

Boy Scout Troop 61 **Zoo Campout** May 31- June 1, 2014

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.

Leave: Saturday at 4:45pm. We will depart when packed. **Wear your Class B uniform on Saturday.** This is your green winter t-shirt or any summer camp t-shirt. **Bring your Class-A uniform for Sunday.**

Late Arrival: If you have a graduation etc. you can join us later in the evening. See Location below.

Return: Sunday around 1:00pm. 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.

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 the scouts and adults of Troop 61 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.

Location: We camp inside the zoo on the lawn behind the Karen Peck Katz Conservation Education Center. After hours you can enter the Zoo packing lot by driving in the exit lane.

Cost: The campout fee is \$5.00 and includes an event patch, overnight camping, zoo entrance fee, and meals.

Packing the Trailer: We will meet at the scout house Saturday at 4:45pm to **pack the trailer**. Please come and help.

Pictures from the 2013 Zoo Campout can be viewed at: picasaweb.google.com/troop61bsa/

Spending Money: Sunday morning the gift shops are open. Also special exhibits, such as the shark reef, require admission fees not covered by the troop. 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. If you do send money \$5 - \$10 is plenty. Note: Your son will spend whatever you give him.

Equipment: Bring personal items on the checklist to the Scout House on Saturday. Mark all clothes and equipment with full name. **NO radios, IPODS, electronic games, axes, or sheath knives are allowed.** See 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 with their friends. 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 want to use your own tent, please let us know. The troop is not responsible if it is damaged during the trip.

Sleeping: Low profile cots (under 9" tall and 36" wide) are acceptable. Bring a pad for the top of cot. Or an air mattress. No full size and queen size air mattresses please. They **do not** fit in our tents.

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 2014 Checklist

Permission slip (below) due May 23 or May 30 with \$5 fee.

----- Checklist -----

CLOTHING and BEDDING

- Class A Scout uniform
- Class B Scout uniform
- socks, underwear, shirts, long pants, shorts, hooded sweatshirt
- warm cloths, knit hat, jacket
- pajamas
- rain gear / poncho
- sleeping bag
- pillow
- extra blanket (check weather)
- small cot / air mattress

FOOTWEAR

- shoes for walking

TROOP WILL PROVIDE

- ✓ snacks and food
- ✓ tents
- ✓ everything else

DO NOT BRING

No iPods, radios, e-games, cell phones.

EQUIPMENT

- flashlight, extra batteries
- toothbrush, paste

OPTIONAL

- camera, pocket knife < 2" blade
- small personal first aid kit
- baseball hat (for sun)

IMPORTANT

- Label all items with your name!**

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. Mark and Tag all clothing and equipment.
3. Travel in class B scout uniform (camp t-shirt)
4. Class A scout uniform is required for the pancake breakfast on Sunday morning



