



## ***OPERATION FLY FIRST CLASS 2016***

### ***INFORMATION SHEET*** **For Scouts and Parents**

Welcome to the Fly First Class program! We have you registered and wanted to share some information with you about our program!

Your son will be placed in a patrol and camp will provide the Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader and other youth staff so it runs like a troop.

If your son has a preference to be in a patrol with a buddy who is also attending, please let me know. We try to keep boys from the same troop together in patrols.

#### **Arrival and Departure**

Plan on arriving at Camp Hinds (146 Plains Road, Raymond, ME 04071) between 10:00AM and 10:30AM on Sunday April 17th, 2016. We request that you do not arrive any earlier as the staff will be busy with last minute preparations. If there are any challenges for this arrival window, please let me know!

On Wednesday April 20th, 2016 we will have a closing campfire that will start at 6:00PM. Parents and any guest will be welcome starting at 5:30PM. All campers are dismissed after the campfire to return home on Wednesday night.

#### **Camp Fees:**

**The total fee for Fly First Class is \$250.** While most of you have paid the \$25 deposit at this time, we do ask that you make your final payments by April 15th, 2016. You can mail payments to: Pine Tree Council, 146 Plains Road., Raymond, ME 04071 or drop them off. Please make sure to reference "Operation Fly First Class" on the check!

### **Health Forms:**

Campers must complete a Class 1&2 health form, which requires a doctor's physical within the last 12 months prior to Fly First Class Camp. Usually your health form from summer camp works! A Class 1 & 2 health form is attached. Complete and return to Pine Tree Council address noted under 'Camp Fees' in this document.

We will have a Health Officer on staff during the program. If your Scout had any medications, please be sure that are in the original pharmacy containers, with all instructions. We will be collecting these during check in.

**Please let us know prior to the course if your son has any significant food allergies or medical conditions so we can make arrangements.**

### **Contact Information:**

If you need to reach your son during Operation Fly First Class, please call Camp Hinds at 797-5252. Messages will be passed on. Please beware that those prone to homesickness sometimes do better not talking to Mom or Dad!

### **What to Bring:**

#### *Advancement:*

Everything needed will be provided to each boy on his way to the rank of First Class. Swimming requirements will not be fulfilled during this course. ***We will not be signing off in each Scouts book, but will provide an official form that scouts should take back to their Scoutmaster for official tracking.*** Anything needed beyond what is signed off on will be noted.

#### *Requirement of Second Class*

Building a personal first aid kit is a requirement for the rank of Second Class. Please have your scout follow the outline in the Boy Scout Handbook and bring his first aid kit with him to camp!

### **Personal Items to Bring:**

**All items should be appropriate for outdoor and indoor activities given the weather expected for the week. Considering the accuracy of weather forecasts, it is a little early for me to guess what is really needed.**

- A copy of your health forms and any prescription medications in the original prescription bottle with clear instructions.
- Class A uniform to include a proper insignia shirt, neckerchief and slide. Official belt and pants are optional.
- Additional shirts and pants as needed for the week. Please pack appropriate scouting-like t-shirts only

- Inside shoes — sneakers or slippers
- Outside shoes — Hiking boots preferred.
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Water bottle
- An ‘Orienteering Compass’ if you have one for the hike.
- **A SCOUT IS CLEAN** — Soap, comb, towels, face cloth, deodorant, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste
- A towel for showers
- Sleeping bag, pillow and ground pad for outside campout (one night)

**Please MARK all gear and equipment with your name!**

**What NOT to Bring:**

- Please no footlockers — they do not fit under the bunks. Use duffel bag or backpack.
- NO ELECTRONICS — No iPods, iPhones, video games or mobile phones
- Valuables — cash for Trading Post can be held by the leadership for safe keeping (optional).

**Trading Post:**

We will have a small Trading Post open for limited hours during the week. Some candy, personal items of need, etc. will be for sale.

**Program Highlights:**

Patrol Method	Knots, Knots, Knots	First Aid	Citizenship
Movies	Popcorn	Service	Camping
Tents	Hiking	Skits	FUN!
New Friends	Great Food	Crafts	Olympics
D.A.R.E.	Campfire	Board of Review	SM Conference
Scout Law	Scout Oath	Scout Motto	Exercise
Totin’ Chip	Fireman Chit	Nature	Leadership

**Questions:**

If you have any questions feel free to contacted us:

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It is our goal to provide a safe, fun learning environment for each of your boys where they will learn new skills, make new friends and become leaders of tomorrow in Boy Scouts and in life!

Yours in Scouting,

*Jack Waite, Jr.*