

# NAPOWAN ADVENTURE BASE 2015

Dear Parents,

Troop 23 will be going to summer camp for two weeks starting **July 5th through July 18th, 2015**. This information packet should be kept in a safe place and read over again several times as camp time approaches!!

We highly encourage all scouts who wish to attend camp to go for the full 2 weeks. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills, earn merit badges and become closer friends with many of the other boys in the troop. This year the Troop and our Council are subsidizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> week for all boys who attend both weeks, to help lower the fees for 2 weeks and encourage 2 week attendance. Furthermore the boys who attend 2 weeks of camp will enjoy a special trip on the middle weekend. However, we realize that not everyone will be able to attend for 2 weeks, so we are including the pricing and information for 1 week as well, but please consider sending your son for both weeks.

## The fees for camp are as follows:

2 weeks	\$525.00
1 week	\$310.00

Summer Camp Fee Schedule			
	Two Weeks	One Week	
February 19, 2015	\$175.00	\$110.00	
March 12, 2015	\$175.00	\$100.00	
March 26, 2015	\$175.00	\$100.00	
Above fees represent the "early bird" camp fee. If paid <b>after</b> March 26, 2015, add \$40.00	\$40.00 penalty / per week	\$40.00 penalty / per week	Exception: New scouts and crossover scouts. New crossovers pay by May 21, 2015

## Paperwork Due February 19<sup>th</sup> – WITH INITIAL DEPOSIT

- Signed Code of Conduct
- T-shirt order form
- Permission Slip – **2 copies**
- Copy of the front and back of your insurance card – **2 copies**
- Annual Health and Medical Record form parts A, B & C filled out for each Scout & Adult attending camp. – **2 copies**

We understand that some of you need to wait due to school or insurance on your medicals, but we must receive those by May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

**Links to all forms are included in this packet.**

Bert Hamann is collecting all paperwork and money. If you have any questions, contact:  
 Roberta (Bert) Hamann: 847-417-2237  
 Joan Heuser: 847-624-3313

## The History of Napowan

Located in the pine forests of Wisconsin, 7 miles east of Wild Rose and 40 miles west of Oshkosh, Napowan Adventure Base offers troops the very best in a long-term camping experience. Napowan is owned and operated by the Northwest Suburban Council, Boy Scouts of America. Many rich traditions are associated with the camp since it was purchased in 1945 when John Gillick, was Council President, W. A. Miles was Council Commissioner and Stanley Huntington was Scout Executive. From 1950 to 1954, Jordon Minerva was Camp Director at Napowan and in 1951 the first well, ten feet deep was hand dug in the Wilderness Camp. In 1951, one thousand trees donated by the State Forest Dept. were planted on the property near Funk Lake (now known as Lake Napowan). After 1947 the Hills Lake property was purchased for \$3200, making Napowan a 313 acre camp. Two forty acre tracts were added over the years for a total of 393 acres.

The 2015 Season will mark the 70th Consecutive Summer Camp Program run on the ground of beautiful Camp Napowan. Each year approximately 100 dedicated individuals serve as camp staff and volunteers to bring the outdoor aspects of the troop scouting program to over 2,000 campers and leaders.

### Medical Information

We must have all completed medical forms by **May 21st, 2015. Make your appointment now to avoid school sports physicals in the spring.**

An annual Health and Medical Record form is required for each youth and adult participant. Part C requires a medical examination having been completed within the past 12 months by a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant. Due to federal regulations (HIPAA), copies of health forms cannot be faxed from Camp Napowan. Parents are encouraged to keep copies of medical examinations. The latest form can be found at

<http://www.troop23.org/media/Medical2015.pdf>

Adult leaders must meet the medical requirements regardless of their length of stay. If any emergency situation should occur requiring the adult leadership to be away from camp for some period, the Camp Director shall be notified to determine what type of alternate arrangements may be required.

**Tip:** If your son has been to the doctor within the last year they will fill the form out for you – **REMEMBER:** The date has to be within a year of the dates we will be at camp. Walgreens and CVS also do low cost physicals for camp – so that can be an option as well. But we **MUST** have them.

Medication for Scouts, whether prescription or over-the-counter (such as Tylenol), must be checked in with us on the night we collect gear. **DO NOT GIVE YOUR SON MEDICINE TO KEEP IN HIS TENT AND TAKE ON HIS OWN!** Please turn in all medicine (in a zip-lock bag with his name on it) with a note explaining when and how much to take on the night you bring your son's gear.

## 2015 Merit Badges and Program Offerings

Please review the list of 2015 Merit Badges included in this packet. Your son needs to choose the ones he wants to work on before going to camp. 3 - 5 badges per week is the average. We will be receiving the list of pre-requirements when the Council Advancement Committee approves the list. Please help your son prepare for a successful experience by encouraging him to review the Merit Badge Pamphlets, and by following up to see that he completes any requirements listed. Merit badge books can be checked out from the troop or bought at Council. They are also available at the local libraries. Please have your son circle those merit badges he wants to work on. This will only be his preliminary selection. Please bring this form, filled out, with you on **March 10th**. This is a **mandatory** meeting for your Scout and at least 1 parent. This is where your son's choices will be finalized. We will discuss the merit badge options at this meeting and answer any questions about the program you might have at that time.

If your son came home last summer with some partials on badges, please bring those cards with you to the sign-up meeting and make a note of that on the selection sheet.

The final approved list, and badge prerequisites will be available in April. Napowan offers Scouts many advancement opportunities, which are not readily available back home. The out-of-doors is a natural place for Scouts to develop skills and gain knowledge in areas not usually available in the regular meeting place.

### **Aquatics**

Canoeing  
Kayaking  
\*Lifesaving  
Motorboating  
Rowing  
Small Boat Sailing  
\*Swimming

### **COPE**

Climbing

### **Flintlock**

Basketry  
Graphic Arts  
Indian Lore  
Leatherwork  
Metalwork  
Pottery  
Woodcarving

### **Nature**

Astronomy  
Bird Study  
\*Environmental Science  
Fishing

### Forestry

Geology  
Mammal Study  
Nature  
Reptile & Amphibian  
Study  
Space Exploration  
Weather

### **Office**

\*First Aid  
Horsemanship  
Salesmanship

### **Sherwood**

Camping  
Cooking  
Geocaching  
Orienteering  
Pioneering  
Scouting Heritage  
Wilderness Survival

### **Shooting Sports**

Archery  
Rifle  
Shotgun

### **Skynet**

Architecture  
Chemistry  
Fingerprinting  
Movie Making  
NOVA Shoot

### **Verona**

Art  
\*Communications  
Game Design  
Music  
Painting  
Photography  
Public Speaking

### **Older Scout Program**

Automotive Maintenance  
Search and Rescue  
\*Emergency Prep  
Fire Safety

### **Other Programs**

BSA Lifeguard  
BSA Snorkeling

An asterisk (\*) denotes Eagle Rank required merit badge

## Specialty Awards

In addition to merit badges and rank advancements, the Napowan Adventure Base offers Scouts and Scouters the opportunity to earn several specialty awards such as Mile Swim, BSA Lifeguard, BSA Snorkeling, Napowan Honor Troop, Paul Bunyan Woodsman, and Totin' Chip (to name a few). Designated times for these awards will be announced at camp.

**Mile Swim:** Each week the camp offers a special mile swim contest. Scouts who successfully complete the full mile can earn a special patch. Last year during one of the weeks, they combined this mile swim with a special triathlon option that included a mile swim, mile run and mile kayak.

**BSA Lifeguard:** Scouts who are at least 14 years old and strong swimmers can work to gain their BSA Lifeguard certificate.

**Snorkeling, BSA:** Work with the waterfront staff to earn this special patch.

**Napowan Honor Troop:** Activities worked on around camp as a unit. Items like keeping campsite clean, tents clean, ax yard organized, and other things.

**Paul Bunyan Woodsman:** This special card can be earned at camp by assisting another scout in earning their Totin' Chip and assisting in an approved project.

**Fire'n Chit /Totin' Chip:** New scouts who do not have these cards can earn them here. (Fire'n certifies a scout to carry matches and start a campfire, Totin' Chip certifies them to carry a pocket knife). Boys who do not have a Totin' Chip are not allowed to carry a knife at camp. We will collect knives at the beginning of the week and distribute them back to the boys once they earn their chip.

**COPE Course:** COPE stands for Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience. The program is designed to develop leadership, personal confidence and team cooperation. It involves climbing, swinging, rappelling and problem solving. The program is open to scouts who have been to camp at least one year previously and who are 13 years old before January 1st. The program takes 1 half-day session. Adults who are interested can also participate.

## Adult Assistance

We will need adults in the troop to help with transportation of the boys (and the trailer) to and from camp and to help out during the week. We are not asking for a weeklong commitment, anything from 3 days on up would be appreciated. Please understand that in some years we have had an overwhelming amount of parents volunteer and, while that's a great problem to have, we may not be able to accept every parent who wants to volunteer due to the expense to the troop. If interested in volunteering, please contact Bert Hamann or Joan Heuser.

Adult leaders are required to submit an Annual Health and Medical Record form parts A, B & C.

## Spending Money

The amount of money to bring depends on your program plans. It is **strongly** recommended that no more than two dollars per day be supplied for spending money. When turning money in to the Troop bank, you will need to list what any additional monies are for. (For example; tee-shirt - \$10.00, shooting - \$15.00, etc.) Bring cash in **singles**. You will be sent to get singles if you don't.

Each boy will also need between \$5 and \$10 cash for purchase of a meal on the way up to camp. Do not allow them to bring extra cash as it is just likely to get lost.

Extra cost items: the following fees are best guess **approximations** of the actual costs and are subject to change:

Archery Merit Badge \$2.50

Rifle shooting -10 rounds \$1.00

Shotgun shooting - 5 rounds \$2.50

Rifle or Shotgun merit badges - \$30 - depending on each Scout's individual skills

Motor Boating Merit Badge - \$15.00

Most Flintlock merit badges will require purchase of supplies in order to fulfill requirements

We recommend that you purchase kits for Space Exploration, Leatherwork, Woodcarving and Basketry before you go up to camp. They can be purchased there for \$5 to \$10 but they tend to be more expensive, have less of a selection and occasionally be out of stock

Camp T-Shirt - \$10.00-15.00

C.O.P.E. \$15.00

## Bows, Arrows & Firearms

Under no circumstances may you bring your own bows, arrows, firearms or ammunition to camp. This applies to Scouts and Adult leaders.

### Vehicles In Camp:

No vehicles will be allowed on camp roads except camp vehicles while camp is in session. It is recognized that Troops may encounter situations that dictate the need for motorized assistance. At these times a member of the staff in a camp vehicle will assist your needs to the best of our ability.

Vehicles are prohibited from parking in ditches and on shoulders of all public roadways.

Vehicles are prohibited from parking so as to obscure vision of traffic control signs and pedestrian traffic on driveways from public roadways.

The following rules will be enforced:

1. Vehicles are not permitted in campsites or on service roads except when loading or unloading. All vehicles must be parked in designated lots while the camp is in session.
2. Troop storage trailers may be allowed, but prior approval is required. Troop trailers must be of manageable size as viewed by the Ranger.
3. Hitchhiking by Scouts or leaders is prohibited.
4. Riding in the back of open trucks, or otherwise unlawful areas is prohibited.
5. All traffic signs must be obeyed. Please drive slowly and carefully.
6. Do not block any gates, service roads or fire lanes.
7. Observe all posted handicapped and emergency vehicle reserved parking.

## Security of Personal Possessions



## **Troop Uniform for Camp**

The official Boy Scout shirt is worn to and from camp and to dinner each night. Scouts will also receive 2 camp t-shirts (1 if they are one-week campers) that is worn at other times.

### **PLEASE HAVE YOUR SON WEAR HIS SWIM TRUNKS UNDER HIS UNIFORM ON SUNDAY.**

Since we will take our swim-check as soon as we arrive at Camp (before we set up our campsite), this will make it necessary for him to change in a car or latrine.

## **Marking of Personal Belongings**

**Mark all clothing and personal belongings with your last name and troop number. A Sharpie works great.**

## **Laundry**

Laundry will be done for two week campers during the middle weekend. So you will only need to pack clothing for one week.

## **Directions**

I-294/I94 (Tri-State Tollway) north to Milwaukee. Take the I-894 (Milwaukee by-pass) to US 45. Follow the signs to Fond-du-lac and Oshkosh. North of Milwaukee, US 41 will merge with US 45. Take US 41 north to Oshkosh. In Oshkosh, exit West on Highway 21. Continue west to Highway 49. Take Highway 49 north to County Road H. (First left as you enter the town of Poysippi). Follow Highway H to Camp Napowan.

## **Special Points to Remember**

A Boy Scout's image of Camp Napowan is 600 acres of wilderness camping with wild animals in the middle of the wilds of Wisconsin. Two weeks with little or no supervision and TERRIBLE food.

The REALITY of Camp Napowan is 400 acres of wilderness with a few deer and raccoons trying desperately to stay out of the Scout's way. Camp Napowan is located in the wilds of Wisconsin 10 minutes away from the town of Wild Rose where the major hospital in the area is located. In camp, there is a Health Lodge staffed with a certified health officer. Meals are prepared in a Wisconsin Department of Health inspected and approved kitchen and supervised by a state registered dietician. The meals are good, wholesome, and nutritious, and are all you can eat.

Camp Napowan is proud of its 5 to 1 ratio of campers to staff. The average member of the staff has over three years of experience. The supervisors of the various program areas are nationally trained for their area as well as in safety and first aid.

## SUMMER CAMP PACKING LIST

Things to bring to camp: (Please check items off as you pack.)

- swim trunks (1st week campers wear trunks under clothes)
- Closed Toe Shoes (at least 2 pair)
- Crocs are good to wear down to waterfront
- Scout Uniform shirt
- t-shirts (remember you will receive a Troop camp t-shirt (2 weekers receive 2)
- shorts/jeans & sweats
- underwear & lots of old socks (last year's school socks are great)
- sleeping clothes/pajamas
- sweatshirt
- rain gear
- sleeping bag and small pillow
- sleeping pad
- 2 towels (bathing and beach)
- personal hygiene items
- Kleenex-small pocket pack
- day pack/backpack
- flashlight & extra batteries
- pocket knife and Totin' Chip Card - **you must have card**
- writing utensils and small notebook**
- Scout Handbook (**in Zip-Lock bag**)
- 1 quart water bottle w/D Clip to hang off belt or bag
- compass
- merit badge pamphlets - with completed written homework and any required craft kits
- Order Of Arrow Sash - if already a member
- bug spray – **no aerosol cans (wipes were really effective)**
- sunscreen
- watch
- completed rocket (if you plan on doing Space Exploration merit badge)
- work gloves
- floppy hat
- sunglasses
- camera

**It's a good idea to put all their notebooks, scout books, etc. in zip lock bags in case of weather ☺**

### What NOT to bring – per Camp Napowan

Firearms/shooting equipment  
Fireworks  
Alcohol  
Scout Cell phones  
Ipods/Entertainment Systems  
Valuable items

Inappropriate T-shirts  
Pornography  
Drugs of any kind  
Knives with blades over 3.5"  
Aerosol Cans  
Firewood



# FORMS

## Important Dates

<http://www.troop23.org/media/timetable2015.pdf>

## Merit Badge Selection Form

<http://www.troop23.org/media/mbplanning2015.pdf>

## Annual Health & Medical Record

<http://www.troop23.org/media/Medical2015.pdf>

## Code of Conduct

<http://www.troop23.org/media/conduct.pdf>

## Permission Slip

<http://www.troop23.org/media/scperm2015.pdf>

## Adult Waiver (Adults attending Summer Camp)

<http://www.troop23.org/media/adult2015.pdf>

## Summer Camp Pack List

<http://www.troop23.org/media/scpacklist.pdf>

## Tee Shirt Order Form

<http://www.troop23.org/media/tshirt.pdf>

# Code of Conduct

## Troop 23

As a member of Troop 23 each member promises to conduct himself in a manner consistent with the Scouting ideals set forth in the Scout Oath and Law.

### Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

### Scout Law

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.

Abusive or rude behavior will not be tolerated at any Scout related activity or meeting. Any Scout engaging in such behavior will, upon the third warning by the Troop leader be dismissed from that Scout activity. The Troop leader will contact the Scouts parents, explain the situation, and make arrangements to pick up the Scout immediately. Repeated misbehavior could result in dismissal from Troop 23.

Scouts will not possess, use or consume mood-altering chemicals, including alcoholic beverages, or any type of tobacco products at any Scout-related function. Any Scout suspected of having the above mentioned substances in his possession will be searched, along with his belongings, by an adult Troop Leader. If any of the above mentioned substances are found in the Scout's possession, the Scout will be subject to immediate dismissal from that activity and possibly from Troop 23.

### Affirmation

In choosing to participate in Troop 23 meetings and activities, I hereby indicate my understanding and commitment to observe Troop 23's Code of Conduct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Scout's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

I consent to my son's participation in Troop 23's meetings and activities. I hereby indicate my understanding and advocacy of Troop 23's Code of Conduct, and I agree to support my son's commitment to the Code.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent or Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

# Camp Tee Shirt Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Size: SM \_\_\_\_\_

Med \_\_\_\_\_

LG \_\_\_\_\_

X-LG \_\_\_\_\_

XX-LG \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which week you will be attending camp.

July 5 - 11 \_\_\_\_\_

July 12 - 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Both weeks \_\_\_\_\_

Sizes are adult sizes

Campers attending both weeks receive 2 t-shirts.

## Summer Camp Timetable

Please keep this list handy and mark these dates on your calendar. Details about each item can be found elsewhere in this handout.

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 2015 Thursday - Summer camp info available

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 2015 Thursday - Summer camp deposit due

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Summer camp payment due (if not paid in full)

**March 10<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday - Mandatory summer camp meeting/merit badge selection**

March 26<sup>th</sup> - Thursday - Summer camp final payment due

May 21<sup>st</sup> - Thursday – Final payment due for the New Scouts that crossed over

May 21<sup>st</sup> - Thursday – Health Form last turn in date

July 1<sup>st</sup> - Wednesday - Trailer loading/spending money/medication turn in

July 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunday - Leave for camp

July 11<sup>th</sup> - Saturday – Special Event (2 week campers only)

July 11<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - First week return from camp

July 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday - Second week leave for camp

July 18<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - Return from camp