

Pack 378 Family Campout– Camp Geronimo – August 2017 - General Information and Guidelines

- For the purpose of brevity in this document, "Parent" also refers to **legal** guardian.
- Please refer to the "Guide to Safe Scouting" <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416.pdf> for further details. BSA youth protection guidelines must be followed.
- Tigers, Wolves, Bears and non-Scout children below the age of twelve must have a Parent present to attend.
- Webelos or non-Scout children twelve or older may attend without a Parent present, but must have an attending adult accept responsibility. Attending adults should not be responsible for more than one child who is not their own.
- Adults cannot share a tent with children who are not direct Family members. If you have been given responsibility for the weekend for a child who is NOT yours (must meet above guidelines), the child cannot share your tent.
- Any child under eighteen who is eligible to attend without a Parent and no Parent attends, must have a permission slip signed by the Parent. Completed permission slip must be in the hands of the assigned responsible adult or Cubmaster by the time Parent hands off child.
- All participants must complete parts A & B of the medical form. and deliver to the Cub Master or other Registered adult Leader prior to departing for Geronimo.
- Contact Margie for availability of permission slip or medical form. They are also available on <http://www.pack378.com>
- Camp Geronimo is one of the premier Boy Scout Camps in the nation. It is the largest and offers the most activities for Grand Canyon Council Boy Scouts. It has been located on the site of the Old Spade Ranch since 1956, covering more than 200 acres and includes twenty nine campsites. Each year, it is host to many thousands of Scouts and Scouters, continuously being improved and upgraded for the benefit of our youth.

- The main purpose of this Family campout is for our Scouts to have FUN in a safe and friendly environment. Remember that you and your Family are responsible for **all** your own personal needs so make sure to BE PREPARED. Each adult is ultimately responsible for the safety of themselves and their extended Family.

- On Saturday evening the Pack is supplying Burgers, dogs, buns – bring enough side dishes for yourselves, a little extra wouldn't hurt in case someone is short. Sunday morning the Pack is supplying Pancakes & Syrup, you supply the rest for your Family. If not to your taste buds, bring your own. Chef Jim may be looking for help manning the grill.

- Ranger Ted requests a minimum of vehicles stay at the campsite so .. Greszler & Kwilosz will have vehicles at campsite for shuttle purposes if required (just ask). **NO RV's, tent trailers at the campsite. Vehicles must return to the parking lot** which is about a 2/3 mile walk (Site 19), after you drop off your camp items. Our campsite has water spigots, and latrines, maybe even flush ones. Note that there is always the possibility of breakdowns, so emergency water and at least toilet paper should be included in your packing. There is a covered Ramada at our campsite to help protect us from the sun or rain while enjoying each other's company during meals and down time. For issues of privacy and sleeping, your personal tent must be used.

- Note that if you must smoke, it must be done at a campfire ring, and be respectful of others in attendance. Any item that produces an open flame must be used in or next to the campfire ring. Stoves should be used under or next to the Ramadas. Absolutely NO items producing a flame in or next to tents (reasonable distance)

- Items that are **NOT** allowed: (If you are not sure about an item, read the guide to safe scouting or ask ahead of time) **NO pets**, firearms, alcohol, BB guns, sling shots, archery equipment, fireworks. Leave the electronic toys and games, and music devices at home or in the car. Cell reception has improved over recent years, but is spotty at best.

- Our campsite is at an elevation of 5,600'. Based on current extended weather forecasts, we can expect to see temperatures of around 85 degrees for the high, and around 55 degrees at night. If a storm moves in, those temps can easily drop 10 to 20 degrees. Bring appropriate layers and variety of clothing – from shorts to jacket & rain gear.

- For those interested in what's up in the night sky, and if you have any energy left, we will do some star gazing after dark down in the meadow below our campsite, weather permitting. So if you have a telescope, binoculars, or a young set of eyes, set time aside for this activity. Expertise in this area will be appreciated by the bulk of us.

- There are separate documents for the itinerary, directions to Geronimo, and suggested checklist. Email or call if you can't locate them.

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