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Dear Scouts and Parents,

It's time for summer camp at Resolute, and we need to prepare our equipment and our paperwork. Please read your packet of information carefully.

Two Weeks. Troop 100 will be at camp two weeks this summer; weeks 1 and 2 of camp. We will remain at camp over the middle weekend and run our own program during that time. Please note that this arrangement deviates from what is printed in the Camp Resolution information packets.

Adult Help. An important component of a successful summer camp experience is sufficient adult supervision, both trained and untrained. We need parents to help by volunteering for a 24-hour period at camp. We need 2 adults for each day in addition to the trained adults who have already volunteered. Please help. We also need to get information to perform a CORI (background) check, as required by Massachusetts State Law. We have a form available for that information, and we must submit that to council immediately. Note that a CORI check is required for all adults who will stay with the troop for more than a short visit.

2008 Scout & Parent Guide. This packet contains great information about camp, including merit badge information and medical forms. You can find an electronic version at

http://www.troop100.org/handouts/summerCamp/Scout_Parent_Guide.pdf

Medical forms. A blank form is in the **Scout & Parent Guide**. Please complete the form and get it to me by Saturday, June 21st. Note that, if you have a "standard" health form from a recent physical, you can attach that to the form rather than have your physician complete the scout form. However, you must fill in parts I, II, III, IV and VI of the form.

Camp Resolute Parental Authorization Form. This form is new this year. Return this to me with the medical forms.

Arrival Arrangements. Troop 100 travels as a troop. We will meet at the Forbes Community Center (our normal meeting place) at noon on Sunday, July 6th (first week) and July 13th (second week). Those who are attending both weeks will not need to meet on July 13th – you will already be at camp. We will then travel together to camp. Please plan on traveling to camp. Please be punctual -- if we arrive late, we'll spend more time waiting at Camp Resolute.

Court of Honor and pick-up times. We will hold a troop Court of Honor at 10:00 AM on Saturday, 19th at the troop campsite. At the conclusion of the Court of Honor, the campsite will be inspected for cleanliness and the scouts dismissed to your care. That will be at noon, approximately.

Uniforms. The scouts must arrive in class A (full) uniforms. Each scout who has not taken a swim test in advance should wear his swim suit under his uniform so that he is prepared to take the swim test. (Scouts who have been tested by the troop in advance will not retake the test.) We will also wear class A's daily at the evening meal and special occasions. During all other times, the scouts will wear class B's (activity uniforms), which differ from class A's only in the shirt. In this case, the scouts will wear a Troop 100 t-shirt or other scouting-themed shirt. A completely plain shirt (or a shirt worn inside-out) is an acceptable alternative. Troop 100 shirts will be available for purchase.

Clean clothing may be an issue for those who are attending both weeks at camp. Families can arrange for a "laundry exchange" on the middle weekend or other convenient time.

Troop photos. A professional photographer will take a group picture of the troop. These are \$9.00 each, payable to the troop in advance.

Merit Badge Preparation. The scouts should be prepared for their merit badge classes by obtaining a merit badge book. Many are available for loan from the troop library. Otherwise, please purchase a book from the Scout Shop. Most of the merit badges have prerequisites listed in the **Scout & Parent Guide**.

Each scout must select 3 merit badges per week and sign up for those badges. The merit badges are taught during the mornings. Scouts should take the Swimming and First Aid merit badges if they do not already have them.

Tent Mates. Each scout must arrange to have a tent mate. We have a form to record that selection.

Checklists. The **Scout & Parent** guide contains a checklist of items for summer camp, including those items to NOT bring. Please follow this checklist carefully -- it represents years of experience.

Yours in Scouting,



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