

Hale Scout Reservation



Parent's Guide



July 13th - 19th

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

www.halescoutreservation.org

T127 LEADERSHIP:

Tali Ploetz
817-938-1760 cell
ScoutmasterT127@tx.rr.com

See Troop website for additional information:
www.jeditexan.com/troop127

TOM HALE SCOUT RESERVATION
1 Camp Tom Hale Road
Talihina, Ok 74571
918-567-2862
918-567-2097 (fax)

COUNCIL OFFICES:
Indian Nations Council
4295 S. Garnett Road
Tulsa, Ok 74146
800-367-1272
918-743-6125

Hale's only telephone is located inside the administrative building. Please DO NOT CALL EXEPT IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. If an emergency, please be prepared to give the staff the following information:

Scout Name
Tali Ploetz, Scoutmaster T127
Campsite: Arapaho

918-567-2862
918-567-2097 (fax)

THINGS TO KNOW...

Money:

- Merit Badge Supplies (check your merit badge requirements for details)
- Trading Post (recommended amount is anywhere from \$25 to \$50.) Boys will spend what you give them, so plan accordingly. This is a good chance to learn responsibility! Emphasize to them to keep it secured in their packer until needed.
- Fast food lunch on Sunday (suggest \$5-\$8) or bring a sack lunch & drink
- Fast food lunch on Saturday (suggest \$5-\$8)

Mail:

- We encourage mail, especially for 1st year Scouts.
- We recommend mail be sent with the Scoutmaster to be given out on whichever day you specify.
- Scouts and Scouters LOVE mail! Please be sure you have something for them each day at mail call. **THIS INCLUDES THE LEADERS!**
- In the past, mail sometimes contained special “surprises”/care packages for the boys (extra money, extra batteries, deck of cards, 6’ length of knot tying rope, etc.)
- *Please use discretion in your letters. Don’t say how much you miss them – tell them how proud you are of what they’re doing and you know they’re having a great time!*
- Please do NOT include anything that will melt or ruin in the heat.
- While a small treat is nice and makes them feel special, I don’t suggest you send a lot of junk food. You’ve paid for their meals and there will be plenty to eat. In addition, the Trading Post stocks candy, ice cream, sodas, etc.

Medical Forms:

- We must have Class 2 and 3 Medical forms on file by **May 5th**.
- 2 copies would be great (keep an additional one at home in case of emergency)
- Class 3 are required annually for adults over 40.

Swim Test:

- We will be conducting swim tests. Check the Troop calendar for dates.
- Plan to take the swim test in advance of camp. It saves us time on Sunday and gives the boys more free time to get acclimated to camp.
- *The Scouts will be swimming daily. An old t-shirt worn with their swim suit will go a long ways toward preventing a nasty sunburn (this goes for all the water based merit badges.) PLEASE emphasize the importance of this shirt in addition to sun block!*

Merit Badges:

- **Merit Badge books MUST be purchased in advance of camp.** Boys in the same class can share
- BRING the books to camp
- Check your merit badge requirements and complete any prerequisites.
- Bring money, if applicable, for supplies (check merit badge requirements for details.)
- *The Swimming Merit Badge requires an extra set of OLD clothes worn over the swimsuit: long pants (preferably loose and not denim), long sleeve shirt, belt, socks, and shoes. PLEASE make sure these are not good quality. The boys will be SWIMMING in these clothes.*

THINGS TO KNOW (continued)...

Phone Calls:

- There will be no phone calls allowed home by the Scout either by cell phone or pay phone. Once that parent's voice is heard, it's all over for the week!
- If a parent or Leader feels that they HAVE to call home for some reason, it will be done in a location that can not be witnessed by the other boys.

Email:

- The Scoutmaster will be checking email and sending updates daily.
- Please feel free to contact her at ScoutmasterT127@tx.rr.com

Homesickness:

- We expect some of the Scouts to have a tough time. It's happened every year, but they WILL survive and be proud of themselves for making it!
- During the week before camp, pump them up about camp and we'll continue to do the same while we're there ☺

Visitors:

- Visitors are allowed, but please keep in mind that once your Scout sees you it is all over. He will spend the rest of the week upset and homesick.
- Hale Camp rules do not permit family members to camp on site.
- Family night, which is offered at some Longhorn Council camps, is not offered at Camp Hale.
- Meal Tickets are available for \$10/meal

Departure and Return

- We will be departing July 13th at 7:30 am from the Vanguard Storage Facility. We have a long drive (5+ hours not counting any bathroom breaks). We will stop for lunch. We hope to arrive at camp by 2:00 pm.
 - Be sure to wear your Class A
- We hope to depart camp by 7:30 am and will return to the storage facility as close as possible to 2:00 pm. If we run late/early we will call.

Weather:

- Highs in July tend to be in the upper 90's / low 100's
- Lows are typically in the mid 70's

Responsibility/Expectations:

We will be keeping a close eye on the Scouts during the week. We'll give them direction and keep them out of trouble, but we won't hover or hold their hand. It will be their responsibility to make it to Merit Badge class, meals, flag ceremonies, etc. on time each day. They will be reminded to take an occasional shower and find their toothbrush buried in the bottom of the packer. Most of these boys have been camping since they were Tiger Cubs, and if their Webelos Leaders did a good job a lot of this should be old hat to them. Scouts that went to Resident Camp as Cubs know exactly what to expect and will be able to help the others. They will do a lot of growing up this week. Being held accountable for their schedules, actions, etc. is one of the first steps ☺

FORMS AND MEDICATION

FORMS

The following forms must be turned into the designated T127 before we leave for camp:

- Permission form (signed by parent or guardian)
- Medical form (Class II or Class III)

MEDICATION

*All over the counter and prescription medication **MUST** be turned into the designated T127 Leader prior to our departure for summer camp.*

- Prescription medication must be accompanied by a note from a parent or legal guardian giving permission for the medication to be administered by the Scout Leader or Health Officer at camp.
- Prescription medication LABELS must contain:
 - The Scouts name
 - Date of Prescription
 - Doctor's Name and Phone Number
 - Correct dosage
- NO HANDWRITING is allowed on prescription medication bottles. If necessary, please include any additional information on a separate piece of paper.
- Over the counter medications must be in the original bottle and be CLEARLY labeled with the Scout's name.

IT IS THE SCOUT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE DESIGNATED T127 LEADER TO OBTAIN THEIR MEDICATION.

ABOUT CAMP HALE

HALE SCOUT RESERVATION is a 480 acre camp located in the beautiful Winding Stair Mountains in Southeastern Oklahoma.

CAMP FEATURES

- The Blob, Wet Willie and the Iceberg
- Indoor artificial climbing wall
- Downhill ski slope
- 50' climbing tower
- Fleet of 30 mountain bikes, 30 kayaks, 20 canoes, 10 rowing shells, 3 motorboats, and 6 sailboats
- 16 station high/low ropes course
- Instructional 110,000 gallon swimming pool
- Lake for boating, fishing and swimming
- Field Sports: Sporting clays, 22 & archery range
- Planetarium
- Computer and Cinematography lab
- Camp radio station
- Chaplains on site and available 24/7

CAMP SITES:

- Wall Tents on Platforms
- Private hot showers & flushing toilets

DINING HALL:

- Air conditioned
- All You Can EAT!
- Salad bar available at lunch and dinner

HEALTH CARE

- On site registered nurse or EMT available 24/7
- Access to Choctaw Nation Medical Center in Talihina

WHAT TO BRING...

Uniform:

- WEAR your Class A Scout Shirt . If you have an extra – bring it. Class A uniform is required for travel and dinner every night
- Bring your Class B Activity Shirt (s)

Personal Gear:

- Daypack/small backpack
- Camelbak/water bottle
- Cot & Sleeping pad (if desired)
- Sleeping bag or blankets/sheets
- Pillow
- Poncho or Raincoat
- Watch (if desired)
- Flashlight and Extra batteries
- Insect Repellant & Chigger Rid
- Sunscreen
- Canteen/ water bottle/ Camelbak
- Swim towel (may want to bring 2?)
- Shower towel (not same as swim towel!)
- Laundry Bag or trash bag
- Scout book (be sure your name is in it!)

Clothes:

- Shirts (bring a couple extra for swimming)
- Shorts
- Jeans/long pants (2 or more pairs) (*PANTS ARE REQUIRED FOR SNOW SPORTS*)
- Swimsuits (2 or more suggested)
- Underwear (6 or more suggested!)
- Socks
- PJs or something to sleep in
- HAT with wide brim
- Water activity shoes
- Hiking boots
- Rubber-soled shower shoes (*NO OPEN TOE SHOES ARE ALLOWED*)
- Hoodie/light jacket (if desired)

Personal Stuff to bring and USE so your Mom can sleep at night:

- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Soap in a container
- Shampoo
- Comb/brush
- Camera

Stuff to bring to make your life easier:

- Mosquito netting for tent/bed
- Chair
- Tarp for the floor - keeps the bugs from crawling up from underneath your cot☺
- Tent fan
- Spending Money
 - Recommend \$25 to \$50 for Trading Post Souvenirs, treats, etc.
 - Money for Merit Badge supplies (see pg. 9)
 - Fast Food lunch money
 - Sunday Lunch (or bring a sack lunch)
 - Saturday Lunch

According to the Hale Leader's Guide, Scouts spend, on average, \$60 to \$90 at summer camp. They can get by on much less. Parents – this is your decision. The Trading post has some higher dollar items such as shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, etc. However, your Scout will likely use his money toward candy, ice cream, etc.

Any special items needed for your Merit Badge classes

- Merit Badge Books
- Pre-requisites for Merit Badges
- NOTEBOOK & Pen/Pencils
- Orienteering - Compass
- Swimming - Long pants, shirt, belt
- Wilderness Survival – Pocket knife (and Totin Chit), hiking boots, emergency blanket

LABEL ALL PERSONAL BELONGINGS WITH YOUR NAME AND TROOP NUMBER

MERIT BADGES OFFERED

<p>Pool Lifesaving Swimming</p>  	<p>Viersen Nature Center Astronomy Environmental Science Fish & Wildlife Management Geology 8</p>    						
<p>Horse Corral Horsemanship</p> 	<p>Mammal Study Oceanography Reptile & Amphibian Study Soil & Water Conservation Weather</p>     						
<p>Music Tent Music Bugling</p>  	<p>Scout Craft Camping Emergency Preparedness First Aid</p>    <p>Orienteering Pioneering Wilderness Survival</p>   			<p>Lake Bohannon Aquatic Center Canoeing Fishing Fly Fishing Motorboating</p>     <p>Rowing Small Boat Sailing Whitewater</p>   			
<p>AES Winding Stairs Mountain Trail Center Climbing Snow Sports</p>  		<p>Dutton Family Tool Craft Center Art Basketry Communications Composite Materials</p>     <p>Electricity Electronics Indian Lore Leatherwork Pottery</p>      <p>Space Exploration Wood Carving</p>  					
<p>Metalwork Building Metalwork</p> 		<p>Technology Center Aviation Computers Graphic Engineering Radio Cinema. Photo. Art</p>       					
<p>Shooting Sports Complex Archery Rifle Shooting Shotgun</p>   							
<p>Maintenance Yard Auto Mechanics</p> 							

Trading Post & Merit Badge Materials

Tickets for the following Merit Badges will be available at the Trading Post (This price includes all the materials for the Merit Badge):

- Basketry - \$25
- Composite Materials - \$18
- Electronics - \$20
- Engineering - \$12
- Graphic Arts - \$8
- Horsemanship - \$45
- Pottery - \$15
- Space Exploration - \$16
- Wood Carving - \$15
- Rifle - \$1.00/10 shots = 1 ticket (minimum of 10 tickets required)
- Shotgun - \$2.00 for 5 shots = 1 ticket (minimum of 10 tickets required)

Merit Badge Materials Available at the Trading Post:

- Archery Arrow Kit - \$8
- Cinematography - \$5
- Fishing bait & Supplies - \$7-\$10
- Indian Lore - \$20 - \$25
- Leatherwork \$15 - \$20
- Metalwork - \$15 - \$20
- Photography - \$8 - \$10

Souvenirs:

Hale Scout Reservation souvenirs and other materials will be available for purchase.

Sundries:

An assortment of miscellaneous items will be available.

Snacks:

Slush Puppies, chips, candy, ice cream, and soda will be available

*** It is recommended that everyone carry/secure/keep track of their wallet. The Trading Post accepts cash, traveler's checks, checks, VISA, Discover, MasterCard, and American Express.***

Lake Bohannon

- Fishing Dock
- "Wet Willy" 110' water slide
- "The Blob" a giant air cushion
- "The Iceberg" 14' climbing tower with slide

