

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Location

Gardner Dam Scout Camp is located north of Shawano, Wisconsin. Take State Highway 55 north out of Shawano, Wisconsin. Follow Highway 55 approximately 30 miles north. Turn west at the Gardner Dam Scout Camp sign onto Gardner Dam Road. Follow Gardner Dam Road west to the camp entrance.

Medical Form

Troop leaders and Scouts must have a medical form to participate in any camp activity. The BSA now requires for summer camp, a medical exam by a physician within the last 36 months, accompanied by an annual health history attested to by a parent or guardian. Adults 40 and over must have an annual physical. People required to take medication must also have a Medication Card **SIGNED BY THE PHYSICIAN** accompanying their Medical Form. Bring the form to camp. It must have both parent and physician signatures. There are no exceptions to this requirement. Campers not having completed medical forms will not be allowed to stay at camp. Please make sure this is done as requested.

Emergency or Urgent Visits and Visitors

Parents who must see their sons because of an emergency or urgent situation can arrange to do so by coming to the Camp Office building. Please advise your son's Scoutmaster regarding where you may be reached while your son is in camp. Friends and parents are welcome at camp for the water carnival, campfires and O.A. Call Out. Picnic tables, drinking water and ample parking are provided. You are invited to bring a picnic lunch or dinner. Snacks and sodas are available at the Camp Trading Post.

Check-In and Check-Out Times

Check-in at Gardner Dam Scout Camp begins at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. After parking, a campsite commissioner will greet you. Check-out on the last day is an important day in camp and the last meal is Saturday breakfast. Following breakfast, troops check out of camp between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Mailing Address

(Scout's Name), Troop #, Site
Gardner Dam Scout Camp
N2940 Gardner Dam Road
White Lake, WI 54491-0247

Telephone & Fax Number

The telephone should be used only for an emergency. We can arrange to deliver messages to your son and have him call you back, but the distance to campsites makes it impossible to hold the line until your son can get to the phone. The number is: (715) 882-2941, Fax (715) 882-8119. Callers should be prepared to give the individual's name, troop number and campsite.

Camp Policies

With Scouts living the Scout Oath and Law, only a few policies need to be stated.

1. Shoes are worn at all times to prevent cuts and bruises.
2. No Scout or Leader leaves camp without checking out at the camp office.
3. Fireworks are not allowed at camp.
4. No flames, matches, candles, stoves, etc. are allowed in tents.
5. Smoking or other use of tobacco in camp by Scouts is prohibited.
6. Alcohol or illegal drugs are not permitted in camp.
7. Scouts and Leaders are not allowed to bring pets to camp.
8. Any youth (under 18) must be registered with the BSA and have paid the weekly camp fee.
9. Scouts are to use the buddy system – that is traveling in groups of at least two while in camp

Uniforms

Scouts and leaders are encouraged to wear the complete Scout uniform, including Scout pant or shorts, while in camp. For those with a limited number of uniforms, emphasis for wear should be placed on retreat ceremonies and evening meals, closing campfire, religious services, boards of review, and courts of honor.

What a Scout Should Take to Camp

This is a suggested list for your son to take to summer camp with him. Double check this list carefully. All equipment should be kept in a knapsack or duffel bag with every article marked with the owner's name and troop number. Please no video games, cd players, radios, etc.

Scout uniform (shirt required –
Suggest scout pants or shorts)
1 pair long socks (Scout socks suggested)
Extra underwear
Extra socks
T-shirts
Jeans or trousers (for tubing)
Raincoat or Poncho
Hiking shoes (leather)
Casual shoes
Old shoes that tie (for tubing)
Long sleeve shirt (for tubing)
Personal Items
Completed medical/medication form
Spending money
Boy Scout Handbook
Pack or duffel bag
Sleeping bag

Flashlight with extra batteries
Notebook and pencils
Towels (one for bathing, one for swimming)
Soap, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste
Cup (like a car thermos cup)
Folding chair (lawn type)
Requirements for merit badges

Optional Equipment:

Alarm clock
Camera and Film
Compass
Pocketknife
Bible
Insect repellent (non aerosol)
Air mattress or sponge pad
Pillow
Sunscreen

You are invited to special events.

Wednesday: 5:00 camp wide games are held. A picnic supper is provided.

Friday: 3:45 is the water carnival. This is a camp wide competition between troops. Any boys participating in the OA callout will be done this evening at the closing campfire.

Map of Gardner Dam

