

2012 FUNPACK WEEKENDS



PACK LEADER'S GUIDE

“WILD WEST ADVENTURES”



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WHAT IS A FUNPACK WEEKEND-

FunPack weekends are an exciting program designed to give a Cub, along with a parent or adult guardian, a chance for an overnight camping experience at a Pine Tree Council camp. Cubs and adults show up Saturday morning ready for a weekend filled with fun and activities! You can swim in the lake, visit the nature area, and try your luck at shooting a bow and arrow or a BB gun at our shooting ranges and much more!

Saturday evening you'll enjoy participating in a campfire at our council ring, come ready to share your favorite skit or song. Cubs and parents sleep side by side in a wooded campsite. The fun continues on Sunday with more program areas.

FunPack weekends are an exciting introduction for first time campers! It's great for unit leaders because parents are there to participate with their son and provide the necessary companionship for those not quite ready to venture out on their own. FunPack weekends are a great way for Cubs, parents, and leaders to get to know each other in a relaxing environment. Every Pack should make it a top priority to attend a FunPack weekend every summer!

Meals -

Meals will be cooked together on your own in your campsite! It is suggested that Packs plan a menu together and enjoy eating as a group! A fire ring is provided in each site. Come prepared with cooking gear! Most packs plan their menus and assign a group to be in charge of meal planning and shopping. What your group chooses to do is up to you! Some suggestions from the staff – bring a gas grill or camp stove, and plan meals that are easy to prepare and clean up!

Suggested Menus-

Saturday lunch – bring bag lunches or make your own sandwiches in the site! Add chips, pretzels, a salad or two and cookies! Saturday dinner- hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill are always a favorite, or perhaps a one-pot stew, or tinfoil dinners that each makes according to their likes.

Snacks- s'mores around the campfire on Saturday evening are a must! Fruit & granola bars work great!

Sunday breakfast – cereal & fruit is quick and easy – but scrambled eggs, bacon and bagels may work for you!

Bring a couple of coolers with ice for cold beverages and peanut butter and jelly works well for finicky eaters! Just keep it simple and fun to allow for more time to enjoy the program and each other's company!

TRADING POST-

Our camps operate a well-stocked camp store to serve campers and visitors. Items include Cub Scout literature, camp T-shirts, patches, mugs, and camp gadgets, along with cold drinks and snacks

SWIMMING & BUDDY TAGS-

To allow for more time in the schedule all swimming will be done in the beginner's area with water depths up to 3.5 feet. The waterfront will have a swimming area, watersports area and beach area with something for everyone! All participants will be issued a 'buddy tag'.

Arrival time for FunPack-

9:00 AM - Pack Leaders Orientation Meeting followed by check-in with review of medical forms and buddy tags issued.

Check-out time-

The FunPack weekend program will conclude with a closing ceremony at 11:15 AM on Sunday.

THEME FOR FUNPACKS-

Our Theme for FunPacks will be "The Wild West Adventures"! Our Saturday evening campfire will be a fun-filled Hoe Down for all of our buckaroos so bring your wild west costumes and join the staff for lots of fun! Bring a costume or idea for the "Wild West" Hoe Down! PLEASE NO TOY GUNS!!



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MEDICAL ISSUES-

Certified medical staff is on duty at all times. *In keeping with State of Maine law and BSA policy, ALL participants MUST have an up-to-date health form, including immunization dates, complete with insurance information and emergency permission to treat. No physician's statement is required for FunPack weekends.*

MEDICAL FORMS – PLEASE BRING THEM TO CAMP WITH YOU! EVERY ADULT AND EVERY CUB SCOUT NEEDS ONE ON FILE FOR THE WEEKEND.

A copy of the Cub Scout Medical Form is attached for you to make copies as needed. It can be downloaded from the medical form section of the council web site at www.pinetreebsa.org

Photo Release Form-

Pine Tree Council at times, takes photos of Scouts, parents and leaders enjoying camp! These photos may be used for future promotional pieces including camp brochures, videos, Pine Spills and/or camp videos. **Please have your parents sign the enclosed photo release form and bring to camp with you!**

BUDDY SYSTEM:

The buddy system is used in camp at all times. No Cub Scout should ever be without an adult or buddy with him. In keeping with camp and Council policy, two or more adults must be in the campsite whenever Cubs are in the campsite.



WHAT TO PACK:

PERSONAL GEAR:

*****YOUR SCOUT UNIFORM*****

Pants	shirts
Underwear	socks and shoes
Towel	swimsuit
Raingear	Jacket
Toiletries	Pajamas
Pillow	Sleeping pad
Hat	sweater or sweatshirt
Insect repellant	sunscreen
Sleeping bag or blankets	
Flashlight with extra batteries	
"Wild West" theme costume	

PACK GEAR:

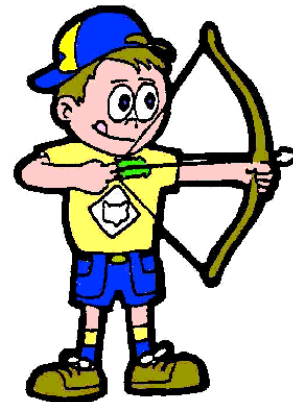
Food, cooking equipment (gas grill or camp stove for cooking if desired), coolers with ice to keep food & drinks cold. Lanterns for evening time at campsite. Pack and American flag for campsite and remember your costumes for the "Wild West Hoe Down"

OPTIONAL GEAR:

Camera, film, fishing gear, \$ for trading post, laundry bag

LEAVE AT HOME:

Pets, sheath knives, fireworks, firearms, ammunition, bows & arrows, radios, tape players, TVs electronic games, squirt guns, alcoholic beverages, and illegal drugs are not allowed in camp. Other valuables should be left at home. Persons under the age of 18 may not have vehicles in camp without the prior written approval of the Camp Director.



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VEHICLES AND PARKING:

All vehicles must be kept in the camp parking lots by Cadigan Cabin. No persons may ride in the back of any truck beds or trailers. For the safety of our campers the camp speed limit is 10 MPH. For check-in and checkout, each pack will receive a pass for one vehicle at a time to be driven to the campsite for loading and unloading gear. To help the process, please have your pack put all the gear into one or two vehicles once you arrive at camp that way one vehicle can go unload, come back, and then the other vehicle can go unload. Once a vehicle has unloaded at the site, the vehicle must be moved to the parking area. No vehicle will be allowed to be kept in the campsite due to safety and environmental reasons. Exceptions for disabled persons may be arranged with the Camp Director at the time of your arrival.

CUBMASTER / PACK LEADER MEETING:

The Camp Cubmaster or Pack Leader is the adult who will have the primary responsibility for the pack while in camp. **Camp Cubmasters or Pack Leaders (1 for every 25 participants) are expected to attend the pre-camp meeting, which will be held at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning at Tabor Retreat.** Important information is discussed at this meeting. Please bring your completed copy of the pack roster to this meeting, listing both Cubs and parents in camp for the weekend. The Camp Cubmaster or Pack Leaders will be given program schedules, group assignments, a review of emergency procedures and camp rules, and there will be time to have all your questions answered.

Responsibilities of the Camp Cubmaster or Pack Leader include keeping the group together and taking head counts often, keeping track of the group's schedule and making sure everyone has fun!

DIRECTIONS TO THE CAMP:

CAMP HINDS: Phone: (207) 655-4878

The Plains Road is between State Routes 85 and 121, both of which intersect Routes 302 and 11.

From the South, take exit 48 of the Maine Turnpike and turn right onto Riverside Street, and continue through traffic lights to the Rte. 302 intersection. Turn left onto Route 302 West. Go 15 miles and turn right at traffic light onto Route 85. Drive 6 miles on Route 85, past the Jordan Small School. Turn left onto the Plains Road at the bottom of the hill. Camp is ½ mile on left.

From the North, take exit 63 (Gray) off the Maine Turnpike and turn left onto Rte. 202, then turn right onto Rte. 26A, go approx. 3 miles and turn left onto North Raymond Road (by Dry Mills Store) go ½ mile and turn left onto Egypt Road. At end of Egypt take right onto Rte. 85, go past schools and down large hill and turn left onto Plains Road. Camp is ½ mile on left.

*******REMINDERS*******

FOR CUBMASTERS AND PACK LEADERS:

BRING TO CAMP:

MEDICAL FORMS - Please make sure every adult and youth have a completed health form and bring them to camp with you!

PHOTO RELEASE FORM –

Have parents complete for every Scout and bring to camp!

PACK ROSTER. Bring a copy of your Pack Roster for the weekend, listing both Cubs and parents, to the 9:00 a.m. Leader Meeting.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU
AT CAMP THIS SUMMER!!**

