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**2019 CUB
SCOUT
CAMP
PLANNING
GUIDE**

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D-BAR-A SCOUT RANCH

A NOTE FROM THE CAMP DIRECTOR

Howdy Partners in Scouting!

Thank you for choosing to spend your 2019 summer camp adventure with us at D-Bar-A Scout Ranch. We are so excited to welcome you home to the Ranch, and our entire camp staff is enthusiastic to deliver an excellent program that exceeds your expectations for the summer. The following guide is designed to introduce leaders, Scouts, and parents to the program available during your stay at camp. I would also recommend that all adults intending to attend camp read through this guide to be aware of our amazing resident camp program, rules and regulations, and camp services before your stay at the Ranch.

At D-Bar-A, we pride ourselves on our ability to refresh and renew our program every year, while continuing to offer the classic outdoor experiences. If you look through this guide and find that there is information missing, please share that with our team. We are always looking for suggestions to improve for next year. The Michigan Crossroads Council is so appreciative of your continued support of the Scouting program at D-Bar-A, and we all look forward to seeing you down at the Ranch!

**YOURS IN SCOUTING,
HANNAH ANDERSON
CUB SCOUT CAMP DIRECTOR**

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Section I: Camp Program

About D-Bar-A Scout Ranch

The Michigan Crossroads Council, Boy Scouts of America, prides itself in operating D-Bar-A Scout Ranch. Since 1950, D-Bar-A Scout Ranch has been providing quality scouting experiences for Scouts, Schools, and Churches from Southeast Michigan and around the Midwest. D-Bar-A is located about an hour north of Detroit, MI. The Ranch consists of over 1,700 acres of wilderness, 3 lakes, a herd of horses, longhorn steer, and other livestock, 28 heated cabins, and 11 tent sites. Program facilities include a 32-foot-tall climbing tower, two shooting sports areas for Cub Scout and Boy Scout needs, several Nature Centers, 2 Bouldering Walls, and over 11 miles of hiking and horse trails. D-Bar-A Scout Ranch is open year-round. D-Bar-A is unique because of the opportunity to experience all that ranch life has to offer.

About This Unit Leader's Guide

This Unit Leader's Guidebook is designed to assist your pack in preparation to attend D-Bar-A Scout Ranch. The 2019 Unit Leader's Guide contains a variety of important information about D-Bar-A Scout Ranch. It will assist the Unit point of contact with each step of the summer camp process, from registration and attending camp, to registering for next year. This guide contains all the information a unit leader needs to know to maximize the summer camp experience for your Cub Scouts and Webelos. We hope this book provides you with all of the information that you need to have a great time at camp.

Camp management reserves the right to revise materials in this Unit Leader's Guide, as needed. You will be notified of any revisions before your time at camp.

New This Year

The theme for this year's Cub Scout Resident Camp experience at D-Bar-A is Ranch Life! D-Bar-A is one of the only year-round Scout Ranches this side of the Mississippi, and we love to show off everything that our Ranch has to offer during your stay with us. From swimming to shooting sports to corral rides, our schedule is designed to help your Scouts have the maximum amount of fun during their week!

This year, D-Bar-A will also feature a new program area, which is pedal cars! Pedal cars are a human powered vehicles, and at D-Bar-A Scouts will have the opportunity to race around the track, trying to complete as many laps as possible.





Cub Scout Resident Camp (3-day) Schedule

*Subject to change.

Day 1

2:00-5:00 PM	Check-in
5:30 PM	Flags/Welcome
5:45 PM	Supper at Dining Hall
7:00 PM	Leaders meeting on porch
8:00-9:00 PM	Opening Campfire
9:10 PM	Cracker Barrel at Firebowl
10:00 PM	Lights out

Day 2

7:00 AM	Reveille
7:45 AM	Flags
8:00 AM	Breakfast at DH
9:00-11:50 AM	Morning Sessions
Noon	Lunch at DH
2:00-5:20 PM	Afternoon Sessions
5:30 PM	Flags
5:45 PM	Supper at DH
6:40-7:40pm	Evening sessions
8:00 PM	Camp wide activity
10:00 PM	Lights out

Day 3

7:00 AM	Reveille
7:45 AM	Flags
8:00 AM	Breakfast at DH
9:00-11:50 AM	Morning Sessions
Noon	Lunch at DH
1:00 PM	Closing Awards



Webelos Resident Camp (4-day) Schedule

*Subject to change.

Day 1

2:00-5:00 PM	Check-in
5:45 PM	Evening Flags
6:00 PM	Supper at Dining Hall
7:00 PM	Leader's meeting on porch
8:00-9:00 PM	Opening Campfire
9:10 PM	Cracker Barrel at Firebowl
10:00 PM	Lights out

Day 2

7:00 AM	Reveille
7:45 AM	Flags
8:00 AM	Breakfast at DH
9:00-11:50 AM	Morning Sessions
Noon	Lunch at DH
2:00-5:20 PM	Afternoon Sessions
5:30 PM	Flags
5:45 PM	Supper at DH
6:40-7:40 PM	Program Areas Open
8:00 PM	Camp-wide Activity
10:00 PM	Lights out

Day 3

7:00 AM	Reveille
7:45 AM	Flags
8:00 AM	Breakfast at DH
9:00-11:20 AM	Morning Sessions
Noon	Lunch at DH
2:00-5:20 PM	Afternoon Sessions
5:30 PM	Flags
5:45 PM	Supper at DH
6:40-7:40 PM	Program Areas Open
8:00 PM	Campfire Program
9:00 PM	Arrow of Light Half Patch Ceremony/ Webelos Fellowship at campsite
10:00 PM	Lights out

Day 4

7:00 AM	Reveille
7:45 AM	Flags
8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Closing



HORSE PROGRAM

D-Bar-A is one of the only Scout Ranches in the United States with a year round horse and livestock program, and your Scouts will be able to experience it all. With approximately 3 dozen horses, accompanied by some long-horn cows and burros, the Corral at Trout Lake is hustling and bustling! Cub Scouts will be treated to a Corral Ride with their adult partner leading the horse around the corral while the Scout rides.

SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM

BB Guns and Archery! All campers will have the opportunity to participate in learning about the safety and use of BB guns and archery equipment. The Morrison shooting range was designed with the needs of Cub Scouts in mind, and will allow a maximum of 12 people to shoot at any given time. Instructors, whose number one job is camper safety, staff the ranges. Leaders may be asked to assist with safety and proper handling of the equipment in the area. Camp will provide all equipment at the shooting sports ranges. Please do not bring your own.

AQUATICS PROGRAM

The Trout Lake Waterfront is one of the most popular areas on camp, and for good reason! It offers swimming, water games, a sandy beach, boating, and swimming and boating safety instruction. The Aquatics staff are highly trained and are sure to emphasize safety in the water and around the water always. Aquatics also features a floating obstacle course!

CUB CRAFT PROGRAM

Cub Craft will be held at the Trout Lake Pavilion, and each Scout will have the opportunity to make something useful and attractive to take home with them.

NATURE / S.T.E.A.M.

Scouts will have the opportunity to learn all about local plants and wildlife – including the dangerous ones – all while going on a nature hike! Scouts will be looking for items using photographs taken on the trail previously. They will stop and listen for a minute, and then tell what they saw, heard, smelled and felt. Held at our phenomenal Trout Lake Nature center that includes two pavilions with educational displays and ½ mile boardwalk! S.T.E.A.M. activities are developed around interdisciplinary learning with an emphasis on inspiring students to be innovators in the areas of science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics.

OUTDOOR SKILLS PROGRAM

The Outdoor Skills Area caters to Scouts of all skill-levels, from those looking to improve their outdoor skills to those who are already expert survivalists. Highly skilled staff will be on hand to work with Scouts on orienteering, knot-tying and outdoor cooking skills, as well as camping and pioneering techniques.

FISHING PROGRAM

What Scout doesn't like to fish?! Learn to bait a hook and cast a line. You receive educational information about the different species of fish as well as other wildlife in our fully stocked Trout Lake.

BOULDERING WALL / TEAM BUILDING PROGRAM

Our Cub Climbing Area features a newly remodeled Bouldering Wall! Scouts will learn and get to practice traversing their way across both of these elevated activities. It no doubt will prepare them for vertical rock climbing when they are part of the Scouts, BSA. program. Scouts will also participate in team building exercises and games.



Other Program Opportunities

Flags

We hold 2 flag ceremonies a day, before Breakfast and before Dinner. This is when we remember our duty we have to our country and to show our patriotism. If Packs or individual Scouts want to help our staff with raising or lowering the flag, please let the Program Director know. We will also convey messages about any changes of program at this time.

Meal Time Entertainment

Dine with our staff in the Wyckoff Dining Hall. Meals are about more than eating, they are a chance to enjoy fellowship and sing songs!

Campfire Program (Firebowl)

On our first and last evening at camp we will have a campfire program where Scouts will be led in songs and laugh at skits put on by our staff. Our last evening at camp also gives interested Scouts a chance to participate in the Firebowl program. Those who wish to be involved should let the Program Director know by noon on the last full day.

Half Patch Ceremony

Arrow of Light Scouts will have the chance to experience a special ceremony that is just for them; they will receive half of a patch at its conclusion. To receive the other half, they must attend a Scouts BSA Resident Camp at a Michigan Camp next year.

Wonderful World of Scouts, BSA

This is a chance for Arrow of Light scouts to have a last hurrah at Cub Scout Camp before we send them on to the wonderful world of Scouts BSA. There will be games, snacks, music and more!

D-Bar-A Academy

We haven't forgotten about our adults! This is a special program just for them that allow interested participants to earn a tongue in cheek "Degree in Scouting". More information will be provided at the Leader's Meeting the first night.



Section II: Planning Your Summer Camp Adventure

Planning for summer camp should start several months before you arrive at camp.

The 2019 Registration Process

Our 2019 Resident Camp registration platform is totally online, which gives you 100% control of your registration. At the time of registration, a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit for each full-time camper is due. You will be expected to provide names and personal details during this online sign-up process. We encourage you to register by Pack rather than individually. No fees or applications will be accepted in person. All campers and adult fees must be paid prior to attending camp. All sessions have a limited capacity, and you will be able to see the number of slots remaining when you go into the website to register.

Keep this in mind - If you are registered and paid in full by May 15, 2019, you will pay the discounted fee of \$150 for Webelos sessions and discounted fee of \$120 for Cub Scout Sessions.

D-Bar-A Cub Scout Resident Camp registration can be found here:

<https://scoutingevent.com/272-dacsrc19>

D-Bar-A Webelos Resident Camp registration can be found here:

<https://scoutingevent.com/272-dawrc19>

Registered Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, and Scout Leaders Only

In order to comply with the Boy Scouts of America rules, D-Bar-A Cub Scout Resident Camp will only be able to accept registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Please do not bring any unregistered Scouts or leaders to camp.

The only EXCEPTION to this is if a registered scout is coming with their legal parent/guardian. In this case the parent does not need to be a registered member of the BSA. i.e. A parent and child register for camp separately from their pack.

Camperships

Every Scout should have the chance to attend camp. Learn more about the [MCC's Campership Program](#) to help make camp more affordable for your family. Camperships are primarily awarded based on need. Applying for campership aid should be done by April 1st, 2019 to allow time for review and response. If you have any questions, please email camp.michigan@scouting.org, speak with your Unit Commissioner, or Unit Serving Executive.

The Michigan Crossroads Council welcome kids of all abilities and will work closely with you to make sure your child has a great time.



What to Bring to Camp

The full packing list for Cub Scout or Webelos camp can be found below. Each Cub/Webelos should bring \$40 for souvenirs and snacks at the Trading Post. An example packing list can be found below.



Pack everything into an easy-to-carry pack, duffel bag or suitcase. Bring ample clothing for the length of time of your encampment. Remember to plan for the possibility of rain

ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- ☐ All Paperwork for each participant including a Signed BSA Annual Health & Medical Record
- ☐ Necessary Medications-In original container
- ☐ Jacket, Rain Coat, or Poncho
- ☐ Sweatshirt
- ☐ Cub Scout Uniform
- ☐ Blanket/Sleeping Bag and Pillow
- ☐ Bath Towel, Washcloth
- ☐ Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- ☐ Soap/Shampoo
- ☐ Comb/Brush
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Bag for Dirty Clothes
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Short Sleeve Shirts
- ☐ Long Pants
- ☐ Swimsuit and Beach Towel
- ☐ Insect Repellent
- ☐ Sun Screen
- ☐ Flashlight with Fresh Batteries
- ☐ Comfortable closed toed shoes

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Fishing Pole and supplies
- ☐ Money for Trading Post
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Water Shoes

LEADER SPECIFIC ITEMS

- ☐ Lawn chair
- ☐ Camp lantern
- ☐ Book of skits and songs
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Knapsack or backpack for extra gear

- Be sure you have your name on all of your equipment and clothing.
- Leaders may want to act as "banks" for their Cubs' money, giving it out as the Scout needs or wants it.

NOTE:

When using your own tents, the tent must provide a MINIMUM OF 30 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR SPACE PER CAMPER for sleeping and storage. Tents must also be certified by the manufacturer to meet or exceed fireretardant specification CPAI-84 and have "no flames in tent" marked on or adjacent to tent. The Camp will provide NO FLAME IN TENT SIGNS.



Sharing Promotional Information at Pack Meetings

Before you go to camp, certain promotional and informational documentation should be shared with the Scouts and parents in your unit. Inform all Scouts and their parents when your unit is attending camp.

- ☐ Become familiar with this Planning Guide and keep Scouts and their parents informed of its contents.
- ☐ Make note of the important dates in 2019, which includes fee payments, dietary requests and pre-camp trading post order, etc.
- ☐ Have a Parents Meeting in order to share the following information
 - ☐ D-Bar-A general information
 - ☐ D-Bar-A Cub Scout Program Schedule
 - ☐ Policies and Procedures for checking Scouts in and out of camp
 - ☐ Required health forms, payment schedule, and registration information

Adult Leader Documentation to Bring

Every adult should bring the following documents to camp. If any adult arrives without the documents listed below, **they will unfortunately not be permitted to spend the night and must leave camp before 8:00 PM.**

- ☐ Copy of BSA Membership Proof (for group registration leaders only, not needed for parents only coming with their child)
- ☐ Copy of BSA Health form
- ☐ Copy of Central Registry Clearance

Central Registry Clearance

The State of Michigan requires all adults (21 and older) that are on MCC camp property to go through a Central Registry Clearance with the Department of Human Services of Michigan (DHS). Although the rule states that this pertains to “staff”, the state defines “staff” as either a paid employee OR a volunteer who has responsibility for the direct care or supervision of campers or who has unsupervised contact with campers. **The state of Michigan requires the MCC to document that EVERY individual age 21 and older on camp property be cleared by the Central Registry / State of Michigan.** In addition, the MCC requires that ALL camp staff members (paid or volunteer) be cleared regardless of age. If you are 21+ years of age and plan to attend or visit any MCC Summer Camp (Boy Scout or Cub Scout) this summer, a letter from the State of Michigan stating that you have been cleared by the Central Registry **must be on file** in the camp office. This is a one-time clearance at no cost to the person asking for the clearance. Upon approval, the person seeking a clearance will receive a form letter, DHS 1910, from the State of Michigan showing that you have been cleared. you should keep the original for your records and make a copy to be turned in and kept on file at camp. The Central Registry Clearance letter will not be returned after your stay at camp.

Please note that units or individuals who are attending from a state other than Michigan must bring the complementary form from their home state. If your state does not use a form, please use the



self-certification statement out-of-state clearances form, found at the following link:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/BCHS-002_4_16_fillable_521183_7.pdf

Steps to Request Central Registry Clearance

1. Fully complete the “Request for Central Registry Clearance” form; available here:

<https://michiganscouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Central-Registry-Clearance-Request-Instructions-2016-v3.pdf>

2. Be sure to include a clear copy of your picture identification with your request form.

3. Fill in your address - results can only be sent to the address on your picture ID.

4. Mail the completed form along with a clear copy of your picture ID to the address listed at the top of the form - DO NOT mail to camp!

5. Once you receive your Central Registry Clearance, please keep the original and make a photocopy to turn in at camp this summer.

To ensure that your Unit's family and friends who might visit during camp do not get turned away or delayed, please notify your unit's families of this State of Michigan rule.



Final Planning

3 Months Before Camp

- ☐ Send out final camp notice to parents.
- ☐ Have Pack committee members visit with parents of Scouts not registered for camp.
- ☐ Secure adult leaders for camp.
- ☐ Make sure Scouts and adult leaders have up to date physicals.
- ☐ Instruct Scouts in what to bring, and what not to bring to camp.
- ☐ Check to ensure that all Scouts and Leaders are registered with the BSA.
- ☐ Instruct all adult leaders to send in for the required DHS Central Registry Clearance. This is required to be on camp.
- ☐ Turn in dietary requests and make sure to notify our Food Service Director.

10 Days Before Camp

- ☐ Hold a pre-departure meeting for parents and Scouts to answer any last minute questions.
- ☐ Go over program schedule with Scouts.
- ☐ Verify and collect each Scouts' completed health form, and distribute Routine Drug Administration forms to be completed before camp.
- ☐ Verify each adults' completed health form, Routine Drug Administration form, DHS Central Registry Clearance form, current Youth Protection certificate, and proof of BSA membership.

The Day You Leave for Camp

- ☐ Make sure you have copies of each Scouts completed and up-to-date health and medical record form with Routine Drug Administration form.
- ☐ Make sure you have copies of each adults completed and up-to-date health and medical form, Routine Drug Administration form, current Youth Protection certificate, Central Registry Clearance form, and proof of BSA membership.
- ☐ Label all medications, which should be in the original container, number of doses it contains with name and pack number (including aspirin, cough syrup, etc.) before arriving at camp.
- ☐ Bring 3 copies of your Pack roster.
- ☐ Make a final check on transportation arrangements for your departure on the last day.



Directions to Camp

From the West & North

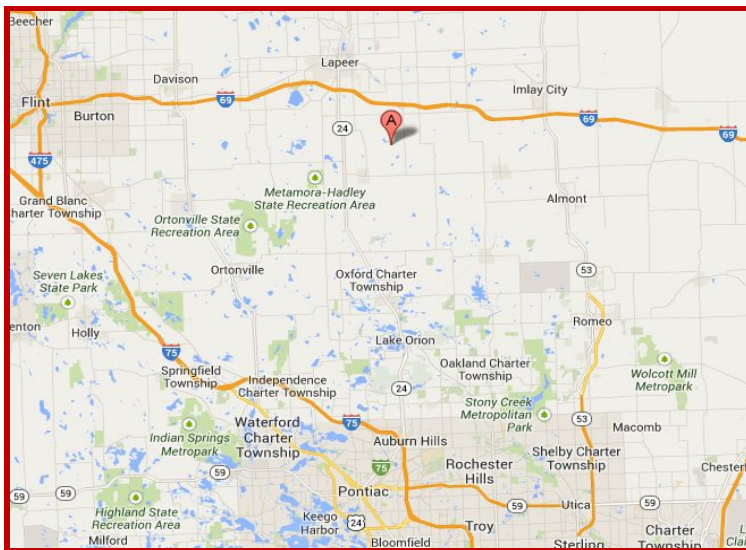
1. Follow I-69 East and exit on Exit 155 “M24 South”
2. Turn right and head South for 2.7miles
3. At this point, Make a U turn marked “Hunters Creek Rd” and go 1 mile
4. Turn right on Metamora Rd and go 1 mile
5. Turn left on Sutton Rd and go 1 mile, the Ranch will be on your right

From the South

1. Follow I-75 North and exit on Exit 81 “M-24N/Lapeer Rd”
2. Follow M-24 North for 19 miles
3. Turn Right on Sutton Rd and head East for 4 miles
4. The Ranch will be on your right

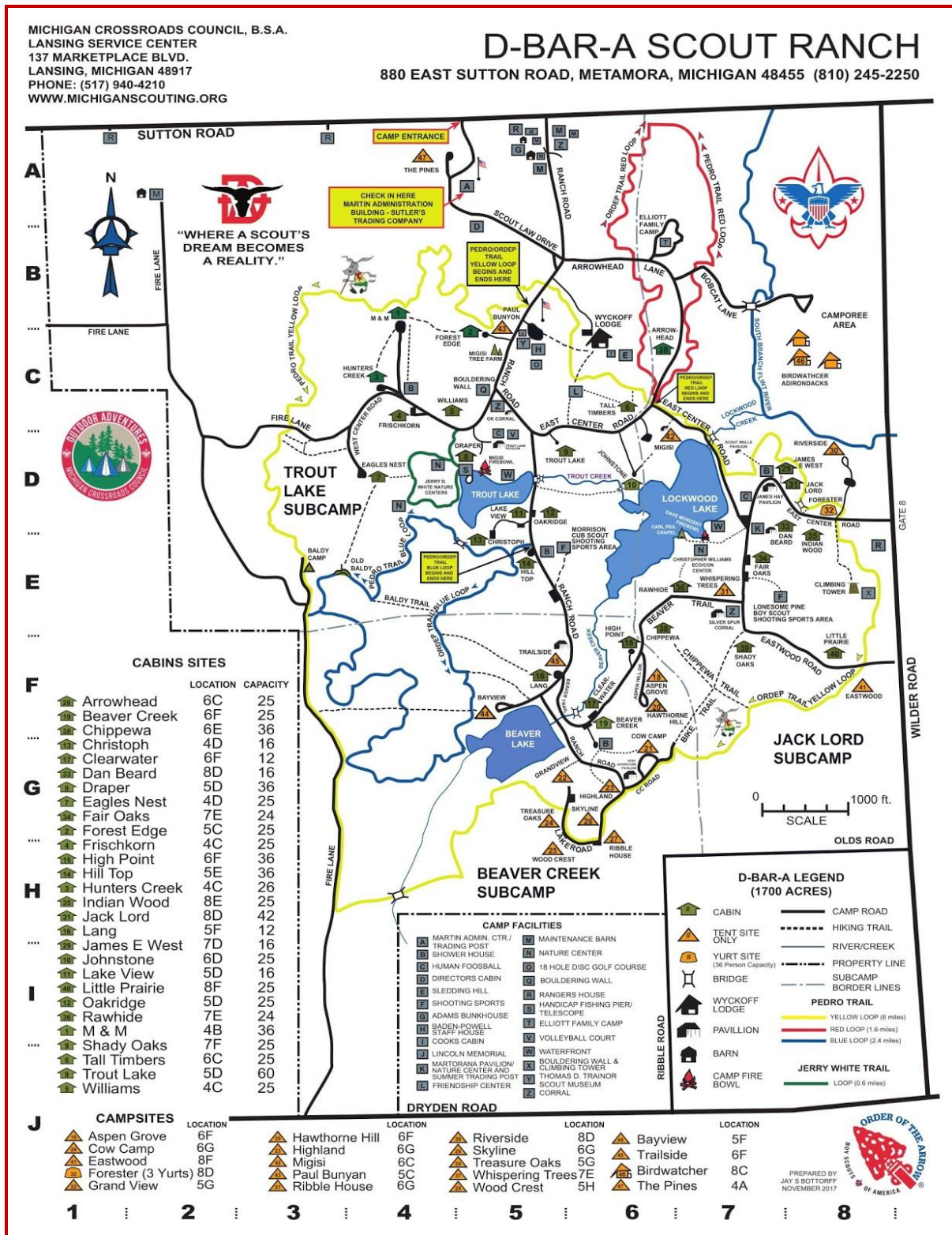
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2. Turn right and head South for 2.7miles
3. At this point, Make a U turn marked “Hunters Creek Rd” and go 1 mile
4. Turn right on Metamora Rd and go 1 mile
5. Turn left on Sutton Rd and go approximately 3 miles, the Ranch will be on your right





Map of D-Bar-A





Section III: Arriving and Departing From Camp

Transportation to and From Camp

Transporting the Scouts, unit equipment and personal gear is the shared responsibility of the unit committee and the parents. Parking at camp is extremely limited, therefore carpooling is highly encouraged. All vehicles will be parked in the camp parking lot near the Thomas D. Trainor Scout Museum.

Arrival Time

Check in for camping sessions begins on your arrival day at 2pm. You may arrive anytime between 2pm and 5pm, though we recommend arriving early within the registration times. Please do not arrive prior to 2pm. Our staff will be spending the morning preparing for your arrival and will not be ready to greet you. Lunch should be eaten before or en route to the Ranch as it will **not** be available upon arrival.

Check-in Procedures

1. After arriving to the ranch, look for staff members along the way to give you directions to the camp parking lot.
2. Registration will be in front of the Baden Powell House. Have ALL forms with you.
3. Make arrangements to have all camp fees processed online before arriving to camp.
4. Adults must turn in their DHS Clearance form and Youth Protection certificate at this time.
5. Check in with the Health Officer is also at this time. Any and all meds need to be brought with you including a completed BSA health form, parts A & B.
6. Drive down to your assigned tent village and unload your vehicle. Immediately return your vehicle to the Baden Powell parking lot.
7. Visit the Camp Museum.
8. Enjoy a short hike down to your assigned tent village.

Your Campsite and Amenities

All Cub Scouts / Webelos and their parents or leaders will be camping in Cub Scout Tent Villages. They are located throughout the Trout Lake sub camp. There is a pit latrine near each village. Showers are available via a short hike through our beautiful woods to the Trout Lake Shower House or experience the open air showers at Hilltop. You may request use of a camp tent and/or cot during registration or bring your own.

Fee Payment at Camp

Any fees or refunds applying to your unit or individual Scout/Parent should be taken care of before arriving to camp. If you have any questions about online registration contact the Camp Director.



Check-out Procedures

1. The closing ceremony on the last day will conclude camp. Patches and any advancement information will be given at this time.
2. Participants will be given an evaluation about their experience to complete.
3. Participants will then return to their tent villages to pack and help clean up before leaving camp.

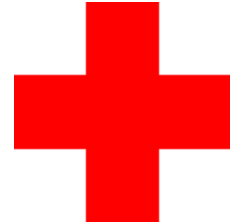


Section IV: Health and Safety

Health of Campers

Each Scout and adult leader participant at D-bar-A should be aware of the vigorous nature of living at camp. Strenuous activity may include one or more of the following: high heat and humidity, high pollen count, a lot of walking, fatigue and physical competition, exposure to bees and insects, poisonous plants, occasional encounters with wildlife etc. While camp life is not exactly “roughing it” like high adventure treks, exposure to these elements requires relatively good health.

Adult leaders must also be in good health if they are to fulfill their role of supporting Scouts at camp. Sometimes the special needs of adults place stress on camp resources and divert from the purpose of Scouting – to serve youth. Please understand that we will work our hardest to accommodate your special needs, however, we ask that you carefully consider whether your participation will serve the needs of the Scouts or be a distraction.



Health Officer

A full-time health officer is on duty during camp to provide medical services for incidents beyond the ability of the unit. Remember, leaders and parents are expected to render first aid for minor cases. The health officer will serve as the first line of care for any first aid beyond the level of the leader or parent. They will lead Medical Screenings, take care of sick and injured Scouts and leaders. First aid kits are located at each program area and tent villages.

Health Forms

All participants (including Adults) who attend Cub Scout or Webelos camp at D-bar-A **MUST** bring the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record.

Medical Screening

Upon arrival, every participant (youth and adult) will have a health screening by the health officer. Additionally, each Scout should have their Health and Medical Record and any medication in hand. **For Scouts AND ADULTS with medicine, see the Medication in Camp Section Below.**

Medication in Camp

All prescription drugs taken regularly by Scouts and adult leaders should be communicated to the Health Officer during Medical Screening on Sunday. **All participants taking medication need to have the medication section of the BSA Health & Medical Record - Part B, completed and signed by a parent (if under 18) and physician.** All medication at camp should be in the original bottle that includes the individual's name, Pack number and prescription information. Please only send enough medication for the time at summer camp.



Over the counter drugs can be administered in campsites only by a designated Unit Leader or parent and only if parental permission is given prior to coming to camp. You can find the “D-bar-A OTC Drug Permission Form” here:

http://www.michiganscouting.org/pubs/HS_508_OTC_Drug_Permission_Form.pdf

All drugs administered to campers need to be logged on the “OTC Drug Administration Form.” There are limited OTC drugs available through the Health Officer.

All medication in camp MUST be kept in a lockable box. If you do not have one, we can provide you with a box and a lock for the week. The only exception to this would be Albuteral rescue inhalers and Epi-Pens. The rescue inhalers and Epi-Pens should be clearly labeled with the participant’s name and pack number.

First Aid Policies

All major healthcare problems and first aid will be handled by the Health Officer, who is available 24 hours a day. Leaders or parents should take care of minor first aid issues. Any first aid issues that occur in D-bar-A Program Areas are documented by the area director and the Health Officer is informed.

Major Medical Issues

In the event of unconscious persons, suspected head, neck, and back injuries, broken bones and etc., the victim should not be moved unless in a life-threatening position (e.g. underwater). Contact the Health Officer or Camp Administration immediately.

Emergency Care

D-bar-A has written agreements with local hospitals and EMS. In the event that a Scout needs emergency care, the leader and parents of the Scout will be notified. Depending on the nature of the emergency, the Scout’s adult leaders or EMS will transport the Scout to the hospital. Below are the addresses and names of the hospitals that D-bar-A uses.

Lapeer Family And Urgent Care

1794 N Lapeer Rd Suite A
Lapeer, MI 48446
(810) 245-1800

Lapeer Regional Medical Center

1375 N. Main St.
Lapeer, Michigan 48446

Lapeer EMS

3565 Genesee Rd
Lapeer, MI 48446
(810) 664-2927



Drinking Water & Hydration

Due to the amount of physical exertion and heat/humidity at summer camp it is crucial that all Scouts and Leaders are drinking adequate water during the day. We recommend that each Scout and adult drink at least 64oz of water each day. Each program area has a water source where Scouts can fill their water bottles. Remember to Hydrate, Hydrate, Hydrate! **Scouts need to carry a personal water bottle.** Bottles are available for purchase in the camp trading post.

Special Needs Scouts

Youth with special needs need to be brought to the attention of the Camp Director and Program Director at least one week prior to coming to camp. We have extensive experience with Scouts with special needs. Each program area will have a plan to accommodate Scouts with special needs.

Visitor Policy

Visitor hours are from 9am-8pm. **All visitors must sign in at the Camp Office immediately upon arrival at camp and receive a wristband.** Visitor meals are not part of your camp fee and can be purchased at the Trading Post. Visitors must leave and sign out prior to 8pm or will be charged the adult leader daily fee.

Valuables in Camp

Unfortunately, thefts can occur at camp. Money and valuable items (cameras, phones, GPS's or other items) should never be left in a tent. Individuals should secure these items in a vehicle. Remember, Scouts should never enter another person's tent.

Camper Security

Camper security is of the utmost concern at D-bar-A. We are charged as a camp to keep campers safe and secure. All participants that have paid for camp will be given a wristband. (Broken or lost wristbands can be replaced at the camp office.) Staff and volunteers will be signified by a picture ID. **Any persons who are not identified by a wristband or picture ID need to be brought to the attention of the Camp Director.**

Campers Leaving Camp

The early departure of any camper must be coordinated by the Leader or Parent. **In order for the camper to be released they must be signed out in the camp office by their parent/guardian or a person specified on Part B of their Annual Health and Medical Record.** This person will need to show picture ID in order to remove that Scout from camp. **The Camp Director or his designee reserve the right to deny campers leaving camp if the proper documentation is missing.**



Section V: Camp Rules and Regulations

Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency, the camp siren will sound one long continuous blast. **Upon hearing this, all campers need to report to their campsite tent village immediately.** Staff are trained and will direct participants and information will be given.

During any emergency it is important to stay together as an organized group. Staff will take head counts of all persons, i.e. scouts, adults and staff members. Just like a fire drill at school, campers will need to remain quiet. When the emergency is declared “all clear” you will hear 2 short blasts from the camp siren. **Do not leave (or let your Scouts leave) your emergency location until the all clear is sounded.**

In the event of malfunction of the siren, a staff member with a bullhorn will go to each sub-camp.

Weather Related Emergencies

The most common weather related emergency on camp is lightning. When lightning or thunder are detected, certain activities will stop, however alternate program will still continue in those program areas (such as swimming, climbing, shooting). In the event that the lightning storm becomes too intense Scouts will be instructed to take adequate shelter. During the Leader's and Parent's meeting, we will discuss the various areas on camp to take shelter.

If a tornado warning is issued the camp siren will sound and Scouts will be instructed to take adequate shelter. Metamora Township has installed a tornado warning siren on the property and it will sound anytime the national weather service issues a tornado warning for Metamora. During the Leader's and Parent's meeting we will discuss various tornado shelter options.

Camp Vehicle Policy

A leading cause of accidents in Scouting are motor vehicle related. **There are no cars allowed beyond the camp parking lot outside of check-in and check-out days.** Camp service vehicles are the only vehicles permitted beyond the parking lot. The Camp Director reserves the right to make exceptions to this policy for delivery trucks, construction, emergency or medical reasons.

Fireworks

Fireworks and other explosives are not allowed on camp property. This would include firecrackers, mortars, bottle rockets, sparklers, roman candles and etc.

Personal Firearms

Personal firearms are not allowed in any Michigan Crossroads Council camp and therefore should not be brought to camp.



Alcohol and Drugs

D-bar-A Scout Ranch will not tolerate the presence of alcoholic beverages, drugs or persons obviously under the influence. It is unacceptable for anyone to use or be under the influence of medical marijuana during any Scouting activity. Violators will be asked to leave camp. Possession of controlled substances is a violation of state law and may be subject to criminal prosecution. Remember, while at camp the 12 points of the Scout Law are in effect and leaders are setting an example for Scouts to follow.

Marijuana Law

Michigan Crossroads Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America and the Boy Scouts of America are committed to providing a safe, healthy and productive camp and camping experience. Accordingly, the possession or use of, or being under the influence of, alcohol or illegal drugs (as classified under federal, state or local laws), including marijuana, and the possession of drug paraphernalia, will not be tolerated on this property or any other properties of Michigan Crossroads Council, Inc., or the Boy Scouts of America. Violation of this policy will result in immediate removal from camp and this property (with no refund) and/or legal prosecution. While the proper use of prescribed medication by a patient under the care of a physician is permitted, such prescription medications must be dispensed by the Camp Health Director or the designated Unit Leader in your site in accordance with the rules of the Boy Scouts of America. D-Bar-A Scout Ranch is a “Drug & Alcohol Free Zone.” FOR PURPOSES OF THIS POLICY, MARIJUANA IS AN ILLEGAL DRUG AND IS NOT A PRESCRIBED MEDICATION.

Tobacco Use Policy

Tobacco use is permitted ONLY in designated areas on camp property (designated areas will be discussed at the Leaders’ and Parents’ meeting). Tobacco use is not permitted at any time in campsites, parking lots, program areas, trails, buildings and etc. Youth possessing tobacco will be asked to leave camp. This policy includes electronic cigarettes or vaporizers.

Uniform in Camp

One of the methods of Scouting is Uniform. It is one of the most visible things that sets Scouts apart from others. We encourage all campers to wear the uniform completely and properly. We encourage all to wear the uniform at the following times: Closing Flags and Dinner.

National Standards

There are National Standards by which the Boy Scouts of America evaluate camps each year. D-Bar-A Scout Ranch prides itself in the fact that it has received Camp Accreditation from the Boy Scouts of America.



Non-Discrimination Policy

The Michigan Crossroads Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Inc. reaffirms its nondiscrimination policy, that this policy shall mean in its application that: It is the policy of the MICHIGAN CROSSROADS COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, INC. to offer equal employment opportunity, training, development, advancement, and continuation of employment on the basis of relative qualifications and ability, without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or religion. An employee of the Boy Scouts of America whose job requires direct involvement in its program must be willing to subscribe to the Declaration of Religious Principle.” Both of the above policies, if violated, are civil rights violations and are therefore federal violations.

Youth Protection

The Boy Scouts of America believes that its top priority is to protect the safety of children. The BSA has developed “Barriers to Abuse within Scouting” that create safer environments for young people involved in Scouting activities. All Scout leaders must comply with these policies. Violations of these policies put Scouts at risk and will result in disciplinary action, including expulsion from camp and revocation of membership. All camp staff members are required to understand these policies and report any suspected violations as directed by the Camp Director.

Two-Deep Leadership on All Outings Required

A minimum of two registered adult leaders, or one registered leader and a participating Scout’s parent, or another adult is required for all trips and outings. One of these adults must be 21 years of age or older.

Adult Supervision/Coed Activities

Male and female adult leaders must be present for all overnight coed Scouting trips and outings, even those including parent and child. Both male and female adult leaders must be 21 years of age or older, and one must be a registered member of the BSA.

One-on-One Contact Between Adults and Youth Members is Prohibited

In situations requiring a personal conference, the meeting is to be conducted with the knowledge and in view of other adults and/or youth.

No One-on-One Contact Between Adults and Youth Members

This includes digital communication. Leaders may not have one-on-one private online communications or engage one-on-one in other digital activities (games, social media, etc.) with youth members. Leaders should copy a parent and another leader in digital and online communication, ensuring no one-on-one contact exists in text, social media, or other forms of online or digital communication.



Separate Accommodations for Adults and Scouts are Required

Tenting:

No adult may share a tent with a person of the opposite sex unless he or she is that adult's spouse. No youth may share a tent with an adult or a person of the opposite sex other than a family member or guardian. Assigning youth members more than two years apart in age to sleep in the same tent should be avoided unless the youth are relatives.

Shower Facilities:

Whenever possible, separate shower and latrine facilities should be provided for male/female adults and male/female youth. If separate facilities are not available, separate shower times should be scheduled and posted.

The Buddy System Should Be Used at All Times

The buddy system is a safety measure for all Scouting activities. Buddies should know and be comfortable with each other. Self-selection with no more than two years age or significant differences in maturity should be strongly encouraged. When necessary, a buddy team may consist of three Scouts. No youth should be forced into or made to feel uncomfortable by a buddy assignment.

Privacy of Youth is Respected

Adult leaders and youth must respect each other's privacy, especially in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp. Adults may enter youth changing or showering areas only to the extent that health and safety requires. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.

Inappropriate use of smart phones, cameras, imaging, or digital devices is prohibited.

Although most Scouts and leaders use cameras and other imaging devices responsibly, it is easy to unintentionally or inadvertently invade the privacy of other individuals with such devices. The use of any device capable of recording or transmitting visual images in or near shower houses, restrooms, or other areas where privacy is expected is inappropriate.

No Secret Organizations.

The BSA does not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program. All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents and leaders.

Youth Leadership is Monitored by Adult Leaders.

Adult leaders must monitor and guide the leadership techniques used by youth leaders and ensure BSA policies are followed.



Discipline Must be Constructive.

Discipline used in Scouting must be constructive and reflect Scouting's values. Corporal punishment is never permitted. Disciplinary activities involving isolation, humiliation, or ridicule are prohibited. Examples of positive discipline include verbal praise and high fives.

Appropriate Attire is Required for All Activities.

Proper clothing for activities is required.

Bullying and Hazing

Bullying and Hazing is prohibited. The Scout Oath and Law are the accepted code and expectations guide to all relationships within the camp. The staff members are interpreters of the spirit of Scouting. A camper shall not be deprived of food or sleep; be placed alone without proper supervision, observation, or interaction; be subjected to ridicule, threat, corporal punishment, excessive physical exercise, or excessive restraint. The Boy Scouts of America prohibit language or behavior that belittles or puts down members of the opposite sex, unwelcome advances, racial slurs, chastisement for religious or other beliefs, cyberbullying, or any other actions or comments that are derogatory of people. Any form of hazing, initiations, ridicule, or inappropriate teasing are prohibited and may not be included as any part of any Scouting activity.

Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse.

All persons involved in Scouting must report to local authorities any good-faith suspicion or belief that any child is or has been physically or sexually abused, physically or emotionally neglected, exposed to any form of violence or threat, exposed to any form of sexual exploitation including the possession, manufacture, or distribution of child pornography, online solicitation, enticement, or showing of obscene material. This duty cannot be delegated to any other person. Immediately notify the Camp Director of this report, or of any violation of BSA's Youth Protection policies, so he or she may take appropriate action for the safety of our Scouts, make appropriate notifications, and follow up with investigating agencies. State-by-state mandatory reporting information: www.childwelfare.gov

All Adult Leaders and Youth Members Have Responsibility.

Everyone is responsible for acting in accordance with the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Physical violence, sexual activity, emotional abuse, spiritual abuse, unauthorized weapons, hazing, discrimination, harassment, initiation rites, bullying, cyberbullying, theft, verbal insults, drugs, alcohol, and pornography have no place in the Scouting program and may result in revocation of membership. For more information, please see the BSA's Guide to Safe Scouting and Youth Protection resources.



Units are Responsible to Enforce Youth Protection Policies.

Adult leaders in Scouting units are responsible for monitoring the behavior of youth members and other leaders and interceding when necessary. If youth members misbehave, their parents should be informed and asked for assistance.

Incidents Requiring an Immediate Report to the Camp Director.

The following must be reported to the Camp Director for action immediately:

- Any threat or use of a weapon
- Any negative behavior associated with race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or disability
- Any reports to authorities where the BSA's Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse policy or your state's mandatory reporting of child abuse laws apply
- Any abuse of a child that meets state reporting mandates for bullying or harassment
- Any mention or threats of suicide

If someone is at immediate risk of harm, call 911.

If a Scout is bullied because of race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or disability, and local help is not working to solve the problem, contact the BSA Member Care Contact Center at 972-580-2489, or send an email to youth.protection@scouting.org.



Section VI: Camp Services

Camp Rangers

The Rangers take care of all logistics and maintenance on camp. You will see them throughout the week moving and repairing equipment, mowing grass and maintaining the facility. The Ranger Station is located off the Sutton Road entrance to camp. Any maintenance issues should be communicated to the Rangers by contacting the camp office.

Garbage

Each evening at 7pm, garbage is picked up from the designated garbage pickup areas. Please have your trash in those areas before 7pm to ensure pickup.

Trading Post

The Trout Lake Trading Post, The Wagon Wheel, is a one stop shop for all your camp business and equipment needs. We carry a vast selection of D-bar-A souvenirs, camping gear, cold soda, candy, ice cream, refreshments, mess kits, nutritional snacks and lots of other items. It is recommended to send each Cub/Webelos Scout with \$40 for the trading post.

Regular hours will be posted.

Phones in Camp

Every leader or parent will need to register a cell phone number upon arrival. This phone will be one of our ways of contacting leaders throughout the week. We use the Remind 101 app for communication. Instructions will be available at check-in.

Keep in mind that Scouts calling home could compound homesickness issues.

Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi is available at the Martin Building. Visit the office for more information. Bandwidth is limited.

Business Manager

The Business Manager will assist you with all business-related items and oversees the Trading Post and unit expenses accrued at camp.

Food Service

D-Bar-A currently offers Cub Scout and Webelos camp participants dining in Wyckoff Lodge. Meals are served cafeteria style. Meal times will be posted and discussed at the opening Leaders' and Parents' meeting.



Menu

The camp menu is designed and approved by a licensed dietician to meet the dietary requirements of an active Scout and Leader. If you would like to review the camp menu prior to camp, please contact D-Bar-A and we would be happy to help.

Dietary Requests

The food service staff is committed to accommodating campers with special dietary needs. As part of the “Registering for Camp” section we have included a procedure for you to request special dietary needs for anyone in your unit. Please complete this form and submit at least one week prior to arrival for each individual with a special dietary need:

<http://michiganscouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/D-A-Dietary-Restriction-Notification-Form-2017-May2017.pdf>