

WOOD LAKE SCOUT RESERVATION
2012 CUB RESIDENT CAMP
PARENT & LEADERS GUIDE



THE ODYSSEY:
STRANGERS FROM THE FAR EAST

Our Mission Statement & Theme

Camp, the ultimate journey, these are the stories of the Mystical Lands, Our ongoing mission, to explore the wonders of the Outdoors, to seek out new adventures & advancements.

To Boldly Go, where no Scout or Scouter has gone before.

This is our 2012 Story and we are Still sticking to it.

We will once again be returning to The Realm of the Ancient Warriors in 2012 so costumes such as a simple Tunic's will be in order for all Campers. But beware, Strangers dressed in black from head to toe have been spotted throughout our Lands. When they are approached by Spartan Patrols they just seem to disappear.

A full Council meeting of all cities has been held. Since we do not know if these strangers are friend or foe, the Council has decided that Sparta will teach all Greek Warriors to defend the homeland.

Want to know more?

The only way to know the outcome is for you to come to Camp in 2012 and be a part of the defense of the Homeland.

And as always...We promise you....A Ton of Fun, Advancement

And a Great Water Balloon War.

(Water balloons will be included)

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Dear Leader

We once again have a wonderful Resident Camp Program planned this summer for you & your Scouts here in The Mystical Lands located at Camp Tamarack. Everything you, your Scouts and their families should need to know is included in this packet. **It is very important that you read and understand** all that is in this **Leaders Guide**, as many of these items are not only New BSA Policies but also New Michigan State Laws, which must be followed if you are to attend and remain in Camp. The rest has been compiled to give you information to help make your stay at Camp much more enjoyable. Thank you for helping to make the difference in the life of a boy.

Please Note that there are 3 ways to get a Camp T-shirt.

(1) You may order T-Shirts online (you pay with a credit card, minimum number required) from the LaSalle Council Web Site. This allows you to add your Pack Number to the left shelf of the shirt.

(2) You may order your T-Shirt off the youth registration form and pick up shirts at Camp Trading Post (Note: shirt will have the Camp design on front of shirt, NO Pack number on the left shelf).

(3) You may purchase a Camp T-shirt at Camp in the Trading post when arriving at Camp. If any questions, contact us before buying shirts.

Reserved Sites:

A program started in 2008 and continued this year is the ability to reserve a Campsite of your choice from the 6 Sites available this year. This is done using the Adult Registration form. When you look at the 2012 Adult Registration form you will see a section listing six (6) Campsites along with a number next to them as shown below.

Arapahoe (30)_ Blackfoot (30)_ Crow (30)_ Delaware (30)_ Hidden Meadow (40)_ Lakota (40)_Miami (40)

This is the minimum Number of Youth & Adults combined required to reserve this Site. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** to remember that a minimum of two (2) Adults per eight (8) Youth is required when putting this total together. It is also a good idea to have more than the minimum number of Adults required in this Site. That gives you the ability for some Leaders to get a break and still have the minimum number of Adults with the Group. This total may be just from your Pack or you may wish to get together with another pack and combined your totals. But however you do this, just remember that once at Camp each Campsite acts as one Pack for all the programs and meals.

After Jan. 1st 2012 on a 1st come 1st served basis, you will need to turn in the registration forms totaling the required number of campers for that Campsite along with the required deposits for each registration form to reserve that Campsite. All registrations must be paid in full no later than June 15th 2012 to hold this Campsite.

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A list of some of the more important information to remember when coming to Camp:

There is a New Michigan State Law this year which All Adults over 21 must follow.

All Adults 21 and over attending Camp must have a Background Check Form from the State in which you Reside.

If you have completed these forms in 2010 or 2011, you do not need to do so again. If you had not completed these New forms in 2010 or 2011, then PLEASE go to the Web Site for Webelos Resident Camp and complete them NOW. If you have any questions regarding this New Law then contact Gloria Wilkenson at (574)-289-0337 Ext. 302 Or 1-800-822-3867

The 2012 Medical Form for both Youth & Adults

In 2012 the ONLY Medical Form acceptable at ALL overnight Camps is the 5 Part (3 Parts BSA, 2 parts Michigan) 2012 Form, which may be downloaded off the Webelos/Cub Resident Camp Web Site. For Cub Resident Camp only Parts A & B of the Medical & 2 Parts of the Michigan sections need to be completed. NO Medical (Part C) is required for Cub Camp.

It is strongly suggested that all Parents who have sons coming to Camp along with the Leaders & Parents who are bringing them, get together before Camp to review all these procedures. All Scouts and all Adults must have completed both the Medical and Michigan forms when checking into Camp.

Make sure that the designated Leader has checked all Medical & Michigan Forms to make sure the form is filled in completely and correctly, has the correct parent signatures, put in one folder, and then brought to Camp for your Pack. DO NOT mail them to the Scout Service Center or to Camp.

The Check-in Time will be 12:30 –3:30 pm Eastern Daylight Time (Michigan Time). We will provide you with a schedule to help you through set-up and Orientation.

This year we will be doing Waterfront Swim Checks/Orientation, & Dining Hall Orientations on a rotating basis before the Camp Wide Orientation at 6:00pm. It would therefore be beneficial that you arrange a time to arrive at Camp together. Experience has shown that when this is done Check-in runs much more smoothly for all involved.

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Please read and follow ALL additional information listed in the Medical Section on page 10 of this Leaders Guide.

A minimum of two (2) adults, one 21 years of age or older and the second 18 years or older are required to provide leadership for up to every eight boys that participate in Resident camp.

All Visitors must sign-in at Health Lodge when arriving at Camp and get a Visitors Badge and then sign out and return Badge when leaving. Requests for Guest meals should be made to the Camp Director

All medication Adult and Youth (prescription and over the counter) brought to camp MUST be in its original container and clearly labeled with the person's name and instructions for use. Please put multiple medications for the same person in a Ziploc bag with Name and Pack Number clearly written on bag. This will then be turned in to the Medical Officer at registration.

If you or your Scout have any special diet needs or restrictions, please list them on the Medical forms, but also call the Camp Director at (219) 395-6442 at least TWO WEEKS in advance of your arrival so that we may have any special foods ready, and/or to arrange storage of food you will bring. Upon arrival and check-in, please once again bring this to the attention of the Camp Director and Medical Officer.

WE request that you make additional copies of this Leaders Guide for each boy being sent to camp and his Parents.

A light evening meal is served Wednesday night at camp during the 6:00pm Orientation. For Cubs, lunch on Saturday will be their last meal in Camp. All Campers will be leaving after their 2:30 pm Eastern Daylight time (Michigan Time) Closing Campfire on Saturday.

Water Balloons: Camp will supply each Campsite with 500 Water Balloons. These are Bio-degradable Balloons. Please, if you choose to bring more, make sure they are of this type. DO NOT bring the camo-grenade type Water Balloons. These Balloons do not break easily and can hurt when they hit someone. Also No launchers or sling shots for launching of Balloons. This is a fun event and we want to keep it fun & safe. "New Rules of Engagement" will be given each Campsite during Leaders Meeting and Rules discussed. Thank you.

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CUB Resident Camp

Wednesday August 8th to Saturday August 11th

Cub Resident Camp Fees

Cub Leader Fee is \$85.00 per Leader and **MUST** be paid in full by June 15th **TO HOLD RESERVATION**

Cub Scout Fee is \$150.00 per Webelos Scout and **MUST** be paid in full by June 15th **TO HOLD RESERVATION**

Discount

Cub Scout Fee is \$130.00 per Webelos Scout if paid in Full by June 15th. After June 15th the Fee is the full \$150.00

TO HOLD RESERVATION

A \$25.00 per Person (Youth & Adult) NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IS NEEDED TO SECURE RESERVATION UNTIL JUNE 15th. (Must be paid when turning in reservation form).

BALANCE MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY JUNE 15th TO HOLD RESERVATION FOR THE 2012 CAMP. THE DEPOSIT MAY BE TRANSFERABLE TO NEW CAMPER WHO HAS NOT YET SIGNED UP FOR THE SAME CAMP, SAME YEAR, WITH BALANCE PAID IN FULL BY JUNE 15th.

Who can come to cub Resident Camp?

If you were a Tiger Scout this year (2011-2012) then you would be considered a Wolf for the 2012 Cub Resident Camp (We recommend that a Parent attend with this Scout because of his age & 1st Camp experience). If a Wolf now, then you are considered a Bear for the 2012 Cub Resident Camp. If you were a Bear Scout then you would be considered a 1st yr. Webelos Scout and should attend Webelos Scout Summer Camp in 2012. If you were a 1st yr. Webelos Scout then you are consider a 2nd yr. Webelos and should also attend Webelos Resident Camp.

When do I come, and when do I go home?

Arrival in camp for Cubs AND their parent, guardian, or Leader will be between **12:30 pm and 3:30 pm** on Wednesday. On the last day of Camp, **CUB PARENTS** should arrive around **1:00 pm Eastern Daylight time (Michigan Time)** on Saturday, to load their Scouts equipment and make sure they are in time for the closing campfire at **1:30 pm**.

What is there to do at camp?

Camp is a place for learning AND fun. Daily activities will include boating, swimming, fishing, crafts, learning safe handling and shooting BB Guns, archery, exploring the woods, and much more. This year we will be working belt loops & other activities for the Cub Scouts. Evenings are a time for campfires; sing – a – longs, and relaxing with new friends. Parents are invited to the closing campfire on Saturday at **1:30pm** Eastern Daylight time where campers will sing songs and present skits.

Where do we sleep?

As part of the outdoor camping experience, boys and adults will be sleeping in tents. **THE PARTICIPANTS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN SLEEPING GEAR AND TENTS.** Cabin usage is **NOT** available for Cub Resident Camp participants.

The units participating will be grouped in camping areas. Often more then one Pack will share a campsite. Each **Campsite** will work together as a **Pack** for mealtimes and program areas. Simply put, this means that each Campsite now becomes one Pack, acting together and sharing Leadership & Discipline for all their activities both Day and Night during their combined stay here at Cub Resident Camp. One Campsite equals one Pack. Each campsite will select a **Campsite Regent**, one adult who will serve as contact person and coordinator of that campsite's activities.

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SO WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE AT CAMP?

Well as stated before, we ask that you make arrangement **to arrive together as a Pack** as this will make Registration easier for all. **Upon arrival at Camp, go to the Trading Post Porch** to check in and bring all **Health/Michigan State Forms and Medication with you**. You will be assigned your Campsite, then proceed to the **Health Lodge to turn in ALL Medications & Health/Medical forms**.

We then ask you to go to your site and set up one tent and everyone then change into swimsuits and then proceed on a rotating basis to the Dining Hall, & Waterfront for orientations and a Swim Test. It is important that all **Youth and Adults** take **the Swim test**. Adult Leaders who have passed the Swimmers test will be needed during the Boating Sessions. You may then return to your site to finish setting up your Campsite. At **6:00 pm** everyone meets at the Parade Field for Flags and then proceeds to the Dining Hall at **6:15 pm** for a meal and a Leaders and Youth Orientation Meeting.

Opening Campfire Wednesday Night:

Along with the Trail of Promises and the Induction into the Dragon Clan of the Mystical Land Warriors, The Camp Staff will Host the Opening Campfire Wednesday night. We will Sing Songs and do Skits for your entertainment. We will then close with a Retirement Ceremony. Then Taps (Lights Out) at **10:00 PM**

Program Activities:

Each day will start with Flags at **7:30 am** at the Parade Field followed by Breakfast at **8:00**. Program begins at **9:00** with Lunch at **12:15**. Program then starts again after lunch till Flags that evening at **5:30 pm** followed by dinner. Staff will be the Color Guard Thursdays and then each campsite will get the opportunity to be Color Guard for a Flag Ceremony throughout the week.

Thursday night each Campsite will be in their Campsite, giving them the opportunity to relax, sitting around the Campfire getting to know one another and maybe practice on those songs & skits for their closing Campfire Sunday. And yes, feel free to invite any Staff (if they are free) to your Campsite to help or just have fun.

Thursday and Friday after Dinner, an **Instructional Swim Class** will be held for all who want to attend. There is also an **Instructional Fishing Class** available during this same time period. You must sign-up in advance for these Sessions.

Friday night is the Castle Rock Café in the Dining Hall (snacks and Bug Juice, Music, and Skits hosted by Staff).

Saturday morning after breakfast will be the Great Water Balloon War. Time TBA

Saturday afternoon, Camp will end with the **1:30 pm** Eastern Daylight Time (Michigan Time). **Closing Campfire put on by Our Campers**. All Campers should be heading home by **2:30 PM**. Our Campers will host the Closing Campfire. Each Campsite will be doing a skit, song or run on, for the Staff and Parents. Staff will be available throughout the week to help you prepare for this if you need or want help.

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Please remember the above (page 6) is a basic time schedule and maybe adjusted depending upon activities and the amount of Campers. You will receive the final schedule in your Leader Folders given to you at Camp.

NOTE: Registration Confirmations Will Not Be Sent.

Meals

Right along with “What will we do”, most Scouts will ask, “When do we eat?” In addition to the three meals served in the Dining Hall, there will be a Cracker Barrel Friday night with snacks and entertainment. Learning continues even at mealtime with the camp staff helping Scouts build a habit of table manners that will last a lifetime.

Dining Hall Procedures

Two Scouts and one adult will serve as waiters for each table in the Dining Hall. This task will rotate among all campers. More information will be given at Dining Hall Orientation.

LEADERSHIP

All Scouts must have an Adult Leader attend camp with them, a parent, guardian or leadership approved by the Pack. This means a minimum of two (2) adults, one 21 years of age or older and the second 18 years or older are required to provide leadership for up to every eight boys that participate in Resident camp. Den groups of eight or more youth are strongly encouraged to obtain additional leadership.

WHAT’S A CLASS A & CLASS B UNIFORM AND WHEN ARE THEY WORN?

A **Class A** is the Official Scout Uniform. A **Class B** is any Scout T-Shirt. **Class A’s** are worn at Dinner or when Acting as Color Guard for a Flag Ceremony. **Class B’s** may be worn the rest of the time

Boating, fishing, and swimming

All campers and leaders will have the opportunity to participate in the aquatics program. A Michigan State Fishing License is required for all persons who fish and who are older than 16 years of age. Every leader will be instructed in the BSA Safety afloat and Safe Swim Defense plans and will receive a card that recognizes this training. **Leaders will be asked to share the responsibility as lookouts, lifeguards, and to participate in boating activities. That is why we ask that all Leaders take the Swim Test.**

Buddy system

The buddy system will be used at all times at camp. All participants will have one or two other Scouts to stay close to them at all times during every activity while in camp. All Activities, programs, and meals are run by **CAMPSITE**, not by individual pack or den.

Trading Post

We will again have a Trading Post filled with craft items, shirts, snack, and merchandise. Please note that money will be the responsibility of the Scout or Leader. **Accounts are NOT available.**

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Rules and Discipline

All participants in Resident Camp are expected to conduct themselves in the manners and actions of a Scout. All camp rules and regulations are to be followed. Leaders are expected to maintain discipline and control of the Scouts, in the campsites, as well as in program areas and dining hall. Failure to follow camp rules and regulations may result in removal from the program area or dismissal from camp. The rules and policies of camp are provided to insure the enjoyment, health and safety of **ALL** campers. If you need help in solving a problem, please bring it to the attention of the Camp Director.

Smoking: BSA policy prohibits smoking in the kitchen and Dining Hall. Smoking is also prohibited anywhere around Scouts. The camp staff will advise adults of designated smoking areas.

Alcohol and Fireworks: These items are **NOT** permitted in Camp under any circumstance.

Firearms and archery equipment

The camp will supply the BB-guns and archery equipment that is approved for camp use. **PLEASE DO NOT** bring your own bows, arrows, or firearms to camp.

Vehicles

All vehicles are to be parked in the front parking lot of camp. The front parking lot is located across from the Trading Post. The exception to this is during loading and unloading, after which **ALL VEHICLES** must be returned to the Parking Lot. **It will be beneficial for all equipment to be loaded into ONE vehicle for transportation to the campsite entrance.** **NO VEHICLE CAN BE DRIVEN INTO A CAMPSITE.** All vehicles must stay on the roadways.

Early departures

Campers may leave camp only with an adult approved by his parents or guardian. The adult's name must appear on the camp registration form, or be stated in a letter written to the Camp Director. All participants who leave or return to camp must sign out and sign in at the Health Lodge and notify the Camp Director.

LaSalle Council B.S.A. Refund Policy for Camping/Activities/Training Events

50% OF THE INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FEE IS CONSIDERED NON-REFUNDABLE. This amount is transferable to another person attending with the same unit for the same program in the same year by MAY 1 OF THAT YEAR. A refund for the remaining 50% of the registration fee will be processed IF A WRITTEN REQUEST IS RECEIVED at the service center AT LEAST THREE (3) WEEKS PRIOR to the start date of your camp week, activity, or event. After that, refunds for the remaining 50% will be considered for hardship and emergency cases on an **INDIVIDUAL BASIS**. Basic deposit fees are non-refundable.

Additional Information

Additional information on this year's Theme & Activities along with Registration forms, 2012 Medical, and much more, are available and can be downloaded from the Council Web Page. www.lasallecouncilbsa.org. Look for the Camping Information link in the Top Row. Clicking on it will take you to an Info page containing links on Program's. Look for the 2012 Webelos & Cub Resident Camp link.

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Telephone calls and mail: The camp phone is for camp business and emergency use only. . Usage of cell phones while in camp **MUST** be limited to Adult Leaders **ONLY**. PLEASE, DO NOT SEND CELL PHONES WITH WEBELOS SCOUTS.

The usage of cell phones at Camp by Youth has to deal with Homesickness (see below under Homesickness Procedures) and will be explained in more detail at the Leaders Orientation meeting Wednesday night at Camp.

Camp Tamarack Telephone Number: (269) 435-7533.

Prior to the start of camp, please do not use the above number, but instead contact the Camp Director Ann Ballinger at (219) 395 6442 or Program Director Bill Stauffacher at (574) 674-6652 with questions.

Address mail to:

Scout's Name or Leader's Name
Pack Number
Camp Tamarack, WLSR
10891 Withers St.
Jones, Mi 49061

Please note that mail sometimes takes extra time to reach camp. Please mail early, (At least a week before your Scout or Scouter leaves for camp) to ensure delivery while your Scout / Leader is at camp. For additional information or answers on policy, please consult the Guide to Safe Scouting, available at the Council Service Center, or through your Pack Leadership.

Camp Recommended Procedures for Homesickness:

The Directors and core Staff have been together since 1994. Over this period of time we have developed and gained much experience in handling homesick youth. Our experience has shown us that Scouts who use cell phones to call parents make themselves **MORE** homesick. We have lost very few Scouts when Parents and Leaders work with us. It is **VERY** important that the **FIRST** telephone call made home is from us and not the Scout or his Leader. If you have a homesick youth we ask you to bring him to us before the situation becomes difficult. Let us try and work our magic and while we are doing this we are evaluating each situation. When it becomes necessary, one of us will call the Parent privately and explain all that we have done and what we need the Parent to help us accomplish. Then if it the Scout still needs to call home, we all know what we are doing and saying, and together we stand a very good chance of keeping this Scout in Camp. We also know the worst cases happen at night and this is part of the Directors' job. To do our best to keep each Scout and Scouter, happy, having fun, learning new things, and completing the full week in Camp

More Recommendations

We recommend that each Pack get together with all the Parents and Leaders before coming to Camp. Spend time reviewing the Leaders Guide, setting time to arrive together at Camp and making sure everyone has the correct Health History & Medical forms properly signed by a care-giver and Parents. This will make check-in easier for all and help set the stage for a wonderful time for all of us here at Camp.

If there are any questions, thoughts, or concerns, please direct them to either the **Camp Director**, Ann Ballinger at (219) 395 6442, the **Program Director** Bill Stauffacher at (574) 674-6652, or the **Staff Advisor** Aaron Bradford (574) 289-0337. Thank you.

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MEDICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY SECTION:

PLEASE READ VERY CAREFULLY.

During camp a Health Officer is always on duty in the Health Lodge. Leaders **must report all injuries** for review and logging by the Health Officer. The Health Officer may limit the access to activities to any adult or youth camper on the basis of their medical form or for reasons of illness or injury at camp. Any participant who needs emergency medical care will be taken to the nearest hospital accompanied by an adult who will stay with them at all times. Parents or guardians will be notified immediately upon serious illness or injury that requires hospital treatment or that restricts the participation in further camp activities.

Make sure that the designated Leader has checked all Medical Forms to make sure the form is filled in completely and correctly, and has the correct Parent signatures, put in one folder, and then brought to Camp for your Pack. DO NOT mail them to the Scout Service Center or to Camp.

It would also be beneficial that you arrange a time for the Pack to arrive at Camp together. Experience has shown that when this is done Check-in runs much more smoothly for all involved.

All Scouts (Adult & Youth) attending Cub Resident Camp **MUST** have the current 2012 (5 page) Medical Form parts A & B signed by a parent & Michigan sections need to be completed.

The date of the exam must cover through the date you are in camp. **Scouts and Leaders without a completed and SIGNED Medical form will not be permitted to stay in camp!!! This is Michigan State Law and BSA Policy.**

All medication (prescription and over the counter) brought to camp **MUST be in its original container and clearly labeled with the person's name and instructions for use.** Please put multiple medications for the same person in a Ziploc bag with Name and Pack Number clearly written on bag.

The Health Officer will store all medication and have it available for self- administration as prescribed or recommended at the Health Lodge. All medication will be self administered, supervised by the Health Officer and returned at the end of each session. Please list ALL medications being used AND those being brought to camp on the medical form.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Medical Forms or Medications, please contact Camp Director Ann Ballinger at (219) 395 6442 or Program Director Bill Stauffacher at (574) 674-6652. It is much easier for all involved to handle any concerns before arriving at Camp. Thank you for your help in these matters.

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WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO CAMP CHECKLIST

(Please make sure all personal items are marked with the Scout's name)

_____ **MEDICAL & HEALTH FORMS SIGNED BY PHYSICIAN AND PARENT OR GUARDIAN.**

(Bring Medical & Health Forms with you to Camp, DO NOT MAIL in to Scout Office).

_____ Sweatshirt/jacket _____ Underwear _____ Socks & Extra's _____ Shorts/Jean
_____ Swimming Suit _____ Poncho/Rain Gear _____ Uniform Shirt _____ T-shirts/Scout
_____ Towel _____ Washcloth _____ Toothbrush _____ Soap
_____ Comb/Brush _____ Tent/Ground cloth _____ SLEEPING BAG _____ Insect Repellant
_____ Sunscreen _____ Flashlight

_____ Extra Shoes (**NO SANDALS**) or opened toed shoes

Webelos Scouts may bring pocketknives to Camp with their Parents permission, providing the Adult Leaders are aware of them and each Scout having one also has his Whittling Chip Card with him at Camp.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS (OPTIONAL)

_____ Paper & pencil or pen _____ Stamps and envelopes _____ Camera

Please leave **AT HOME** all electronic games, radios, stereos, and tape recorders/players, cell phones (Youth), and televisions etc.

Special Note:

If you or your Scout have any special diet needs or restrictions, please not only list them on the Medical forms, but also call the Camp Director Ann Ballinger at (219)-395-6442 or the Program Director Bill Stauffacher at (574) 674-6652, two weeks in advance of your arrival so that we may have any special foods ready.

Upon Arrival and check-in:

Please once again bring the special diet needs or restrictions to the attention of the Camp Director and Medical Officer. With so many Scouts & Scouters arriving & leaving during the long Camping Season it is sometimes difficult to keep track of all the special diet needs or restrictions and doing this will help insure that all is as it should be. Thank you.