

WHAT IS BROWNSEA 22?

It is an outdoor adventure for individual boys based upon the original Scout camp conducted by Lord Baden-Powell in 1907 on Brownsea Island. The methods he tested at this camp became the core of the Scouting program. Individuals are placed into patrols of six to eight Scouts from many different troops who are of varied ages and experience levels. The program is carefully organized and led by a staff of experienced adult Scouters and a youth leadership corps of older Scouts selected because of their experience and dedication. During the week, each Scout will learn the Patrol method, along with the history of Scouting and some of the original games, skills and stories that provided the spark that became the largest youth movement in the world.

HOW ARE THE PATROLS ORGANIZED?

The program tries to place Scouts in patrols with boys of different abilities, experience levels, and home troops. Part of the experience is making new friends in the patrol and learning how to make a patrol work with this group of "new friends". Scouts will be able to visit with others from their home troop ;throughout the week. In the Patrol, each Scout has the opportunity to see how the patrol operates by serving in different leadership roles throughout the week.

CAN BOYS EARN ADVANCEMENT AT BROWNSEA?

Advancement work is not formally a part of the Brownsea program. Throughout the week, boys will be learning skills in nature, rope work, first aid, orienteering and the patrol method. If it is acceptable to the Scoutmaster, boys may have their Patrol Counselor approve Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class rank requirements completed in the course of the program. They may also go back to the troop and demonstrate the skills they have learned to their Scoutmaster and he can sign them off.

IF BROWNSEA DOESN'T EMPHASIZE ADVANCEMENT, WHAT DOES IT TEACH?

Brownsea-22 is an experience. The methods of teaching that Baden-Powell suggested are all used in this program; demonstration, practice, and application through games and contests. Advancement is a byproduct of these methods. But more than the teaching of Scout skills, Brownsea provides the Scout with a model patrol and troop experience to share with his home troop; it provides understanding of Scouting's history; it provides each Scout with an opportunity to practice patrol leadership; it provides teamwork and social development. Furthermore, the adult and youth staff provides valuable role models in terms of Scout Spirit.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Scouts should wear the camp uniform (cap, Scout T-shirt, shorts or trousers, socks and shoes...no sandals) during the day and evening activities. The official Scout uniform is required only for evening meals. Scouts will not need a neckerchief.

Brownsea-22 is a youth experience, not a parent-son camp. It is not appropriate for parents to "hang around" or volunteer to help out during the week. If parent visits become necessary, they should be arranged in advance with the Brownsea Scoutmaster and Course Director. Visits should also be kept to a minimum amount of time.

Gorham Scout Ranch does not have regular phone service. Emergencies may be handled by calling the Council Service Center at (505) 345-8603 or (800) 368-9218 (Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm) and after hours Gorham Scout Ranch at (505) 450-7110 (Emergencies only).

MEDICAL FORMS

Each participant must send a completed Annual BSA Health and Medical Record, parts A, B, and C to the Council Service Center. The medical form can be downloaded [here](#). Please mark the envelope to the attention of Brownsea-22. This is the same form used for summer camp. The physical exam must be current within 12 months signed by a certified and licensed health-care provider with the health history updated at the start of camp. List any medical or dietary restrictions.

INFORMATION PACKET

Upon receiving your application and payment, you will receive an information packet from the Council Service Center (after April 15, 2013). This packet will include a map to camp, a gear list, early arrival details, and other useful information. If you do not receive this packet, please call the Council Service Center at (505) 345-8603 ext. 106 and ask for Caryl Sharpe, Brownsea 22 Staff Advisor.

PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sFtXVOgqe4g&feature=player_embedded (Brownsea 22 – 2012 version)