

**WELCOME & REGISTRATION GUIDE TO CAMP DITTMER
2018**



IROQUOIS TRAIL COUNCIL - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Dear Scout Leader,

We can't wait to have you join us for our best summer yet as we enjoy our daily themes at Camp Dittmer. Summer overnight camp is ideal for our Troops to lead, grow and learn skills from our trained program staff, all while expanding their individual skill sets preparing them for life. We can't wait to see your TROOP during SUMMER 2018.

*Warmest regards,
Jess Markel
Camp Dittmer Director*

*Sue Flanagan
Camp Program Director*

Reservation Procedures

Boy Scout Troops register for a campsite & week, and Boy Scouts and their adult leaders attend together.

Youth Fees and Deadlines:

The full camp fee of **\$345** will apply to all registrations and payments made after May 4, 2018.

- **Early-Bird Discounts:**

- There is a discounted fee of **\$10** per youth per week if **payment is made in full by May 4, 2018.**
- An additional **discount of \$10 per youth** is available for any youth for whom the council receives a non-refundable **\$50 deposit on or before Feb. 28, 2018.** Please note that final payment in full is still required by the May 4 deadline to receive the discount.

Leader Fees: \$100 per adult per session. At least two adult leaders are required per troop unless 2 troops have made advance arrangements to share a campsite and leadership responsibilities.

The basic adult leader fee of \$100 for the week covers his or her meals, lodging and other infrastructure costs. Adults not spending the full week will be charged \$10 per night, plus their meals.

Campsite Deposit: \$100 per troop

A non-refundable \$100 Troop site/week deposit is due now. After the November Camp Kickoff, all remaining sites in each session are open for all troops. The site deposit holds space for the Troop in the preferred site & week. Each site will hold an established minimum / maximum of campers. If your troop either exceeds or falls below this number for your first site choice, **the council reserves the right to assign your site.**

Troops who have submitted a site deposit may submit payments in full at any time. Each week has a maximum camp population. As soon as the maximum camp session population is reached, the session will be closed to new registrations, and remaining unpaid troops may be asked to move to a session with available space.

Camp Program Launch

For Scoutmasters and camp leaders. This meeting will provide you with all the information your troop needs to complete your planning for camp, including the final edition of the 2018 *Program Guide*. Key staff members will be on hand to answer your questions. The meeting will be held on Wednesday **February 28, 2018.** This

IMPORTANT DATES

Program Launch – Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018

Early Bird – Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018

Campership Applications Due – Friday, March 9, 2018

Camp Payments & Roster Due – Friday, May 4, 2018

CAMP SCHEDULE

Week #	Dates
1	July 8 – July 14
2	Zion's Camp
3	July 22 – July 28

meeting is for all parents and leaders of boys coming to camp this summer. Every Troop should have at least one person there. Please bring the following:

1. Copy of your troop's preliminary roster
2. Any individual registrations that are completed by that date
3. \$50 deposit per Scout to qualify for discounted fee and to help with planning, staffing & purchasing.

Pre-camp Registration Deadline

Full camp fees are due on or before Friday **May 4, 2018** at either Council Service Center to qualify for all discounts. You will have the opportunity to sit down and review your camp documents and fees. By doing so, you will greatly speed up your check in at camp. Please come prepared with the following:

1. All receipts for earlier payments so that we can figure out your finances.
2. Troop Camp Roster of adults & youth
3. Individual Registration forms for youth with Camper Release Forms

4. Camp Medical Forms & meds authorization forms that you have collected to date. This will allow the Health Officer to pre-screen your Scouts and speed up your medical check at camp! The deadline to submit Medical Forms to the Council Service Center is June 15. That will save you (and us!) the drama of a paper chase when you're trying to pack for camp!
5. Preliminary Merit Badge signup (instructions to be distributed at the Camp Program Launch)

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING WEBELOS AND NEW SCOUTS: Current 5th grade Webelos Scouts who graduate into a Boy Scout Troop in 2018 should attend Boy Scout Summer Camp with their new troop. Packs and troops should plan ahead to facilitate on time payment for these new Scouts to attend Boy Scout Summer Camp. If packs and troops follow the Webelos to Boy Scout Transition Plan, their new Webelos graduates will be able to pay ON TIME by May 4. Leaders of new Boy Scouts who join after the discount deadlines should call the Council Service Center for clarification of payment deadlines and amounts.

Individual 'Provisional' Camper Reservations

Scouts who wish to attend camp for more than one week even though their home troop is not, or troops who wish to attend camp but cannot meet the two-deep leadership policy may attend camp as provisional campers. Provisional campers will be paired up with another troop under the direction of a trained Scoutmaster. For campers attending only one week of camp, **the cost for one week of Provisional Camp is \$350.00.**

There is a discount of **\$50.00** available for a Scout who attends a 2nd additional week with our Provisional Troop or as the guest of another troop. Interested Scouts or their troop leaders should contact the Council Service Center for additional information.

Camp Savings Plan

No Scout should miss summer camp because of cost. The key to having enough money for camp is SAVE NOW! A savings plan will ensure that every Scout in your troop can come to camp. A member of the troop committee or another adult should coordinate this effort. The camp savings plan material should be explained to the boys and the parents well in advance of camp.

Some suggested ways to save: encourage your Scouts to deposit a sum of money each meeting toward their camp fee; encourage Scouts to earn their own funds for summer camp or to sell popcorn for camping; encourage parents to provide their sons with a week at camp or partial payment for the camp fee as a birthday present, holiday gift, or some other special recognition. Gift certificates are available from the Council Service Center for summer camp. The council also sponsors an early-spring candy sale and 'Camp Coupon Card' sale specifically to help Scouts to raise money for summer camp.

Camperships

Several generous organizations and individuals provide camp scholarships for Iroquois Trail Council Scouts who attend our local council camps. We expect Scouts to take part in troop and Council fundraising efforts to help earn their way to camp, there are camperships available for families of Scouts who suffer particular hardships.

If a troop has such a need and has exhausted its own efforts to finance an individual Scout, submit a campership request form to identify the individual need. **If** money for camperships is available, a working arrangement will be developed for individual Scouts. **Camperships are only for a portion of the Basic Fee** for summer camp and are available to those families who have a particular hardship. Camperships are limited and are allocated to Scouts in the Iroquois Trail Council on a **first-come first-served** basis. First priority is given to those scouts who have tried to earn their way to camp through council sponsored fundraisers. Applications will be available at the Council Service Center and online after Jan 1. **Campership applications are due by March 9, 2018.** Applications and awards are confidential, between the family and the troop leader, and when approved, a notification of the award will be mailed to the Scoutmaster. These are individual need-based awards; **Camperships cannot be transferred from one Scout to another.**

Refund Policy

All requests must be received by August 1st, and have the Troop Leader's signed approval to be considered for a refund. Also, we must be notified prior to or during check in that a Scout is not going to be in camp. **All requests will be subject to a \$25 cancellation fee.** Any requests received **after August 1 will be subject to a 50% cancellation fee.** Requests for refunds received after **September 1** will not be considered. FEES ARE TRANSFERABLE AMONG CAMPERS WITHIN THE TROOP.

The ONLY circumstances under which refunds will be granted are as follows:

1. Illness of Scout prevents his attendance at summer camp.
2. Illness or death in the camper's immediate family prevents his attendance at camp.
3. Family relocation makes attending camp impractical.
4. Mandatory attendance at summer school that is verifiable.
5. A camper leaves camp for medical reasons (HOME-SICKNESS IS NOT CONSIDERED A REFUNDABLE MEDICAL REASON.) Must be certified by the camp health officer or camp doctor. In such cases, the camper will receive a pro-rated refund for the unused portion of the camp fee if the unused portion constitutes three or more days and the medical excuse is not due to horseplay or negligence of said camper.



NEW AND IMPROVED AT DITTMER

- ***2 NEW Additional Elements at COPE Course***
- ***3 Motor Boats Serviced & Ready!***

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Celebrating Daily Themes