

To: All Parents Of New Scouts and Scouts That Are Not Yet First Class

The 2nd scout skills sessions of the year will be held on Saturday, October 8th, and Sunday, October 9th. Your scout can attend either the Saturday OR the Sunday session, but does not need to attend both. Both the Saturday and Sunday sessions go from 12NOON to 4PM. Both start at 12NOON at the Lucy Stern fire circle. When the Lucy Stern portion of the skills session is over (sometime between 2:30 and 3) the scouts will be driven to the Paly track (on Saturday) or the Cubberley track (on Sunday) to do the Tenderfoot fitness posttest. They will then be driven to their homes (by about 4PM).

Your son should bring his Boy Scout Handbook to the skills session so he can get signed off on the requirements that he completes. He should also read the Tenderfoot and 2nd class sections of the book ahead of time. The first aid sections (see Tenderfoot requirements 12a and 12b, and 2nd class requirements 6a and 6c) must be read ahead of time, as it takes too much leader time to test the scout's knowledge of these requirements if he hasn't read the book.

Scout uniforms are not required.

Pizza (with cheese an option) will be provided to scouts at 12 NOON when they arrive at Lucy Stern.

The most time-critical requirement for Tenderfoot advancement is the fitness posttest (10B). If you know now that your son cannot attend either of these skills sessions, let me know right away and we will try to arrange another time that the fitness posttest can be done. Your scout should be practicing the fitness activities in order to "show improvement" during the posttest.

Please respond to this E-mail and let me know one of the following:

- 1) My son can attend either session. (We would like to divide the scouts equally between Saturday and Sunday, so if your son can attend either day, I'll let you know next week which day works best for us.)

- 2) My son will attend the skills session on Saturday, Oct. 8,
- 3) My son will attend the skills session on Sunday, Oct. 9, or
- 4) My son cannot attend either skills session.

I need one parent volunteer each day to bring 4 large pizzas to Lucy Stern by 11:55 (Troop 57 will reimburse for the cost). I also need 2 parents each day to arrive at Lucy Stern at 2:30, drive scouts to Paly (on Saturday) or Cubberley (on Sunday), and then drive the scouts to their homes after they complete the fitness posttest. I would appreciate it if we could get non-ASM parents to volunteer for these jobs, as the ASMs already do a lot for the troop, and this is an easy way for non-ASM parents to contribute.

Thanks!

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