

Troop 648
Summer 2012
Camp Geronimo Information Sheet

Greetings!

Camp Geronimo is just a little bit more than a month away. I want to take a few moments to give you some final logistical information about camp that will help to make everyone's experience the best that it can be. If you have any questions about any of the enclosed or anything else relative to camp, please feel free to either contact Mr. Cole or I.

- 1) **Departure/Return:** We will meet at the church by the shed Saturday, July 7th. We WILL leave precisely at 8:30am, so please plan to be there no later than 7:30am to allow time to load, process paperwork, etc. I anticipate that we will return from camp between 12:00pm and 1:00pm, on Saturday, June 14th. We will call as we get close to town.
- 2) **Saturday Lunch:** We will stop at a park in Payson to eat lunch; so please pack a lunch for this meal. We will NOT be stopping anywhere else on the way up to camp. The first meal at Geronimo is Saturday dinner, so plan on bringing a good lunch.
- 3) **Campsite:** We are going to be in Campsite 16. This is a great central location within the camp. We are allowed to bring ONE vehicle into camp which will tow our trailer. As such, please pack responsibly and try to condense things into (1) large duffle bag or backpack, if you are able. Anything not fitting into the trailer will have to be carried from the parking lot.
- 4) **Packing:** Attached is a PDF document with "Things to Bring to Camp". Please review this, as it is a good guide on what to have for camp.
- 5) **Uniforms:** It is essential and mandatory that each boy have his full "Class A" Uniform with him for camp. This includes Shirt (with correct, current patches), Boy Scout Pants (Long, Short, or Zip Pants), Neckerchief, Slide, Scout Belt, and scout socks (when wearing shorts). All of these items are available at the Scout Shop. We will wear the uniform while traveling to and from camp. Please arrive at the church on Saturday with the full uniform on. We will also wear Class A uniform for Scout's Own Sunday service, dinner daily, and evening campfires.
- 6) **Class B:** When not wearing the Class A uniform, we will wear our "Class B" (Red T-shirt) and Scout pants (any of the above mentioned) around camp. I would recommend that each boy have at least (2-3) Class B T-shirts and (2) pairs of scout pants. We can wash clothes in camp, but the boys will need a minimum of two pairs of everything to be able to wash what is not being worn. Again, the Class B is mandatory; if you do not have enough, these can be purchased at the troop meetings and/or prior to departure on the 7th; \$5/shirt.
- 7) **Troop Hat:** Also mandatory is the Troop hat. They can be purchased for \$15 prior to departure if you don't already have one. The Troop hat is part of our Class A uniform, and is also highly functional in keeping sun off of everyone's face, neck, etc. It is easy to get sunburned at high elevation, so the hat will go well with sun block to help mitigate sunburns.
- 8) **Shoes:** Summer Camp involves a lot of walking. Please make sure your son has a good pair of sturdy shoes to protect his feet. It is also important that the boys change their socks daily! This helps to prevent foot injuries during the week. It might also be good to have separate shoes that can get wet to wear in the shower, at the pool, at the lake, etc.

- 9) **Water:** The most important component of a successful week at camp is hydration. Dehydration can be devastating to morale, as well as the ability to function. Each boy should have AT LEAST two (1) quart water bottles. If you have a hydration pack, I would highly recommend this as well. However, if you bring that, the boy should still have at least (1) hard bottle, in the event the pack should develop a leak.
- 10) **Cots:** We will be staying in canvas tents with wood platforms. Mr. Gingrich has arranged with the National Guard to loan our troop 25 cots to bring with us to summer camp. These will serve two functions. First, it is more comfortable. Second, it provides a place, (underneath) for the boys to stash their personal gear. There is a campsite/tent inspection daily, so having everything neatly under a cot is a good way to keep things organized.
- 11) **Aquatics:** Everyone will be swimming/getting wet at some point during the week, regardless of whether or not they are taking swimming merit badge. As such, please have swimming trunks and a towel.
- 12) **Hygiene:** There are showers at camp. While the boys often don't take advantage of this facility, we will have at least one or two mandatory showers, (likely when the smell warrants it.)
- 13) **Horse Riding:** There may be an opportunity to ride horses during the week. If you would like for your son to be able to participate in this program, please complete the signed permission form (attached) and return to Mr. Benyi. If your son is in the Horsemanship Merit Badge, this form MUST be completed.
- 14) **Money:** There is a trading post in camp. It has a snack bar, as well as various souvenirs and items the boys can buy. Many boys like to get a belt and belt buckle, for example. Certain merit badges (particularly the handicraft ones) require the boys to buy supplies. These can also be found at the trading post. Depending on the merit badges they are taking, I would recommend between \$40-\$50 / boy. Before we leave for camp, we will give each boy an envelope to put this cash into. All the money will be kept in a strong box, and will be passed out upon request. This helps to avoid money getting "lost" during the week. If possible, I would recommend sending smaller bills, \$5's and \$10's, rather than \$20's... This way, the boys are not having to carry around larger amounts of money at one time. Please do not bring checks for the spending money; we have no means by which to cash them during the week.
- 15) **Patches:** There are patches associated with most of the activities that we do at camp; the troop will purchase all patches earned by each boy at the end of the week and will present them at the Fall Court of Honor.
- 16) **Health Forms:** EVERYONE must complete and turn in a current Annual Health and Medical, Parts A, B, & C. Ms. Scaramella is coordinating our health forms. Please make sure that your forms are up to date. There is no exception to this; the camp will send home anyone without these forms with no refund. Please also make sure that the immunization records are current, and please provide a photocopy of the front and back of your health insurance card, if applicable.
- 17) **Medication:** Medications required for camp should be provided with CLEAR instructions from the parent as to how the medication should be administered. Please provide medication in labeled containers, preferably with the original bottle with prescription information on it. We will collect all medication prior to leaving for camp and will have an adult to distribute during the week.

- 18) **Merit Badges:** Each boy is signed up for a series of MBs to take while at camp. It is important that they have the Merit Badge book and look through it, prior to heading up to camp. Some MBs have pre-requisites; I have sent each of you information about those items. If you have any questions about which Merit Badges your son is signed up for, please ask me.
- 19) **Food:** If you want to bring snacks, you can. However, be aware that there will be a lot of squirrels, chipmunks, etc. in camp. They WILL find your food. As such, I would recommend limiting the extra food in camp.
- 20) **DO NOT BRING:** A few things not to bring to camp... Electronics: iPods, CD players, Game boys, various portable gaming systems, cell phones, etc. Leave these at home, there is no need to have them in camp. If we find these items, they will be confiscated. However, our strong box is not large enough to accommodate these things, and we cannot be held responsible for them if they get stolen. It is best not to bring them.
- 21) **FIRE:** Due to high fire danger, Geronimo generally mandates that there will be no fires in camp. As such, there is no need to have ANY fire implements; hot sparks, matches, lighters, flint/steel, etc. Please leave these items at home!
- 22) **Emergency:** In the event of an emergency, the contact numbers for camp are: 928-474-4688 or FAX: 928-474-3582
- 23) **Mail:** It is possible to send mail to Camp Geronimo. I would strongly recommend doing this, particularly if you have a younger son in camp. Nothing cures homesickness like a care-package or letter from home. (The adults are more than willing to accept care-packages as well; particularly large quantities of cookies, etc.) Do NOT send anything to camp that needs to be signed for. These will be returned, as the camp doesn't have staff to deal with that. Please note that it can take several days for mail to make it into camp. As such, I would recommend mailing things either the Thursday or Friday before we leave, or on Monday by the latest. The address is as follows:

<Scout's Name>
Troop 648
Campsite #16
Session #6
Camp Geronimo
2599 W Weber Creek Road
Payson, AZ 85541

I am anticipating that we will have a fantastic week at camp. Geronimo has a great program, with lots of activities to be involved in. We are going to have 26 boys in camp this year, so it should be a great experience. As I have stated previously, please do not hesitate to inquire about any questions that you might have regarding camp.

Thanks!
-Mr. Benyi

WHAT TO BRING

CLOTHING ITEMS

- Pajamas
- Scout uniform*
- Sweater or jacket
- Poncho or rain gear
- Troop Hat or visor – must have
- Rugged pants (Levis)
- T-Shirts
- Underwear
- Hiking boots and proper socks
- Tennis shoes or moccasins with proper socks
- Swim suit and towel
- Old tennis shoes

CAMPING GEAR

- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Ground cloth
- Pack or duffel bag
- Cot or air mattress
- Canteen – about 1 quart or liter

TOILET KIT

- Handkerchiefs
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Comb
- Shaving gear
- Bath soap
- Bath towel and wash cloth
- Deodorant

MERIT BADGE ITEMS

- Merit badge books
- Scout handbook
- Writing items: paper, pencil or pen
- CPR pocket certificate

CAMP NECESSITIES

- Flashlight with fresh batteries
- Clothesline and pins
- Personal First Aid kit
- Drinking cup
- Pocket knife (NOT a sheath knife)
- Fishing gear
- Compass

VERY IMPORTANT

- Signed medical release
- Spending money -about \$35 - \$40

SUGGESTED EXTRAS

- Sunglasses
- Camera& Film

LEAVE AT HOME

- Fireworks
- Radios
- Sheath knives
- Weapons
- Water balloons and Water balloon launchers
- Matches, Hot Sparks, Flint & Steel
- Sling shots
- Wrist rockets
- Two-way radios

*The Scout Uniform consists of the following: Official Scout Shirt; Official Scout Pants (long or short); Official Scout Socks worn with shorts; and a Scouting belt, Scout Shirt with patches sewn on, Neckerchief, and our Troop Hat.

ALL AROUND TRAIL HORSES LLC DBA:

PANTANO RIDING STABLES, DIAMOND HITCH STABLES, AND AOK STABLES

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING IT. YOUR SIGNATURE INDICATES YOU UNDERSTAND IT AND AGREE ON ITS TERMS. BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, YOU AND YOUR CHILD ARE GIVING UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE OR RECOVER DAMAGES IN CASE OF INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGES, FOR ANY REASON, INCLUDING BUY NOT LIMITED TO, THE NEGLIGENCE OF, ALL AROUND TRAIL HORSES LLC DBA PANTANO RIDING STABLES, DIAMOND HITCH STABLES, AOK STABLES, IT'S OWNERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS ("THE RELEASEES")

In consideration for allowing me [or my minor child] to handle and ride a horse, and on behalf of myself, my child or our personal representatives, heirs, next of kin, spouses and assigns, I HEREBY:

1. Acknowledge that a horse or mule may, without warning or any apparent cause, buck, stumble, fall, rear, bite, run, make unpredictable movements, spook, jump obstacles, step on a person's feet, push or shove a person, saddles or bridles may loosen or break- all of which may cause the rider to fall or be jolted, resulting in serious injury or death.
 2. ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HORSEBACK RIDING IS AN INHEREENTLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY AND INVOLVES RISKS THAT MAY CAUSE SERIOUSE INJURY AND IN SOME CASES DEATH, because of the unpredictable nature and irrational behavior of horses, regardless of their training, age, and past performance.
 3. Voluntarily assume the risk and danger of injury or death inherent in the use of the horses, equipment and gear provided to me by all around Trail Horses LLC, hereinafter referred to as the stables.
 4. RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE the instructor doing business under its own name or any other name and/or any of its owners, officers, employees and agents hereinafter(" Releases"), for any loss, liability, damages, or cost whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury(including death) to my person or property.
 5. Release the Releases from any claim that such Releases are or may be negligent in connection with my riding experience or ability including but not limited to training or selection horses, maintenance, care, fit or adjustments of saddles or bridles, instruction or riding skills or leading and supervising riders.
 6. INDEMNIFY, AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the instructor & premises Owner and its employees and agents from and against any loss, liability, damage or cost they may incur arising out of or in any way connected with either my use of the horse and any equipment of gear provided therewith or any acts or omissions of wranglers or other employees or agents.,
 7. The undersigned expressly agrees that the foregoing release and waiver of liability, assumption of risk and indemnity agreement is governed by the State of Arizona and Colorado and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by Arizona and Colorado Law, and that in the event any portion of this be affected or impaired in any way and shall continue in full legal force and effect.
 8. Acknowledge that this document is a contract and agree that if a lawsuit is filed against the stable or its owner, agents, employees, guides or wrangles for any injury or damage in breach of this contract, the undersigned will pay all attorneys' fees and cost incurred by the stable in defending such an action.
- I STATE that I am not now pregnant and that I have no history of epileptic seizures, heart condition or any other medical problem that could be affected by horseback riding.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT MY CHILD AND ALL RIDERS WEAR PROTECTIVE HELMETS. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT A PROTECTIVE HELMET IS AVAILABLE AND HAS BEEN OFFERED FOR MY OWN OR MY CHILD'S SAFETY.

- INITIAL HERE IF YOU DECLINE TO WEAR A HELMET x _____

I x _____ RESIDE AT x _____

TODAY'S DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT x _____

- If the person who is to enter into this agreement is under eighteen (18) of age his/her parent or guardian must read this Agreement and sign on the behalf of the minor.
Age of participant if under 18 years of age _____

Circle one only

NEVER RODE

[NEVER RODE, OR
1ST TIME RIDING ALONE]

NOVICE

[Have ridden in the
past, or at least 1x]

INTERMEDIATE

[Ride at least 1x a month]

ADVANCED

[Ride weekly,
or own a horse]

½ hour 1 hour 1 1/2 hour 2 hour sunset Dinner pony ground up on the trail kid camp 1 Pr 1 ½ Pr Discounted
ride _____ Wrangler _____ Type of Payment CC Cash GC GON