

# Calling All Scouts!!!!

## BSA Troop 255

Summer Merit Badge Camp at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation  
Schuylkill Haven, PA

Sunday June 22 through Saturday June 28, 2008

It is time to sign up for **Troop 255's Summer camp**. Summer camp is **Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> through Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008**. Hawk Mountain is operated by the BSA Hawk Mountain Council, and located north of Reading, Pennsylvania on 635 acres.



**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 offers 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?** Current members of T-255, plus all boys age 11 by the date of the camp or 10 and entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade or 10 with Arrow of light. Boys must join T-255 (\$100 for 2008-2009).

**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?** Deposit of \$30 is due Feb 5<sup>th</sup>. Remainder of camp fee, \$270, is due May 6, 2008.

Make checks to Troop 255 BSA and give to Mr. Tom Rose at meeting or mail to Tom Rose, 8026 Ellingson Drive, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.



### Who to contact?

Camp Reservations  
Tom Rose, Assistant Scoutmaster  
301-807-6441  
[thomas.rose@starpower.net](mailto:thomas.rose@starpower.net)

Joining T-255  
Ruth Robbins Evans, Committee Member  
301- 907-9451  
[ruth\\_robbins@earthlink.net](mailto:ruth_robbins@earthlink.net)

Additional Information:

**Medical Forms:** Each youth and adult must have the appropriate medical form completed prior to coming to camp. All scouts and adults under 40 years of age must have a properly completed BSA Class 1 & 2 Medical Form. This form requires a current health history to be completed by a parent or adult. Also a medical professional must sign based on a medical exam within 3 years of camp date. If the medical evaluation is not completed on a BSA form, a copy of it must now be attached to the BSA medical form. The form is available on the Troop web page at: <http://www.t255.com/MedClass1&2.pdf>

Important note: If you are participating in a high-adventure activity this summer, you will need a Class 3 Medical Form. The Class 3 form trumps the Class 1 & 2 form – so just do that one and you are covered for Hawk Mountain. The Class 3 requires a medical exam and medical professional's signature within a year of the activity date. The form is available on the Troop web page at: <http://www.t255.com/MedClass3.pdf>

Adults 40 years of age and over, and all COPE Scouts, must complete the Class 3 Medical Form. This form requires an annual medical exam performed by a physician. Class 3 forms are available at <http://www.t255.com/MedClass3.pdf>

**Merit Badges:** Approximately 40 merit badges are offered at Hawk Mountain, 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 January 1, 2008. 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 day [choose morning or afternoon – do merit badge classes for the rest of the day]. This program is first come, first-served, with preference being given to older scouts. Adults are also welcome to participate if space allows. A COPE fee of \$25.00 will be charged to each participant.

**Food:** Breakfast and Dinner will be delivered to our out-lying camp Ontelaunee. Lunch will be in the camp dining hall. If there are special dietary requirements, please notify Mr. Rose.

**Parents:** We need volunteers to keep costs down. First, transportation – We plan on using car pools. Hawk Mountain is 170 miles away. Please indicate your willingness to provide car pool duty. 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 you need to know at <http://www.hmsr.org/summercamp/programsareas.htm>  
And : <http://www.hmsr.org/forms/campmeade/parentinfoboy.pdf>

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Registration form:

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

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

Special Food Requirements (camp will do its best, but their ability to respond is unknown):

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

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

Other ways to contact you in case of an emergency or urgency:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Fees:	Scout Camp	\$300	_____ if paid by May 6, 2008
	Cope	25	_____
	Fri Parent Visit Dinner per person	6	_____
	Late fee	25	_____ if paying after May 6 <sup>th</sup>
	Minus deposit of \$30 due Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>		_____ due Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>
	Total		_____

Due May 6, 2008; checks payable to Troop 255 BSA.