

Camp Turrell Discussion Points for trip July 26 through August 1, 2009
(more info available on www.nnjbsa.org then following the Camping link to Camp Turrell)

Location:

- 6 miles north of Port Jervis NY about 1:20 away on a remote mountain top with large lake.

Organization:

- Scouts camp with their troop in our own site "M". Scouts arrive on Sunday and should plan to be in attendance through Saturday morning at 9:00 AM.
- Camp supplies 2-person tents with cots on wooden platforms
- We eat breakfast in the dining hall and cook lunch & supper in our campsite.
- Scouts are divided into patrols of about 8 to 10 scouts and share cooking, clean-up, and other duties.
- Cindy Rosfjord (7 Hannah Road / 677-0269) is the Troop 49 Camp Turrell coordinator. She will collect your signed Behavior Pledge and medical form by July 1, 2009.
- New BSA medical form is located at the following website:
<http://www.nnjbsa.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=453&id=52019>

Cost:

- \$290 if paid prior to April 25 and \$320 if paid on or after April 25th.
- Camperships are available to needy scouts to help pay for camp. Check out the campership information in the Summer Camp folder on the council web site www.NNJBSA.org.
- RSVP by May 1st using the form on the troop web site.

Merit Badge Program:

- Camp offers about 20 merit badges programs that run from Monday through Friday. You start the merit badge on Monday and the skills are taught each day completing on Friday.
- Merit badges are run like classes in school, the same time every day. A scout may have Rowing from 9-10, Canoeing from 10-11, Art from 11-12 and First aid from 2-3.
- Range Area: Archery, rifle, Shotgun (14 yrs old)
- Our troop averages 3.5 merit badges per scout.
- Scouts must register for Merit Badge classes on-line on the NNJC Web site. Scouts must forward their confirmation of merit badges to the troop email – bsatrop49@hotmail.com

Advancement:

- Scouts have dozens of hours to work on requirements in camp within their troop.
- Camp offers a 1st-Year camper program called "Pathfinders" which most first year Scouts sign up for.
- Camp offers the opportunity to complete all Tenderfoot and Second Class requirements and many scouts do. Motivation is the key.

Adults:

- Each troop needs to have a minimum of two adults in camp at all times. We would like to have a minimum of three. We will have a signup schedule at the June Court of Honor.
- Moms and Dads are welcome to stay any or all nights. No siblings can stay the night.
- No special skills are needed as you need to supervise and keep the scouts on schedule and keep an eye on safety. You are urged to take the BSA online training course, "Youth Protection" before attending any camping trip.

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First Day, Sunday,

- 10am Meet at OLPH and carpool up to camp. Parents are welcome to come and help scouts and troop get unpacked.
- Noon Start check in process, set up camp, set up gear in camp supplied tents.
- About 1pm Medical staff reviews medical forms and takes all medications. If the medical forms have problems, parents need to correct them. This is why we ask the medical forms to be returned to the troop by mid June so we can give them a first inspection to minimize issues. Parents are not required to be here for the medical check. Adults wishing to swim or boat must have a medical form.
- About 2pm Swim Test – Each scout must pass a basic swim test which is the Second Class requirement in the book. All adults wishing to swim or use a boat must also pass the test. No big deal.
- 6:00pm First night supper in camp dining hall.
- 7:00pm Scouts sign up for their merit badges.
- 8:00pm Opening campfire with songs and skits put on by the staff. On Friday night, the troops put on the campfire and do skits.

Last Day, Saturday

- 9:00am Parents arrive and pack up and go home.

Average Day:

- 7:00am Wake up and get ready for the day.
- 7:50am Assemble by flag pole for morning colors followed by breakfast in dining hall.
- 8:45am Scouts leave for their 9am session.
- 9:00am First session for merit badges. Scouts without a first session stay in camp and do homework, work on skills, get firewood, or relax.
- 10:00am Second session for merit badges.
- 11:00am Third session for merit badges.
- Noon – 2pm Lunch and siesta time at our campsite. Time to relax, unwind, explore, work on requirements, sit around the fireplace and chat, or nap.
- 2:00pm First afternoon session
- 3:00pm Second afternoon session. Open shooting at archery & rifle to practice. Open boating to use canoes, rowboats, or sailboats. Parents too!
- 4:00pm Troop Swim and open boating
- 5:00pm Start supper preparations
- 6:00pm Supper in camp.
- 6:30 to 10pm Free time to play basketball, softball, check out the snack bar, work on homework or requirements, star gaze, sit around the camp fire.
- 10:00pm Get ready for bed.
- 10:30pm In bed.

- Things to bring:** Check the Leaders Guide for detailed packing list
Basically: uniform, clothes, toiletries, merit badge books, bug netting, merit badge pre-requisites.
Ask senior Scouts or your Patrol Leader

- Don't Bring:** Cell Phones, Electronics, Expensive items, weapons (real or toys), Food, etc. These will be confiscated by the scoutmaster.