



# Free Camp Physicals

April 16, 2010

Greetings Adult Leaders,

We've been hearing a variety of feedback regarding the now annual physicals required to attend long term summer camp like Many Point. We understand that this altered policy is causing hardship to some families who are not able to afford a physical for their son each year before camp. It is important for you to know that we are committed to providing greater opportunities for youth to attend camp and not additional roadblocks to prevent it.

To that end, we have worked out a special opportunity for youth to receive an opportunity for a free camp physical. Dr. Christopher Tashjian, the lead camp doctor for Many Point, suggested this option and has taken on great efforts to be able to provide this opportunity. We have selected two dates when this opportunity is available with further details below.

## Dates:

1. May 1, 2010 at the Golden Valley Service Center (10:00am - 2:00pm)
2. May 15, 2010 at the St Paul Service Center (10:00am - 2:00pm)

## Eligibility:

In efforts to keep the group size manageable for the volunteer physicians, we are restricting the eligibility to only YOUTH participants who are attending Many Point Scout Camp or Tomahawk Scout Reservation this coming summer.

## Registration:

No registration is necessary. However, we do ask that if you are interested that you email me (Travis Suttén) back a rough number of youth who will be attending so we can be prepared for each day. We ask that you do this by April 26th for the May 1 date and May 10 for the May 15 date.

## F.A.Q.s

### How can I help?

Dr. Tashjian has a group of volunteer physicians to conduct the physicals but we are in need of more assistance. If you have a doctor OR nurse practitioner in your unit/community who might be willing to assist please contact them and email me so I can put him or her in touch with Dr. Tashjian. Additional help would be greatly appreciated.

Please do not arrive earlier than 10:00am.

### What should each youth bring?

Each youth should bring a copy of the annual physical form with them to be filled out by the physicians.

### Who is conducting the physicals?

Dr. Tashjian has put together a group of licensed physicians to complete the physical examinations.

### Which date should I attend?

Either date is open for attendance, however, we currently have more doctors scheduled to be in St Paul so it would be great to have more people attend the May 15th date.

**What do I pay?**

There is no fee but please remember to have participating youth members thank Dr. Tashjian and his crew for volunteering their time and efforts.

**I have concerns about the new annual physical policy, who do I speak to?**

Jim Schwieger is collecting all comments/feedback from Northern Star Council troops about the new policy and will be forwarding them to the National Office in Texas. This policy was instituted and changed by a national committee of risk management professionals and volunteers and they are the group that is responsible for reviewing the policy.

Thank you for all that you do to keep Scouting strong,

**Travis Suttin**