Dear Cub Scout Parent,

We are so glad to have your son with us at Cypress Lake Middle School for Day Camp this year!



Camp begins daily at 9:00 am and will conclude at 5:00 pm. We will be offering before-care (starting at 8:00 am) and after-care (ending at 6:00 pm) for those that pre-register, at a nominal additional fee of \$25 for the week. Drop-off and pick-up directions will be provided at early check-in (see details below). We ask all parents to realize that activities are scheduled in a "round-robin" method; therefore, the boys cycle through the different activities the entire day. <u>To arrive late or to leave early will unfortunately mean that your Scout will miss on some activities.</u> That being said; if you need to bring your son late to camp or take him home early, please come to the Admin Office to sign him in or out.

If your child must be absent for a day, please call the Camp Director at 239-229-5269.

Let's begin each day ready to have fun! Please be sure that your Cub Scout is prepared with:

Day Camp T-Shirt

Swim Trunks (we prefer that these be worn as shorts all day) Shoes and Socks (no sandals, Crocs or open toes, please)

Hat

Water Bottle (Very Important)

Towel

Sack Lunch (Lunches will be kept indoors in A/C, however, not in refrigerators). Please mark lunch sacks with full name.

Small Daypack

Please mark all your Cub Scout's belongings with his name and pack number.

Please apply waterproof sunscreen at the beginning of each day prior to arriving at camp.

The most common health problems at camp are mild dehydration, insect bites, scrapes and scratches, sunburns, and heat issues. You can prevent some of the issues by feeding your son a good breakfast, having him get plenty of sleep, packing a nutritious lunch, sending a good-sized bottle of water and applying sunscreen. Camp is a busy, active and fun place.

Here are a few General Rules that we will be discussing with the boys on the first day. The rules are here to keep all boys safe and ensure that everyone has fun!

- 1. Kind words only no name-calling or put-downs.
- 2. Practice Leave No Trace. Leave an area cleaner than you found it.
- 3. Buddy system at all times. No boy ever goes anywhere alone!
- 4. Hands and feet to ourselves at all times.
- 5. No rock throwing.
- 6. Treat all others with respect.



Boys who forget the rules will be reminded once by their Den Leader. Further problems will result in being sent to the Camp Director for time out from the fun. Boys who continue to disregard the rules will be sent home.

Important notes:

Light rain will not stop the fun, but heavy rain and/or lightning will only stop the outdoor fun, and move everyone inside for more activities. If severe weather is forecasted and camp must be cancelled, parents will get a phone call asking them to pick up their Cub Scout right away. Please come as quickly as possible if camp is cancelled, so all (including staff) can get to safety as quickly as possible.

All medications to be given during camp hours will be kept in the Camp Office and administered by the camp nurse. Any exceptions (severe asthmatics, diabetics, etc) must be accompanied by a letter from the doctor. Medications must be in their original containers with the dispensing label intact.

We will keep a bin for lost and found items, and we will make honest attempts to find the owners of any items turned in to the bin. However, the Day Camp staff, Cypress Lake Middle School, and Southwest Florida Council are not responsible for items left unclaimed in the lost and found bin. Any unclaimed items will be thrown away or donated at the end of camp.

Early Check-in will be held at Council Conference Center on Boy Scout Drive on Saturday, June 4 from 10 AM to 12 PM; and Monday, June 6 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Parents may pick up T-shirt(s), den assignments, meet the staff and turn in all necessary health forms (both the BSA Healthform and the Health Addendum). Cubs who have done Early Check-in (turned in all necessary documents) and are wearing their T-shirts on the first day of camp will not have to wait in the Monday Check-in line! Cubs who do not pick up their T-shirts in advance, and turn in their completed health forms will have to check-in and complete before they can join the activities.

Please do not hesitate to call me to discuss any concerns you may have.

Thank you for joining us at Day Camp this year. Our first priority is fun!

Lyzza Archipov Day Camp Director, 2011 (239) 229-5269