

Camp Hinds

Pine Tree Council
Boy Scouts of America



Summer Camp 2011 - Parent's Guide

<http://www.camphinds.org>



How To Sign Up For Camp! If You Are Coming With A Troop...

Check with your son's Scoutmaster to see what week you are coming to camp! If you can't come that week, or you want to come an additional week, see the provisional scout information below! Your son's scoutmaster has all of the information for camp and will help your son with decisions about merit badges, activities, and everything else there is to do at Camp. Your Scoutmaster will also be able to give you details regarding payments (typically made to your troop), medical forms (**remember you need the new 2011 BSA Medical Form**), travel information and will also be able to answer any questions you have about the summer camp experience!

If You Are Coming As A Provisional Scout...

1. Fill out the Provisional Scout Reservation Form (A copy is located with your Scoutmaster's Leaders Guide or online at <http://www.camphinds.org>)
2. Send in the Reservation Form along with a \$10.00 Deposit to:
Pine Tree Council, 131 Johnson Road, Portland, ME 04102
3. If you pay in full before May 1 you are eligible for the **Early Bird Discount (\$20)!**
4. Otherwise, you must pay your bill in full **2 weeks prior to camp!**
5. Once we receive your paperwork, we will send you all of the program information - including how to register for MBs online at <http://www.pinetreebsa.org/scss>
6. Be sure to come to camp with your medical form! Remember, there is a **new 2011 BSA Medical Form!**

Recommended Camper Equipment

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Scout Uniforms | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Shorts, T-Shirts & Pants | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Pairs of Socks & Underwear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas | <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletry Kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Towels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bathing Suit | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking Shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sneakers | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Gear | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag and Pillow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Light Jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife | <input type="checkbox"/> Spending Money |

Optional Gear

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera | <input type="checkbox"/> Compass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Bug Spray |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bug Net | <input type="checkbox"/> Bible or Prayer Book | |

Please Do Not Bring

Radios, Fireworks, Sheath Knives, Bows and Arrows, Aerosol Can Products, CD/MP3 Player, Laptops, Alcohol or Drugs, Televisions, Firearms, Electronic Games and Pets



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Welcome to the Camp William Hinds Family! Your Scout is about to experience one of the finest Boy Scout camps in the nation! The beauty and majesty of Camp Hinds acts as a natural backdrop for a summer of fun, adventure and an exceptional outdoor learning experience.

Summer camp is often the most memorable experience of a young scout's summer. This is our 84th season offering an active, challenging, educational and most importantly *FUN* outdoor program. Karen and I, along with our entire staff, are already hard at work fine-tuning our program and preparing for the summer. We have prepared this guide to hopefully answer any questions you have, but please do not hesitate to contact us (or visit our website at <http://www.camphinds.org>) for further assistance, questions or comments. We would love to hear from you!

With expanded Older Boy Programs including the Mountain Man Experience, Cycling & SCUBA Merit Badges, specialty offerings such as the Backpacking Trek & Panther Pond Triathlon as well as over 50 merit badges and expanded troop rotation opportunities, this summer is shaping up to the best yet! We are excited your son has chosen Camp Hinds and look forward to seeing you on the shores of Panther Pond for our 84th summer!

"The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others."
~ Robert Baden-Powell

Yours in Scouting,

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Introduction to Camp Hinds

Camp Hinds is located on over 300 acres of land on Panther Pond in Raymond, Maine. Less than an hour outside of Portland, Panther Pond is part of the Sebago Lakes Region of Maine. Camp Hinds is owned and maintained by the Pine Tree Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The camp was founded in 1927, and over the years has grown to include a number of facilities and buildings including a 300+ seat Dining Hall, Health Lodge, Recreation Hall, Trading Post, Craftshop, Messer Training Center, High and Low Ropes Course and waterfront areas. Several buildings are used for year round camping but Hinds is used primarily as a traditional resident summer camp. When not serving as a summer camp, various Scout units for the area can be found utilizing its many campsites and buildings throughout the fall, winter and spring months.



Camp Hinds Staff

Camp Hinds has a trained staff of approximately 55 Scouts and Scouters. Our camp staff are all registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and our mission is to help promote the aims and methods of Boy Scouting, to their fullest, here at Camp Hinds.

The camp is lead by a Camp Director, who works with a Program Director and the Camp Properties Superintendent. Each of our program and support areas are overseen by an Area Director, many of whom have attended the National Camping School program for training specific to their job. Camp Hinds is routinely inspected and meets the standards set down by the B.S.A. National Office for an Accredited Boy Scout Summer Camp. Our staff will assist and try to accommodate your needs in every way possible, so do not hesitate to ask for assistance. Occasionally, it may be necessary to shift or rearrange program plans or campsites to accommodate everyone, but this will only be done when no other alternative is possible and when it is in the best interest of the Scouts and the program.





Youth Fees

The 2011 Summer Camp Fee for Camp Hinds is **\$310.00** per week for *PTC Scouts*. The cost for *Out of Council Scouts* is **\$340.00**. If you are going to be attending Camp Hinds as a *provisional camper* add **\$25.00** to the above fee. For those Scouts who are coming to camp for their **SCUBA certification**, your cost will be **\$600** for the week which includes your camp fee and *PADI* fees. Additional fees will be required for the following programs/MBs: \$15 for Par for the Course, \$50 for Mountain Man Experience, Week 5 Backpacking Trek & SCUBA MB.

Second Week & Sibling Discounts!

If you are coming for a 2nd week of camp, your first week is full price and your **second week is only \$225 (whether it's with your troop or provisional)**. Have a second son coming to camp? **The second sibling comes for \$225!** Sorry, no additional early bird discount on these.

Early Bird Discounts!

New Date for 2011: May 1st!

If your total camp fee is paid in full by May 1st, 2011 **deduct \$20.00** from the above fee!

Reservation Policy

To reserve a troop campsite, the reservation fee is \$10.00 per Scout (an additional \$25.00 per Scout is due by April 1, 2011). Reservations can be made through the Pine Tree Council Camping Secretary, at (207) 797-5252 x 14. *Camp space is limited so reserve early!*

Refund Policy

Individuals or groups that cancel a program reservation *30 days* prior to the date of the event will receive a refund, less 15% administrative charge. **No refunds will be made after the 30-day cancellation period.**

Any exception to this policy will need a written request with documentation (i.e. a Scout broke his leg, we would need documentation from a physician) for a refund to be considered.

Camperships!

Limited financial assistance, usually a portion of the camp fee is available on an individual basis for Scouts who could not attend camp without assistance. Applications must be submitted and approved by the unit leader and the Pine Tree Council Campership Committee. Applications are available through PTC at (207) 797-5252 or at www.pinetreebsa.org!

The campership application deadline is April 1st, 2011!

Note on Camperships to Scoutmasters: Camperships should be reserved for those that truly need financial assistance. Scoutmasters need to sign off on the campership forms and must be submitted entirely completed.

Order of the Arrow Campership!

Madockawanda Lodge offers two free camperships to deserving Scouts through the Lenny Niman Memorial Campership Program. Applications are available through PTC, your OA Chapter or on the web at: pinetreebsa.org/lodge

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2011 Camp Dates & Programs

WEEK 1: July 3 – July 8

- ★ Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
- ★ *Trail To Eagle* Advancement Week

WEEK 2: July 10 – July 15

- ★ Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
- ★ CIT Session 1: For 3 weeks running Weeks 2–4

WEEK 3: July 17 – July 22

- ★ Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
- ★ SCUBA Week with PADI Certification
- ★ CIT Session 1: For 3 weeks running Weeks 2–4

WEEK 4: July 24 – July 29

- ★ Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
- ★ CIT Session 1: For 3 weeks running Weeks 2-4

WEEK 5: July 31 - August 5

- ★ Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
- ★ Backpacking Trek in the Bigelow Mountain Range
- ★ BSA Lifeguard

WEEK 6: August 7 – August 12

- ★ Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional Scouts
- ★ *Trail to Eagle* Advancement Week

Camp Telephone & Address

There is a phone located at camp for business and emergency use. The camp phone number is **(207) 655-4878**. Remember, there is no phone next to your son's tent so parent's should *only use this number in case of an emergency*.

Scouts enjoy receiving mail from home during their stay at camp! We encourage you to write, but be sure to write early in the week as even though mail is delivered daily, sometimes can take a day or two for mail to reach camp depending on your location. All emergency messages received in the camp office will be delivered immediately to the adult leadership of the Scout to whom the information concerns by the camp staff.

Mailing Address:

Scout's Name
Scout's Troop # and Campsite
Camp Hinds
146 Plains Road
Raymond, ME 04071



Arrival

Scouts should arrive with their Scoutmaster at the Camp Hinds parking lot (not the parking lot on Plains Road, the one in camp by Cadigan Cabin) just prior to the gates opening at **2pm on Sunday**. Once there, troops will be greeted by their campsite guide, who will accompany the boys, parents and leaders to their campsite. *Provisional Scouts & Parents will meet with the Provisional Scoutmaster!*

Once the boys and leaders have completed their medical check-ins, they will be given identifying armbands that they are to wear for the duration of their week stay. **Please Remember, this year we are using the 2011 BSA Health Form!** Following the medical checks, buddy tags will be given and all must complete their swim test followed by time to get settled into your campsite. A brief waterfront orientation, *mandatory for all*, will follow the evening meal on Sunday.



Friday Activities & Departure

Parents and Family are invited to attend the Friday evening activities, including retreat, BBQ and closing campfire (all starting around 5pm). Please stay and attend the Friday closing campfire with your Scout! It's the culmination for what is the highlight of their summer! The staff, and even some Scouts, will be putting on a show for all of our visitors that your Scout will *not want to miss!*

BBQ Tickets are available for purchase at the Trading Post starting on Sunday. Tickets must be purchased by noon on Tuesday to allow time for ordering food. The meal will be hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixing's (Vegetarian options will be available)! Campers do not need to purchase tickets. **The tickets are \$5.00 per person/\$3.00 for guests under 12.** In the event of "liquid sunshine" activities may be moved inside and arrival times may be assigned to campsites.



Dining Hall & Meals Overview

Meals are prepared by our kitchen staff and served in the dining hall. The camp menu has been designed and dietician approved to ensure that properly balanced meals are being served to the growing young men that visit Camp Hinds each summer. *A copy of the camp menu will be posted in the dining hall.* Breakfast and dinner are served family style, with the kitchen staff providing platters or bowls of food for each table. Lunch is served buffet style.

Special Diets

Arrangements can be made with the cook for those with special dietary concerns (religious or health based). Please contact the camp at least one week prior to your arrival at camp for special diets so that arrangements can be made and food can be ordered.

Fun Awaits! But Safety First.

Camp Hinds is a fully licensed and accredited camp with both the Boy Scouts of America and the State of Maine!

Adult Leadership & The Buddy System in Camp

Every troop is required to have a minimum of two leaders in camp at all times. One MUST be 21 Years or Older and One 18+. Scouts use the buddy system AT ALL TIMES while at Camp Hinds.

Sign In & Sign Out

Scouts, Leaders & Visitors leaving/entering the camp at ANYTIME must Sign In & Out of the Camp Office. NO Scout will be released without permission of his parent or guardian.

Youth Protection Guidelines

Youth Protection Guidelines as established by the Pine Tree Council and the BSA, ARE TO BE ENFORCED AT ALL TIMES. Any physical, emotional, sexual or neglectful abuse must be reported to the Camp Director immediately so the proper steps can be taken to protect the Scout.

Please Leave Valuables At Home

Please encourage Scouts to leave all electronic or expensive equipment at home. Advise your Scouts not to leave valuable items they do have in camp unlocked in their campsites. *Camp is not responsible for damaged or lost items during your stay.*



Camp Medical Information

Medical Supervision

Dr. Donald Burgess, Chief of Pediatrics at Southern Maine Medical Center, oversees the camp medical staff. A licensed health officer is in camp, on duty at all times, to handle all medical emergencies. If the injury or illness is serious, the person is brought to a local health care facility. Written agreements are in place between Camp Hinds and local health care providers to care for our campers, staff and guests.

Medical Forms

All Campers and Leaders attending camp must have a completed BSA medical form on file with the camp health office while at camp. A new health form for 2011 has been developed by the BSA and is included in this packet. **ALL PARTICIPANTS are REQUIRED TO USE THIS NEW FORM! Scouts and Leaders must have a valid physical within 12 months of camp.** The height and weight restrictions are only guidelines for summer camp but are mandatory for high adventure activities. **NEW FOR 2011: A section in Part B entitled “Adults Authorized to Take Youth to and From Events.”** We are recommending that under the “designate” portion you have parents/guardians write “Licensed Driver over the age of 18 with permission of the Scoutmaster.” Then, be sure to have parents/guardians include any adults NOT authorized in the next section.

It is a regulation of the Boy Scouts of America that anyone who does not have a completed and signed medical form at the check-in time at camp will not be allowed to remain in camp. NO exceptions will be made. Please mail a copy of each persons health form to Camp Hinds at least two weeks prior to your stay in camp. The health officers will review the forms before your arrival to help provide your troop with a smooth check-in once camp begins. **Please make two copies of your medical forms; one for camp and one for your records.**

Medical Recheck & Medications

Upon arrival in camp, all Scouts and Leaders will go through a medical recheck at the Camp Health Lodge. **Pine Tree Council and Camp Hinds must comply with all State of Maine laws and BSA politics concerning medication in camp. ALL medications brought to camp by campers, leaders and staff MUST be given to the Health Officer upon arrival in camp. This includes prescription and non-prescription medicine.**

The Health Officer is available at scheduled times to administer medications as needed. An exception may be made for a limited amount of medications to be carried by the Scouts or adult for life-threatening conditions including; bee-sting kits, nitroglycerin, inhalers and medication specifically prescribed “to be carried at all times” by a physician. Camp supplies over the counter medications such as pain relievers and antihistamines; along with first aid supplies, so there is no need to send these items to camp.



Emergency Medication Plan

The State of Maine requires that all campers that are going to carry a rescue inhaler or Epi-pens, provide the camp with an Emergency Medication Plan. Additionally, each camper must have their parent's and physician's approval to carry the inhaler and indicate that the camper is able to use the inhaler. At the time of check in, the camp health staff must also evaluate the camper's ability to use the inhaler. Please be sure to complete the Emergency Medication Plan with the physician and send it to camp with the health form. A copy of the school asthma plan will be acceptable as well.

Peanut Butter Free Zone

Due to the increase in campers having peanut butter allergies, some which are life threatening, we have decided to make the Camp Hinds dining hall a peanut free zone. This means no foods with peanut oil or peanut butter will be used in the kitchen or dining hall.

If you have a camper with food allergies, you still need to list the allergies on the campers health form and notify the camp at least two weeks in advance.

Handicapped Information

Camp Hinds aims to make our program available to ALL Scouts. If you have a persons with a disability that may require special attention, auxiliary aids or any reasonable accommodations, please contact the *Camp Director* at 655-4878 at least two weeks prior to your stay at Camp Hinds.

Emergency Procedures

Camp Hinds has long established procedures recommended by the BSA for lost campers, lost swimmers, fires and severe storms. We use a siren as a warning device if and when it becomes necessary to call the camp together.

Camp Hinds has written agreements with local fire, police and medical departments to provide Camp Hinds with the necessary coverage for any emergency.

Further information on the emergency procedures to be followed while in camp can be found posted in each campsite for review by all Scouts and Leaders in camp.



Uniforms

Camp Hinds has a long established tradition of wearing uniforms in camp. Our staff is in uniform at all times, unless their job requires something else. We encourage all of our Scouts to proudly wear the Class A Scout Uniform every evening for retreat and the dinner meal. The 2010 camp t-shirt, hats, etc. will be available in the Trading Post for those that would like to purchase them.

Troop Photos

A professional photographer will be in camp on Tuesdays to take troop photos before and after lunch for those units wanting them. Photos are colored 8 x 10's. **The cost for each photograph will be \$8.00.** A troop photo order form will be given to each troop at camp. Money needs to be collected and turned in with the order form to the Trading Post by noon on Tuesday. Troops will receive their photos at the Friday night campfire.

The Trading Post

Camp Hinds operates a trading post, like a general store. The trading post offers camp t-shirts, hats, sweatshirts, postcards and stamps, souvenir items, candy, soda and toiletries. We also offer camping equipment like flashlights, bug spray, jackknives and much more! The amount of money that each Scout bring is an individual matter and should be determined by the Scout and his parents. *Generally speaking, \$40.00 is plenty for a weeks stay.*

Visitors & Siblings

Visitors are welcome in camp, but please understand that everybody is on a busy schedule and Scout prone to homesickness may do better without visitors. **All visitors must sign in and out at the camp office.** Remember that the camp facilities are primarily for the use of campers and leaders. **Visitors must purchase tickets for meals, which are available in the trading post.** The best time to visiting is from 6-8pm during your Scouts "free time."

Due to insurance issues, limited space requirements and program needs, younger or older siblings of Scouts are not allowed to stay overnight in camp, even if their parents are Scout leaders in the campsite. They may come as an occasional guest to visit during the week. Program activities are open for Scouts only unless advertised as a family event - such as the Friday night Campfire & BBQ. Please be aware, there may be some children of the staff that live in the camp for the summer.



Directions to Camp Hinds 146 Plains Road, Raymond

Plains Road is between Route 85 and 121, both of which intersect Routes 302 and 11.

From the South:

- * Take exit 48 Westbrook of the Maine Turnpike
- * Turn right onto Riverside Street
- * Turn left at the third traffic light onto Route 302 West
- * Go 15 miles and turn right at the traffic light onto Route 85
- * Drive 6 miles on Route 85 past the Jordan Small School
- * Turn left onto Plains Road at the bottom of the hill
- * Camp is 1/2 miles on left

From the North:

- * Take exit 63 Gray off the Maine Turnpike
- * Turn left onto Route 202, go 0.5 miles
- * Turn right onto Route 26a
- * Go 3 miles and turn left onto North Raymond Road (Dry Mills Store)
- * Go 1.0 mile and turn left onto Egypt Road
- * Go 4.0 miles, at end of Egypt Road, take right onto route 85
- * Go 1.8 miles, past schools and down a large hill
- * Turn left onto Plains Road
- * Camp is 0.3 miles on left

