



To: All Scout Units Enrolled in Bay-Lakes Council Summer Residence Camp

From: Brendan Marston, Vice-President of Program- Bay-Lakes Council, BSA

May 18, 2018

Dear Unit Leader,

First please allow me to say thank you for making a Bay-Lakes Council Camp your choice for your Summer Residence Camp experience in 2018. The Bay-Lakes Council works hard to provide an outstanding and memorable program for the thousands of youth and adult leaders who attend programs at all five of our camp properties and we are excited to have your Unit joining us this year. Whether it is your first time or your hundredth time with us, we know your experience will be special and will create memories that will last a lifetime!

As you may already know there are some adjustments required for Youth Protection Training and registration of adult leaders this year. In the ongoing effort to provide the safest environment for all of our Scouts and Leaders, the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America recently made a decision to require any adult attending any BSA event for more than 72 hours to be registered as a leader in the BSA and to have completed BSA Youth Protection Training. The Bay-Lakes Council has reviewed all of our events with relation to this new policy and have determined that the only Council or District event where this policy applies is in our Boy Scout Summer Resident Camp Programs. Therefore, effective immediately, it is the policy of the Bay-Lakes Council that all adults participating in Boy Scout Summer Resident Camp Programs MUST register with the BSA as a leader and complete Youth Protection Training prior to their entry to camp. We are, unfortunately, unable to allow any exceptions for adults who will attend for less than 72 hours because of the logistical requirements involved in tracking and maintaining records on the number of hours that a given individual spends in camp. Only exception is daily/hourly visitors that are not participating in any activities or attending over-night.

As a Unit Leader myself I understand that this new rule places a new burden on Units when it comes to planning and an additional burden for cost of registration and time for training on those adults who have not traditionally been leaders (parents) within the Unit. However, the rule is in place in order to provide the safest possible environment for our Scouts and Leaders.

Any questions regarding this policy should be directed to our Senior Experience Manager, Mike Alberts at the Center for Scouting at 920-734-5705.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to support the Scouting movement and to help the kids in your unit enjoy their Summer Camp Experience.

Yours In Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brendan Marston".

Brendan Marston  
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