



**2019**

**Betty Ford Adventureland  
Leaders Guidebook  
Gerber Scout Reservation**



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®  
MICHIGAN CROSSROADS COUNCIL

# WELCOME HOME!

**We, the Gerber Scout Reservation Camp Staff, are dedicated to providing our customers and guests a  
LEGENDARY SCOUT CAMP EXPERIENCE  
while participating in our life-enhancing year-round camp programs! We are committed to providing facilities, programs, and camp leadership that will consistently exceed the expectations of our customers and guests. Our Michigan Scout Camps will be safe havens for experiencing the best of the adventures and values of the Boy Scouts of America.**

\*A LEGENDARY SCOUT CAMP EXPERIENCE is defined and measured when a Resident Camp's culminative score of its LEADER EVALUATIONS MATRIX EXCEEDS 95% for overall camp service.





## HISTORY OF GERBER SCOUT RESERVATION

The first permanent Boy Scout summer camp for Muskegon area Scouts was on Big Blue Lake on property owned by the Muskegon Children's Home and began operation in 1921. This camp was operated under the name of Camp Merritt, (first Scout Executive, Eagle Scout Merritt Lamb,) until 1950 and was located on Fruitvale Road in the area now occupied by Pioneer Trails Camp.

In 1949, the Timber Trails Council established a committee to study the need for a larger site for the Boy Scout summer camp operations. In 1950, President, Earle L. Johnson announced the acquisition of 80 acres on Britton Lake in Blue Lake Township for \$8,000. This only included the northern portion of the current lake as the other part was owned by Owasippe Scout Reservation from Chicago but was not in use. Although the Council lacked the funds to make the purchase, Mr. Johnson as Vice President for Gerber Products in Fremont, personally arranged for financing until the funds could be raised. Daniel Gerber, President of the famous baby food company, as a strong supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, donated 275 shares of his company stock that covered the purchase price and an additional \$1,500 for future improvements.

This new Boy Scout camp opening on Sunday, July 2, 1950 and served 241 Scouts during the three one-week sessions under the name of Camp Britton. On June 3, 1951, a permanent dining hall with a capacity of 250 Scouts was dedicated as the Evans Lodge, and has been in continuous service since that date. During this same time frame, the camp ranger home (next to the shop) and Tryon Lodge were constructed. This was followed by Deyman Lodge (current reservation office) in 1957. A significant council capital improvement project was undertaken in 1964 to enlarge the Evans Dining Hall with a heated office and trading post. With additionally the construction of Earl Johnson Lodge, the Order of the Arrow Building (now the enlarged Chaffee Bunkhouse,) and the Wakefield Lodge that currently serves as the ranger home.

Gerber Scout Camp operated mostly unchanged until June 1997 when the 500 person Merrill Dining Hall was dedicated. This facility was used until it collapsed under snow load on December 24, 2008. In 2009, Gerber Scout Camp, operated under a temporary circus tent while the new Centennial Dining Hall was constructed, which opened in 2010 (celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America,) and has a capacity of 700 people. Additional facilities added during this timeframe include the relocated Rifle and Archery ranges, four new staff cabins, a staff shower house, climbing tower and COPE course.

The construction of the Merrill Dining Hall allowed the Evans Dining Hall to support the newly opened Cub Scout and Webelos Adventureland in 1998. This program began by converting the previous family camp area into the new Steelcase Tent Village, and the construction of Fort Akela, Babe the Blue Ox, Pirates Cove, Huck Finn rafts, and Crockets Challenge as new Cub Scout program areas. This was further supplemented with the Treehouses, Tipis, Covered Wagons, Pirate Ship, Fort Clatsop, and the Brown Family Whistle Stop pavilion over the next few years. The Cub Scout Adventureland was dedicated as Betty Ford Adventureland in a 2013 ceremony.

In 2010, The DeVos Family Venturing Base was opened consisting of a central dining pavilion and three year-round cabins. Following the consolidation of all of the Scout Camps to the Michigan Crossroads Council, the DeVos Base now supports year round unit programs and the summer staff.



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## Boy Scouts of America

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them 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.

### 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

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave what you find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of other Visitors

### Tread Lightly Principles

Travel Responsibly  
Respect the Rights of Others  
Educate Yourself  
Avoid Sensitive Areas  
Do Your Part

# Welcome To Gerber Scout Reservation



Hello Scout Leaders,

We are so excited you have selected Gerber Scout Reservation as your 2019 Scout Camp summer EXPERIENCE! Our camp has hired the best, most enthusiastic, dedicated, and experienced staff to deliver diverse program opportunities, and "MDM" approved camping facilities. Our camp resides on over 600 magnificent, Michigan acres in the Manistee National Forest.

Our Nationally Accredited well-trained staff are eager for the arrival of your Scouts! We are eager to assist your Unit in an exciting, fun-filled session. Whether you have first year Scouts or seasoned campers, your Scouts will find their time experience fun and challenging. With a unique, unparalleled program, a handpicked staff, an emphasis on quality customer service and fun, we promise to offer you the finest Scouting experience that you could ask for in a Scout Camp! We not only teach skills to be used by your Scout's, but we teach life-long skills in communication, sportsmanship, high self-esteem, and leadership.

Come to Gerber Scout Reservation expecting to have a great time! We aim to deliver excellence and exceed your expectations. Read and share this guide carefully and use it to help your great camping experience. Please contact any of us with the contact information below.

Ryan Kriesch  
Eagle Scout - Class 2001 - Troop 223  
Gerber Scout Camp Reservation Director



## Contact Information

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<https://michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures/properties/gerber-scout-reservation/>





## Summer Camp Program Areas

### Fort Clatsop

This area takes you back to the time of the Louisiana purchase. Go on an adventure in the reconstructed fort like the one Lewis and Clark built on their expedition. Our Fort Clatsop is one of the last standing replicas today. When partnered with a slingshot range it makes the area a fun and educational award winning experience.



### Wagons On

Ever wanted to see a full size covered wagon similar to that of the Oregon Trail? if so this is the place for you. Here we play fun field games that can wear anyone out. But be sure to drink water because it is hot, hot, hot, out in this area.



### Babe the Blue Ox

On top of a tall hill lies the Great Blue Ox. Beneath her is a bouldering area along with other climbing challenges. With well-trained and supervising staff, campers will learn the basics of bouldering, spotting, climbing, and having a blast. This one is a favorite amongst Webelos Scouts.







## Summer Camp Program Areas

### The Lost Ship



Imagine, the sound of cannon fire as dodgeballs wiz past you! That is exactly what kind of activity happens at the lost ship in the middle of the woods. Scouts play dodgeball, games, and in the evenings host our firebowls which are the funniest thing you've ever seen this side of the lake.



What's better than being at the beach with your friends? Here at Pirates Cove we want to provide you with a nice laid-back sand, sun, and water filled experience. Here we have plenty of beach toys, water inflatables, and trained supervision make sure that your aquatic experience is an enjoyable one. And since it is a non-swimmers area all throughout you do not need to take a swim test upon arrival!

### Pirates Cove



### Crocketts Challenge



Do you think you could live up to being a better shot than Davy Crockett himself? If so you will have a blast at this area. Here we have air powered BB guns along with an archery range that includes adult and youth bows. If you're the king of the wild frontier you will be able to show your skills here.







## Summer Camp Program Areas

### Huck Finn Rafts



Gone fish'n! This beautiful area is all about fishing, boating, and spending time on Betty Ford Adventureland's own secluded lake; Little Britain. Is a thriving habitat filled with fish, crawdads, turtles, frogs and an abundant amount of plant life including water lilies. A very relaxed oasis amongst a high-energy program.



### Tree Houses

Deep in the back woods sits a set of tree houses. The journey, while at this area, will be packed with fun and adventure. They will explore nature, the environment and science projects. Be ready for checking out snakes, turtles, frogs and more. Our team is excited to discover more on this adventure.



### Fort Akela



A magnificent fort built on top of the hill, is just one way that you can describe Fort Akela. On top you can overlook all of Lake Britain and see all kinds of boats. During a hot day, what better way to cool off at the fort then with a sponge ball war. A fantastic battle of flinging water soaked sponge balls and sieging a castle is only one of the many fun things to be done here.







## Summer Camp Program Areas

### Uncharted Lands



A secret land not on the maps. Uncharted lands is a real curveball, you never really know what you'll get. But one thing's for sure while you're there, you are surrounded entirely by nature, and what's better than that?

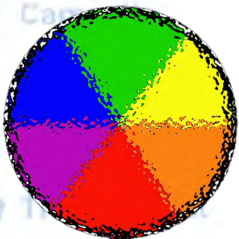


### Firebowl

Scouts and twelve year-olds will experience a grand firebowl after dinner when they arrive and before they leave. The staff has prepared new and entertaining skits, songs, cheers, and recognition for the campers. Your Pack will remember this experience for years to come.



### 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. Betty Ford Adventureland's program is designed for you and your Scouts to have a fun experience and to acquire the skills that you will use outside of camp. We like to use the phrase "Fun with a Purpose!" We create a system 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 Super Den-Chief will do that for you.







## Summer Camp Program Areas

### Cub Scout Adventureland



The Cub Scout Adventureland resident camping programs are geared specifically for those who have completed first grade and are going to second grade in the fall, as well as current second graders who will begin the third grade in the fall. Please be sure you read through all of this information to better prepare you and your Cub Scouts for the best possible experience they can have at camp. In the spring, sign up Tigers and have them attend Cub Scout Adventureland! Scouts must be at least Six to attend. Nine and Ten year old Scouts should attend Webelos Adventureland.

\* A Tiger Adult Partner must attend with their Tiger Scout.

### Webelos Adventureland

The Webelos Adventureland camping programs offered are specifically geared for those Scouts who are currently in third grade, and will be in the fourth grade in the fall, as well as those Scouts who are in fourth grade and are going into fifth grade in the fall. All current fifth grade Scouts who will be going to sixth grade in the fall, should be talking with a Scouts BSA Troop about their 2019 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 this summer!





## Summer Camp Program Areas



### Arrow of Light Program



There will be activities for Arrow of Light Scouts and their adult leaders only on both the 2nd and 3rd nights that you attend Betty Ford Adventureland. These opportunities are designed exclusively for Arrow of Light Scouts and their leaders; therefore, Webelos Scouts will not 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.

### Super Den Chiefs & 12 Year Old

The Super Den-Chiefs are members of the staff who will be with the color groups for their entire stay at Betty Ford Adventureland. They will help make your stay the best it could possibly be by singing camp songs, playing games and helping you get from area to area. They are knowledgeable about both Gerber Scout Camp and Betty Ford Adventureland. The "Twelve Year Old Scouts" are all parents and leaders attending camp. We want them to get the same experience and the desire to participate as their Scouts.



### Sleeping Arrangements



All Scouts and adult leaders staying in camp are provided with wall tents, wooden platforms, and metal cots with mattresses. Each Pack will be together in nearby tents, with five Scouts to a tent. Parents and Scouts will be in separate tents close to each other. 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!**

### Showers and Restrooms

Near the campsites are hot showers that are for Scouts and adults to use. Because of youth protection guidelines, there will be a shower schedule posted that must be adhered to at all times.

Tent Village has flush toilets and there are several restrooms throughout camp. Evans dining hall has additional bathroom facilities for everyone's use. Bathroom's throughout camp are MOM approved and for your convenience.





## Cub Scout Adventureland Daily Schedule

### First Day

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- 2:00-4:00pm** Arrival on camp - Hooray! you made it! You will be greeted at the parking lot by your Super Den-Chief and be led down to Steelcase Tent Village to start the check in process.
- 4:30-5:30pm** Leaders meeting! - This meeting is for all adults that will be in camp for the session. We will be handing out Color group schedules, going over important Camp policies, and inducting adults as 12-year olds!
- 6:20pm** Flag lowering ceremony - Your Super Den-Chiefs will pick your color group up at Tent Village and lead it to the flag field, please wear your field uniform (blue or khaki button down shirt) for all flag lowering ceremonies.
- 6:30pm** DINNER! After the flag ceremony you will be dismissed by color group to go into Evans dining hall for dinner!
- 7:45-8:45pm** Opening Firebowl - Your Super Den-Chiefs will pick your color group up at Tent Village and lead you to firebowl held at the Lost Ship!
- 9:45pm** Lights out time for bed. Get lots of rest! Big day tomorrow!!

### Second Day

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- 7:50am** Flag raising ceremony - Rise And Shine! Your Super Den-Chiefs will pick your color group up at Tent Village and lead it to the flag field.
- 8:00am** Breakfast - After the flag ceremony, you will be dismissed by color group to go into Evans dining hall for breakfast!
- 9:00-12:20pm** Betty Ford Adventureland! - Program time! Your Super Den-Chiefs will pick your color group up at Tent Village and lead it to the different areas around camp.
- 12:35pm** Lunch! Your Super Den-Chiefs will lead you from your third area to the Whistle Stop for lunch.
- 1:00pm** Rest time - after lunch, take a break! Head back to Tent Village or go to Hammock Village located behind Whistle Stop. Just let your Super Den-Chief know if you decide to stay at Whistle Stop so they know to count you out of buddy checks.
- 2:00-5:20pm** Betty Ford Adventureland! - Program time! Your Super Den-Chiefs will pick your color group up at Tent Village and lead it to the different areas around camp.
- 6:20pm** Flag lowering ceremony - Your Super Den-Chiefs will pick your color group up at Tent Village and lead it to the flag field in your Cub Scout uniforms.
- 6:30pm** DINNER! - After the flag ceremony, you will be dismissed by color group to go into Evans dining hall for dinner!
- 7:45-9:00pm** Evening programs - meet up with all the Super Den-Chiefs in the center of your respective Tent Village (upper or lower) and head to one of many activities open around the island, feel free to change activities at any time.
- 9:45pm** Lights out - After a day full of fun, it's time to sleep!

### Third Day

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- 7:50am** Flag raising ceremony - Rise And Shine! Your Super Den-Chiefs will pick your color group up at Tent Village and lead it to the flag field.
- 8:00am** Breakfast - After the flag ceremony, you will be dismissed by color group to go in the dining hall for breakfast!
- 9:00-12:20pm** Open Area Time - Head out with your Scouts! Areas across the island will be open for you to enjoy!
- 12:35pm** Lunch - Super Den-Chiefs will lead everyone to the Whistle Stop for lunch!
- 1:00pm** Closing Firebowl - Your Super Den-Chiefs will lead you directly from lunch to Firebowl for more amazing skits by the staff.
- 2:00-3:00pm** Check out - After Firebowl, it's time to head home.





## Webelos Adventureland Daily Schedule

### First Day

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- 2:00-4:00pm** Arrival on camp - Hooray! You made it! You will be greeted at the parking lot by your Super Den-Chief and be led down to Steelcase Tent Village to start the check in process.
- 4:30-5:30pm** Leaders meeting! - This meeting is for all adults that will be on camp for the session. We will be handing out Color group schedules, going over important Camp policies, and inducting adults as 12-year olds!
- 6:20pm** Flag lowering ceremony - Your Super Den-Chiefs will pick your color group up at Tent Village and lead it to the flag field, please wear your uniform for all dinners on camp.
- 6:30pm** DINNER! - After the flag ceremony, you will be dismissed by color group to go into the dining hall for dinner!
- 7:45-8:45pm** Opening Firebowl - Your Super Den-Chiefs will pick your color group up at Tent Village and lead it to Firebowl held at the Lost Ship!
- 10:00pm** Lights out time for bed. Get lots of rest! Big day tomorrow!!

### Second Day

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- 7:50am** Flag raising ceremony - Rise And Shine! Your Super Den-Chiefs will pick your color group up at Tent Village and lead it to the flag field, no need for your uniform this round.
- 8:00am** Breakfast - After the flag ceremony, you will be dismissed by color group to go in the dining hall for breakfast!
- 9:00-12:20pm** Betty Ford Adventureland! - Program time! Your Super Den-Chiefs will pick your color group up at Tent Village and lead it to the different areas around camp.
- 12:35pm** Lunch - Your Super Den-Chiefs will lead you from your third area straight to Whistle Stop for lunch.
- 1:00pm** Rest time - after lunch, take a break! Head back to Tent Village or go to Hammock Village located behind Whistle Stop. Just let your Super Den-Chief know if you decide to stay at Whistle Stop so they know to count you out of buddy checks.
- 2:00-5:20pm** Betty Ford Adventureland! - Program time! Your Super Den-Chiefs will pick your color group up at Tent Village and lead it to the different areas around camp.
- 6:20pm** Your Super Den-Chiefs will pick your color group up at Tent Village and lead it to the flag field, please wear your uniform for all dinners on camp.
- 6:30pm** DINNER! - After the flag ceremony, you will be dismissed by color group to go into the dining hall for dinner!
- 7:45pm** Evening program - meet up with all the Super Den-Chiefs in the center of your respective Tent Village (upper or lower) and head to one of many activities open around the island, feel free to change activities at any time.
- 8:45-9:30pm** PARTY- Everyone meets up at Whistle Stop and split off into two groups. First year Webelos will be led to a party at Wagons On. Arrow of Light Scouts will be led to the Evans Dining Hall for another party!
- 10:00pm** Lights out - After a day full of fun, it's time to sleep!





## Webelos Adventureland Daily Schedule

### Third Day

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- 7:50am** Flag raising ceremony – up and at ‘em! Your Super Den-Chiefs will pick your color group up at Tent Village and lead it to the flag field, no need for Scout uniforms this round.
- 8:00am** Breakfast - After the flag ceremony, you will be dismissed by color group to go into Evans dining hall for breakfast!
- 9:00-12:20pm** Betty Ford Adventureland! – Back at It! Your Super Den-Chiefs will pick your color group up at Tent Village and lead it to the different areas around camp.
- 12:35pm** Lunch - Your Super Den-Chiefs will lead you from your third area straight to the Whistle Stop for lunch.
- 1:00pm** Rest time – Nap time! Head back to Tent Village or go to Hammock Village located behind Whistle Stop. Just let your Super Den-Chief know if you decide to stay at Whistle Stop so they know to count you out of buddy checks.
- 2:00-5:20pm** Betty Ford Adventureland! – One more round! Your Super Den-Chiefs will pick your color group up at Tent Village and lead it to the different areas around camp.
- 6:20pm** Your Super Den-Chiefs will pick your color group up at Tent Village and lead it to the flag field, please wear your uniform for all dinners on camp.
- 6:30pm** DINNER! - After the flag ceremony, you will be dismissed by color group to go into Evans dining hall for dinner!
- 7:45-8:45pm** Closing Firebowl – The Last Hurrah! Your Super Den-Chiefs will pick your color group up at Tent Village and lead it to Firebowl held at the Lost Ship!
- 10:00pm** Lights out time for bed.

### Forth Day

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- 8:00am** Continental Breakfast – Head to Earl Jonson lodge in upper Tent Village for breakfast, no formal dismissal, just walk in and grab some grub!
- Time to go!** Camp has come to a close, see you next year!







## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q. Does a parent have to come to camp with their Scout?

No, but there needs to be proper supervision for the Scouts going. The one exception is Tiger Cubs. Tiger Cubs need to have an adult partner with them at all times. As stated in the BSA National Camp Standards (HS-502): The minimum leadership requirements for any Cub Scout unit attending resident camp is a ratio of two adults to a maximum of eight boys and one additional adult for each four boys (or part thereof). Therefore: ■ 1 Scout : 1 Adult Leader (Parent/Guardian) ■ 3 Scouts : 2 Adults ■ 6 Scouts : 2 Adults ■ 9 Scouts: 3 Adults ■ 15 Scouts: 4 Adults ■ 16 Scouts: 4 Adults Etc.

### Q. What paperwork is required to attend Camp?

Youth attending must:

- Be a registered member with the Boy Scouts of America.
- Bring to Camp a BSA Annual Health and Medical Record Parts A and B.

ALL Adults attending must:

- Bring to Camp verification of current Youth Protection Training from the BSA ([https://michiganscouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Camp-Leadership-YP-Begins-With-You\\_623\\_127.pdf](https://michiganscouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Camp-Leadership-YP-Begins-With-You_623_127.pdf))
- Bring to Camp a Copy of their Central Registry Clearance Letter that they have attained from the State of Michigan Department of Human Services (<https://michiganscouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Central-Registry-Clearance-Request-Instructions-2016-v3.pdf>)
- BSA Annual Health and Medical Record Parts A and B ([https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_ABC.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf))
- If an adult attending camp is supervising any youth other than their own, they need to be a registered leader with the Boy Scouts of America.

All Required Paperwork can be found on the Cub Scout Camps Forms and Resources page on the Michigan Crossroads Council Website – <https://michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures/forms/>

All Paperwork should be collected, organized, and double checked by Pack leadership for each person attending camp by June 15 th .

Per the State of Michigan: Please be advised, we have received a clarification of the State of MI / Camp Licensing Regulations which deal with BSA Annual Health and Medical Record. Please make sure to bring a PHOTOCOPY of their BSA Annual Health and Medical Record this summer as we are required to keep this form for a period of three years.

BSA Annual Health and Medical Record: [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_ABC.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf)

### Q. Isn't a Criminal Background Check and the State of Michigan Central Registry Clearance the same background check?

No. Criminal background checks show only convictions. Central Registry Clearances check a database of any allegations brought up against an individual. They are two different checks.

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

### Q. What kind of facilities will we be using at camp?

Betty Ford Adventureland has: tents, cots, mattresses, campsite restrooms, individual showers, running water, dining hall, trading post, medical facilities, pavilions, etc. Our Scout Camps are designed to provide a comfortable experience for the most novice of campers but also will challenge those who have a passion for the outdoors. All camps have a trading post that will stock some general necessities as well as camp t-shirts, candy, drinks etc., so bring your wallets!

### Q. What do I need to bring to camp?

In this guidebook is a list of items to bring. Please ask your Pack leadership for details regarding further questions about camp needs . There is a Packing List also on our website:

<https://michiganscouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Packing-List-for-Cub-Web-Resident-Camps.pdf>



## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **Q. Can adults bring cell phones?**

Yes, but the cell phone reception in camp is not always the best. There is currently spotty reception throughout most of camp. If you are accustomed to using your cell phone for multiple uses, you should be aware that cell phone batteries often discharge faster at camp than other locations as the phones try to acquire a signal.

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### **Q. Can we drive gear to our campsite?**

When you arrive at camp, our staff will greet you and help you get your gear to the location we call "Tent Village." We use small wagons that the Scout, parent, or leader can load up and pull to their campsite. The walk is not very far from the parking lot and truly adds to the summer camp experience.

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### **Q. Can we share a campsite with another Pack?**

You will be sharing a large campsite with multiple other dens and Packs. Our staff will have already paired your group or Scout in with an assigned color group. Each color group will be assigned a Super Den-Chief who will be your guide throughout your stay at camp.

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### **Q. Can we have guests visit us at camp?**

Daytime guests are welcome to visit camp. Please ask them to check in at the camp office and pay for meals if needed. Please have them check out when leaving at the camp office.

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### **Q. Can siblings come to camp with their brother? What about other youth?**

Camp is restricted to registered Scouts only. National standards do not allow siblings or non-registered youth to stay at an overnight resident camp. We would encourage you to help them consider joining the Scouting program with you and become a Scout. They may make a daytime visit but may not stay overnight.

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### **Q. So what happens at check in?**

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#### **And why does the entire Pack check in at the same time?**

Check in is simply the time when we account for the Scouts and adults, issue wristbands and campsites, and verify that all of the paperwork is in order. Once your Pack has completely arrived, you can check in. The entire Pack checks in at the same time, to make sure all adults and leaders are in attendance, and to save time for everyone.

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### **Q. Will I be given a tour of camp?**

One of our Super Den-Chiefs will give you and your group a brief informative tour of Camp, culminating in showing you where your campsite is. After this tour, you can set up your campsite, and get ready for the afternoon activities. You will be invited by a staffer to join the activities at the appropriate time. We open with a flag ceremony on the parade field. Please have your Scouts be there promptly and in full uniform. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. At 8 p.m. there will be a campfire in the Camp Firebowl. A Super Den-Chief will pick you up at the entrance to your campsite at 7:45 p.m.

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### **Q. When do we use the buddy system?**

The buddy system works for your entire stay at camp. Your Scouts must go with a buddy wherever they go. Devise some kind of a check-in plan so that you can account for your Scouts at all times.





## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **Q. Do we need to bring any food?**

No. The dining hall will have Scout friendly food served buffet style for all meals. The Trading Post carries juice bars, snacks and beverages. Coffee is available early in the morning for all adults who can't live without it. Please be careful with any food in your campsites, we have a lot of cute four legged creatures who might come and visit you during the night.

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### **Q. I need a shower – what's the schedule?**

Near the campsites are hot showers that are for Scouts and adults to use. Because of youth protection guidelines, there will be a shower schedule posted that must be adhered to at all times.

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### **Q. What about toilet facilities?**

In the campsites there are flush toilets and several campsite restrooms. Near the dining hall are additional bathroom facilities for everyone's use. There are restrooms throughout camp for your convenience.

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### **Q. How safe is camp?**

We strive to offer activities that are fun for Cub Scouts/Webelos Scouts and provide advancement opportunities. All program areas will be appropriate to the age of the Scouts. It is the responsibility of all staff and adults to maintain a safe environment. Our Camp must adhere to all State and National BSA Health and Safety Standards which includes staff training in CPR, First Aid, Weather Hazards and Youth Protection. All staff, campers and visitors will either be wearing name badges or have a wristband that shows they are checked in at camp.

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### **Q. Can we have campfires?**

Yes, depending upon the fire danger. On the first evening, the camp staff will conduct an opening campfire program. A variety of campfire programs and activities will take place during the week. Downed wood around camp may be used for your fires. Campsite campfires are permitted in the designed fire rings in the campsites. We remind you that adults must be watching at all times to ensure the safety of the campfires. Please do not allow Scouts to poke at the fire with sticks. Remember what goes in the fire stays in the fire. Make sure your water buckets are filled, and use common sense when adding wood to the fire. Bonfires and unsafe fire practices do not teach our Scouts good outdoor ideals.

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### **Q. Who is staff, anyway?**

Betty Ford Adventureland is led by a selected group of highly qualified and trained staff, both male and female, all of whom are registered with the Boy Scouts of America. The staff's primary aim is to assist leaders in making their program effective in the lives of Scouts by helping them to make all dens stronger as a result of their camping experience. The Betty Ford Adventureland program allows leaders to guide their den and pack through activities that will help strengthen the Cub Scout program and help prepare the Scouts for their transition into Scouts BSA. The staff provides instruction in field sports, personal fitness, handicraft, outdoor skills and nature.

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### **Q. My son and I need to leave camp a day early. What do we do?**

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 Office or Health Lodge if after normal hours. The approved person must have a photo ID and the form must be completely filled out before the Scout can leave the property. If a Scout leaves the property and this form is not on file the Police will be contacted to verify that the Scout is safe and with a guardian.

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### **Q. How do we check out?**

Following breakfast on the morning of check out or prior to the Firebowl, pack personal equipment and pick-up trash throughout campsite. Please leave your campsite cleaner than you found it. Place equipment needing to be transported in wagons that are located near the parking lot. When the campsite is ready to be inspected, send a representative to notify your Super Den-Chief who will inspect your campsite. After the campsite has passed inspection, Scouts will be allowed to leave.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q. Some of my Scouts cannot afford to go to camp, is there financial assistance available?**

There are many different ways to help raise funds for camp. First, many Packs (based on what history tells us) have some popcorn left over from the fall popcorn sale. Check with your Pack to see if you can sell some of the remaining stock. Also we have Camperships that are offered by your Field Service Council. Campership info can be found on the MCC website.

[https://michiganscouting.org/outdoor\\_adventures/camperships/](https://michiganscouting.org/outdoor_adventures/camperships/)

### **Q. What advancements will my Scout earn at camp?**

Our goal for Cub and Webelos Camps is to provide the Scouts with fun adventure and challenging activities. We would like the Scouts to enjoy the outdoor setting they will have around them without the pressures of advancement goals. At the end of our stay you will receive a check out packet that will include advancements that your Scouts may have earned while at camp.

### **Q. What is expected of parents/adults while at camp?**

For many Scouts, this is their first time away from home. Listen and watch each camper closely to ensure the physical and emotional well-being of the scouts. Watch that they are eating properly and drinking plenty of water. Be prepared for homesickness. Young campers should not be encouraged to call home. This generally makes matters worse. Please let the Cub Pack Leadership and/or Camp Staff know of any potential homesickness or other problems. The parents are expected to participate in the activities throughout the day. There will be camp staff that will run each activity, but we ask the parents to engage in the activities with their scouts wherever possible for a full family experience.

### **Q. Is food provided? What about food allergies? Are there special meals for those who need a specific diet?**

Yes, we provide all meals but not snacks. Below is a form to send us about your food allergy, whether it be allergic to nuts or a gluten free diet. If your dietary need is beyond what we can provide we will work with you on a person to person basis to make sure your stay is the best. Please know that we cannot provide you with what is needed unless we know before June 1st.

Special Dietary Request Form: <https://michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures-summer-camp-dietary-restriction-notification/>

### **Q. It all sounds great, how do I sign up?**

Step one would be to talk to your Cub Scout Pack Leadership to see if the Pack is already sending a contingent or two to camp. If so, sign up through them. For the odd chance your Pack is not attending Camp already, this is a great time to talk about the option and make it a part of the Pack's plan for the summer. Visit <https://michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures/cub-scout-summer-camp/> to sign up.





## Summer Camp Outcomes Study

<https://michiganscouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/MCC-2018-Camp-Impact-Report.pdf>

Scouts indicate that summer camp is more than just a place to have fun. It also offers Scouts the opportunity to participate in physically and intellectually challenging activities, introduces them to new and rewarding experiences and provides them with supportive and caring relationships. This study infers that positive outcomes of Scout summer camp occur because the environment and activities at camp incorporate all of the elements of healthy youth development .

**Strong Personal Values and Character:** Reflective and thought-provoking activities are one avenue through which summer camp helps build strong values and character.

**Positive Sense of Self-Worth and Usefulness:** Summer camp helps to instill a positive sense of self-worth and usefulness in young people by providing them with service opportunities, as well as positive peer-to-peer and intergenerational communications. In addition, summer camp helps to build young people's leadership skills, confidence and self-esteem.

**Caring and Nurturing Relationships With Parents, Other Adults, and Peers:** Summer camp builds caring and nurturing relationships by engaging young people in group activities with both peers and adults. And for a majority of Scouts, strong bonds of friendship are developed at summer camp.

**A Desire to Learn:** Summer camp inspires young people to think about nature and consider the environment.

**Productive and Creative Use of Time:** Summer camp provides young people with productive and creative uses for their time by offering a valuable mix of both physical and intellectual activities .

**Social Adeptness:** Summer camp helps young people to become more socially adept by offering them opportunities to participate in and contribute to team - building activities.

Core Values In Cub Scouting, Camping and Our Values:

- Citizenship
- Compassion
- Cooperation
- Courage
- Faith
- Health and fitness
- Honesty
- Perseverance
- Positive attitude
- Resourcefulness
- Respect
- Responsibility



## Evans Dining Hall Procedures

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All dining tables are assigned to color groups. The dining hall staff are ready to assist any Scout, parent, or Leader with any questions or needs they have. Prior to mealtime, color groups assemble at the Camp Flag Field and after flags they are dismissed to the dining hall by color group. All Scouts and leaders must remain in the dining hall until they are dismissed. There are great programs before or after each meal! The Scout uniform is expected to be worn by each Scout and leader for dinner. Leaders are encouraged to help remove trash from the tables and clean their table with a wet towel. We encourage you to invite the staff to sit with your Scouts at all meals.

## Check-In Procedures

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Check-in process starts at 2:00 pm. When you arrive you will be greeted by your Super Den-Chief, a fun, experienced and well-trained camp staff guide that will lead you along your adventure and stay with us. Each pack will be separated into different color groups. Each group will visit with our Business Manager to make sure all who is arriving from a Pack has the proper paperwork and fees paid in full. Your Super Den-Chief will escort the Pack to Tent Village where you will unpack your Scouts gear. There are two campsite areas for Tent Village, an upper and lower campsite area. These are typically assigned before you arrive at camp. Once everyone is unpacked, your Super Den-Chief will gather your color group and go to one of four separate check-in processes. There is no defined order for these four check-in steps. Your color group will visit with the Health Officer to perform a health check (be sure to have all the necessary paperwork). You will also be going to another station to make your identification name tags/totems. You will be led on a small tour of the island (camp property and program areas). After that it's all done there will be some downtime until all adult leaders are expected to be at Leaders Meeting at 4:30pm under the canopy of the Upper Tent Village. We will be going over camp policies, schedule and what to expect while you are here. During the meeting Scouts will be supervised by our staff. After the meeting there will be a small amount of downtime before everyone is scheduled to head to dinner.





## Pre-Summer Camp Information

### Pre-Camp T-Shirt Order Online

**BEFORE**



Scouts will be able to TIE-DYE their camp shirt while at camp!

**AFTER**



### Order before coming to Camp! -

Pre-order summer camp t-shirts online for everyone in your Pack to wear at camp. Shirts cost \$12 and additional charges for sizes XL and up. Included on the shirt is a space to add your week in camp, unit number, and color group when you get here. T-shirt orders will automatically be added to your Pack camp bill through the online Black Pug registration process if your Pack decides to purchase them. Imagine your entire Pack wearing a camp t-shirt from Betty Ford Adventureland! Think of the benefits, the Scouts look sharp, builds group spirit and is a quality garment. Best of all, the t-shirts will be waiting for you at camp upon arrival.

Pre-orders close when final payments are due for your Pack May 15th. The summer camp T-shirt will be available for sale in the trading post at camp but will not be offered at the discounted pre-order price.

### Pre-Order Pack Photo Online



### Order before coming to Camp!

If your unit participates in pre-order of Pack photo's, similar to the t-shirt pre-order, we will provide a complimentary 8x10 photograph for your Pack. A professional photographer will be taking Pack photo's for those who choose to purchase them. When you arrive at camp, please stop in the camp office to reserve a spot. 8x10 Photos are \$12 each with Pre-Order or \$15 each at camp.

## Summer Camp Staff Opportunities



**We want your BEST Scouts on STAFF!** - In your local Den Chief is a great Scout who should be a member of our Betty Ford Adventureland Staff. Scouts who have the characteristics of leadership and service. Scouts who, by serving on our Camp Staff, could be even better Scouting examples for your Den programs. Our camp staff hiring process is year round, with concentrated efforts between December and April of each year. Please encourage and recommend talented Scouts to contact any member of our Camp Leadership or to go online and fill out a camp staff application at: <https://michiganscouting.org/campstaffapp>

## Summer Camp Sessions

Cub Scout Resident Camp	Session 1:	July 4th—6th	Webelos Resident Camp	June 23rd—26th
	Session 2:	July 25th—27th		June 26th—29th
	Session 3:	July 28th—30th		June 30th—3rd
	Session 4:	July 31st—2nd		July 7th—10th
	Session 5:	August 4th—6th		July 10th—13th
	Session 6:	August 7th—9th		July 14th—17th
	Session 7:	None Scheduled		July 17th—20th
	Session 8:	None Scheduled		July 21st—24th



Packs should plan on holding either a Den or Pack camp promotional meeting where all Scouts and parents can learn about the opportunities that are available to them through the Michigan Crossroads Council Outdoor Adventures Team. You may do this at a Pinewood Derby, special camp promotion night, during a regular Pack or Den meeting, Blue and Gold celebrations, or whenever convenience allows. If you need help running these please reach out to us. We would love to help! The most important thing is that Scouts and parents get their questions answered! A two minute video is available at: <https://vimeo.com/148107255>

## Summer Camp Fees

<b>Camp Fees</b>	Discount Camp Fee (Before May 15th)	\$120	Cub Scout Resident Camp
		\$150	Webelos Resident Camp
	Regular Camp Fee (After May 15th)	\$128	Cub Scout Resident Camp
		\$158	Webelos Resident Camp

\*Fees apply for all Youth and Adults attending summer camp.

**Discount Registration Period:** (July 2018 - May 15, 2019) For Packs that register during this period a \$25 non-refundable deposit per registrant is due at time of registration. Final payment is due by May 15th to receive discount. Individual names and contact information needs to be submitted at this time. If final payment is not made by May 15th the regular camp fee will apply. Any reservations made after May 15th, full payment is due. Packs can go online and update their registration up until two weeks prior to the camp you registered for. Only additions or substitutions can be made online. Other requests please contact us at 517-816-7755 or email us at [camp.michigan@scouting.org](mailto:camp.michigan@scouting.org).

**Registration Period:** (May 16, 2018 - 2 weeks prior to start of camp) Packs that register during this period will have to pay the full camp fee balance and provide names and contact information for each registrant to finalize registration. There is no deposit. Other requests please contact us at 517-816-7755 or email us at [camp.michigan@scouting.org](mailto:camp.michigan@scouting.org).



## BSA Resident Camp Registration Fees

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For Resident Camp registrations the cancellation fee is based on 15% of the total event registration fee and not the amount of fees paid at the time of cancellation. Alternately, camp fees may be transferred to another Scout or leader attending. The registered participant has an illness or physical ailment preventing participation in the event and has a signed statement from a medical doctor or healthcare practitioner. The written order must be provided to the Michigan Crossroads Council, 137 S. Marketplace Blvd., Lansing, MI 48917. In the event of the death of an immediate family member (parent, grandparent, brother, sister or anyone else living in the house with the participant). The Council will consider other deaths, which may affect the participant, on a case-by-case basis. Only an employee of the Michigan Crossroads Council may authorize a refund for a Council sponsored event. Any refund of monies for the event is then based on the total event registration fee at the time of cancellation minus the deposit and any money sent to another agency or company for the event. The remaining money is refundable as long as the participant meets the above requirements. Any money that has been sent to another agency or company is considered issued and not refundable. Any event that does not have a deposit, but has an event fee, will be assessed a 15% service charge before any refund is issued. All remaining money is refundable. Again, the participant must meet the above requirements. Processing these refunds for summer camp may not take place until after the camping season due to the review process. Once approved please allow 30 days for the refund to be processed. Any/all refund requests must be made within 30 days of the event date. Deposits are not refundable. Any cancellation, once the deposit has been sent to the Council, will be forfeited. Deposits may, however, be transferable to another participant that takes the entire slot for that event. Refund Policy link: <https://michiganscouting.org/program-payment-and-refund-policy/>

## Camp Leader Information

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- ☒ All adults are responsible for the safety of all Scouts.
- ☒ Maintain the camp's and BSA's health and safety policies.
- ☒ Supervise the activities of each Scout in program areas, Dining Hall, and general areas.
- ☒ Monitor and distribute medication for Scouts. A tracking sheet will be provided at check-in and verified for accuracy at leader meetings.
- ☒ Inform camp leadership of any behavior issues that occur.
- ☒ Maintain the "two deep" leadership rule at all times.
- ☒ Advise Scouts of security measures and enforce Buddy System.
- ☒ Attend daily adult leader meetings.
- ☒ 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 to Safe Scouting.
- ☒ Don't forget, HAVE FUN!

### Scout Leader Qualifications:

- Registered in the BSA
- Be at least 21
- Has completed Youth Protection training and Basic Leadership training within the last 12 months for your registered position.
- Have a Michigan Central Registry Clearance letter from the Department of Human Services. 21 and older  
<https://michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures/forms/>

### Qualities of Unit Leadership:

- Adherence to BSA and Chartered Organization ideals and principals, and possesses unquestioned integrity.
- Sets a positive Scouting example as a role model through appearance and ethical behavior.
- Willingness to delegate tasks.
- An advocate for Scouts and Scouting leadership.
- An appreciation of the outdoors.
- Experience in group activity, leadership in civic service/club/lodge or religious organization.
- A good listener.
- Willing to invest time in getting trained for their position.
- An active partner of the Chartering Organization and/or its affiliates.



## You Should Bring:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts, Pants, and Pajamas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medication                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Socks and Underwear        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight with Extra Batteries   | <input type="checkbox"/> enough                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen                         | <input type="checkbox"/> for a clean pair each day  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag and Pillow    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Blanket              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo and Body Wash             | <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito Netting and Poles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush and Toothpaste         | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes and an Extra Pair           | <input type="checkbox"/> (please arrive to camp in  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Gear                         | <input type="checkbox"/> swimsuit ready to go)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-shirts                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (enough for a clean one each day) | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long sleeve shirt                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Gear               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Scout Uniform                | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (Uniform Shirt Mandatory)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Spending Money \$20-\$30   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweatshirt or Jacket              | <input type="checkbox"/> will be enough money for a |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat                               | <input type="checkbox"/> souvenir and snacks.       |

**Have your Scouts label all their personal gear with their Name and Pack Number!**

## We Provide:

- ☐ Awesome Program Areas
- ☐ Fantastic, Powerful, Trained Camp Staff
- ☐ Great Food
- ☐ Campsite NEST including
  - ☐ Campsite Restroom
  - ☐ Toilet Paper
  - ☐ Program Areas
  - ☐ Cleaning Supplies
  - ☐ Metal Cots
  - ☐ Mattresses
  - ☐ Fire Rings
  - ☐ Fire Tools
  - ☐ Running Water
  - ☐ Picnic Tables
  - ☐ Bulletin Board
  - ☐ Trash Cans and Disposal
  - ☐ Dining Flies
  - ☐ Flagpole
  - ☐ Tents
  - ☐ Tent Platforms
  - ☐ Shower House
  - ☐ Water Hose
- ☐ FUN ALL WEEK LONG!





## August through December

- ❑ Schedule a Camp Promotion night with each Den Leader and Parents. If you need assistance reach out to our team. This is an important opportunity for parents to ask questions and learn about their Scout's summer camp experience.
- ❑ If your Pack has not done so already, go to <https://michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures/cub-scout-summer-camp/> and reserve your week at camp. Sessions may be reserved with a \$25 non-refundable deposit per registrant due at time of registration. Final payments due by May 15th to receive discounted Camp fees.
- ❑ Share the 2 minute video <https://vimeo.com/148107255>
- ❑ Ensure that your Pack has a camp payment plan. Assign a "Camp Coordinator" who is responsible for communicating with each family.



## January through March



- ❑ Schedule a camp promotion for your unit at your Blue and Gold celebration.
- ❑ Check out the website for information regarding the summer camp programs available for both resident camps across the state and summer day

camp programs offered locally.

- ❑ Encourage all Scouts who need camperships to fill out the campership application found at: [https://michiganscouting.org/outdoor\\_adventures/camperships/](https://michiganscouting.org/outdoor_adventures/camperships/)
- ❑ Must be submitted by April 1st, any campership applications received after April 1, 2019 will only be considered if there are funds remaining.
- ❑ Make sure all camp leaders send the DHS (Central Registry Clearance) form to their local DHS office. Information can be found on the Forms and Resources section of the Outdoor Adventure website or visit: <https://michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures/forms/>
- ❑ Encourage you Den Leaders to attend any of the camps as a Den, and encourage every parent to consider sending their Scout to summer camp. This will increase their interest in Scouting and will excite them to return in the fall!

## April through June

- ❑ Meet with your unit leadership to go over the camp preparation process.
- ❑ Send out final camp information to parents and Scouts.
- ❑ Provide Scouts and parents with a list of what to gear to bring to camp.
- ❑ Work with all parent to make sure all fees are paid via credit card or Echeck on the Michigan Crossroads Council website.
- ❑ Review all BSA Annual Health and Medical Record Parts A and B and ensure that they are filled out completely (With all signatures).
- ❑ BE PREPARED and Remember to bring a copy of each BSA Annual Health and Medical Record with you to camp.
- ❑ Check website for updates!



## Three Weeks Before Camp

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- ❑ Make sure Scouts equipment is ready.
- ❑ Ensure a copy of all your BSA Annual Health and Medical Record are all prepared. Keep original, and remember the state law requires us to keep copies on file for three years.
- ❑ Ensure transportation has been arranged for all Scouts.
- ❑ Make sure all Central Registry Clearance Letters are collected from all Adults attending camp
- ❑ Remind Scouts to pack a lunch for the trip to camp.
- ❑ All special needs of your Scouts and leaders must be communicated by emailing the camp director no later than June 1st. This allows time to secure appropriate arrangements to be made. This includes but is not limited to, food allergies, medical needs, early arrival and any other requests.

Special dietary request form found at:

<https://michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures-summer-camp-dietary-restriction-notification/>

## Before you leave for Camp

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- ❑ Freak out! Just kidding - but you should make sure to do a head count before leaving.
  - ❑ Hold an inspection of all personal gear and equipment.
  - ❑ Collect any remaining BSA Annual Health and Medical Record and make sure they have all the appropriate signatures. ENSURE all camp fees are paid in full or be prepared to pay late fees at camp.
- ❑ Leave all medications in their original containers and label them with the Scout's name and Pack number. This includes aspirin, cold medicine and inhalers.
  - ❑ Make sure parents are aware of plans for when you plan to depart camp and return home.
  - ❑ Make sure parents are aware of how to contact camp and the Pack adult leaders in case of emergency and be sure that they know your Pack number.
  - ❑ Plan to arrive at Betty Ford Adventureland at 2:00 p.m. Registration starts promptly at 2:00 p.m.
  - ❑ Be prepared to have the best camping experience... EVER!





## Campership

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The Campership application process is something Unit Leadership (Committee Chairs, Camping Coordinators, Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Crew Advisers, ETC.) should be helping families with. Using this worksheet for EACH applicant before Unit Leadership enters the information into the MCC website is crucial.

To be eligible, the following guidelines must be met by the youth applicant:

- Registered within the Michigan Crossroads Council and in good standing for at least 30 days prior to completing an application.
- Youth attending a Michigan Crossroads Council operated Summer Camp (Day Camp, Cub Scout Resident Camp, Webelos Resident Camp, or Scouts BSA Resident Camp)
- Youth attending an Official Field Service Council, District, Area or National Training Conference. I.E. NYLT (National Youth Leader Training)
- Recommended by his/her Unit Leader (Committee Chair, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, or Advisor) and Parent/Guardian. When a Unit Leader enters the information in to the Michigan Crossroads Council website it is their responsibility to ensure all parties are in agreement with the information provided.

In keeping with the philosophy of "pay your own way", each youth should pay a portion of the fee. Camperships are awarded based primarily on need. The more information the campership committee has about the Scout's particular need, the better. The Field Service Council also reserves the right to consider the unit's participation in Council administered product sales as demonstrating a concerted effort to raise these funds. The family and unit should also contribute to the cost of the camp experience. Camperships awarded will not exceed 50% of the event fee.

Applying for campership aid must be done online via the Michigan Crossroads Council Website at:

Scouts must complete a campership request at [https://michiganscouting.org/outdoor\\_adventures/camperships/](https://michiganscouting.org/outdoor_adventures/camperships/) by APRIL 1st to allow time for review, allocation, and notification. Cub Scouts have until June 30. If approved, the campership amount will be sent to the camp or to the National Conference when registration of the individual is confirmed.

Fees will be credited as camp payment in the

Scout's name within the Michigan Crossroads Council Summer Camp Reservations portion of its website. The campership is to a specific individual and is not transferable to other youth.

1. Apply online separately for each Scout needing assistance. All information requested on this WORKSHEET is needed when applying online.
2. Assistance will be considered based on need and the youth's unit's support of the mission of the Michigan Crossroads Council including participation in the Friends of Scouting Campaign and Popcorn Sale.
3. All requests must be submitted online by APRIL 1st for Scouts BSA. Cub Scouts have until June 30. All campership applications submitted on time will be considered based on the financial need of the Scout in relation to the other applications received and available funds. Any campership applications received after June 30 will only be considered if there are funds remaining.
4. Your request will be reviewed by committee within the Field Service Council the applicant is registered in. Campership awards and information is confidential and will not be shared outside of the campership committee
5. After review notification will be done by the Field Service Council to the Campership Recipient's family and Unit Leadership including the assistance decision.
6. Assistance funds will be credited to each Scout when they attend the event they applied for. Funds are only usable by the individual whom the assistance was granted.
7. Completeness of the information when applying online will help determine campership allocations.
8. Scouts are only eligible to receive one form of financial assistance.

## Campership

**Thrifty: A Scout works to pay his own way and help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.**

Questions please email [camp.michigan@scouting.org](mailto:camp.michigan@scouting.org), speak to your Unit Commissioner, or Unit Serving Executive

This worksheet is to help gather all information needed for the application process.

Applying is to be done online via the Michigan Crossroads Council Website at -

<https://247scouting.com/forms/form.php?OrgKey=BSA272&id=428>

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### Campership Worksheet

This Worksheet is to help gather all information needed for the application process. Application is to be done online via the Michigan Crossroads Council Website at -

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#### Part 1 - Applicant Information

Campership is requested for: (camp) \_\_\_\_\_ (type of camp) \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Field Service Council: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ BSA Membership#: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Applicant's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Applicant's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Applicant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

New to Scouting? (please circle): Yes / No If no, how many years has the person been involved? \_\_\_\_\_

The applicant participated in the **fall or spring** popcorn sales this program year. (please circle): Yes / No

If YES, dollar amount sold: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Does the applicant attend Scouting functions regularly? (please circle): Yes / No

Number of persons in applicant's immediate household? \_\_\_\_\_

What county in the State of Michigan does the applicant live in? \_\_\_\_\_

Family's income:

- ☐ Less than \$20,000
- ☐ \$20,001 - \$30,000
- ☐ \$30,001 - \$40,000
- ☐ \$40,001 - \$50,000
- ☐ \$50,001 - \$60,000

- ☐ \$60,001 - \$70,000
- ☐ \$70,001 - \$80,000
- ☐ \$80,001 - \$90,000
- ☐ \$100,000+

Did this applicant's unit have a Friends of Scouting Presentation in this program year? (please circle): Yes / No

Is the applicant eligible for free or reduced lunches through their school program? Yes / No

Camp attending: _____	Please list fee →	
Scout Contribution		\$
Family Contribution		\$
Unit Contribution		\$
Charter or Local Private Contribution		\$
Other Contributions		\$
<b>Amount of Campership Request (no more than 50% of Event Fee)</b>		\$

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**Part 2 – Parent/Guardian Statement (Allocations will be given based on this section. Be descriptive and complete)**

Explain any special circumstances why this Applicant needs financial assistance.  
(Employment, family situation, number of Scouts in the family, etc.)

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Parent's Name if applicant is youth: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**BEFORE TURNING IN THIS CAMPSHIP FORM, A UNIT LEADER MUST FILL OUT THIS PART OF THE APPLICATION**

**Part 3 - Unit Leader Statement**

What assistance has the unit provided the Applicant? Please elaborate on Part 2 statement of need? Are there any further details you can add about the Applicant's need?    Campership recommended by unit leader:    Yes    No    (circle one)

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Unit Leadership Contact info:

#1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you do not have the means yourself to go online and apply for the person(s) please contact your Unit Commissioner to help with solutions.**



## Betty Ford Adventureland Camp Policies

- 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), or archery equipment
- Closed-toe shoes 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. Use in program areas is prohibited. While in campsite we leave this decision to Pack policy.
- Any adult leaving camp during their stay must sign out at the porch of the Reservation Headquarters. If the Reservation Headquarters are closed, check out may be done at the Health Lodge.
- Any Scouts leaving camp during their stay must have a Scout Release form. The adult (including parents) taking them off camp must be on Part A of the health form. Not filling out a Scout Release Form requires a call to Michigan State Police.
- All Packs must have a minimum of "two deep leadership" at camp for the duration of their stay.
- All participants, youth and adult, attending camp must have a current registration with the BSA and bring proof of ID cards.

Michigan Crossroads Council 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 or the Boy Scouts of America. Violation of this policy will result in immediate removal from 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. Gerber Scout Reservation is a "Drug and Alcohol Free Zone." FOR PURPOSES OF THIS POLICY, MARIJUANA IS AN ILLEGAL DRUG AND IS NOT A PRESCRIBED MEDICATION.

**Special Needs** - Any special needs must be emailed to the Camp Director by June 1st so that we can be prepared to provide a high-quality experience. Special Dietary Request Form: <https://michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures-summer-camp-dietary-restriction-notification/>

## 2-Deep Leadership and 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.

### Two-deep leadership and no one-on-one contact between adults and youth members 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.





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### 2-Deep Leadership and Youth Protection (continued)

Age-appropriate and 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.

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. While doing aquatics activities, boys should be in swim shorts (no tight fitting, no speedo) and girls should be in one piece suits (no tankini, bikini, shorts and t-shirt, etc.).

No hazing. Hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any Scouting activity.

No bullying. Verbal, physical, and cyberbullying are prohibited in Scouting.

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](http://www.childwelfare.gov)

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### 2-Deep Leadership and Youth Protection (continued)

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 in 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](mailto:youth.protection@scouting.org).

**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** - These 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** - Betty Ford Adventureland 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 during the **Gerber Scout Reservation** has a qualified Health Officer who 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. A unit leader's vehicle will be used. A staff commissioner will be available to offer two-deep leadership in either the vehicle or in the campsite.

**Transportation** - 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.

**Wrist Bands** - To identify Scouts and Leaders as campers (not visitors) they are given wrist bands. This is for their safety and should be worn at all times so it is visible to staff. If a wrist band breaks or is lost immediately go to the camp office or health lodge to get a replacement. This is Michigan state law so please help us enforce it.

**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 Scouts performance, morale, identity and spirit! Your Scout shirt, socks, belt, shorts/trousers, is proper uniform.



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**Insurance** - The Council has a general liability insurance policy for the protection of all BSA registered leaders who comply with BSA rules and regulations. All out-of-council units must provide proof of unit accident and general liability insurance.

**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 office or Health Lodge if after normal hours. The approved person must have a photo ID and the form must be completely filled out before the Scout can leave the property. If a Scout leaves the property and this form is not on file the Police will be contacted to verify that the Scout is safe and with a guardian.

**Damaged Equipment** - Betty Ford Adventureland puts a very high value on its program and camp 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 camp. Help make our camp equipment last.

**Letters of Thanks** - The Michigan Crossroads Council is proud 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 your 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 their information so we may send our Thank You Letter.

**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.

**BSA Annual Health and Medical Record** - This form can be found at [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/G80-001\\_ABC.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/G80-001_ABC.pdf). 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 required 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. By State Law, without this authorization the Scout can only be released to his Pack leader or the parent who signed this form.

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 Boy Scouts of America requires that anyone participating in a camping experience longer than 72 hours must have a medical evaluation by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or a nurse practitioner. The current version of the National BSA Health form is valid through the end of the 12th month from the date it was administered by your medical provider. For example, a physical administered March 2019, would be valid until February 2020.

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. If you presented the DHS clearance form at an Michigan Crossroads Council camp in 2018, you are not required to submit it again, until notified.

**Golf Carts** - 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. Approved carts are to be used for transporting Scouts or Leaders with impairments, and NOT for able-bodied persons.

**Parking** - All vehicles must be parked in main camp parking lot.

**Visitors** - are always welcome at camp. Please sign in at Camp 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 (DHS Letter) to walk freely at camp. Otherwise a Pack Leader must come to the camp office to chaperone visitors around camp.

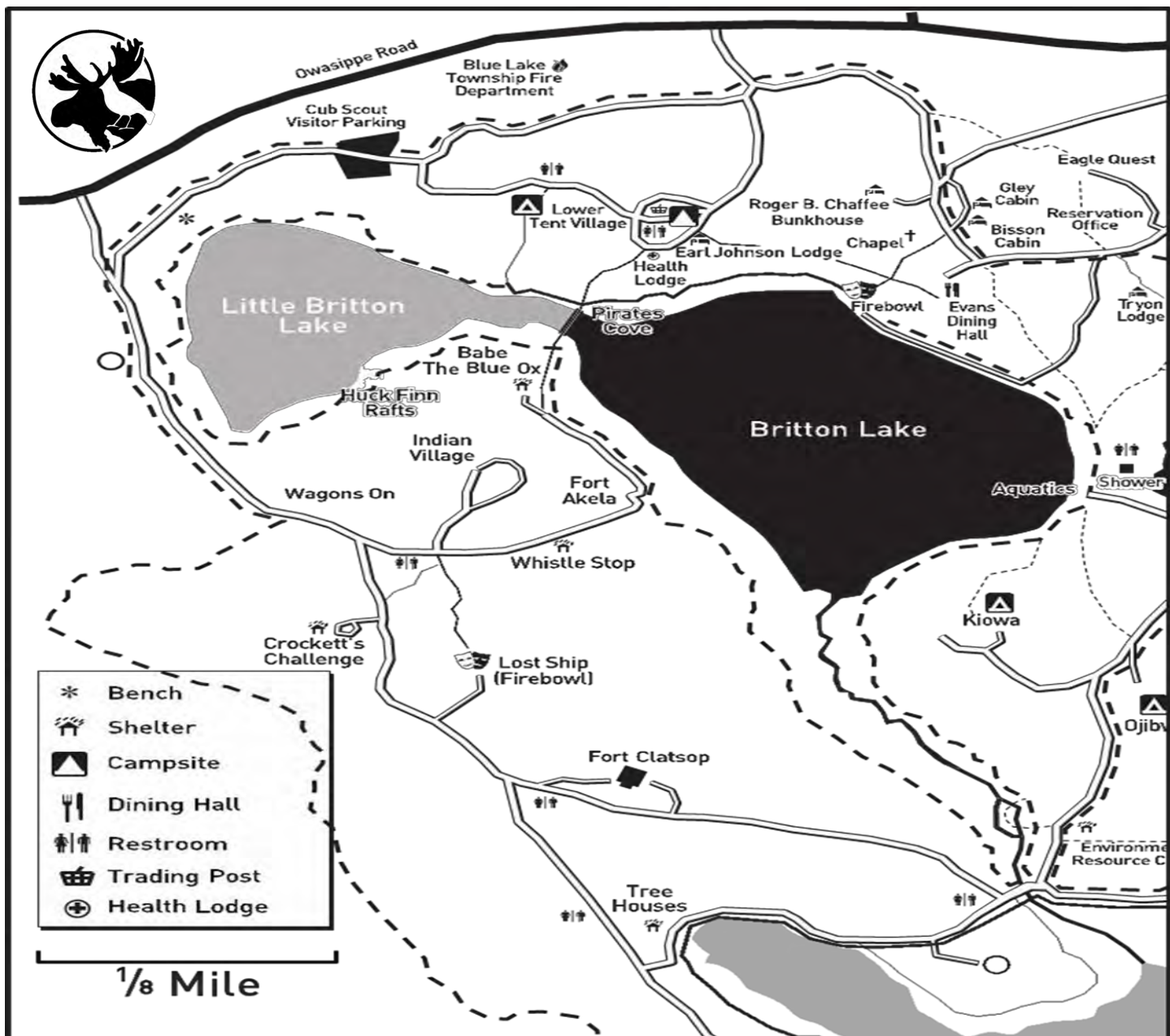


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## Contact Information

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