



# **SPRING CAMPING**

**Akela Campfire 2005**

**LARCHMONT PACK 33**

**CLEAR LAKE**

*Official BSA Camping Reservation*

**MAY 14-15<sup>TH</sup> 2005**



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# Spring Camping

## WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ALGONQUIN DISTRICT

### Akela 2005 District Camping Event

- **When: May 14-15<sup>th</sup> 2005**
- **Where: Clearlake Reservation (45 mins. from Larchmont)**
- **Camping: \$50.00 for 1 parent & 1 scout (includes a patch, breakfast, dinner & snacks). \$20.00 each additional person.**
- **MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: "Cub Scout-PACK 33" if mailing.**
- **MAIL TO: John Stackpole, 39 Coolidge Street, Larchmont, NY 10538.)**

### **\*\*\*Important\*\*\***

- >Lunch is not provided
- >You Must Have A Ticket to attend

**Deadline to purchase tickets Monday May 12th 2005 at the Pack Meeting**

- **Pack 33 will be grouped together in one area.**
- **Games, Crafts & Activities, Campfire & Tiger Graduation/Crossover**
- **We urge those attending to arrive early to set-up and be ready to start the fun. At 10:00 the road to Camp site 33 will be closed. The council is providing a pick for gear.**



# SCHEDULE

## SATURDAY – MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>.

12:00-5:00 PM	<b>ACTIVIES</b> (Archery, Obstacle course, neckerchief slide, headband, necklace, Feather Headdress, knot station, fishing, cooking on a campfire, ultimate, foot racers, tug of war, nature conservation project)
5:30-6:30	<b>DINNER WITH PACK</b>
6:30-7:00	<b>CLEAN-UP</b>
7:00-8:00	<b>AKELA POW WOW</b>
8:00-8:30	<b>CAMPFIRE &amp; Indian Lore</b> (2 native Indians will be performing at the campfire)
8:30-9:00	<b>TIGER Cross Over</b>
9:30-10:30	<b>Pack 33 Camp fire. Stories, sing-a-long, open mike</b>

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## SUNDAY – MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

7:00-9:00	<b>BREAKFAST WITH PACK &amp; BREAK DOWN CAMPSITE</b>
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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Bring extra shoes and socks as there is a stream near by.
- Bring long pants for the evening campfire
- Periodically check your child and yourself for ticks.
- Scouts **cannot** leave the campsite without informing parents.

## **Pack 33 Family Camping**

All Pack 33 Cub Scout camping is family camping. A parent or a legal guardian must accompany each boy. A Cub Scout cannot come with a friend's parent or the parent of another Cub Scout. Siblings and other family members are welcome to join as well if space permits.

The pack will be camping at **Clear Lake** located off the **Taconic Parkway, (Peekskill Hollow Road)**. A map and directions are attached.

The pack will provide:

**Dinner** on Saturday night and **breakfast** on Sunday morning and snacks. **Lunch** on Saturday, is not provided.

All adults are expected to **pitch in and help** with setting up the kitchen area, preparing meals, cleaning up, generally helping out and assisting the pack den leaders.

The pack leaders will bring along any required equipment outside of tents and sleeping bags. Cub Scouts and their parents should not bring along **axes, hatchets, saws or knives**. In particular, Pack 33 does not permit Cub Scouts to bring or use knives on camping trips.

The supervision of all Cub Scouts and siblings are the **responsibility of the parent**, not the den or pack leaders. Cub Scouts and siblings are not permitted to go into the woods unless accompanied by an adult. There are streams and sharp drop offs/cliffs on the reservation that pose a potential threat to unsupervised children. If you do want to take a hike or explore with your son, please let your den leader or a pack leader know.

**National Boy Scouts of America (BSA) rules prohibit alcoholic beverages on BSA events like Cub Scout family camping trips.**

The pack will bring a **First Aid kit** to deal with minor cuts, scrapes and bumps. The First Aid kit does not contain any medications other than topical antibiotics and burn creams. Parents are responsible for administering any medication, whether prescription or over-the-counter, required by your son. If there has been a recent change in your son's medical condition, please let your den leader know and update your son's medical history form.

## Cub Scout Camping Tips

Here are some thoughts on equipment and packing:

**Pre-packing** - unless you are an experienced camper, you might want to test pack your gear the weekend before your trip to see if you need to purchase or rent any other supplies during the week before the trip.

**Tents** - EMS in Scarsdale rents tents (Phone: 914-725-0024) they have (3) two man and (3) 4 man tents.

**Rental Cost \$25.00**

**Ground tarp** - you should purchase a heavy-duty plastic sheet big enough to put underneath your tent. Tent bottoms are usually not fully waterproof, so a plastic ground tarp is essential to stay dry, protects the floor's fabric and adds needed padding (**Home Depot or Local hardware store-6"x8"**)

**Packs** - packs will not be needed for the trip, but certainly enhance the experience for the boys. A large duffel bag will work as well. You should try to pack so that all the equipment you need can be carried to and stored in the tent.

**Fanny packs** - helpful during walks to carry a snack, first aid bag or canteen.

**Sleeping bags** - boys can use adult sized bags if the bottom is tied off with rope. Otherwise, their body heat might not be sufficient to warm up the interior of a large bag, A sleeping pad is a plus or you can use a folded blanket or quilt that you don't mind getting it dirty. If the sleeping bag is a lightweight, summer bag, you should bring along extra blankets/quilts or plan to sleep in long johns and sweats depending on the temperature.

**Rain gear** - a full-length raincoat or poncho is important. Rain pants are also helpful. If the woods are wet or it is raining, the #1 Tip to keeping dry is: Don't get wet in the first place. Pack a complete set of extra clothes in any case.

**Flashlight** - bring spare batteries. Small flashlights are handy so you can hold them between your teeth and then use two hands to search for stuff at night.

**Clothes** - bring cloths that will be suitable for temperatures 5-10 degrees colder than in Larchmont. Clear Lake is inland and a bit north, so temperatures there will generally be lower. The boys should change clothes completely before bed if they are sweaty. If your son's clothes get a little damp, his body heat will dry them while sleeping if they are stuffed loosely in the sleeping bag.

**First Aid** - you should bring along a mini-kit or a zip lock bag with Band-Aids, etc., and keep with during activities away from the campsite.

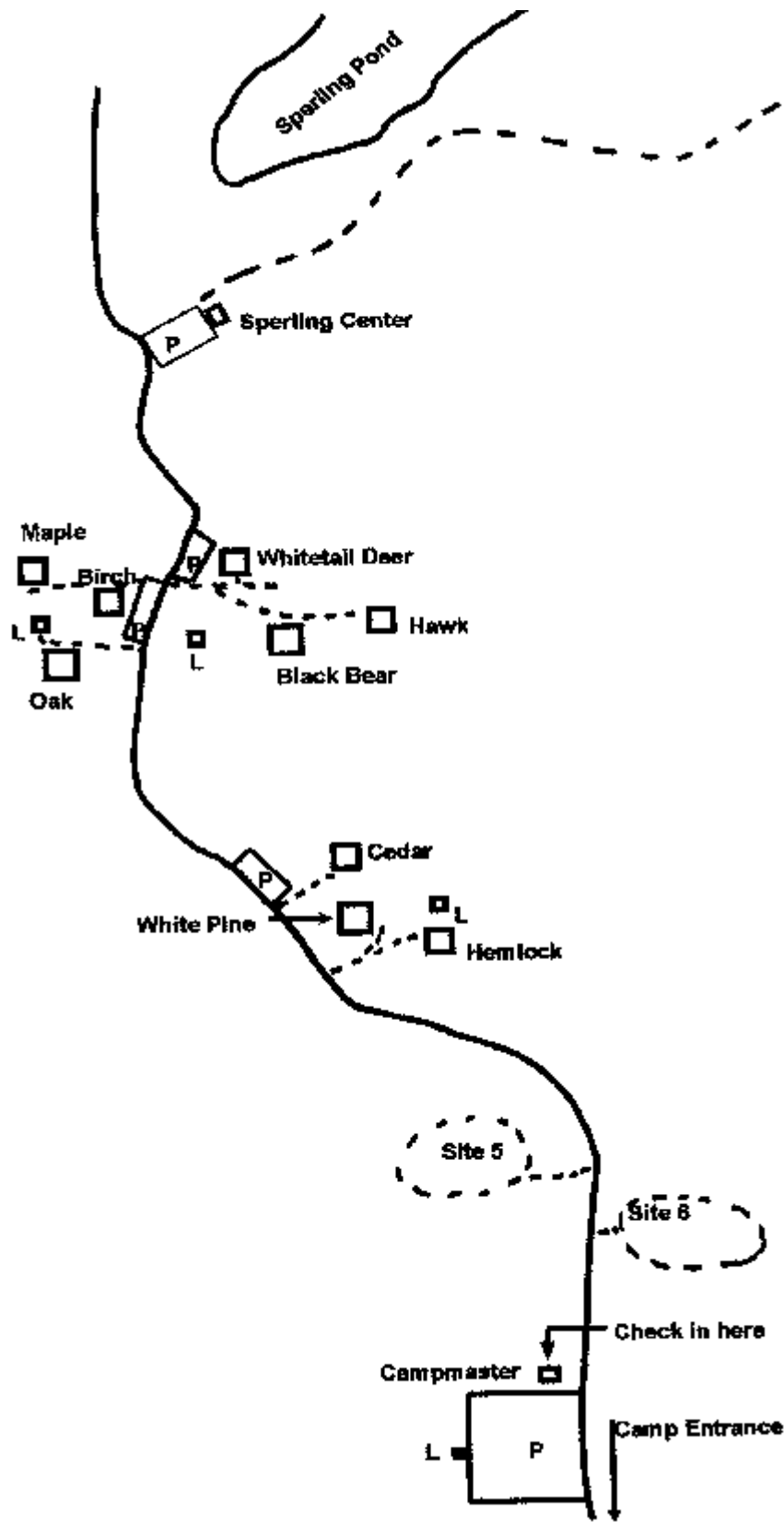
**Canteen** - bottled water bottles work fine.

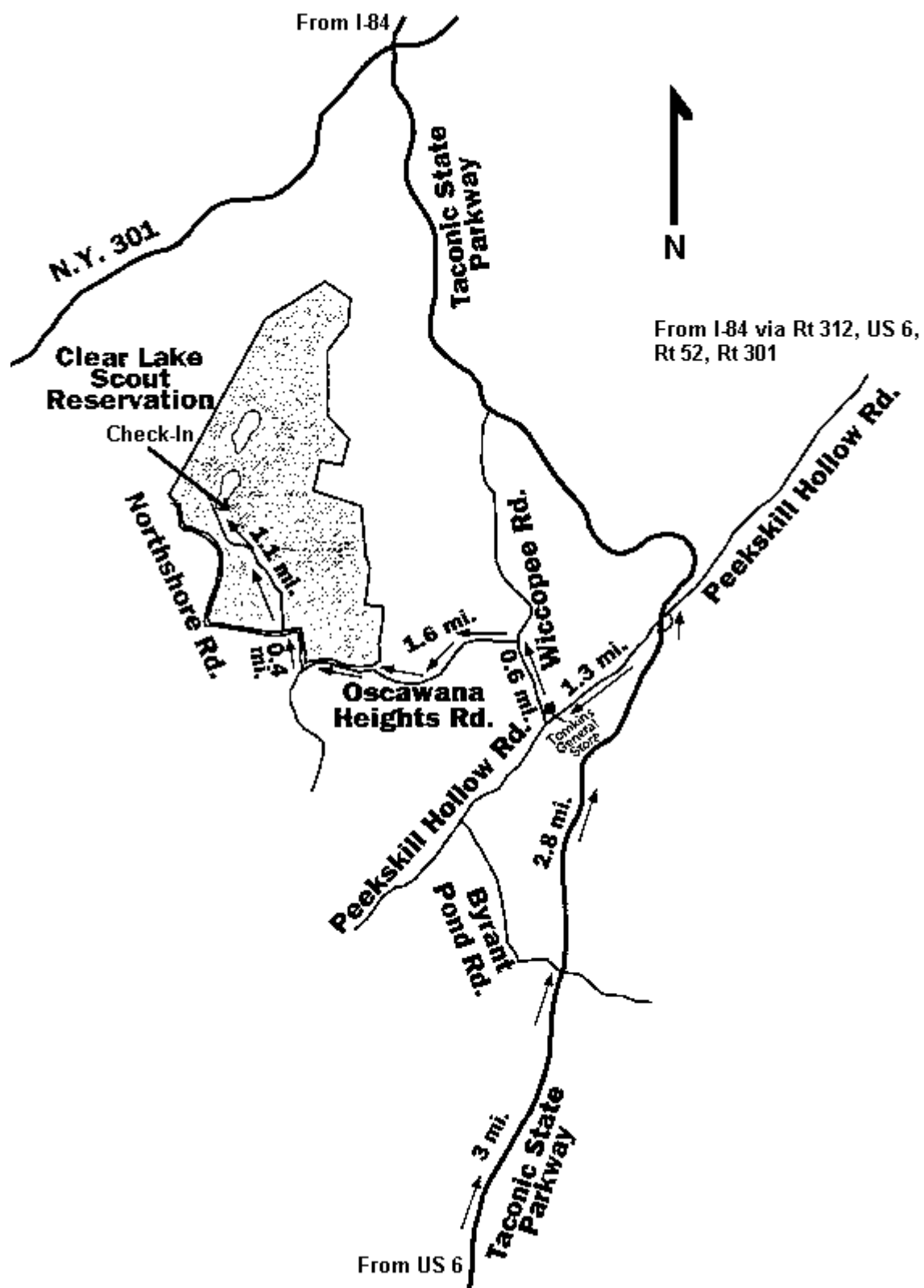
**Bags** - an assortment of zip lock bags are helpful for organizing loose ends like toothbrushes. A garbage bag is good for dirty laundry and/or wet stuff

**Toilet Paper** - it's a good idea to bring your own roll in a plastic bag.

**Ticks** - the boys and adults should be thoroughly checked for ticks when they return from any outdoor activity in the woods in our area.

**Bug Spray**-it's a good idea to bring some bug spray with you as well. However don't spray your tent since it will ruin the steams and water proofing of the tent.





## **DRIVING DIRECTIONS**

- Taconic Parkway to Peekskill Hollow Road Exit.
- Turn Left at end of road.
- 1 Mile to Wiccoppee Road (General Store on right).
- Turn Right onto Wiccoppee Road.
- 6/10 mile to Oscawana Heights Road.
- Then, turn Left onto Oscawana Heights Road.
- 1-7/10 miles to Northshore Road.
- Turn Right onto Northshore Road.
- 0.4 miles to Camp Entrance on Right.
- Parking Lot / Check in is 1 mile from the Camp entrance

Mileages provided above are distances between road intersections.