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**Spring Camporee Leader's Guide
2018**

Ikego, Japan

March 16 – 18 2018

Boy Scouts of America

Asia East District, Far East Council

May the Luck of the Irish be with you!

“Scouting Ireland” History!

Scouting Ireland has its history in two legacy Scouting organizations — the Scout Association of Ireland (SAI), formerly known as the Boy Scouts of Ireland, and the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland (CBSI). The former traces its roots to 1908, and the latter was founded in 1927 – both trace their legacy to Lord Baden-Powell's Scout Movement. By 1908, the influence of Baden-Powell's Scout Movement had spread from Great Britain to Ireland. The first recorded meeting of Scouts in Ireland took place at the home of Richard P. Fortune, a Royal Naval Volunteer Reservist, at 3 Dame Street, Dublin on 15 February 1908 where four boys were enrolled in the Wolf Patrol of the 1st Dublin Troop. The earliest known Scouting event in Ireland took place in the Phoenix Park in 1908 with members of the Dublin City Boy Scouts (later Scouting Ireland S.A.I.) taking part. Because of the impacts to available adult leadership, the coming of the Great War in 1914 could have affected the viability of Scouting in Ireland. Scouts contributed to the war effort in several ways, with the Sea Scouts supporting the RN Coastguard. In Dublin in the 1920s, two Roman Catholic priests, Fathers Tom and Ernest Farrell, followed the progress of Scouting. They noted that in other countries, the Catholic Church had taken up the idea of Scouting as a means of imprinting a Catholic ethos on young people. After some study and experimentation, they made a proposal to the Catholic Hierarchy of Ireland and were granted a constitution and Episcopal patronage in November 1926. Thus, the Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland (CBSI) (Gasóga Catoilici na hÉireann) was created. CBSI would later become the largest Scout association on the island. Although the two associations cooperated, particularly in international contexts, these two separate Scouting organizations (SAI and the much larger CBSI) operated as separate entities through the latter half of the 20th century. On 1 January 2004, the two organizations were merged to form 'Scouting Ireland'. Each organization had added 'Scouting Ireland' to their names in the decade before the merger. The merger was sanctioned in May 2003, when both associations agreed to join together to form a new single association. This in turn had followed from decisions in 1998 to set this process in motion. Scouting Ireland has 50,000 members across the island of Ireland (as of June 2016), including Northern Ireland, where it works in tandem with the Scout Association in Northern Ireland (SANI), which is part of The Scout Association in the United Kingdom.

Programs:

Beaver Scouts – Ages 6-8

Cub Scouts – Ages 9-11

Scouts – Ages 12 – 15

Venture Scouts – Ages 15 – 17

Rover Scouts – Ages 18 – 25

Patrol Badges



From The Directors!

Welcome to the 2018 Japan District Spring Camporee. Our theme is ***Luck of the Irish!***. Whether you are a veteran camper or just getting introduced to the concept, our camp program is designed to teach you something new while you enjoy the fun of outdoor games, adventures, skills and crafts.

The primary goal of our Camp is to provide youth with an exciting weekend of adventure, learning, and fun. The Patrol Method for Boy Scouts stresses character building, citizenship, physical development, creativity and teamwork. This will be a positive Scouting experience full of sportsmanship, fitness, fun and adventure!

If at any time we can help improve your time at Camp, we will be eager to talk with you. Fun, learning, and the opportunity to complete some requirements toward your goals await you at 2018 Spring Camporee!

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Registration and Check-in:



Base access privileges are not required based on the location and layout of the Ikego U. S. Navy housing area and Ikego West campgrounds.

Registration due date is April 6th. Registration after April 6th will be accepted on a space available basis and will incur an additional late fee.

Upon arrival at camp, you must check in at the VIP cabin where our staff will confirm your registration status and collect any balance due for camp fees. Each Scout must submit a Medical form and consent (part A & B) to their Scoutmaster for the weekend. Scoutmasters are required to have these on hand during the weekend, as with any weekend camping experience with the BSA. Forms are available at:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>

DUE DATES:

Registration: 1 March 2018

Forms available at: <http://www.fareastcouncil.org/>

Camp Fees:

BSA/SAJ \$20/¥2500 Each
Adults \$10/¥1500

Late Fee \$5/¥600
(Registration after March 1)

Medical

All units must have medical forms for their participants in possession. A registered nurse or corpsman will be on site for minor medical emergencies. We may take DOD insurance holders to Yokosuka if needed. Parents, legal guardians, or adult leaders will be responsible for holding prescription medicine and giving the proper dosage to youth in camp, unless parents agree that a youth can administer his own medicine.



Medical professionals who will be attending Camporee this year are asked to contact the Camp Director or District Executive when checking in. A discounted registration fee may apply for those individuals.

Checkout

Patches will be issued at check-out following inspection of your camp site by a member of the camp staff. Remember: Leave no Trace. Please remove all trash from your campsite and remove ashes from your fire pits. Camp will end on Sunday, March 18 at 11:00 a.m.

Meals

BRING YOUR OWN BREAKFASTS, DINNER AND SNACKS!

Saturday Lunch will be provided. Persons with dietary restrictions due to medical, religious, or ethical reasons are required to submit their requirements to the Camp Director no later than March 5th. We highly recommend that they bring their own food if need be. There may be a discount for anyone who brings their own lunch due to dietary restrictions.



Scout Masters!

This is a good opportunity to work with your units on passing off or checking on scout's progress towards first class trail. For our older scouts and crew members, the camporee will provide them with service opportunities and using the EDGE method in teaching younger scouts necessary skills for safe camping and outdoor adventures. This is also a good chance for any board of review candidates for advancement as there will be other leaders there to assist in this process.

Telephone Use

Cell phone reception at Ikego is unpredictable. Parents not on site could experience long delays in reaching their son or unit leader.

Safety and Security

Unit Leaders should know the location of all youth and adults at all times.

In the event of an emergency, all personnel will gather at the flag pole area The emergency signal is either a loudspeaker playing an alert or three long blasts on a car horn. A ROLL CALL will be taken when everyone is assembled. Emergencies include natural disasters, severe weather, missing Scout or adult, intruder in camp, and other emergencies so deemed by the District Executive, Camp Director, or Program Director.



PERSONS LEAVING THE CAMP AREA MUST CHECK OUT. The Camp Staff is legally responsible for all attendees under BSA Youth Protection Policies. It is critical that Troops that come together, stay and leave together. However, if a departure is necessary, please notify the Camp Director of your destination and departure time. When you return, please notify the Camp Director of your return. If you depart without authorization, you may not be permitted to remain upon return or may not be allowed back for future events.

TWO DEEP LEADERSHIP IS REQUIRED. Please ensure that Scout units are accompanied by at least two adults at all times, one must be a registered adult leader. Each Unit must have at least one registered Leader in Camp at all times.

THE BUDDY SYSTEM WILL BE IN EFFECT AT ALL TIMES. Adults are authorized and encouraged to kindly remind any scout of the need for a buddy. The smallest group in Scouting is two.

See the attached information/warning regarding wildlife at Ikego.

Tobacco Usage

Adults will not use tobacco products in the tents or in front of the Scouts. Please find a secluded area away from Scouts, as there isn't necessarily a designated smoking area at Ikego. Please dispose of your cigarette waste like any other trash in a proper receptacle.

Behavior, Hazing, Harassment, and Practical Jokes

Scoutmasters and leaders are responsible for the behavior of their Scouts at all times. Remember the Scout Oath and Law. Hazing (of any form), harassment (of any form), and practical jokes have no place at Camp. Stealing Unit flags, misplacing articles for lost and found, pulling down tents, graffiti, and disturbing other campsites will not be tolerated. Verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated either. Scouts or adults caught hazing, harassing, engaging in any form of the above behavior or defacing property will be sent home immediately. Every adult must be actively involved in maintaining discipline, even when they are not “your” Scouts.

Vehicles

Vehicles are to be used only to transport equipment to the Campsite on arrival, and from the Campsite upon departure, and as otherwise permitted by the Camp Director. *Vehicles will be parked in a designated area at all other times.* In any case, room must be left for the passage of emergency and service vehicles at all times, please park COMPLETELY off the road. No Scout or adult will ride in the bed of a truck at any time. **SCOUTS and SCOUTERS will use an approved safety belt at all times.**

Prohibited Items

Scouts and adults are not permitted to bring sheath knives, fireworks, water guns, alcoholic beverages, pornography, portable audio equipment, and other items that may disturb or endanger others in camp. Pocket knives may be carried by Boy Scouts, and then only in their own *campsite if they are carrying the Totin' Chip*. Prohibited items will be confiscated, retained by the Camp Director, and returned when the individual returns home. In the case of alcohol, drugs, pornography, or illegal items the individual will be sent home and/or referred to the military police. Accelerants (any liquid fuel) are not permitted at Scouting events and activities. When traveling to or from events knives should be stowed in a non-accessible area of the gear.

Throwing items, running in camp & conservation

Scouts are not permitted to run in camp areas except where the event has been cleared for such use. Rock/Stick throwing is strictly prohibited. Both of these actions are extremely dangerous and may result in injuries and Scout's removal from the Camp. Scouts will stay on designated trails to help prevent erosion and for safety. Running through the brush/woods and taking shortcuts on trails will be avoided. We discourage looking for firewood in grassy areas due to snakes. Be careful.

Showers

Showers are available at Ikego and can be found on the other side of the tunnel from the campgrounds.

Lost and Found

Please inventory and mark everything you bring to Camp. Each year, we have many unclaimed items left over. Please advise all Scouts and leaders to mark all personal items with their name and unit. Please check the lost and found box in the VIP cabin before checking out. All items left at the end of camp will be donated or thrown out.

Non-Discrimination Policy

All programs, facilities food and services are available at the Japan District Camp to all participants equally without regard to race, creed, religion or national origin.

Activities and Program

Our Campers will be split into one of 6 groups for activities: Each will rotate through six activity areas and then have patrol/family time to explore or take part in several optional activities. All activities are subject to change due to weather conditions and staff availability.

ORDER OF THE ARROW CALLOUT

Members of the Taleka Chapter, Achpateuny Lodge No. 803 will conduct its “OA callout” during Saturday’s campfire. The next OA Ordeal is scheduled for the week of 13 – 15 April.



Camp Schedule (Please see posted signs for last minute changes)

Friday March 16

1800 Check-in begins at the VIP cabin (early check in by special appointment)

2100 Cracker Barrel for Staff/Unit Leaders at the pavilion. OA call out preparation.

2200 Quiet Time

Saturday March 17

0630 Breakfast in campsites (bring your favorite food to eat)

0700 Check-in (for any who missed their chance)

0815 Opening Ceremony and split into groups

0845 Station setup

1600 Pack/Troop time/ Dinner in camps

1800 Flag Retreat/Campfire/OA Call-out

1930 End Activities for the day

2100 Cracker Barrel for Staff/Leaders

2200 Quiet Time

BOY SCOUTS	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	4	Group 5	Group 6
0905 – 945	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5	Event 6
1000 – 1045	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5	Event 6	Event 1
1100 – 1145	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5	Event 6	Event 1	Event 2
1200 - 1245	Event 4	Event 5	Event 6	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3
1300 - 1345	Lunch					
1400 - 1445	Event 5	Event 6	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4
1500 - 1545	Event 6	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5

Sunday March 18

0630 Breakfast in campsites

0800 Flag Ceremony

0815 Inter-faith Religious Service

0930 Conservation service project

1030 Closing Ceremony

What to Bring

****SUGGESTED PERSONAL ITEMS****

Pack all clothes in Ziploc bags to keep clothing dry & Put your name on everything!

- Passport or Government Issued ID describing your citizenship (Japanese drivers licenses may not include the nationality. If you have one of these new licenses, please bring your passport or remember your password.)
- Uniform: Everyone is encouraged to wear full uniform, the Camp T-shirt or other Class B shirt. Class A should be worn for Flag Ceremony each morning and during dinner.
- Jeans/Pants
- sweatshirt, sweater or fleece top
- sweatpants
- 2-3 pairs of socks
- 2-3 pairs of underwear
- light jacket/coat – Remember after the sun goes down it may get chilly!
- **poncho or rain jacket**
- Flashlight with good batteries
- Canteen or Water bottle
- Bug Spray or lotion
- Sun Screen
- Required medications
- Tent (Make sure you have all your poles and stakes)
- Sleeping bag/small pillow
- Sleeping pad or mattress
- plastic ground cover
- Flashlight with good batteries
- Mess Kit – Fork, spoon, knife, plate, cup – plastic or metal
- Pocket knife (Adults and Scouts with Whittlin' Chip only)
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, small towel, hair brush
- 2 small garbage bags for wet/dirty clothes or trash
- Personal first aid kit
- Camp chair

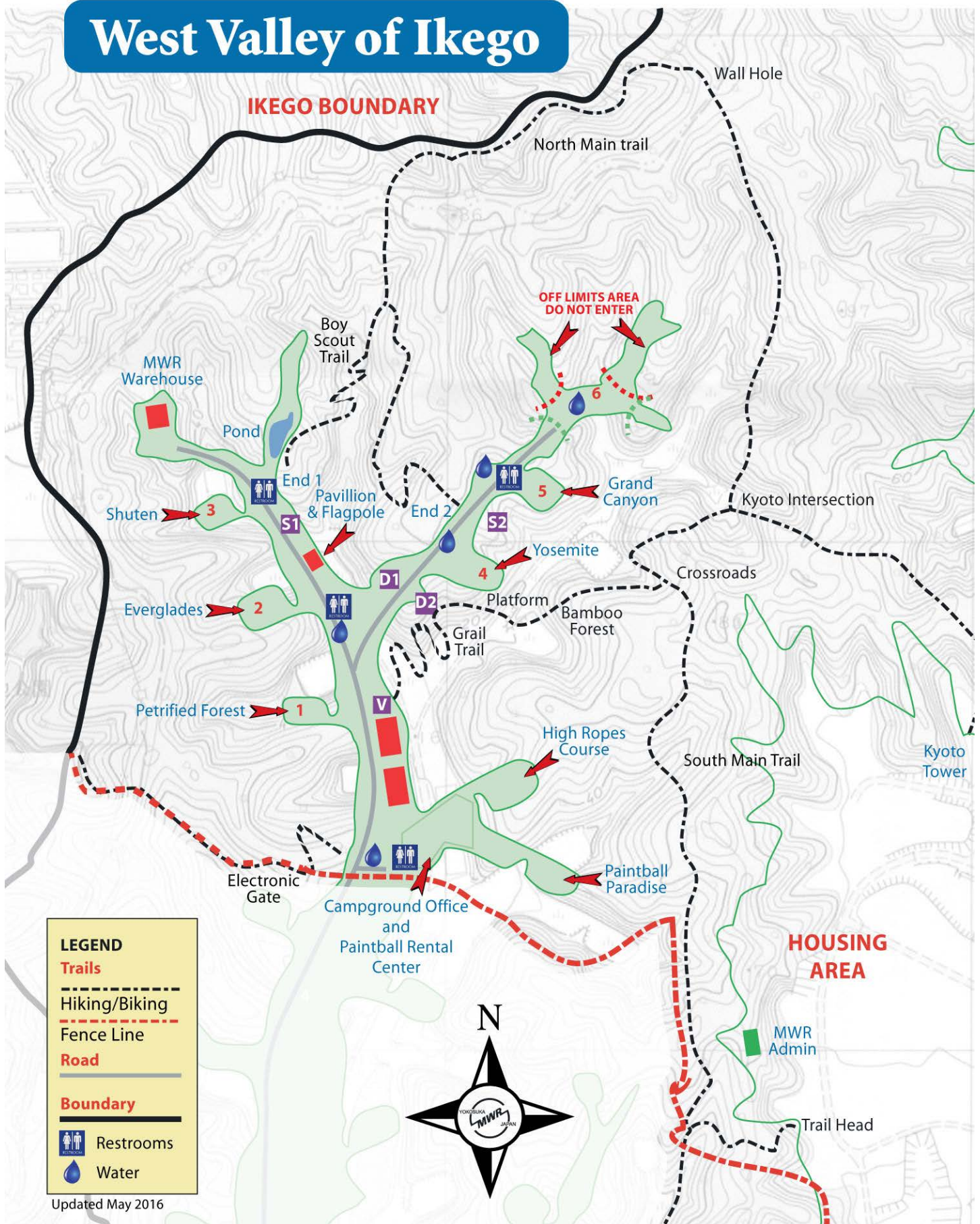
****SUGGESTED TROOP EQUIPMENT****

- Tents with “NO FLAMES IN TENTS” stenciled or posted on the entrance of the tent.
 - Plastic water carriers (Please note Potable water is hard to find on Ikego)
 - Lanterns with spare mantels and gas or batteries
 - Cooking kits
 - Camp Stoves
 - Charcoal or propane for stoves
 - Tarps and guide lines
 - Pack first aid kit
 - Lockable footlocker to store valuables
 - Repair kits (duct tape, wire, twine, sewing, glue, seam sealer, tools)
 - Ice Chest for food
 - Bulletin board
 - Pens, paper, clipboards, and thumbtacks
 - Insect repellent
 - Sun Screen
 - Fire buckets (One per tent)
 - Cash/Yen
 - Pen/pencils/Notebooks
 - Camera with extra film and batteries
 - Lawn chairs
- Anticipated Awards

Meals: BRING YOUR OWN BREAKFASTS, DINNER (Friday and Saturday) AND SNACKS.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET YOUR COOKING EQUIPMENT! There is no QM on site.

West Valley of Ikego





A WORD ABOUT WILDLIFE:

Ikego is as safe an environment for camping as one can imagine. But it helps to be forewarned. Please be aware of the following creature cautions.

1. Mosquitoes. Large and Hungry. Don't forget your bug spray.
2. Crows. Likewise, Large and Hungry. Do not leave any food sitting out on a table, and do not leave bags of garbage lying around unattended. All of the camp sites at Ikego have metal garbage cans, and they are serviced regularly. Use them.
3. Snakes. There are several varieties of snakes at Ikego. Two are poisonous. They are easily frightened of noises and tend to avoid humans. Still, it is important to take precautions. Do not allow your children to play in, or look for firewood in, tall grasses or patches/piles of bamboo. This is where snakes live. If you see a snake, assume that it is poisonous. Do not play with it. Do not even hang around to observe it. Tell one of the staff or your leaders so that we can alert the Ikego service crews. Fortunately, the bites of these snakes are not fatal, but will be very, very painful. There is a hospital just outside the gates to Ikego in case of an emergency such as a snake bite.
4. Tanuki badgers. There are "Tanuki" and Racoons in Ikego. They can be seen scouring for food near the garbage cans at the main Boy Scout camp area. They are a bit larger than a dog, and can be vicious. The best way to avoid them turning up in your campsite is to put garbage where it belongs. Do not leave any food items outside, particularly at night (they are nocturnal animals), and do not store food in your tent. All food should be secured in tightly closed containers or better yet, in your car. If a tanuki should come into your campsite, do not accost the animal. Stay in your tent until the animal moves on. They are afraid of noises and generally avoid humans. If you go out of your tent at night, please be sure to carry your flashlight or a lantern with you, for all kinds of safety reasons, including avoiding surprise contact with wildlife such as a tanuki.
5. Hornets. Hornets' nests sometimes are found under the eaves at the roof level of buildings in Ikego. Their stings can be very painful. Avoid the nests. Do not allow children to play near them or poke them with sticks. Recently this has become a big issue at Ikego. Be warned.

6. Wild Boars. Wild boars have been seen in Ikego but not recently. Wild boars generally avoid humans but can be vicious if startled. If you see a wild boar, please notify a member of camp staff immediately.

7. Delightful animals. Ikego is full of songbirds, including all sorts of warblers and nightingales. Owls can be heard at night from time to time. Ikego is particularly wonderful for those who wish to hear bird calls in the early morning and at dusk. There are many kinds of butterflies, lizards and toads. Ikego is one of the few remaining mixed tree forests near Tokyo, and thus is a haven for all sorts of wonderful creatures. Encourage your children to observe, but not to injure or kill, birds, butterflies, toads, snakes or insects.

****Unexploded Ordnance****

While clearing areas in Ikego for new campgrounds and MWR areas, unexploded ordnance from the 1940's is sometimes found. This is not unexpected given the history of the area. If you see something and you are unsure of what it is, don't touch it. Notify a leader who will notify Security and it will be removed. The last material was discovered by Japanese workers in August, but was not near the existing campgrounds or cabins. Do not wander in the wooded areas or caves (off limit areas) where you might discover something dangerous.