



THREE FIRES COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

2024



Day Camp Parent and Promotion Guide

About Day Camp

What is Day Camp?

Cub Scout Day Camp is the ultimate camp experience for your son or daughter! At Cub Scout Day Camp your Scout will do a variety of activities from crafts and skits to nature walks, even the chance to shoot a bow and arrow or go rock climbing! While there are many camp options for your son or daughter this summer, one camp stands out – Cub Scout Day Camp!

Cub Scout day camps are distinct from other summer camps in that they prepare younger children for overnight camping by building their outdoor skillsets. While your seven-year-old may not be ready to head out for a week of camping quite yet, he or she may be prepared to camp with his pack after a few years of Cub Scout day camp.

We know your summers are busy (the days of summer “breaks” are long gone). But if you’re looking to fill a gap in your kids’ summer schedule or you want more background so you can make an informed decision on summer camps for next year, make sure day camp is on your list.

Who Runs Day Camp?

Three Fires Council, Boy Scouts of America operates day camps using a mix of a *support staff team* and *site specific volunteers*. Support staff members generally work multiple weeks and are paid for their time; although, some do work on a volunteer basis. Volunteer staff are typically location or week specific. Either way, these individuals have chosen to spend their time making the experience for our campers the best it can be. Volunteers may fill any role at camp including program station leadership, den walkers, health officers, or camp directors. Our staff, volunteer or paid work as one team. Volunteer and paid staff are required to complete training prior to camp. If you are interested in a volunteer or paid role this summer visit <https://threefirescouncil.org/day-camp/>. Scroll down and select “Join the 2023 Staff.”

Mission

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 the values of the Scout

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

Scout Law

- Trustworthy · Loyal · Helpful · Friendly ·
- Courteous · Kind · Obedient · Cheerful ·
- Thrifty · Brave · Clean · Reverent ·

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For camp specific information, contact a member of our team working with your camp.

<https://threefirecouncil.org/day-camp/>



Text Message Notifications Our camps use the *Remind* service utilized by many schools to communicate via text messages to parents and leaders. This is used for emergency communication and key reminds leading up to and during your week of camp. Phone numbers registered as emergency contacts will be added to this service automatically. If anyone is not receiving Remind messages and would like to sign up, simply send a text to the number 81010 and type the code (codes in box to the right) in the message line. The codes are camp session specific. You may unsubscribe to these at any time by replying to the message with the text: @LEAVE

Camp	Code
Von Oven	
Cantigny Day Camp	
Good Templar Park	

Schedule, Location, and Directions

The Three Fires Council holds Cub Scout Day Camp at several locations throughout the summer. This is designed to make it easier to get your Scouts to camp each day. Packs and individuals may attend any camp. While we do try to mix up the program, your Scout will get a similar experience at any Cub Scout Day Camp. Discounts are provided to Scouts who attend more than one week of camp.

June 10 - 14 **Von Oven Scout Reservation, 701 S. West Street, Naperville**

and

June 17 - 21

Camp is on the west side of West Street (1½ blocks south of Aurora Ave). The camp is across the street from Naperville Central High School and Knoch Park. Please be aware that parking inside camp is limited and needs to be reserved for staff and those with disabilities first. Any other available parking is on a first come first served basis. Overflow parking is available at Naperville Central High School. You may pull in to the parking lot for drop off, but please be aware that **no left turns** are allowed to leave the Von Oven parking lot, and that all drivers who decide to pull into the camp parking lot do so at their own risk.

June 24 - 28 **Cantigny Park, 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton**

Enter the main gate located on Winfield Road. All participants are required to park in areas designated by Cantigny Security Staff. Please let the security check know that you are there for Day Camp and you will not be charged a parking fee. Turn at the first right, and you may park in the lot ahead of you. If you are not a parent volunteer helping at the camp and would like to stay at Cantigny to see the museums and/or gardens, you will be charged a parking fee/admission for the day.

July 8 - 12 **Good Templar Park, 528 E. Side Drive, Geneva**

The park is at 528 East Side Drive in Geneva, and is on the west side of the street just across from Geneva Drive. **The gravel drive is one way only.** Please do not enter through the gate on School Drive, as this is the exit. Please be aware that parking inside camp is limited and needs to be reserved for staff and those with disabilities first. Any other available parking is on a first come first served basis. Overflow parking is available in the grassy areas all along the side of the gravel drive.

Registration

Registration is available online at
<https://threefirescouncil.org/day-camp/>

Eligibility

All children, boys and girls, attending 1st through 5th grade in the fall are eligible to attend Three Fires Council Day Camps. Campers do not need to be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America to attend. Summer camp eligibility is based on the rank and grade they will be entering in the 2024-2025 school year. Some camps fill up early and camp availability is not guaranteed.

Tiger Scouts, or children entering 1st grade, must provide their own adult to attend with them or they cannot attend any event with the Boy Scouts of America. This requirement is based on BSA program design and is not subject to the discretion of Three Fires Council Day Camp leadership. The required adult can be any relative or child caregiver, but they must be at least 18 years of age and responsible for the camper daily. **Lion Scouts, or children younger than 1st grade in the fall are not eligible to attend Day Camp programs.** Lions are children who are entering Kindergarten in the fall and are not registered with the Boy Scouts of America until July 1st. Lion's are eligible to attend our Family Camp.

Campers with Special Needs Some children have needs that give them extra challenges in an outdoor day camp setting. If a camper has an aide at school, the camper must provide their own aide or personal assistant at camp.

Registration and Payment

Payments can be made online, at the Norris Scout Shop in St. Charles, or at the Naperville Scout Shop. The recommended best option is to pay by online by Card or check online at no extra charge and the transaction will be processed quickly. You can also pay by in person at either of the Scout Shops.

There is no charge for parents to attend Day Camp. For any of the camps, there is no need to register together with your unit. You may register as individuals and will be automatically grouped with others from your Pack. Please be sure to indicate in your registration your Pack's unit number for proper assignment to a camp den.

Financial Assistance We don't want to see any Scout miss the opportunity to attend Day Camp due to financial hardship. We ask that you check with your unit's leadership first as many units are able and willing to help a fellow Scout. If your unit is not able to assist, you may apply for financial assistance or what is often referred to as a "Campership" through the Three Fires Council. This is a need based financial assistance program.

A Campership can pay up to 50% of the Day Camp registration fee. You can apply for a campership during the online registration process. Paper applications, including Spanish versions are also available upon request by calling the Council Office at (630) 584-9250, ext.100. Camperships are reviewed by a volunteer committee and you will be notified upon approval. Late applications may still be submitted. Please contact the Council office if you have any questions or need help completing the Campership application. Applications can be completed during the registration process.

FAQ & Policies

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Den Walkers A Den Walker is a volunteer or support staff member who provides adult leadership and supervision for a small group of Scouts throughout the day. If you are looking for a way to get involved in Day Camp, this is a great option. Specifically Den Walkers:

- *Must be at least 14 years of age (adult volunteers are encouraged for this role)
- Greet all campers with a smile.
- Take attendance daily. Assist checking in Scouts in the morning and checking them out with the appropriate adult in the afternoon. Conducts head counts and buddy checks throughout the day especially before and after moving to a new activity station.
- Serves as an extra set of hands at each station, especially when doing arts and crafts projects
- Encourages Scout spirit and promotes Scout-like behavior.
- Looks after the health of each member of the Den. Promotes drinking water and assists the health officer in ensuring Scouts take medications on-time.
- If first aid is needed, notifies a member of the administration team / health officer.

Every Cub Scout Pack is encouraged to provide Den Walkers and help provide leadership for Day Camp.

**Pursuant to the BSA National Camp Standard SQ401, Day camp den chiefs may be under the age of 14 only if they are serving as a den chief for the same Cub Scout/Webelos den they serve in the local pack and Scouts BSA members under the age of 14 may volunteer to help at day camp if under the direct supervision of a parent, guardian, or troop leader. However, they are not considered staff members.*

Additional Volunteer Opportunities We are seeking out and encouraging volunteer staff members at all levels for our 2024 Day Camp program. Potential positions include activity station program staff or leadership, medical staff, administration staff, and set-up / tear down crew. All volunteer staff members must complete a staff application, sign a volunteer agreement, and provide a BSA Health and Medical record. Training requirements vary based on position.

T-Shirt Orders

Each camper receives a t-shirt with their registration. Campers will pick up their t-shirt on their first day of camp during check-in. Campers are expected to wear their t-shirt to camp every day as their camp uniform. In addition to emulating the spirit of uniforms in Scouting, camp t-shirts help us identify who is on camp and keep your child safe. Campers registered for additional weeks of camp will only receive one additional camp t-shirt. Additional youth and adult t-shirts can be ordered for \$15 in the online trading post through the registration link and picked up at the camp Trading Post. While there may be additional t-shirts available for purchase at the camp Trading Post, sizes are not guaranteed.

Parent Den Guides

Parents or adults that will be attending camp the whole week with their child may choose to become a Parent Den Guide. We always want more volunteers to join in on the fun! See your Camp Director about becoming a Parent Den Guide and get a free camp t-shirt for YOU!

Parent Meetings

There will be Parent Meetings held before camp sessions begin. Parents and leaders may attend one of these meetings to get information, ask questions, and turn in required health forms. T-shirts may be available for pickup at these meetings for units with completed camper rosters.

Visitors

Upon arrival all visitors will be asked to sign a visitor log. Visitors are not permitted to participate in any activities or act as a volunteer without prior approval. Visitors must be escorted by a member of the camp staff at all times, unless prior approval is obtained and BSA Adult registration can be verified. A parent stopping by to have lunch with their child would qualify as a visitor. Visitors must not disrupt program flow and are not covered under the BSA's Accident and Sickness insurance coverage. BSA Youth Protection standards will be followed at all times.

Program We have designed a variety of planned program areas which are packed full of fun activities including Nature, Scout Skills, Sports, Games, BB, Archery, Shooting Range, STEM, and the Arts. Our staff often wear costumes related to the theme and play in character. Special features include our in-camp field trip shows and Grandparents (or any special person) Day.

Each camp day begins and ends with a patriotic or meaningful Cub Scout ceremony at our flagpole. We offer break times including quiet time and free time supervised activity.

Families are invited to the closing campfire program on Friday, where the campers get to show the skills they have learned throughout the week and perform for the camp and their families.

Camp Dens Day Camp uses the methods of Cub Scouting to achieve our goals. Each camper is grouped into a Camp Den with other members of their Pack and often neighbor Packs. As they participate in activities, they will be performing skills that could be used as rank adventure achievements.

Check In and Check Out

All Campers must be checked in and out daily by the adult dropping them off and picking them up from camp. Adults authorized for pickup and drop off must be listed on the medical form. Regular sign in and out is at the flagpole with the Den Guide. Please help us keep Campers safe!

All children should be accompanied from the parking lot and drop off area into camp. Please help keep our families safe by driving cautiously in and out of camp.

Camper Absences

If a camper is going to miss a day of camp, please contact the Camp Director or Den Director to let them know. There are

Water

Water jugs are available at each area of camp. Campers are responsible for their own water bottle to use at each station. Make sure water bottles are marked with the camper's name and pack number. Keeping the Campers well hydrated at camp is a priority for staff and Campers alike, as it keeps everyone happy and healthy.

Facilities

We ask every adult and camper to wash their hands before and after lunch to prevent germs or possible allergic reactions between campers. There are "Port-a-Potties" and hand washing stations available. Portable toilets have locks that can be unlocked from the outside for emergency access. Campers should never lock or unlock a toilet from the outside. Please discuss privacy and appropriate bathroom behavior with your child prior to camp.

Trading Post

We will be selling snacks, candy, Scout items, extra camp T-shirts, and more. Items will generally range in cost from \$1 to \$20. Adults are welcome to visit the Trading Post anytime during the camp sessions. The Trading Post will close before the campfire begins. We are making a conscious effort to reduce or eliminate allergy inducing products from our camp store; however, guarantees cannot be made. Please discuss with your Camper before camp what purchases you feel would be appropriate and determine spending amounts.

Online Trading Post

The Online Trading Post is where families may purchase select camp items available to pick up at camp. These exclusive items can only be ordered through your online camper registration. To access, go back in to your online registration and select the Attendee tab. Here you can select your packages or extra t-shirts for purchase and charges will be added to your camp registration total. Payment with check or credit card online will be the same as paying for camp. Purchased items must be picked up by an adult at the camp Trading Post.

What to Bring to Camp

Adults

- Health forms (part A & B) for all Campers and Adults
- <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>
- Cooler with ice for lunches/snacks and a wagon to transport them (optional)
- Wet wipes to clean hands
- Insect repellent (40% DEET recommended)
- Sunscreen
- Rain gear, hat
- Comfortable enclosed shoes (no open toes, heels, sandals)
- Camp chair (if desired)
- An attitude of FUN! AND all that is listed below:

Youth

- Health forms (part A & B) for all Campers
- Lunch & snack daily AND sack dinner for Friday
- Water bottle
- Insect repellent, hat, sunscreen, rain gear
- Day pack to carry items in
- Medication*
- Camp T-shirt - it is our uniform, so wear it every day
- Comfortable enclosed shoes (no open toes, heels, sandals)
- Money for Trading Post (optional)
- Wristbands (Keep your wristband on! You can shower and swim with it on and it will last all week. ALL adults and youth must wear the wristband for security.)

Please label all items with your Camper's first and last name. Do *not* bring any video games, toys, media players, computers or valuables to camp. Campers should not bring cell phones, as all communication can be handled through headquarters. Inappropriate possessions may be confiscated and returned to the camper's parent at sign out.

***Medication** must be checked in with the camp health officer. Scouts should continue taking all medications prescribed to them while at camp. Camp is not an appropriate time or place to "take a break" from medication.

Items not allowed in camp: alcoholic beverages, pets, controlled substances, fireworks and firearms.
Anyone found with these items will be asked to leave immediately and the appropriate authorities will be called.

Health and Medical

Health Information

A trained Health Officer will be on site at all times. All injuries, regardless of how small, must be reported to the Health Officer to ensure proper documentation and treatment. The Health Officer will need the camper's name, age, parent info, area the injury occurred, time it occurred, and what was done to treat it. Emergency numbers are required in your online registration to help expedite your location in an emergency.

Annual BSA Health and Medical Record (Parts A and B)

Prior to coming to camp, this form must be filled out for **EVERY** Scout and participating adult (volunteers and staff). **Only Parts A and B** are required for Day Camp. The newest version of this form **MUST** be used. <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>

You may submit forms at pre-camp parent orientation meetings or during the check-in process on your Scout's first day. Campers and adults without a medical form will not be allowed at camp. If you would like your forms returned, you may pick them up at the end of the session from the Health Officer. These completed forms are kept confidential and all forms not returned, are shredded at the conclusion of the summer camp season.

Health Advisory and Accommodation Form

The [Advisory Form](#) for Campers is to be completed for youth participants that have health or behavior concerns that may limit their full participation or present safety issues. An example would be if your child has a severe peanut allergy and requires special accommodations, or your child has sensory issues and you would like to discuss their needs. **Any child who has the assistance of an aide at school is required to provide their own additional adult support at Camp.** A member of the Council staff may contact the parent or guardian prior to camp to discuss any special accommodations.

Medication

Any medication brought to camp must be logged in at the health headquarters by the Health Officer. Medication must be in the original labeled container with clear dosage instructions. Allergy kits, EpiPens, inhalers, and other instant self-administered medications will remain in the camper's possession after it is logged in by the Health Officer. If medication requires refrigeration, you will need to provide an insulated cooler with ice. Clearly label it with the camper's name and pack number and you may leave it with the Health Officer. ***Written permission is needed for another adult to supervise your child in taking medication.***

Emergency Procedures

Camp Emergencies Staff, attending parents, and Campers will review emergency procedures at the beginning of each day of camp. In an emergency, a signal will sound and staff will follow guidelines and practiced procedures. Each location's specific procedures will vary.

Lost Camper In the event of a lost camper an emergency sound will be activated. Everyone should then gather in a seated circle and take attendance of everyone present including adults. Once attendance is taken, campers can sing a song or play a game but must stay seated until the Camp Director gives the all clear.

Weather Every effort will be made, consistent with BSA's *Guide to Safe Scouting* guidelines, to offer a full outdoor program each day. Please make sure campers are dressed appropriately for the weather including rain and heat. Campers should dress in layers to either keep them warm or be able to cool off. Please be sure to label jackets and sweatshirts clearly as campers are often chilled in the morning and then discard their jackets as the day warms up. and these get left behind.

*Tip: Check with your camper at pick up time for jackets, water bottles, and project items from the day.

Rain - Camp will continue as planned **IN THE RAIN**. Campers should be prepared to continue camp in the rain. Campers must provide their own ponchos or raincoats. Umbrellas are not considered rain gear as the camper cannot safely participate in games while holding an umbrella. Campers without rain gear will not be allowed to participate in all activities. Inexpensive emergency ponchos are available for sale in the Trading Post. Proper waterproof rain jackets and pants provide a camper with the ability to stay warm and dry in pouring rain. Some of our most fun and memorable camp experiences have been on muddy, rainy days. Please help your child be prepared to be safe and dry to have fun in the rain.

Thunderstorms and Lightning - Camp does not usually close for rain and lightning. Staff track lightning within a 30 mile radius and will call all to shelter when lightning strikes within 10 miles of camp. Campers will be sheltered until the weather passes and we receive an all clear. Camp cannot resume until 30 minutes after the last lightning strike, no matter how lovely the skies may seem. Please avoid picking up Campers during lightning warnings as much as possible and wait for staff to notify you if we do have the need to close camp. We may delay the start of camp or close camp early if storms are lingering. Please be sure to provide your own cell phone numbers as emergency numbers in your camp registration online and you will automatically be added to receive texts through Remind. This is the fastest and easiest way to stay informed on camp weather situations.

Other Hazardous Weather - Camp may be closed for the safety of everyone. Severe storms and threat of tornado will cause camp to close. This is a rare situation.

No Make-Up Days

There are no plans for make-up days. We are sorry but refunds cannot be made. If camp is closed, camp directors will first send a text message through Remind, then will begin the task of contacting each registered parent through email and phone as indicated in the online registration. It is recommended to have an individual designated as your camp coordinator with phone numbers and email addresses. If camp is postponed or canceled due to weather, the camp coordinator will be contacted and they can help contact all parents and leaders in your pack.

Daily Schedule

Times are subject to change

Monday - Thursday (9:00 am – 3:45 pm)

8:45am – 9:00am – Registration and Check-in *(Please don't arrive earlier than 8:30 am unless your child is registered in the ELKS (Early, Late Kids care program))*

9:00am – 9:15am – Opening Flag Ceremony

9:15am – 3:30pm – Program sessions with 45 minute lunch break

3:30pm – 3:45pm – Closing Flag Ceremony

Parents may be charged a fee for late pick-ups.

Download the most updated Day Camp Schedules at

<https://threefirescouncil.org/day-camp/>

Cub Camp Promotion

Why Hold Pack Promotions?

- o Promotions highlight the importance of camping to the families in your Pack.
- o Kids love the outdoors, “75% of Scouting is *outing*”.
- o Scouts who attend a summer Cub Camp are more likely to stay in Scouting.

Earn an ice-cream party for your Pack!



It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Identify a camp promotions chair in your Pack. Communicate who that person is using the Pack promotion commitment form included in this packet or the online promotion request form on our *website
2. Unit coordinator attends a Pack promotions chair briefing in person or through a recorded webinar (dates and recording on our *website).
3. The Pack holds a promotion by April 10th.

*www.threefirescouncil.org/day-camp/

Promotional Resources:

- **Placemats** Great for your blue and gold dinner!
- **Brochures**
- **Flyers**
- **Parent Guidebooks**

***Promotional material should be requested at least 1 week in advance of the date you need them. This can be done through a request form located on our *website click 'Promotions' and fill out form.*

Bring 5 Scouts to day camp and get the 6th Scout free when you provide a 5 day volunteer. Volunteers must complete a staff application (www.threefirescouncil.org/day-camp/) and a volunteer agreement form. (Registrations all must be submitted together)

Promotion Agenda

Agenda: 10 minutes

Conducted by Pack Promotions Chair or District Representative

There are two goals with your presentation.

1. Get the Scouts excited about the idea of going to camp.
2. Inform their parents about camp, answer questions, and ask them for a commitment to register their Scouts.

Get the Scouts Excited about Camp!

- Bring examples of things they will do at camp or previous Scouts have done at camp. Think sports equipment, a leather working projects, model rockets, or a target (shooting sports). Get creative!
- Talk to the Scouts about the exciting things that happen at camp! There will be new activities every year, but unless something unforeseen occurs you can be sure we will have our staples: BB Range, Archery, Sports, Scout Skills, Climbing Tower, and more!

Why Go to Day Camp? (3 minutes)

- Pass out camp brochure: highlight Family Camp, Day Camp, and Webelos Resident Camp opportunities.
- It's FUN, and the Highlight of the year!
- Scouts do activities that work towards rank advancements
- Scouts meet other Scouts and build lifelong friendships.
- There are only a few opportunities in Scouting for Cubs to shoot BB's and bows and arrows. (at Council events only).
- Since our Pack is hosting a presentation – you are eligible for an ice-cream party at a Cub Camp this summer!

Call to Action

- Our unit goal is for every boy in our pack to have a summer camping experience.
- Discuss the opportunity for camperships (financial aid). You can apply for this through the camp registration process online.
- Ask the families in your Pack to commit to attending camp this summer.
- Early registration discount is valid through April 1, 2023

After Your Presentation

- Send a post-presentation communication to the families in your Pack.
- Link to the registration page
- Early registration discount is valid through April 1, 2023
- Highlight volunteer incentives
- Answer questions as you can or direct parents to the council office for questions you are unsure how to answer.
- Follow-up with families to ensure each Scout is registered.

Promotion Commitment Form

Help us deliver the promise! Youth join Scouting to shoot BB guns, learn about archery, study nature, play games and have fun with other youth. Promoting this opportunity to every Scouting family is very important. Count Us In!

_____ Yes, our pack will promote Cub Scout Day Camp as a Summertime Activity.

Pack #: _____

District: _____

Pack Day Camp Promotion Chair: _____

Camp Promotion Date: _____ Camp Promotion Time: _____

Camp Promotion Location: _____

Daytime Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Of Placemats: _____ # Of Brochures: _____ # Of Wooden Nickels: _____

Date you would like items in hand by : _____

Do you have a leader or parent willing and able to conduct your units presentation or do you like to request a guest speaker? (presenter & coordinator training available live or online) _____

Mail to: Three Fires Council, BSA

Attn: Day Camp 415 North 2nd Street, St. Charles, IL 40174

Or email a copy to

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**Submit Promotional Materials Requests through
online portal at the top of the website below:**

<https://threefirescouncil.org/day-camp/>