

# Boy Scouts of America, Troop 379

Desert Cross Lutheran Church

## 2018 Summer Camp July 6-14 Camp JN Webster, Ashford, Connecticut

December 18, 2017

Re: 2018 Summer Camp

Dear Scouts, Parents, and Scout leaders



Troop 379 has a long tradition of attending out of council summer camps which offers our scouts the unique experience of camping and earning merit badges at some of the best scout camps in the United States. Going out of state offers our scouts the opportunity to visit a part of the country that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to see. Attending camps out of council also provides scouts an increased growth experience that is unique to our troop. As always parents/guardians are welcome to attend summer camp with the troop. Parents who attend summer camp will need to register as a scout leader and take some basic scout leader training prior to attending camp.

For the summer of 2018 Troop 379 has reservations to attend summer camp at camp JN Webster in Ashford, Connecticut during the week of July 7-14. Our troop has attended summer camp at JN Webster in past years and it is an exceptionally well run camp. The staff at JN Webster has a history of going out of their way to deliver a top tier scouting program to the scouts which is why we are planning on returning to camp Webster in 2018. In the past, we have tried to travel to summer camp a day or two early to allow some extra sightseeing. This year we might visit Hartford CT or Mystic Seaport or Old Sturbridge Village MA. There is also a possibility of attending a Red Sox baseball game at Fenway Park if scheduling allows. Sightseeing will be planned after our airline reservation has been locked in.

The cost of attending an out of council summer camp is more than staying in Arizona so our troop offers fundraising opportunities which enable each scout to earn money applied directly to their camp costs. The Christmas Wreath sale and Popcorn sale fundraisers are our most profitable fundraisers for scouts. The harder a scout and his family work on these fundraisers, the more they can earn towards paying up to the entire cost of camp. Troop 379 would like every active scout to have the opportunity to attend summer camp at least one time during their scouting experience. If the cost of attending summer camp is too large of a financial commitment for your family, our troop has provided various levels of scholarships in the past to share the cost. In order to better plan, we have to know of this need ahead of time, before you make your \$100 deposit towards summer camp. Please contact our Scoutmaster Alan Garlington if you would like to inquire about the availability of scholarship funds this year.

### **At this point we need you to know:**

Our 2018 summer camp plans and the approximate financial commitment needed to attend Camp with troop 379.

Deposit and payment dates for summer camp.



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**What:** 2016 Summer Camp  
**Where:** Camp JN Webster, Ashford, Connecticut [www.gotowebster.org](http://www.gotowebster.org)  
**When:** July 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>  
**Departure:** Friday July 6<sup>th</sup> or Saturday morning July 7<sup>th</sup> determined by airfare & flight schedule.  
**Return:** Saturday Afternoon/Evening July 14<sup>th</sup>

**Estimated Cost:**

Camp fee:	\$415.00*	If signed up by Mar. 1 <sup>st</sup> 2018
Air fare:	\$550.00**	(Estimated)
Sightseeing & travel meals	\$ 75.00	(Estimated)
Ground transportation:	\$100.00	(Estimated)
Misc:	\$40.00	(Estimated)
<b>Estimated Total</b>	<b>\$1180.00</b>	<b>*** If signed up before Mar 1<sup>st</sup> 2018</b>

\* Fees paid to Camp JN Webster and for Airline tickets on your behalf are nonrefundable to our troop. If you have paid your nonrefundable camp deposit along with any additional payments and later discover that you cannot attend summer camp your payments will only be refunded if someone else is able to take your spot.

\*\* We will attempt to lock in our group airline reservation and cost before the end of February. If you sign up after the Mar 1<sup>st</sup> early bird discount date your airfare costs will most likely increase.

\*\*\* Note: These cost projections are estimates and could change by the time comes to pay the fees. The June payment will be adjusted to reflect the actual final trip cost.

**Deposit:** Minimum nonrefundable deposit to hold your spot \$100.00  
 We will start accepting deposit checks any time after January, 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.  
**Early Bird camp discount deposit deadline March, 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.**

**Payments:** Our first camp payment to Camp JN Webster is due March 1<sup>st</sup>, our second camp payment is due in March and our final payment is due in May. In order to get the lowest priced airfare we need to start looking for the best price before February. In the past we usually lock in on a flight and need to pay for the airfare sometime between March and the middle of May. In order to not overdraw our troop account or have someone carry the balance on their personal credit card we need your camp payments deposited in the troop's account before we make our troop payments. For these reasons we have the following camp payment schedule.

<b>Deposit deadline*</b>	<b>January 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> Payment</b>	<b>Feb 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Payment</b>	<b>March 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Payment</b>	<b>April 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Payment</b>	<b>June 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$230.00 *** or final adjusted cost.</b>

