

## What is White Stag -- Woods & Waters?

This will be an eight (instead of seven) day outdoor experience for youth leaders in support of the Scoutmaster's responsibility for the training of troop junior leaders. The council leadership training committee conducts White Stag using an outline approved by the Boy Scout Division of the Boy Scouts of America. The new twist is the settings where the presentations are given. Part of the session will be taught at Adventure Point, some on the trail in Deam's Wilderness and the rest while canoeing along Lake Monroe.

## What is its Purpose?

Scouting recognizes that Scoutmasters have the responsibility of training their own junior leaders. The purpose of White Stag is not to assume that role, but to support it. The objectives of White Stag are:

1. To give participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop program.
2. To give participants a basic knowledge of the eleven skills of leadership and help them relate these skills to their home troop responsibilities.
3. To give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from other troops.
4. To create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience Scouting at its best.
5. To enhance the relationship between the Scoutmaster and the participant.
6. To have fun.

## Who May Attend?

Each White stag Participant must be a First Class Scout, 14 years old by July 1, 2000, and currently filling or likely to assume a leadership position in the troop. Since we are doing some high adventure with this session we are requiring some additional prerequisites. Participants must have camping experience, Canoeing Merit Badge, a level III health form, and **attend a 4-hour pre-course meeting with a parent**.

The pre-course meeting is to discuss the physical requirements and skill necessary for the youth to safely enjoy this activity. During this meeting we will cover hiking, backpacking, and canoeing safety (etc., Safety Afloat, Safe Swim, necessary gear). Enrollment for this session will be limited to the first 24 qualified participants. So don't wait.

## What are the Dates and Location?

This **White Stag Woods and Water session** will be **July 1 – 8, 2000** (Saturday to Saturday) at Ransburg Boy Scout Reservation, with the **pre-course meeting on June 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon**.

There are two other sessions of White Stag running the traditional program at Camp Red Wing on **June 18 – 24** and **July 23 – 29, 2000**.

**This application is for the Woods and Water session only.** A map to camp and a list of suggested gear and personal items will be sent to each participant.

Participants should plan to arrive between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. on the opening day.

Scouts will be ready to depart by 12:00 noon of the final day after closing ceremonies.

**All participants must be in camp for the entire duration of the course.**

What is the Cost? The cost for White Stag Woods and Water is \$130.00 and includes all food, training materials and a stave. A deposit of \$30.00 per scout should accompany the reservation form, with the balance of \$100.00 per Scout remitted no, later than June 16, 2000. There will be a Trading Post open the first and last day of the course.

**Discounts Available -- When a Scout attends White Stag and his adult Scout Leader (same troop) attends Woodbadge in 2000, each will be given a 10% discount on their fees.**

## Where Can We Get More Information?

Additional information can be obtained from:

- Bruce Henry, Woods & Waters Director, 317-357-9668
- Pam Ballard, Professional Advisor at 925-1900