

Camp Friedlander Youth Estimate Deposit Process

Dear Contingent Contacts,

One of the benefits of camping at Camp Friedlander during the summer is that tents are already set up and waiting for your unit when you arrive. However, that means that every campsite only has a certain number of spots available for youth and adults. When campsite reservations open, we ask you to estimate how many participants there will be to determine which campsite has enough space and which will best fit your needs. A downside to this system is that we can't always fill every space available to those who wish to come to Camp Friedlander. We don't want to turn anyone away from camp but even now, some weeks of camp are no longer open for Contingent Registrations because of the number of participants estimated.

Our hope in creating the new **Youth Estimate Deposit** is to have a better understanding of exactly how many people a unit will bring. Due on or before **January 1, 2019**, every unit already registered for camp will be required to make a <u>\$30 deposit for each estimated youth</u>. We will not require deposits for adult estimates.

On **December 3, 2018**, the Contingent Contact will be sent an invoice for \$30 per youth currently estimated. Units may pay a different amount, but the estimated youth will be changed to match the deposit received.

Youth registration will open Nov. 13th. If any youth are registered before making the deposit, then you will only need to make a deposit for the difference between the estimated youth and registered youth. For example, if you would like to estimate 20 youth but have already registered 5, then you can make a deposit for 15 youth.

These deposits will be placed in the Contingent Account to be used when you are ready to register your scouts. However, <u>this deposit will not be refundable</u> if an estimated spot is not filled. For example, if you make a deposit for 12 estimated youth but only register 10 youth, then 2 deposits will be forfeited.

Making deposits for more or less than your original estimation will affect the number of available campsites. Please note that if your unit estimated enough youth to fill one campsite but submit deposits for less youth than originally estimated, your campsite may become available to additional units. Failure to make any deposit before the deadline will result in losing your requested campsite.

We understand that not every unit will know in January exactly how many spots they may need, especially for Webelos Crossovers. This is why you may request **up to 5** spots for free to help accommodate these new scouts. And later, if you realize that your estimate was too low, please contact the Outdoor Program Assistant to make updates.



When summer begins, units who did not register as many youth as they had estimated will be notified at the 10 Day Out Meeting of the deposits that will be forfeited. When camp begins, a forfeited deposit may be collected by removing the amount from the Contingent Account or the amount will be collected while the unit is at camp if there are not sufficient funds in the account.

We understand that this is a brand-new process! Our implementation of this is not to put undue stress on your unit but to create a better registration system that will maximize our capacity to offer summer camp to as many Scouts as possible. That is why we are sending this informational letter, with a detailed timeline below and a sample of the invoice you will receive, to clear up any questions you may have. If you have further questions, financial concerns, or questions about campsite availability, please contact Rachel Ball, Outdoor Program Assistant, at 513-577-7708.

Timeline of Camp Deposits:

November 13, 2018- Youth Registration opens at 12:00pm.

December 3, 2018- The Contingent Contact will be sent an invoice based on the number of currently estimated youth.

January 1, 2019- Youth deposits are DUE on or before this date. There will be a week grace period <u>only</u> for those mailing payments to the Scout Achievement Center, but they must arrive prior to Jan. 9.

January 10- The Outdoor Program Assistant will begin changing estimates and removing units who have not made a deposit.

January 14- An updated Campsite Availability Chart will be posted to reflect any changes. This chart is found at <u>www.danbeard.org/attendcampfriedlander</u>.

Starting January 18- Invoices for units registered **after** Jan. 1 will be sent out every Friday, with 30 days to submit their Youth Estimate Deposits.

Starting June 6- A notice will be given to units at every 10 Day Out Meeting (or an email will be sent to those unable to attend) that will notify them if their Youth Estimate Deposit amount has not been met.