



Troop 81



Summer Camp 2023



PRECAMP MEETING: A mandatory meeting for all scouts attending summer camp and their parents will be held on **Monday, June 19, at 7:15 PM at First United Methodist Church**. If applicable, have the **Routine Drug Administration Record** filled out ready to turn in. If you are unable to attend this meeting, contact the scoutmaster as soon as possible for important information.

SUMMER CAMP DATE: Troop 81 will attend summer camp at Camp Buck Toms from Sunday, June 25 through Saturday, July 1, 2023.

WHERE: Camp Buck Toms is an accredited Boy Scout Camp located on 750 acres with six miles of shoreline on Watts Bar Lake near Rockwood, Tennessee. Please refer to the map located in this booklet. The camp was named after William P. "Buck" Toms, a Knoxville industrialist, art collector, philanthropist, and Scoutmaster. He worked to purchase the property for the camp using money raised in the Council's Scout Show.

TRANSPORTATION: Parents are responsible for transporting their son and his gear to and from summer camp. The driving time from Maryville is approximately ninety minutes. Please refer to the map located in this booklet.

ARRIVAL: Arrive at the camp's parking lot between **12:30 PM and 1:00 PM** on Sunday, June 25. Scouts should wear their Phoenix shirt and have their uniform on a clothes hanger. Park in the camp's parking lot and the troop will transport your son's gear to the campsite. We will be taking the Troop trailer to transport gear and Footlockers to the campsite. **As discussed in the pre-camp meeting,**

opportunity to meet at the church at 11am on Sunday, June 25 to load the Scout's footlockers into the Troop trailer which will be towed to the campsite #13 at Camp Buck Toms. Parents can then drive their Scout to camp or arrange to car-pool with other parents. Arrival time for the Scouts at camp should be at about 12:30pm. Alan Messler will be coordinating the gear and the trailer and then Tim Collins will be taking care of the Troop check-in at 1pm with the camp staff.

Eat lunch before you arrive – the camp does not serve a noon meal on Sunday

DEPARTURE: Scouts will be dismissed on **Saturday morning, July 1**. Plan to arrive at camp at **9:00 AM** to pick up your son. Please be on time because the adult leadership cannot depart camp until every scout has been picked up.

EARLY DEPARTURES: If at all possible, scouts should remain at camp for the entire week. On occasions, scouts have asked their parents to pick them up on Friday evening for the sole purpose of avoiding the hassle of breaking camp and packing the trailer on Saturday morning. If there is a **valid reason** for your son to depart sooner than Saturday morning, please arrange this with the Scoutmaster prior to camp.

CABIN ASSIGNMENTS: Your son will have an assigned cabin (Adirondack shelter) before his arrival. Once in the campsite, look for his name posted on the shelter. Scouts wanting to change shelter assignments must have prior Scoutmaster approval.



MEDICAL FORMS: Everyone (scouts and adults) attending summer camp must have the completed **Annual Health and Medical Record (Part A, B, and C)** signed by a physician) on file. This is a firm requirement and forms are checked carefully by the camp staff for signatures, dates, and completeness.

HEALTH LODGE: A resident doctor who is available 24 hours a day supervises the camp's medical facility. It is well equipped and managed by qualified staff personnel.

MEDICATION: Scouts taking any prescribed medicine must list such drugs on the **Routine Drug Administration Record** located in this booklet. All medicine must be in their original labeled containers and will be stored and dispensed by the Health Lodge staff. Scouts are allowed to have non-prescription medicine, such as Tylenol, aspirin, etc., but not in excessive quantities.

WRISTBANDS: Each weeklong camper will be issued a colored wristband to wear throughout their stay. The wristband allows the scout access to the dining hall and if a scout loses his wristband, a replacement one may have a nominal fee (example: \$2.00).

All campers, youth, and adults must wear the colored wristband they were given at check-in. Anyone who is found in camp without this wristband will immediately be escorted to the Administration office. Replacement bands are available at the Administration office. **Do not remove this wristband until the scout departs camp!**

EMERGENCY CALLS: Your son can be reached in an **emergency** by calling: 865-354-4740 (FAX: 865-354-6334). This is the Buck Toms Camp office and usually has an answering machine when the office is unattended. The Knoxville BSA office number is 865-588-6514. The Camp Director is Mic Mullins at 865.455.5295.

CAMP VISITS: All visitors must register at the Camp Office immediately upon arrival and will be asked to show identification, particularly those wishing to pick up Scouts. Visitors will receive an identification badge at the camp office. Regular visiting times for families are Wednesday (4:30 PM – 10:00 PM), Friday evening (6:30 PM – 10:00 PM), and Saturday morning for pickup and checkout. Other visiting times must be arranged with permission from the Camp Director. All visitors must check in through the Camp Administration Office and check out when they leave. The cost of a visitor meal is \$5.00 for adults, and \$3.50 for children under age 12; children under age six eat free. Visitors may purchase meal tickets from the Camp Office as they enter camp. All visitors must possess a visitor's wristband in order to eat. There are no facilities at Camp Buck Toms to allow visitors to stay overnight.

CAMP ADDRESS: One of the highlights at camp is "Mail Call!" Please send your letters **early** in the week to this address:

Camp Buck Toms
Attn: Scout's Name
Troop 81, Campsite #(fill in the #)
465 Camp Buck Toms Road
Rockwood, TN 37854

Put a return address on all letters so any mail arriving after the scout's departure may be returned. The admin office will have an outgoing mailbox. It will be taken to the post office daily.

SWIM CHECK: Each Scout will take a mandatory swim check on Sunday afternoon to classify his swimming proficiency. Non-swimmers will be excused from this swim test and will be enrolled in a beginner's class. Buddy tags will be issued at this time.

CAMPSITE: We'll be occupying one of the Campsites at Camp Buck Toms which will be equipped with several Adirondack shelters. These are basically three-sided cabins with four bunk beds (eight scouts per shelter). The beds have hard plywood bottoms so some type of sleeping pad or air mattress will be needed for a comfortable night's sleep. Due to safety concerns and damage to the shelter, use of hammocks inside the shelters is not allowed. A bathroom / latrine facility with flush toilets and hot showers is in the campsite.

BUNK SIGN: Each bunk must have a wooden sign attached to the bed frame indicating the occupant's name. In addition, each bunk is given a clever "name." Signs will be judged by the Camp Director for best artistic and best BSA theme. Wood for signs is provided by the troop. Signs from previous years are not allowed.

Picture below shows a typical platform bed in the Adirondack shelter at Camp Buck Toms. Notice the uniform shirt on a hanger, bunk sign and Footlocker under the bed.



PERSONAL EQUIPMENT: Each scout is required to have a bunk sign, individual laundry bag, and clothesline with pins (put your son's name or initial on clothes pins). Optional items may include battery powered lamp, bunk-side tables, alarm clock, or even carpet! This is your son's home for a full week, so make it comfortable!

BUNK INSPECTION: Each bunk is inspected daily and scores given for neatness and conformity. Refer to the bunk inspection checklist in the appendix of this booklet. The bunk with the highest total score will be awarded a prize at the Court of Honor. If an inspection finds the identical discrepancy on two consecutive days, the occupant will "adopt a rock" for 24 hours.

SCOUT UNIFORM: A Scout's uniform will either be on his body, or displayed neatly on a clothes hanger inside his shelter. Scouts are required to wear a complete rank-related uniform to the evening meals. Note: Merit Badge sash is not required, but a Phoenix Neckerchief and slide are required. (Don't forget BSA socks!)

CLOTHING: Typical summertime attire (T-shirt, shorts and sneakers) is adequate during the day. Troop 81 scouts are encouraged to wear their Phoenix shirts. Any shirt that display obscene, lewd or otherwise offensive messages or print are not acceptable. Open toed sandals or flip-flops are not recommended for camp. Each scout is required to have a laundry bag for his dry dirty clothes. Wet clothing must be dried on a clothesline before they're placed in a laundry bag.

WRISTWATCH: The camp is operated on a tight timetable so your son will need an inexpensive wristwatch. Also, Troop 81's curfew is strictly enforced at 9:00 PM. Curfew violation could result in denial of privileges or additional KP duty.

CLEANLINESS: Cleanliness and personal hygiene will be stressed and enforced throughout the week. Prior to each meal, everyone must use a hand sanitizer. Campsite washstands and an in-camp shower are provided. If necessary, clothes can be washed in camp and dried on a clothes line.

INSPECTIONS: Troop 81 reserves the right to conduct an unannounced inspection of a scout's personal belongings if contraband is suspected.

PERSONAL ITEMS ID: All personal items must be clearly marked with the Scout's name and troop number. Unmarked gear gets lost permanently. Use a permanent waterproof marking pen. If your gear is expensive and valuable...leave it at home!

FOOTLOCKERS: We recommend a footlocker be used by each scout for storing his gear. Such footlockers are of adequate size for a week's worth of clothes, most are rainproof, they're securable (combination locks recommended), and they also make for a convenient worktable or chair. Footlockers can be purchased at most all sporting goods store and later become your son's Boy Scout chest to store all his scout gear. Note: Scouts are encouraged to provide the Scoutmaster with an extra footlocker key or combination number.

Examples:



CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES: The camp recommend that items such as radios, iPods and MP3 players, cell phones, electronic games, and other electronic devices **not be brought** to camp. Summer camp is an **outdoor experience**, and these items are not appropriate to that experience.

VESPERS SERVICES: The camp conducts an interdenominational Vesper Services during the week – on Sunday evening. Vespers refers to a worship service and the word comes from Latin, meaning "evening." Troop 81 normally attends Vespers but your son may be excused by prior arrangement by the parent.

MEALS: All meals are prepared and served in the camp's dining hall (Except for the evening meals on Wednesday). You son **will** serve on KP duty while at camp and we're always careful to assign at least one older scout at each meal to supervise younger scouts. Troop 81 adults constantly monitor the food consumption by our boys to alert us when a scout is eating too much junk food from the trading post. Your son will need to know the *Buck Toms Grace* which is recited before each meal:

Buck Toms Grace

*In Silence We Seek Thee,
In Grace We Believe in Thee.
For Blessing This Meal,
For The Fellowship We Feel,
Scouting Thanks You O'Lord.
Amen*

PIZZA NIGHT: As a tradition, Troop 81 serves our scouts a pizza dinner from Dominos on Thursday night. This custom serves to break the monotony and offers everyone something to look forward to.

For a nominal cost of \$5 a person, everyone enjoys four slices of a single-topping pizza of their choice plus a canned soft drink. Individual pizza orders will be taken and money collected at the pre-camp meeting on June 19.

MERIT BADGE FEES: There are some merit badges that require a kit and/or fee. Scouts will be able to pre-order their merit badge kits and pay fees at a discounted rate. The pre-ordered kits will be picked up by the program area director and available for your scout at camp. Any scout that does not pre-order a merit badge kit will have to purchase one at the trading post at the regular cost. Refer to the **Merit Badge Fee** list in this booklet for specific fees.

SPENDING MONEY: Camp Buck Toms operates a modern and efficient Trading Post that stocks many items related to the programs offered at camp, including craft kits and merit badge books. Various snacks and drinks along with pocketknives, postcards, camp clothing, batteries, and patches. Most scouts will spend on average \$20 – \$40 during the week at the trading post. There is no ATM, so please make sure your scout brings enough cash.

ILLNESS: The most common ailment experienced by campers is a typical "belly ache" usually caused by **eating too much junk food** purchased at the trading post. Parents, for this reason, please limit your son's spending money. Another common ailment usually occurs later in the week due to the boy's unwillingness to have a bowel movement. It's very important for your son to keep his regular schedule while at camp.

HOMESICKNESS: Homesickness can ruin a boy's camp experience. Despite our busy schedule and activities, homesickness occasionally occurs. Parents can help by having a **firm understanding** with their son that leaving camp is not an option. Statistics show once he leaves, he probably will never come back to scouting.

FISHING: Watts Bar Lake provides good fishing for the Fishing Merit Badge and during daily free time activity. A fishing license is not required. (Fish must be returned to the lake and not cooked or eaten.) **Camp Buck Toms has a waiver from Tennessee that allows Scouts to fish at camp without a license. Adults wishing to fish, will need to obtain a fishing license.**

POISON IVY: There are abundant crops of poison ivy at camp. Make sure your son can identify this irritant and knows what to do if he contacts it.

INSECT, SPIDERS, and other CREATURES: The woods are full of critters that live in the outdoors. We'll be living in the woods for six days...and we won't be alone. We'll be sharing the woods with squirrels, lizards, mice, spiders, deer, snakes, gnats, opossums, mosquitoes, chipmunks, ants, skunks, ticks, and many other such animals. Most of these critters are frightful of people. Those who are not are easily repelled by DEET, an active ingredient in the better insect repellents. (Avoid aerosol insecticides) Note: The discovery of an imbedded tick is **not a medical emergency** and will be removed by the Health Lodge doctor during normal operating hours. To avoid nighttime visitors (skunks, raccoons, mice, squirrels, chipmunks, opossums), make sure *all* candy, snacks, chips, etc. (**anything** that has a smell) are not left out. Such items should be kept in airtight Ziploc bags.

INCLIMATE WEATHER: Camp Buck Toms has an emergency contingency plan for weather related emergencies such as severe thunderstorms, lightning, floods, tornados, and even earthquakes. A comprehensive accountability action plan will quickly insure all campers are accounted for in the case of an emergency. Also, in the unlikely need of anyone needing to be air-lifted to a medical facility, the camp has a designated helipad for Lifestar.

What to Pack for Camp

This is a time-tested list of what your son really needs at camp.

"Everything a scout brings to camp may get dirty, scratched, broken, sat on, stepped on, rained on, melted, borrowed, or lost."

CLOTHES

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothes & underwear for 6 days | <input type="checkbox"/> Phoenix Shirt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothes hanger for uniform | <input type="checkbox"/> Phoenix Neckerchief w/ slide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swim suit | * <input type="checkbox"/> Scout socks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra shoes | * <input type="checkbox"/> Scout belt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho or rain jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Light jacket | <input type="checkbox"/> Shower shorts & sandals |
| | * Above Second Class rank |

SLEEPING

- Summer bag
- Pillow
- Sleeping pad

TOILETRIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tooth brush & paste | <input type="checkbox"/> Comb or brush |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap / shampoo | <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant (as needed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Towels (2) | <input type="checkbox"/> Washcloth |

CAMPING GEAR

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight with extra batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pocketknife | <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit |

MISC ITEMS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothes pins (8) with ID | * <input type="checkbox"/> Wastebasket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bunk sign | <input type="checkbox"/> Postage stamp & envelope |
| * <input type="checkbox"/> Broom | <input type="checkbox"/> Shower sandals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothesline | <input type="checkbox"/> Wristwatch (inexpensive) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook | <input type="checkbox"/> Notebook & two pens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent (non-aerosol) | * only one per shelter |

OPTIONAL ITEMS

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camera (inexpensive) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing gear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun glasses / sun screen | <input type="checkbox"/> MB Pamphlets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Diary |

DO NOT BRING THESE ITEMS TO CAMP:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excessive money• Excessive junk food• Excessive medicine• Expensive items• Fireworks or rocket motors• Ammunition | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electronic devices• Matches or lighters• Glue• Tobacco products• Bow & Arrow / martial arts |
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CAMP RULES

1. The Scout Oath and Laws are the governing approach for conduct.
2. No flames of any kind allowed in the cabin.
3. Enter neighboring tents and campsites by invitation only.
4. Walk on the foot trails, never in the roadways.
5. Immediately report any and all injuries or sickness to an adult leader.
6. The “Buddy System” will be enforced while attending camp.
7. Hazing or initiations are strictly prohibited.
8. Wear shower shorts and sandals while showering.
9. Shoes must be worn in camp at all times except in bed or swimming.
10. Remove caps and hats while in the dining hall.
11. Keep all valuables secured in footlocker.
12. Keep all foodstuff in an airtight Ziploc.
13. Quiet Hours are from 9:00 PM - 7:30 AM and 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.
14. Campsite curfew is 9:00 PM.
15. Lights out and quiet after taps.

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BUNK INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Bunk sign

- Is a bunk sign readily visible?
- Does the sign indicate the name of the occupant of the bunk?

Clothes Line

- Has a clothesline been established and in use?
- Is the height of the line above the head of the scout?
- Are all clothing articles on the line pinned?
- Do the clothes pins have the scout's name or initial?

Appearance

- Does the bunk have a neat and orderly appearance?
- Is the area around the bunk free from dirt, leaves, trash or other debris?
- Are the extra shoes neatly stored beneath the lower bunk?
- Is the trash can empty?

Security

- Is the footlocker locked?
- Are any valuables left out?

Uniform

- Are the uniforms displayed on clothes hangers?
- Is the uniform shirt have at least the top button buttoned?
- Is the neckerchief slide in the shirt breast pocket?

Miscellaneous

- Is there a laundry bag in use?
- Are there any wet clothing articles anywhere inside the tent?
- Are items stored or hidden in inappropriate places?
- Are there any extra niceties included (such as carpet, bunk-side tables, battery lamps, etc.)?

Routine Drug Administration Record

Name: _____ Campsite: _____

Troop No.: _____ Date of birth: _____ Classification: _____

Drug hypersensitivity: _____ Weight: _____

Prescribing Physician: _____ Rx: No Yes Number(s): _____
 Medications: _____ Date filled: _____
 Dosage: _____
 Route: P.O. I.M. S.C. S.L. Topical Inhalation Rectal
 Times: PRN Daily BID TID QID A.C. P.C. H.S.
 Amount in bottle: _____ Comments: _____

Med Time	S	M	T	W	T	F	S

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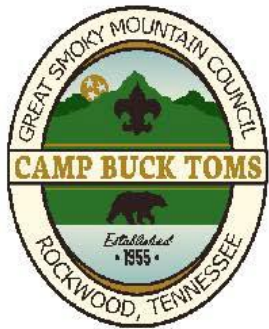
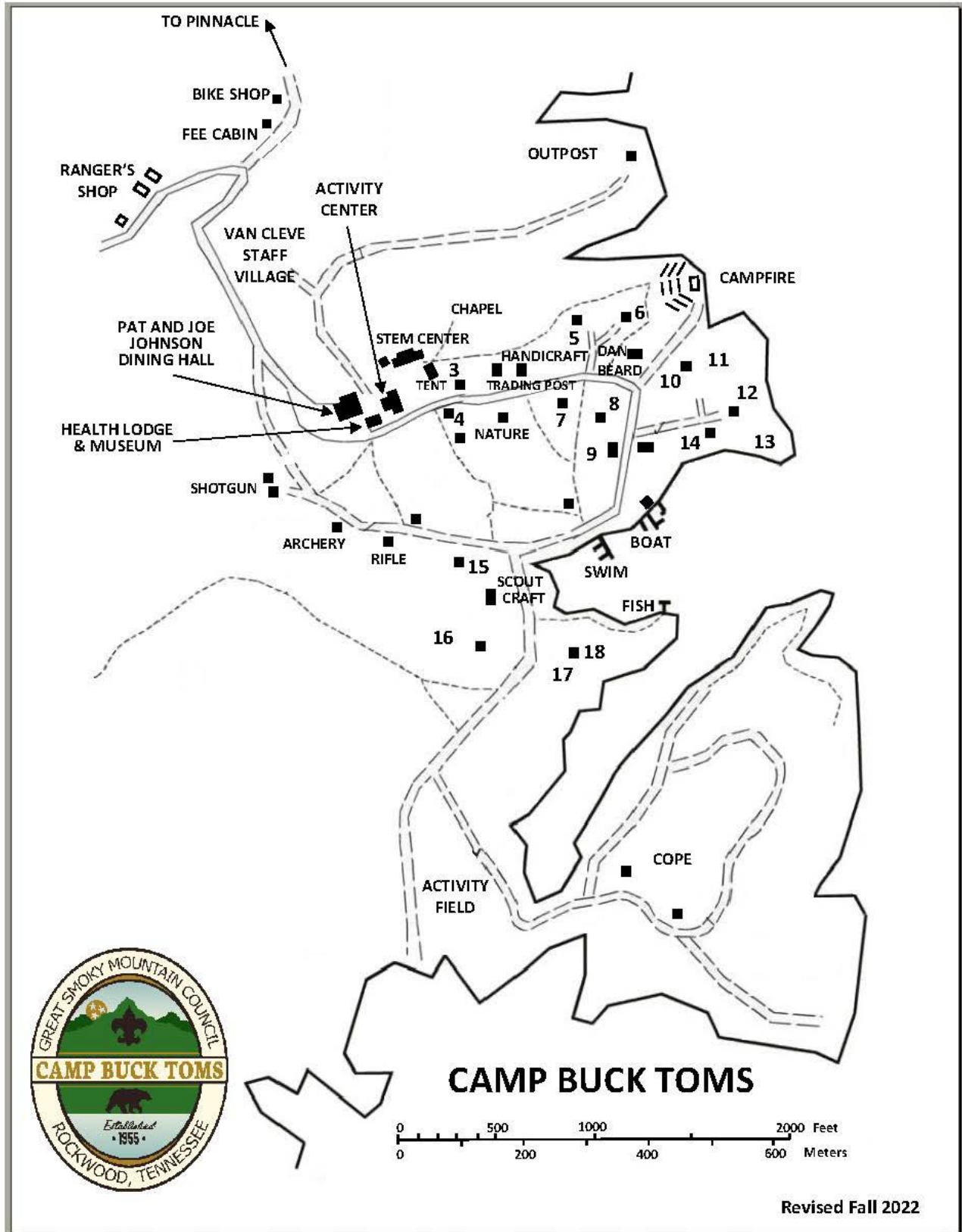
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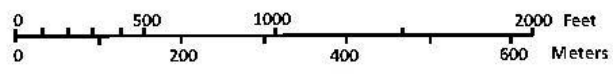
P.O. = by mouth I.M. = intramuscular S.C. = sub-cutaneous S.L. = sub-lingual-under-tongue
 PRN = as needed B.I.D. = two times a day T.I.D. = three times a day Q.I.D. = four times a day
 A.C. = before meals P.C. = after meals H.S. = hours of sleep (taken at bedtime)

Initial Signature Name Position

INSTRUCTIONS: Sheet is for reproduction as needed. It should be three-hole punched and kept in a binder during camp week. Use one sheet for each camper with a prescription. Record all medicines brought to camp (up to FIVE medications per sheet). The medication, dosage and dosage schedule should be copied from the prescription. Record dispensing times and days in the blocks provided for each medication as they are dispensed. After camp, place sheet(s) inside the first aid log.



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