



# LEADER UPDATE

## February 2016

Greetings from Camp Ho Non Wah,

Thank you for choosing to spend your summer at Camp Ho Non Wah. This summer we celebrate our 85<sup>th</sup> Camping Season on the Shores of the Bohicket. We have a power packed camp program in store for you with many returning program features along with the launch of Bohicket Towne a specialty camp program designed for older scouts.

This is the first of several leader updates that you will receive over the upcoming months. We hope these will be beneficial to you as you continue planning for your summer camp experience at Camp Ho Non Wah this summer.

As you prepare for camp, Robin Pittman, our Council Program Secretary is available during business hours of our Scout Office. She can be reached at (843) 763-0305. Robin has been a member of our camp staff for the past several years and will be able to assist and answer many pre-camp questions.

If for any reason you need to contact me, please feel free to do so either via email [camphnw@gmail.com](mailto:camphnw@gmail.com) or by cell phone at (843) 557-7038. When not at camp, I am in the classroom as a high school science teacher. I am unable to receive/answers calls between 8 am and 4:00 pm. If you are unable to get in touch with me, please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing each of you at Camp Ho Non Wah this summer.

James Barton  
HNW Camp Director

### **This Leader Update Contains:**

- NEW FOR 2016 – Introducing Bohicket Towne
- Online Registration & Special Program Notes
- Potential Staff Members and Interview dates
- Upcoming Due Dates for Camp
- Special Needs Request Form

## **NEW for 2016 – Introducing Bohicket Towne Specialty Camp Program for Older Scouts**

Bohicket Towne is a colonial village living history program at Camp Ho Non Wah. This program is designed for older scouts seeking adventures living, as those in the 1780-1840's. Scouts will live among the Spanish moss draped trees in the shadow of the Bailey House along the shores of the Bohicket River during this week long adventure. Scouts will learn new skills, put into practice traditional scouting survival skills and have the opportunity to learn skills that were useful for survival in the early days of our country.

Scouts and scouters attending Bohicket Towne at Camp Ho Non Wah will experience life skills and crafts that were required for everyday life and survival in the late-1700's. Francis Marion, also known as the "Swamp Fox" was a well-known Patriot from the Low Country during the early days of our country. He is most known for out-thinking, out-maneuvering, and out-communicating without electronics and was considered one of the most feared Generals of the Revolutionary War. Members of Bohicket Towne will discover history as it comes alive through the various programs and activities throughout the week.

Living in Bohicket Towne will include living in white canvas tents, with an atmosphere and camaraderie that is very different from most traditional summer camp experiences. Upon arrival at camp, participants will be greeted by members of the Bohicket Towne Staff in the Parking Lot and will sign into the Leather-bound Leger with Quill and ink. Each of our new Bohicket Towne Residents will be issued a Hunting Shirt which will serve as their Field Uniform for the week. After registering villagers will be assigned to one of the Patrols based on historical groups. Participants will be instructed on the basics of maintaining living quarters and village customs and traditions. Each "patrol" will prepare all of their own meals over charcoal and open fire using cast iron and equipment that was available in the 1770's. After the initial orientation to the village, participants will have a chance to settle in to their living quarters. Sunday afternoon, villagers will begin work on various projects which will be essential for life in the village. Dinner the first night will be prepared by the Bohicket Towne Staff using Scouting's EDGE Method.

The Bohicket Towne Program Fee of \$45 in addition to the Standard Camp Fee includes a period hunting shirt (village uniform for the week), a Bohicket Towne patch, and a variety of craft projects. The capstone experience will culminate on Friday afternoon with a Carolina Feast. A Special Bohicket Towne medallions will be awarded to each villager who participates in all village activities and completes various projects and activities while living in Bohicket Towne. Adult leaders may also be participants in the Bohicket Towne experience. Full camp fees plus the Bohicket Towne Program fee apply for all participants both youth and adult. Adult participants will work with the scouts to complete each day's duties and will have the opportunity to complete the various craft projects as part of the village.

Merit badge opportunities within the village include Metalworking, Leatherworking, Indian Lore, Cooking and American Heritage. Resident of Bohicket Towne can also earn additional merit badges available in the Camp Ho Non Wah Base Camp Program during the third and fourth program sessions (including those that overlap by a ½ hour before or after). Bohicket Towne villagers are required to return to Bohicket Towne for the noon day meal.

Participants in the village will have the opportunity to learn skills of candle making, rope making, knife making, blacksmithing, leather pouches, knife sheath, and wool bags. Crafts offered include blacksmithing projects, make a wooden spoon or bowl, make a candle lantern, knife-making, various Indian Lore crafts and beadwork projects. Games and contests will include learning to make fire by traditional methods of flint & steel, and the bow drill. Knife & 'hawk throwing, stilt walking, maritime knots and other Colonial Games will also be included in this program.

Participants may bring 1 standard duffle bag of personal gear into the village. A packing list includes...

Sleeping bag, sheets or bed roll

Change of clothes for the week

Towel

Personal hygiene items – soap, toothbrush, shampoo, deodorant

Swim suit

Scout Uniform

Sharp pocket knife needed for carving

Spending money for the camp trading post and Bohicket Towne Pub

Don't delay sign up for Bohicket Towne and become a charter resident villager today. Discover this unique program full of crafts, contests, games, and many surprises **from** the days of our Forefathers of the past.

### **POTENTIAL STAFF MEMBERS**

Interviews for Camp staff will take place during February. If you have a scout who is interested in applying for staff please have them submit an online staff application that may be found under the Camp Staff link at [www.camphnw.com](http://www.camphnw.com) website.

Those scouts who have completed an application can call Robin Pittman at the Scout Office (843) 763-0305 to set up an interview on one of the two dates in February:

Thursday, February 11            5:30-7:30 pm at the Council Office

Thursday, February 18           5:30-7:30 pm at the Council Office

## **ONLINE REGISTRATION**

We are pleased to announce that online registration will open at 5 pm on February 19<sup>th</sup> prior to the original date published in the 2016 Leaders Manual. If you have not done so already please go to [www.camphnw.com](http://www.camphnw.com) and create a unit account for your unit located under the Summer Camp Link.

- You create your own username (which is your email address) and password.
- On this site you will be able to add scout to your roster, order t-shirts, register for merit badges and much more.
- Cub Packs and Webelos Dens will also be able to add scouts and for Webelos 1 and Webelos 2 you will be able to make Activity Pin Selections – Webelos Class Selection will open on March 1st.
- Payments made to the Scout Office will be added to your account within one week of your payment.

We are asking that MB registration be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **SPECIFIC PROGRAM REGISTRATION NOTES**

- 1) The following are Merit Badges that are 90 minute classes – Shotgun Shooting, Rifle Shooting, Lifesaving, Small Boat Sailing and Watersports. They will show as a two hour class when you register. This is so that a scout cannot be entered for an additional class that will conflict with one of these Merit Badges. Please note that scouts will have a ½ hour break either before or after this session.
- 2) Shooting Sports, Watersports and Small Boat Sailing – These are always popular merit badges at camp. ***Please help us by not allowing scouts who have already completed these badges to take them a second time while at camp.***
- 3) Shotgun Shooting – *Camp Recommendation – Scouts need to be 5’ tall and at least 100 lbs. and should show a level of maturity. A scout will need to be able to hold up the shotgun on his own while shooting.*
- 4) Cooking Merit Badge – With the update of this becoming an Eagle Merit Badge we have increased the number of times this merit badge is offered. Due to the revision in requirements – Requirement 4 Cooking at Home will have to be done either before or after camp. For scouts who have completed this requirement prior to camp should bring a note signed by their Scoutmaster to certify completion.
- 5) Woodsman – Our first year camper program includes a session from 9-11 and 2-3 each day. Participants will also be able to take Swimming or Instructional Swim, and Leatherwork or Indian Lore.
- 6) Other Merit Badge Offerings...Often times you or one of your adult leaders will have a skill, trade or training which allows us to offer a specific merit badge while you are at camp. If you are interested in offering a Specialty Merit Badge (one not offered by our camp program) while you are at camp please contact the camp director at [camphnw@gmail.com](mailto:camphnw@gmail.com).

## 7) Adult Leader Trainings

- a. Our aquatic staff will be offering both Paddle Craft Safety and Aquatics Supervisor Training. Please have leaders sign up for these activities through the website.
- b. Wilderness First Aid will be offered in the afternoon. Registration is required for participation.
- c. Other Adult Leader Training – If you would like to see additional Adult Leader Trainings offered at camp, please share your suggestions at [camphnw@gmail.com](mailto:camphnw@gmail.com) and we will see if our staff is able to make these available during camp.

### **May 15<sup>th</sup> – Early Bird Discount Deadline for Boy Scouts & Cub/Webelos Scouts**

- Be sure to get in on the discounted camper fee of \$250 for Boy Scouts by having your payments made by May 15<sup>th</sup>. **On May 16<sup>th</sup> the camper fee becomes \$265/ Boy Scout without a camper t-shirt.**
- Early Bird Camper Fee for Cub Scouts and Webelos are \$135 if paid by May 15<sup>th</sup>. **On May 16<sup>th</sup> the Cub Scout and Webelos camp fee becomes \$150/ scout and scouts will not receive a camper t-shirt.**

### **T-SHIRT ORDERS**

- T-shirts are part of the Camp Fee if submitted by the deadline.
- Mark your calendar – ALL T-Shirt Orders must be submitted online by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- T-shirt orders will be made by totals per size by the unit.
- PLEASE NOTE - Youth Size shirts will NOT fit most Boy Scouts (Youth sizes are normally elementary school age scouts).
- The site is set up to accept T-Shirt Orders ONLY ONE TIME.

### **MEDICAL FORMS**

Everyone must have a yearly medical exam prior to camp, please be sure to use the most current ANNUAL HEALTH & MEDICAL RECORD. We are taking steps to accept electronic Medical Form Submissions. More information will follow in the April Leader Update.

### **What Can I expect to find in my Campsite?**

In preparing for camp please be reminded that our campsites have a large shelter, flush toilets, hot water showers, bulletin board, flag pole and a fire ring. Tents sleep 2 people and the Adirondacks sleep 4-6. Campsites do NOT have electricity. If you have individuals in need of using a CPAP please Be Prepared by providing battery powered device. There are multiple places around camp where the battery can be recharged on a daily basis.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS REQUEST**

Due to the wide variety of dietary restrictions, we are not able to accommodate all of these restrictions. Camp Ho Non Wah will provide refrigeration and assistance with preparation for scouts with special dietary needs. Please complete this form and submit it with your payments by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **NEXT HNW UPDATE WILL INCLUDE...**

- Early Registration Information
- Additional Program Features
- Unit Competition Information



## Special Needs Request Form

Camp Ho Non Wah will do everything in its power to accommodate participants with special needs. Please complete this form and submit it with your payments. Thank you for your assistance. Requests must be submitted by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Note on Meal Requests:

- Our camp can normally accommodate vegetarian meals if notified in advance.
- Due to the wide variety of food allergies and dietary restrictions, we are unable to accommodate all specific dietary needs. We will do our best to accommodate the storage and heating of meals you bring to camp.

Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Council / District: \_\_\_\_\_

Week Attending Camp: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Does anyone in your unit have a physical need that limits mobility? Please provide details below:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Does anyone in your unit have special equipment needs? (Access to electricity, etc.) Please explain below:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Do any of your unit members have special dietary concerns? Please be specific and suggest possible alternatives:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Please list any other special needs below:

Person to contact if we have questions:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_