

Catalina Council, BSA
Camp Lawton



**2026 Cub Adventure Weekend
Leader Guide**

2026 CATALINA COUNCIL CAMP LAWTON CUB SCOUT ADVENTURE WEEKEND

Dear Unit Leaders,

Welcome to Cub Adventure Weekend at Camp Lawton! We are truly excited for you to be joining us for our Cub camping program in 2026! This exciting program is filled with fun and adventure!

Please take the time to read through this leader's guide. It spells out what you need to do while planning for your pack's great stay at camp and what you and your Cubs can expect once you arrive at camp. Make sure that every leader or parent who will be attending camp has had the opportunity to read this leader's guide.

Each pack will have an assigned campsite. Scouts will get a chance to spend time in larger groups as well as have some quality time with their friends in their packs. Like Scouts at summer camp, Cubs will work together to share campsite duties. Packs will work through a rotation of activities that will both help them advance their Scout skills as well as have fun with friends. We also encourage each pack to come up with a skit to perform at the campfire, just let the Program Director know during the pre-camp meeting that your pack wants on the campfire agenda!

If there are any questions that you may have about our program, please do not hesitate to email MaryLou Chopelas, marylou.chopelas@scouting.org. We look forward to a fun-filled stay with you and your pack this summer at Camp Lawton!

Camp Lawton is 8,000 feet above sea level in the Santa Catalina Mountains. Summer months offer cooler temperatures despite being in Southern Arizona at the peak of the summer heat. Camp Lawton's wooded landscape provides the perfect opportunity for Scouts to enjoy the outdoor program.

Camp Lawton has been accredited by the National Camping School, the official accrediting body of the Boy Scouts of America since 1962. This means that we meet the high national standards of the Boy Scouts of America in both safety and staff training. Our many program areas offer a wide variety of merit badges, advancement opportunities, and activities for both the most ambitious Scout and those who simply want to enjoy their weekend.

Yours in Scouting,

MaryLou Chopelas

Camp Director /Camp Ranger



How to Have a Successful Week at Camp Lawton

The following is a list of things we need you, the unit leader, to do or provide before you come to Camp Lawton this summer. Following these guidelines will make your check-in and stay much more pleasant.

1. Read and understand this Leader Guide.
2. Complete the Payment Schedule listed in this Leader Guide.
3. Provide a roster of all youth and adults attending camp (see Appendix B).
4. Provide a list of those requiring special diets (see Appendix B).
5. Provide a list of medication for each Scout (see Appendix B).
6. Have each Scout complete the Scout Participation Permission Form (see Appendix B).
7. Ensure that each Scout and adult has appropriately completed the required BSA Medical Forms (Forms A and B only).
8. Ensure that all adults have taken Youth Protection Training and Weather Hazard Training.



Important Information

Leadership

During Cub Adventure Weekend at Camp Lawton we observe 2 deep leadership for every pack at all times. All leadership (parents and leaders) must complete Youth Protection Training prior to attending camp.

- ✓ **Any and all adults staying in camp must have completed Youth Protection Training as well as Weather Hazard Training.** This training may be taken on-line at my.scouting.org. Your Unit Commissioner can help if you have any questions.
- ✓ **THERE MUST BE AT LEAST TWO YOUTH PROTECTION AND WEATHER HAZARD TRAINED ADULTS WITH YOUR UNIT AT ALL TIMES.**
- ✓ Anyone staying in camp for more than 24 hours must have a completed BSA Health and Medical Record Form with Parts A and B completed. A parent or guardian must sign page 2 of Part A to approve any medication, including over-the-counter medication, to be given to their child.
- ✓ Bring a lock box for medications or turn all medications in to the Camp Health Officer to place in a lock box.
- ✓ Special dietary needs (food allergies, sensitivities, or medical needs) can be addressed with camp staff prior to the beginning of the Summer Program. Please complete the Special Diet Form.
- ✓ Because of Camp Lawton's 8,000-foot elevation, a great deal of walking uphill is required. All adult participants should be capable of walking in this environment during their stay at camp.
- ✓ Adults and Scouts should carry water at all times to avoid dehydration.
- ✓ No one should come to camp if they exhibit flu-like symptoms, fever of 101 degrees or greater, or if they have a cough or sore throat in the 7-day period prior to camp or vomiting within 36 hours of coming to camp. Campers who have had COVID-19 **must** test negative prior to attending camp.

Check-in & Check-Out

Your check-in experience will start at the main parking lot. Check in starts at 2 pm; please do not arrive at camp before 2 pm, as the staff will not be prepared for your pack. Once you have arrived, please have your medical forms readily available for collection during the medical screening. Once the medical screening is complete the Pack will be shown their assigned campsite.

Prior to checking out, camp sites need to be cleaned: scout shelters should be swept out, water cans should be full and positioned next to the scout shelters, and camp should be clean of trash debris. Medical forms will be returned to each troop prior to departure. Departure time is 10 am.

The Trading Post

The Trading Post will be open and stocked with snacks, drinks, and camp souvenirs, along with essentials. Please bring cash or a credit/debit card.

Meals

The meals offered for this program are Friday Dinner; Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner; and Sunday Breakfast. Scouts will be assisted in cleaning their tables by staff. Leaders are welcome and encouraged to join in these table waiting responsibilities. Our kitchen is run by an excellent kitchen staff that is ready and eager to provide some of the best camp food your Scouts will ever have. All food is cooked on-site and is served fresh, hot and in reasonable serving sizes. Special food needs can usually be met through our alternative menu or a unit bringing the required foods. Please let us know of the specific dietary requirements.

Parking

Parking for all vehicles is provided in the camp parking lot only. Space is limited so please carpool when possible while still insuring you have transportation for your entire unit should an evacuation become necessary. Vehicles are not allowed inside camp, so plan to hike and carry all of your equipment to your campsite. Please back your vehicle into your parking spot for quick exit. Please note: With limited parking for vehicles, please DO NOT bring your Pack's trailers and plan accordingly. If your vehicle is parked outside of the parking lot gates you are subject to fines by the US Forest Service. Campsite parking is not allowed.

Health Lodge

A qualified Health Officer is on duty at all times and trained to manage the emergency and non-emergency medical needs of the camp. In the event of a serious accident or illness, transportation will be arranged to the closest most appropriate medical care facility. A unit leader or parent must accompany any Scout leaving camp property to obtain medical assistance.

Prescription Medication

Pursuant to National BSA regulations, all prescription medications must be kept in a locker. Medications requiring refrigeration or other special handling will be collected during check-in. Emergency medications such as rescue inhalers, epi-pens, etc. should be kept with the camper. Further, the Camp Lawton medical staff is not responsible for ensuring that a Scout takes his or her medications. This responsibility rests with the Scout and unit leaders/parents. Every unit must complete an "In-Camp Medical Form" (provided as part of this Leader Guide) that lists which Scouts require medications. A copy of this form will reside with the unit and a copy will be retained in the Health Lodge.

Dietary Restrictions

Our food service team will work to accommodate any dietary restrictions that Scouts or leaders may have. Please let us know before arriving at camp what special dietary needs your group has. Please check with the Camp Director upon arrival to make sure they understand the situation. Please inform the Catalina Council Service Center of any dietary issues at least 7 days prior to your arrival to camp.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency in camp, the camp emergency bell on the dining hall will sound continuously calling all persons in camp to the parade grounds. Emergencies can include fire, missing persons, or an intruder on the grounds.

Cubmasters should occupy Scout Shelter #1 in each Campsite. This will allow the staff to quickly locate Troop Leadership in case of emergency.

Fire instructions are posted in each campsite Scout Shelter. Report all unplanned fires, intruders, or other emergencies to the camp administration. Fireguard charts must be used, even when fire restrictions are in place.

If the camp is evacuated, ALL will meet at the Pima County Sheriff Sub-Station at Tanque Verde Rd. and Catalina Highway, 8999 Tanque Verde Rd., Tucson, 85749. Roll call will be taken again.

Flag Ceremonies

A key aim of Scouting is to build citizenship in the youths of America. In order to achieve this goal, there will be camp-wide flag ceremonies at Breakfast and Dinner. We suggest that all Scouts be in Field Uniform for these ceremonies. After the flag ceremony, the staff will provide some very important bulletins about camp that day. Please have your units in place on the parade ground so the ceremony can start on time. If your unit would like to practice their flag ceremony, please contact the Camp Commissioner.

Visitor Policy - Visitors are welcome in camp at any time. However, it is imperative that immediately upon arrival they sign-in at the Camp Office, receive a visitor wristband, and pay for meals at the Trading Post.

Shower Facilities

Camp Lawton has two shower-house facilities that are designated for youth and adults. The youth shower house is the brown building to the north of the Dining Hall. There are eight individual stalls, with warm water throughout. One side is for boys and the other side is for girls. For water conservation, we ask that each shower be limited to 3 minutes, on one day during your stay only. An adult leader must accompany each troop to the showers to monitor behavior and water usage. Each unit will be asked at least once during the weekend to take on the responsibility of cleaning the youth shower house. The Adult / Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) shower house is behind the Nature Lodge and has a men's and women's side. These facilities have ADA compliant shower facilities as well as flush toilets. Adults are responsible for cleaning this shower house. Flush toilets should be used sparingly due to our limited water supply in camp. No youth are permitted in the adult shower house at any time. The Camp Commissioner will create a schedule for the adult shower house in the event that a youth needs to use the adult shower house due to a disability.

Campsites

The heart of the camp is the unit's campsite. Each campsite contains our Wooden Scout Shelters, a picnic table, a water (fire) jug for each tent, 2 brooms, 2 dustpans, and a rake. Most campsites also have a Scoutmaster Shelter (a 3 walled building.) Other tools can be obtained for service projects. These facilities are yours to use and keep clean on a daily basis. KYBOs are located near each campsite. It is each unit's responsibility to keep their KYBO clean and restocked and the trash can(s) emptied.

Commissioner Service

There will be at least one Commissioner on the Camp Lawton Staff for each session. All Commissioners are trained Unit Commissioners and can assist units in many Scouting areas. The Camp Commissioner Service has many duties, the most important of which is to be the liaison between the units and the camp. Commissioners are your first line to answer questions or help your unit. Any issues you have with camp can be discussed with a Commissioner at any time. The Commissioner will also be visiting campsites every day and checking to make sure the campsite is clean, healthy, and safe. The inspections will be scored and the best campsite will be recognized. When the Commissioner is not doing those duties, he or she may be running Scoutmaster training and activities throughout the week.

Your Commissioner is a friend, a counselor, and an expert in many areas. Their primary job is to help troops meet their goals and have a good time at camp.

Camp Ranger

Our Camp Ranger's job is to keep the physical facilities in camp up to the highest standards, but he or she is not a custodian. If you have any issues that you would like the Ranger to take care of, please contact a Commissioner.

Internet and Phone Service

There is one phone line going in and out of Camp Lawton. It is not feasible to answer frequent non-emergency calls. If you have questions about Camp, please contact the council office at (520) 750-0385. If it is necessary to contact the camp directly, you may call (520) 576-1263. If you are attempting to contact a specific person, please leave a message and we will get it to the recipient as soon as possible.

Cell service in camp is virtually non-existent, so do not plan to use your cell phone in camp. Internet service is available to adults only to check email. The narrow available satellite bandwidth will not allow downloads other than messages. The current password will be available at Scoutmaster meetings.

Electronic email devices may be charged at the dining hall.

Mobile phones should be turned off when outside the internet zone in order to preserve batteries.

Campfire Restrictions

Each campsite contains a campfire ring. If the U.S. Forest Service deems fire conditions high, there may be a ban on open fires. Fires must stay within the established campfire rings, always be attended, and be no higher than 3 feet. Any violations of these guidelines will be immediately addressed, as we prize our relationship with the Forest Service and their firefighting crews.

Statement of Camp Policies and Procedures

1. The camp will be operated on the chartered unit basis (troops under their own leadership), which is recognized as the ideal method for Scout camping.
2. The camp program will be organized on a troop basis and administered on the principal that it is a camp being operated and maintained for the benefit of all units and the youth members of Scouting America Catalina Council.
3. Unit leaders will deal directly with the Scouts. The services of the camp staff are counseling, coaching, and of a supervisory nature. The purpose of the camp is to provide experiences for the unit which will make them better able to conduct their own program.
4. The program of the camp will be based upon the needs and desires of the units to the greatest extent possible extent that camp resources will permit.
5. Unit leaders should see to it that all new campers are properly oriented and assisted to get the most out of camp facilities and to assure the Scouts of a positive experience.
6. Each youth camper must be a registered member of Scouting America. Scout Camp participants must be registered as a Scout with Scouting America. It is not permitted for younger children of unit leaders or other non-registered youth to stay in campsites during camp.

7. There shall be a minimum of two adult leaders in each campsite. The unit leader or anyone serving as unit leader must be at least 21 years of age and a registered member of Scouting America . Registration must be paid registration with a unit, district, or council. The sharing of qualified leaders between the units in the same campsite is permitted under a mutual agreement between chartered organizations in that each accepts the other's unit leader. Such agreements must be stated in writing. Beyond the minimum of two registered leaders, any third or fourth leader would not need to be registered as long as they are parents or guardians of a participating unit member.

8. Each participant will be provided accident and sickness insurance by Catalina Council as long as they are currently registered with Catalina Council. Participants who are not members of Catalina Council must provide evidence of their own insurance, as they are not covered by the council policy.

9. The buddy system must be used at all times. The adult leader is responsible for carrying out this regulation. Whenever a Scout leaves his group for any reason, his buddy must accompany him. This applies also to the necessary trip to the latrine at night.

10. Hazing, initiation, or any type of physical or emotional abuse to any person in camp will not be tolerated at any time. Immediate action will be taken to correct these occurrences should it be necessary.

11. An emergency in camp will be handled quickly and effectively. All campers are asked to go immediately to the parade field upon hearing the bell located at the mess hall. Unit leaders should take roll call of their Scouts and await further instructions from a staff member. These steps should be followed regardless of the type of emergency.

12. Scouting America has some strict policies regarding situations which could occur in camp. Any staff member, adult leader, Scout, or visitor unwilling to abide by these policies will be removed from camp.

13. Possession, use, or being under the influence of narcotics or drugs will not be tolerated at Camp Lawton.

14. Possession, consumption, or being under the influence of alcohol will not be tolerated at Camp Lawton.

15. Catalina Council observes the Smoke Free Policy of Scouting America which prohibits smoking in all facilities in Camp Lawton. Therefore, tobacco or e-cigarette use are not permitted in any building, campsite, program area, or any other area for general use of Scouts, leaders and visitors. An adult who must use tobacco is asked to do so in their vehicle in the camp parking lot.

If an individual is suspected of having committed an act of an unacceptable nature, the following steps will be taken:

1. The Camp Director will be notified immediately. If the matter is of a serious nature, the Council Scout Executive will be immediately notified.

2. All inquiries will be undertaken in a careful and confidential manner by the Camp Director or Scout Executive. Scouting America supports local laws, ordinances, and codes of government bodies in whose territory we operate our facilities.

Provisional Scouts

- Some Scouts cannot attend with their unit due to scheduling conflicts. Any Scout can attend camp individually by being included with another troop. Coordination for this must be made through the Council Office prior to paying fees. The fee for a provisional Scout is \$125.00.

Camperships

- Camperships from the Catalina Council are available to Scouts in need of financial assistance. Application forms are available at the Council Service Center or on the website, www.catalinacouncil.org. Early filing (prior to April 30, 2026) is encouraged to ensure equitable distribution of designated funds. We want all Scouts to be able to attend camp, so don't hesitate to apply. These funds have been made available through the Arizona Daily Star Sportsman's Fund and the Burt Lazar Foundation.

Refund Policy

Refunds will only be issued under the following conditions:

- Illness of the Scout prevents his / her attendance at camp
- Illness or death in the family
 - If the family relocation makes camp attendance impossible
 - If a Scout becomes ill while attending camp and is sent home by the camp medical personnel, the Scout shall be entitled to the pro-rated refund based on the fee minus the first and second payments.

Smellables:

What is a smellable? A smellable is anything that has an odor that might attract a bear (or skunk). Below is a list of smellables that must be stored in the camp bear box except when in use:

- Deodorant
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Floss
- Shampoo and hair products (gels and sprays)
- Cologne
- Soap
- Hand sanitizer
- Any food, gum, or candy
- Lighters and fuel
- Any knife which has touched food
- Water bottles that has ever had anything in it besides water
- Body or foot powder
- Bug spray

- Sunscreen
- Lip Balm
- Matches
- Inhalers
- Medications
- First-aid kits
- Hand warmers
- Face wash or scrub or alcohol-based cleaning wipes
- Utensils
- Mess kits
- Clothing which may have been in contact with food

Units will be provided a container in which to store smellables. That container must be stored in the camp bear box bear box, near the showers, when not in use.

Don't use anything with an odor at least two hours before sunset. Bears and skunks are most active at night.

NOTE: The only reason you can keep any inhalers or medications is for emergency medical reasons. These must be kept inside a locked metal box.

What to Bring to Camp

Recommended Pack Equipment

- First Aid Kit
- Battery Powered Clock

Recommended for Pack Leaders

- Alarm Clock
- Lantern
- Clothesline
- All Camp Paperwork
- Contact Information for Parents of all Scouts
- Fun Attitude!

Recommended Personal Gear

- Complete Scout Field Uniform(s)
- Jacket/Sweatshirt
- Underwear
- Socks
- Shoes
- Trousers/Shorts
- Scout T-Shirts
- Sleeping Bag
- Raingear
- Water Bottle
- Flashlight
- Pencil and Notebook
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Lip Balm
- Watch
- Toiletries
- Towel and Washcloth
- Spending Money

Camp Lawton has a zero tolerance policy in regard to illegal and controlled substances including marijuana and e-cigarettes. In accordance with Scouting America National Policy, Scouts and Scouters found in possession of contraband items such as alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco (if under age 18), weapons of any type, fireworks, or other items which are inconsistent with the Scout Oath and Law will be immediately removed from camp.

Pre-Camp Registration Checklist

- ___ 1. Distribute new BSA Health Forms to all Scouts and adults who plan on attending camp.
- ___ 2. Arrange for two Youth Protection and Weather Hazardous Trained leaders to be in camp at all times while your unit is attending camp.
- ___ 3. Arrange for adequate transportation of Scouts, adults, and gear to camp and home again.
- ___ 4. Pay camp registration fees.
- ___ 5. Submit completed T-Shirt Order Form.
- ___ 6. Collect completed BSA Health Forms from all Scouts and adults going to camp. Make a set of copies of these forms.
- ___ 7. Complete the Summer Camp Roster and have three separate copies made of each.
- ___ 8. Maintain copies of all camp receipts and forms.

APPENDIX A – Camp Schedule and Camp Map

Friday Schedule

2:00 PM - 3:50 PM	4:00 PM-4:50 PM	5:00 PM -5:50 PM	6:00 PM - 6:50 PM	7:00 -7:50 PM	8:00 - 8:20	8:30 - 9:00
Arrival -Check In	Gathering Activity Important Info Camp Tour - Break Into Groups	Flags and Dinner	Nerf Axe Throwing, Connect 4, knot tying races, gaga ball, corn hole	Camp Fire Done By Staff	Cracker Barrel	Quiet Time at Camp Site

Near gaga ball pit
and flat area near
wall

Sunday Schedule

7:00 AM - 7:50 AM	8:00 AM - 8:50 AM	9:00 AM-9:50 AM	10:00 AM						
Flags and Breakfast	Games: Telephone; Duck Duck Goose, Red Light Green Light; Simon Says	Camp Clean Up and Pack up	Departure						

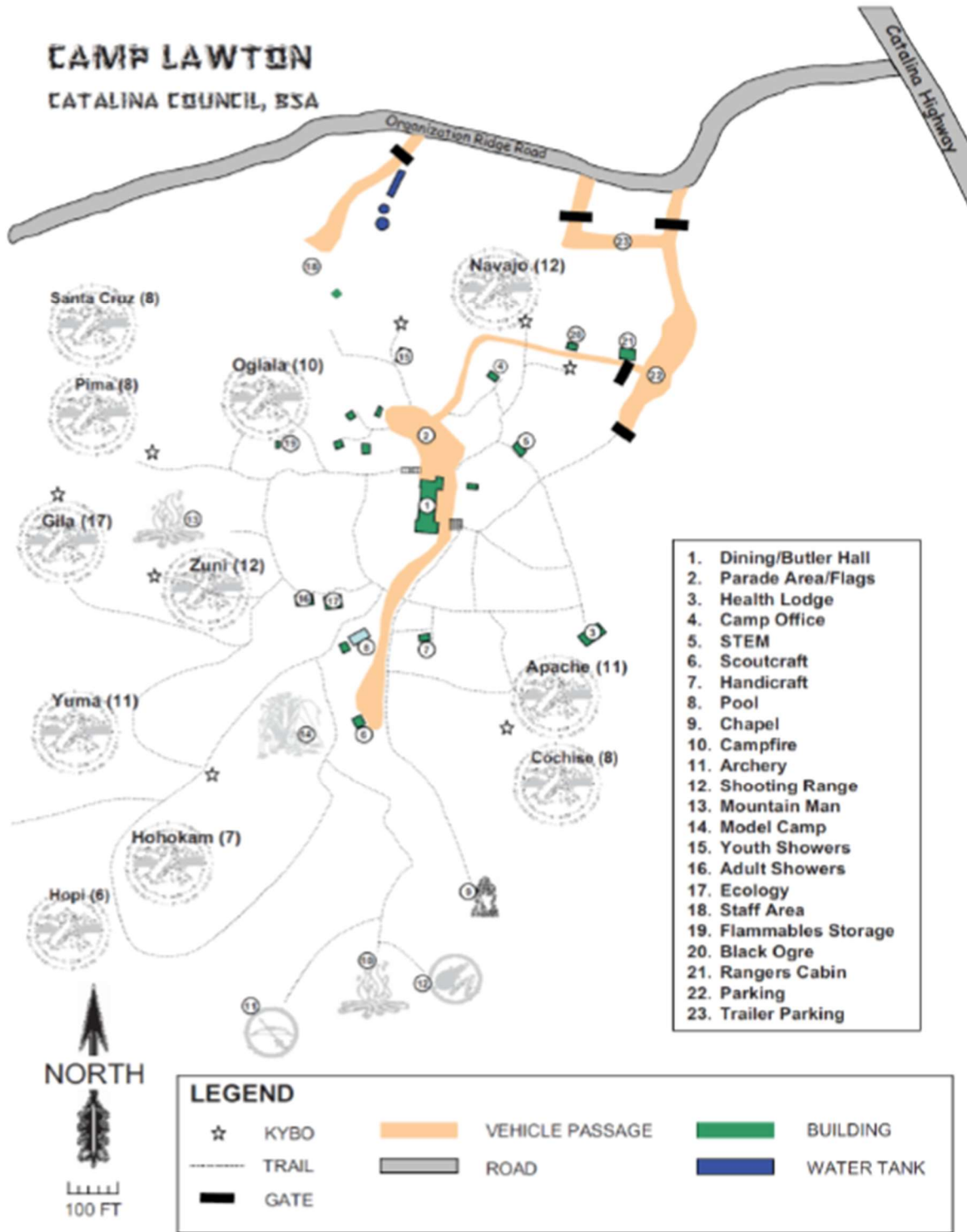
Saturday Cub Schedule

Activity	7:00 AM -7:50AM	8:00AM - 8:50AM	9:00AM-9:50AM	10:00AM - 10:50AM	11:00AM-11:50AM	12:00PM-12:50PM	1:00PM-1:50PM	2:00PM - 2:50PM	3:00PM-3:50PM	4:00PM-4:50PM	5:00PM - 5:50PM	6:00PM - 6:50PM	7:00PM-7:50 PM	8:00 - 8:30 PM	8:30PM - 9:00 PM	
Handicraft	Flags/Breakfast	Tigers and Wolves	Bears	Webelos and AOL		Lunch	Webelos and AOL	Tigers and Wolves		Make pizza/ and Free time	Flags/Dinner	Camp Fire Skit Practice	Camp Fire	Cracker Barrel and Games	Quiet time at Campsite	
Survival Shelters	Flags/Breakfast				Bears	Lunch	Webelos and AOL	Tigers and Wolves		Make pizza/ and Free time	Flags/Dinner	Camp Fire Skit Practice	Camp Fire	Cracker Barrel and Games	Quiet time at Campsite	
Wall	Flags/Breakfast			Bears	Webelos and AOL	Lunch	Tigers and Wolves			Make pizza/ Free time	Flags/Dinner	Camp Fire Skit Practice	Camp Fire	Cracker Barrel and Games	Quiet time at Campsite	
Bb rifles or First Aid Bings and Kits	Flags/Breakfast	Bears	Webelos and AOL	Tigers and Wolves		Lunch				Make pizza/ and Free time	Flags/Dinner	Camp Fire Skit Practice	Camp Fire	Cracker Barrel and Games	Quiet time at Campsite	
Archery or Catapults	Flags/Breakfast					Lunch	Bears	Webelos and AOL	Tigers and Wolves	Make pizza/ and Free time	Flags/Dinner	Camp Fire Skit Practice	Camp Fire	Cracker Barrel and Games	Quiet time at Campsite	
Scavenger Hunt	Flags/Breakfast	Webelos and AOL	Tigers and Wolves			Lunch			Bears	Make pizza/ and Free time	Flags/Dinner	Camp Fire Skit Practice	Camp Fire	Cracker Barrel and Games	Quiet time at Campsite	
STEM Activity	Flags/Breakfast				Tigers and Wolves	Lunch			Bears	Webelo and AOL	Make pizza/ and Free time	Flags/Dinner	Camp Fire Skit Practice	Camp Fire	Cracker Barrel and Games	Quiet time at Campsite
Baking Soda Car	Flags/Breakfast					Lunch			Bears	Webelo and AOL	Make pizza/ and Free time	Flags/Dinner	Camp Fire Skit Practice	Camp Fire	Cracker Barrel and Games	Quiet time at Campsite

Locations

- Handi Craft -Handi Craft Building - # 7 on the map
- Survival Shelters - Low Ground Between Zuni and Yumi
- Bb rifles - bb range #12 on the map or if First Aid Bingo in the dining hall
- Archery - archery range # 11 on the map or if catapults in dining hall
- Scavenger Hunt - Start in front of the dining hall
- STEM Activity - Parking lot

Map of Camp



Drawn 2004 by Warren A. Barnes



Scout Participation Permission Form

Scout's Name: _____ Unit Number: _____

Age: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone (home): _____ Phone (mobile): _____

Parent Email: _____

Pick-up Permission:

The following persons are allowed to pick-up my Scout from camp (no one else will be allowed):

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Photograph/Recording Release:

I hereby assign and grant to the Boy Scouts of America the right and permission to use and publish the photographs, film, videotapes, electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me or my Scout this date by the Boy Scouts of America and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America from any and all liability from such use and publication.

I hereby authorize the reproduction, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage and/or distribution of said photographs, film, videotapes, electronic representations, and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the Boy Scouts of America and I specifically waive any right to compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



**Thank you for choosing Camp Lawton
We look forward to seeing you.**

Questions?

Please feel free to call the Council Office at

(520) 750-0385