

Dave Randle's Haliburton Tips

- Can join with another troop on a campsite. Sometimes better with more Scouts.
- Booking for the next year opens by summer
- Book the most important activities for early in the week, especially outdoor activities like rappelling and star gazing. If they are cancelled due to the weather, it may be possible to re-schedule them for later in the week.
- Plan to arrive at the camp by 11:00am to 11:30am to get a departure number. Groups are shuttled to their sites in the order in which they arrive.
- More daylight in July. Lake curfew is 9:00pm in July and 8:30pm in August.
- Bring a tarp to place around your kybo.
- Can either bring all/some food, or purchase it on site. On site is a little more expensive.
- Pick site based upon desire for evening versus morning sun.
- Kingfisher Point is nice. Campsite is on a point and away from the bugs.
- Can book barge during the week for outside excursions.
 - Haliburton Wolf Preserve
- If practicing canoe-over-canoe rescue, let staff know so it is not viewed as an emergency.
- Friday night barge from the campfire is in the order of Saturday morning departure.
- When booking activities, remember about canoeing to/from campsite for lunch, or bring packed lunch.
- Lake is 1 1/2km x 4km.
- Bears are a possibility.
- A promotional DVD is available upon request.

Bookings for 2010 at Haliburton can be made starting on July 5th, 2009 which is the Sunday of the first camping week for the summer. However, the booking must be made via telephone to the Scout Reserve at 705-448-9275 (between 9 & 5) because they have all the booking capability until the camp closes in September and it is all transferred back to the GTC Office in Toronto.

To book, you would be required to tell them which site you want and for which week. The booking will be held for you on the strength of that phone call until you get an invoice which must be paid by January 2010. The invoice will be for the “deposit” shown on the web page, which is the cost shown for the minimum number for the site you have booked based on whether you are with Scouts Canada, International Scouting, or outside Scouting. Any balance owing will be payable on the Friday of your week at the camp when you settle the bill. Visa can be used for the deposit but I do not believe they have Visa facilities at the camp so that must in the form of cheque, money order or cash.

When you have paid the deposit, you will get an “access code” by e-mail.

Starting on February 1st, 2010, using the access code you have been given, you can log into the programme part of the web page and select your programme. Personally, I would try a few days before that date, because it looks like you can already book for this year.

It does mean that if you phone on the first day (July 5th) you should pretty much have your choice of sites and dates except for those sites that are blocked out for the composite programme. I believe they use Waconda Point just about every week for this purpose.