

MEMORANDUM

To: Venture Crew and Explorer Post Advisors

From: Liz Woodland – Camping Clerk
Brian Sens – Director of Camping

Date: September 22, 2011

Re: Swift Base summer camp sign-up for 2012

Swift Base will conduct three weeks of Venturing camp in 2012.

June 17-23 – Aquatic/Sea Scout Emphasis
June 24-30 – Climbing/Land Navigation/Astronomy
July 8-14 – Shooting Sports/Wilderness Survival/Living History

From October 1 through December 31, 2011 reservations will be accepted from Explorer posts and Venture crews of the Greater St. Louis Area Council exclusively. Beginning October 1, 2012 you may bring your reservation form into one of the Council Service Centers or mail it to:

Greater St. Louis Area Council
Attn: Camping Service
4568 West Pine Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63108.

On January 1, 2012 the Camping Service will begin taking reservations from high school age Scouts from the Greater St. Louis Area Council and posts or crews from outside of the Council.

To assure that the facility is not overcrowded, when we reach the capacity of the camp, we will close that week to additional crews, posts, and troops. Sign-up capacity at Swift Base will be 135 Explorers or Ventures per week. Units that procrastinate in signing up for camp after the exclusive post and crew sign-up period, severely limit their choices. Camps will be filled on a first-come, first served basis.

The reservation fee is \$25.00 per Explorer or Venturer. The \$25.00 reservation fee is refundable if requested in writing by May 1, 2012. No refunds after May 1.

There is no minimum number of Explorers or Venturers necessary to make a unit reservation. We ask you to project as closely as possible your actual attendance. Please don't make reservations for 20 Venturers or Explorers when you believe you'll have just 10 attend camp and likewise don't make reservations for 15 Venturers or Explorers when you believe you'll have 25 at camp.

The summer camp fee for 2011 was \$220.00 after camper savings day and \$210.00 prior to camper savings day. The 2012 summer camp fee will be announced in October 2011 after the Council Camping Committee. We encourage every crew to use the camper savings plan, which will allow the Venturers to save on the total fee if the full fee is paid by May 1, 2012.