

PARENT AND LEADER GUIDE

Three Fires Council presents

BigTimber100 CubOree

Centennial Celebration

*A weekend of camping, fun activities,
memories and celebrating.*



September 18-20, 2026

Camp Big Timber
37W955 Big Timber Rd
Elgin, IL 60124



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Welcome

Adventure awaits at BigTimber100 CubOree! Join Cub Scout families from across Three Fires Council as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Camp Big Timber with an unforgettable weekend of camping, outdoor adventure, hands-on activities, and Scouting traditions. Whether you're joining us for the day or camping for the weekend, you'll make memories, discover new adventures, and become part of Camp Big Timber's next 100 years. Two ways to join in the fun!

- Come for the day as a family OR
- Unit camping on Friday and/or Saturday night.

Why You'll Love BigTimber100

This isn't your typical Cub Scout campout. During one unforgettable weekend your family can...

- ✓ Shoot BBs and Archery
- ✓ Launch a 2-liter water rocket
- ✓ Explore 100 years of Camp Big Timber history
- ✓ Try blacksmithing and leatherworking
- ✓ Hike the History Trail
- ✓ Build in the Makerspace
- ✓ Gather around a giant Saturday night campfire
- ✓ Celebrate Big Timber's centennial alongside hundreds of Cub Scouts from across Three Fires Council

Whether this is your first campout or your fiftieth, there's something for every Scout and every family.

Event Contacts

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Registration & Eligibility

The whole family is welcome to attend, however, the Program focus is around Cub Scout age youth, Kindergarten to 5th grade, with age-appropriate Activities per the BSA's Guide to Safe Scouting. Each youth registration covers: a patch, access to activities and vendors offered. Each adult registration covers: event costs and a patch, while supplies last. Siblings may participate in activities per the Guide to Safe Scouting based on age.

AGE-APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES FOR SCOUTING ACTIVITIES (adopted from the Guide to Safe Scouting)

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-685.pdf>

Cancellation Policy

The camper fee refund policy is established by the volunteer TFC Camping Committee.

*Refunds within 30 days of a camp session may be considered only in the case of an emergency such as an injury, illness, or death in the family.

*No refunds will be made if requested after the first day of the camp session.

Safeguarding Youth Protection Leadership & Training Requirements:

- **Cub Scout Packs:** Scouts camping as a unit **MUST** attend and tent with a parent or guardian AND be Cub Scout Age (family camping).
 - Lion and Tiger Scouts must have a parent attending with the Scout.
 - Each Cub Scout Pack must have at least one adult present that is BALOO trained.
 - Supervision of camping activities must include qualified, registered, adult leadership.
 - At a minimum, one leader present is current in Hazardous Weather Training for all unit types. It is recommended that all leaders complete this training every two years.
 - At a minimum, Cub Scout Packs, who camp overnight must have a BALOO trained leader present.
 - [Camping & Cub Scout Unit-Coordinated Camping per Guide to Safe Scouting](#)

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Preparing For Camp

- **MEDICAL FORM COPIES** - This is mandatory for everyone attending.
 - Collect a copy of your Annual BSA Medical Form **Parts A&B** completed for every camper (youth and adult).
 - Medical forms must include a photocopy (front and back side) of each camper's insurance card and attach it to the back of their medical form.
 - Make copies of each medical form. Keep the originals. **Copies will be shredded.**
 - Medical forms template: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf
 - Ensure all medicine is in its original container and clearly labeled with the patient's name, dosage, and expiration date.
 - Keep these in an easily accessible area during the check-in process as the health officer may review and document them.

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What Meals To Bring

Families and units are responsible for providing all of their own meals, snacks, and beverages throughout the weekend. Please plan accordingly and bring everything needed to prepare and enjoy your meals in your campsite.

An **optional Saturday lunch** may be pre-purchased during online registration through **September 13**.

Saturday Lunch (\$6 per person)

- Hot dog **or** grilled cheese sandwich
- Bag of chips
- Fresh fruit
- Drink

Saturday-only participants are encouraged to bring any additional snacks or meals in a small daypack while enjoying activities around camp. Water refill stations are available throughout camp, so everyone should bring a reusable water bottle.

There are no meal vendors available other than the optional pre-purchased Saturday lunch.

Camp Store

The camp store will have some additional beverages, snacks, candy, and souvenirs for purchase.

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Traveling To Camp

Camp Big Timber is located approximately 1 mile west of Randall Road off Big Timber Road. The map below shows directions from the intersection of Randall and Big Timber Roads to camp. Once you are driving on Big Timber Road heading west look for the left turn onto Tyrell Road. After entering camp follow the flow of traffic and park in the main parking lot to your left. All participants and staff are required to park in this lot.

Motor vehicles are to be parked in the areas provided - either the main parking lot or the overflow parking lot located just south of the main parking lot.

- The speed limit is **10 miles per hour**.
- Vehicles are not permitted in the camping areas.
- Carts are provided, wagons from home are encouraged.
- **We encourage unit carpooling.**

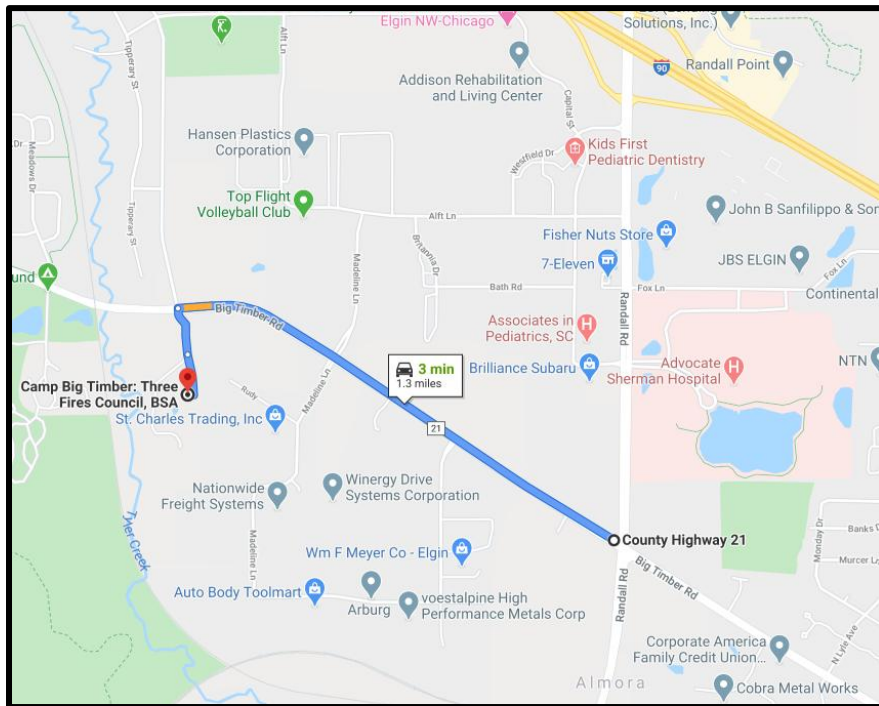
Camp Big Timber

37W955 Big Timber Rd
Elgin, IL 60124

GPS Coordinates (CBT Main Entrance)

42.071769 N, -88.353993 W

Google Maps users can simply search "*Camp Big Timber, Elgin.*"



Arrival & Check-In

- **Friday Arrival** – Plan to arrive AFTER 6:00 pm.
- Check in is at the Main Lodge. **Each participant will turn in a copy of their Medical Form, parts A+B.** Upon checking in participants will receive their wristband and paperwork (map, schedule, etc.).
- **Saturday Arrival** - Check-in begins at 7:00 am in preparation for Opening Flags at 8:45 am.
 - Saturday campers can set up their campsites after 7 am check-in or during lunch. Check-in is at the Main Lodge.
 - Each participant will turn in a copy of their Medical Form, parts A+B. Upon checking in participants will receive their wristband and paperwork (map, schedule, etc.).

PARKING & GEAR

Participants will be directed where to park. **NO VEHICLES IN CAMPSITES**

GEAR TRANSPORT

IMPORTANT: No vehicles will be allowed in the camp area, so units must be prepared to move their gear on their own from the main parking lot to their assigned campsite. There are carts available at CBT, however, it is recommended to bring a personal/unit wagon.

CHECK-OUT PROCESS

Upon departure, leaders will check-out their unit at the Main Lodge where they will receive their event patches. Medical forms will be securely destroyed after the event unless a unit leader submits them together in a clearly labeled envelope requesting their return. Label with Unit #, Unit Leader name, and city. If not picked up by Sunday they will be shredded.

DURING THE EVENT

Water

- All participants should bring a refillable water bottle/Nalgene which can be refilled at camp.
- Water is readily available at pumps around camp for large coolers and in the Main Lodge for water bottles near the restrooms.

Restrooms

- Camp Big Timber has restrooms in the main lodge and more primitive facilities in different areas of camp.
- A Scout is Clean...We ask that everyone tidies the bathroom before leaving. This helps tremendously to keep our bathrooms cleaner throughout the event weekend.
- Notify Staff members when bathrooms need attention or refilling of paper supplies.

Fires And Firewood

- Campfires are permitted **only in designated metal fire rings or approved above-ground burn barrels.**
- Camp Big Timber has a limited number of burn barrels available for checkout on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Firewood is provided by Camp Big Timber. To help protect our property from invasive pests, please do not bring firewood from outside sources.
- Fires may be prohibited at any time due to weather conditions or elevated fire danger.
- Do not dig fire pits or create new burn locations.

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- Per the Guide to Safe Scouting, liquid fuel fire starters are prohibited, and no open flames of any kind are permitted inside tents.
- A bucket of water must be kept near every campfire, and all fires must be completely extinguished with water before being left unattended or before retiring for the night.
- Before departing camp, return burn barrels, and unused firewood to the designated wood pile or storage area to help protect camp equipment and simplify camp maintenance.
- Never leave a campfire unattended.
- An adult should supervise all fires until they are completely extinguished.

Lost And Found

- A lost and found will be maintained at check-in/first aid. If you have found an item without an owner, bring it to the check-in. Any unclaimed items will be transported to the Norris Service Center (415 North 2nd Street, St. Charles, Illinois) and retained for 30 days.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Emergency Phone Number

Camp Big Timber (CBT) does not have a monitored phone line during events. If you have an emergency, please contact a leader from your unit. If you are unable to contact a leader, you may reach out to anyone listed in the contact section above.

Emergency Procedures

The safety of all participants is our highest priority. Camp leadership has established emergency response procedures for situations such as severe weather, lost or missing persons, medical emergencies, or other incidents. If an emergency occurs, remain calm, follow staff instructions, and assist in keeping your unit together and accounted for.

Emergency Siren Signals

- **ONE LONG BLAST:** Gather behind the Main Lodge, wait for further instruction.
- **TWO LONG BLASTS:** **Seek immediate shelter** due to severe weather. Proceed quickly to the nearest designated shelter: **Ansel Lodge, DeMoon (T-Lodge), or Main Lodge.**

Lost or Missing persons: Unit leaders are responsible for maintaining accountability of their Scouts and adults at all times and reporting any missing individuals to event staff immediately. Please review these procedures with your unit before activities begin.

CAMP RULES & EXPECTATIONS

Conduct & Supervision

- The scout oath and scout law are the standards for behavior throughout the event.
- Parents and unit leaders are responsible for the supervision and conduct of their scouts at all times.
- Use the buddy system and take a headcount before and after moving your group.
- Discipline is the responsibility of unit leaders and parents. Camp staff are available to assist when necessary. Corporal punishment is not permitted.

Safety

- All participants (Scouts, leaders, and parents) must wear the event wristband issued during check-in.
- Closed-toe, closed-heel shoes with socks must be worn at all times, except while inside your tent.
- **Tent Location:** For your safety, do not set up your tent under the drip line of a tree. A good rule of thumb is: if you stand where your tent will be and see branches directly overhead, move your tent to a more open location.
- Open flames of any kind are prohibited inside tents. Battery-operated lanterns are permitted.
- Report all injuries immediately to Check-in/First Aid.
- Do not tamper with smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, or other emergency or lifesaving equipment.

Camp Property & Facilities

- Personal vehicles are not permitted on camp roads or in camping areas.
- Respect the privacy of others. Do not enter or pass through another unit's campsite or staff area without permission.
- Do not cut or damage any standing trees, living or dead, without approval from the Camp Ranger.
- Leave your campsite clean and free of litter before departing.
- Report any damage to camp facilities or equipment to camp staff as soon as possible.

Camp Policies

- Camp Big Timber is a smoke-free facility.
- Pets are not permitted. Service animals are welcome (please notify Check-in upon arrival).
- Everyone leaving camp during the event must sign out at Check-in and sign back in upon returning.

Prohibited Items

The following are not permitted on camp property:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Illegal drugs (including marijuana)
- Firearms
- Fireworks

Vandalism, theft, personal injury, or other illegal activity will not be tolerated. Local law enforcement may be contacted, and individuals may be held responsible for damages.

Food Storage

- Store food in animal-resistant containers and maintain safe food temperatures.
- Each family or unit is responsible for the proper storage and handling of the food they bring to camp.
- Do not leave food or trash outside overnight.

PROGRAM

Overview

BigTimber100 CubOree will have Activity Stations where Scouts can move throughout the event freely on their own schedule and based on their interests.

Friday night

- Event Staff are focused on checking in participants and preparing for Saturday's full day.
- At 9pm we will have a Leader Meeting, the location will be announced during registration, please send 1-2 leaders to represent your Unit.
- Plan your Friday evening accordingly.
 - Decorate your campsite and help create one of the most colorful Cub Scout weekends Camp Big Timber has ever seen.
 - **Optional:** Decorate your campsite for BigTimber100 or America250 Theme. Snap a photo and submit using the QR code given during registration.
 - Open campfire backside of Main Lodge, bring a chair and share a campfire and song
 - Family Game Night, bring a family favorite and play a game.

Saturday

Saturday begins with our Centennial Grand Opening Parade as Packs march in with their flags and banners before hundreds of Scouts officially open BigTimber100. More information to come as we near the event

Featured Activities (tentative example)

- 🏹 Test your aim at Archery
- 🎯 Hit the BB Range
- 🧗 Scale the Climbing Wall
- 🚀 Launch your own 2-liter Rocket
- 🔨 Try Blacksmithing
- 📻 Talk on Ham Radio
- 🚶 Hike the History Trail
- 🎨 Create in the Makerspace
- 🕒 Explore the History Museum
- 🧴 Make a Leather Craft

2-L Water Bottle Rocket Launch

Get ready for liftoff! Design and build your own 2-liter water bottle rocket at home, then bring it to camp to see how high it can soar. Rocket launch times will be announced in the information provided at Check-in, so don't miss your chance to launch into the sky!

Passport (optional for fun)

Visit activity stations throughout the day collecting stamps in your passport. Complete the challenge and you'll be entered into a prize drawing—and have a fun keepsake of your adventure.

Closing Campfire

As the sun sets, everyone gathers at the campfire bowl for songs, skits, laughter, cheers, and Scouting traditions. Bring a camp chair, your Pack spirit, and a favorite skit, song, or joke to help celebrate 100 years of Camp Big Timber. **See the Campfire Song, Skit, or Yarn Submission Form.**

Sunday Service

Join us Sunday morning beneath the great oak tree by the flags for a brief interfaith gathering of reflection, unity, and gratitude. All are welcome to take part in making this moment meaningful. If you would like to participate by reading, leading a song, or playing an instrument please reach out to Andrea:

andreawelch127@gmail.com

WEEKEND SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

Friday September 18	
6:00 pm	Check in and Camp Set Up
7:00 pm	Casual Campfire at Main Lodge, bring a chair (no program)
9:00 pm	Leader Meeting – send 1-2 representatives (Main lodge)
10:00 pm	Quiet hours begin
Saturday September 19	
7:00 am	Registration continues for Saturday arrivals at Camp Office Breakfast by Units in their campsites
8:45 am	Morning Flag Ceremony at flagpoles Grand Opening Parade of Units (bring your Unit flags/banners)
9:00 am	Activity Stations – OPEN
12:00 pm	Lunch - Activity Stations Closed <i>until 1:30 pm</i> <i>Optional pre-ordered lunch served at Main Lodge OR Lunch on own</i> All welcomed to picnic on amphitheater hillside (backside of Main Lodge) or under the grand oaks
1:30 pm	Activity Stations – OPEN
5:00 pm	Activity Stations end / Dinner in campsites on own
6:45 pm	Closing Flags - Hike from flags to Campfire or meet at the Fire bowl.
7:00 pm	Closing Campfire begins (estimate)
11:00 pm	Quiet hours begin
Sunday, September 20	
7:30am	Breakfast in Campsites
8:00am	Sunday Service (Bring a camp chair)
10:15am	<i>Leave camp with dirty shoes, tired smiles, and memories that last a lifetime.</i>

Safeguarding Youth Protection Policy

The safety of every Scout is our highest priority. BigTimber100 follows all Scouting America Youth Protection policies and the Barriers to Abuse. We ask every participant—youth, parents, volunteers, and leaders—to help us create a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment for everyone.

Youth Protection: Scouting's Barriers to Abuse

Scouting America has adopted the following policies for the safety and well-being of its members. These policies are in place to protect youth members and adult leaders. All parents and caregivers should understand that our leaders must abide by these safeguards. As part of its “Scouts First” approach to the protection and safety of youth, Scouting America has established a dedicated 24-hour helpline to receive reports of known or suspected abuse or behavior that might put a youth at risk.

Scouts First Helpline 1-844-SCOUTS1 (1-844-726-8871)

If someone is at immediate risk of harm, always call 911. Use the helpline if you believe a youth has been harmed or their safety is at risk, you can't reach your Scout Executive or local council, or if bullying related to race, religion, sexual orientation, or disability isn't resolved locally.

Camp Safety Expectations

- One-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited.
- Communication by way of social media (Facebook, Snapchat, etc.) must include another registered leader or parent.
- Discipline must be constructive and reflect Scouting's values - corporal punishment is never permitted.
- Disciplinary activities involving isolation, humiliation, or ridicule are also prohibited.
- Leaders must ensure all participating in Scouting activities abide by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
- Adult leaders and youth members share the responsibility for the safety of all participants in the program, including adherence to Youth Protection and health and safety policies.
- Adult leaders are responsible for monitoring behavior and intervening when necessary.
- 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.
- All leaders are required to adhere to the Scouter Code of Conduct

Restrooms & Privacy Guidelines

- Separate restroom facilities will be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth.
- Privacy of youth is respected.
- Adults and youth must respect each other's privacy, especially in situations such as changing clothes and using restroom facilities at camp.
- Adults and staff should closely monitor these areas but only enter as needed for youth protection or health and safety reasons.

Program Requirements

- The use of smartphones, cameras, mirrors, drones, etc., in places or situations where privacy is expected is prohibited.
- All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents and leaders.
- Scouting America does not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program.

- Hazing and initiations are prohibited and have no part during any Scouting activity.
- All persons participating in Scouting programs are mandated reporters of child abuse.
- Reports must be made to local law enforcement and child protective services. This reporting duty cannot be delegated to any other person.
- Reporting to the Scout executive or Scouts First Helpline ensures that follow-up can occur for the safety of our youth. Scout executives and Scouts First coordinate follow-up actions.
- All forms of bullying and harassment including verbal, physical, and cyberbullying are prohibited.
- Inappropriate public displays of affection are prohibited.
- Sexual activity is prohibited.
- Appropriate attire is required for all activities.
- Serious Youth Protection policy violations or behaviors that put a youth's safety at risk must be reported to the Scout executive.

Additional Health And Safety

Annual Bsa Health And Medical Record (Parts A And B)

Every youth and adult attending camp MUST turn in a Medical Form upon check-in. Please turn in a copy and keep the original for your personal records. A photocopy of both sides of your insurance card MUST be attached to the medical form. Please use the most current version of the Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record (form #680-001). This form can be downloaded here:

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680001_AB.pdf

Medication

All medication prescribed to campers or adults should be taken while at camp. All medications brought to camp by a camper shall be in containers that are labeled to include their name, the name of the medication, dosage, frequency of administration, and route of administration.

Allergy kits, EpiPens, inhalers, and other instant self-administered life-saving medications should be carried by the individual prescribed to, including those under 18 years of age. Parents should be aware of the location of all life-saving medications.

Medical Information

Medical policies are set by the National Council of Scouting America and the State of Illinois. Compliance with the policies regarding the completion of the health forms is mandatory. Due to federal regulations (HIPAA), copies of these health forms should not be sent digitally prior to the event.

Alcohol, Tobacco, And Drug Use

Leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youth, are better off without tobacco in any form and should not use these products at any Scouting activity. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking. As outlined in the Scout Code of Conduct, Scouting activities are not a place to possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting policies: alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana. In addition, the Code of Conduct specifies that if you are taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing any functioning or judgment, you will not engage in activities that would put Scouts at risk, including driving or operating equipment.

Appendix 1: What To Pack

PLEASE PACK EVERYTHING INTO ONE EASY TO CARRY PACK OR DUFFEL.

Be sure your name and unit number are clearly labeled on all your belongings! Plan and be prepared for the weather!

Personal Day Pack

- Water bottle
- Rain gear/hat
- Sunscreen
- Bug repellent
- Tissues
- Money for souvenirs
- Anything else you might need throughout the day

Each Person

- Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record (form # 680-001, 2019 Printing) with insurance card photocopy
- Medications in original containers
- Wallet / Money /Identification
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Pillow
- Toiletry kit toothbrush/paste, etc.
- Flashlight – with extra batteries each family
- Clothes—weather appropriate
- Sweatshirt or jacket
- Extra socks
- Hat
- Pajamas or sleepwear
- Durable, closed-toe shoes
- Canteen or water bottle
- Watch or way to tell time while at program stations
- Camp chair(s)
- Camp mug
- Folding Chair (for Interfaith Service under the Oak Trees on Sunday)

Each Unit

- Tents, stakes, mallet
- Food
- Igloo cooler
- First Aid Kit
- Wagon or cart to transport gear to campsite

DO NOT BRING

- Firewood
- Fire pits
- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs (including marijuana)
- Controlled substances, fireworks
- Pets
- Firearms
- Bows & Arrows
- Nerf guns
- Water guns

Appendix 2: Campfire Song, Skit, Or Yarn Submission Form

Please use this form to let us know that you wish to perform at the Saturday evening campfire. If possible, **turn this form at the Camp Office by NOON**, so that the campfire plan can be set.

- Traditional skits/songs.
- Theme inspired **BigTimber100** and **America250**
- Keep it Scout appropriate and make it fun!

Unit type: Unit#:

The Pack Leader must certify that this song, skit, or yarn is suitable for young audiences.

Pack Leader's name: _____

Pack Leader's signature of approval: _____

Check one: Song Skit Yarn/Poem

Song, Skit or Yarn name: _____

Description of song, skit or story: _____

[illegible]

This must be Scout appropriate for all levels of Scouting and must be approved and be added to the Campfire Program.

Turn this form in by Noon on September 19th.