CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

June 23-27, 2025

Camp Sol R. Crown

Unit Leader and Parent Guide to

INVENTION CONVENTION



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WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to Cub Scout Day Camp 2025!

The Northeast Illinois Council Day Camp is designed to be exciting and appealing to our youth, parents, and leaders. We strive to meet the needs of our campers and Packs attending camp and make sure camp is fun and safe for all participants and staff.

During our INVENTION CONVENTION Day Camp, we are focused on providing a fun, interesting summer camp experience. We will offer a variety of activities intended to complete a several Cub Scout Adventures, depending on weather and rank. Youth and adults can look forward to camp favorites such as range and target sports, STEAM activities, outdoor ethics, crafts, games and MUCH MORE!

We want every participant to remember their time at camp as a highlight of the summer.

The information in this guide will answer your questions and provide confidence in this tremendous program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Who to Contact

- For questions that this guide does not answer prior to day camp, contact one of the people above.
- For questions while camp is in session, contact Caroline Thacker.

BASIC INFORMATION

What is Cub Scout Day Camp?

NEIC's Day Camp is a 5-day summer camp for Cub Scouts and their Scout aged friends and siblings. Youth are grouped in dens by their rank. They rotate through a series of the Invention Convention theme-based activities to complete Cub Scout Adventures.

Who may attend?

Cub Scout Day Camp is open to scouts entering 1st-5th grade in the Fall of 2025 (Tiger-AOL ranks). Siblings and friends of the same age group are welcome to attend and participate with the Cub Scouts. This is a great way to introduce a friend to Cub Scouts.

Please note that all scouts, siblings, and friends entering the 1^{st} grade (Tiger) must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian while at camp.

2025 Fees

\$150 for Scouts, Siblings, and Friends Adults are FREE!

Day Camp Shirts are available for purchase on the registration page.

What is included?

Five days full of outdoor fun and advancement. Participating youth will receive a special INVENTION CONVENTION patch.

Is Financial Aid available?

Yes. We think every scout should have an opportunity to attend camp. If you are in need, please apply for a <u>Campership</u> at https://247scouting.com/forms/?OrgKey=BSA129&id=4296.

HOW TO REGISTER

Please register online at https://scoutingevent.com/129-2025CubDayCamp

Online payments are encouraged. You may pay in person at the Kasperson Center for Scouting, 850 Forest Edge Dr, Vernon Hills, IL 60061. Credit card payments are subject to a processing fee.

Two Methods of Registration:

- 1. Pack Based Registration: an adult from the Pack coordinates registration for your Pack, collects the needed information and payment before registering everyone under one contact person.
- 2. Individual Registration: register online at the calendar event above. Scouts will be grouped by rank and Pack whenever possible.

CAMP POLICIES

MEDICAL INFORMATION

The <u>Scouting America Annual Health & Medical Record Parts A&B</u> (select "All Scouting Events") is required for each youth and adult participants. Upon arrival at camp a paper copy of a current medical form including a copy of the front and back of the participant's health insurance card for each youth and adult must be given to the Camp Health Officer. If participant does not have health insurance, that can be indicated on the form.

Electronic copies of these documents will not be accepted according to Scouting America guidelines.

Packs are encouraged to collect and check the forms for accuracy prior to camp to help avoid delays at checkin.

MEDICATION POLICY

- Any medication brought to cap must be logged in by the Camp Health Officer.
- Medication must be in the original labeled container with clear dosage instructions.
- Allergy kits, epi pens, inhalers and other instant self-administered medications will remain in the camper's possession after it is logged by the Health Officer.
- If medication requires refrigeration, it will be left with the Health Officer.

SPECIAL NEEDS

All special medical conditions should be reported to the Camp Health Officer upon arrival in camp and noted on the registration form.

Some children have needs that may present extra challenges in an outdoor day camp setting. If any accommodations are needed for a youth with special needs, please contact Caroline Thacker so we may do our best to make the appropriate accommodations.

ADULT PARTICIPATION

All adults who plan to accompany youth at Day Camp must

- register for camp,
- we would love to have every one take Youth Protection Training (children are our most valuable asset)
- provide a medical form upon arrival.

Per BSA policy, all scouts, siblings, and friends entering 1st grade (Tiger) must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Pack leadership must provide supervision of scouts at a required ratio of 1:5 with a minimum of 2 adults present per Pack.

Adults attending Day Camp with their scouts/Pack are not spectators! They are expected to help all scouts in the "den" with the activities of the day. Leader enthusiasm is important to the success of the Day Camp Experience. When adults are unenthusiastic, the youth will be as well.

SERVICE ANIMALS

Camp allows service animals following the rules of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Animals whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA and are not allowed in camp.

No pets are allowed in camp during drop off or pick up or during program hours.

VISITORS

Unregistered visitors are not allowed at camp without the permission and approval of the site director. All visitors must provide a BSA Annual Health & Medical Record parts A & B to be allowed entrance into camp.

ADDITIONAL POLICIES

- The Scout Oath & Scout Law are the codes of conduct for behavior expected at camp.
- Youth Protection guidelines must always be followed by youth and adults. Please review Youth Protection guidelines before attending camp.
- Everyone -- campers, parents, and staff-- must sign in and out of camp each day. This will happen at the registration table or with your child's camp "den" each day.
- Campers who need to leave the camp site for any reason must be signed out by a parent or legal guardian or by an adult listed on the camper's medical form. We will verify IDs.
- Closed toe & closed heel shoes and socks must be always worn by all participants. No flip flops, sandals, or Crocs are allowed.
- Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, fireworks, or firearms are not permitted at camp.
- Our camps are NON-SMOKING facilities/events. Smoking & vaping will be limited to the area adjacent
 to the trash and recycling behind the Jadel Center. Violators who do not abide by this policy will be
 asked to leave the property.
- All vehicles must be parked in the Jadel Center Parking lot. Only authorized vehicles may enter program areas.
- All injuries at camp must be reported to the Camp Health Officer, Site Director, or Staff Advisor on site.
- Medical Form Lunch & snacks Daypack to hold & carry personal items Refillable water bottle Insect repellent Sunscreen & hat Rain gear Hand sanitizer or wet wipes to clean hands Sturdy close-toed shoes (no open toes, heels, sandals, or Crocs) And attitude of fun!
- Refer to the Scouting America's Guide to Safe Scouting for additional policies.

WHAT TO BRING

- Medical Form Lunch & snacks (youth and adult)
- Daypack to hold & carry personal items
- Refillable water bottle
- Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- Sunscreen & hat
- Rain gear
- Hand sanitizer or wet wipes to clean hands
- Sturdy close-toed, comfortable shoes (no open toes, heels, sandals, or Crocs) There is a lot of walking at Camp Crown.
- And attitude of fun!
- Please label all items with your camper's first & last name and Pack number.
- Adults may bring camp chairs to be used at lunch time. Chairs are not needed at program stations as
 all adults are expected to be engaged and helping scouts at all stations.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Do not bring any video games, toys, media players, computers, or valuables to camp. Leave collectibles at home.
- Campers should not bring cell phones, as all communication will be handled through the unit leaders and camp staff. Inappropriate possessions may be confiscated and returned to the camper's parent/legal guardian at check out.

WHAT TO WEAR

- Youth participants will be given a name tag and wrist band at check in.
- Adults will be given a name tag.
- Everyone is encouraged to wear a Pack t-shirt or other scouting related t-shirt.
- Wearing Field uniforms (Class A) is discouraged. Some projects are messy.
- Dress for the weather. We will not cancel due for light rain, other minor weather conditions.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

		Activity For Tigers		
8:30	9:00	Arrival and Check-		
9:00	9:10	Flags and Message		
		Archery		
		Rockets		
		Relay Games		
		Lunch		
		Stories in Shapes (Tigers)		
		Bird Houses		
		Champions For Nature (Nature Walk/Personal Safety)		

Sample Activity Sessions Include

Climbing Wall Archery BB Guns	Sling Shot Handicrafts Outdoor Ethics	Games STEAM	
Receipt			
Campers Name	Parent or Guardia	n	
I have reviewed the 2025 P	arent & Leader Guide.		
Signed		Date	