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Dear Camp Scoutmaster:

This correspondence contains important information about the following topics pertaining to the summers of 2010 and 2011 at the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation.

- **Summer Camp Leaders' Orientation Meetings**
- **Troop Confirmation Fees**
- **Summit Base Reservations for 2011**
- **Facility and Equipment Improvements**
- **Activities Registration**
- **Advancement Registration Before Summer Camp**

Summer Camp Leaders Orientation Meetings

All summer camp Scoutmasters and their assistants are invited to attend the kick-off to the summer season at one of the two Orientation Meetings. These two meetings will include the following:

- ◆ Distribution and review of the 2010 Troop Leaders' Guide.
- ◆ Initial sign-up for all Summit activities as well as horses, caving at Chimney Mountain and white water rafting.
- ◆ Updates to programs and advancement opportunities
- ◆ Information on web based activities and advancement registration

The meetings will be held on **Wednesday, March 17, 2010**, 7:30 PM at Combe, Inc. in White Plains, NY and on **Thursday, March 18, 2010**, 7:30 PM at Guideposts in Carmel, NY. Directions are included in this notice. If you are unable to attend, materials will be mailed to your troop.

Troop Confirmation Fees

All troops spending a week at Camp Buckskin or Camp Waubeeka must forward a \$200 per week confirmation fee to the Council Service Center by March 1, 2010. Payment of this fee confirms your troop's reservation at camp for this summer. The \$200 is in addition to your original \$50 per week site deposit.

Units must have made this payment in order to receive their username and new password for web based activities reservations (activities, advancement, etc.) as well as viewing your camp account online. During the month of March usernames and passwords will be sent via email to those units who made their payment.

Troop Confirmation Fees (continued)

Units taking Summit treks who have not paid their \$300 confirmation fee must do so immediately. If this trek fee is not paid by March 1, 2010 your trek may be cancelled. We currently have a significant waiting list for treks this summer. The confirmation fee is applied as a deposit towards the total amount of camper fees due. Please use the form for this payment, also included in this mailing.

2011 Summit Base Trek Reservations

Reservations for 2011 treks by Westchester-Putnam Council units will be available beginning February 15, 2010 A \$300 deposit is due with the reservation. Any cancellations made before July 1, 2010 will receive a full refund. The deposit is non-refundable after July 1, 2010.

Units from outside the Westchester-Putnam Council will be able to make reservations for the summer of 2010 beginning on April 1, 2010. After April 1, all reservations will be on a first come, first served basis.

Please make your Summit plans now to avoid being blocked out of this outstanding program. A reservation form is attached to this notice.

Facilities and Equipment Improvements

The Properties and Maintenance committee is actively working on a large list of projects and purchases for the summer of 2010. The new shower house in Buckskin (near Scoutcraft) and the shower house in Camp Waubeeka (same spot as the old one) have been framed and sided. Electrical and plumbing work is ongoing. Both of these structures will be ready for use this summer. Also planned for the summer is the construction of new campsite latrines in the remaining sites which were without them. A visitor's latrine near the Buckskin Dining Hall is also planned. One hundred new cots, one hundred and fifty mattresses, fifty tents and twenty patrol area tarps will purchased before this summer. The entire budget for Read improvements this year is over \$600,000!



Activities Registration

All units may register for activities such as caving, rock climbing, the indoor wall, the zip line, Cope course and whitewater rafting at either of the Scoutmaster Orientation meetings. Beginning on April 1st, units who have paid their \$200 per week confirmation fee may also reserve activities or modify their registrations through our web site, www.wpcbsa.org. Details for this process will be similar to last year, and will be reviewed at both Scoutmaster Orientation meetings and will be in the Troop Leaders' Guide.

Advancement Registration

Units will also again be able to register for merit badges and our rank advancement program through our web site. Once full payment is received for a Scout, he may be registered for advancement. **This system will be available on April 1st.** Details on its use will be available in the Troop Leaders' Guide and on our web site. A portion of the advancement registration process will again be setting up your unit roster including bus transportation reservations.

2010 Read Troop Confirmation Fee

Return to Council Service Center by March 1, 2010 with your payment

Troop # _____ Community _____ Council _____

Camp Leader Name _____ E-mail Address _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Estimated number of Scouts attending each week _____

Attending: Camp Buckskin___ Camp Waubeeka___ Summit Base___ (\$300 fee)

July 4-10 ___ July 11-17___ July 18-24___ July 25-31___

August 1-7___ August 8-14___ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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