

Camp Director's Note

Greetings!

Congratulations on choosing Camp Ho Non Wah for your unit's summer camp experience. We are excited about having you in camp this year. After 80 years of continuous summer camp seasons, our mission remains the same: to provide the best possible programs and facilities for your boys.

The 2012 leader's manual for Camp Ho Non Wah is designed to help better serve you and your unit. This manual is one of the keys to a successful program; preparation by leaders and boys will make their time at camp the best it can be. Please review this guide carefully. Additional updates will be made to program features throughout the fall and spring, so please consult the Camp Ho Non Wah website at www.camphnw.com for more information.

We owe a special thanks to last year's camp staff members, the council camping committee and Unali'yi Lodge 236 for their assistance in planning the summer camp program and for their help in promoting and maintaining Ho Non Wah. We also would like to thank the many volunteers who devote their free time to making Ho Non Wah the best camp in the region.

Our staff is in camp for one reason, and only one reason – to serve our campers. Please do not hesitate to contact us through the website or by calling or visiting the Coastal Carolina Council if there is anything that we can do to help you prepare for this exciting summer.

In closing, I would like to say that we hope this summer at Camp Ho Non Wah, you and your scouts will make memories and friends that will last for a lifetime.

Yours in Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James A. Barton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "A".

James A. Barton
Camp Director

Camp Ho Non Wah Overview

Camp Ho Non Wah is a 103-acre scouting retreat where camp staff, unit leaders and scouts work together to learn and enjoy the best that scouting can offer in developing better units, qualified scouters, and skillful, self-reliant boys and young men. The name Ho Non Wah means “land of rising and falling waters”. The name is fitting since the camp is located between the banks of the Bohicket and Fickling Creek on Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina. The camp is approximately 20 miles from historic downtown Charleston, several beaches, and other historical sites.

Ho Non Wah's facilities feature a private lake for rowboats and canoes, a pool for swimming and lifesaving, and the Bohicket river for motor boating, waterskiing, and sail boats, archery range, rifle range, shotgun trap shooting range, handicraft shelter, ecology lodge, scoutcraft area, campfire circle and an air-conditioned dining hall. A first-year camper program is conducted at a special area in camp. Three well-balanced meals, all checked by a dietician, are served daily in the central dining hall. The camp contains eight campsites equipped with tent platforms, two-man tents with cots, a latrine, hot water showers, and washstands are at each site.

Ho Non Wah is annually certified by the state of South Carolina and is a nationally accredited camp, inspected annually by the Boy Scouts of America. On our 80th anniversary in 2011, Camp Ho Non Wah launched the East Coast Adventure Base and became certified for high adventure. Camp Ho Non Wah is a destination camp for individual scouts and units looking for a quality program for scouts of all ages. Rules for acceptance and participation in scouting programs are the same for everyone without regard to handicap, race, religion, color, or national origin.

Ho Non Wah host a six-week summer camp program, two weeks of specialty camp for the disabilities board, a week long winter camp program and several other cub scout and boy scout programs throughout the year. Camp Ho Non Wah is also the home of Unali'yi Lodge 236, the Order of the Arrow lodge for Coastal Carolina Council. With all of the opportunities at Camp HNW, it is the clear choice for units looking for a camping destination with a quality program at a competitive price.

Preparing For Camp

Fees & Reservations

The basic camp fees for this summer are listed in the table below. Fees include all meals, program supplies (excluding consumables), a camp patch & t-shirt (if request is submitted by the May 1st deadline). Additional shirts and patches will be available for an additional fee as supplies allow, but not guaranteed.

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| Early Bird Camper Fee <i>paid prior to May 15</i> | \$225 |
| Standard Camper Fee <i>paid after May 15</i> | \$235 |
| Leader Fee | \$75 |

If you have not done so, please sign up for an account for your unit and register for the desired week of camp in myCamp Manager, the online registration system for Camp Ho Non Wah available on the camp website.

The initial campsite deposit of \$100 is due upon registering for camp and will be rolled into the basic fees due for camp. On receipt of this deposit, you will be able to proceed with configuring the event online.

The initial payment of \$35 per scout is due by March 15th with the completed unit roster in myCamp Manager. This allows us to plan for the size of each unit. It is possible to add campers and leaders after this date, pending available space, until the registration cut off date. All requests to add or delete participants, manage schedules, or configure the event will be locked one week prior to arrival.

Camp Ho Non Wah offers an early bird camper fee of \$225 if all basic camper fees for the entire unit are paid prior to May 15th. New scouts signing up for camp (ex. Webelos crossover, new scout registrations) will be charged at the early bird discount rate.

Units not taking advantage of this discounted rate will be charged the full camper fee of \$235 per camper. All payments must be paid in full prior to coming to camp. Payments will be posted online in myCamp Manager as they are received for your review and verification.

Adult Leadership

Units are required to have at least two adult leaders in camp at all times. This policy is required by the Boy Scouts of America. All leaders must be registered members of the BSA, and meet the qualifications for the leadership position in which they serve. The unit leader must be at least 21 years of age and any additional leaders must be at least 18 years of age. Venture crews bringing female venture scouts must provide their own female leadership. Parents, committee members, and other adults who accompany the unit to camp, must meet all of the above requirements and still submit the appropriate health form.

One adult leader is free with each registered unit who has all fees paid prior to the May 15th deadline. A group of 8 or more scouts is considered a unit. If necessary, the camp leaders may change during the week. Each additional leader space is \$75 for the week, which provides meals, tentage, a camp patch, and a t-shirt (if requested by the deadline).

Leaders may rotate when necessary, however, in the best interest of your scouts, we recommend having consistent leadership throughout your unit's stay at camp. Units are encouraged to bring additional adults to serve as leaders for their units. Rotating leaders may use only one leader space and pay \$75. They will, however, only receive one patch and one t-shirt for the shared leader-space. Additional patches and t-shirts are available for purchase in the trading post as supplies last. If rotating is

necessary, the new leader must check in at the camp office and the departing leader must wait and sign out when their relief arrives.

If the number of people in camp exceeds your reserved numbers, the camp cannot guarantee sleeping quarters. Be prepared to provide your own tent and may pay a dining hall fee of \$5 per meal. They will not receive a patch or t-shirt, but may purchase one, and more, from the Camp HNW trading post.

Leaders should plan to share tents since the camp will only provide one tent for every two leaders. Unfortunately, Ho Non Wah does not have the resource to provide each leader with a separate tent. Those leaders who wish to guarantee their own tent (or a quartermaster tent, etc.) should make arrangements to bring a personal tent from home.

Campsite Reservations

The \$100 campsite deposit for this summer reserves the space for your unit to attend camp during a specific week. As the camp staff prepares for each unit's arrival, it may be necessary to make adjustments to a unit's campsite based on size of the units attending camp that week. A unit that brings fewer scouts than the sites minimum may be asked to share that site, or move to a smaller site. Likewise, if a unit exceeds the maximum size of a site, they may be asked to move to a larger site comparable to the original.

The campsite capacities table indicates the maximum number for each campsite. The Ho Non Wah staff will work to accommodate each unit as much as possible. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

| Campsite | Tents <i>2 beds</i> | Cabins <i>4 beds</i> | Max |
|----------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----|
| Bohicket | 20 | - | 40 |
| Boone | 16 | - | 32 |
| Carson | 16 | - | 32 |
| Creek | 18 | - | 36 |
| Crockett | 16 | - | 32 |

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| Matigwa | 03 | 7 | 34 |
| New Shirmer | 03 | 9 | 42 |
| Unali'yi | 16 | - | 32 |

Units attending Ho Non Wah the previous summer have the first chance to reserve a campsite for this year. For your convenience, deposits may be taken at camp prior to leaving. Units may register for the week they are attending or any previous week/site that is not full. Units attending camp during the 2011 camp season who have not placed a deposit for the 2012 season have until July 20th to pay the campsite deposit which guarantees a campsite for the following summer prior to open registration. Units wanting to change weeks or campsites may do so after the current week of camp has passed. Any other requests for changes in the campsite or week may be made after September 1st through the camp director or the council service center.

In most cases, units are able to keep the campsite they reserved, however it may be necessary to move a unit to a different campsite (during the same week) due to unit sizes and site capacities. We will do all that we can to accommodate the requests of each unit, however, nothing is in stone.

Unused campsite deposits will not be refunded nor carried over to a following event.

New Reservations

New reservations can be made after the program preview conference. At this time, all available campsites are opened for new reservations. Registration will be taken on a first come first, serve basis. Units must complete the application for summer camp and send it along with the deposit to the camp director at the council service center.

Provisional Scouts

Scouts who are unable to attend during their unit's week at camp or wish to return for an additional week should consider coming to camp with a unit from their local area. In this

effort, the scout will likely know other boys from neighboring units, which should help him to have a more enjoyable week at camp. The scoutmaster of the unit attending camp will be responsible for the scout's paperwork. Scouts spending two or more weeks at Camp Ho Non Wah will receive a \$15.00 discount for the second and subsequent weeks camped. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate provisional venture female scouts at this time.

Refund Policy

All refund requests should be submitted to the council service center in writing by the family of the camper or by the unit leader. Any refund request received after May 31st will be subject to a \$50 retained program fee. Requests for refunds received after the unit is scheduled to attend camp will not be considered. Basic fees are transferrable among campers in the unit.

Example circumstances under which refunds will be granted are listed below. Other requests may be honored with explanation:

- Illness of scout preventing attendance.
- Illness or death in the camper's immediate family prevents his attendance.
- Mandatory attendance at summer school, verified by letter from principal, teacher, or other school administrator.
- A camper leaves camp for a medical reason certified by the camp health officer or the camp doctor. *

*in such cases, the camper will receive a pro-rated refund for the unused portion of the camp fee, provided that the unused portion of camp constitutes three or more days. Homesickness does not constitute refund.

Correspondence

All summer camp correspondence, registration materials, and payments should be sent to the council office until the end of May. Starting June 6th, all correspondence should be sent directly to Camp Ho Non Wah. The addresses for both locations are listed below.

Before June 6

Coastal Carolina Council, BSA
1025 Sam Rittenburg Boulevard
Charleston, South Carolina 29407
Phone: (843) 763-0305
Fax: (843) 763-0624

After June 6

Camp Ho Non Wah
Scout Name and Unit Number
2609 Boy Scout Road
Wadmalaw Island, SC 29487
Phone: (843) 559-9302
Fax: (843) 559-5586

To allow enough time to receive and process registration, do not send any money or registration materials through the postal service less than two weeks prior to your arrival at camp. For your convenience, fax service via the numbers listed is available.

The camp office will be open from June 6 until July 16. Summer camp administration will not be able to be reached at camp before or after these dates. Please use the contact information for the council prior to this.

Age vs. Maturity

Please keep in mind that the unit leader is responsible for ensuring that all scouts meet age, maturity, and skill level requirements for all sessions. Scouts who already have the merit badge are not eligible to sign up for that merit badge session again. This allows every scout the opportunity to participate in the program. On the first day of the sessions, instructors will verify participant qualifications to ensure all required qualifications are met; else the schedule will be changed.

For shooting sports merit badges, Camp Ho Non Wah recommends that the camper progresses from archery to rifle to shotgun, or has significant experience handling firearms.

Please note the recommendation on the merit badge list and choose programs at Camp Ho

Non Wah that are appropriate to the size, age, and maturity of your scouts.

Camperships

Very often, generous organizations and individuals provide for scouts in the Coastal Carolina council. If a unit has such a need and has exhausted its own efforts to finance an individual scout, including taking advantage of the council-wide popcorn sales program, they may complete the campership application from the council office by April 1st.

Camp Ho Non Wah camperships cover a portion of the basic camp fee. Scholarship funds are limited to those who are truly in need of assistance. No scout should be kept from going to camp because of a lack of money.

If a scout is provided a campership and does not attend camp, the campership will not be refunded, but will be returned to the council campership fund. The scout that does not attend may not be eligible for a campership the following camp season. If a scout can afford to pay for a week of camp, the campership committee for any reason will not consider a second week of camp.

Medical Forms

Every camper, both youth and adult, must have a complete BSA physical form (no. 680-001). A licensed physician must complete this form within the last 12 months of arriving at camp. All physicals are only good for 12 months. The scout's parent or guardian must sign the form. Old medical forms will not be accepted.

Each scout and leader will have a health recheck after his arrival as part of the check-in procedure. In accordance with the new HIPPA regulations, medical screenings will be completed discretely to insure privacy for scouts and leaders. The unit's medical forms will be kept on file for the week with the camp health officer. Please keep a copy of each scout's physical for your records.

Please make arrangements for physical examinations before summer camp. Any scout or leader who does not have a completed health form – including the examination – will be restricted from all camp activities until an examination has been given. There are no provisions for an examination to be given at camp. Also, make sure that each health form has been signed by all parties in the appropriate places prior to arriving at camp.

Getting To Camp

Directions To Camp

From Charleston, Take US 17 South to Main Road. Turn left on Main Road and follow Main Road down to the 2nd traffic light. This is Maybank Highway. Turn right onto Maybank Highway and go over bridge onto Wadmalaw Island. At the forks in the road, veer left. Once you pass the elementary school on your left, you will have one more curve before the turn off to camp. Make a left turn onto Boy Scout Road and follow until you see the entrance to Camp Ho Non Wah. See you soon!

Transportation

Each unit is responsible for the safe transportation of its members to and from camp and to make sure that all vehicles meet national insurance standards. Transporting scouts or adults in the bed of an open pickup truck or trailer – whether covered or uncovered is against the policy of the Boy Scouts of America, as well as poor judgment.

In addition, units visiting Ho Non Wah from other councils are responsible for attaining the appropriate tour permits. Tour permits are available on the national BSA website.

Parking

Upon arrival to camp, immediately park all vehicles in the parking lot in front of the camp office. Do not block the road. This road serves as a vital artery for camp logistics and two-way through passage must be maintained at all times. No exceptions.

Units bringing trailers to camp are asked to park trailers along the side of the road upon arrival of camp. The camp will allow you to haul trailers to the campsites and they may remain there during your stay at camp. To keep traffic in camp to a minimum, only camp vehicles are permitted beyond the camp gate by the camp office unless otherwise permitted by the camp

director. All personal vehicles in camp must bear the appropriate authorization and be removed prior to dinner on Sunday.

The camp has multiple handcarts for hauling gear from the parking lot to the campsites. They may be used to bring your unit's gear to and from campsites on both check-in (Sunday) and check-out (Saturday) as well as throughout the week as the need arises.

Tour Buses

If your Unit will be traveling to Ho Non Wah in a charter or tour bus, please notify the camp administration one week prior to your arrival so that preparation can be made. Upon arrival at camp please do not pull into the parking lot. Remain on the road until you reach the camp gate and a staff member will direct you to where you will unload and turn around. Arrangements will be made to transport all your gear from the bus to the campsite.

Special Assistance

For persons requiring mobility assistance, vehicle permits will be issued during the Sunday night leaders meeting. Golf carts will only be permitted for special needs with prior notification of the camp director. The camp does not furnish transportation for special needs individuals; it is up to the responsibility of the disabled to make arrangements.

Individuals with special needs should contact the camp office prior to arrival. A form is available on the camp website for those with needs beyond what should be considered routine (ex dietary restrictions, etc.). This form is due by May 1st to the council office. We will contact you to discuss further arrangements.

What To Bring

Other than some basic camping items, different people and units will bring different items with

them. A good exercise is to think about your perfect week at camp and bring the items that you see in your mental picture.

For example, if you want to spend the evening fishing on the fishing pier, don't forget your fishing rod and tackle box.

What you bring to camp is what will keep you comfortable. You need enough changes of clothing to keep you clean. We'll have changes in weather... hot, cold, and rainy!

To help keep you from forgetting those all-important items, we have a list below to help you when you are packing for camp.

- Sleeping bag or sheets
- Poncho or raincoat *
- Sneakers
- Comfortable hiking boots (optional)
- BSA summer uniform
- Socks *
- Undershorts *
- Swim trunks
- Extra shirts *
- Hat (if desired)
- Scout handbook
- Merit badge books *
- Watch (very important) *
- Backpack (optional) *
- Pen, pencil, notebook *
- Flashlight & batteries *
- Scout knife (no sheath knives) *
- Pillow *
- Insect repellent *
- Medical form, **signed**
- Money for trading post (suggested \$50)
- Toiletry kit, with:
 - Soap *
 - Toothbrush and paste *
 - Comb or brush
 - Towels and washcloth *
 - Mirror *
 - Shaving cream & razors *
 - Deodorant *

*These items are available for purchase in the

incredibly stocked trading post.

The following are some items your unit as a whole may want to bring to camp:

- Troop flag
- Footlocker with lock or lock box
- Lanterns
- Resource books
- Patrol flags
- Troop advancement records
- Drink cooler
- Alarm clock
- Rope
- Compass
- First aid kit

Please note: Minor first aid treatment should be taken care of by the unit.

The following equipment can be checked out through the camp quartermaster:

- Bow saws
- Ax, hatchets
- U.S. flag
- Shovels
- Broom
- Latrine supplies
- Water hose

What NOT To Bring

Personal rifles or other firearms, ammunition, and bows, including paintball guns, are not allowed in camp; only those supplied by the shooting sports area are to be used. Sheath knives are also not allowed at camp.

Any such equipment brought to camp must be delivered to the camp director when the unit checks in; it will be returned when the unit checks out and leaves camp Saturday.

No pets of any kind are allowed at camp including visitors on Thursday. This is policy of the Boy Scouts of America.

Finally, we recommend that items such as

radios, CD and MP3 players, comic books, valuable cameras, jewelry, etc. be left at home. Summer camp is an outdoor experience, and these items are not appropriate to making the most of that experience.

Spending Money

Scouts will want to have extra money for trading post items, souvenirs, and special programs. It is suggested that the scoutmaster, or another adult in the unit, serve as “banker” during the week. Scouts can check their money in and out through that person. This prevents lost money, which can easily happen with aquatics merit badges.

This year, the Scout will NOT have to purchase supplies for their merit badges. This will be covered with the scout’s program fees, which are calculated for you on myCamp Manager. These numbers are only an estimate and are subject to change upon review as decided by the camp and program directors.

Pre-Camp Planning

You should immediately have a parents meeting to accomplish the following:

- Decide what week of camp the unit will attend Camp Ho Non Wah.
- Complete and send in the registration form, including campsite choice.
- Recruit at least two adult leaders (one 21 or over) to attend camp with the unit.
- Develop a camp promotion plan. A promotional video of Camp Ho Non Wah is available on the camp website.
- Plan fundraisers to help pay for camp fees and unit equipment.
- Inform everyone that final payment is due May 15th or the price will increase.

Prior To Camp

- Submit your tour permit (available on the camp website) to your council office.
- Collect and make copies of all scout and leader’s completed and signed medical

forms (mandatory for residence).

- Have a planning session with each scout attending camp. During the planning session, select the merit badges and special programs for the scout.
- Register online and submit your scout’s merit badge information electronically.
- Make sure that all scouts attending camp prepare for their own program and advancement course. Merit badge books must be read and prerequisites met to ensure merit badge is completed.
- Review camp rules with your scouts. Make sure they know what to bring and what not to bring to summer camp.
- Collect remaining fees and mail them to Coastal Carolina Council by deadlines.
- Secure transportation to and from camp.
- Inform parents of Thursday evening parent’s program. Remember, dinner will not be served to parents — only scouts who are attending the camp.
- Collect all medication. Be sure they are in original containers with instructions.
- Secure a lock box for Scout’s extra petty cash and other personal valuables.
- Pack your own gear and relax. You are now ready for summer camp.

Camping Like a Pro

If Scouts bring locks for their luggage, have them provide an extra key for the unit leader. That way, if one key is lost, the spare one will be stored safely and can easily be produced.

With the heat and humidity of June and July, it would be advisable to have a change of clothing for each day of the week.

Program Information

Merit Badges

This year, you will be designing a custom program online for the scouts in your unit. This will enable scouts to work on the desired merit badges and advancement goals while at camp as well as take advantage of the program extras offered during the week.

The Camp Ho Non Wah website, available at www.camphnw.com, provides an online scheduling utility which will help you register your unit's merit badge request online. This method will give you complete control and first stab at the classes. For more information on the website, email the webmaster at webmaster@camphnw.com or visit the website. Paper registration will no longer be accepted; please register online.

As classes fill up, you will be unable to add campers to these courses through myCamp Manager. All classes are first come, first serve and we will be unable to override the maximum number of camper spaces available to you.

The schedule of merit badge class times will be posted on the website in January. This will help you plan your unit's activities as well as each scout's individual summer advancement experience. A complete unit roster of merit badge class times and individual scout merit badge times will be given to each unit leader upon check-in. Scouts who have not selected program features may register for classes after dinner at the leader's meeting Sunday.

Prerequisites

Please visit the camp website to see a list of the necessary pre-camp requirements. Pre-camp requirements must be signed off on a blue card by a Merit Badge counselor or brought to camp for evaluation by the area director. Failure to complete pre-camp requirements will result in a partial for that merit

badge until those requirements are completed.

To further help you and your scouts with the selection of merit badges, all activities in camp have been divided by years of experience at camp. These are recommendations from evaluation forms from last year. A scout who is a second year camper is welcome to select merit badges from those recommended for year one; the same principle applies to those older scouts. This allows for a more enjoyable camp experience for everyone.

Program List

Please refer to the camp website to choose the merit badges and other programs that are the perfect fit for the scouts in your unit. Additional program information, such that pertaining to the Woodsman, Trail to Eagle, and new East Coast Adventure Base, can be found on the camp website in their respective sections.

Woodsman Program

While many older scouts come to camp for the merit badge program, it is impossible for younger scouts to participate in merit badges and still complete all the requirements up through First Class. Most scout leaders agree that younger first year scouts should concentrate on fundamental camping skills, the patrol method, and similar concepts that new Boy Scouts must learn.

Each scout participating in the first year Woodsman Program will learn fundamental skills and principles of Boy Scout camping. Among these are knife and axe use, first aid, fire safety, cooking, knot tying, and similar outdoor skills as well as have the opportunity to earn both their Fireman chit and Totin' chip while at camp. With the Woodsman program, the majority of the early rank requirements will be completed during summer camp.

Scouts in the Woodsman program will also be given the opportunity to work on the following merit badges. When registering a scout for the Woodsman Program, please choose two of these classes for each scout as well.

- Swimming merit badge or instructional swim for scouts who are classified as beginners and non-swimmers
- Indian lore **or** leatherwork
- Please note first aid merit badge is **not** part of the Woodsman program

The Woodsman will also participate in a 5-mile hike to the American Classic Tea Farm, located on Wadmalaw Island. This is the only Tea Farm in America, and a perfect opportunity for the scouts to complete certain requirements. The Woodsman staff will need some adult assistance transporting food and water for the participants during this hike; if you are able, please talk to the program director at camp.

One lunch while at camp, the Woodsman program participants will cook their meals over an open fire. We ask that one adult leader from each participating unit be on hand to assist with the Woodsman cookout.

The overnight campout may be completed under the supervision of the Scoutmaster in your campsite; camp staff will not supervise it. Units interested in this program feature must provide their own tents. Please have each participant or pair of participants bring a tent with them in order to complete requirement.

Woodsman program participants should bring these additional items to camp:

- _____ Sleeping bag
- _____ Backpack
- _____ Folding or lock blade knife
- _____ Canteen
- _____ A tent per 2 scouts
- _____ Pen, pencil, notebook
- _____ Boy Scout handbook

Venturing

Venture programs at Camp Ho Non Wah are open to both male and female participants, however those units bringing female participants must provide adequate female leadership.

Outdoors Bronze Award

- Standard First Aid
complete requirement 1
- Leave No Trace
complete requirement 6b
- Cooking
complete requirement 3a
- Emergency Preparedness
complete and bring only 4b to camp

Venture Electives

- Ecology
can complete at camp
- Fishing
can complete at camp; Venture Scout must bring own pole and bait
- Lifesaver
complete Lifeguard and 2a
- Physical Fitness
complete 3b and 4
- Plants and Wildlife
requires writing and presentations; 5b must be completed prior to camp
- Shooting Sports
can complete at camp
- Watercraft
must complete SC Boater's Safety course; may not complete full elective

Outdoors Bronze Award

- SC Boater's Safety Course
- SC Hunter's Safety Course
- HNW Bohicket Challenge
- CPR Certification
- Leave No Trace
- Kayaking BSA
- SCUBA BSA
- Red Cross First Aid
- COPE (Challenge Course and Ropes Course at James Island County Park)
- Climbing and Rappelling

Just For Leaders

Express Check-In

Scoutmasters wishing to complete express check-in may do so on Wednesday afternoon of the week before you arrive at camp, beginning at 4PM. This will enable you to make sure all loose ends are tied up prior to your arrival at camp and allow you to bypass the office with your unit on Sunday.

On Wednesday evening you will be able to take care of finalizing your unit's account, merit badge scheduling/changes, and address any special needs your unit may have prior to arrival at camp. By attending express check-in, your unit will not be held up with the traditional Sunday registration process. Dinner will also be provided for you on Wednesday evening, should you choose to stay.

Scoutmasters agree that this service is beneficial to you and your unit's success.

Leader Activities

Leaders are encouraged to take advantage of many merit badge courses offered to learn a new skill, improve their skill, or work with our staff to share your skill. We also have many other great opportunities during the week. These program times will be announced Sunday evening at the leader's orientation meeting, but amongst them are:

- **Scoutmaster's Merit Badge**

All Unit leaders will have the opportunity to earn this award, which includes participation in and visitation to all areas of camp throughout the week.

- **Underwater Basket Weaving**

In addition to the Scoutmaster's Merit Badge, the leaders in camp will have an opportunity to earn the Underwater Basket Weaving merit badge down at handicraft. Don't forget your swim trunks for this unforgettable advancement

opportunity unique to Camp HNW.

- **Skeet Shoot**

See who the Annie Oakley of Camp Ho Non Wah really is! Come see the shooting sports director to get behind a gun and test your abilities while having fun. The leaders shoot will be held Tuesday night and a mother's shotgun shoot will be held on parents night from 7:00-8:00PM. Awards will be presented to the 1st & 2nd place finishers.

- **Bohicket Basics**

Scoutmaster Training for new adult leaders as a great introduction to the scouting program.

- **Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat**

Offered during the afternoons. A great program to certify adults in Safe Swim Defense & Safety Afloat. All unit leaders should try to attend. We will also go through safety equipment and basic equipment safety to ensure your safety.

- **Order of the Arrow Night**

Adults and older boys will enjoy getting together with other honored campers. Bring your patches and stories to share with other scouts and leaders. The night concludes with a powwow and call-out ceremony under the stars.

Other activities will be made available during the Sunday leader's meeting and announced throughout the week. Check the BT!

Scoutmaster's Lounge

Because we value your participation in our summer camp program, the brothers of Unali'yi Lodge 236 will be providing a scoutmaster's lounge for this summer's camp season. The lounge will be set up in Newbery Lodge and equipped with AC and wireless Internet for checking email, as well as a coffee pot and microwave for your pleasure.

Health Lodge

The camp provides a trained medical officer on the premises and a physician on call 24 hours a day for emergencies. Please note that the unit leader should provide basic first aid (band aids, mole skin, etc.) to participants.

Arrangements are made with St. Francis Hospital to treat emergency patients from camp. Transportation to St. Francis Hospital will be made on an emergency basis by Charleston County EMS. For injuries of a non-emergency nature, transportation should be provided by one of the unit leaders to St. Francis as determined by the medic.

Emergency Procedures

Written procedures are established for fires, lost scouts, lost bathers and severe storms or other emergencies. See separate material distributed by the camp staff in the in-camp leader's manual given at check-in. The camp director should be notified immediately of all emergencies that occur while at camp.

Insurance

All units must provide accident insurance for scouts and leaders attending camp. It is the responsibility of the unit leader to apply for accident insurance before coming to camp. Leaders must bring their unit insurance policy number, claim forms, and name of insurance carrier to check in at camp. This information will be needed in the case of an emergency.

Medical expenses incurred by scouts and leaders while in camp will be paid by the parent/guardian's insurance and then the unit's insurance. No fees will be billed to camp. The health officer will call parents in the event that a scout has to be taken to the doctor or an emergency visit to the hospital.

Medication

Due to a recent change in BSA national policies, only refrigerated and injectable medications must be stored at the health lodge

with the medical officer. Other medications may be kept on the scout's person, but it becomes their responsibility to remember to take the medication at the appropriate time. Medications can still be dispensed through the health lodge if desired by the parent or guardian.

Life at Camp

Trading Post

Ho Non Wah maintains a trading post for the sale of souvenirs, craft supplies, snacks, soft drinks, ice cream and more. A limited amount of camping equipment will also be available. Important items of personal gear are sold, including socks, t-shirts, soap, combs, toothbrushes, lights and batteries. We recommend bringing \$50 or more to cover the purchase of items in the trading post.

Campsites

Each campsite is equipped with tent platforms, two-person tents, cots, picnic tables, large shelters, a flagpole, latrine and wash stand. Additional supplies may be checked out from the quartermaster. Trash bags and cleaning supplies can be obtained each day after breakfast at the rear of the dining hall. The unit is responsible for all camp equipment issued, including tents, tarps, etc. Any breakage or damage to camp equipment must be paid for by the unit prior to departure on Sunday.

Campsite Inspections

Each site will be inspected on a daily basis by your commissioner using a copy of the inspection form that is included in the in-camp leaders manual. The units that earn the Commissioner's Award for cleanest campsite and scout spirit will be recognized at the Friday night closing campfire.

Showers

Hot showers are available in each campsite and at the central shower house for adult leaders. The central shower house is divided into a side to accommodate both male and female leaders. Keys must be used.

Camp Commissioner

The camp commissioner will be one of the first people you meet during check-in and will guide

you through the first day of camp. The camp commissioner will be your primary contact for unit service and questions regarding various aspects of camp, such as campsite inspections, requests, and program needs.

Order of the Arrow

The Thursday night campfire program includes an Order of the Arrow call-out ceremony under the stars, weather permitting. Units from Coastal Carolina Council may have scouts called out that are selected in an Order of the Arrow election conducted by Unali'yi Lodge. Order of the Arrow elections during camp may be requested by completing the form found in the in-camp leaders manual.

Units from outside the Coastal Carolina Council may also have Scouts called out for the Order of the Arrow during the ceremony. To do so, the unit leader should bring an official letter with the names of the candidates signed by the Lodge Chief or Lodge Advisor of their local Order of the Arrow Lodge. Unfortunately, Unali'yi Lodge is unable to perform unit elections for units from visiting councils.

SPL Meetings

A senior patrol leaders meeting is conducted on the back porch of dining hall each day following breakfast. At this meeting we will review the day's program schedule, important reminders, and other program-related items.

Crackerbarrel

A Scoutmaster's crackerbarrel will be held Monday evening at 9:00 PM to review your first day in camp. This will provide us an opportunity to resolve any physical or program issues that may detract from the scouts' enjoyment of summer camp. The camp will provide the refreshments for this evening event.

Daily Good Turn

In keeping with the Scout motto, "Do a good turn daily", each unit will be asked to perform a good turn in the morning directly after breakfast. For a listing of the daily good turn assignments, please see the *Bohicket Times*.

Scout Vespers Service

The chapel is available for group or individual use at any time. An interfaith vespers service will be scheduled one evening during your stay at camp, along with a Catholic mass for those of the Catholic faith.

Ho Non Wah Grace

For the wind and the water
We thank thee oh Father,
For Friendship and Brotherhood
We pledge our service,
And for the food before us,
We are ever grateful.
Amen.

Quiet Hours & Taps

The scout taps is 10:30PM. Quiet hours/lights out is observed between 10:30PM and 7:00AM. Please conduct a bed check to ensure that scouts are accounted for and in their own sites by the time of taps.

Troop Time

Watermelon slurps and ice cream socials are fun for everyone. Prices vary according to request. Make reservations for this event at the camp office on check-in day.

Coming & Going

All participants, youth and adult, are asked to check in and out of the camp at the camp office. All we ask is that you sign the camp logbook. This applies for all reasons: discipline, doctor's appointments, leadership changes, sport activities, trips to the bank, grocery store, etc. This is for your safety and our peace of mind. We appreciate your help.

All campers will be issued a camp identification band that must be worn while in camp. Please be sure that each of your scouts wear these bands so that we can easily identify who should be in camp.

The First Day

Arrival & Check-In

All camp sessions start on Sunday and end on the following Saturday. Units should plan to arrive at camp between 2:00 and 4:00 PM on Sunday. Please do not arrive before 2:00 PM; we will not be ready to receive your unit.

Your staff guide will greet you as you enter camp. When you enter the office you will be presented with a current unit roster and asked verify all scouts and leaders are present. Any outstanding fees will need to be paid and you will have an opportunity for any last minute questions. Your guide will take you to your unit's site and give your unit a tour of camp, guiding you through the check-in process.

Monday Check-In

Due to religious obligations or unforeseen circumstances, a unit may need to arrive and check in on Monday morning. The Camp HNW staff is prepared to assist with an early Monday morning check-in. To make the Monday morning check-in go smoothly, we strongly recommend units take advantage of the express check-in process.

Monday check-in will begin as early as 6:00AM. A continental breakfast will be available at the camp office while check-in is completed. Come dressed in a swimsuit so that swim checks can be completed on the way in to your campsite. Pictures will be done at the earliest convenient time for the entire unit.

Camp Tours/Guides

When you check-in, you will be assign a staff member to act as your unit guide. Your staff guide will take your unit through the check-in process and assist you with your arrival. Your guide will return at the end of the week to assist you you're your closing site inspections and check-out. Ask your guide to sit with you at meals so that your scouts will have an

opportunity to make connections with the staff.

Unit Pictures

A photographer will be at camp the day of check in to take group photos either just prior to or immediately following check in at the Camp Office. If weather becomes an issue or units check in late, pictures will be rescheduled for a later time. It is recommended that your unit either arrive in uniform or troop shirts so that they look the best for the picture.

Cost of Pictures: 4x6 prints cost \$2, 5x7 prints cost \$4, and 8x10 prints cost \$8.

Swim Checks

For units who participate in multiple aquatic activities throughout the year and have had swim checks within the last six months, a pre-camp swim check form is available online. Please note that these swim check must be authorized by a certified American Red Cross or BSA lifeguard. A copy of the certification card must be attached to the completed pre-camp swim check form in order to be honored.

All other units will take the swim test upon arrival at camp. It is important to note that aquatic activities will take place in three different locations: the pool, the lake and the river. For more information on the BSA swim test, please consult the handbook or ask a member of our camp HNW aquatics team.

Beginners' Test

Jump feet first into water over your head. Level off, and swim 50 yards.

Swimmers' Test

Jump into water over your head feet first and level off. Swim 75 yards on stomach using a forward power stroke (crawl, side stroke, breast stroke or trudgen). Swim 25 yards on your back using a resting back stroke (elementary back

stroke). Float on your back for 30 seconds.

Leader's Meetings

A meeting of all unit leaders and senior patrol leaders will be held on Sunday after dinner. At this meeting, members of the camp staff will give an overview of policies and procedures and special program activities that will be offered during the week. This meeting will also provide an opportunity to answer many questions about your week at camp. Members of the camp administration will be on hand to process any last minute changes in merit badge schedules.

There will be additional meetings during the course of the week to send out any necessary information and “keep you in the loop.”

A Typical Camp Day

Daily Schedule

Each day follows the same scheduling as shown. The schedule on Saturday and Sunday vary for check-in and check-out.

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| 07:45 AM | Waiter's Call |
| 07:50 AM | Assembly |
| 08:00 AM | Breakfast |
| 09:00 AM | Merit Badge Sessions |
| 12:00 PM | Waiter's Call |
| 12:30 PM | Lunch |
| 01:00 PM | Rest Period |
| 02:00 PM | Merit Badge Sessions |
| 04:00 PM | Activity Period |
| 05:45 PM | Waiter's Call |
| 05:50 PM | Assembly |
| 06:00 PM | Dinner |
| 10:30 PM | Camp Taps |

On Sunday, Thursday, and Friday the evening activity includes a camp wide campfire in the council ring. Everyone in camp is expected to attend and wear their scout uniform.

There are a variety of activities to choose from on the remaining evenings.

Uniforms

The scout uniform is a very important part of the scouting program, and all scouts are required to bring at least one complete uniform to camp. "Class A" uniforms are to be worn at evening retreat ceremonies and closing campfires every day. Scouts are encouraged to wear a scouting related t-shirt during the day to prevent wear and tear.

Since the uniform is worn so much, here are a few tips to help it stay fresh and clean:

- Don't wear it at times when it does not have to be worn; change clothes after supper to avoid getting it dirtier.
- Bring a hanger for the shirt
- It would be a good idea to have several

pairs of scout socks to avoid wearing the same pair all week (available in the TP).

Meals & Waiters

Scoutmasters should make sure that each scout gets his fair share of food. If there is a spot for staff to sit at your table, food is saved for them as well. There should be a fair-sized serving for everyone at the table.

Please notify the camp director if you are having any problems with meals.

Balanced, nutritional meals are served family style in the dining hall. Ho Non Wah is happy to accommodate special meal requests due to medical or religious reasons. Please contact the camp director in writing before camp starts if you or any of the scouts in your unit will require such meals. Meal requests should be confirmed with the camp director and cook upon the unit's arrival at camp.

Ho Non Wah uses a modified "waiter system" for most meals. Each unit provides a scout as a waiter for each table used. Waiters should arrive at the dining hall twenty (20) minutes before the meal is scheduled to be served. The waiter's responsibilities are to set the table prior to the meal, obtain food from the serving station during the meal, and clean up after the meal. Waiters should not leave until the dining hall steward thoroughly checks the table and finally dismisses the waiter.

Awards & Recognition

HNW Honor Camper

The honor camper award is for those scouts who stand out in a crowd. They are the ones who are always prepared, participate in nearly all activities, are often the first to volunteer, and get the other scouts motivated when a task needs to be done. Requirements for this award will be available in the in-camp leader's manual and extra copies will be available in the office.

HNW Honor Patrol

Patrols attending Ho Non Wah can be recognized as an honor patrol. This award recognizes units that use the patrol method while at summer camp. Patrols are not in competition with other patrols from their own unit or from other units in camp.

HNW Honor Troop

Troops attending HNW can be recognized as an honor troop. This award is based on guidelines that ensure a troop follows all camp procedures and takes full advantage of the program opportunities. Troops are not in competition with other troops for this.

Commissioner's Award

Troop campsites will be inspected daily by the commissioners. Results will be announced at dinner and the winning unit will be awarded the commissioner's award to engrave a section of the paddle. The unit with the most wins at the end of the week will take the paddle home.

Scoutmaster's MB

Scoutmasters and all adult troop leaders are given a chance to earn an award uniquely suited for them. See the requirements for this award in the in-camp leader's manual distributed upon check-in on Sunday.

Spirit Award

The spirit award is awarded to the unit that

shows the most scout spirit each day at camp. Each troop has an opportunity every day to receive the award. The troop demonstrating the most spirit at the end of the camp week will take the spirit award home with them. The following are some ways to show scout spirit:

- follow the scout oath and law
- participate in cheers and songs while in formation before meals
- help in the dining hall
- be helpful and polite in classes
- pick up trash around camp
- be early to formation

Gold Star Units

Units who bring 75% of their registered scouts to camp will earn the distinction of being a gold star unit. The scoutmaster will receive special gold star unit recognition at the Friday campfire and a ribbon to display on the unit flag.

Other Information

Outside World

One of the most frequently asked questions is where their son will be, and how they can reach him...and rightfully so! Please encourage parents to write, but not to call unless it is an emergency. The main telephone line in camp is for camp business and emergencies.

Daily deliveries and collections are made at camp. Outgoing mail will be picked up from the mail box at the camp office at 10:00AM each day. Incoming mail may be picked up by a unit leader or SPL after dinner. .

Visitors

Because of the busy schedule a camper maintains at camp, we recommend that parents and friends limit their visits to the camp to check-in on Sunday and check-out on Saturday. Families and friends are encouraged to attend the special family night campfire held each Thursday evening. Units begin to prepare for the campfire at 7:00PM. Those planning to attend should arrive in camp prior to that time.

Please observe the camp speed limit. The life you save may be your son's. No meals will be offered to visitors, so please be sure to eat before you arrive at camp.

Parents Night

Parent's night will be each Thursday evening. Parents who plan to attend need to make arrangements with the leaders of their unit to participate with scouts in the many fun activities that evening. There will also be an exciting campfire program that parents would not want to miss!

Departure Day

The check-out procedure begins on Saturday, and should be completed before 9:00AM. Any units with special check-out considerations

should make plans through the program director or camp director prior to Saturday.

Merit badge applications, unit pictures, and other paperwork will be given to each unit at the breakfast assembly, along with a packet that details checkout procedures. Please follow the instructions carefully to expedite your unit's checkout and get your scouts out of camp and back home safely and smiling.

Camp Rules & Regulations

We are all, first and foremost, members of the Boy Scouts of America. The basic rules governing Camp Ho Non Wah are the scout oath and scout law. Rules are for your scout's safety, the protection of equipment, and preservation of fairness to everyone.

- No personal vehicles are permitted in camp.
- No pyrotechnics of any kind are permitted on camp property.
- No alcoholic beverages or other unlawful drugs or substances are allowed in camp.
- Closed-toed shoes must be worn at all times in camp.
- No transporting passengers in the back of pick-up trucks is allowed.
- Sheath knives are not allowed in camp. Bring approved folding pocketknives only.
- Only refrigerated and injectable medications need to be stored in the health lodge.
- All cars must be parked in the designated parking area just outside the gate into camp. The camp speed limit is less than 15 mph — no exceptions.
- Any resident leaving camp must check-out at the camp office.
- Ho Non Wah is blessed with a wide variety of wild creatures. Under no circumstances should anyone touch or disturb snakes or other animals. Please educate scouts on the identification of poisonous plants and animals indigenous to the southeastern United States and review the outdoor code. All leave no trace principles apply.
- The camp provides tents. Tents accommodate two scouts with cots on wooden platforms. Scout leaders will have an opportunity to inspect their sites for any pre-existing damage. Units will bear the cost of damage to campsite equipment.
- Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing into swimming suits or taking showers according to Youth Protection guidelines. Adults must also protect their own privacy in similar situations.
- A unit must have two-deep leadership.
- Scouts are not permitted to sleep in a tent or cabin of an adult other than a parent or guardian. Special times for male and female use of adult central showers will be posted on these facilities throughout camp and should be strictly adhered to.
- Campfires are permitted only in designated fire pits in each campsite with the approval of the camp office or camp ranger prior to burning.
- All scouts are responsible for the cleanliness of their campsite and for assisting in keeping the camp clean for others to enjoy as much as you have.

There will be no deviation from these rules and regulations unless otherwise noted.

A Word About Camp Staff

To assist you, the unit leader, in making possible a truly great camping experience for your troop, we have employed a staff of camping people (and, incidentally, regular guys). Their only excuse for being in camp is to serve you and your troop to the best of their ability.

They are not strangers to this game of scouting, these young men who make up the camp staff. True, they have been chosen for their ability of skill in some particular phase of camp operation, but over and above this, they were chosen because they have experience as volunteers in scouting.

They love and believe in this great game, even as you do. Like you, they are making great personal sacrifices to be an active part of it and don't expect anything in return.

They are human, too! They will make mistakes and errors in judgment, as do we all, but they will be honest mistakes. With your help, they will avoid these same mistakes again.

Together, you and they can make possible a finer camp experience for your scouts. Each of you shares this responsibility. In working together for the welfare of your scouts, you will find a strong bond of scouting that will not be forgotten years into the future.

Please remember one thing as you go into this big adventure of camp; the staff will help, assist, and accommodate you in every way they can, but they will not take over your unit. Your troop is your responsibility and although they will help, you are still in charge.

You are the unit leader you are the adult your boys know and respect. You give them understanding and encourage them to use their leadership skills; you ensure discipline is maintained; you give your scouts the adult guidance they need in camp.

Do this, and the boys in your unit will look back many years hence and recall with fond memories their association with you in camp and the positive encouragement and support you gave them. It may just be a simple act, but there is nothing simple about the difference that you can make in the lives of your scouts and those around you.

If any scout in your unit is interested in becoming a member of the staff in future summers, please direct them to the camp office to pick up an employment application.

Out of Council Add-ons

We have included this section in our leader's manual for all units who travel from out of council to stay with us during the summer at Camp Ho Non Wah. To assist you with your planning we have included some additional activities that may help in your planning and travel. Several of these include sightseeing opportunities for you and your scouts while visiting the historic Charleston area.

USS Yorktown

Located on historic Charleston Harbor, Patriots Point is home to USS Yorktown (CV-10), the Fighting Lady. The first USS Yorktown (CV -5) sank at the battle of Midway on June 7, 1942. Onboard the decks of this famous World War II aircraft carrier, you can relive a momentous time in America's history. The Fighting Lady contains all the evidence of her past; one can see, touch, feel and smell the past, where young Americans fought and died to turn the fortunes of war in the Pacific.

Moored next to her is USS Laffey (DD- 724), a World War II destroyer. LAFFEY survived the onslaught of Japanese kamikaze attacks while off Okinawa as Radar Picket Station #1 on April 16, 1945. She became known as "the ship that wouldn't die."

Skip the book and don't miss this opportunity to see these incredible vessels in the sea. For more information, call 800-248-3508.

SC Aquarium

The South Carolina Aquarium, located in Charleston, South Carolina, opened in May of 2000 on the historic Charleston Harbor. It is home to over 10,000 plants and animals including river otters, loggerhead sea turtles, alligators, Venus flytraps, great blue herons, hawks, owls, sea horses, jellyfish, puffer fish, moray eels, horseshoe crabs, starfish, pythons, sea dragons and sharks.

The largest exhibit in the Aquarium is the Great Ocean Tank, which extends from the first to the third floor of the Aquarium; it holds over 385,000 gallons of water and contains over 300 animals. The Aquarium also features a Discovery Lab, where patrons are able to touch horseshoe crabs, starfish, and other marine animals. It's a great excursion to the sea without the sand in your toes!

For more information, call 800-722-6455.

H.L. Hunley

The H. L. Hunley was a submarine of the Confederate States of America that demonstrated both the advantages and the dangers of undersea warfare.

The Hunley was the first submarine to sink an enemy warship, although the submarine was also lost following the successful attack. The Confederates lost 32 men in Hunley's career. The submarine was renamed after the death of her inventor, Horace Lawson Hunley, and some time after she had been taken into the Confederate forces at Charleston, SC.

H. L. Hunley, almost 40 feet (12 m) long, was built at Mobile, Alabama, launched in July 1863, and shipped by rail to Charleston, SC on August 12, 1863. On February 17, 1864, Hunley attacked and sank the 1240-ton steam sloop USS Housatonic in Charleston harbor, but soon after, Hunley also apparently sank, drowning all 8 crewmen. Over 136 years later, on August 8, 2000, the wreck was recovered, and on April 17, 2004, the DNA-identified remains of the eight Hunley crewmen were interred in Charleston's Magnolia Cemetery, with full military honors.

For more information, call 843-763-4865.

Charleston Market

The open-air market is located on Market Street in Historic Downtown Charleston. This market was once the major trade capital of the city prior to the 1900's. During the summer, the market is full of activity. Along either side of the market is a large variety of eating establishments and souvenir shops. Carriage rides and tours through the city can be purchased in this location.

To visit the market, please ask camp administration for directions — it IS a busy place so be sure to keep your scouts together.

Historic Trails

History comes alive for you and your group as you hike our trails. From battlefields to Franklin's print shop, you learn about the history in the area of each trail. Each trail has a brochure that contains directions, points of interest and questions allowing each person to earn a patch and medal for that trail.

Each trail has a patch and a medal (+\$) available to all who hike the trail and return the brochure with the questions answered.

SC Beaches

Several units from the mountains and inland areas enjoy the opportunity to visit one of the many beaches that are close to camp. Swimming is always great but even walking and enjoying the water and the stars can make a summer perfect. A picnic dinner can also be arranged for your unit. Please make arrangements with the camp director on Sunday evening so that food for your trip can be arranged and ready.

Other Opportunities

For the latest program information and more opportunities, please visit the Camp Ho Non Wah website at www.camphnw.com.

This information is also available at the camp. And remember, we're locals and we're always here to point you in the right direction!