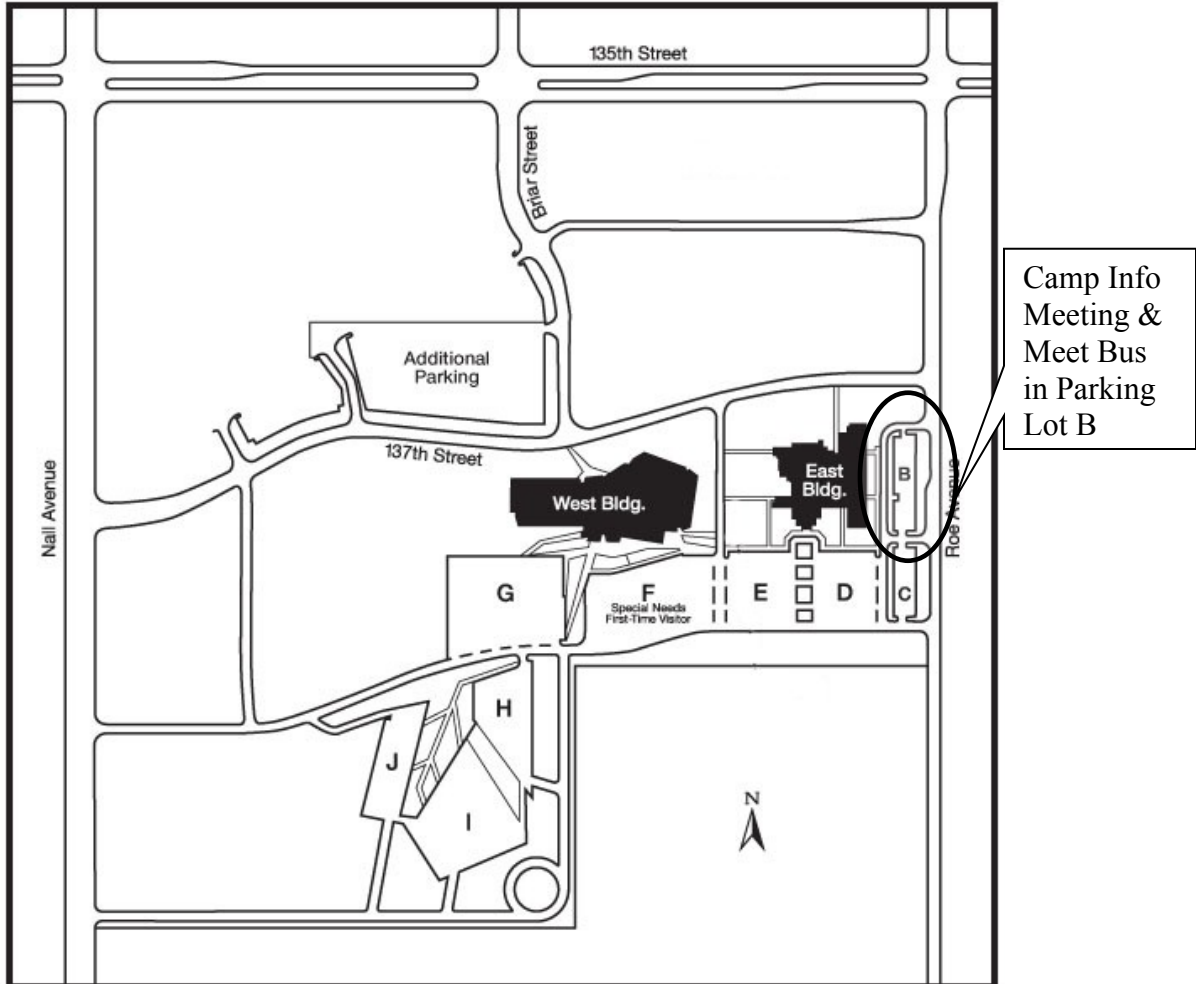


Greetings 3092 Day Campers—

I was able to attend Walking Leader training this week with a couple of other parents (thank you Doug and Parker) so I now have a better idea of where camp is located and how this business is supposed to work. I also want to recognize Anice Sewell for attending Range Training last Saturday and volunteering to run one of the ranges so our boys will be able to participate in range activities (sling shots, BB-Guns, and archery). The camp remains in need of Staff volunteers. I have one adult who has volunteered to work a few days on Staff. If you are planning on attending multiple days and would not mind spending a day or two on Staff, please let me know.

While I will try to include a lot of information in this letter, I will also hold a meeting at 6pm on the evening of Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> in Parking Lot B to review this information and answer questions about the week. In case of rain, we will meet under the eave of the East Bldg on the east-side. Parking Lot B is also where I have requested that the Bus pick-up and drop off each day at camp.



## Logistics:

We will have at least 20 boys joining us for Day Camp this summer. For most of us, it is much easier to drop off and pick-up at COR than it is to try to organize twice daily carpools to/from camp. Therefore, consistent with prior years, we have chartered a bus to handle our transportation duties. The bus will run \$25 per scout for the week, while adults will ride for free. I will be sending invoices for the bus next week when we have our Pack PayPal account squared away.

Each day but Thursday, we will meet in Parking Lot B between 7:30 and 7:45. The bus will arrive between 7:45 and 8:00. We will arrive at camp at approximately 8:30. Our first activity will be at 9am.

Each day but Thursday, our last activity will end at 3:30. We will leave on the bus and be back at COR Parking Lot B at approximately 4:15-4:30.

One of the families mentioned to me that they live closer to Lake Olathe than they do to COR and would rather drop-off and pick-up directly from Camp rather than ride the bus. If this is your situation, let me know and I pass along the logistical wrinkles that will go along with this plan.

By now you must be wondering what is so special about Thursday. Well, Thursday is Family Night at Camp. This is the night when the boys are able to show off camp to the whole family (parents as well as their siblings). To accommodate this, the schedule is moved back two hours. So we will meet the bus between 9:30 and 9:45. The plan right now is that there will not be bus service back to COR that evening. Families will arrive around 5:30. This is a "bring your own" picnic dinner event. The boys will show you around camp and a few of the activity areas will be open. There will also be a campfire with skits, jokes and songs. The evening festivities will wrap up by 8pm and each family will just drive home. Please let me know if this going to present a problem for you. If you need your Scout to leave earlier or no one from your family can join us for the event, it is important that you let me know as soon as possible so that we can organize an alternate plan to accommodate your family.

## What to Bring:

Sit-upons: Each scout (and it's a good idea for leaders too) needs a 5-gallon paint drum with a lid (like this <http://www.lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=productDetail&productId=43770-84240-PN0011&lpage=none>) to "sit-upon" when they are in their campsite eating lunch or listening to instructions. The sit-upon is also for storage of all their personal items at camp, extra socks and shoes, a towel, Frisbee, etc.

Water Bottles: Kids carry water with them everywhere, each day. This is a rule of the camp. So please find a bottle that will be easy for your son to carry with him. Something like this (<http://www.amazon.com/Eco-Friendly-Aluminum-600ml-Water-Bottle/dp/B001EEPVAA>) that clips on to a belt loop would be great.

Lunch: Sack lunch each day. We will have coolers for the pack for lunches each morning that will travel with us on the bus. Camp tends to make these boys eat like bears, so if in doubt throw in another cheese stick or three.

Other Stuff: I mentioned a change of socks and shoes. Walking around in wet feet is not a lot of fun. I would definitely recommend athletic shoes or hiking boots at camp. No sandals, flip-flops

or crocks. There will be some free time around lunch and at other times during the week. So Frisbees, squirt guns, baseballs (and gloves) are all fine at camp. Pack a waterproof jacket and plan to leave it in the sit-upon all week. We all know that in mid-June it could rain any day, so be prepared! Please do not bring knives, matches, fire crackers, etc.

#### What to Wear:

I already mentioned athletic shoes or hiking boots. The camp will issue a T-Shirt for each boy to wear (the price was included in the camp fee). Your son will wear this shirt each day (yes, laundry every night or you can buy a second shirt at the trading post). The shirt is to quickly identify who is a Scout and that the Scout belongs in camp. Unfortunately wearing a different shirt, including a Class B 3092 shirt is not an option. If you look at the pictures on the webpage from camp last year, the boys were always wearing a green shirt and a mixture of shorts and jeans. The choice of shorts or jeans is up to you and the weather on that day. To help identify our group, I have ordered both plain navy blue baseball caps in both adult and child sizes as well as light blue bandanas. If your son will plan on wearing both the cap and the bandana along with the shirt, this will help us quickly identify which of the 5-600 scouts in camp are ours. Yes, the boys will likely look ridiculous wearing a red shirt (I think it is red this year), a navy cap and a light blue bandana, but that is part of the genius of the plan. I want these boys to be easily identifiable from across the camp.

#### Camp Staff:

I have been notified by several parents and grandparents that they plan to attend camp with our Pack as volunteers. This is outstanding and we will need at least four parent volunteers each day to work with our Pack. However, one of the most amazing things about Day Camp, and I really did not appreciate this last year, is that the whole thing is put on by volunteers. I have been working with the staff at camp for the last two months and am in awe of the dedication of these volunteers. The camp is still short about 15 volunteers to staff various activities. Anice Sewell has volunteered to run one of the ranges, but I have another parent who is willing to volunteer to help a few days during the week if we can find another parent or grandparent who will take the other days of the week. If this sounds doable to you, this would help insure that not only our boys, but scouts from across the area are able to get the most out of day camp this year. Please let me know if you are willing to commit to a day or a few days on the Staff. I can provide you with an application and there will be one extra meeting for you attend before camp starts. Otherwise, all you will need to do is show up. Childcare can be provided for members of the staff at \$5 per day.

#### Walking Leaders:

These are the four to five volunteers that will stay with the Pack each day. I will need a picture release and a health form for each walking leader. If you turn these forms into me early, I can alleviate you from the hassle of having to check in at registration tent on the morning of your first day. The forms are the same ones that you did for your Scout and are located toward the bottom of the webpage at [http://www.pack3092.com/Day\\_Camp.html](http://www.pack3092.com/Day_Camp.html). Unfortunately, the rule is that you cannot attend day camp as a leader without a health form (if you don't want to sign the picture release, you are on your own to stay clear of any photographs). If you plan on volunteering, I cannot let you on the bus without a health form either turned in early to me or in your hand that morning ready to drop off at the registration tent. From what I have been told, you want to drop your form off early to me and avoid the registration tent at all costs. The other thing I will need from each of my volunteers are the days that you plan on attending camp. Several people have

told me the specific days they intend to come and others have asked me what day they are needed most. If you have preference as to what day you come, please tell me ASAP, otherwise, I am going to start asking people to commit to some certain days. You can always change the days (or add more days) but the adults I list on a certain form for each day (and who have all their paper work in) can avoid the dreaded registration tent in the morning.

Walking Leaders will stay with the boys and travel to each activity with them. Walking Leaders will help the camp staff conduct the program in the program area, monitor the behavior of our boys, and encourage our Scouts to follow the Cub Scout Motto of "Do Your Best!" Leaders will need to bring their own sack lunch. There is another Walking Leader training session out at Lake Olathe on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am, if you are interested in attending.

I believe I have sent this link to some of the volunteers, but there is a quick training video for Youth Protection. It describes the procedures that the Boy Scouts of America uses to ensure that our boys are safe and that leaders are never put in a position where any accusation can be made against them. If you have not taken this training it may help you understand why the camp goes to such extreme measures to make sure that a single adult is never alone with a boy or group of boys. The training can be found at <http://olc.scouting.org/>. Click on Youth Protection, create a log-in (if you don't have one) and take the 20 minute Youth Protection course.

#### Camp Set-Up:

We will be able to check into camp on Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. There will be three lines. The quick line for Packs that have all there forms in youth and adults. The longer line for those Packs that are missing forms and who are working the cell phone to track down parents for signatures and dates of Tetanus shots, etc. And the last line for Packs that don't really have anything put together. I think we are past the dreaded third line and are comfortably in the second line. My goal is to find myself in line number one on Sunday afternoon. That way, any family who wants to help set up camp can meet at the camp site and help set up camp for the weeks. The boys can come out and see their camp home, we can set up the tarp and get ready for a fun week. I will send out more information later, but have in mind something like 2pm on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

I think I am running out of things to say. If you think that this document covers all your questions, great. If you have further questions and/or parent health forms to hand in, I will be available in Parking Lot B at 6:00pm on Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please note that I need the health forms for the boys before the 3<sup>rd</sup>, but can slide until the 3<sup>rd</sup> for the adults.

Best regards,

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