

February 26th, 2009

Dear Troop 105 Parents and future 105 Parents,

Your son can or has signed up for our summer camp this year. As in the past few years, we have reservations at Camp Chawanakee in the Sierra Nevada mountains near Shaver Lake. Online information about the camp can be found at:

<http://www.seqbsa.org/camp%20chawanakee.htm>

We will be leaving for camp at 7:00AM on Saturday, June 27th

We return from camp in the afternoon on Saturday, July 4th.

Following the decision of the Troop Committee, we present the following payment schedule for your son's participation. Note you can pay the entire amount at any time, or submit partial payments by the schedule shown.

Tree Lot Participation – 2008	Total Summer Camp Fee	Payment due April 15th	Payment due May 13th	Payment due June 10th
3 or more shifts	\$180.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
2 shifts	\$240.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
1 shift	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
No shifts	\$355.00	\$118.00	\$118.00	\$119.00

Please note, regardless of the number of shifts your family worked this year, it is our goal that **all** boys be able to participate in this summer adventure. If this summer camp fee represents a financial hardship to your family, please call me at 964-6013, as camp scholarships are available.

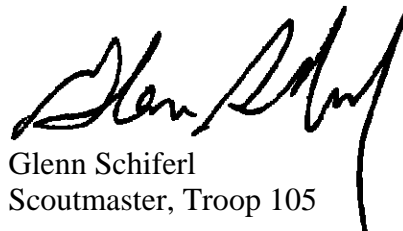
Many of the Merit Badges include materials fees. For example, the Basketry Merit Badge has a \$20.00 fee for the basket making materials. Your son will need this money available on the day we leave for camp. We have a list of the Merit Badges available, and your son should be deciding on appropriate badges with the help of Troop leadership. Be sure you son consults with me in this regard. If it is your son's first time at Chawanakee, he should talk with boys who have been there for more insight. In general, first year Boy Scouts attend "Trail to First Class" sessions in the morning, take the Swimming Merit Badge, and a "Handicrafts" badge, such as Basketry or Pottery. This keeps them more than busy, and they come home able to advance in rank quickly.

Some of these badges have prerequisites and recommended items. Having these completed before attending camp is either required before starting the badge (prerequisites) or need to be finished before the badge can be awarded (recommended). We ask you to work with your son before June to have these items complete.

We begin signing up for desired Merit Badges on **March 15th**. Popular badges fill up soon, so we ask that you specify your badges before then, *even if you are unsure your son will attend*. We can always release the class space. We have camp reservations for the first 18 boys who sign up.

More detailed information about camp, schedules and what to bring will be sent to you as we get closer to June. If you have any questions, please call me at 964-6013.

Happy Scouting,



Glenn Schiferl
Scoutmaster, Troop 105