

## **Guide to SURVIVING Boxwell**

Boxwell is the brightest gem in the crown of trips that Troop 11 takes part in each year. It is held at the Boxwell Scout Reservation outside of Gallatin, TN. The week consists of gourmet food, spa like days at the lake and hours of fun (okay, that part is actually true). One of the most important parts of Boxwell and why your Scout should attend is the Merit Badge Palooza of it all! This is your Scout's best chance of racking up those precious merit badges, moving each Scout closer to the coveted Eagle advancement.

### **Duffel, Backpack, Suitcase or Trunk?**

This is a personal preference. There are pros and cons to all types of luggage. Unless you are going with your Scout to set up camp, he should be able to carry his own luggage from the car or trailer to camp site and back to the car at the end of the week. Your luggage should be such that your Scout is easily able to sort through it and find what he needs based on his own abilities. Trunks offer extra seating in the open-air tent and gives your Scout another opportunity to drape towels, wet clothing, etc. It may be that you choose a hybrid and send more than one type of luggage. Perhaps a trunk and a small backpack or duffel. The key is to find the right size of luggage which will allow you to neither over nor underpack! You might consider packing items in gallon sized Ziploc bags that creates more space in your luggage. Good luck!

### **On to the list:**

\*\*\*Label everything with duct tape, sharpie or sew in label

- \*\*\*Medical Form if you have not previously given to Leaders!
- Bug Spray
- Sunscreen
- Water Bottle (Refillable, do not bring "bottled" water)
- Hat (Baseball or Hiking)
- Deodorant (Community Service and the Scout Oath all rolled into one!)
- Mini First-Aid Kit
- Gold Bond Powder (optional)
- Toiletries
  - Toothbrush
  - Toothpaste
  - Shampoo
  - Soap
  - Hairbrush
  - Other

- Class A Shirt
- 6 to 8 t-shirts TOTAL (Including the Class B's. Please pack your RED Troop 11 t-shirt. Know that all Scout shirts are considered Class B's. If your Scout is signed up for rigorous outdoor activities, consider including wicking t-shirts that dry quickly)
- 5 to 7 pairs of shorts (You be the judge! If your Scout is prone to wearing dirty clothing you may not need this many. If your Scout is signed up for a week of water sports, you may also not need this many.)
- 6 to 8 pairs of underwear (If your Scout is signed up for rigorous activities, consider compression/moisture wicking under gear. And, please encourage your Scout to change while at camp!)
- 1 to 2 pairs of swim trunks. (If your Scout is signed up for water activities such as skiing or boating, you should consider packing fewer regular shorts and more swim shorts. 2 should be sufficient.)
- Lightweight Fleece or Sweatshirt
- Rain Jacket or Poncho
- Sun Shirt
- 8 pairs of socks
- Tennis Shoes
- Hiking Boots
- Shower Shoes
- 2 Towels (1 for shower and 1 for lake)
- 1 Fitted Sheet if sleeping in tent
- 1 Hammock if preferred
- 1 Lightweight Sleeping Bag
- Pillow w/cover (May not make it back in usable condition!)
- Camp Chair (Many nights the boys fall asleep around the fire.)
- 3 Trash Bags (**1** 50-gallon size in case your luggage "somehow" becomes covered in mud, plus two others for wet or muddy clothes)
- Money for the camp store. Moms recommend a maximum of \$60. That's MAX! T-shirts are under \$20. The remainder of their money will be spent on ICEE's and candy. **\*\*\*Remind your Scout that the Troop will eat at SONIC on the way home Friday night. They will want to budget their money accordingly.** Consider placing this money in a separate Ziploc bag in their gear so that they do not accidentally spend it at the camp store!
- Playing cards
- Headlamp and/or a flashlight (with FRESH batteries)

- Compass
- Whittling Gloves (Optional)
- Book
- Pen and Notebook for Merit Badge Classes
- \*\*\*Oreos for the Scout Master!!!!!!
- Any Medication Individually Labeled and Placed in Ziploc Bags (Please see Troop Leaders for any Scout needing Meds at Camp.)

#### What NOT to Bring to Boxwell

- Bikes
- Butterfly Knives
- Roller Blades or Skates
- Fireworks
- Skateboards
- Pets
- ***Please leave electronic devices at home and encourage your Scout to disconnect from his PHONE.*** There is NO PLACE to charge your devices. This 5-day camp is geared to allow your Scout to develop wilderness and survival skills, enjoy the outdoors, develop relationships with their peers and to center themselves, finding their inner strength. Video games and social media can be enjoyed outside of camp the remaining 360 days of the year. In case of emergencies, the Scout leaders will have access to phones.