



the pine tree



INDIAN NATIONS COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

4295 S. Garnett Road • Tulsa, OK 74146

Dear Parents of the Pine Tree Candidate:

Pine Tree is a three-day training course for Junior Leaders, planned and developed in the belief that motivation through challenge and inspiration is the basic ingredient needed in preparing boys to lead others. While Pine Tree also enhances Scout skills and leadership theories, these are considered secondary in importance to the development of the real spirit of Scouting through the inspiration of its traditions and details.

Pine Tree is open to all registered Boy Scouts who are at least 13 years old and a First Class Scout. All Boy Scouts are capable of satisfactorily completing the course.

Pine Tree accomplishes its goals, first, through an intensive and demanding schedule, which places the Scout in a challenging environment and helps him develop pride in his ability to complete tasks in a timely manner; second, by teaching him the absolute necessity for cooperation and teamwork to accomplish group activities; and third, through the traditions and ceremonies of the Pine Tree which help the Scout develop a greater pride in himself, in the uniform that he wears, and in the historical and worldwide organization called Scouting.

It is very important that your son arrive on time and be in the proper uniform on arrival. Please schedule to arrive no earlier than **3:00 pm** and no later than **5:00pm**. Anyone arriving after 5:00pm will be dropped from the course. The Opening Ceremony will begin promptly at 5:30 pm.

The Pine Tree Troop operates under a carefully prepared schedule, designed to afford periods for training, ceremonies, patrol teamwork, duty assignments, formations and other activities. This schedule is the key to a successful Pine Tree Course. It allows just enough time to accomplish assigned tasks, and the Scout soon learns that he can keep up only if there is complete and unselfish teamwork in his patrol. The constant deadlines keep a mild pressure on the scout and his patrol, which demand top effort both in personal action and in patrol teamwork and spirit. Hazing, horseplay, or other behavior not in line with the Scout Oath and Law is not tolerated. **Please note that ELECTRONICS of ANY KIND are NOT allowed (i-pods, CD players, cell phones, etc.)**

In an effort to keep cost at a minimum and avoid increases in the \$60.00 course fee, it is the policy of the Pine Tree Commission that the Candidate fee is not refundable or transferable due to pre-purchased materials for the course. Therefore, each candidate should be fully committed to attending the course.

We hope you are proud your son was selected by his Scoutmaster to attend Pine Tree. We assume you have many questions about the course and what your son will be experiencing during this intense learning process. To answer any questions you might have, we will hold a brief parent's meeting following the Pine Tree course opening ceremony on **Thursday, October 18, 2018**. Also, please check your son's letter for arrival times at Camp and the Opening Ceremony time. They are very important and the success of the course depends on these times being met.

Your son will probably want something to eat before arriving; a light meal will be served to your son sometime during the evening.

On behalf of the Staff of Pine Tree **126**,

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P.S. You are invited to attend the opening and closing ceremonies. For your comfort, you may want to bring a bottle of water, a lawn chair, and your camera.