

Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation

Northeast Illinois Council, Scouting America

2026 MSR Summer Camp Dates, Fees, and Deadlines



Please Note: We have done our best to provide complete and accurate information in this pre-camp planning guide; the publishing date of the current version will be listed next to the download link on makajawan.com. Any notifications, changes, or updates we deem necessary will be made as quickly as possible and forwarded when necessary to MSR Camp Contacts and Unit Leaders as well as posted on our websites.

CAMP DATES

Week 1: June 21 – June 27

Week 3: July 5 – 11

Week 5: July 19 - 25

Week 2: June 28 – July 4*

Week 4: July 12 - 18

Week 6: July 26 -August 1*

***Week 2** – East Camp is for Cub Scout Family Adventure Camp only; West Camp is open for Summer Camp registrations.

***Week 6** – West Camp is for Cub Scout Family Adventure Camp **only**. East Camp is closed.

CAMP CLOSED – Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation is closed between Weeks 2 and 3 and Weeks 4 and 5 so the camp staff has time off. Any troops in camp during those weekends will need to supply their own (four) meals from Saturday lunch through Sunday lunch. All program and activity areas are closed.

NOTE: Cub Scout Family Adventure Camp (at MSR) information can be found on our website. Feel free to share this link with your Cub Scout Packs: <https://makajawan.com/camping/cub-scouts>.

FEES

Scout Fee (1 st Week Fee)	Provisional Scout Fee (1 st Week Fee)	Two-Week Scout Fee (2 nd Week Fee)	New Scouts (Crossover Cubs/AOL)
\$425 through May 1	\$425 through May 1	\$395 – through May 1*	\$425 through June 1**
\$495 May 2 or later	\$495 May 2 or later	No Late Fee	\$495 June 2 or later

ADULT TYPE	SUN PM	MON PM	TUES PM	WED PM	THU PM	FRI PM
Part-time	\$25	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35
Full-time	\$175 each. There are no longer adult discounts for the first two full-time adults.					

Adults can pay online with Parent Portal credentials. One person from the troop can pick up free leader mugs and patches for Full-time adults (scouts also get free patches) from the main camp office at the end of their camp week(s). Additional mugs or patches can be purchased at the main camp office (only) for \$5 each.

*Two-Week Scout Fee (2nd Week Fee): A discount is automatically applied to a Scout's 2nd Week registration. Scouts registered for a 2nd week **after May 1** will need their fees manually adjusted by Debi (to receive the discounted \$395 rate), so please email her the details.

** New Scout Fees will need to be manually adjusted by Debi if the Scout is registered online or paid-in-full between May 2 and June 1. Starting June 2, any New Scouts registered online or who still have a registration fee balance (does not include MB class fees) will be charged \$495.

DETAILS FOR FEE ADJUSTMENTS: Please email all details to Debi: Camp Name (East or West), Troop number, and Scout name or names, so she knows who needs their fees reduced.

FEE ADJUSTMENTS TO COMPLETED REGISTRATIONS ONLY: Fees **cannot be reduced** for partially registered Scouts. You must complete all steps of the checkout process, choosing the Mail-in/Pay Later option on the last page of it. Please **DO NOT** pay fees online when registering a Scout who needs their fees reduced manually (by Debi) first, or your troop may have to wait until the summer camp season is over to receive a refund.

DATES TO KNOW: Your Troop's Registration Contact completes one registration for each week you will be at camp, so please remind families they cannot complete their own.

- **Now through December 31, 2025** – Units complete their initial Registration, which is a Unit Commitment Registration that asks how many Scouts, Full-time Adults, and Part-time Adults will participate in summer camp.
 - Your unit will only be charged a \$100 Non-Refundable Unit Commitment Fee when you complete the registration, that can be used later for participant or campsite fees.
 - How to Complete a Unit Commitment Registration: <https://youtu.be/xxWpK4pHmZs>.
 - On January 1, your “numbers” turn into “spaces” on your registration that need to have participant information entered, so only list numbers that you are confident will attend.
 - Registration Contact “tab”: Enter the number of each participant “type” you **hope** will attend, along with your campsite preferences and additional email addresses for two more adults who want to receive MSR blast emails (optional but recommended).
- **Starting January 1, 2026** – Registrations now require Participant Information; please do not complete it until you have information for your **initial** registration. There will no longer be a Unit Commitment Fee for these newly completed registrations.
- **May 1, 2026 (11:59 PM)** – The Scout's early discount deadline ends, so make sure they are **paid in full** to remain at this rate.
- **May 31, 2026 (11:59 PM)** – Last date to complete a NEW registration.
- **2026 Spring** – The Merit Badge Class Schedule will be released. Instructions for sign-up will be provided at that time.

Who is the “Registration Contact”? Each Troop chooses someone to register everyone online for your week at camp.

- This is the only person who can access your registration to make changes to it and the system will only allow one troop registration per week, so make sure your families do not try to register themselves. This person can activate the Parent Portal for class selections and family online payments.
- This person will receive a confirmation email when they **complete** the initial registration that will include an “access” link back to it so changes and additions can be made. If the initial registration is not completed correctly, they will receive a reminder notification to finish it. When they make changes to it, if they do not receive a confirmation email, they either did not complete the checkout process, or the confirmation email is in a Spam Folder.

REGISTRATION CONTACT INFORMATION COLLECTED

- Registration Contact's First and Last Name, Primary Email, Phone (cell preferred)
- Unit Information: Council, Unit Type (Troop or Crew), Troop Type: Boy or Girl (Co-Ed is not yet an option online)
- Estimated Number of Participants (optional): # of Scouts, Full-time and Part-time Adults
- Site Preference #1 (#2 and #3 optional but highly recommended)

ROLLING DEADLINES TO MAKE CHANGES TO EXISTING REGISTRATIONS (thru 11:59 PM all dates):

To ADD Participants	To Change Registrant Type*	Merit Badge Class Selection
Week 1 – June 15	Week 1 – June 15	Week 1 – June 18
Week 2 – June 22 (WC only)	Week 2 – June 22 (WC only)	Week 2 – June 25 (WC only)
Week 3 – June 29	Week 3 – June 29	Week 3 – July 2
Week 4 – July 6	Week 4 – July 6	Week 4 – July 9
Week 5 – July 13	Week 5 – July 13	Week 5 – July 16
Week 6 – July 20 (WC only)	Week 6 – July 20 (WC only)	Week 6 – July 23 (WC only)

*Did you know your Registration Contact can use “Additional Actions” within your registration to change a Scout to an Adult, or vice versa? The dates listed are the last day your troop’s Registration Contact can do that.

**The Merit Badge Class Schedule will be added to the registration system next Spring (by April). You will then have until the dates listed above to add or update a Scout’s classes.

CO-ED TROOPS – Complete one Troop registration with the “Boy Troop” designation. Please ensure you have at least one full-time female adult leader registered with female Scouts.

PARENT PORTAL

- Starting January 1, the Parent Portal can be activated by your Registration Contact for families to manage payments and merit badge selections.
- Go to the camp’s website for more information: <https://makajawan.com/parent-portal>.

PARENT PORTAL HOW TO VIDEOS:

- Unit Leader Guide for the Parent Portal: <https://youtu.be/RBJmmnQuSo4>
- Parent’s Guide for the Parent Portal: <https://youtu.be/Xflql-R-VZE>

CAMPSITE PREFERENCES LISTED ON REGISTRATION

- You can list up to three campsite preferences on your Registration Contact tab.
- We will do our best to accommodate your first choice, though assignments may be based on participant numbers and the needs of other Units (e.g., accessibility, confirmed registration numbers vs. site capacities).
- Priority will be given to Units returning for a consecutive year in 2026, attending the same session and remaining in the same campsite.

CAMPSITE ASSIGNMENTS AND FEES

- Each Campsite has a \$100 fee (for each “side”: Left or Right, Upper or Lower, etc.).
- Your Unit's campsite will be confirmed and assigned within your online registration **by mid-May** based on the number of youth and adults you register (and pay for) by that date. Troops will receive an email from Debi with these details, which will also let them know the \$100 campsite fee was added to the “Registration Contact” section of your registration. **The \$100 payment is due with 7 days of notification.**
- If you paid the \$100 Unit Commitment Fee (by December 31), you can apply it toward the campsite fee if you haven't already used it to pay participant fees.
- Additional campsites can be added if needed, at a cost of \$100 each, but the system will not allow us to assign a second campsite until the first one has been filled (as per the number of people you have registered online).

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ALL SCOUTS (Including Out-of-Council Scouts):

- SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS: The Northeast Illinois Council's supportive Scouting community has created an endowment fund specifically to assist all registered Scouts (youth only, not adults) in attending our summer camp programs (for troops, crews or packs). Share this 2026 NEIC Camps Scholarship Application link with all of your families, since you may not know if any have financial needs: <https://247scouting.com/forms/?OrgKey=BSA129&id=5351>. Approved amounts are “week/event/scout specific”. Contact Debi with questions.
 - IMPORTANT: This form requires personal and confidential details that only families should provide, so please DO NOT complete it for others. Your Unit leaders should look at the form for informational purposes, though. All information families share is kept in the strictest confidence, and the approved amount will only be shared with those required to know, such your treasurer.
 - FEBRUARY 28 (11:59 PM): This is the **initial deadline** to complete the scholarship application, but we will reopen it if funds are still available. If the questions are there again, you can complete the Application. The new deadline will also be listed on the form. Contact the Camping and Program Assistant if you have any questions.

Scholarships are also available for the following Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan High Adventure Treks: Boundary Waters, Flambeau River, Ice Age Trail, Porcupine Mountains, WI Headwaters

COUNCIL CONTACTS:

- For online registration and payment questions, and scholarship application questions (process, status, etc.), contact Debi Geiger, Camping and Program Assistant, Debi.Geiger@scouting.org, 847-748-9161.
- For Program (class schedule) or campground/campsite-related questions, contact our Summer Camp Reservation Director, ReservationDirector@makajawan.com.