

2024 Cecil District Cub Scout Day Camp

Del-Mar-Va Council, BSA



Parent/Camper Guide

JUNE 17 - 21, 2024

Historic Elk Landing
590 Landing Lane
Elkton, MD 21922-0277

Welcome to Day Camp!

Whether this season is your first time attending, or you are a seasoned veteran of the Cub Scout Day Camp experience, you are sure to have an exciting adventure this summer! The following guide will help you get the most out of your camp experience this year.

- *Randy Ferrell*, Camp Director
- *Sara Levia*, Program Director

Mission

Our utmost priority and goal for Day Camp is to provide a safe, fun, and memorable learning experience for Cub Scouts that allows lasting development of Scouting's Core Values and personal achievement. This will be accomplished through outdoor activities that facilitate experiential learning, team-work oriented games and sports that encourage physical fitness, morals, and values supported by honored ceremony and reverent practices, and a trained staff to assist Scouts towards achieving goals.

Pre-Camp Check-in and Setup Day

Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024

Time: 8:00am – 12:00pm

Location: Historic Elk Landing (590 Landing Lane, Elkton, MD 21922-0277)

Parents Bring: 1) [BSA Medical Form](#) (Parts A & B only required for day camp)
2) Camper Information/Transportation/Photo Release Form (pg. 11)

Parents Pick-up: T-shirt(s)
Den Assignment
Water Bottle & Day Bag

This is also an opportunity to tour camp and ask any other questions you may have.

What to Bring

Make sure to clearly label all items with the scout's name

- Day Camp t-shirt(s) (provided and MUST be worn each day)
- Day Camp water bottle (use provided bottle or your own preferred bottle)
- Hat
- Closed toe shoes and socks worn at all times, except in certain water activities.
 - **Sandals, including Crocs are not permitted.**
- Rain poncho
- Swim trunks/suit (waterslide days)
- Full sized towel (everyday)
- *Spray on sunscreen
- Bug spray (if needed)
- Any required medication (must be left with Health Officer)
- Daily packed lunch & snacks
- Backpack to store your gear
- Webelos or AOLs in the fall: Knife with Whittlin' Chip card in a sealable lock sandwich bag with your Camper's name on it (on Wednesday ONLY)

*Allows for staff to apply sunscreen in accordance with Safe Scouting.

Program Theme

Our theme this year is *Off to the Races*. Each day, campers will complete several adventures based on our theme.

Scouts are grouped into Dens and travel together throughout the day to different program areas for activities/stations. Program areas include:

- Scoutcraft (Art/Crafts)
- Raceway Games and Activities (Den Activities)
- Field Games
- Nature/STEM
- Scout Skills
- Range and Target Activities - BB Rifle
- Range and Target Activities - Archery and Sling shot.
- There will also be guest speakers/presenters during a session called "Specials" following lunch that relate to the Day Camp theme.

Day Camp Arrival and Departure

Parents/guardians should park temporarily to sign-in/out their camper(s). Do not park in the circle or in front of the gate at any time.

Campers sign in with their parents or guardian each morning at the den area. Please see the map on page 8 for the location of the den area and parking.

Parents and Guardians MUST sign in and out if you arrive to take a camper off the property due to illness or other appointment at the Administration area.

Day Camp Schedule

Below is a typical daily schedule for campers from Monday through Thursday.

7:45 AM – 8:10 AM	Check-in
8:10 AM – 8:25 AM	Opening ceremony
8:30 AM – 11:45 AM	Program stations / activities
11:45 AM – 12:15 PM	Lunch
12:15 PM – 1:10 PM	Special
1:15 PM – 3:45 PM	Program stations / activities
3:45 PM – 4:00 PM	Closing ceremony
4:00 PM – 4:15 PM	Check out / Camper Pick-up

Friday's schedule

It is an annual tradition for parents, guardians and other family and friends to attend our Campfire Program at 2:00pm on Friday, which is the last day of Day Camp. Enjoy skits, songs,

and cheers performed by our campers. Awards for the week will be presented. Camp will conclude at the end of the campfire program and scouts will be dismissed. The program is about 60-75 minutes long.

Rainy Days

In the case of less than favorable weather, as Scouts we are prepared and have a backup plan. There are many fun activities we can play as a group under shelter and we can still enjoy and learn about nature even in the rain. Have your camper pack a rain poncho as it's easily stowed when the sun comes back out!

Severe Weather

Camp administration is constantly monitoring the weather throughout the week. At any clap of thunder, all youth will move directly inside the Stone House, our camp shelter. Den Walkers will report back if scouts are present or accounted for. Adults not in the stone house will report moving to the porch of the Hollingsworth house.

If weather becomes too severe to run Day Camp, parents will be contacted and informed that camp will be canceled and that their child needs to be picked up. This is done via the **Remind** App. Cecil District Day Camp can be found @cecildistr (<https://www.remind.com/join/cecilday>)

- Camp staff will be testing the system Sunday evening before the start of camp. If you don't receive a message by 9:00pm, you may not have completed the registration process.
- If you were registered last year, you will need to re-register as we clean out the list each year to not send messages to parents/guardians and staff/volunteers not affiliated with Day Camp this year.

Camp Staff will remain on site until all campers have been picked up by pre-approved transporters listed on each camper's Transportation Release form.

Advancement/Awards

The ultimate goal of our camp staff is to ensure the Cub Scouts have fun during all programs and activities at camp. At the same time, we want Scouts to advance. Campers will complete a variety of rank advancement and elective requirements during their time at camp. Some of these requirements will be met purposefully and others will just happen by accident through the activities that take place. A handout with requirements, electives, belt loops or awards that were accomplished during the week are emailed out to emails used to register each scout.

Parking

Please park only in the grassy field as indicated on the map below. Historic Elk Landing has requested that we do not park on the paved circle or on the gravel road. Please do not park in these areas under any circumstances. Thank you for your cooperation.

Program Areas

Monday through Thursday campers will rotate through seven program areas they are:

Crafts

Crafts allow the scout to express themselves in a creative manner, putting thought to paper, clay, wood, leather, etc. .

Den Activities

Den Activities allow for the group of campers to develop a team building cheer and skit to present at closing ceremonies known as the Campfire program on Friday.

Field Games

These are activities that challenge campers to achieve goals through physical activity. The rock wall, water slide, and giant slingshot occur at this station.

- The Rock wall will be at camp on Monday and Tuesday. Please dress your child in close-toed shoes. No sandals or crocs or your child may not be able to safely climb.
- Tuesday is Bike Day. Helmets are required! Please send your child to camp with a helmet on Tuesday. Your child may bring a bike, but it is not required. We have bikes.
- The Water Slide will be at camp on Wednesday and Thursday. Please send your child with a bathing suit, towel, change of clothes, and a bag for wet items. Your child may wear their bathing suit under the camp shirt if preferred.

Nature/STEM

The purpose of this station is for campers to explore science and conservation activities in a fun and exciting manner.

Scout Skills

This station is intended to introduce/reinforce skills used by campers in various scout activities.

Range and Target Activities

Day camp offers a unique opportunity that Cub Scouts only can get at District/Council camping programs. Campers will learn how to safely and responsibly handle bows & arrows, BB Guns, and Slingshots. They will learn how they work and how to care for them. Campers will have ample time daily to shoot.

First Aid

Qualified, Red Cross registered, CPR-certified volunteers will be on site the entire week. A volunteer Health Officer will provide basic first-aid procedures. In the event of an emergency, the injured party will be transported to the nearest medical facility. Youth under 16 years of age should register and leave with the Health Officer all EPI-Pens, inhalers, and/or medications. If a youth has any of these items, please contact the Camp Director.

All medications to be dispensed will only be done by the camp Health Officer. Daily check-in and check-out of medications will be done by the camp Health Officer. If this procedure is not followed, the camp relinquishes all liability involved with the mishandling of medication and any related sickness or illness.

Drinking Water

Water is located at all stations throughout the camp. Please remind your Scout(s) to replenish their water bottles and drink plenty of water throughout the day.

Camper Code of Conduct

Buddy System is in effect at all times. Please review with your Scout(s)

Den Walkers (Leaders) will assign buddies on the first day of camp. Buddies always stay together including going to the Health Officer, restroom, etc. A Camp Staff member may allow a Cub to leave their buddy such as when a buddy must stay at the medical station or leave early. Everyone will learn "Know where your buddy is at all times."

Campers must have the Camp Director's permission to leave camp when camp is in session. This includes any time between the opening ceremony and camp dismissal. There must also be prior written notification from the camper's parent/guardian.

Campers must ask for permission from their Den Leader before they leave their Den. This includes when they leave at the end of the day. A camper must only leave the camp area in the company of an authorized person to pick them up (names listed on the Transportation Release form).

Campers need to leave their knives/matches at home. Knives or matches, if necessary, will only be used in activity areas as designated under the what to bring and when section above.

Campers will be respectful towards all adults, staff members, visitors and other campers.

Campers will be respectful and mindful of the feelings, safety and property of their fellow campers.

Proper language will be used at all times (no foul, profane or abusive language). Campers need to leave electronics at home (iPods, Game Boy, hand held games, etc.) Cell phones are also discouraged. If a parent needs to reach a Scout, please contact the Camp Director.

Campers who repeatedly violate the Code of Conduct may be led to Time-out, a note or call home and/or possible dismissal from Day Camp.

DRESS CODE

Campers who have registered will be given their camp shirt(s) upon check-in. They MUST wear this shirt each day to camp. This shirt will help identify which children are campers.

Volunteers/Staff will be given their camp shirt as well upon check-in. They too MUST wear their staff shirts each day to camp.

Please do not alter shirts in any way. Shorts are acceptable however, they cannot be extremely short. If they are more than four fingers above the knee then they are too short. Campers should wear closed toe shoes and socks at all times, except in certain water activities. Sandals, including Crocs are not authorized.

Campers, staff, and volunteers are identified by their camp uniform. You must wear it every day.

Scout T-shirt color: Orange
 Adult Staff Volunteer T-shirt color: Light Blue

Campers with certain color bands represent:

GREEN: allergy to bees
BLUE: medical issues (diabetes, ADHD, seizures, food allergies, etc.)
RED: no photographs can be taken
WHITE: no health concerns

In Case of Emergency

The Air Horn will be blown for the following circumstances:

1 blow: Station/activity change
 2 blows: Severe Weather
 3 blows: Camp Emergency
 4 blows: Lost Camper

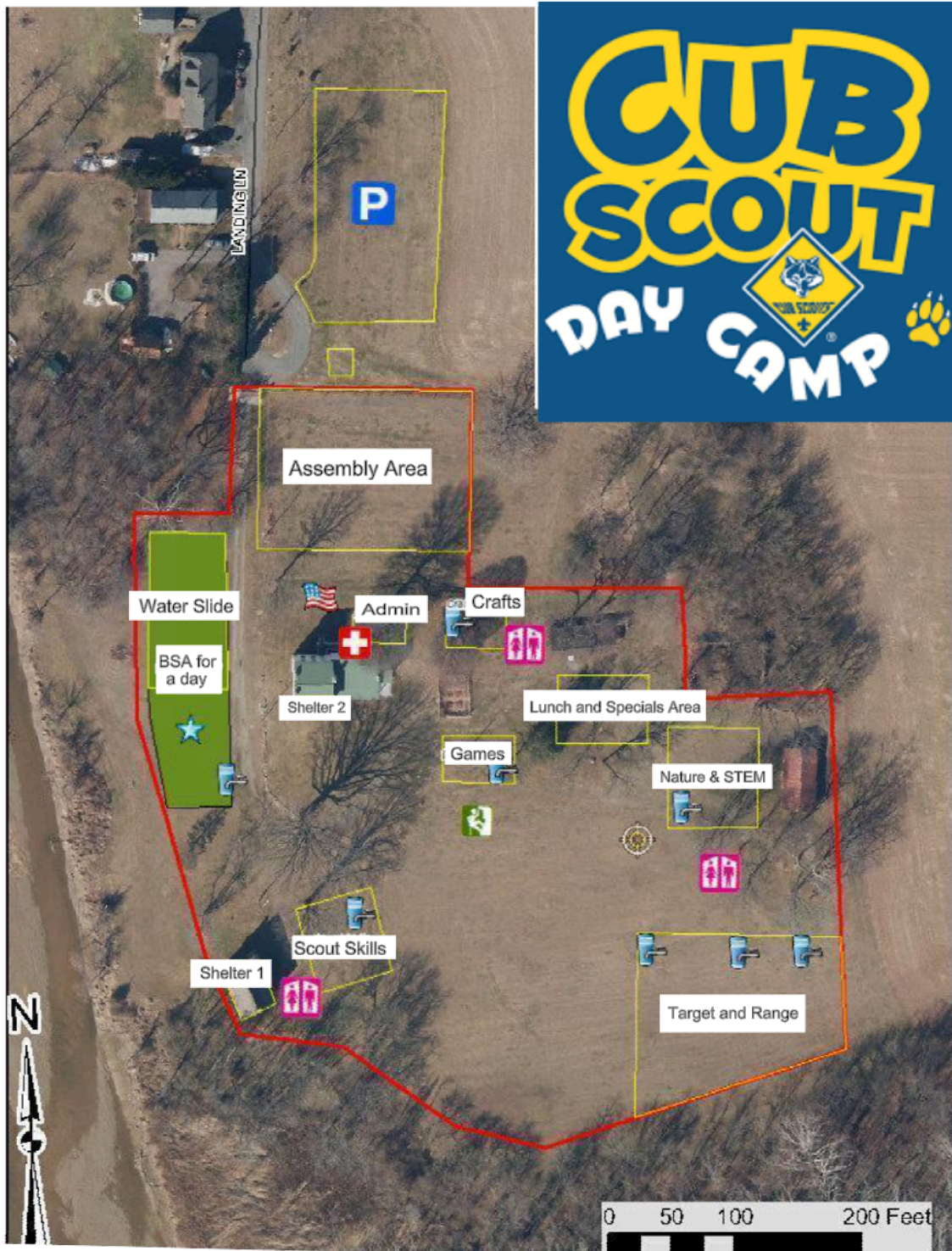
Emergency Numbers

<p>Camp Director Randy Ferrell 610-972-7433 randy315@comcast.net</p>	<p>Program Director Sara Levia 302-562-7030 buckleup25@comcast.net</p>	<p>Camp Advisor Brian VanVestraut 302-531- 7855 brain.vanvestraut@s couting.org</p>	<p>911 Fire, Ambulance, Police <i>Health Officer or Camp Director will call</i></p>
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Location Details

Camp Address: Historic Elk Landing 590 Landing Lane Elkton, MD 21922-0277

Camp Map



FAQs and Suggestions

Q: Why are a number of educational activities the same each year?

A: These activities are repeated annually because the BSA Rank Handbooks repeat certain activities, but increase the requirements as the Cub Scout goes up in rank.

Q: Why must I walk across the field to drop off and pick up?

A: For safety reasons, we must have campers signed in and out by one of the persons that you identified on the Camper Information form. With the amount of campers being dropped off and cars pulling in/out, it just is not safe any other way. We are responsible for your camper and want to insure their safe return to you each evening.

Q: Why did my camper receive a den assignment on Saturday and it was different on Monday?

A: Sometimes after pre-registration, dens may have to be re-organized due to newly registered campers that day. We do everything we can to accommodate each camper and volunteer.

Q: Medical Forms not returned on Friday, why?

A: Per BSA standards, we are not required to return these forms. It is highly recommended that you only give a copy and not the original forms. Please note that Friday is our busiest day aside from Monday. Our volunteers main focus is the campers and their program. If you wish to have your form back that Friday, you may wait around until after the closing of the Campfire program.

Q: I ordered 2 camp shirts and only received 1 at pre-registration? I was given the wrong size!

A: Council prepares our campers' shirts. Mistakes are possible as they are helping to run six camps. An extra supply of camper shirts are usually given to us, but there is never a guarantee we will have the correct size. All efforts are made via Council to have the missing shirt or corrected size by Monday.

Q: When will a list be posted of each rank's accomplishments?

A: A final list will be sent to you via the email used for registration. If a den completes additional requirements during station and/or den time, we will note it. We don't provide it in advance because we could have a weather situation and may have to modify our plans. Attendance and participation are recorded so if your camper missed a day, we cannot give them credit for that day.

Q: How can I see photos of my scout at Day Camp?

A: Throughout the day staff and volunteers take photos of the day camp adventures. These photos are to family and friends Facebook page each evening of camp. This group is for Cecil District Day Camp for Family and Volunteers. Notifications and Alerts involving Day Camp activities will be posted here. Weather alerts, activity updates and important information will be posted in this group. We are using this as an easy way to communicate with parents and volunteers. Information and pictures posted in this group can only be seen by members, and membership is limited to volunteers of Day Camp, family of attendees and BSA Council personnel. The page can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CecilDistrictDayCampPrivate>

Thank you for choosing Cecil District Day Camp!

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2024 Day Camp Camper Information/Transportation/Photo Release Form



Del-Mar-Va Council, BSA - "Off to the Races!" Cecil District Day Camp

Please fill out this form along with parts A & B of the BSA Medical Form and bring to the pre-registration on Saturday June 15, 2024, 8am-Noon.

Only copies of medical forms, please keep originals.

Participant's Name: _____ Den (Fall) _____

Does this camper have any medical issues we need to be aware of? _____ If yes, please provide information. This will help us prepare staff/volunteers better.

Allergies- Food _____ Allergies- Bees _____ Diabetic _____ Type 1 / 2

Disability- _____ Behavior- _____

Main Parent/Guardian Name and Number:

NAME _____ CELL _____ ALT PHONE _____

Emergency Contact:
(Contact if we can't reach the parent listed above)

NAME	Relationship	CELL	ALT PHONE
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My child may be transported to/from Camp with the following persons:

NAME	CELL	ALT PHONE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I hereby authorize Camp personnel (Camp Director, Program Director, Den Leaders, Den Helpers) to release my child to any of the above noted persons. If someone other than the above is transporting this camper please send a note on that day and give it to den walker upon signing in/out camper.

Anyone your child should NOT be released to:

NAME	CELL	ALT PHONE
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Photos will be taken during camp all week long. We would like to post on our Facebook page, Cecil District webpage, Del-Mar-Va Council website, Cecil District Day Camp webpage and use it for promotional literature. _____ I give my permission on the above _____ I do not give my permission on the above

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____