

# Calling All Scouts !!!!

BSA Troop 255

Summer Merit Badge Camp at Camp Bowman, Goshen Scout Reservation  
Goshen, VA

June 24 through July 1, 2006

It is time to sign up for **BSA T-255's Summer camp**. Summer camp is June 24<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Camp Bowman is on the Goshen Scout Reservation and operated by the BSA National Capitol Area Council, and located south of Staunton, Virginia.



**What is a Scout Summer Camp?** The annual summer merit badge camp is one of the highlights for most Boy Scouts. It is a week away from home with a bunch of friends, doing stuff boys like to do – swimming, archery, carving, chasing bugs, getting dirty, sleeping in tents, starting fires. Plus stuff parents like kids to do – learning by doing, including independence, responsibility, leadership, and practical skills. And it leads to future individual growth, experiences and adventures both with the Troop and as maturing young men. Summer camp also offer programs that the Troop cannot, such as BSA's swimming merit badge, canoeing, sailing, the shooting sports and others. Following T-255's tradition of adventure and exploration, this camp will be new for most Scouts.

**Who is eligible?** All current members of T-255. In addition, all boys age 11 by the date of the camp or entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible. Boys must join T-255 (\$128.50 for the full 2006).

**What does it cost? \$300 per Scout.** This includes all food and lodging for the week, and transportation. This fee does not including certain merit badge required



material fees and personal allowance. You cannot find a better priced sleep-away camp.

**What is the deadline?** Camp fees are due May 2, 2006. If you decide to join us later, that is usually not a problem, but the fee will be \$310.



## Who to contact?

### Camp Reservations

H. Keith Pierce  
301-951-5290 (home)  
[keith.pierce@ferc.gov](mailto:keith.pierce@ferc.gov)

### Joining T-255

Ruth Robbins Evans  
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### **Additional Information:**

**Medical Forms:** Each scout and adult leader must have the appropriate medical form completed prior to coming to camp. All scouts and leaders under 40 years of age must have a properly completed BSA Class 1 form. This medical requires a current health history to be completed by a parent or adult. A physical examination is required only once every 36 months. If the medical evaluation is not completed on a BSA form, a copy of it must now be attached to the BSA medical form. Limited supplies of forms are available from T-255, or download at <http://www.t255.com/MedClass1&2.pdf>. Those attending T-255's Lenhok'sin and/or Northern Tier High Adventures can substitute their BSA Class 3 for this requirement.

Adults over 40 years of age and all COPE Scouts must complete a medical BSA Class 3. This medical requires an annual physical to be performed by a physician. Class 3 forms are available at <http://www.t255.com/MedClass3.pdf>.

**Merit Badges:** 35+ merit badges are offered at Bowman, including all the basics for the younger Scouts and several Eagle required badges. All new Scouts will be required by T-255 to either sign up for the Swimming Merit Badge (Eagle Required) or instructional swimming.

**Project COPE:** Project COPE stands for Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience. It comprises group initiative games, low-course and high-course activities. Some of the activities involve a group challenge while others test individual skills and agility. Participants climb, swing, balance, jump, repel, and think of solutions to a variety of activities. Most do much more than they thought they could. The participants of the COPE course must be at least 13 years as of June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Scouts should also have attained the First Class rank. Participants must attend all sessions assigned to complete the program. The sessions run for three (3) hours each. A COPE fee will be charged to each participant.

**Food:** Breakfast and dinner will be "Heater Stack". This means food cooked by the camp is eaten at the camp site, and the Scouts are responsible for serving and clean-up. There are no provisions for special food requirements.

**Parents:** We need volunteers to keep costs down. First, transportation. I am assuming that T-255 will use car pools. Bowman is 200 miles away. Please indicate your willingness to provide car pool duty or swap a minivan for a car for ½ week. Driving expenses will be reimbursed upon application to the T-255 Treasurer. Second, BSA camps are cheap in part because every troop is required to provide adult supervision. This is a great opportunity to see your son in action while helping all the other Scouts in their advancement and Merit Badge activities. Please indicate your willingness to attend camp. There are no camp fees for adults.

**More information:** Find out everything we know at [http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/17\\_goshen\\_scout\\_reservation.cfm](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/17_goshen_scout_reservation.cfm). Also the Troop website has additional information: [www.t255.com](http://www.t255.com).

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**Registration form:**

Scout Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

COPE (13 or older only) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

I can assist car pooling to: \_\_\_\_\_ Scouts including my own. Luggage \_\_\_\_

I can assist car pooling back: \_\_\_\_\_ Scouts including my own. Luggage \_\_\_\_

I can swap a mini-van for a car: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer to man the Camp: From Day: \_\_\_\_ to Day \_\_\_\_

Fees: Scout Camp \$300 if paid by May 2, 2006  
Check \_\_\_\_\_

Mulch Credit \_\_\_\_\_

Late fee \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ if paid after May 2

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Due May 2, 2005; checks payable to BSA T-255.

If your Scout is likely to attend but you don't intend to pay early, please inform Keith Pierce ASAP for head-count, planning and car pool arrangements.

Remember that health forms take time to complete. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL MAY 2 TO START THE PAPER WORK PROCESS.**

Mulch Credits: T-255 Mulch credits earned by your Scout from years 2005 and 2006 are useable for this camp.