



Akeland Cub Scout Resident Camp

Important Information for Parents



What to Bring

- COMPLETED MEDICAL FORM WITH A DOCTOR'S SIGNATURE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS (EVERYONE IN CAMP!)
 - REQUIRED MEDICATIONS IN ORIGINAL BOTTLES
 - Uniform & Hanger
 - Extra shirts, pants, socks & underwear
 - Jacket, sweatshirt, & rain gear
 - Swim trunks & beach towel
 - Clothes to sleep in
 - 2 pairs of sneakers or hiking boots
 - Towel & toiletries for showering
 - Pillow & sleeping bag or blankets
 - Flashlight with extra batteries
 - Sun screen & bug repellent (Don't spray on tents)
 - Water bottle or canteen
 - Day pack or backpack
- Sandals, crocs & flipflops may only be worn within the pool area or showerhouse. Most Scouts who are injured tripping and falling were not wearing sneakers or hiking boots.

Optional Items

- Wallet & money for the trading post
- Waterproof tub for personal gear
- Watch, disposable camera
- Camp chair
- Stationary & stamps
- Bag for dirty laundry
- Bible, Prayer Book or song book
- Fishing pole & tackle

PLEASE LABEL ALL GEAR WITH YOUR SON'S NAME & PACK #

DO NOT BRING

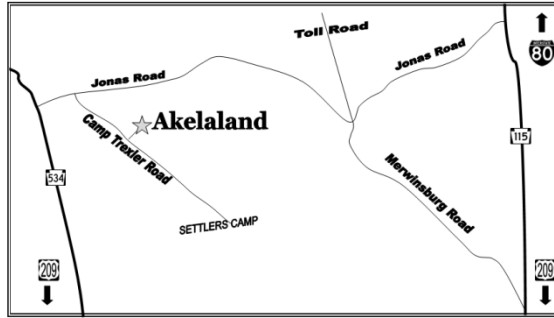
Alcohol, Tobacco, Fireworks, firearms, bows, ammunition, arrows, chainsaws, pets, bicycles, Electronics of any kind including cell phones, anything expensive, dangerous or inappropriate. Cub Scouts may not carry pocketknives. All knives must be kept with an adult leader and boys must be directly supervised by an adult when allowed to use one.

Why No Cell Phones?

One of the greatest benefits of spending time at summer camp is developing an age appropriate level of independence. Even when at home, children can become upset if something doesn't go their way, or may cry when they become tired. Boys need time to learn how to handle their own emotions and rest as needed. A hasty phone call at the first sign a child is upset transfers all problem solving responsibility to their parents. Let your son have a moment to rest before they call you. If there is a problem, a leader will connect you with your son.

Secondly, many cell phones have advanced capabilities which can easily be used inappropriately by children. Restricting cell phone use by campers helps maintain a safe environment for all boys at camp.

How to Get to Camp



**288 Camp Trexler Road,
Kunkletown, PA 18058**

Some GPS Units may not be able to interpret our address correctly. If you can enter an intersection, use the intersection of Jonas Road and Camp Trexler Road. If you are using Google maps, you can simply enter "Akeland."

DRIVE VERY SLOWLY WITHIN CAMP AND NEVER ALLOW SCOUTS TO RIDE IN THE BACK OF A TRUCK

WE GO TO CAMP ON SUNDAY, _____
OUR PACK IS MEETING AT _____ at _____ pm
WE ARE WEARING: _____

Send Your Son Mail!

If you would like to send your son mail at camp, you can either mail them to the address on the right or give them to the trading post staff at camp to deliver during the week. If you mail anything, send it the week before to make sure it arrives while your son is still at camp!

(Name), Pack _____
TSR Akeland – (site)
288 Camp Trexler Road
Kunkletown, PA 18058

Photography in Camp

Pack pictures will be taken on Sunday. See your pack camp coordinator for ordering details. They will be paid for at registration on Sunday. Our staff will take pictures of camp activities throughout the week. We may use them in brochures, our websites and promotional materials. We will not identify Scouts by name in photos used in promotions. By attending camp you agree to be photographed and allow us to use the photos.

Visiting Your Pack

Coordinate all visits with your pack camp coordinator. All visitors must sign in at the health lodge and obtain a visitor wristband. Visitors staying more than 24 hours must submit a health form with a physical within the past 12 months and complete Youth Protection Training available online at <http://www.myscouting.org/>. Please pay for meals at the trading post. You are invited to a Family Night Dinner on Friday Evenings. Tickets for the family dinner are available when your pack registers at camp on Sunday.

Tips for Helping Your Son Have a Successful Week

- Your son will miss you and that is perfectly fine! When you send notes or cards, express your hope that they are having fun. Avoid sending notes with how much you miss them. It makes boys feel guilty for leaving you to have their own fun. Avoid phone calls for the same reason.
- Practice independence before you go to camp. If he doesn't already, practice using the shower and bathroom without help. Allow your son to sleep over at a friend's house or family member's house without you prior to coming to camp.
- Make sure your son spends time playing outside prior to his arrival at camp. Let them spend time without air conditioning prior to the arrival. Scouts spend most of their day outside and do a great deal of walking at camp.
- Learn and follow the expectations of being at Scout Camp. The Boy Scouts of America has rules for a reason, and everyone is safer and happier when we are all following camp expectations.