Hello Troop 363 Parents and Scouts going to Camp Many Point during Aug. 4-10th,

We have put together the following information to assist you in preparing for summer camp.

**Items required to attend:**

* **\*\*$25 Deposit needed by April 10th, to get the lower amountdue.**
* **Pay Camp Fees a total of $270, if registered by April 10th. After that date pay a total of $280.**
* **A medical physical completed on the BSA forms Part A & Part C (not more than 1 year old.) Due by July15th to Anno Johnson.**
* Signed Consent form for Shooting Activities, MP Troop form the leaders have.
* Swimmer Classification - qualifying swim status done prior to camp
* Optional is to send some spending money for the Camp Store.
* \*Money for a meal while traveling home on Sunday, $10 recommended.
* Merit badge worksheets with pre-camp requirements completed
* If a parent is planning on coming up we need to know ahead of time, what date coming & for what meals.

Please arrive at the EV Bank parking lot on Sunday, August 4th at 8:30am so we can load & take care of any last minute details. We will by leaving EV at 9am and will be returning in the afternoon on Saturday, August 10th,back to the EV Bank parking Lot, we will call when we get close to home.

***Before Camp Preparation***

**BSA Health and Medical Records**

All youth and adults attending Many Point must have a completed Long Term BSA Health and Medical Record on file at the Health Lodge. National BSA policy requires that each participant, regardless of age, uses the same form and has it completed annually by a medical professional. These forms need to be turned into Anno Johnson by July15th.

**Medications**

Any medications to be taken at camp must be listed on the camper’s physical form. All campers who use “rescue” medications for such conditions as severe allergic reactions, blood sugar regulation or asthma are urged to carry the medication with them at all times. Wearing a fanny pack containing the rescue medications, description of the problem and instructions for use is recommended.

Daily, or as needed, medication must be stored in a locked box at camp. Medication must come to camp in its original prescription bottle including Scouts name, dosage and frequency. Parents should talk to Anno, in advance, so medication information can be shared about the Scout’s need with for medication. Parents should provide signed instructions for the leaders (This is done on the first page of the health form, under medication information there is the parent signature area.)

**Medical Services**

Minor first aid will be handled by our troop with our troop’s first aid kit. Camp staff helps and has additional supplies, if needed, are located in our camp area lodge. Other injuries or illnesses can be referred to the Health Lodge.

Parents, or guardians, will be notified of a camper illness or injury if it requires a trip to town or overnight stay at the Health Lodge. There is no charge for medical services performed in camp for Scouts and leaders, except for certain medical supplies. All campers needing services performed in town at the hospital/ clinic are required to handle payments thru their family insurance policy.

**Deer ticks** at camp so scouts will be encouraged to check daily for ticks, and please closely check them once back from back.

**Shooting Activities Permission**

A shooting permission form (with parental signature) is required to participate in any shooting activities. (No permission, No shooting.)

**Packing list**

See enclosed sheet “Personal Camping Gear”. Do Not send cell phones, electronic games, and music devices. It is recommended that items be packed in a sealable tote container type container.

**Eating Utensils**

Campers need to bring a reusable knife; fork, spoon, cup, plate, and bowl in a mesh bag big enough to hold all their dishes and are able to be hung up. No paper service is provided.

**Swim Classification will be done prior to going to summer camp.**

All participants must retest swim classifications annually. The Swimmer’s Test demonstrates the minimum level of swimming ability for recreational and instructional activity in a confined body of water with a maximum 12-foot depth and with shallow water footing or a pool or pier edge always within 25 feet of the swimmer. The different levels are:

**Beginner’s Test**

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before, and return to the starting place.

**Swimmer’s Test**

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following stokes: side strokes, breast stroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yard using an easy resting back stroke. The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

**\*\*The troop with be arranging a Swim Classification Event prior to camp, this should be attended or the scout will need to do this at camp prior to any water activities during their free time.**

**Merit Badges**

Most Scouts will only be able to handle two or three merit badges successfully in one week. Experienced Scouts can often do more. We need to know your son’s merit badge choice for each session before going to camp. Review the page “Program Merit Badges” for merit badges being offered, the level of difficulty, pre-camp requirements, and for any extra fees. Merit Badge worksheets should be downloaded and printed by going to the following site: http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp

\*Scouts should complete the pre-camp merit badge requirements before camp to help be successful in completing the merit badge at camp. Written projects are usually difficult to do at camp, it’s recommended that they are also done ahead of time and brought to camp. If they want to do a merit badge that is by arrangement they should try to complete as much at home as possible or they will be spending their free time doing it at camp.

**Camp Many Point Event T-shirt**

Want a Troop Camp MP event T-shirt? They are $18 each ($15 plus $3 shipping). Contact Lisa or Anno with the shirt size and the money by July 1st if you want the order. The T-shirt design can be seen at: <http://www.manypoint.org/sites/default/files/PreorderTshirt.pdf>

***During the week camping***

**Phone**

Emergency Phone Messages can be accepted at **218-573-3257**. Callers should be prepared to leave the Scout’s name, Troop # 363 and campsite (Chisholm in the Voyageur Camp). Due to distance to campsites and unit schedules, it may take several hours for a message to reach the intended participant.

Cellular coverage at Camp Many Point varies by carrier but in general is available on the camp property. We ask that cell phones are not sent to camp with a scout.

**Mail and Packages**

On weekdays, we accept daily deliveries from the USPS, UPS, FedEx and Speedy Delivery. It takes 3 days for mail to reach Camp Many Point, so write early.

**All mail should be addressed as follows:**

Scout’s Name

Voyageur Camp / Chisholm site / Troop # 363

Many Point Scout Camp

41408 Many Point Scout Camp Road

Ponsford, MN 56575

**A day’s break down**

***Mornings*** are reserved for work on advancement. ***Afternoons*** are for troop activities where your troop will do camp activities (e.g. Climbing Tower) as an entire troop. ***Evenings*** are for open activities where Scouts can return to any of the open program areas in buddy pairs.

**Behavior**

We will make every attempt to manage the scout’s behavior but if it gets to the point a scout can no longer stay at camp we will contact his parent to come and pick him up.

**Severe Weather**

In case of severe weather there are cement storm shelters around camp.

**Trading Post**

Last year as an average amount spent in the trading post was $40, they will also need extra money for food while traveling home ($10 recommended) and any troop program plans that may cost extra (like shotgun or tours). Birthday cakes, ice cream and water melons can be purchased, as available. Note: some merit badges have material costs (see the Program Merit Badge sheet enclosed) with the items available at the trading post.

**Visitors**

For visitors advance notice prior to us leaving for camp is required for ordering meals (meals are $5.00 each). When you come up to camp you will need to register at the Administration building prior to coming to our campsite.

**Adults going to Camp**

The currently the following adults are going to camp: Steve Brown & Anno Johnson.

Any questions / concerns about camp / medication contact Anno Johnson at 453-6428.

Any questions or concerns camp / the financial aspect contact Steve & Lisa Brown at 453-5953.

**There will also be another preparation meeting before we leave; that date, time and location are yet to be determined.**