

MyCampGrimes Website – 2017 Season

Online Registration Begins

Online registration will begin March 23, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Registration starting times are staggered, depending on your week of camp. The start time schedule is as follows.

Week 1	8:00 am
Week 2	10:00 am
Week 3	12:00 noon
Week 4	2:00 pm

In the mean time, you should make sure you are prepared by 1) applying for a troop login id, 2) entering your troop roster into the system, and 3) familiarizing yourself with the registration process.

Entering Rosters

MyCampGrimes is now open for you to apply for your troop login and begin entering your troop roster. If you manage a large troop, remember that you can upload your roster information from a file you provide to the website. The file may be 1) a csv file downloaded from Scoutnet, requested from the council office, 2) a Unit Roster pdf file available from Internet Advancement, and 3) a custom built comma separated value file built to the site's specifications. You should also remember to delete any youth who is not attending summer camp from your MyCampGrimes roster. More instructions are available on the website. You can obtain the Scoutnet file for your troop by emailing your request to Jo Esposito at jo.esposito@scouting.org.

Remember to check your roster to insure rank and age or birth date is entered for scouts. This information is used to determine which merit badges the scout can sign up for. Also, please enter all adult scouters who will be attending camp on your roster and check the nights they will be in camp. This information helps us in planning for tent space and calculating costs.

Restricted Merit Badges

Some merit badges or activities have age and/or rank restrictions. These include Archaeology, Archery, BSA Lifeguard, the Citizenships, Climbing, Communications, COPE, Kayaking, Lifesaving, Motorboating, Pioneering, Rifle Shooting, Rowing, Search and Rescue, Shotgun, BSA Snorkeling/Kayaking/SUP, Water Sports, Whitewater, Wilderness Survival, and Woodworking. See the Leader's Guide page 51 for more details. We also recommend you not sign up first year scouts for Metalwork, or Welding.

If these classes do not show up on a scout's signup page who you think is eligible, check to insure you have entered age or birth date and rank for the scout.

Camp Coordinator's Checklist

Are you the troop's summer camp coordinator? A checklist is provided on the website to assist you in preparing your troop for your week at Camp Grimes. Look for the link on the MyCampGrimes website.

Pre-Camp Swim Test Log

Troops can log swim tests taken before camp on MyCampGrimes. Login under your troop's account and go to My Roster. Click the Swim Test button and you will see a page which lists everyone on your roster. You can then indicate each person's swimming ability. If your troop does your swim test prior to camp, fill in this form and your buddy tags will be ready when you arrive at camp.

Program Planner

A program planning tool is available on MyCampGrimes to assist your scouts in choosing what to take during their week at camp. The planner has recently been updated with the 2017 program. The planner uses the scout's age, rank, and merit badges already earned to produce a report of the program offerings which the scout qualifies for at camp. You do not need a login to use this tool, so any of your scouts and parents can access the tool.

No Blue Cards

Camp Grimes does not issue traditional blue cards for summer camp advancement. Instead, the camp tracks individual merit badge achievement in the MyCampGrimes database. At the end of your week at camp, you can download a "blue card report" which will serve as the record of your troop's merit badge achievements for the week. You should treat this report the same as blue cards and have them stamped by the council office and save them for internal record keeping. Additionally, these records stay online for a number of years.

Check Back Frequently

Check the camp website frequently. Additional information is posted to the website as it becomes available, including campsite assignments, meal shift assignments, dining hall menu, etc.

Feedback

I always welcome your feedback. Feel free to provide your ideas or suggestions to improve the MyCampGrimes website. A feedback form is provided on the site, once you log in.

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