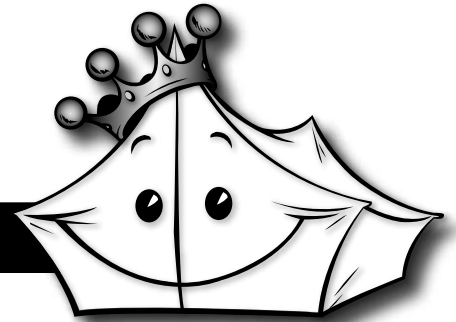


# Tesomas

## Scout Camp



### 2012 Parents Guide

Tesomas Scout Camp is located approximately 10 miles from Rhinelander, in the Northwoods of Wisconsin. Since 1935, Tesomas has been providing an outdoor program second to none. With approximately 1,200 acres, Tesomas prides itself on a commitment to excellence and the best customer service anywhere. The more than 70 staff members provide programs in ten different areas; serving everyone from the first year camper at Eagle Quest to the experienced in our Trek programs. Its straight "A" ratings for National Accreditation reaffirm that it is the place "Where camping is KING!"

#### 2012 THEME

This summer, Scouts will have the opportunity to Live the Game as they participate in various outdoor activities.

On Monday evening, campers will gather their patrol and compete in various challenges in "Smiley's Apprentice Challenge". Tuesday will allow the Troop or Crew an opportunity to cook a delectable meal in your campsite and participate in the unique hors d'oeuvres cook-off. Wednesday evening visitors will have the opportunity to eat dinner with us through an outdoor picnic before attending the traditional OA Call Out Ceremony. Thursday evening campers will have a hoot at "Free Parking" where they will have free access to all of Camp Tesomas. The week will end with a awesome closing campfire that will highlight achievements from the week.

As you can see, Tesomas 2012 will be an adventure you don't want to miss!

#### CAMP DATES

We are signed up as a group for:

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

#### CAMP FEES

Scouts: \_\_\_\_\_ Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PAYMENT PLAN

\$75 Deposit per camper due to:

\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Fee Balance due to:

\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

#### WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT CAMP...

- 60+ different merit badge, rank and award opportunities
- Ten unique program areas
- Visitor night picnic and OA ceremony
- Exciting evening patrol, troop and individual activities
- Free time and open instruction Monday through Friday afternoon
- Superior staff dedicated to quality instruction and helping the Scouts
- We encourage lots of enthusiasm in the Dining Hall during meals, so please join in on the fun!
- Only place "Where Camping is King"



## **THE ADVENTURE OF CAMP...**

### ***Business & Technology***

From learning to build a computer to making your own movie, this area teaches Scouts about technology and how to use it. Furthermore, it offers merit badges to strengthen personal skills which help a Scout be successful later in life.

### ***COPE & Climbing***

Scouts get a taste of adventure on-site with our 60' climbing tower, featuring walls for rappelling, climbing, and team-building. For the most daring Scouts and adult leaders, our famous Hanna Zipline offers a breathtaking ride to the ground from the top of the tower. The challenge continues just a few steps away at Project C.O.P.E. Participants walk the line on our 45' high-ropes course and test their limits at our low course events, building teamwork and working through various obstacles.



### ***Eagle Quest***

Our first year camper program offers opportunities to help young Scouts complete their Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks. Schedules intend to allow the Scouts to select only the requirements they need to finish the rank they are currently working on. The Eagle Quest schedule runs all day long to make it possible for Scout to advance a full rank during their stay at camp.

### ***Ecology & Conservation***

We offer you a wide variety of merit badges related to ecology, conservation and science. Scouts learn about nature though many hands-on experiences.



### ***Handicraft***

Carve it, weave it, thread it, paint it, pound it, imprint it. Handicraft offers all this to unleash a Scout's creativity. This year, the schedule and program has been revised to ensure the Scouts receive the highest standard of instruction and so they can retain their knowledge. Please read the special notes below for more details.

## ***Order of the Arrow***

Scouting's National Honor Society is the Order of the Arrow. Tom Kita Chara Lodge provides substantial service to Samoset Council, especially within the summer camp program. The OA offers new opportunities for older Scouts in fellowship, service, and adventure. Don't miss our nationally renowned calling out ceremony on Wednesday night.

### ***Personal Wellness***

Tesomas is proud to offer one of the few program areas in the nation with resources and staff specifically geared for health, fitness, and safety.

### ***Scoutcraft***

All the skills a Scout needs available in one great area. Try your hand at building a bridge, a survival shelter or cooking a one pot meal.

### ***Shooting Sports***

Offering quality instruction and recreation to all Scouts and Scouters, Shooting Sports is the place to be. Our skilled staff are ready to provide a truly excellent Shooting Sports experience. For reasons of safety no personal firearms, bows, or open toed shoes are allowed.

### ***Waterfront***

Welcome to the beautiful Crystal Lake, home of the best Aquatics program in all of Scouting! Merit Badges will be taught at both, the Hanna Venture Base Waterfront and Tesomas Waterfront. Open swimming and boating will also be offered at both Waterfronts.



### ***Advancement***

During camp, there will be opportunities for advancement. Scouts can choose from a variety of merit badges or work on tenderfoot to first class rank requirements. Check the schedule online to see what is offered and a listing of prerequisites. Staff members will lead scouts in learning with a twist of fun.

## HIGH ADVENTURE

### Micro-Trek

Micro-Trek is perfect for those who have already done much of what Tesomas offers, but still want to experience some adventure. Micro-Treks are miniature versions of Hanna Venture Base Treks, week-long high-adventure excursions available to Boy Scouts, and Venturers. Scouts can choose to participate in the morning or afternoon session.

### Trek

Week-long treks are catered to what your unit wants to accomplish. From kayaking in the Apostle Islands to backpacking in the Porcupine Mountains, we welcome all to strive for the ultimate challenge of experiencing the outdoors. No trip is impossible if your scouts have the imagination and courage to attempt it. We utilize the outdoor skills taught at Tesomas and our experienced staff teaches new and improved skills on the trail.



## TROOP PHOTOS

If your unit chooses to have the Camp Staff take your unit Photo we will provide the unit with a complimentary 8x10 photograph. We are offering additional copies of the photo to Parents, Scouts, and Scout Leaders.

Photos will be ready for the unit leader to take upon check-out. Photos can be paid for with your order or at camp. 8 x 10s are \$6.00, 5 x 7s are \$4.00.

## LEAVING CAMP EARLY

Any Scouts leaving camp during their stay must have a release signed by their parent or guardian and approved by the Scout Leader. We recommend having this form completed before a Scout attends camp. The form is available on our website.

## DIETARY NEEDS

Please notify us of any special dietary needs or restrictions two weeks before your arrival using the form available online.

## MEDICAL POLICIES & FORMS

- An annual medical evaluation by a certified and licensed health-care provider is required for all campers.
- Parts A, B & C are to be completed annually and signed by a licensed physician.

## CONTACTING YOUR CAMPER

- Please have mail addressed in the manner below.

(Camper's Name), (Unit #)  
Tesomas Scout Camp  
5403 Spider Lake Road  
Rhineland, WI 54501

- You are encouraged to mail things several days early so we receive it before checkout day.
- Due to lack of computer capabilities, we do not offer an e-mail service for the Scouts. Leaders may use the Program Center computers for e-mail.
- If there is an emergency family issue, please call 715-365-3111 or email [camp@samoset.org](mailto:camp@samoset.org) with the camper's name and unit number in the subject heading and the Reservation Directors will ensure that the camper receives the message.

## CAN'T JOIN US BUT STILL WANT TO GO?

If you are not able to attend with our Troop, camp welcomes you to attend on your own with our Provisional Troop 627 during the week of August 7-13. Camp provides the adult leadership and you have a great time. To learn more contact the Scout Center, 715-355-1450 or [camp@samoset.org](mailto:camp@samoset.org).

## CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Tesomas Alumni Camping Trust has been established to assist any Scout or leader with financial need to experience camping. Request for camperships must be made using the campership form for each person by April 1st. Forms are available on the website.



## WHAT CAMPERS SHOULD BRING

- Sneaker/Hiking Shoes
- T-Shirts
- Underwear & Socks
- Jeans & Shorts
- Long-Sleeve Shirts
- Pajamas
- Sweatshirt or Jacket
- Official Scout Uniform
- Scout Handbook
- Swimsuit
- Rain Gear
- Towel
- Personal Hygiene items
- Sleeping Bag
- Small Pillow
- Extra Blanket
- Backpack
- Hat & Sunglasses
- First Aid Kit
- Pocket Knife
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent (non aerosol)
- Flashlight
- Spending Money
- Fishing Gear
- Camera/Film
- Compass
- Tent
- Foam Pad or Cot
- Notebook, Pencils
- M.B. Pamphlets
- Mess kit

## MORE CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES

Visit [clsr.samoset.org](http://clsr.samoset.org) to learn more about these exciting opportunities:

- Family Fishing Weekend
- Hanna Winter Resort
- Spring Work Trek

## TROOP SPECIFIC INFORMATION

*We, the staff of Tesomas Scout Camp are deeply dedicated to providing an experience that will stay with our campers for a lifetime. Our programs are proven to provide enthusiastic leadership, set good examples, and strengthen unit cooperation. In addition, we will contribute to rank advancement and the invaluable merit badges, two vital aspects in the life of every Scout. Through these ideas, we open the door to the building of self-esteem and a sense of accomplishment. Most important of all, the Tesomas staff aims to share the "Tesomas Experience" with all who venture into our woodland haven. We will strive at any cost to make camping fun for those with whom we share our home and hearts, here "Where Camping Is King!"*