



CAMP GERONIMO 2008 FACT SHEET

We will meet at Desert Springs Bible Church on June 21, 2008, at 9:00 am. **ALL SCOUTS MUST BE DRESSED IN A TROOP GREEN CLASS B T-SHIRT AND TROOP RED HAT.** Geronimo T-shirts will be handed out at camp.

A COMPLETE SCOUT CLASS A UNIFORM must be **displayed** on a hanger before departure from the church. **NO SCOUT UNIFORM – NO GO TO CAMP!!** The Scout Uniform for Camp Geronimo is:

- Regulation BSA Scout Shirt.
- Troop 109 Cap (in like-new condition)
- BSA green uniform pants **or** BSA green uniform shorts and BSA socks (when wearing shorts).
- BSA belt
- Hiking / tennis / basketball / jogging footwear.
- Scouts are **NOT** to bring their neckerchief or neckerchief slide as these items usually get lost during the week.

We will leave promptly at 9:30 am, so please be early. We cannot not keep 35+ people waiting for an individual late arrival. We will travel to camp by car pool. Any family that would like to drive to/from camp, please fill out your Scout's carpool sheet indicating your desire.

It is approximately a 2½ hour trip to Camp Geronimo. Each Scout is to **bring a sack lunch including a cold drink** for Saturday's lunch. We will eat in the Geronimo parking lot, not in the vehicles.

All personal gear (see equipment list) is to be packed in the Scout's backpack. Each Scout will carry his own gear from the parking lot to our campsite (about **0.3 mile**). All belongings should be marked with the Scout's name. Also, please remember that all of your son's gear and belongings must be stored daily in his backpack prior to each morning's campsite inspection. Scouts should pack only those things they will need and use.

Double check for any **medicine**. At the parent's discretion, a responsible Scout may keep and dispense their own medication, or the medicine must be given to the Scoutmaster or Camp Doctor with appropriate instructions.

The BSA "[Personal Health & Medical Record](#)" must be turned in by **June 2, 2008** to David Cleary Committee Outing Chair, (602) 682-7479. Click on the link above or http://phxtroop109.org/Class_1and_2_34414.pdf for a copy of the form. **No medical form - No Camp!**

The money you already paid for camp includes almost everything. Your son will want to have some extra money (\$30 - \$35) for Trading Post items, souvenirs, snacks and to pay for some merit badge material cost for basketry, Indian lore, leatherwork, and woodcarving.

Our campsite is in the heart of **squirrel and field mouse country**. We have a major problem if anything edible is left in camp during the day. No food is to be left in tents or backpacks. We strongly recommend that food be eaten at the mess hall or the Trading Post. **Do not bring a week's supply of snacks from home.**

THE LETTER FROM HOME IS ONE OF THE GREATEST CURES FOR HOME-SICKNESS. We want your son to have a good time at camp, so keep those cards and letters coming during the week. Mail call is eagerly awaited and it is not fun when others get something and your son does not.

Mail is delivered to Camp Headquarters once a day. *A letter or postcard can take three days to get to camp, think about mailing a card on Friday before camp.*

ADDRESS MAIL TO CAMP AS FOLLOWS:

Scout's Name
TROOP 109, CAMPSITE 19
Session 4
Camp Geronimo
HC 7 Box 390
Payson, AZ 85541-9568

EMERGENCY NUMBERS FOR CAMP:

SCOUT SERVICE CENTER (928) 474-4688; Fax: (928) 474-3582

NOTE: Camp personnel will get a message to the Scout in case of an emergency. Scouts do not have access to a public telephone at camp. **Scouts are forbidden to bring personal cell phones, music players or any electronics other than a watch or a digital camera – THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** Please do not tell the Scout to call home while at camp. Have them write home instead. Remember paper, pen, envelope and stamp. Give them a self-addressed and stamped envelope before they leave for camp.

There is plenty to do while Scouts are at camp, so have them come prepared. Do Merit Badge written work at home before camp starts. Make sure the Scout brings books for the Merit Badges he is taking; otherwise he will have to buy one at Geronimo. **Make sure your son brings his Scout Handbook.** Please write your son's name and troop number on all books. Remind your son to keep his Scout Handbook with him.

All first year Scouts will participate in the Swimming and First Aid Merit Badges if they do not already have it, and at least one more merit badge of their choosing.

All first year scouts AND scouts who have never earned their Polar Bear award must participate in early morning swims on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We find that the chilly water builds character (but more importantly, ensures that scouts will have bathed at least 3 times during the week!)

DEPARTURE: Scouts will not be permitted to leave camp early **unless prior approval** from the Scoutmaster. Parents who plan to pick up on Saturday morning are asked to be early. We do not want to wait for parents in the parking lot. Everyone is tired and wants to go home!

REMEMBER

- Cots and chairs may **only** be used by the adult leaders.
- Do **NOT** bring a supply of snacks from home. The Scoutmaster is fat enough.
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If you have questions, call:

- Russ Carpenter, Scoutmaster (480) 905-0030