



FAQ

TROOP 700

2012 CAMP CRIS DOBBINS

COLORADO SUMMER CAMP



What are the exact dates Troop 700 will be at Camp Cris Dobbins?

July 8-14, 2012; however, the troop will depart on Saturday, July 7, 2012, and return on July 14/15.

Exactly where is Camp Cris Dobbins?

Camp Cris Dobbins is near Elbert, Colorado, approximately 730 miles from Grapevine. Mapquest estimates the drive at 12 hours.

Can I visit camp?

Yes. Visitors are welcome at any time during the week, but should make prior arrangements with the Scoutmaster prior to arriving. Friday Family Night is an ideal time for parents to visit camp. The cost for the Family Night meal is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. At Camp Cris Dobbins, dinner is served buffet-style from 5 – 7 p.m. If you attend Family Night, please don't take your Scout that night. Much of the program continues on Saturday morning and you'll be detracting from his experience. Visitors are required to leave pets, alcoholic beverages, fireworks, and firearms at home, and must follow all other camp policies. All visitors must check in at the camp office when they first arrive. Visitors must follow all camp policies. Program facilities are not available for use by visitors when camp is in session. Vehicles must be parked in the main parking lots; not at campsites. Visitor meal prices: \$5 for breakfast, \$6 for lunch and \$7 for dinner. Please make a reservation for meals prior to arrival.

Can I drop my Scout off at camp or pick him up early?

Yes; however, your Scout will still need to pay the entire registration fee of \$410 and arrange for another Scout to take responsibility for gear or transport it yourself.

Is the registration fee adjusted if we drive our Scout to camp and pick him up?

Yes. Your Scout will only be responsible for \$260, which is the camp registration fee. He/you will need to transport all of his gear to and from camp.

When can my Scout select his merit badges?

Merit badge registration will not begin until April 18th and the troop's payments must be received prior to authorization.

What kind of weather should we plan for?

The camp is located at 7,000 feet in Colorado; therefore, any type of weather can occur including sleet and blistering heat. Nighttime temps can be in the 40's. Afternoon thunderstorms are common and most programs will continue even in the rain, so quality rain gear is a must—pants and a jacket—***no ponchos!***

What should I do if my Scout has special dietary needs?

The camp is willing to accommodate special diets for camps; however the restrictions must be noted on his medical form and submitted in writing two weeks prior to camp to request special dietary needs. On arrival, Scout will need to check-in with food service personnel to receive instructions on how to get their special meals.

Does my Scout need a new Health and Medical form completed?

Yes, all Scouts and adults who stay at camp 72 hours or more are required to submit completed Parts A, B and C of the Annual BSA Health and Medical Record.

Who is in charge?

Under the Boy Scouts system of camping, the Scoutmaster is in charge of the troop at all times. The Scoutmaster and other adult leaders have the primary responsibility for the care of the youth in camp. The discipline and organization of the troop is the Scoutmaster's responsibility. If a parent has concerns about a Scout's participation in summer camp or events during summer camp, the Scoutmaster is the first point of contact in resolving situations.

What is expected of my Scout while at camp?

Scouts are expected to observe the Scout Oath and Law at all times. These principles are the basis for their behavior and Unit leaders will expect them to follow them. While the care and supervision of all youth is to be provided primarily by the unit leaders, nonetheless, camp staff is responsible for operating an enjoyable program for everyone. If a participant becomes disruptive to the program or interferes with others, staff will work with unit leaders in managing the problem in accordance with established BSA and camp policies set forth in the Leader's Guide which includes attempted notification of parents. In extreme cases it may become necessary to remove the participant from camp. This will be done by the parents or by local emergency services or law enforcement.

What does my camper need to wear at camp?

The official BSA uniform is required at evening flag ceremony, meals, chapel and during campfires each day. The troop t-shirt or BSA t-shirt is encouraged at other times. For those Scouts working on the swimming merit badge, a long-sleeve button-up shirt, lightweight "airtight" pants and shoes that can get wet are required.

Is Camp Cris Dobbins a safe camping environment?

The Denver Area Council, Boy Scouts of America operates summer camping programs that are licensed by the Colorado Department of Human Services. The license indicates that the program has met the required standards for the operation of a child care facility. The current license and most recent inspection are available for review in the camp office at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch. Every precaution is taken to protect your child's well-being.

How can I contact someone at camp in case of an emergency?

During the summer, the camp attempts to keep the main camp phone attended 24 hours a day. However, there are times when this is impossible, so please leave a message and it will be returned in a timely manner. Due to the large area on the ranch and at Camp Dobbins, messages for Scouts and leaders generally are not delivered until the next mealtime. We try to deliver emergency messages immediately. The phone number is 303-648-3023 or 303-455-5522 x 2111.

Does my Scout need money at camp?

Camp Dobbins does operate a trading post for camper needs including snacks like packaged sandwiches, burritos, candy bars, ice cream and chips. The trading post also offers limited edition camp apparel, camp necessities, souvenirs and toiletries. Campers are recommended to not bring more than \$50 and Troop 700 will offer an adult "banker" to hold all Scouts money if requested. Scouts may also need additional money for the cost of special merit badges such as cinematography, cycling, pottery, photography, horsemanship, rifle, shotgun, cooking, archery, pioneering, etc.

What address can I send mail to for my Scout?

Scouts love to get a happy note from home and it's very sad to see faces that do not. Once again this year adult leaders will accept notes, letters, postcards, etc. and distribute them to your Scout on the day(s) you specify. Please write at least two small notes. Clip a comic out of Sunday's paper, write them a little note of encouragement or an inspirational scripture—anything! If you want to send it via U.S. mail, please address as follows and allow plenty of time for it to arrive:

Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch
Camp Cris Dobbins
[Name of Scout/Adult], Troop 700
22799 North Elbert Road, Box 97
Elbert, CO 80106-0097

What other programs are available at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch?

Fishing (*No charge*)—Bring your own gear and Scouts are welcome to fish in the lake. The rainbow trout are beautiful and plentiful!

Polar Penguin (*No charge*)—The lake will be open before or after breakfast for a quick dip! Each troop will swim before or after eating; exact times will be given upon arrival. Each Scoutmaster will keep a list of participants each morning. At the end of the week, those who completed at least three morning swims will receive a special Polar Penguin patch!

Camp Hollywood (\$25)—Located at Ft. Collins Lodge this special program offers older Scouts a totally different experience. Those choosing Cinematography will work with a skilled counselor and state-of-the-art video and computer equipment to write, produce, record and edit a video to be shown at Friday night's campfire. *Minimum age of 13* and counts as two class periods. Journalism participants will write the *Dobbins Daily* newsletter and distribute it. Photography students will experiment with film and digital photography.

Dobbins 5K Run (*No charge*)—A Scout is physically fit and if he wakes up early and participates in the Camp Dobbins 5K Run on Wednesday morning at 5:30 AM, he will earn the Camp Dobbins 5K Run patch. This is also a requirement for the Peaceful Valley Ironman award.

Peaceful Valley Ironman (*No charge*)—If a Scout completes the 5K run, a 10K mountain bike ride and the mile swim, he will earn the PV Ironman Award ribbon!

Peaceful Valley Adventure (\$25)—This program is for Scouts 14 and up and is a week-long, full-day program. A small group of Scouts will experience mountain boarding, mountain cycling, climbing, shooting, field archery, medical drills and every form of adventure on the ranch to learn more about teamwork and leadership. This special program features a pool party, two overnight outposts, nighttime GPS use and an off ranch trip to a location such as Pike's Peak, Castlwood Canyon or the Garden of the Gods. Scouts will eat most breakfasts and dinners with their own troops and lunch will vary each day.

Eaglebound (*No charge*)—Scouts can enroll in the Eaglebound program to cover many of the requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class.

Trail Ride (\$15) or Trail Ride with Dinner (\$25)

Discovery SCUBA (\$30)—A-1 Scuba, one of Denver's oldest scuba schools, brings a certified PADI instructor and gear to camp to offer an independent-contractor program. Scouts will watch a training video, learn basic skills in the water and then go diving in the pool. Scouts will earn a BSA patch and finish PADI Module 1. *Scouts must be 12 years old, a blue-tag swimmer and bring the A-1 PADI Release and Medical History form signed by parents.*

Beginning Swimming (*No charge*)—Non-swimmers or beginners can improve their skills and advance one level on swim tests.