

## Some Advise to Our Parents

1. Pack Pillow and Sleeping Bag in Stuff Sack or Laundry Bag and label with Scout's name
2. Pack a Laundry Bag
3. Scout should pack his own trunk under your supervision. This is the first step in the summer camp experience. It is a necessary step to familiarize the Scout with the items going to camp and compare it to the Troop 45 list.
4. A list of all items should be attached to the inside lid of the trunk so that the Scout has a guide when re packing.
5. Send Scout with an ample writing material including pre stamped post cards and envelopes and pens. Note: Post cards will encourage even a hurried camper to jot a note
6. Send your Scout humorous cards. The camping experience is more enjoyable and less traumatic when a camper receives mail. Emphasize what a wonderful experience camp is. DO not make your son homesick with "I miss you terribly" mail. *(Also, before camp PLEASE do not mention being homesick or give your son permission to be homesick. Keep all discussions positive and re-enforce the wonderful time he will have and all the new things he will learn)* Mail should be sent BEFORE your Scout goes to camp to guarantee arrival during our week at Onteora.
7. If possible send your son a SMALL "surprise package" filled with items like: books, stationary, magic tricks, disposal camera, cookies, gum, pretzels, etc. Small = no larger than a shoe box and PLEASE, not a box full of candy!
8. On "coming home day" welcome signs and balloons make the reunion especially fun.
9. Be prepared when your son comes home for lots of laundry, lots of chatter, and "camp sickness".

