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Gerber Scout Reservation Betty Ford Adventureland Leader's Guidebook

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Gerber Scout Reservation

Program Statement

To design, foster, implement and perpetuate a safe guided environment for scouting to transpire.

BSA Mission

The mission of the Boys Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Scout Oath

On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

Scout Law

A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.



Boy Scouts of America



Vision Statement

The Boy Scouts of America is the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training. In the future Scouting will continue to: Offer young people responsible fun and adventure, instill in young people lifetime values and develop in them ethical character as expressed in the scout oath and law, train young people in citizenship, service and leadership and serve America's communities and families with its quality, values based program.

Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to—
Be clean in my outdoor manners.
Be careful with fire.
Be considerate in the outdoors.
Be conservation minded

Leave No Trace Principles

Plan ahead and prepare
Travel and camp on durable surfaces
Dispose of waste properly
Leave what you find
Minimize campfire impacts
Respect wildlife
Be considerate of other visitors

Disclaimer



This guidebook is a guide and all information provided in it is accurate to the best of our ability. However we are all human and make mistakes. We reserve the right to update, change, or alter any and all information in this guide.



Contact Information

Gerber Scout Reservation—Betty Ford Adventureland

Pack Number—Scouts Name

1733 Owasippe Road

Twin Lake, MI 49457

Camp Office:

The office is staffed 9am-5pm starting staff week June 11th, 2018 through our last session August 15th, 2018.

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Planning Timeline

All year long

Promote camp to Cub Scouts and parents. Look on the MichiganScouting.org Calendar for off season program opportunities at Gerber Scout Reservation.

Fall Pack Meeting

Select a member of your Pack Committee to be your summer camp coordinator who will help select dates and collect fees.

Winter Pack Meeting

Schedule a promotion night by contacting the Reservation Director.

April 1st, 2018

1st round of Campership Applications are due

May 1st, 2018

Ensure that you have two deep leadership.

May 12th, 2018

Last day for regular Camp Fees, May 13th they go up \$8.00.

Camp Promotions

This year we are asking to come to your Packs Pinewood Derby to do a promotion event. By allowing us to come your Pack placers (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) will receive a Gerber Grand Prix Drivers License for a special event patch. There will be information for the parents and an activity for the whole pack to participate in!

Preparing for Camp



2-3 Weeks before you depart for camp...

- Review [health forms](#) with families for any changes that need to be noted since physical. We suggest that you bring copies to camp and keep originals in Troop files, we cannot return them at the end of your week. The state law requires us to keep them on file for three years.
- Plan your Troops transportation to and from camp for all Scouts.
- All special needs of your Pack must be communicated by submitting the form in the link below no later than three weeks prior to your arrival to camp. This includes but is not limited to, food allergies, medical needs, early arrival and any other requests. [Link Here](#)
- Ensure all camp fees are paid in full or be prepared to pay late fees at camp.
- Make sure parents are aware of how to contact camp and the unit's adult leaders in case of emergency and ensure that they know your Troop's number.



Preparing for Camp

2-3 Days before you leave

- Get excited your about to have the best week of your summer!
- Collect any remaining medical forms and medication. Leave all medications in their original containers and label them with the Scout's name and Troop number. This includes aspirin, cold medicine and inhalers.
- Remind Parents to pack a lunch for the trip to camp. No lunch will be served on check-in day.
- Leave all medications in their original containers and label them with the Scouts' name and unit number.
- Plan to arrive at Betty Ford Adventureland at 2:00 p.m. Registration starts promptly at 2:00 p.m.



Summer Schedule

Cub Scouts

- Session 1: July 5th—July 7th
- Session 2: July 29th—July 31st
- Session 3: August 2nd– August 4th
- Session 4: August 5th– August 7th
- Session 5: August 9th—August 11th
- Session 6: August 12th—August 14th

Webelos

- Session 1: June 24th– June 27th
- Session 2: June 27th—June 30th
- Session 3: July 1st—July 4th
- Session 4: July 8th—July 11th
- Session 5: July 11th—July 14th
- Session 6: July 15th—July 18th
- Session 7: July 18th—July 21st
- Session 8: July 22nd—July 25th

Betty Ford Adventureland Fees



Cub Scouts Youth and Adult

Regular \$120

Late After May 12th \$128

Webelos Youth and Adult

Regular \$150

Late After May 12th \$158

Meal Fee

\$5 per person per meal



Refund Policy

Please visit the website here for the MCC [Program Payment & Refund Policy](#).

A brief review of the refund policy is below. Just as in prior years, if a participant cancels their reservation more than 30 days prior to the start of the event (the Sunday of the beginning of their week at summer camp), they are entitled to a refund. The cancellation fee is now, however, based on 15% of the value of the reservation and not the amount of fees paid at the time of cancellation. Likewise, there is still no refund for cancellations made less than 30 days before the start of the event. For example; if a Scout cancels his summer camp reservation 30+ days prior to the start of camp and has only paid \$50 toward his total camp fee of \$300, the 15% cancellation fee is \$45 ($15\% \times \300, not $15\% \times \$50$) and the subsequent refund would be \$5 in this case. If a Scout cancels his reservation less than 30 days before the start of the event (and is not replaced by the unit) there is no refund.

Camp Information



Color Groups: We will do our best to assign you the color group that you request, but we can not guarantee any specific color due to pack sizes and the diverse needs of Scouts and Scouters.

Camperships (Financial Assistance): Limited financial assistance may be available on an individual basis for Scouts who could not otherwise attend summer camp due to financial hardship. This [form](#) is to be filled out and approved by the unit leader before being sent back for review before the 2018 deadline of April 1st. The forms are available at michiganscouting.org. No campership will cover more than half of the scout fee.

Leadership: All adults attending a Michigan Crossroads Council camp must be registered with the Bo Scouts of America and complete Basic Leader training, and have a Central Registry Check on file at camp.



Camp Policies

- No drugs
- No alcohol
- No smoking, except in designated areas away from Scouts
- No Fireworks of any kind
- No pets. Service animals are permitted by law.
- No Fires or open flames outside of a designated fire pit.
- No personal firearms including CCP, archery equipment or laser pointers in camp
- Shoes or sandals are to be worn at all times while in camp. Certain program areas may require closed toed shoes to participate.
- Cell phones for Scouts at camp are discouraged, but we leave this decision to Pack policy
- Anyone leaving camp during their stay must check out at the Cub Health Office.
- All units must have, “two deep leadership” at camp the duration of their stay.
- All participants youth and adult attending camp must have a current registration with the BSA.

The Camp Director reserves the right to change the daily schedule at any time. Situations such as emergencies, excessive heat/cold or any weather conditions may force program changes.

Camp Policies Continued



Golf Carts/ATVs - Please contact the Camp Director and Camp Ranger before attending camp for a full listing of rules and regulations that will apply. Gerber Scout Reservation does not supply these vehicles.

Parking - All vehicles will be parked in designated parking areas. If you need assistance getting your personal gear to Tent Village, please contact the Camp Director before attending.

Visitors - are always welcome at camp. Please sign in at the Cub Health Office to be advised of camp policies and get visitor badge, before going to find your Pack in camp. All visitors are required to have a Central Registry Clearance to walk freely at camp. Otherwise a Troop Leader must come to the camp office to chaperone visitors around camp.

Staff Areas - No Scout, leader, or parent is allowed in staff areas at any time. Staff areas are for staff members only, unless special permission is granted by the Camp Director.

Special Needs - Any special needs must be emailed to the Camp Director by June 1st so that we can be prepared for it.

Anti-Discrimination - No Scout, as defined by program regulations, will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin or handicap.



Camp Policies Continued

Privacy Statement - By participating in Michigan Crossroads Council activities, you agree to allow the Michigan Crossroads Council to use photos, video and audio of yourself in camp and council promotional materials unless otherwise marked in your health form.

Participant records and applications are confidential, and only the Leadership Team shall have access. Participants and their guardians have the right to review and screen their own record.

Emergencies - Gerber Scout Camp has specific emergency signals and procedures. (These include instructions for violent weather, heat stress days, etc.) A copy of these emergency procedures will be in your check-in packet. Review these with your Pack the first night of your stay.

Signals and procedures will be explained to Leaders at the Leaders meeting after the check in process is completed the first day of camp.

Gerber Scout Reservation has a qualified Health Officer that will be in communication with the camp physician for any emergencies. Minor scrapes and cuts are handled by the camp health officer. If the injuries are serious, the camper or leader will be taken to the emergency room at the local hospital.

Camp Policies Continued



Insurance - All Scouts registered in the Michigan Crossroads Council are covered by medical insurance for injuries that may happen while at camp.

The Council has a [general liability insurance](#) policy for the protection of all BSA registered leaders who comply with BSA rules and regulations.

Accident Insurance for non Scout youth at any of our Council Camps must be provided by the parents. Non-Scout youth are NOT COVERED by any camp insurance.

Central Registry Clearance - Every leader over the age of 18 must complete a [DHS Form](#) & submit to your local Michigan Department of Health and Human Services office before April 1 (Check our website for more info). They will send you a return notice of your status. Bring this letter to camp to turn in during the check in process.

Background Check - Michigan requires all adults attending camp have a criminal background check. This is completed when you verify all adults are registered members of the BSA. When you have selected your in-camp leaders, you should request a unit roster from your council service center to be sure all in-camp leaders are registered.

Camp Policies Continued



Uniforms - are encouraged to be worn at firebowls and evening meals. For the rest of the day wear what is comfortable and appropriate for the activity.

Be proud of your Scout uniform and encourage the same from your Scouts. Everyone being in the official uniform can have a huge impact on your units performance, morale, identity and spirit!

Transportation - Most units either carpool or use buses. Either way, National BSA Standards must be practiced.

All drivers must have a operator's license and be 18+. Seat belts must be used by all passengers with the exception of commercial/ school buses.

Trucks and trailer beds will not be used to transport Scouts or leaders. All vehicles must be in good working order and not present a danger to Scouts riding in them.



Camp Policies Continued

Scout Leaving Early - If a scout needs to leave camp early their guardian or an approved person designated on their health form by a guardian must fill out a Scout Release Request. These can be downloaded in advance and filled out before coming to camp. They are also available from the office.

All Scout releases must be done in person at the Cub Health Office. The approved person must have a photo ID and the form must be completely filled out before the youth can leave the property.

If a youth leaves the property and this form is not on file the State Police will be contacted to verify that the Scout is safe and with a guardian, as per the DHS Department.



Youth Protection Policy

While at Gerber Scout Reservation any person over the age of 18 is considered a staff member by the State of Michigan Bureau of Children and Adult Licensing. As such you take on the responsibility for the care of any child under the age of 18 at camp for that week, and are held to a higher standard of care than that child's own parents.

All staff are trained to look for child abuse or neglect. If child abuse or neglect is suspected or known, it will be immediately reported to the Camp Director. If staff cannot be located, report to the next highest director. The information must only be reported to the proper authority and NOT to any other campers or other staff members. The Camp Director is required to report his findings to leadership in the Michigan Crossroads Council, State of Michigan Camp Consultant, Child Protective Services, and the Muskegon Sheriff Department, if necessary. All findings, investigations, and records will be kept confidential, and once an investigation begins the adult in question will be removed from the property until the investigation is complete to protect the safety and welfare of campers. While the leader is removed from the property he or she shall have no access to the Scout(s) involved. No one shall have access to the files unless approved by the Camp Director or proper authority. The Scout has the right to review and screen their own record.

Reporting - Any suspicious or belief that any child is or has been physically, emotionally, or sexually abused, exploited, or exposed to any form of violence, threat, pornography, or obscene material should be reported to the local authorities and the Scout Executive. At summer camp the Camp Director serves as designee for the Scout Executive.

Michigan Department of Human Services Hotline is 855-444-3911. This toll free number allows you to report abuse or neglect of any child or adult any time day or night.

Responsibilities of Adult Leaders



- Are responsible for the safety of all youth at camp the session you attend. Your duty to act is higher than when at home with your own children.
- Help monitor your color group for Safety and Fun.
- Maintain the camp's & BSA's health & safety policies.
- Supervise the activities of each Cub in program areas, Dining Hall, and general areas.
- Inform camp leadership of any behavior issues that occur.
- Maintain the "two deep" leadership rule at all times.
- Report any damage of camp property.
- Report any accident or injury to the camp Health Office.
- Inform camp leadership if you have to leave camp for any reason.
- Be responsible for your Scouts in general. Set guidelines and policies in accordance with the BSA guide for safe Scouting.
- Have FUN!



Scout Leaders

Qualifications

- Registered in the BSA
- Be the appropriate age for the position you hold
- Has completed [Youth Protection Training](#) in the past 2 years
- Have a [Central Registry Clearance](#) letter from the Department of Health and Human Services
- Has [Basic Leader Training](#)

Qualities of Unit Leadership

- Adherence to the BSA & Chartered Organization ideals and principals.
- Possesses unquestioned integrity
- Sets a positive example as a role model through Scout's appearance and ethical behavior.
- Willingness to delegate tasks.
- An advocate for youth and youth leadership.
- An appreciation of the outdoors
- Experience in group activity, leadership in civic service/club/lodge/religious organization.
- Stature that wins confidence of parents and community.
- A good listener
- Willing to invest a definite amount of time in training a Troop
- An active partner of the chartering organization and/or its affiliates

Adult Leader Pre-Camp Training



The state of Michigan requires all adult leaders to have at least three hours of pre-camp training. Some training may be taken online at myscouting.org. The Michigan Crossroads Council states all leaders who attend camp are Basic Leader Trained for their position. Consult your Council Training Committee with any questions.

Here is a list of training available to meet the criteria as an “In Camp Leader”:

- ◇ **Youth Protection, 1.5 hours**
- ◇ **This is Scouting, 2 hours**
- ◇ **Leader Specific, 5 hours**
- ◇ Safe Swim Defense / Safety Afloat, 30 minutes
- ◇ Climb On Safely, 30 minutes
- ◇ First Aid Training, 35 minutes
- ◇ CPR Training, 4 hours
- ◇ Camp promotion by Order of the Arrow, 30 minutes
- ◇ Wood Badge, 60 hours
- ◇ Commissioner Basic Training, 3 hours
- ◇ Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, 16 hours
- ◇ Powder Horn, 60 hours

Bolded Trainings are required to be an in-camp leader



Damaged Equipment

Gerber Scout Camp puts a very high value on its program and campsite equipment. Any damage to camp owned equipment through negligence or abuse will be the sole responsibility of the unit. Replacement will be valued at the cost to replace the damaged item.

Payment must be made before leaving on Saturday.

Let's make our camp equipment last!

Letter of Thanks

The Michigan Crossroads Council is prepared to send a letter to your employer, company, and/or family telling them about your leadership in Scouting and how it is important in the lives of our Scouts. You may request this Thank You Letter from the Camp Leadership Team. We encourage all of our "in camp" leaders to provide us with the information so we may send our informative Thank You Letter on your behalf.

Behavior Management



All behavior management issues will be dealt with by the Unit Leadership in camp with the Scout or Scouts involved. When needed, the Camp Director and other Camp Staff can be of assistance.

Corrective action will be in accordance with Local State and Federal Laws. Examples of discipline may be time outs, restriction of activities, cleaning designated areas, service projects, conferences, and removal from camp.

All of these will be implemented in a positive manner with an explanation to the Scout so they understand what they did and what the consequences are.

It is the policy of Gerber Scout Reservation that under no circumstances will a camper ever be deprived of food, sleep, clothing, and/or shelter. They shall not be placed alone without supervision, observation, and interaction and shall not be subjected to hazing, ridicule, threat, corporal punishment, excessive physical exercise, or excessive restraint.

All Scouts or Staff Members under the age of 18 will be kept in safe, positive environment and all adult leaders, and Camp Staff, will adhere to the this policy as stated.

In the event a camper is subject to a violation of one of the above policies, the Camp Director will be notified. The Camp Director will notify Michigan Crossroads Leadership and take appropriate action as necessary. These actions may include Michigan Sheriff involvement and/or Muskegon Child Protective Service involvement.



Medical Forms

Health Forms - This form can be found at [scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org). BSA's health form includes a personal health history, which is essential should a Scout or leader become ill at camp. Be sure it is completely filled out with all re-quired signatures and submitted on time.

The Health Form's front page requires a listing of the people whom a Scout can be released from camp with. By State Law, without this authorization the Scout can only be released to his unit leader (in-camp leader) or the parent who signed this form. Thus, please don't overlook the other parent if applicable.

Due to State Law, we must keep your health form on file for three years. This means we cannot give your copy back to you after your week is over. Keep your originals and send us a copy to avoid any issues.

The Health History should have specific information about whom to contact and telephone numbers where these people may be contacted during the camp. The injured or ill Scout may not be able to provide this information.

The current version of the National BSA Health form must be completed within the 12 months prior to arrival at camp. For example, a form completed March 3rd, 2017, would be valid until March 31st, 2018. The Health form in use before March 1st, 2017, will be valid only until April 1, 2018, and only if it was completed before April 1, 2017. In addition, the parent or guardian must complete the health form for minors. We must have a current health form for each adult leader.

This form needs to be filled out completely. There must be a parent signature. If we do not have a signature, then your scout will not be allowed to stay overnight on camp property.

Note to adult leaders: Make sure you complete your Health Form, as well as have a DHS central registry clearance letter from your local DHS office (This is required by Michigan State law for adults age 21 and over).

A physical examination by your family doctor, The Part C of the BSA Health Form, is NOT required for Betty Ford Adventureland unless a condition exists that would make it advisable. This is because Scouts and Leaders aren't staying at camp for more than 72 hours.

Medications



All medication brought to camp must be in its original container. The medication must be issued to the Scout and have the dosage listed on the container. This policy is mandated by the State of Michigan Department of Human Services. We do suggest that you only send enough medication for the time that your Scout will be at camp.

Medications such as EPI-PENs, Sting kits, asthma inhalers, diabetes kits and nitro glycerin must be logged in at the Health Lodge. Campers and leaders will keep these items with them at all times. Anytime one of these items are used the Health Lodge needs to be informed so we can document properly.



Gear Check List

- ◇ Water Bottle
 - ◇ Medication
 - ◇ Flashlight with Extra Batteries
 - ◇ Sunscreen
 - ◇ Insect Repellent
 - ◇ Backpack
 - ◇ Shampoo & Body Wash
 - ◇ Toothbrush & Toothpaste
 - ◇ Shoes and an Extra Pair
 - ◇ Rain Gear
 - ◇ T-shirts enough for a clean one each day
 - ◇ Long sleeve shirt
 - ◇ Full Scout Uniform (Uniform Shirt Mandatory)
 - ◇ Sweatshirt or Jacket
 - ◇ Hat
 - ◇ Shorts, Pants, & Pagamas
 - ◇ Socks & Underwear enough for a clean pair each day
 - ◇ Sleeping bag & Pillow
 - ◇ Extra Blanket
 - ◇ Mosquito Netting & Poles
 - ◇ Swimsuit (come to camp in & ready to go)
 - ◇ Towel
 - ◇ Camera
 - ◇ Fishing Gear
 - ◇ Pocket Knife (w/ Totin' Chip)
 - ◇ Watch
 - ◇ A Book to Read
 - ◇ Spending Money \$20-\$30 will be enough money for a souvenir and snacks.
- Have your Scouts label all their personal gear with their Name and Troop Number.



Homesick Scouts

- The best way to avoid homesickness is to frontload at home before the Scouts come to camp. The best way to do this is have the parents talk to their Scout about how excited they are for them to have this experience.
- A parent who misses their Scout often transfers those feelings to the Scout. Stay positive and excited about your son's camping experience.
- The treatment of homesickness is keeping the Scout active and participating in events with the other Scouts, unit leaders he knows, and members of the Camp Staff.
- Homesickness often produces regressive behavior in a Scout. Sometimes a Scout will cry easily, wet the bed, or withdraw from others. When a Scout who is normally sociable suddenly becomes quiet and disinterested in what is happening around him, this can be a sign of homesickness.
- When homesickness is detected, the Scout must be listened to and his feelings understood. Often an understanding person, willing to listen and empathize is all which is needed.
- If a Scout wishes to take something small with him which reminds him of home he should be encouraged to do so.
- Allowing the Scout to call home could result in worsening the symptoms of homesickness. Do not allow a Scout to telephone home unless accompanied by an adult leader from the Scouts Troop and with their permission.
- If parents are contacted they should not tell the Scout they may come home, unless advised to do so by Troop Leaders or Camp Staff.

Photos, DVD's, & Staff



Troop Photos - Interested in a professional photographer taking a Troop photo early in the week when the Scouts are still clean? Stop into the office to sign-up before Monday at noon to reserve a spot. Photos occur at 4:30 p.m. Monday at Honor Ground. Photos (8x10) are \$12 each

Week DVDs- Interested in a DVD of your week at Gerber? Stop into the office to sign up and pay (\$12) for this. Our videographer team are highly trained and spend all week recording and compiling these videos for your viewing pleasure. Want a preview? Visit <https://vimeo.com/gerberscoutreservation>.

Camp Staff - Anybody 16 or older is eligible to apply for Camp Staff. Interviews are typically over Christmas break but if its after that time and you are still interested please contact us to see if there are any openings. During your stay at Gerber, there will be an informational meeting about working camp staff, thus if you have some Scouts who would make great staff member and/or Scouts that you think working staff would have a huge influence on them, please encourage them to attend.

Counselor-In-Training (CIT) Program - Anybody 14 or older is eligible to apply for a volunteer Counselor-In-Training position. CITs can work as many or as few weeks as they please during the summer. During their first week they will go through a number of trainings to get them up to speed and there will be an opportunity to earn merit badges after their first week as well.



Betty Ford Adventureland 2018



Welcome to the Island!



Webelos Adventureland— Rank Image

The resident camping programs offered at Webelos Adventureland are specifically geared for those Scouts who are currently of the Bear rank, and are going to be Webelos. As well as those Scouts who are Webelos, and are going to be Arrow of Light Scouts. All current Arrow of Light Scouts should be talking with a Troop about it's 2018 summer camp plans at Gerber Scout Camp. Please be sure you read through all of the information to better prepare you and your Webelos for the best possible experience at camp.

Arrow of Light Program

There will be activities for Arrow of Light Scout and their adult leaders only, on both 2nd and 3rd nights that you attend BFA. These opportunities are designed exclusively for Arrow of Light Scouts and their leaders; therefore, Webelos Scouts will no be permitted to take part in these programs and will have other activities to participate in.

* Scouts must be at Least nine years old to attend Webelos Adventureland.

Cub Scout Adventureland

The resident camping programs offered for Cub Scouts are geared specifically those who are Tiger Cub's, and are going to be Wolf's in the fall. As Well as current Wolf's who are going to be a Bear's in the fall. Please be sure you read through all of the information to better prepare you and your Cub Scout for the best possible experience they can have at camp.

* Scout must be at least Six to attend. Nine, and Ten year olds should attend Webelos Adventureland but can attend Cub Scout Adventureland.

* Spring sign up Tigers can attend Cub Scout Adventureland as long as they are six. Tiger Adult Partner must attend with the Tiger.



Color Groups

All of the packs spend their time in small groups similar to dens, called color groups. Which are led by Super Den-Chiefs. The Super Den-Chiefs will be with the color groups for their entire stay at Betty Ford Adventureland. They will help make your stay at Gerber the best it could possibly be by singing camp songs, playing games, and helping you get from area to area.

All Scouts and adult leaders staying in camp are provided with wall tents. Wooden platforms keep you off the ground and metal cots with mattresses are provided for all Scouts and leaders. Each pack will be close together in nearby tents, with five Scouts to a tent. Parents and Scouts will be in separate tents but nearby. Male and female adults will sleep in separate tents, unless married. Tent Village has picnic tables, dining flies and a leader's lounge. There are shower facilities in Tent Village for men, women and youth.

Thank you Steelcase Foundation for providing our super Tent Village!

This year's theme at Betty Ford Adventureland is Monster Mash. Each program area will be bringing your favorite characters to back to life, m cast spells, find treasure, and battle bad guys!

Betty Ford Adventureland's program is designed for you and your scouts to have the most fun experience and to acquire the skills that you will use in your future outside of camp. We like to use the phrase "Fun with a purpose!" We create a program that guides you from area to area that takes you to every program that we offer. No need to worry about signing up for anything as our program will do that for you.

Express Check-in



With up to 250 Scouts and leaders checking in during any given session, we want to make this the easiest, fastest, and most efficient process possible. Here is what to expect:

Check-in will be between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on the first day of the session. Scouts need to arrive together as a pack or den with their camp leaders during this time. One leader per pack should check in your group at the Registration pavilion. The other leaders should load the gear into the carts provided and watch over the Scouts during this time. Leaders should have a roster of their group and any receipts from payments prior to camp. Any additional registration fees will be handled by the Camp Business Manager.

After you are done at the Registration pavilion, follow your Super Den Chief to your area in Upper or Lower Tent Village. Scout tents hold five youth and are marked by color group flag. Please unload your equipment and send your cart back with a staff member. Your Den Chief will then lead your Scouts in for medication and medical checks. After you are settled in, you'll be led on a tour of Adventure Island!

At 4:30 pm, a leader's meeting will be held at the Upper Tent Village canopy, for all adult leaders in camp.

Trading Post

The Trading Post offers a larger variety of products ranging from cold beverages, candy and chips, to camp souvenirs such as tee-shirts, water bottles, and a Slushie mug. Look for new additions this summer, such as healthy choice snack items.

Program Evaluations

Two evaluation forms will be provided to camp leaders during your session. One for adult leaders to fill out. We need to know what pack leaders are thinking—what you and the Scouts like and what we could improve upon. Your ideas are important to us and your evaluations will be shared with all of our staff. The Key Three welcome the chance to talk with you about your concerns and suggestions.

The other evaluation will be for the Cub Scouts to fill out. These outcome surveys are what helps Gerber Scout Reservation write grant opportunities for improvements at our camp.

Daily Program Schedule For Webelos Adventureland

	Day of Arrival	Day 1 Program	Day 2 Program	Closing Day
7:50		Flag Raising		
8:00		Breakfast		
8:35		Leader's Meeting		Depart for Home
9:00-12:20		Program on Adventure Island		
12:35		Lunch		
1:00		Rest Period		
2:00-3:00		Arrival and Check-in	Program on Adventure Island	
4:00				
4:30	Leaders meeting			
6:00		Camp Photo (Packs w/ Sunday arrival)	Camp Photo (Packs w/ Wednesday arrival)	
6:20	Flag Lowering			
6:30	Dinner			
7:45	Opening Firebowl	Evening Program	Closing Firebowl	
10:00	Lights Out!			



Daily Program Schedule

For Cub Scout Adventureland

	Day of Arrival	program	closing Day
7:50		Flag Raising	
8:00		Breakfast	
8:35		Leader's Meeting	
9:00-12:20		Program on Adventure Island	
12:35		Lunch	
1:00		Rest Period	Firebowl
2:00-3:00	Arrival and Check-in	Program on Adventure Island	Check out
4:00			
5:00	Leaders meeting		
6:00		Camp Photo	
6:20	Flag Lowering		
6:30	Dinner		
7:45	Opening Firebowl	Evening Program	
10:00	Lights Out!		



Program Areas



Fort Clatsop

Shoot some paintballs while learning about the great adventures of Lewis and Clark across the American wilderness. Special thanks to Peg & Keith Burns and Family for this area!

Wagons On

Welcome to the hottest area on camp! Hitch up your team and join the wagon train to Funville! Thanks for the wagons, Gerber Foundation!

Babe The Blue Ox

Scale the Bouldering wall. Conquer your fears. Impress your peers!

Thanks to the Meijer Corporation and Fred Meijer, for this area and for our Adventureland bridge!

The Lost Ship

KAPOW!! WHOOSH! Feel the rush as dodgeballs sail past you (or into you) at the Lost Ship! Many thanks to our shipwrights, Esther and Seymour Padnos!

Pirates' Cove

Too hot to party, but too jazzed to stop? Come down to Pirate's Cove for a nice dip in Big Britton. Thank you, Fremont Foundation, for this area!

Wagons On

Welcome to the hottest area on camp! Hitch up your team and join the wagon train to Funville!

Thanks for the wagons, Gerber Foundation!

Crockett's Challenge

Come on down for BB guns, look down your sights, you're shooting for fun. Archery is next, you'll pull back your bow, aim at the bullseye, let your arrow go!

Program Areas



Huck Finn Rafts

Wishin' for some fishin'? Then prepare the cannons for some high seas hijinks at the Huck Fun Rafts!

Thanks again to the Fremont Foundation for our awesome rafts!

Tree Houses

Hail, Adventurers! Come witness nature in its purest form in the vast wilderness of the Island!

Thank you Danny Gaydou and Grand Rapids Press for this area!

Fort Akela

Feeling too dry? Cool off with THOUSANDS of spongeballs at Fort Akela!

Firebowl

Get ready for the wackiest songs, the messiest skits, and the craftiest pranks imaginable as the Adventureland staff puts on their kookiest campfire yet! Formal attire is NOT required.

Evening Program

Gerber Adventureland is cranking the Fun-o-meter to 11 with an all-new game lineup. Be ready for some high-impact mayhem with every color group in the camp!

Uncharted Lands

Explore the outdoors! Stop at Uncharted Lands and discover something truely spectacular!





Gear Check List

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito Netting & Poles | <input type="checkbox"/> Spending Money (\$30 recommended) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap, Toothbrush, Washcloth etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking shoes & Sneakers | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Gear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-Shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long Sleeve Shirt | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Pants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Socks & Undies
(one Pair for each day plus spare) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle
(10oz.-16oz. Recommended) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweatshirt or Jacket | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife with Whittlin' Chip |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellant (No Aerosol) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Blanket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Gear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight/batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Medication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Shoes |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Completed Health Form |

Scout Release Request

Scouts may only be released to adults indicated by the Scouts' legal guardians on the Scouts health form. Photo ID is required. This form can be filled out in advance but Scout must be checked out from the health lodge in person.

Request is made that Scout _____

Scout's Home Address _____

Council _____

Unit No. _____

Be permitted to leave camp for the following Reasons:

Scout to leave-Date _____

Accompanied by: _____

In signing this request, BSA and parents or guardians mutually acknowledge that there will be no refund of camp fee unless deemed appropriate by the Scout Executive and only after appropriate forms are completed on time - the Council's health and accident insurance terminates with the Scout's departure from the Scout Camp. The BSA or its representatives shall not be liable for any loss or injury departure from the Scout Camp and the BSA or its representatives shall not be liable for any loss or injury to the Scout's person or property.

Parent's or Guardian's Signature _____

Telephone _____

Request made _____

Approval Unit Leader Signature _____

On Site Release

Before leaving Scout Camp, the Scout & Unit leader must receive approval from the Camp Director.

APPROVALS _____ Unit _____ Date _____

Unit Leader

Camp Director or Authorized Represenetative.

Notes

Map of Betty Ford Adventureland

