the tables for the Scouts. During the meal, it is the waiter who makes certain that the food is retrieved from the kitchen and placed on the table. The waiter is the one who goes back to the kitchen to pick up "seconds." Waiters assist the dining hall staff in the clean up of the dining hall after meals. **Each unit assigns its own waiters**, generally on a rotating basis. How you choose to handle waiter assignments is up to you and your unit. To avoid congestion during clean-up, we ask that only the waiter assigned stay to clean after each meal.

Table Waiter Training

The table waiters assigned to the Sunday evening meal should report to the dining hall 30 minutes before the scheduled meal for initial training.

Quartermaster

The Quartermaster is located in the basement of the Headquarters building. Your campsite necessities can be procured there.

Appendix

Website

Again, on the left side of all pages, on our council's website there is a link with which you can begin navigating to a host of information about our Boy Scout Summer Resident Camp. Camps/Outdoor Prgms > Camp Geiger Summer Camp. Surf around. You cannot hurt the site.

Forms and Other Resources

One of the links on the Camp Geiger Summer Camp page is [Forms and Other Resources](#). It contains a number of PDF files and links to BSA national forms that are useful.

Feedback

We have hired a professional survey firm to gather feedback from your adult leaders, scouts and parents. The link is on our website at the following URL: <http://www.ponyexpressbsa.org/Feedback> on Summer Camp. From this link you will be taken right to the survey. Please inform your participants, adults and scouts to take the survey. Only statistical results and anonymous comments will be disclosed to our council. The goal: Improve your next Camp Geiger experience!

Camp Secretary

Janice Sipes, janice.sipes@scouting.org, is the Camping Secretary. Her office is at our Service Center. The office contact information is on the cover page.

Information in This Leaders' Guide

We invite you to direct to her any suggestions you may have correcting erroneous or misleading information or information that you feel would have been helpful if included in this Leaders' Guide.

Thank you and may you have a wonderful week at Camp Geiger