



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 337

## PARENTAL INFORMATION FORM

### *Alexander Springs – Troop Hike/Campout*

### *September 17<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup>, 2011*

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- CAMP LOCATION:** We start in Paisley, FL (just outside of camp La-No-Che), at the Clearwater Lake Recreation area, hike 12 miles North on the Ocala Trail (through the Ocala Forest), ending up in Alexander Springs Recreation Area in Aston, FL. At Alexander Springs, we'll snorkel the Springs, canoe, and camp overnight, returning Sunday evening.
- COST PER PERSON:** \$28.00 per person. This is \$12 for 4 meals (\$3/meal average), \$4 for park entrance, and \$12 for canoe rental. Note: The Troop will pay for gas costs which would normally be upwards of \$10/person for this distance!
- FORM/MONEY DUE BY:** September 12<sup>th</sup> Troop meeting.
- DEPARTURE:** Be at Faith Fellowship Church, on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 AM.
- ARRIVAL:** Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Boys will call parents 1 hour prior to arrival.
- UNIFORM/CLOTHING:** Field Uniform on departure/return, Activity Uniform underneath for hiking, and for all other times.
- MEALS:** Either eat prior to departure, or bring a bagged breakfast. Pack a lunch for your day pack. Troop/patrol meals will be supplied for Saturday Dinner and 3 meals on Sunday. There is a concession stand at the Springs, so those who are interested should bring cash.
- ALEXANDER PACKING:** Boys refer to your Scout Handbook for a camping list. Don't forget to bring your Scout Handbook, sunscreen, bug repellent, religious book, bathing suit. You may also wish to bring swimming items such as goggles, tubes, floats, fins, snorkel, football, Frisbee, etc. **IMPORTANT!** - On Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Faith Fellowship, there will be an equipment drop-off. Please deliver all personal camping gear at this time, it will be delivered to Alexander Springs and be waiting for us at the end of our hike Saturday late afternoon.
- HIKE PACKING:** On arrival Saturday AM, bring a comfortable day pack that you can carry water, and a bagged lunch in. Optional items include trail mix, walking stick, and anything else you'd like on your hike (keep it light). Don't forget to either eat before you come, or bring a bagged breakfast.
- PROGRAM/THEME:** We will arrive in Paisley at the Clearwater Recreation Area (just outside of La-No-Che) at about 9:30am, after preparing and eating bagged breakfasts, we'll hit the trail at 10:00am. We'll hike approximately 7 miles north, stopping for rests and lunches along the way, have lunch, and resume hiking. We'll take an easy pace, and do some exploring, and should arrive in Alexander Springs around 4pm. That evening, we'll have a swim test, and will enjoy swimming the Springs, having dinner. The next morning, after breakfast, we'll do a full day on the canoes, and will share lunch on the river. After returning, we will fish, hit some trails, swim/snorkel, have an early dinner, and return home, arriving at approximately 7pm (we'll call).
- SAFETY:** The trail is well marked, familiar, and safe. Boys will be well hydrated and given ample time to rest on the hike. On the hike, we'll have cell phones, and first aid kits. Boys are swim tested, and limited based on their abilities. As always, well trained leaders following the Guide to Safe Scouting will be overseeing everything.
- LOCATION INFORMATION:** Clearwater Lake Recreational Area 24511 County Road 42, Paisley (352) 669-0078, FL 32767. Alexander Springs Recreational Area 49525 County Road 445, Altoona, FL (352) 669-3522
- LEADER CONTACTS:** Dan Walton (693-2807), Rob Baer (421-7013)