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- **What is a Provisional Troop?**
  At Camp La-No-Che a Provisional Troop is created from Scouts who want to attend the camp, but their Troop is not attending. These Scouts are made up of a mix of local Scouts, out of council Scouts and sometimes even International Scouts. It is always a great opportunity for your Scout to meet new people. Camp La-No-Che operates separate Troops for girls and boys in accordance with the Scouts BSA Program.

- **How does a Provisional Troop run?**
  A Provisional Troop, known as PROVO, operates just as every Scouts BSA Troop should. It is youth led with the Scouts electing their Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL). The SPL and ASPL create patrols which then elect their Patrol Leaders (PL). The patrols then create a name, flag, and chant or song. This is Troop building and creates unity among the Scouts.

- **What kind of supervision is provided?**
  Camp La-No-Che provides a full time Scoutmaster as well as an Assistant Scoutmaster to each Provisional Troop. Their goals are to ensure Scouts have a good time, achieve their goals and stay safe.

- **Can I attend camp with my Scout in PROVO?**
  In accordance with Scouting's Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse Policies. Scout BSA camping must be conducted with 2 registered adult trained leaders. Parents wishing to attend camp will be required to be registered as Adult Leaders in the BSA with their home unit and will have to camp in a separate campsite (not with their Scout). As they are not registered leaders for the other Scouts attending provisional that weekend at Camp La-No-Che.

- **Can my Scout attend camp but go home at night?**
  Although not recommended, day camping will be accommodated, and you will need to discuss and abide by arrangements made with the Camp Program Director and Camp Program Specialist.

- **Where do we check-in (drop off) and check-out (pick up)?**
  When you arrive at camp you will be directed to the proper campsite for drop-off and check-in your Scout. You will also pick up your Scout at the same location.

- **What time is Check-in?**
  Check-in will take place between 6-8pm on the first evening of camp (Friday). Please be on time as gear must be stowed and Troop elections held. This arrival time will allow time for the unit to set-up camp, leaders to meet with Scouts and set expectations for the Weekend Experience.

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- **What time is Check-out?**
  Check-out will take place the morning of the last day of camp between 8:30-10:30 (Sunday). If enrolled in Wilderness First Aid, Red Cross Lifeguard, or COPE Level I check-out will occur between 4-5:30 depending on course end time. Please check with leadership at drop-off for exact arrangements. This will allow time for the unit to break down camp, scouts to pack and campers to say goodbye. If you have a special need for pickup, please discuss this with the Scoutmaster. Check-in and Check-out are the only times you are permitted to drive to the campsite (if dropping items off, please check in at the main office first).

- **Can my Scout bring phone or other electronics?**
  The electronics usage policy in PROVO is that it is the responsibility of the Scout to use these items only in their free time. During classes and Troop activities it is expected they be put away.

- **My Scout is on medication, what do I do with it?**
  It is highly recommended that your Scout stay on any prescribed medication according to their doctor's orders when they are at camp. Medication that is a controlled substance will be held and administered by the Health Officer as well as any other medication you may want. All inhalers and epi pens are always to be carried by the Scout. These medications will be collected by the Scoutmaster at check-in and given to the Health Officer.

- **My Scout has special needs, is that a problem?**
  Not at all. Please discuss these needs with the Camp Program Director. It may be helpful to contact the camp office and ask that the Scoutmaster call you prior to your arrival at camp so any necessary accommodations can be made.

- **My Scout may become homesick, what should I do?**
  You should discuss this with the Scoutmaster so a plan can be worked out in how to best deal with this challenge. The Scoutmaster has a whole camp at their disposal to help them with homesick Scouts. Again, it may be helpful to speak to the Scoutmaster prior to arriving at camp.

- **Can my Scout bring their own tent?**
  Yes, Scouts **must** bring their own tent. Tents are **not** provided in the Provisional Troop. If there is another Scout that you know is attending PROVO and your Scout wishes to tent with them, please let the Scoutmaster know upon check in (Scouts must be within 24 months of age in order to tent together). On **rare occasions tents may be available** for weekend camping in provisional. If erected on arrival they can be used for the duration of the weekend.

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- **Should I pack for my Scout?**
  It is recommended that you allow your Scout to pack for themselves and reviewed by you for any potential missing items. Packing their gear themselves ensures they know what they have and where it is located. This reduces frustration for the Scout when they are at camp.

- **What should I go over with my Scout before coming to PROVO?**
  The Scout Law and Oath, these are the rules they are governed under. If it doesn't fit the Law and Oath, then it shouldn't be done. A general knowledge of the Patrol System is also very helpful as this is how the Troop will run. Personal hygiene is also important. Encourage your Scout to continue good hygiene practices at camp such as taking showers and brushing teeth.

- **Should my Scout bring spending money?**
  While the camp has a trading posts and a concession stand available to Scouts this is an entirely private choice. If you are sending your Scout with spending money you should use small bills and advise the Scout not to carry all of it at the same time. Scouts should no bring large amounts of cash to camp (no more than $100 is suggested)

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