

2025

# CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP GUIDE

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# WELCOME

## PARENTS & LEADERS,

We are so excited for your interest in Cub Scout Day Camp this year! The 2025 theme is "Invention Convention!" We are looking forward to all the fun things that are planned for camp and all the amazing volunteers that help make this happen. Please take the time to read this guide and familiarize yourself with day camp and our policies.

While each day camp is unique, the policies and procedures in this book will remain similar for each camp. You will also receive camp specific instructions from your camp director prior to the start of camp.

Day Camps are run by a staff of volunteers who work hard all year round to provide an unforgettable experience for the campers!

## THANK YOU!

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# Locations, Dates, & Contact Info

**Pekin Area: June 16–20, Mineral Springs Park** 1701 Court St, Pekin, IL 61554 **Camp Director: Gary Towne,** [gtowne61554@yahoo.com](mailto:gtowne61554@yahoo.com) Program Director: Walter Beach

**Pontiac Area: June 2–6, Humiston Woods** 22001 N 1125 E Road, Pontiac, IL 61764 **Camp Director: Tina Hammer,** [tinahammer12@gmail.com](mailto:tinahammer12@gmail.com)

**Peoria Area: June 23–27, Tanners Orchard** 740 State Route 40, Speer, IL 61479 **Camp Directors: Paul Ernst,** [ernstsss@gmail.com](mailto:ernstsss@gmail.com) & Sally Saul

**Bloomington Area: June 9–13, Comlara Park** 13001 Recreation Area Dr, Hudson, IL 61748 **Camp Directors: Andrew Linden** [amlinden@gmail.com](mailto:amlinden@gmail.com), Teresa Kunkes & Elisa Thorson

**Peru Area: June 9–13, St. Bede Academy** 24 W US Highway West, Peru, IL 61354 **Camp Director: Emily Maltas,** [3mily9innell@gmail.com](mailto:3mily9innell@gmail.com)



## Camp Hours

**8:30am-4:00pm**

*On Day 1 of camp arrive 20- 30 min early and expect check-in to take 20-30 minutes. DROP*

**OFF:** 8:30 AM. Please stay with your child until they are checked in. **PICK UP:** 4:00 PM. Any adult picking up a Scout must show a valid ID. If someone other than a parent/guardian is picking up your child, you must mark them as a person authorized for pick up on the health form and on the online registration.

## Late Arrivals/ Early Departures

Communicate with the camp director if you will be arriving late, leaving early or absent. Check-in and out at the registration table. If you are leaving early, you must fill out an early release form and hand it to the camp director. (Available from camp director.) If a camper has not arrived within the 1st hour of camp and the camp director was not notified, a phone call will be made to the emergency contact person.

## Adult Supervision Requirements

Each pack must send 1 adult walker for every 8 Cub Scouts in attendance. It does not have to be the same adult each day. Some camps will separate the campers based on age, not pack. We will do everything we can to keep as many scouts from a pack together, but a walker may be asked to supervise campers who are not in their pack.

Please ensure your pack send the appropriate number of walkers. Walkers do not have to be BSA registered adults, but they need to register as a walker for camp, and each pack should approve Volunteering to be a walker is fun and rewarding! Please reach out to your camp director with any questions.

# Daily Packing List

- Camp T-shirt (worn daily) Sack
- Lunch, Drink & Snacks
- Backpack Filled Water Bottle
- Hat & non-aerosol sunscreen
- Non-aerosol Bug Spray
- Rain Poncho
- Closed toes shoes & extra socks
- Swim suit & towel if necessary
- Money for trading post
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- Leave at Home: knives, electronic devices, lighters, flip flops, and Crocs

## Lost & Found

Check your child's items each day. Lost and found will be at the registration area. After camp, lost and found goes to the Peoria Scout Service Center and kept for 1 month then donated. Council contact info is on pg. 3.

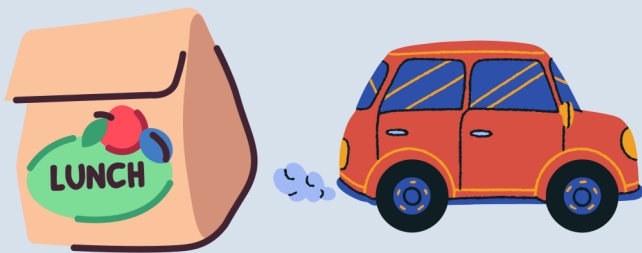


## Camp Behavior

Campers & volunteers are expected to respect themselves and others at all times while at camp. This includes personal property. If a camper's or volunteer's behavior jeopardizes the safety of themselves, others, or doesn't portray the proper Scouting values, they will be asked to stop. Adult Walkers are responsible for maintaining order within their group. In the case of major behavioral issues, parents will be contacted to immediately pick up their child. Physical discipline is NOT allowed at camp (even with your own child.) Campers or camp staff are not to be insulted, degraded, or demoralized through verbal discipline. If you have any concerns over the way your child is being treated at day camp, please contact the council office at 309-673-6136 ext. 140 immediately.

## Meal Time

Everyone will be responsible for bringing their own lunch and drink with them daily. There will be limited areas to store cold items, so pack non-perishable foods. Do not send anything that can spoil, such as mayonnaise or milk. Do not send glass bottles. Write your camper's name on their lunch and drink.



## Transportation

Parents/Guardians are responsible for transportation to and from camp. Youth cannot be transported by anyone under the age of 18. If you transport other youth besides your own Scout, you must follow the BSA Youth Protection Policies. Full policies can be found here: [Link](#)

## Non-Camper Siblings

Siblings who are older, younger, or not registered campers are not permitted to participate in day camp activities and should not come to camp unless to visit with a parent/ guardian. Scouts BSA youth may volunteer if approved by Camp Director.

## Inclement Weather/ Cancellations

Do NOT assume Day Camp will be cancelled due to rain. Bring your rain gear and continue as scheduled. The Camp Director will move camp into sheltered areas or cancel camp if weather conditions become unsafe. In the unlikely event that this happens, emergency procedures have been put into place, and you will be notified via email and text messages to come and pick up your camper. Camp will not be refunded based on weather cancellations. We will do our best to reschedule activities if possible.



# Health Forms

Every camper & adult volunteer must have a completed BSA Health and Medical Record on file at camp. It is extremely important that all medical and contact information is up to date, clear, & accurate on your health form. This form can be found at the end of this packet and at this [LINK](#). You do NOT need a physical to attend camp. A parent/guardian can fill out the health form. For day camp, you just need to fill out parts A & B.



## Camp Uniform

- Camp t-shirt (for safety & easy recognition)
- Close toed shoes & socks (no crocs)
- Loose fitting pants/shorts
- Sunscreen & bug spray

## Medication (Adult & Youth)

Only medication listed on your medical form may be allowed at camp. Parents are encouraged to dispense any medication to their own child. If you are unable to do this, you must sign the health form allowing the health officer to dispense medication. All medications (including over the counter medicine) must be locked up while at camp. The only exceptions to this is campers or adults with severe allergies or other life-threatening conditions. In this case, participants may carry their medication on them. For examples, campers with severe allergies that require an Epi-Pen may carry it in their backpack. All instances of this MUST be noted on the medical form and made aware to the health officer.



# Youth Protection Policies

BSA Youth Protection Mission Statement: True youth protection can be achieved only through the focused commitment of everyone in Scouting. It is the mission of Youth Protection volunteers and professionals to work within the Boy Scouts of America to maintain a culture of Youth Protection awareness and safety at the national, territory, area, council, district, and unit levels.

Youth Protection Information: <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>

Scoutings Barriers to Abuse: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/#a>

## Registration Requirements



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All full time camp staff are registered members of the BSA. Registration includes:

- Completion of application including criminal background check and mandatory Youth Protection training
- Volunteer Screening Database check

## Responsibility



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Leaders must ensure that all participating in Scouting activities abide by the Scout Oath and 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 Supervision



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Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including all meetings. There must be a registered female leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth or female adult program participants.

## Restrooms



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Separate shower and latrine facilities should be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth. If separate facilities are not available, separate times should be scheduled and posted.

## No 1:1 Contact & Buddy System



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One-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited both inside and outside Scouting.

The buddy system should be used at all times. Buddies should be the same gender and within 2 years of age.

## Scouts First Helpline



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As part of its "Scouts First" approach to the protection and safety of youth, the BSA has established a dedicated 24-hour helpline to receive reports of known or suspected abuse or behavior that might put a youth at risk. 1-844-SCOUTS1 (1-844-726-8871)

## Discipline



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Discipline must reflect Scouting's values. Corporal punishment is never permitted. Disciplinary activities involving isolation, humiliation, or ridicule are also prohibited.

## FAQs



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Frequently asked questions can be found in [this FAQ](#).

# Activities & Adventures

Each camp will differ slightly in their schedule and activities. However, all camps will offer the following:



- Games

- Wood Project

- BB Guns

- Archery

- STEM

- Scout Skills

- Arts & Crafts

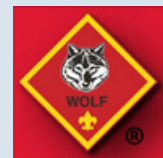
- Leather Work

- Trading Post

## Rank Adventures



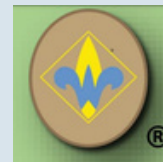
**1st Grader/ Tigers:** BB Gun Tiger, Archery Tiger, Day Camp Patch



**2nd Grade/ Wolf:** BB Gun Wolf, Archery Wolf, Day Camp Patch



**3rd Grade/ Bear:** BB Gun Bear, Archery Bear, Day Camp Patch



**4th Grade/ Webelos:** BB Gun Webelos, Archery Webelos, Day Camp Patch



**5th Grade/ Arrow of Light (AOL):** BB Gun AOL, Archery AOL, Day Camp Patch

Campers' Cub Scout Packs are responsible for awarding them adventure loops. You will receive a list of completed requirements to turn into your Cubmaster.

