

# HWBC

## OBSERVER & BATTALION CAMPS

### GEAR LIST & GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET

**Note:** Campers should report to camp between 2:00 & 4:00 on SUNDAY afternoon. Pick-up is on Saturday at 10:00 AM.

#### CLOTHING GEAR:

2 Pants- 3 Shorts- Socks- Underwear- 1 Long Sleeve Shirt, 3 Short Sleeve Shirts- Pajamas- Sweatshirt or Jacket- Poncho/rain gear- Swim trunks -Water shoes (recommended) - Sneakers- Hiking Boots.

#### OTHER GEAR:

- A completed, camp health form.
- Printed Bible- Pencil/Pen- Paper/envelopes- Stamps
- Sleeping Bag & Sheet (for sleeping in hot weather) -Pillow
- 2 thin bathsize towels- washcloth- toiletries (toothbrush & paste, deodorant, shampoo, soap, etc.) - 1 thin large, beach type towel- Dirty Clothes Bag
- Flashlight- Cap- Sunscreen- Water Bottle (with carrier or clip-on holder) - Day Pack (like a small, old school pack or a hip pack)
- Medicines (to be dispensed by Health Attendant)

**Note:** Anything with a strong fragrance will attract bugs, but a strong body odor will

offend cabin mates. Please try and find some basic (preferably biodegradable or fragrance free) toiletries. We recommend labeling all your child's belongings and securely enclosing a list of those items in your child's luggage for him to refer to when packing up at the end of camp.

**\*For OBSERVERS and**

**\*For OUTDOOR ADVENTURE-:**

**Framed Backpack with padded straps (Borrow a pack, if necessary or contact registrar to secure use of a camp backpack), a Day pack (like a small, old school pack or a hip-pack), a Mess Kit (unbreakable cup, bowl, plate, and utensils in a ziplock bag are fine), optional: a backpacking type tent.**

**For caving: One additional long sleeve shirt or sweatshirt- Pants (with no holes in the knees and no sweatpants)- Old sneakers with tread (no slick soles)- Small flashlight, preferably a headlamp, with working batteries and extras. Caving clothes will get muddy and will not be usable for other camp activities and they may not be salvaged once home.)**

For canoeing: water shoes or old sneakers (no flip-flops) that can get wet in river.

\*For PAINTBALL: Recommended, but not required: camouflage or green/brown/black trousers and long-sleeved camouflage or green/brown/black shirt, personal equipment is permitted

\*FOR MARKSMANSHIP: Bring up to \$20 for the gift shop at the NRA Museum.

### **OPTIONAL GEAR:**

Bug net- Camera-Tee shirt for swimming, to prevent sunburn- bug spray-  
pocketknife

**- Theme items**: Anything "Roman", Gladiator armor, Roman soldier armor, Senator's Toga.

### **WHAT NOT TO BRING:**

\*Electronic devices of any kind (including Bible),\* Music,  
\*Cell Phones (please bring cameras for picture taking),  
alcohol, tobacco, knives (other than pocket type)

### **THE CAMP STORE**

is open daily for campers. All campers bank their money with the registrar. Any unspent money is returned at check-out. Several snack and souvenir items are available at the camp store.

### **Mail is an important part of camp.**

We recommend 2-3 pieces of mail. The first should be sent 2-3 days prior to the first day of camp.

#### **\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\***

New mail policy: Only one mail item per day per household address will be counted towards daily mail accumulation .

( Camp tradition holds that if a camper or staff receives 3 or more pieces of mail from legitimate, different addresses in one day he must run a lap around the building for each additional piece! Please do not overload your son with mail. It takes a very long time and interferes with the meal schedule. This tradition is just to add a little fun to mail call. Overdoing it is no fun for the boy or those waiting.)

To write to your son at camp, the address is:

Camper Name  
Hemlock Wilderness Brigade Camp  
General Delivery  
Wardensville, W.VA. 26851