



White Stag

Junior Leader Training Conference
Crossroads of America Council



May 18, 1999

Dear 2000 White Stag Woods and Water Participants:

Let me be the first to welcome you to White Stag. Congratulations on being nominated by your troop to attend the conference to be held Saturday, July 1 to Saturday, July 8 at Ransburg Boy Scout Reservation. I have enclosed a map for your convenience. You are expected to arrive after 8:00 AM and before 9:30 AM. Scouts arriving late may not be allowed to participate. Please arrive in complete Class A uniform (no neckerchief, slide or merit badge sash). Adults picking up scouts on Saturday, July 8th should arrive in camp after 10:00 AM and wait for us by the flag poles north of the parking lot for our final ceremony, which is scheduled to begin at 10:30 AM. We should be finished by 11:30 A. M.

Since this session has high adventure as part of the program we are having a mandatory Shakedown meeting at Camp Kikthaweneund on June 3 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. You will have a gear check, an orienteering course, a backpacking shakedown and be tested for proficiency in canoeing. You should pack your clothing in 2 gal zip lock bags to protect them from rain and so extra clothing can be stored with your name on them during backpacking. This meeting will allow us to better understand your abilities. You will be assigned to patrols on this day so the patrol may work out tenting arrangements, start working on a patrol name, flag and yell.

During the week of the conference, you will have a chance to try many new Scoutcraft skills that you can use in your own troop program back home. Since you are a leader in your troop, you naturally want to know how to do your leadership job better. The skills of leadership will be an important part of the conference.

During the week, you and other junior leaders from all over Crossroads of America Council and a few neighboring councils will be living, camping and working together as members of a patrol and troop. An outstanding staff has been recruited to assist you in the training. They are enthusiastic about the conference as they prepare to give you a mountaintop training experience.

Enclosed is a Personal Resource Questionnaire and Personal Health and Medical Record Class 3 (Form 34412). Please complete both forms (a copy of your current health form is acceptable) and mail them by June 3 to: White Stag, Crossroads of America Council, P.O. Box 1966, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1966. You will not be allowed to stay in camp without a current health form on file.

Also enclosed is an equipment list. You will need everything included on this list. Remember we will be on the trail for 5 days and in base camp for 3 days. Please be prepared to backpack your equipment to the campsite by yourself. You will need to provide tentage suitable for backpacking.

Please remind your parents and family that this is a training experience. The agenda is very full and does not include time for visitors. However, they can write to you at: "Your name", White Stag, Ransburg Scout Reservation, 7599 E. Waldrup Creek Rd. Bloomington, IN 47401. The emergency phone number at camp (812) 837-9423 and the fax is (812) 837-9397.

I am excited about this conference and we will have a great week of fine Scouting. If you or your parents have any questions, please feel free to call me at 317-274-7508(W) or 317 357-9668(H), or contact my assistant, Karla Powell, at 765 288-1946.

In the Spirit of Scouting,

Bruce Henry
Scoutmaster and Course Director Woods and Water Session