

# 2012 BOY SCOUT CAMP SIGN-UP LOTTERY INFORMATION

Our summer camp lottery has been developed to make signing up for Boy Scout Camp easy and fair for all. No waiting in lines and no units receiving preferential treatment. Simply follow these instructions.

How can your troop participate? By simply, and completely filling out the enclosed form and returning it with reservation fees to our Council office at 4568 West Pine, St. Louis, MO 63108 or any of the other Scout Service Centers, by 4:30 p.m., October 3. This summer you will have 3 camps to choose from: Camp Gamble and Camp Famous Eagle at the S bar F Scout Ranch, and Camp Lewallen. Listed below are the 2012 summer camp weeks and camps:

<u>Camp Lewallen</u>	<u>Camp Gamble</u> <u>S bar F Scout Ranch</u>	<u>Camp Famous Eagle</u> <u>S bar F Scout Ranch</u>
June 10-16	June 10-16	June 10-16
June 17-23	June 17-23	June 17-23
June 24-30	June 24-30	June 24-30
July 1-7	July 1-7	July 1-7
July 8-14	July 8-14	July 8-14
	July 15-21	July 15-21
		July 22-28

Camp Capacity: To assure that the facility is not overcrowded, when we reach the capacity of the camp, we will close that week to additional troops. Troops not participating in the lottery will severely limit their choices. Sign-up capacity at Camp Lewallen will be 170 Scouts per week, at the S bar F camps 300 Scouts. We ask you to project as closely as possible your actual attendance. Please don't make reservations for 20 Scouts when you believe you'll have just 10. Likewise don't make reservations for 25 Scouts when you believe you'll have 40 Scouts at camp.

Camp Lewallen: Troops of the Shawnee, Sioux, and Cherokee Districts will be given priority for a spot at Camp Lewallen provided that the troops participate in this lottery. Once these troops are placed, the remainder of spots will be available to other troops. The camp will then be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

## RESERVATION FEE

Please make reservations for the number of Scouts you anticipate attending at \$5.00 per Scout. This \$5.00 reservation fee is refundable if requested in writing by May 1, 2012. No refunds after May 1, 2012. There is no minimum number of Scouts necessary to make a troop reservation.

## CAMP FEE

The summer camp fee for 2011 was \$210.00. The 2012 summer camp fee will be announced at the beginning of October after the Council Camping Committee meets in late September. We encourage every troop to use the camper savings plan, which will allow the Scout to save on the total fee if the full fee is paid by May 1, 2012.

## LOTTERY PROCEDURE

On October 15, 2011, the summer camp sign-up lottery will be held. The number of every troop that completes a reservation form and submits a reservation fee of \$5.00 per Scout and has it at the Boy Scout Service Center, at 4568 West Pine or any of the other Scout Service Centers by 4:30 p.m., October 3, will be in the lottery. The lottery will begin at 10:30 a.m. on October 15. When a troop's number is drawn, the reservation form will be checked and the first available date on the form will be assigned. Fill all possible choice lines. If all choices on the troop's reservation are taken, we will contact whoever is listed on the application as the person who can make another choice. He or she will then select another date or camp,

before we contact the next troop. If no one can be reached or a decision is not made, then we must continue with the lottery.

Help us help you. We want to place you in your most desired spot possible. To do so, we have to know what you want. We make the assumption that the most important variables in order are:

**#1 date, #2 camp, #3 site.** If you have other priorities please tell us. You may attach any additional information that will help us place your troop.

### **IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ**

You must fill all spaces with alternate choices on the reservation form. If you do not, we will not call you for the additional information or for alternate choices on lottery day.

### **OTHER HINTS:**

- #1 Make reservations for the number of Scouts you anticipate. Remember you can get any unused reservation fees returned if requested by May 1. Camps become overcrowded when underestimating by troops occurs.
- #2 Our most requested weeks have traditionally been the first two weeks and the week following the 4th July, so adjust your choices accordingly. Everyone cannot attend during these three weeks, so give us alternative choices on the lottery request form. We intend to do everything we can to keep from overcrowding.

### **CAMPSITE ASSIGNMENTS**

Your campsite assignment is determined by your lottery draw but here is some additional information.

- 1. You may be entitled to an exclusive campsite for your troop if:
  - A. Your troop had 20 or more Scouts attend our camp the previous 2 summers
  - or**
  - Your troop had 25 or more Scouts attend our camp last summer
  - and**
  - B. You expect 20 or more Scouts this summer and make reservations for them.

#### **BUT**

Some times there are small troops that, because of the lottery, are pulled earlier and may be assigned to that site that your troop desired. In that case your larger troop will be assigned as the second troop on the site - and should you prefer; you will as always, have the option to choose an alternate site after the lottery.

- 2. If your troop does not meet the above criteria - plan on sharing a site with another troop. Scout troops who would like to share a campsite with a particular troop are welcome to indicate the troop number on the reservation form. That request will be honored provided both troops have registered for the lottery and made identical choices for dates, camps, and campsites. This system does two things for your troop:
  - A. You share with a troop that you know and will enjoy camping with and
  - B. It gives you a slight edge in the lottery. If the troop you arrange to share with gets pulled #1 then that becomes your lottery number.

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

A letter and copy of the summer camp reservation form confirming your troop's week of camp, campsite and date will be mailed to the individual listed on the Summer Camp Reservation Form by November 19. Please do not telephone.

**WE WILL POST LOTTERY RESULTS ON THE COUNCIL WEBSITE, STLBSA.ORG, AS SOON AS THE LOTTERY IS COMPLETE.**