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Dear Fellow Scouters,

It's that time of year to begin selecting and planning your Pack, Troop, and Crew summer camping opportunity. Whether a unit chooses the traditional dining hall and camp program combined with the high adventure features now available at Bayern in Garmisch, Germany or chooses the birthplace of Scouting with its strong quality program at Baden-Powell, or decides to venture to the majestic World Scout Bureau's own camp and join us at Camp Alpine where we combine a BSA program with a jamboree atmosphere, or to experience Cub Resident Camp at Camp Freedom, any one of these camps awaits units and youth.

Before any camp, units need to register. Here are some tips and policies to help unit leadership to glide right through the registration process and to help the units receive the best possible camp rate.

1. Choose and Reserve your camp from February to April 2013

From February to April, Packs, Troops and Crews can reserve their week at camp by making a **\$10 per person non-refundable deposit**. This fee is applied to total camp fees. Please estimate the number of youth and leaders (don't forget to include those 2nd year Webelos in totals) that will be attending. This will allow units to select the camp chosen by its youth and know if there is room.

It is important to keep current with payments in order to maintain a unit's total youth and adult slots. We often have a waiting list for certain weeks at camp and failing to make payments can result in slots being given to another unit.

Registrations will be first accepted on 15 January 2013.

2. 2nd Payment deposit (\$50 per Scout/Adult) by:

• Camp Alpine – 3 May

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- <u>Bayern High Adventure Camp</u> 3 May
- <u>Baden-Powell High Adventure Camp</u> 17 May
- Camp Camp Freedom Cub Resident & Cub Adventure 17 May

To receive the summer camp regular rate (\$25 per youth), deposit must be paid by the initial deadline. The deadline for Camp Alpine and Bayern High Adventure Camp is earlier because of the high demand and this way additional slots can be provided to Troops on the wait list.

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There will be an on-line reservation form at www.tac-bsa.org/Forms, and on a link on the camp section of our website www.tac-bsa.org/Camps. You can also pay through your unit account, or paypal, or by cash at the Scout Shop or by sending a check.

If space is available, a unit may continue to add Scouts to its total after initial deadline but they will pay the late camp fee rate with one exception, if unit recruits a new youth and turns in the application form and camp payment at the same time, the new youth will also pay the regular rate.

Fees are transferable. For example, if John Scout signed up and paid for camp, and then cannot attend, and Bill Scout decides he wants to go to camp, Bill can take John's slot. However, it is the unit's responsibility to collect Bill's fees and to reimburse John's family.

3. Final Payment Due by:

- Baden-Powell High Adventure Camp 7 June (Friday)
- Camp Alpine 14 June (Friday)
- Bayern High Adventure Camp Week 1 & 2 28 June (Friday)
- Bayern High Adventure Camp Week 3 12 July (Friday)
- Camp Freedom Cub Resident Camp & Cub Adventure 31 May (Friday)

Our camps are not equipped to handle large sums of registration money on site. High Adventure Fees for Camps Alpine, Bayern High Adventure Camp and Baden-Powell are paid in local currency on the day of registration and then are used to pay local instructors. More information on the available High Adventure activities and associated costs are provided in the each Leader's Guide.

Remember Units must pay the initial deposit by the initial deadline and the balance of the fees by the dates above to receive the regular rate.

2013 Camp Fees

Cub Resident Camp (200 per week) 15 – 19 July (Wk 1), 23-27 July (Wk 2) (Oberdachstetten, Germany)

\$200 Cubs Regular Fee \$225 Cubs Late Fee Adults: \$100

Cub Adventure Weekend (200 Total) 19 – 21 July (Oberdachstetten, Germany) (parents, siblings invited to participate)

\$50 Cubs and siblings (discount, 2 youth, \$90, 3 youth, \$125) from the same family

Baden-Powell High Adventure Camp (200 Total) 22 June – 28 June (Nottinghamshire, United Kingdom)

\$325 Youth Regular Camper Rate

\$350 Youth Late Camper Rate

\$200 Adult Leader for each 6 scouts attending

\$250* Adult Leaders over the 6:1 ratio

Camp Alpine Patrol Cooking Only (225 Total) 30 June – 6 July (Kandersteg, Switzerland)

\$325 Youth Regular Camper Rate

\$350 Youth Late Camper Rate

\$200 Adult Leader for each 6 scouts attending

\$250*Adult Leaders over the 6:1 ratio

Bayern High Adventure Camp Patrol Cooking (150 each week) & Dining Facility (150 each week) 13 – 19 July (Wk 1), 20 -26 July (Wk 2), 27 – 2 August (Wk 3) (Garmisch, Germany)

\$350 Youth Regular Camper Rate Dining Hall

\$300 Youth Regular Camper Rate Patrol Cooking

\$375 Youth Late Camper Rate Dining Hall

\$325 Youth Late Camper Rate Patrol Cooking

\$200 Adult Leader for each 6 scouts attending

\$250*Adult Leaders over the 6:1 ratio

Capacity Youth & Leaders

Cubs: 400

Boy Scouts or Venturers: 1,175

* Two Adult Leaders attend at Regular Rate as well as any adult leader when the troop meets or exceeds the 6:1 recommended BSA ratio:

1-17 Scouts: Two adults at Regular Rate 18-23 Scouts: Three adults at Regular Rate 24-29 Scouts: Four adults at Regular Rate

Provisional Scouts (Scouts attending camp without their Troop)

Transatlantic Council supports Scouts attending camp as a troop. There are instances when Scouts wish to attend a different week from their Troop. We wish to serve as many Scouts in our camps as we can. If a Troop, Pack, Crew or Scout

family makes its own arrangements to attend camp with another Troop, there are no additional fees. Our office will be glad to assist by providing contact information for Troops attending camp during the week the Provisional Scouts desire.

If a Scout depends on the Camp or Council leadership to find a Troop to host a Scout for camp, there is an additional \$30.00 fee per Scout to the above fees. There is no guarantee that we will find a willing Troop but we will do our best to support each Scout.

Out of Council Units and Direct Service Units

If your troop is located in the States and/or in an out of council location (Direct Service Unit) we welcome your unit to one of our council camps of your choice, however, you must pay an additional \$30.00 per participant to the above fees.

Cancellation Policy

- Although it is important for us to know the total number of people attending camp each week including our adult leaders, we do not apply cancellation fees to adult volunteers.
- For cancellations due to medical reasons, a medical certificate is requested, and fees will be waived.
- For cancellations due to family emergencies -- an unforeseen move, etc -- a statement from the family is needed and fees **may** be waived.

Cost for Cancellations after 1 June (Cub Resident Camp at Camp Freedom), 7 June (Baden Powell), 14 June (Alpine), 28 June (Bayern week 1 and 2), 13 July (Bayern week 3), up to the Wednesday before camp starts is \$50.00 per Scout. Be sure to have an e-mail confirming the cancellation to both council office and camp director.

Cancellations on the Thursday before camp starts and no shows at camp will result in a charge of \$100 if the above conditions do not apply.

Foreign Currency payments for Registration Fees

Transatlantic Council serves 35 countries in Europe and operates with a US dollar budget. For units that wish to pay registration fees in local currency, they may do so with the understanding that the actual amount of the local currency to dollar conversion will be used to credit fees. Banking service fees vary greatly. All local currency is exchanged at our local bank and that amount will be credited towards camping fees. If there is a surplus, the amount will be credited to the Transatlantic Council unit account. If the conversion does not pay all the camp fees, the unit

should be prepared to pay the balance of fees at camp. For example, Troop X pays its fees in pound sterling but by the time it is exchanged, after bank fees Troop X is short \$75 from its fees, Troop X should be prepared to pay \$75 at camp, if the troop was paying the regular camper rate, we will maintain that rate for the troop.

Questions about specific payments a unit has made or if they have been received should be directed to our Program Administrator at our Council Office. (program@tac-bsa.org)

Questions about the Camp Reservation Policy should be directed to Pete Maskovich at pmaskovi@bsamail.org or please call the council office DSN 633-7760 or from outside Italy civilian line 0039 050 54 7760

Yours in Scouting, Vince Cozzone Scout Executive Transatlantic Council, BSA