

Boy Scout Troop 61 **Zoo Campout** May 31-June 1, 2008

Each year Troop 61 participates in *Scouting at the Zoo* sponsored by Milwaukee County Council. Scouts and parents (mom's too!) camp overnight on the grounds of the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Activities: This is a fun campout. On Saturday night, after the zoo closes to the general public, scouts can roam the zoo and ride the Zoomobile and Zoo Train. (Indoor exhibits are closed.) At dusk, there is an outdoor movie, or a fast paced card/board game back at our campsite. On Sunday morning, for 2½ hours scouts and adults of Troop 61 will serve a pancake breakfast to everyone camping at the zoo. (We have served up to 800 people in the past. Troop 61 is one of the few troops with enough equipment to serve this many people.) After the breakfast, scouts are free to roam the zoo with their buddies and enjoy the many scouting and zoo exhibits. We pack up at 11:00am and leave around noon.

Where: We will be camped on the lawn behind the Karen Peck Katz Conservation Education Center inside the zoo.

Cost: The campout fee is \$3.00 and includes an event patch, overnight camping, zoo entrance fee, and meals.

Packing the Trailer: We will meet at the scout house Saturday at 5:00pm to pack the trailer. Please come and help.

Departure: We will depart around 6:00pm, or sooner if the gear is packed. Wear your Class B uniform. This is your brown summer camp t-shirt.

Return: We should arrive back at the Scout House around 1:00pm on Sunday, June 1. After arrival, all equipment must be put away. No one leaves until trailer is unpacked and gear put away. Please help out and be patient.

Pictures from the 2007 zoo campout can be viewed at: picasaweb.google.com/troop61bsa/ZooCampout

Spending Money: Spending money is not required, but on Sunday morning the gift shops are open and a special exhibits, such as the shark reef, require admission fees. Parent's note: There is plenty to do and see without spending money. The troop provides snacks and beverages at our camp site on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Equipment: Bring personal items on the checklist to the Scout House on Saturday, May 31. Mark all clothes and equipment with full name. NO radios, IPODS, electronic games, axes, or sheath knives are allowed. See complete checklist on next page.

Tents: The troop is fully equipped with 2-man and 3-man canvas voyager tents. Scouts will be assigned to tents by buddy. Adults can share a 2-man troop tent with another adult or sleep alone. Let us know your preference. (Some adults prefer to sleep under the stars if the weather is clear. Let us know and we'll pack extra tarps.) Adults, if you really, really want to use your own tent, please let us know. The troop is not responsible if it is damaged during the trip.

Air Mattress or Pad: A small self inflating air mattress or small cot is highly recommended. The troop has a few you can borrow if you do not own one. Regular air mattresses should be no more than 36" wide. Full size and Queen size air mattresses do not fit in our tents. Scouts and adults must have a small cot, pad or air mattress. A sleeping bag alone is not adequate.

Emergencies: The troop may be contacted in an emergency via Patrick Bieser's cell phone at 414-915-6423. If no answer leave a message for Boy Scout Troop 61 and we'll call back.

Food: Meals and snacks will be provided by the Troop. No other food should be brought.

Questions: Please contact an adult leader at the Scout House or call Patrick Bieser at 414-915-6423.

Zoo Campout 2008 Checklist and Permission Slip

Permission slip (below) due May 23 with \$3 fee.

Label items with your name

CLOTHING and BEDDING

- class A uniform (Sunday am)
- class B uniform (camp t-shirt)
- socks, underwear, shirt, long pants, shorts, hooded sweatshirt, knit hat
- warm pajamas
- rain gear / poncho
- compact sleeping bag
- cover for sleeping bag
- small pillow (optional)
- cot, air mattress, or foam pad
- baseball hat for sun protection
- shoes for walking the zoo

TROOP WILL PROVIDE

- ✓ meals and snacks
- ✓ utensils
- ✓ tents
- ✓ cooking gear
- ✓ everything else

DO NOT BRING

- ✓ **No** IPODs, radios, e-games, etc.

EQUIPMENT

- sun screen
- flashlight
- toothbrush, paste, soap
- canteen or water bottle

OPTIONAL

- pocket knife < 2" blade
- camera
- first aid kit (personal)

1. If you do not own all of the above items, contact the Scoutmaster. The troop has extra equipment for Scouts to use. Lack of equipment should not keep a Scout from camping.
2. Electronics are not allowed.
3. Mark and Tag all clothing and equipment.
4. Travel in class B scout uniform (camp t-shirt)
5. Class A scout uniform is required for the pancake breakfast on Sunday morning

----- cut here and return to Scout house -----

Permission is hereby granted to Scout(s) _____ to attend Troop 61's Zoo Campout on May 31 - June 1, 2008 with the Scouts and Scouters of Troop 61, Mother of Good Counsel church, Milwaukee, WI, under the leadership of the Troop Committee. In consideration of their engaging in this activity, I agree to save harmless the Troop Committee and their associates, the Troop sponsoring institution, the Mother of Good Counsel Congregation, and the Boy Scouts of America, because of any claims arising on behalf of my said son from possible injury or illness while engaged in this activity. I authorize emergency medical care for my son.

Fee: \$3

Check # _____ Cash: _____ -or- Use Can Credit: _____

Signed _____

Father or Mother will come: _____ Parent drive: _____ Number of passengers: _____