**Scouts BSA & Venturing Camp Promotion Script**

**Intro – Slide 1**

*Thank you for inviting and allowing me to come and speak to you tonight about Summer Camp. Hopefully every troop that is represented in this room has made plans to attend a summer camp next year or is in the process of making those plans.*

**Slide 2**

*As you can see on this slide, we have five camps that your troop can attend, as well as several specialty camps. Tonight, I would like to help explain what each camp has to offer, and answer any questions you may have.*

**Slide 3 – Rhodes France Scout Reservation**

*Located in Pana, Illinois, Rhodes France Scout Reservation features a first-class shooting sports area, picturesque council fires, and a dynamic merit badge program. Scouts at Rhodes France have the option of taking part in the Pistol Safety Marksmanship Program and Three-Gun Adventure, completing the Duty to God program, or being a Counselor-in-Training. The campsites at Rhodes France are flat and grassy, and troops should plan on providing their own tents and sleeping equipment.*

**Slide 4 – Camp Gamble**

*S-F Scout Ranch covers 5,200 acres near Farmington, Missouri and has four camps located on it – Camp Gamble, Camp Famous Eagle, Camp Sakima, and Swift High Adventure Base. Program features include aquatic sports and activities on the 270 acre Nim’s Lake, rock climbing and rappelling cliffs, horseback riding, mountain biking, and Huck’s Cove Water Park. Camp Gamble offers traditional patrol method cooking, which helps build strong patrols through the daily responsibilities of preparing meals. Scouts attending Camp Gamble will have a blast with all of the activities the camp offers, and leave with a greatly heightened sense of self-confidence from the success they have preparing their own meals.*

**Slide 5 – Camp Famous Eagle**

*Camp Famous Eagle offers many of the same programs as Camp Gamble but has Dining Hall accommodations, meaning the camp staff will provide all meals. Scouts also have the option of camping at Famous Eagle on an individual basis. This means that if you’re not able to attend camp with your troop or are looking for a second week of summer camp, you can register as a provisional camper at Famous Eagle and experience all the program of S-F while making new friends!*

**Slide 6 – Swift High Adventure Base**

*One of the truly unique camp programs in the Midwest, Swift High Adventure Base offers Venturing-specific programs for two weeks. Each week includes challenge courses and climbing, sailing, dancing, and Mountain boarding. Campers at Swift enjoy the laidback atmosphere and flexible program options.*

**Slide 7 - Camp Lewallen**

*Located in the Ozarks of Southeastern Missouri, Camp Lewallen offers almost 600 acres that scouts can explore. Program features include ATVs, the Kyle Keith Davidson Climbing Complex, floating on the St. Francois River, overnight treks on Mt. Logan, and competitions for new campers.*

**Slide 8 – Specialty Camps**

*Specialty camps can all be attended by individual scouts, meaning the leadership is provided. As you can see, we have many specialty camps to choose from.*

*National Youth Leadership Training has five weeks to choose from, including one at Camp Warren Levis. Scouts attending NYLT will sharpen their leadership skills through a series of challenges, all designed to be fun and allow you to build new skills.*

*Catholic Adventure Week is designed as a week of summer camp for youth members registered as Scouts BSA of the Catholic Faith. Morning activities include water skiing, rock climbing, rappelling, tubing, rifle & archery shooting, and mountain biking. Afternoon activities include merit badge work, Wayfinder program for new Scouts, and religious awards assistance.*

*The Ranger program at S-F brings scouts from different troops together to explore all the Ranch by Backpacking Sunday through Friday. Program activities include blacksmithing, trail cooking, challenge courses, merit badges, and black powder shooting.*

*Whether you’re an experience horse rider or wanting to learn how to do it, Horse Camp is the place for you. You get to spend a week riding horses, improving riding skills, and then showing off your riding skills in a horse show. Other activities while at Horse Camp are swimming, skeet shooting, climbing tower, ropes course, campfires, and much more.*

*STEM Week is an extraordinary experience for Scouts BSA full of many STEM based merit badges and activities. Scouts will attend one merit badge (close to 40 to choose from!) or one NOVA activity class each day and may have the opportunity to work on other badges in the evening. Afternoon and evenings will include other fun STEM programs and exhibits to experience. If you want more in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics, this is the week to be out at camp!*

**Slide 9**

*We are always looking for great staff members for all of our camps. To apply, you must be at least 15 years old by June 1, 2023. Applications will be available on the Council Website in October. Camp staff positions are available for all programs, Scouts BSA, Cub Scout, & Venturing.*

**Slide 10**

*Thank you very much for letting me visit with you tonight about summer camp. What questions do you have?*