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Encampment
October 27-29, 2023
Unit Leaders' Guide

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Welcome to the 2023 Air Show Encampment!

Dear Encampment Participants,

Thank you for volunteering for the Crossroads Air Show! We welcome you to Camp Belzer, the front door to Scouting in central Indiana for more than 100 years and the home to the Air Show Encampment. The safety of our Scouts and volunteers is our highest priority, so please review this guide carefully with your unit. We expect more than 1,000 volunteers at Camp Belzer over the weekend of October 27-29, and we have exciting plans to make the experience memorable. We deeply appreciate your help, as we could not host the Air Show without you!

As volunteers, you will have special access to the Air Show, including transportation to and from the airfield and meals with your unit. We have also arranged an exclusive opportunity just for our volunteers to meet pilots and crew from the famous U.S. Navy Blue Angels! Your time at Camp Belzer will go quickly, but we anticipate a safe, fun, and exciting experience.

Please register your unit right away using the links in this guide, and include your preferences for volunteer assignments in your registration. BSA's Youth Protection requirements and medical safeguards will apply to everyone admitted to Camp Belzer, so please complete all paperwork ahead of time. If you have any questions after reviewing this guide, please contact Aaron Vikemyr, our Crossroads Air Show Encampment Staff Advisor.

Thank you again for making the Crossroads Air Show a huge success! Enjoy the show!
Yours in Scouting,

David Certo
Encampment Chairman



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General Information

Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews, and Explorer Posts are invited to camp as a unit and volunteers for the Crossroads Air Show, one of the biggest events in Indianapolis in 2023!

Encampment Check-in: **Friday, October 27, 2023**
2:00 PM-8:00 PM
Camp Belzer
6102 Boy Scout Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46226

*Please limit the number of vehicles used to transport Scouts and Equipment to the Encampment site due to the number of participants we anticipate . Large vehicles will be asked to park off site **NO TROOP TRAILERS WILL BE ALLOWED**. Your cooperation and that of your Scouts, their parents, and fellow leaders is appreciated.

Registration & Payment

- Encampment registration is FREE! Scouts participating in the encampment for the airshow will be asked to provide service both Saturday and Sunday at the airshow.
- Registration for the encampment must be completed online at crossroadsbsa.org/crossroads-air-show/encampment/.
- Encampment registration must be done on a unit (group) basis only, so only the leader from each unit should be responsible for registering for this event.
- Registrations are first-come, first-served. Space is limited, so register early!
- No Registrations will be accepted after Sept. 29 — no exceptions!
- Registration is open only to Scouts BSA, Venturers, Explorers and leaders.
- Encampment will have a Trading Post.

What does the registration include?

- All meals—Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast/lunch/dinner, and Sunday breakfast and lunch (Sunday dinner provided for tear-down volunteers)
- Admission to the Air Show for both days
- Evening programs
- An Apparel Item
- A special memorabilia item
- Bus transport between Encampment and Air Show



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Leadership Requirements

(Effective September 1, 2023) 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 adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth or female adult program participants. Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided.

All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered in an adult fee required position as listed or as an adult program participant..

What to Bring and what to put in your Day Pack

Encamping Pack	Day Pack	Do Not Bring
<input type="checkbox"/> Scout uniform <input type="checkbox"/> Two changes of clothing <input type="checkbox"/> Sweatshirt or sweater <input type="checkbox"/> Tent (two people per tent -9'x9' 6" suggested) <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag and pad <input type="checkbox"/> Other toiletries <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent (non-aerosol)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen <input type="checkbox"/> Hat <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush and toothpaste <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight <input type="checkbox"/> Spending money <input type="checkbox"/> Raincoat or poncho <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle	<input type="checkbox"/> Knives <input type="checkbox"/> Pets <input type="checkbox"/> Any Electronics <input type="checkbox"/> Squirt guns <input type="checkbox"/> Un-Scout-like literature <input type="checkbox"/> Alcoholic beverages <input type="checkbox"/> Illegal drugs <input type="checkbox"/> Fireworks <input type="checkbox"/> Generators <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">PACK LIKE YOU ARE GOING TO THE AIRPORT</p>

Unit Leaders: We recommend at least one person in your unit brings your unit flag (if you have one).
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What to Expect at the Encampment Site

Aside from some evening program and sleeping, most participants will spend very little time at the Encampment site. Most of Saturday and Sunday will be spent at the Air Show. Water, trash, and toilet/washstand facilities will be provided at the Encampment site. Tent sites will be assigned, and participants must setup their tents close together. **Please understand that this is not like your week at summer camp or a weekend at a camporee. NO OPEN FLAMES or CAMPSITE CAMPFIRES** Volunteers will be available at the site to answer any questions or respond to needs you may have.

YOU ARE GOING TO THE AIRPORT - PACK LIKE YOU ARE GOING THROUGH AIRPORT SECURITY!



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Check-in and Check-out

CHECK-IN: 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, October 27, 2023

All vehicles, equipment and people will check-in at the Camp Belzer Encampment 6102 Boy Scout Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46226. Enter from Boy Scout Road and follow the staff direction

Upon arrival, each unit's contact should come directly to the registration tent at the parking area to register. Turn-in two copies of the Encampment Roster and Contact Form and have a completed and two signed medical form (Parts A & B) for every participant. Please arrive as a group to ensure smooth registration. Individual and late arrivals are not recommended and will require additional time to process. Credentials, t-shirts, and last minute information will be distributed at this location.

No Scouts or leaders will be allowed to stay at the Encampment site without the unit's paperwork being in order. It is recommended that each unit mark their belongings with a unique ribbon, color or tag and that all belongings are labeled with at least the participant's name and unit number.

Upon arrival at the Encampment site, the unit will be guided to a staging area for their camp area by a Commissioner to set-up. Each unit will get a 10' x 10' square per two Scouts for one tent. As this is a Jamboree-style event, space will be assigned by the Commissioners on a first come, first served basis. Please follow the direction of the Commissioners.

Dinner on Friday night will begin at 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM and will be available for later arriving units. All meals will be served in the Belzer Training Center. Taps is at 10:00PM.

CHECK-OUT: 8:00 PM on Sunday, October 29, 2023

All units are required to work the Sunday Air Show. Units are encourage to break camp and pack personal gear Sunday morning before buses transport scouts to the Sunday Air Show. Buses will return from the Air Show at approximately 8:00 PM. A Scout is clean - we do ask all units follow this tenant of the Scout Law as they pack their gear.



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Rules & Regulations

- The Scout Oath and Law serve as the guide for behavior for all Encampment participants.
- Unit Leaders are responsible to have a BSA Annual Health and Medical Record with Parts A and B completed with the proper signatures for all youth and adults participating in the Encampment. Leaders will be responsible for transporting the health forms to the Air Show and back to the Encampment.
- Please leave Camp Belzer better than you found it.
- Please observe proper Scout behavior and reasonable noise levels at all times as the Encampment borders private property.
- Leaders are responsible for their Scouts at all times. Please utilize the buddy system and *BSA Guide to Safe Scouting*.
- All Scouts and leaders must stay within the marked boundaries of the Encampment site unless transported out by Encampment Staff
- Leaving camp without authorization could mean expulsion from the Encampment.
- No vehicles, bicycles or skateboards may be brought to the Encampment site.
- Be mindful of your neighbors at the Encampment.
- Be safety conscious at all times. Due to congestion, running, horseplay, and ballgames are prohibited from the tenting areas unless a part of the program.
- Any destruction of property and camp facilities could mean expulsion from the Encampment.
- No tree climbing, climbing on buildings or other structures is permitted.
- **No fires or stoves of any kind are permitted in the unit camping areas..**
- Use trash bags for all trash and take to main tent for removal. Do not use dumpsters unless instructed by staff. Recycling will have clearly marked bins.
- Do not dig holes or trench tents in anyway. Camp Belzer will be used the day after we leave.
- All participants with injuries or sickness need to be brought to the First Aid lodge.
- Illegally parked and stopped vehicles may be ticketed and towed.
- **No parking of trailers is permitted at Camp Belzer for the Encampment.**
- Illegal drugs and alcohol are prohibited at the Encampment.
- Pets are not allowed.
- A Unit Leader Orientation will be held as part of the September 11th, 2023 Air Show Meeting at Camp Belzer to go over emergency evacuation plans, parking, and campsite locations.



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Medical Form Requirements

- Upon arriving at Encampment parking area, unit leader will proceed to the registration tent with medical forms.
- All participants (Scouts and leaders) must have two BSA Annual Health and Medical Record with Parts A and B completed with the proper signatures. Copies are OK. Leaders must transport a set of the health forms for all participants throughout the encampment and Air Show. One copy will be kept at the Encampment.
- Forms must be presented at registration to receive credentials and wristband for transport to Air Show.
- Unsigned, improperly filled-out or incomplete forms will disqualify volunteers from receiving credentials and boarding transportation.
- Meeting these requirements is the unit's responsibility and not that of the Encampment and staff.

Volunteer Duties

As a part of the Encampment, all units are asked to provide volunteers during part of the Air Show.

- Particular jobs and times will be assigned prior to the Air Show. Every effort will be made to email unit Encampment contacts with their volunteer duties and times prior to arrival.
- The Air Show itself is the same Saturday as it is Sunday, so your group will not miss the Air Show if working one day.
- Units are encouraged to stay Sunday to help break down until 8:00PM. Dinner will be served at the Air Show!

Resources

Encampment information, updates, and registration:
crossroadsbsa.org/crossroads-air-show/encampment/

Crossroads Air Show information:
crossroadsbsa.org/activitiesandevents/crossroads-air-show/

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Schedule

FRIDAY, OCT. 27

2:00 PM—8:00 PM Registration at Camp Belzer Encampment

6:00 PM—9:00 PM Dinner at Encampment!

8:00 PM Evening Program for Scouts

9:15 PM Cracker Barrel for Adult Leaders

10:00 PM Taps & Lights Out

SATURDAY, OCT. 28

5:10 AM Reveille

6:00 AM Breakfast at Belzer - AM workers first.

6:00 AM—8:00 AM Transport to Air Show AM workers first.

8:00 AM Gates Open at Air Show

11:00 AM & 12:30 PM Lunch at Air Show—two shifts (HQ Food Tent)

4:30 PM Air Show Ends

4:30—6:00 PM Air Show Clean-up (all units) FOD, Trash, Tables & Chairs

5:30 PM—7:30 PM Return to Encampment by Bus

6:45 PM—7:30 PM Dinner at Belzer

7:45 PM Non-Denominational Religious Service (Stage)

8:15 PM Encampment Show (Stage)

9:45 PM Cracker Barrel for Adult Leaders

10:00 PM Taps & Lights Out

SUNDAY, OCT. 29

5:10 AM Reveille

6:00 AM—6:30 AM Breakfast at Belzer - AM workers first.

6:00 AM—8:00 AM Transport to Encampment Parking with All Equipment

8:00 AM Gates Open at Air Show

11:00 AM & 12:30PM Lunch at Air Show—two shifts (HQ Food Tent)

4:30 PM—8:00PM Air Show Tear-Down (for all groups available)

5:30 PM—7:30 PM Dinner at Air Show (HQ Food Tent)

6:45 PM—7:30 PM Return to Encampment by Bus

8:00 PM Depart Belzer Encampment