



J. Edward Mack Scout Reservation Summer 2017 Report

Attendance

	Week 1	Week 2	STEM	Week 3	Week 4	Season Totals
Day Camp	1	13	6	28	42	90
Weekend	43	117	15	85	97	357
Week Long	8	31		22	26	87
Total Youth	52	161	21	135	165	534
Adults	43	131	20	104	114	412
Total Campers	95	292	41	239	279	946
2016 Youth						439
2016 Adults						313

Notes:

- Week 4 Day Camp numbers include the scout reach program.
- A total of 52 units visited camp this summer. Six were out of council. Of our in council packs, 15 brought at least 50% of their youth to camp. Twenty-four of our council's traditional packs did not have anyone attend Camp Mack this summer.

Finances:

- The trading post brought in \$13,862.85 this season (\$11,925.12 for 2016). The direct reason for this would be the rise in registrations for this season.
- The Scout's Own Service brought in \$350.89 for the World Friendship Fund.

Things to continue:

- 2017 Schedule. Combining our different sessions of camp was beneficial to our units and our staff. Several comments were made that having day camp offered all season long encouraged more participation.
- Improvements to camp property. The new latrines that were replaced were greatly appreciated by those that were in those campsites. There are still two other sites that get used in the summer that would need to be replaced. Lake improvements also got positive comments.

Things to start doing:

- Working with our non-traditional units (scout reach and LDS) so they can have a day camp program that isn't impeded by our large weekend groups. This was just an oversight with all of our other changes this year.

- Add a 5th week of camp. While there was room for more campers during session 1, the weekends of 2, 3, & 4 were packed. While we had the facilities for our campers, the biggest issue that came up was quality of food, and those that stayed the full week could notice that. In order to encourage more spread out registrations, it would be my recommendation to add a fifth session.
- Adjustments to the daily schedule to give the staff a little more down time during the day. Between having less staff and more campers, the weekends could certainly be busy times for the staff. Discussions have already been started between some of the directors as to what changes could be made.
- Recruiting camp staff. We had five staff members fewer than what we had in previous summers. And with the changes that were made in our schedule, we could use more staff to act as guides. I am not really sure how to promote this need more, but I'd be more than willing to look at how we can do this.
- Take a look at adult costs. Adults make up over 40% of our camper numbers, but have a much lower fee when they come to camp. While they are not the ones getting craft materials or anything, their fees are still used to pay for food costs, staffing, and other expenses of camp. Ideally I would like to see less parents coming to camp and more scouts, but I'm not really sure how to promote that balance.
- Replacement of tents and cots.

Things to stop doing:

- Overall, this was a pretty awesome season. I do not think there is anything that specifically needs to be stopped as much as making improvements to the success of this season.

Needs for 2018

- The main position that will need to be filled for the 2018 season will be an Aquatics Director and possibly a Nature Director.
- BMX track. A serious discussion needs to be held on how we can make the BMX course a successful program area. The course has been open for 6 years and it is still getting comments on how its usability. Improvements that are needed are well beyond what a staff of teenagers can be expected to make and maintain.

Respectfully Submitted,

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