

- **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 Scout Master 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?**

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If you are a registered leader and wish to camp with your Scout the Camp will arrange for you and your Scout to camp in a site with other parent/Scout combinations as family camping. You would be responsible for your Scout.

- **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 PROVO Scoutmaster.

- **Where do we check in and pick up?**

When you arrive at camp you will be directed to the proper campsite for drop-off and sign in of your Scout. You will also pick up your Scout at the same location at the time appointed by the Scoutmaster. Please make sure you are aware of this time, so you are not waiting on your Scout to be finished with their morning duties. All Scouts must participate in returning the campsite back to the way it was when they arrived. If you have a special need for pickup, please discuss this with the Scoutmaster. These are the only times you are permitted to drive to the campsite. If dropping items off or on family night, please check in at the main office.

- **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.

- **My Scout has special needs, is that a problem?**

Not at all. Please discuss these needs with the Scoutmaster. 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 deal with it. 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. If your Scout is susceptible to being homesick you may want to consult with the Scoutmaster before coming to Family Night.

- **Can my Scout bring their own tent?**

No, due to the number of Scouts that attend PROVO individual tents cannot be accommodated. The camp will provide tents for the Scout and they will be paired with a buddy in their age group. If there is another Scout that you know is attending PROVO that week and your Scout wishes to tent with them, please let the Scoutmaster know upon check in.

- **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 two 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 not bring large amounts of cash to camp (no more than \$100 is suggested)