



# TROOP 37 S.I. NY



## Parents of all Summer Camp Scouts 2017

Summer camp dates are from Sunday July 16, 2017 to Saturday July 22, 2017. We will be staying at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation, 402 Blue Mountain Road, Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania, 17972. The overall cost for the week is \$ 380.00 minus any car wash monies earned by your Son. This cost will cover the following: Weeks stay at camp, three full meals a day, Troop 8X10 color photo, Camp patch and all awards, rifle range tickets all week, full use of all the facilities, pool, archery and rifle range, scout craft, handicraft, lake area fishing, canoes and rowboats, Troop T-Shirt, Haag's Sunday Buffet, etc.

We will all meet for Mass at Saint Teresa's on Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 AM Sharp. Meet at the Lower Church Hall parking lot. After Mass we will leave for the camp at about 8:40 AM. We will make our annual stop this year at the Haag's Hotel, Shartlesville, PA for an amazing Breakfast Buffet. There will be no charge for Scouts for this meal. All other family members will have to pay their own expense of \$10.00 per person (gratuity included). Families are needed to drive up to the camp with us. There will be a lot of equipment and scouts to transport. All Scouts and leaders will wear the Troop t-shirt up to the camp. **Have your Class A Uniform Shirt, Neckerchief, Bathing Suit and towel ready for when we arrive at camp for our Troop photograph and the swim test. Don't bury them in your trunk.**

Each scout will be interviewed by either Mr. Liu, Mr. Holland or me as to what merit badges they will be taking. Depending on what merit badge they take there may be some expense for supplies. Some of these are Indian Lore, Basketry, Leather Work and Cope course. The Cope course is for the older scouts and their cost will be for their t-shirt. All first year scouts will participate in the Pathfinder program which allows scouts the opportunity to advance through most requirements of the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks; as well as some merit badge opportunities.

There are a number of things that have to be completed by the Scouts before they leave: **Medical Forms completed and signed by his Doctor. Please make a photo copy** because we will be leaving a copy at the camp. The original stays with the Troop. Please have this form filled out right away. If your son has any medical problems or issues no matter how small I must know ahead of time. Please no surprises. What to bring to Camp? You will find attached a list of what he should bring with him. All items should be packed in a large type trunk, locker, or suit case. No duffle bags please. While in camp there will be a dress code for certain times and events. Full dress class A uniform for all evening meals at the dining hall. For both camp wide campfires full dress class A uniform. Full class A uniform consists of: Scout uniform shirt, uniform pants or shorts, troop neckerchief/slide, uniform **belt, and uniform socks**. The troop t-shirt will be worn for breakfast meals. All of the rest of the times he will be in casual clothes. Please advise your scout that he will have this class A uniform for the whole week so when not in use, hang it up or fold neatly. **(Bring a hanger)** When he has on the class A he should always look sharp.

Just what does the camp offer your scout? Camping is the great outdoor adventure of Scouting. The most crucial element of camping is that each scout should have the opportunity that the Boy Scout Handbook promises. The Scouts sleep in platform tents on canvass cots. Your son will be kept very busy for the whole week, all day and also in the evenings. Besides him doing merit badges he will have many other activities available for him. There will be free time for swimming, rifle range and archery. The lake will be available for canoeing, row boating, sailing, and fishing. In the evening there are camp wide games, open programs at scout craft, handicraft, science, and nature lodges.

At the camp site at night they will be working on advancements in rank, patrol competitions, our pizza party, and relaxing around the campfire. All of these events are well supervised. We will have two camp wide campfires during the week, one on Sunday night and one on Friday night. On Friday night July 21, 2017 it is the Family night Bar-B-Q Chicken Dinner. All parents and family are welcome to come up for the dinner and attend the campfire. I highly recommend you all to come up. The scout will have so much to talk about and he will be glad to see you. I must know ahead of time who is coming up for dinner. I have to provide the Chicken dinner order for the Troop when I check in to camp on Sunday. The camp has to order the chicken. There is a small cost for dinner; \$9.00 . Dinner monies must be paid before we leave. Many of the parents stay in one of the local hotels in the area. This way they attend the Friday night chicken dinner, and campfire and then can pick up the scout on Saturday morning. Some are staying at: Microtel Inn and Suites Hamburg, 50 Industrial Drive, Hamburg, PA 19526, phone number (610) 562-4234. Contact some of the other families can assist you in making reservations. Don't wait too long because the hotels in the area fill up fast.

We have a troop library with a limited number of merit badge books, but they are all current. So before you go out to buy books check with the troop librarian to see if that book is available. Scouts **MUST read the merit badge book ahead of time** and if there is a written requirement please have him complete the writing beforehand. Also check the prerequisites from the merit badge sheet. The **prerequisites MUST BE COMPLETED** before he gets to camp.

#### Troop 37 History at Hawk Mountain

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The Troop 37 Code of Conduct will be strictly enforced any violators will be immediately sent home from camp. NO EXCEPTIONS! At Hawk Mountain we are a troop from out of council and from out of state. Mr. Gundacker and Troop 37 have been going to this camp for over thirty years. We are well liked in the camp by the adult staff as well as the scout staff. Mr. G and the other leaders have worked very hard over the years to establish this rapport and because of this our reputation with them is excellent. This is your reputation and every year we try to improve upon the last year. So make me and Mr. G proud to say that "Yes I'm the Scoutmaster for Troop 37 from Staten Island, New York." All we ask you to do is to **live up to the SCOUT LAW and BE -THE- 12**, you can't go wrong.

Hopefully this information along with the Parents Meeting covered everything and answered most of your questions. I'm available to anyone that has questions about the week at Hawk Mountain and what we will be doing.

Yours in Scouting  
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