

## MyCampGrimes Website – 2023 Season

### Online Registration Begins

Online registration will begin March 24, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. Registration starting times are staggered, depending on your week of camp. The start time schedule is as follows.

Week 1	8:00 am
Week 2	10:00 am
Week 3	12:00 noon
Week 4	2:00 pm

In the mean time, you should make sure you are prepared by 1) applying for a troop login id, 2) entering your troop roster into the system, and 3) familiarizing yourself with the registration process.

### Entering Rosters

MyCampGrimes is now open for you to apply for your troop login. Troop roster entry will begin in approximately two weeks. If you manage a large troop, remember that you can upload your roster information from a file you upload to the website. The file may be 1) a csv file downloaded from MyScouting, 2) an Excel spreadsheet with a sheet conforming to the site's specifications, or 3) a custom-built comma separated value file which conforms to the site's specifications. More instructions are available on the website. You should also remember to delete any youth member who is not attending summer camp from your MyCampGrimes roster. To obtain a csv file from MyScouting, follow the attached instructions.

**For the 2023 season, we are requesting address information for both adults and youth attending Camp Grimes.** Remember to check your roster to insure rank and either age or birth date is entered for scouts. This information is used to determine which age or rank restricted merit badges the scout can sign up for. Alternatively, you can upload the "Youth Member Age Report" from MyScouting to record age and rank information. Information in this file will be matched on BSA Member ID, so if you plan to upload this file, make sure you have entered BSA Member ID for your scouts. See the attached instructions for information about obtaining this report from MyScouting.

Also, please enter all adult scouters who will be attending camp on your roster and check the nights they will be in camp. This information helps us in planning for tent space and calculating costs.

### Restricted Merit Badges

Some merit badges or activities have age and/or rank restrictions. These include Archery, BSA Lifeguard, the Citizenships, Climbing, Communications, COPE, Kayaking, Lifesaving, Motorboating, Rifle Shooting, Rowing, Search and Rescue, Shotgun, BSA Snorkeling/Kayaking/SUP, Water Sports, Whitewater, Wilderness Survival, and Woodworking. See the Leader's Guide for more details. We also recommend you not sign up first year scouts for Metalwork, or Welding. **If these classes do not show up on a scout's signup page who you think is eligible, check to insure you have entered age or birth date and rank for the scout.**

### Camp Coordinator's Checklist

Are you the troop's summer camp coordinator? A checklist is provided on the website to assist you in preparing your troop for your week at Camp Grimes. Look for the link on the MyCampGrimes website.

### Pre-Camp Swim Test Log

Troops can log swim tests taken before camp on MyCampGrimes. Login under your troop's account and go to My Roster. Click the Swim Test button and you will see a page which lists everyone on your roster. You can then indicate each person's swimming ability. If your troop does your swim test prior to camp, fill in this form and your buddy tags will be ready when you arrive at camp. The administrator of the swim test does not have to be a BSA Lifeguard but should have some lifeguard certification.

### Program Planner

A program planning tool is available on MyCampGrimes to assist your scouts in choosing what to take during their week at camp. The planner will soon be updated with the 2023 program. The planner uses the scout's age, rank, and merit badges already earned to produce a report of the program offerings which the scout qualifies for at camp. You do not need a login to use this tool, so any of your scouts and parents can access the tool. The program planner tool is designed with a mobile friendly layout, so it should work well from your phone, tablet, or desktop computer.

### No Blue Cards

Camp Grimes does not issue traditional blue cards for summer camp advancement. Instead, the camp tracks individual merit badge achievement in the MyCampGrimes database. At the end of your week at camp, you can download an advancement report which will serve as the record of your troop's merit badge achievements for the week. You should treat this report the same as blue cards and save them for internal record keeping. Additionally, these records stay online for several years.

### Check Back Frequently

Check the camp website frequently. Additional information is posted to the website as it becomes available, including campsite assignments, meal shift assignments, dining hall menu, etc.

### Feedback

I always welcome your feedback. Feel free to provide your ideas or suggestions to improve the MyCampGrimes website. A feedback form is provided on the site, once you log in.

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