



# Three Fires Council - Day Camps

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## **Who to Contact?**

- For any questions while camp is in session, you may contact any Camp Director on location.
- If there is something your Camp Director or this guide cannot answer, please direct your questions to Tanya Carver.
- If you need to contact one of the professional staff about camp, please email Patrick Seeden AND copy Tanya Carver.

Several different Day Camp Directors all work together to bring a consistent program to all TFC Day Camps.

If you are trying to reach a specific director, or you are not sure who to contact, please contact Tanya Carver, the Council Day Camp Operations Director, and she will forward your information to the appropriate parties.

# Mission Statement

Our Three Fires Council Day Camps are designed to be exciting, dynamic, and appealing to your youth. We strive to meet the needs of our campers and Packs attending camp and make sure they are fun and safe.

## 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, STEM, and the Arts. Our Staff often wear costumes related to the theme and play in character. Special features include our Wednesday In-Camp Field Trip shows.

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.

## 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. The dens will remain together throughout the week and will not mix with other dens.

## Locations

The Three Fires Council holds Cub Scout Day Camp at several locations all summer long. Packs and individuals may attend any camp of their choosing.

At all Cub Day Camps, you may pull into the parking lot for drop off, but please be aware that all drivers who decide to pull into the camp parking lot do so at their own risk. **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.

**Von Oven Scout Reservation, 701 S. West Street, Naperville**

**June 14 - 18 (M - F)**

**June 21 - 25 (M - F)**

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.

**Thorndale Park (Twilight Camp), 22W130 Thorndale Ave. Medinah, IL**

**June 21 - 25**

The park is close to Irving Park and Medinah Roads, north of the Medinah Train Station. There is a parking lot on both the north and south side of Thorndale Avenue. Parents who are attending camp need to park in the south lot.

**Cantigny Park, 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton**

**June 28 - July 2 (M - F)**

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.

**American Legion Post 489, 9054 E Veterans Pkwy, Yorkville, IL**

**June 28 - July 2 (M - F)**

Camp will be held at the ball field and surrounding area open area. Parking will be to the right of the Legion.

**Lippold Park, Route 25 (north of Route 56) Batavia, IL**

**July 12 - 16 (M - F)**

Camp will be held in the open area as you pull into the parking lot. Parking will be in the parking lot.

**Good Templar Park, 528 E. Side Drive, Geneva**

**July 19 - 23 (M - F)**

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.

**Camp Big Timber, 37W955 Big Timber Road, Elgin**

**July 26 - 30 (M - F)**

Camp is located 1 mile west of Randall Road on Big Timber Road. Turn left at the traffic signal on Tyrell Road. All participants and staff are required to park in the parking lot near The Lodge.

# Registration

## Who Can Attend

All children, boys and girls, attending 1st through 5th grade in the fall are eligible to attend Three Fires Council Day Camps and overnight Family Camps (Webelos Resident Camp does not apply). **Summer camp eligibility is based on the rank and grade they will be entering in the 2021 - 2022 school year.** Please be aware that 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.** 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. **Lion Scouts, or children younger than 1st grade in the fall cannot attend, cannot participate in activities, and will be asked to leave.** Lions are children who are entering Kindergarten in the fall and are not registered with the Boy Scouts of America until then.

## Campers With Special Needs

All children, boys and girls, attending 1st through 5th grade in the fall are eligible to attend Day Camps. 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 needs to provide their own aide or personal assistant at camp. Please contact Tanya Carver for more information.

## Visitors

Attending campers and their families are not able to bring visitors without written permission and approval of the Camp Director. Due to COVID there will be restrictions on visitors attending camp. All visitors will need to complete an online health assessment within 24 hours of visiting camp. **ALL** Visitors must provide a BSA Health and Medical form (parts A and B) to be allowed entrance into camp. You may occasionally see visiting guests of the camp who bring infants and special needs children who are not mobile and are not participating in the activities. These visitors have been authorized, are insured under their own policy, and visit at their own risk. Please contact the Camp Director if you have any questions.

## How to Register

Registration opens January 15th.

Please register online for any Three Fires Day Camp at <https://threefirescouncil.org/day-camp/>.

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 eCheck where you can use a personal check or unit check online at no charge and the transaction will be processed quickly. You can also pay by credit card online or in person at either of the TFC Scout Shops.

There is no charge for parents to attend Day Camp. For Family Camp information and fees, please see the Family Camp Parent Guide. For any of the camps, there is no need to register with a 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.

## Camperships

We don't want to see any Scout miss a Day Camp opportunity due to financial need. Your unit or the Council can help with a Campership. A Campership can pay up to 50% of the Day Camp registration fee. The information and application can be found in your online day camp registration or by calling the Council Office at (630) 584-9250, ext.100. Applications must be submitted by April 15th. Camperships are reviewed by a committee and you will be notified once it is approved. Late applications may still be submitted but may not be approved. Please contact the Council office if you have any questions or need help completing the Campership application.

## Discounts

Early Bird Discount is three week prior to the beginning of each camp. Below are the early bird dates for each camp. There are no late fees this year. We understand the challenges that many people have had over the past year.

Camp	Early Bird Date (* Date change due to holiday)
Von Oven - June 14 - 18	May 24
Von Oven - June 21 - 25	June 1*
Thorndale - June 21 - 25	June 1*
Cantigny - June 28 - July 2	June 7
American Legion - June 28 - July 2	June 7
Lippold Park - July 12 - 16	June 21
Good Templar - July 19 - 23	July 6*
Camp Big Timber - July 26 - 30	July 12

## Back for More Discounts

Back For More Discounts are available for multiple weeks of camps. When you register for a 2nd week of camp, you will receive 25% off the Early Bird Price. When you register for a 3rd and any additional weeks of camp, you will receive 35% off the Early

Bird Price. You will be subject to the additional charges for balances not paid before the Early Bird Discount ends on April 15th. Register for all camps early to get the biggest savings! You can send your children to camps all summer long!

## **ELKS Patrol (Early-Late KidS)**

Due to maintaining camp dens throughout the week to mitigate the spread of COVID we will not be offering the ELKS program this summer.

## **T-Shirt Orders**

Each youth camper receives a camp t-shirt with their registration. Campers will pick up their t-shirt at their first day of 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 keep your kids 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.

## **A Parent's Role In Camp**

Parents of 2nd through 5th graders do not need to attend Day Camp but are highly encouraged. Trained adult and youth staff are available at all of the Day Camps to work with campers to help them have fun and be safe.

## **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 may be Parent Meetings held in the spring and summer before camp sessions begin. Parents and leaders may attend one of these meetings to get information, ask questions, and turn in required health forms. Sometimes t-shirts may be available for pickup at these meetings for organized units with completed camper rosters. Dates and locations TBA and will be posted on the website at <https://threefirescouncil.org/day-camp/>.



# What to Expect

## 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!

Call campers and adults attending day camp will need to complete an online health assessment prior to arriving to camp on a daily basis.

## 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 no refunds for missed days of camp.

## 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.



## Adventure Sheets

You can download a list of the Cub Scout Adventures we complete from the website at <https://threefirescouncil.org/day-camp/>. Adventure sheets are a checklist of all of the activities we have held through the week that apply to Cub Scout Adventure achievements. It is up to the parents and leaders to decide on which Adventures your Cub Scout has achieved during camp. Adventure Sheets will be available online when the camp season begins.

# Camp Checklist

## What to Bring to Camp

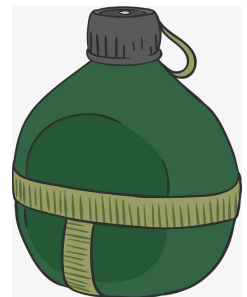
### Adults

- 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)
- Hand sanitizer
- Face mask (a new or clean one each day!)
- Wet wipes to clean hands
- Insect repellent (40% DEET recommended)
- Sunscreen
- Rain gear, hat
- Camp chair (if desired)
- An attitude of FUN! AND all that is listed below:



### Youth

- Health forms (part A & B) for all Campers
- Hand sanitizer
- Face mask (a new or clean one each day!)
- Lunch & snack daily
- Water bottle
- Insect repellent, hat, sunscreen, rain gear
- Day pack to carry items in
- 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.

***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.

## 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. No peanut products will be sold, but there may be products that have been prepared on machinery that has processed peanut or nut products. 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.

## Hat, Water Bottle and Bag Package

Our Camp Pack is back! You can once again purchase a Camp Pack for your Campers that includes a camper hat and water bottle that comes in a drawstring backpack. This is a great way to make sure your Camper has their water every day, is prepared for the weather, has their hat, and has a lightweight and convenient way to carry their items throughout the day. We strongly recommend parents to purchase this pack or be prepared to bring your own. Camp Packs can be ordered in the Online Trading Post.



## Patches

This year will have a themed patch for day camp. This is a change from previous years. Extra patched will be available for purchase.

## Health Information

A trained Health Officer will be on site at all times during camp. 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** person attending camp. This includes all adults and campers coming to camp. **Only Parts A and B** must be completed for Day Camp. The newest version of this form **MUST** be used. <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>

There will be some Parent Meetings held before camp begins, where you may turn in your forms. If the Camp Director does not have a copy of the form before camp, please provide one on the first day of camp at check in. This is a health and safety issue. 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 summer day camps.

## 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. Contact Tanya Carver with any questions.

## 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 Information

### 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.

## Lost Camper



In case of a lost camper, you will hear an emergency sound. At this point, everyone in camp should stop what they are doing, gather in a seated circle, and perform a name check on every person in the group, including adults. Once attendance is taken, campers can sing a song or play a game but we ask that they continue to stay seated until the Camp Director gives the all clear signal.

## 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, whether it is for rain or for 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 certain 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.



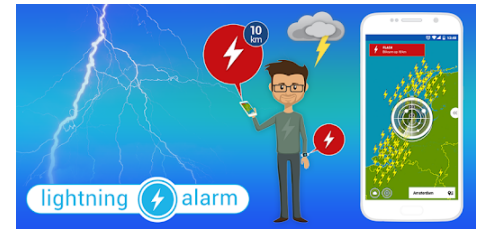
- ❖ **Thunderstorms and Lightning** - Camp does not usually close for rain and lightning. Staff track lightning within a 30 mile radius and will call all to shelter when lightning strikes within 10 miles of camp. Campers will be sheltered until the weather passes and we receive an all clear. Camp cannot 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.

- ❖ **Potentially 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

### Day Camp Schedule

*Times are subject to change*

#### **Monday – Friday (9:00 am – 3:45 pm)**

8:45am – 9:00am – Registration and Check-in (*Please do not arrive earlier than 8:30 am*)

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

**Day Camps are not responsible for children left unsupervised after 4:15 pm and parents may be charged a fee for tardiness.**

**Download the most updated Day Camp Schedules at**

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