

SPANISH PEAKS SCOUT RANCH

2011 SADDLEBAG (A LEADERS GUIDE)

Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider.

Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch operates under a special use permit from the U.S.D.A. Forest Service and accesses trails on lands within the San Carlos District of the San Isabel National Forest.

Welcome to Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch!

Mission

It is our mission to deliver unequalled customer service and program to affect a highlight experience Scouts and Leaders will never forget.

Unit Leadership

Scout camp is an extension of your troop's ongoing program Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch has resources especially suited to that program. The High Adventure Program, Shooting Sports, Fish Pond, Ecology/Conservation, First Class Trail, Rock Climbing/Rappelling, Scout Craft, and even our new Technology Areas are complemented by the beauty of the forest, lake, and meadows. Together these provide an ideal setting for Scout camping. Our staff is well trained and ready to teach skills, offer ideas, and model the Scout spirit you want your boys to value.

You, as Unit Leaders, will provide the directions and leadership for your troop. With the support of the resources and staff at Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch, you will be able to focus on the most important task:

TO HELP EACH BOY DEVELOP AS A SCOUT!

We look forward to seeing you at Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch.

Larry Jarrett
Camp Director

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SPSR TOP TEN

1. With the leadership of the Camp Commissioner Staff, Our camp staff has a passion for delivering the very best customer service possible! This has earned us the approval of units who attend our camp.
2. SPSR's beauty is unmatched. Our weather is cool and dry. You may need to wear a sweatshirt or jacket in the evening and early morning!
3. The **Camp Staff** is the best. They are role models that can be depended on to deliver the finest program available.
4. SPSR is a wilderness camp where patrols do their own cooking. They learn how to get along and put into practice the **Patrol method**. We also offer dining hall service if needed.
5. Located at the base of the East Spanish Peak, we are a small quiet and pristine camp where campers can enjoy nature. There is a limit of 250 per week, so sign up early.
6. It's the **only camp in America** where you can climb and rappel the unique dikes formed thousands of years ago through the action of platic folding.
7. Our High Adventure opportunities are unique and challenging. We feature treks that will create life long memories and develop self-reliance.
8. We have an excellent 1st Class Trail Program for first year Scouts.
9. There is something for Scouts of all ages at SPSR, and there are activities leaders will enjoy throughout the week.
10. Jeff Avery, Scoutmaster of Troop 28, Colleyville, TX stated "**Super Fantastic** best describes the week. My oldest son (Brandon) and I assaulted the West Peak. The most difficult task I ever attempted, yet the most rewarding time spent with my son."

REGISTRATION & FEES

Only BSA registered Scouts may attend Summer Camp

FEES:

The \$50.00 unit reservation fee and \$15.00 reservation fee per participant are due with the reservation form to hold a site. This is non-refundable.

This money will be applied toward your total camp fees unless you choose to leave it for next years reservation.

In-Council— Youth

Before April 15—\$170.00 After April 15—\$200.00

Out of Council— Youth

Before April 15—\$180.00 After April 15—\$210.00

High Adventure— Youth or Adult

Before April 15—\$225.00 After April 15—\$275.00

All Leaders in Base Camp—\$115.00

(In council leaders attending any work weekend will receive \$25.00 in Camp Bucks (One per year, non-transferable)

Proof of unit liability insurance is required at check-in.

NEW SCOUT OR A SCOUT WHO TRANSFERRED FROM WEBELOS:

A boy or Webelos, who joins the troop after April 15, is eligible for the Before April 15 camp fee no matter when he registers for camp.

ADDITIONAL OPTION—Dining Hall offered to first 100 signed up each week. Additional fee of \$35.00 per person will be due with registration.

Patches and items we sell:

Friends of SPSR	\$25.00	Camp Patch (1 Free)	\$3.00
High Adventure	\$ 3.00	Miners Cabin	\$3.00
Legend Hike	\$ 3.00	SPSR 1st Class Trail	\$3.00
Council Patch	\$ 4.50	Hydration Packs	\$30—\$45
Camp T-shirts	\$12.00		

PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR

Plan to attend SPSR next summer. Sign up for your favorite week and campsite while at camp. A campsite deposit is due when you sign up.

REFUND POLICY

1. The \$50.00 unit reservation fee and \$15.00 reservation fee per participant is non-refundable.
2. Scout and leader fees are transferable within your troop at any time.
3. The cancellation of an individual reservation that cannot be transferred within your troop will be subject to the following:
 - a. TWO WEEKS or more before DAY 1 of your scheduled week, 90% of fees (less \$15.00 deposit) will be refunded.
 - b. LESS THAN TWO WEEKS before DAY 1 of your scheduled week, No refund is available unless there has been a medical emergency .

The programs and activities of the Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch are available to all with out regard to race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, or handicap.

GENERAL INFORMATION

MAIL

Scout (Name), Troop (Number)
Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch
16040 County Road 340
Walsenburg, CO 81089

Mail should not be sent to Scouts after Tuesday, it will not be received until after they have departed camp and will be returned to sender. Please put return address on all mail, otherwise it cannot be returned.

CHAPEL SERVICES

A short, nondenominational service will be conducted on Tuesday evening. Catholic services will be available in Walsenburg and we will have the times for mass posted at the Camp Office.

FIRST AID

Qualified adults at the Health Lodge will handle First Aid. Any injury must be reported and treated there. If any injury requires treatment at the hospital, an adult leader will be asked to accompany the First Aid officer.

TROOP SITES

You will find a latrine with wash stand, drinking fountain (except for camp-site 11), and running water. A flagpole and dishwater sump is standard equipment.

PATROL SITES

Each troop site is divided into patrol sites. Each site includes 7' X 9' wall tents with platforms for two people, picnic table with benches, dining fly, fire extinguisher and fire barrel. **Troops will be assessed for damages if tents receive abuse beyond normal wear during your stay in camp.** A pack frame with a food carrier basket will be issued with the first meal. Plan to supply your own cots.

UNIFORM IN CAMP

The Scout summer uniform (Class "A") is suggested for adults and Scouts. You are expected to have the entire troop in Class "A" uniform at camp-wide meals, campfires, chapel, Order of the Arrow callout and special events.

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found will be maintained at the Camp office. Money and other valuables should be turned in at the Camp office. Please make sure all your Troop gear and your scouts' gear, clothing, etc is marked with a name, unit number, and address if possible.

PERSONAL VEHICLES

All troop vehicles are to be parked in the parking lot, not in campsites. SPSR vehicles will move gear to campsites. Plan to observe the 5 mph speed limit throughout camp! **NO PERSONAL VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE CAMPSITES.** Exception: Vehicle with Handicap tags or stickers.

CAMP-WIDE MEALS

Meals on Sunday evening, Friday evening and Saturday morning will be served at the commissary. Please bring your own eating utensils.

PATROL COOKING

SPSR is a patrol cooking camp. Scouts in the Patrol Sites will cook most meals. Food will be issued with cooking instructions prior to each meal. The actual menu may change from time to time. SPSR will try to post the menu 24 hours in advance.

DINING HALL SERVICE

Provided at an extra cost for up to 100 campers per week.

TRADING POST

Coffee mugs, patches, handicraft items, pop, candy, ice cream, pizza, nachos, burritos, knives, t-shirts and many other items will be available for your purchase. Hours: 8:30 am—9:30 pm.

CHECK-IN

Scouts are to arrive at camp for check-in between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm (MDT) on Sunday. Prior arrangements can be made to check-in earlier.

CHECKOUT

Please have transportation available for your troop at camp on Saturday morning. Checkout between 7:00 am and 9:30 am (MDT). Arrangements can be made for earlier checkout. Your Staff Guide will assist your troop during checkout.

LEAVING CAMP DURING WEEK

If it is necessary to leave camp during the week, scouts or leaders, please check out with the Camp Director at the Camp Office. In an emergency it may be necessary to know the location of all campers.

TELEPHONE SERVICE

The SPSR telephone number is (719) 738-3036. Please limit conversation to 5 minutes. The telephone is located at the Camp Office. Emergency calls must be placed person to person to the Scout. Please have the Scout's Name and Troop Number. We will locate his Scout leader promptly and he will be able to return the call in a short time. Scouts may call home "Collect" or "Credit Card" only if accompanied by a unit leader. There is cell phone coverage at SPSR depending on your cell phone provider.

HEAD COUNT FOR CAMPERS

We suggest a head count at each meal and at bedtime. It is also suggested that all Scouts "sign-out" upon leaving the campsite. A form could be put on the Troop bulletin board. If you are short a Scout and cannot account for his absence, notify the Camp Director immediately.

VISITOR MEALS

Parents and guests are always welcome to join their troop for meals. The cost is \$5.00 per person, payable at the camp office at check-in. Please notify the Camp Director of last minute changes, 24 hours prior to the meal.

CAMP STAFF

The SPSR Staff will be hired during the months of November—December. A Scout must be 14 years of age to apply. Please urge your older and more qualified Scouts to apply for a staff position. Applications are available at the Council Service Center and at the camp office.

TAPS (10:00 pm)

A Scout is courteous. Scouts should respect people trying to sleep after TAPS. All Scouts should be restricted to their campsite at this time.

SCOUT REGISTRATION

All Scouts must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America before attending camp. The Camp Director will register any Scout not registered and the unit account will be billed.

FIRES

(BE PREPARED for the possibility of a FIRE BAN, plan to bring alternative cooking equipment.) Always use the stoves provided in the campsites for any fires you build. Fires built on the ground can ignite a tree root that can smolder until it ends up in the tree trunk and the fire breaks out. Fire rings are available upon request for a more traditional ground fire.

CAMPSITES CLEAN-UP

It is the responsibility of all troops to leave their campsite cleaner than they found it. It is not the responsibility of the Camp Staff to keep SPSR clean. In the evening it is recommended that each unit remove all trash to the designated location. There are animals around SPSR, including bears, raccoons, etc. The cleanliness of your campsite is very important to the safety of all campers attending SPSR. Consult the staff on the rigging of bear bags.

PROVISIONAL CAMPING AT SPSR

Provisional Camping is available to Scouts who wish to attend camp but are unable to attend with your troop during the regular stay or if you have Scouts who wish to stay an additional week. No additional fee will be added to the regular weekly charge for Scouts that attend a Provisional Camp.

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Scouts participating in the merit badge program should be prepared with a merit badge pamphlet for each merit badge he plans to earn. SPSR does not use the official BSA Merit Badge "Blue Card" . If your council requires the cards please bring them with you and we will gladly fill them out for your unit. In addition, he should bring between \$20.00—\$30.00 for activity expenses. ALL PROGRAM EXPENSES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. WE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO KEEP COSTS LOW!

Merit Badge Costs

Handicraft

Indian Lore \$18.00 (Living dwelling \$3.00 items worn or used)

Basketry \$22.00 (seat, round or square basket kits)

Leather \$6.00- \$22.00 (plastic twine \$.10 per yd, must purchase 1 kit & 2 yd of twine)

Woodcarving \$3,00 (1 kit only)

Merit Badge Costs (continued)

Shooting Sports		Space Exploration	\$9.75 a kit
Archery	\$6.00 an arrow	Climbing	\$20.00 (purchase 1 carabiner)
Rifle	\$.10 a round		
Shotgun	\$.45 a round		
Paintball	\$3.00 a game		

HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

At Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch our High Adventure Program include some of the most strenuous backpacking treks you can imagine. We will guide you on hikes of 1-5 days. To the summits of the three major Peaks in our area, East Spanish Peak (12,600+ ft), West Spanish Peak (13,600+ ft), and Trinchera Peak (13,000+ ft).

We also have a Rock Climbing program that is unequalled anywhere. There is only one other area in the World where you can experience the dike rock formations such as ours and that is in Siberia.

We also have a TRAIL BLAZER BACKPACKING program. This is geared toward youth (males) 13 and up; youth (Venture Crew females) 13 and up, and adults. First class rank or 12 days and nights of camping experience. Younger participants are allowed if a parent or mentor is also in the course.

We are planning to offer a Paintball activity at SPSR in 2011. We will have a course with several targets. Come check out your shooting accuracy. All equipment is provided. DO NOT BRING ANY PERSONAL PAINTBALL EQUIPMENT. You will need to bring extra money to purchase the supplies to participate (similar to shooting sports).

Please request our High Adventure Guide for more information about these programs from the Council Service Center. (Also SPSR website)

ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

These are the merit badges and instruction towards advancement available in camp. Requirements that can be completed in camp are listed to the right of the Merit Badges.

SCOUT CRAFT

Backpacking	All except 8c, 10, 11ab
Camping	All except 9a
Cooking	All
Hiking	All except 5, 7
Orienteering	All
Pioneering	All
Surveying	All
Wilderness Survival	All

HEALTH LODGE

First Aid	All
Emergency Preparedness	All

HIGH ADVENTURE

Climbing	All
Backpacking	All except 10

HANDICRAFT

Basketry	All
Leatherwork	All
Painting	All
Wood Carving	All

ECOLOGY/CONSERVATION

Environmental Science	All
Fishing	All
Forestry	All
Geology	All
Mammal Study	All
Soil & Water Conservation	All

SHOOTING SPORTS

Archery	All
Rifle Shooting	All
Shotgun Shooting	All

TECH CENTER

Computers	All
Electricity	All except 2, 9a
Photography	All except 3
Space Exploration	All

UNASSIGNED PROGRAM

Indian Lore	All except 1
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PLEASE NOTE:

To increase their success rate in completing merit badges, Scouts should know the requirements and read the appropriate merit badge pamphlet before they arrive at SPSR.

Each Scout needs a parent permission slip signed for all merit badges they are signing up for. Go to the Spanish Peaks website and download the form. Must be completed and turned in at camp for every Scout taking merit badges.

PARTIAL COMPLETIONS

Each Scout who completes only a portion of a merit badge will receive a partial completion report giving credit for those requirements he has completed.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS

Only adult members of the camp staff or other qualified adults will serve as merit badge counselors. Young people on the camp staff, under 21 years of age will be working as instructors. Their work is reviewed and certified by an area director who is over 21 years of age.

PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

FIRST CLASS TRAIL: This program has been specially designed to meet the needs of first year campers of Scouts who have not reached the rank of First Class. A Tenderfoot Scout completing this program can earn his Second Class and be well on his way to the rank of First Class.

SPSR MB Schedules Troop _____ Week _____

Sessions: Morning =	1st Hour	9:00 am till 10:15 am
	2nd Hour	10:15 am till 11:30 am
Afternoon =	3rd Hour	2:00 pm till 3:15 pm
	4th Hour	3:15 pm till 4:30 pm
SPSR Challenge*** =		4:30 pm till 5:45 pm

Archery*	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
1st Hour	Book Work	Open for Qualifying	Miner's Cabin
2nd Hour	Book Work	Open for Qualifying	Hike
3rd Hour	Book Work	Open for Qualifying	Legend's Hike
4th Hour	Book Work	Open for Qualifying	

Special Note: Hour 1 & 3 will cover requirements 1 & 2; Hour 2 & 4 will cover requirements 4 & 5; requirement 3 will be covered over the lunch break. See note below.

Shooting Sports	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
1st Hour	Safety Requirements	Open for Qualifying	Miner's Cabin
2nd Hour	Book Requirements	Open for Qualifying	Hike
3rd Hour	Safety Requirements	Open for Qualifying	Legend's Hike
4th Hour	Book Requirements	Open for Qualifying	

Outdoor Skills	<u>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
1st Hour	Wilderness Survival	Miner's Cabin
2nd Hour	Hiking*	Hike
3rd Hour	Camping	Legend's Hike
4th Hour	Cooking	

Ecology	<u>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
1st Hour	Environmental Science	Miner's Cabin
2nd Hour	Mammal Study	Hike
3rd Hour	Fishing	Legend's Hike
4th Hour	Environmental Science	

Special Notes

*Archery: attend two of the four classes to complete requirements 1, 2, 4 & 5. Over lunch on Monday, requirements 3 any parts of 1, 2, 4 & 5 not completed will be covered. Lunch will be provided to all participants, at check in please let staff know Patrol name and number of youth taking Archery.

**Hiking merit badge class will pack lunch for Day Hike.

***Patrols will be assigned Program Areas to report to each day for Challenge Activity.

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Tech Center

1st Hour
2nd Hour
3rd Hour
4th Hour

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

Space Exploration
Electricity
Photography
Space Exploration

Friday

Miner's Cabin Hike
Legend's Hike

Handicraft

1st Hour
2nd Hour
3rd Hour
4th Hour

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

Basketry	Woodcarving
Leatherwork	Painting
Woodcarving	Basketry
Indian Lore	Leatherwork

Friday

Miner's Cabin Hike
Legend's Hike

First Class Trail

1st Hour
2nd Hour
3rd Hour
4th Hour

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Meet in Program Area	
Meet in Program Area	
First Aid	Meet at Health Lodge
Emergency Preparedness	Meet at Health Lodge

Friday

Miner's Cabin Hike
Legend's Hike

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HEALTH & SAFETY

THE STATE OF COLORADO REQUIRES A BI-YEARLY PHYSICAL, WITHIN THE LAST 24 MONTHS, FOR ALL CAMP PARTICIPANTS UNDER 40 YEARS OF AGE (YOUTH, ADULT & STAFF). ALL PARTICIPANTS OVER 40 MUST HAVE ONE WITHIN 12 MONTHS. THERE CAN BE NO EXCEPTIONS: ANY PARTICIPANT WITHOUT A PHYSICAL HAS THE OPTION OF GOING TO WALSENBURG AND PAYING TO GET A PHYSICAL OR RETURN HOME. ALL MEDICAL FORMS REQUIRE A DOCTOR'S SIGNATURE. Please make copies of the SPSR forms included with your leaders packet that will be sent out in a separate mailing. OR visit the website: www.spanishpeaksscouteranch.com and download a copy. Colorado requires a separate health form from the BSA forms. Go to website for Colorado Health Form.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

All people attending SPSR must turn in a signed medical examination form. Any Scout or leader under a doctor's care is required to notify their doctor concerning the course of treatment. All medication is to be stored with the health officer. Exceptions only with medical statement of doctor. Please make sure insurance number and policy name are included.

HEALTH OFFICER

A resident Health Officer will be available at all times. A medical recheck will be given upon arrival in camp to familiarize the Health Officer with each Scout/leader and their health history. The Health Officer handles most accidents and minor illnesses. Arrangements for treatment of more serious cases requiring a hospital visit have been made with Huerfano County Hospital in Walsenburg.

EMERGENCIES

Report all illnesses and injuries to the Health Officer. If the injured person cannot be moved send two messengers to the Health Lodge with details including type of injury, age, identity of victim, exact time of accident and location.

CAMPSITE SAFETY

- Use axe yards and store equipment safely.
- Keep latrines, and tents clean.
- NO liquid fuels should be kept in campsite.
- Lanterns and stoves are to be used under adult supervision.
- NO flames in tents.
- Keep fire barrels filled with water.
- Vehicles are to remain in the parking lot, not in the campsite.

PERSONAL HEALTH & SAFETY

- Wear shoes at all times, no sandals, no running in camp.
- Use flashlight or headlamp at night.
- NO knives larger than a 4-inch pocket knife allowed and must have a fold in blade.
- NO sheath knives.
- NO guns of any kind.
- Scout and leaders should take a shower daily.
- The use of a full time buddy system is required at SPSR.
- Drink lots of water during your stay at camp.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

1. The siren will sound continuously for 5 minutes, except at the emergency drill at the first of the week.
2. All leaders and Scouts move quickly to the front of the Health Lodge. Assemble in troop lines.
3. Leaders will take a count of the Scouts to see if any are missing. Bring troop rosters indicating where Scouts are scheduled to be. Report to Camp Director.
4. Leaders standby for planned actions.

ALTITUDE

Most people need a chance to get used to the higher altitude. If you or your Scouts feel *dizzy* or out of breath, **REST** and **DRINK WATER!** CAUTION: *Know Your Limitations, Don't Over Do It!*

SHOWER HOUSE

Hot showers are available for Scouts and leaders. Shower shorts or swim-suits are advisable for boys because this a group activity.

DISHWASHING

The Scoutmaster should pay careful attention to the dishwashing done in Patrol Sites. Make certain that the proper techniques are being used in washing and rinsing the dishes. Keep your dishwater **HOT!**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in any Boy Scout Camp. Any person unwilling to abide by this policy will be removed from camp.

DRUGS

The illegal use or possession of controlled substances is prohibited in any Boy Scout Camp. Any person unwilling to abide by this policy will be removed from camp and the authorities will be called.

SMOKING

Campers, because of fire danger and the role we play as models for youth, smoking will only be allowed at designated smoking areas in camp. We ask that you do not smoke at camp-wide gatherings such as campfires. **PLEASE, NO SMOKING ON THE TRAILS.** Deposit all cigarette butts in the containers provided, in the designated smoking areas, after they are completely out.

FIREWORKS

NO fireworks are permitted in any Boy Scout Camp.

LIQUID & LP FUELED APPLIANCES MUST COMPLY WITH ALL BSA POLICIES GOVERNING THEIR USE.

These appliances are to be fueled by Adults only.

NO FLAMES IN TENTS

Liquid or LP fueled lanterns and candle lanterns should never be used in tents. Do not use liquid fuels for fire starting. Solid fire starters can be just as effective.

EMPTY LIQUID OR LP FUEL CONTAINERS

Please turn any empty containers in to the ranger, these containers can be explosive. Please see that they are disposed of correctly. ***DO NOT PUT IN DRY TRASH!!!***

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

There will be a fire extinguisher located at the latrine. If one is discharged, tell your Staff Host immediately, so it can be replaced.

REMOVAL OF ASHES FROM CAMPSITES

We ask that all wood ashes are emptied directly into the ash barrel, and **NO** ashes or partially burned wood should be scattered.

LITTER

Troops are asked to clean their campsites and trails in the general area daily. The eleventh point of the Scout Law says a Scout is Clean. Litter can attract animals that are better off fending for themselves. Litter can ruin your Scout Camp. Encourage your troop to put litter in its place and learn a good outdoor habit. Be sure there is no food in the campsite or tents after dark!

NO PETS ALLOWED!!

Leave your pets at home! You are only away at camp for 1 week.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT LIST

CLOTHING ITEMS:

- Scout Uniform
- Poncho or Rain Gear
- Hat
- Jeans
- T-Shirts
- Hiking Boots
- Socks
- Towel
- Sweater
- Heavy Jacket

CAMPING GEAR:

- Sleeping Bag
- Ground Cloth
- Pack or duffle bag
- Cot or Air Mattress
- Extra Blankets or Space Blanket
- Flashlight/Headlamp
- Mess Kit

TOILET KIT:

- Handkerchiefs
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Bath Towel & Washcloth
- Comb
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Watch

MERIT BADGE ITEMS:

- Merit Badge Pamphlets
- Scout Handbook
- Paper and Pencil

SPENDING MONEY

SIGNED MEDICAL FORM

(With insurance policy name and number)

Refer to the Twelfth Edition of the Boy Scout Handbook, pages 286-311, for additional information on personal equipment.

NOTE TO PARENTS

This is a suggested list. Items that are most important for your child's weeklong stay are clothing, sleeping bag and eating utensils. Your child will be sleeping in tents with wooden platforms on an air mattress, foam pad or cot. PLEASE LABEL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME, ADDRESS AND TROOP NUMBER.

The weather can turn cool and wet. Be sure to bring a winter sweater or jacket. This warm clothing is very important and can make a difference in how enjoyable a week your son will have at SPSR. Temperatures can range from the 80's during the day to mid-30's at night.

EQUIPMENT CHECKLISTS

TROOP EQUIPMENT:

- Pliers
- Sharpening Stone
- Ball of Twine
- 1 or 2 Lanterns (Leaders only)
- Troop Flag
- American Flag
- Hammer
- Shovel
- Ice Chest (for perishables)
- File
- Supply of light rope
- Scout Library
- Troop First Aid Kit

PATROL EQUIPMENT:

- Patrol Box to Store Cooking Gear
- 2 Large Frying Pans or a Large Griddle and 1 Large Frying Pan
- 3 Pails for Washing and Rinsing Dishes
- 1 Patrol Cook Kit
- OR the Following
 - Large Vegetable Peeler
 - 3 Kettles, 6-12 Quart
 - 2 Pancake Turners
 - 2 Large Forks
 - 2 Large Spoons
 - 1 Dutch Oven/Reflector Oven
 - 3-4 Mesh Bags for Drying Dishes
 - 2 Pot Holders (Hot Pot Tongs)
 - 2 Kitchen Knives
 - 2 Dish Mops or Cloths
 - 1 Can Opener
- 2 Pair of Leather Gloves (for cooking)
- Bow Saw
- Patrol Flag
- Patrol First Aid Kit
- Notebooks
- Pencils

ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

- _____ Arrive at SPSR between 2:00 pm & 4:00 pm MDT
- _____ Your SPSR Staff Guide will meet you and guide you through the check-in process.
- _____ Scoutmaster and Staff Guide will proceed to the Camp Office to complete the check-in procedure.
- THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE REQUIRED FOR CHECK-IN:**
- _____ Complete Roster of Scouts, listed by Patrol, with leaders eating with each patrol.
- _____ Names of all Adults staying with the Troop...full & part-time.
- _____ Extra fees for late registrations.
- _____ Medical examination Forms for each person staying in camp. Including Insurance Company Name and Policy Number.
- _____ Local or National Tour Permit with proof of Youth Protection Training for adults.
- _____ License Plate Numbers for all vehicles staying in Camp Parking Lot for the week.
- _____ Proof of Unit Health/Accident Insurance.
- _____ Scoutmaster and Staff Guide rejoin the Troop in the parking lot or campsite.
- _____ Gear will be transported to your campsite via camp vehicle.
- _____ Your Staff Guide will accompany you to the Health Lodge for Medical rechecks.
- _____ Your Staff Guide will lead you on a camp orientation tour.

SUNDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

- 5:00 pm High Adventure Trek Meeting, Commissary
- 5:00 pm High Adventure Rock Climber Meeting, Commissary
- 5:00 pm Trail Blazer Backpackers Meeting, Commissary
- 5:45 pm Camp wide Flag retreat at Health Lodge Flags
- 6:00 pm Camp wide Supper (Schedule will be given at check-in)
- 7:30 pm Adult Leader Meeting at Camp Office
- 8:00 pm 1st Class Trail Meeting at Commissary
- 10:00 pm Taps and Lights Out

DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

CAMPSITE CHECK-OUT INSPECTION

Troop: _____ Campsite: _____ Check-out Time: _____

Your Troop Staff Host will help you get checked out and on your way home after 7:00 am on Saturday. Please schedule the specific check-out time at the Scoutmasters meeting on Thursday morning.

- ____ Clean Latrine
- ____ Remove all ashes from firebox and put cold ashes in the trash liner
- ____ Clean sump and put sump contents into trash liner
- ____ Tie trash liner and deposit in the designated location
- ____ Take down all camp gadgets
- ____ Return all borrowed SPSR items to QM, (including bear bag rope)
- ____ Note with Staff Host any damaged equipment and pay for damages at the Camp Office
- ____ Clean tents and tie flaps
- ____ Leave a supply of firewood
- ____ Police area of all trash
- ____ Pick up troop mail at Camp Office
- ____ Load troop equipment
- ____ Sign up for SPSR next year
- ____ Finish any other business at Camp Office
- ____ **PICK UP ALL MEDICATIONS AT HEALTH LODGE**

Unit Camp Leader (Scoutmaster)

Staff Host

Camp Director

OFF—SEASON ACTIVITIES

SPSR is available for use by groups in the off-season. You can reserve cabins and the kitchen for use by your Troop or Crew. Water is available year round at the Ranger office. Contact the Santa Fe Trail Council Service Center at 620-275-5162 or email julie.scully@scouting.org or april.hoyt@scouting.org.

Year Round Lodging

We have a health lodge with 2 sides that rents for \$50.00 per night. It sleeps about 10 people but has no cooking facilities. One side has fireplace. The 2 upper cabins each have a kitchenette and 2 sides. They can sleep about 10 people each and cost \$25.00 per night. The lower cabin has a kitchen, fireplace, and one room that can be separated. It sleeps about 16 people and costs \$25.00 per night. If you will be feeding a group you can rent the commissary/kitchen area for \$50.00 per day. Go to www.sftcbsa.org for more details and click on Year Round Camping Camp reservation form. Prices are subject to change.

Tubing

We have a nice tubing and sledding hill here at SPSR during the winter. It does of course depend on how much snow we have received. You should bring your own inner tubes and sleds. There is not a rope tow, but you may ride for free all day long or as many times as you can walk back up the hill.

Snowshoeing and Cross Country Skiing

Several of the trails around camp are suitable for snowshoeing or cross country skiing in the winter. They are well marked with reflective markers that have been placed fairly high on the tree. We do not have snowshoes or cross country skis available for use.

Skiing/Snowboarding

Your group can go skiing/snowboarding for a day while staying at SPSR. Wolf Creek & Monarch Ski Resorts are both within driving distance. Your group will save a large amount of money not staying the night at an expensive lodge near the resort. Go to www.wolfcreekski.com or www.skimonarch.com.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA

Whitewater Rafting

Many whitewater rafting adventures are about 2 hour trip from SPSR. You may go for a day while in camp, or plan a stop on your way to or from SPSR. Most have camping available if necessary. Go to rafting.allaboutrivers.com and click on Colorado white Water Rafting Tours and click on Arkansas River Rafting or H2 on the map.

High Country Adventure

Horsemanship, fly fishing and wilderness survival training is available in the area. Go to www.platoroOutfitters.com or call 719-376-2453 for more information.

Attractions

Great Sand Dunes National Park www.nps.gov/grsa

Pikes Peak www.pikes-peak.com

Garden of the Gods www.gardenofgods.com

Seven Falls www.sevenfalls.com

Cave of the Winds www.caveofthewinds.com

Royal Gorge www.royalgorgebridge.com

Mount Capulin www.nps.gov/cavo

Bent's Old Fort www.nps.gov/beol

Koshare Indian Kiva & Museum, Launta, CO www.kosharehistory.com

And many more...

Come stay at SPSR anytime during the year and visit the attractions in the SPSR area. Many of the attractions can be visited in one day out of camp trips. Camping is available on Saturday Night during summer camp for regular off season rates go to www.spanishpeaksscouteranch.com and click on year round camping camp reservation form.

CAMP LOCATION (8,400 ft)

Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch is located 16 miles Southwest of Walsenburg, Colorado (6,167 ft).

From Walsenburg take US Highway 160 West to the edge of town. Turn south onto a gravel road where you will cross a bridge and your first cattle guard continue 16 miles on County Road 340 (Bear Creek Road). Following County Road 340 for 16 miles, you will cross 11 cattle guards. Do not make any hard right or left turns at Y's in the road, but stay on County Road 340 it is marked! When you cross the 11th cattle guard, you will be in camp. Walsenburg is located about 65 miles south of Pueblo, CO, and about 40 miles north of the New Mexico State line. Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch is 16 miles Southwest of Walsenburg. The nearest major highway is Interstate 25 which runs North and South through the Eastern part of Colorado, from Trinidad, CO on the South to the Wyoming State Line on the North.

Overnight Camping Opportunity

If passing through Western Kansas, our council has a camp (Mandan Training Center) available North of Dodge City, Kansas for a minimal fee. (Approximately 6 hours from Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch) A bunkhouse, kitchen area, and showers are available by reservation through the Council Office at 620-275-5162.

QUALITY CAMPING

The Santa Fe Trail Council Executive Board is committed to camps that meet high standards for health and safety, food service, program, maintenance, conservation, staffing and administration.

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