

TROOP 603 SUMMER CAMP ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DUE DATES

1. 2017 Cole Canoe Base Summer camp opportunity:

Edward N. Cole Canoe Base is a 1400 acre piece of wilderness, nestled along the banks of the beautiful Rifle River in Ogemaw County, Michigan (Near Westbranch). They are one of the premier summer camping destinations for thousands of youth and adult leaders from all over the Midwest for over 50 years. They are owned and operated by the Michigan Crossroads Council of the Boy Scouts of America. They offer scouts opportunities to earn over 95 merit badges (100 last year) during the week long summer camp program. They also offer nightly camp wide events (18 last year), and daily programs designed to let scouts choose their own activities, providing opportunities for scouts to advance their skills in athletics, crafts, and basic scout skills, cooking, swimming and boating. I'll let the video speak for itself. (Play Video)

2. Dates for camp this year is June 17-24th. 8 days and 7 nights of camping for \$375.00 for first child then \$25 discount for all other sibling. That's only \$46.88 a day. We will leave Saturday the 17th at 7:30am and return Sunday the 24th around 2pm.

- a. \$125 deposit is due January 09, 2017
- b. \$125 deposit is due February 13, 2017
- c. \$250 deposit is due for all Webelos Cross overs March 13, 2017
- d. Merit Badge Selections (by appointment TBD in March)
- e. \$125 final payment is due April 17, 2016.
- f. All Health Forms Part A, B and C are due April 24 2017.

3. Michigan Crossroad Council will be providing camperships for those family who qualify. We do not have any updated 2017 information yet on this. Last year the maximum amount the council covered was \$150. If you want more information on how to proceed with this please see Don Rescoe or Robin Weingart. For those Scouts seeking council campership your down payment of \$50 will be due January 09, 2017. There will be no other payments scheduled for you until the Council makes their decisions. At that time, final payment will be the remainder of the \$375 that will be due on April 17, 2017. If you need further assistance, on top of the council campership you will need speak with Don Rescoe or Steven Key for other potential options. We would like to see any active scouts have the ability to attend Summer Camp.