

2024 Wabash Valley Great Outdoor Adventure Day Camp Parent & Leader Handbook



Thank you to Chris Brannan for designing our patch!

Cub Families and Packs,

We are very excited to bring Day Camp back! We will be at Cary Camp just a few minutes east of Lafayette. Our goal is to make the day camp experience fun and family friendly. Cub Scouts of all abilities are welcome! We want every Cub to attend Day Camp, and we are happy to work with each child. Please take a few moments to read this handbook. It contains a lot of important information. Once you have read it, please do not hesitate to reach out to ask questions. The Day Camp Committee is here to help.

We are offering a number of options and opportunities for families to be involved, but not stressed.

1. You do not have to pack a single lunch! Lunch will be provided every day. Be sure to list any dietary restrictions or food allergies when you register.
2. Wednesday Family Night
3. Before & After Care
4. Meals on the Go
5. Tot Lot

Finally, as you may know Day Camp is volunteer run. From the Day Camp Director to the Kitchen Staff, we are all volunteers. We are grateful to be able to serve our Cub Scouts and appreciate your trust in us. But, we cannot do it alone. We are asking each family to consider how they might be able to help. Whether you can help one day at camp, two hours during the week, help prep craft packets before camp, or help clean up camp, we have a role for you. We are doing our best to make helping easy.

First , there is no fee for volunteers and we provide lunch to all of our volunteers. We have made volunteering around your schedule easier than

ever. Please check out our [Sign-Up Genius](#) to see where you can help. We also welcome grandparents, other adult family members, and community members to spend time with us at camp.

Some key areas of need are:

1. Nurse, EMT, Paramedic, or Doctor to serve as Health Officer. Sign up for a half day or multiple days.
2. Adults to walk with and be in charge of a den (about 10 scouts). Don't fret! All of the programming is taken care of and older Scouts will be assigned to help in the den. Again sign up for one day or several.
3. We are looking for volunteers who have a passion or skill in woodworking, skits and songs, and fire building and outdoor cooking to volunteer for a few hours during the week.
4. Before Day Camp, volunteers put together individual craft baggies from provided supplies and directions.

For volunteers with children who are not old enough to attend Day Camp, we are offering a Tot Lot. There is no cost to use the Tot Lot. Two BSA YPT trained adults will be with your little ones entertaining them with age appropriate activities. Please read the handbook for more information.

For more information on volunteering, please see our [Staff & Volunteer Handbook](#). It contains a lot of information that will help make volunteering easy.

We are truly honored and excited to have your child at Day Camp! We look forward to getting to know each Cub and making their experience one that creates memories that last forever! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions! We are happy to help.

Sincerely,
The 2024 Day Camp Committee

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Who Can Attend Day Camp?

Any Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelo, or Arrow of Light may attend the Great Outdoor Adventure. Please remember that for day camp, your child will be considered the rank they will be in the fall. For example, if your child was a Lion during the 2023-2024 school year, they will be a Tiger at camp.

Tigers will need an adult to be with them. Typically it is a parent. However, we understand that for some families, being at day camp every day may be a struggle. So, 2 to 3 Tigers may be accompanied by the same adult so long as parents are in agreement. For example Susie's mom might be the adult for her, Billy, and Emma on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. And Billy's dad may be the adult for the three on Tuesday and Thursday. In June, the Day Camp Committee will be in contact with each Tiger family to ensure we are all on the same page regarding the adult in charge of each Tiger.

Scouts of All Abilities Welcome!

Cub Scouts of all abilities are welcome! We want every Cub Scout to attend. We are happy to accommodate Cub Scouts that may face particular challenges. Members of our Day Camp staff have experience working with children who face emotional, physical, medical, and learning challenges. We will also have a medical professional at camp every day. Please contact Day Camp Director, Melissa Young-Spillers to share how we can help your Cub attend camp.

Melissa Young-Spillers
scoutmomma6@gmail.com or (765) 337-7353

How Can I Register My Child?

Families can register on their own or with their pack. Registration is easy. Click the [link](#) and follow the instructions. Included in Day Camp registration is the option to register for Before and After Care and Meals on the Go. Those who earned free camp through popcorn sales, please call Emily for help with your

registration. Please remember that you may only use your popcorn credit for Day Camp or Cub Adventure Camp, not both.

If you have any issues registering, please contact Emily Wheeler at the Sagamore Council Office

Emily Wheeler

emily.wheeler@scouting.org or 765-452-8253

How Much Does Day Camp Cost and What Does it Include?

Day Camp is \$200 per Cub Scout and includes all activities, lunch daily, and dinner for the entire family for Family Night. All campers will receive a Great Outdoor Adventure day camp t-shirt.

There is no charge for adult volunteers to attend Day Camp. Lunch will be provided for them as well.

Before and After Care is available for families who need it for an additional \$100 for the week. Before Care begins at 7:30 am and after care goes until 6 pm.

Families are also offered the opportunity to take a prepared dinner home every day. All families have to do is collect their meal at check-out daily and warm it at home. Those who sign up for Meals on the Go and attend Family Night will still take a meal home on Wednesday. You can save it for the weekend or freeze it for another night. For \$100 for the week, your family will receive wholesome yummy dinners without you having to cook or grocery shop.

Behavior Expectations

All Cub Scouts are expected to behave in a manner befitting the Scout Oath and Law. Please take a few minutes each day to review the oath and law with your Cub.

What Does My Cub Scout Need to Bring to Camp?

**** LABEL EVERYTHING YOUR CHILD BRINGS ****

1. [Health Form Parts A&B](#). This must be completely filled out.
2. A copy of your child's insurance card.
3. [Signed Permission Slip](#)
4. Bears, Webelos, and AOLs will need a pocket knife to be left at camp for the week. Pocket knives can be ordered through our online training store. See page
5. A camp chair to leave for the week.
6. Each child needs to bring daily:
 - a. Backpack with water bottle holder
 - b. Water Bottle
 - c. Non-aerosol Sunscreen
 - d. Non-aerosol Bug spray
 - e. Whistle
 - f. All children should come wearing their swim suit underneath their outfit. They will be swimming in the morning and changing back into their regular clothes. It is recommended to send a plastic bag to put wet items in.
 - g. Towel
 - h. Any medication that needs to be taken at camp placed in a sealed baggie. Please include a card with the child's name and the list of the medications in the baggie and when it is to be administered.
 - i. Change of clothes

What Does My Cub Scout Need to Wear to Camp?

All children should come to camp wearing their swim suit underneath their outfit. We will be playing, getting messy, and having loads of fun! Please do not send your child in clothes that you are not willing to be dirty. Cub Scout activity t-shirts are encouraged, but not required.

Check-In & Check-Out -- Early Check-IN

Camp will start promptly at 9:00 am Check-In begins at 8:30 am. Please follow the signs from the parking lot to the Lodge. **A parent or guardian must sign their child in and out daily.** Check-Out is at the flagpole in front of the lodge. **You must sign your child out with their camp den.** Meals on the Go can be picked up in the Lodge. If you are running late, please text or call the Camp Director at 765.337.7353. She or another staff member will meet you at the lodge to get your child signed in.

Before and After Care & Meals on the Go

We understand that families are trying to balance work, family, and other activities. We have a few opportunities to help ease some stress. First, for an additional fee of \$100, we are offering before and after care for those who need it. Breakfast and an afternoon snack are included in the additional fee. Before Care begins at 7:30 am and After Care ends at 6:00 pm. Both Before & After Care are included in the \$100 fee. You can select this option when you register for camp. If you have already registered for camp, please call the Sagamore Council office and they can assist you. They may be reached at 800-844-0537.

During busy times we know that family dinner is sometimes hard to accomplish. Let us cook dinner for you the week of day camp. Each day at pick up, come to the lodge and pick up dinner. All you need to do is warm it in the oven. For \$100, take home five wholesome and tasty dinners. Gluten free and/or dairy free families can be accommodated. Those who select Meals on the Go and attend Family will still receive a dinner on Wednesday to put in the freezer for another time.

Like Before & After Care, you can select this option when you register for camp. If you have already registered for camp, please call the Sagamore Council office and they can assist you. They may be reached at 800-844-0537.

What Will My Child Be Doing at Day Camp?

There will be no chance for boredom at Day Camp! We have a wonderful program that is sure to be a hit with your Cub. All activities will be age appropriate and most of all FUN!

Aquatics

On Monday, Cubs will take a swimming test to determine their skill level. This is not meant to be stressful. It is a required safety measure to aid us in ensuring the kids have fun and are safe. For more about the swim test visit this [link](#). The rest of the week, everyday Cubs will receive a half an hour of swimming lessons and a half an hour of free swim.

Shooting Sports

Every day Cub Scouts will receive a half hour of education on shooting sports safety instruction, and a half hour of time on the range. We will be offering archery, bb guns, and slingshots.

Outdoor Ethics & Leave No Trace

Throughout the week we will be working with the Cubs on learning and practicing Outdoor Ethics and the Leave No Trace Principles.

Daily Themes

Each day we will have two themes. One pertaining to part of the oath or law, and the other around a fun activity. Some of our activity themes include Fishing (with life guards present), Mega Slip & Slide, Rain gutter Regatta, Games, and more.

Songs & Skits

No day camp would be complete without silly songs and funny skits. The Great Outdoor Adventure is no exception. Cub Scouts will practice songs and skits to be performed at our Family Night.

Recognition Beads

On Monday, each Cub Scout will make a Scout Law Bead craft. Each day, Cubs will have the opportunity to earn additional beads for demonstrating the oath or law theme of the day, showing leadership, or being an extraordinary friend to others.

Advancement

Working on skills for rank advancement is part of the fun of the Great Outdoor Adventure. Your Cub will gain confidence in their skills and knowledge. While we will work to and hope to achieve the rank requirements listed below, please know that it is not guaranteed and are subject to change. Scouts may need more time to work on a skill or need a break, and that is okay.

These requirements reflect the current Cub Scout rank requirements, but will be updated with the new Cub Scout rank requirements that start in June. By July 16th each pack will receive a list of all of the advancement requirements that your Cub Scout completed.

What Can Your Tiger Expect to Earn?

Tigers in the Wild 1, 2, 3, & 4
My Tiger Jungle 1, 2, 3, & 5
Floats & Boats

What Can Your Wolf Expect to Earn?

Call of the Wild 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6
Council Fire 1-3
Paws on the Path 1-7
Spirit of the Water

What Can Your Bear Expect to Earn?

Baloo the Builder
Whittling Chip
Bear Necessities
Paws for Action 4a
Fur, Feathers, and Ferns 1

What Can Your Webelo Expect to Earn?

Cast Iron Chef
Webelos Walkabout
Into the Woods or Into the Wild

Aquanaut
Work on Castaway

What Can Your AOL Expect to Earn?

Scouting Adventure 1, 5, & 6
Into the Woods or Into the Wild
Aquanaut
Castaway

Tot Lot

No adult should have to pay for child care to volunteer. Siblings too young to participate in day camp are welcome to join our Tot Lot. Run by two registered BSA adults, your children will have a great day with their own activities. Lunch is provided for the child free of charge. A nap will be offered to those who need to nap. Volunteers can register for the Tot Lot [here](#). Please complete a separate registration for each child.

Volunteers utilizing the Tot Lot will need to provide the following for their child:

1. Diapers
2. Wipes
3. Sippy or straw cup, if needed
4. Formula or breast milk with bottles
5. Change of clothes
6. Comfort item: blanket or snuggle animal
7. BSA Health Form Parts A&B

Please make sure everything is labeled.

Family Night

Bring the entire family and come join us Wednesday night at 6 pm for Family Night. Dinner will be provided. You will have the opportunity to meet the Day Camp Staff, enjoy skits and songs at our Campfire Program, and most importantly have fun with your family! Webelos, and Arrows of Light are welcome to stay after the close of Day Camp until the start of Family Night to continue to work on

projects. Families are welcome to check their children out from camp at 4pm and walk around camp and explore the hiking trails until dinner.

At check-in on Tuesday, we will ask if your family is joining us on Wednesday, about any food allergies, and how many family members will attend. If you have a Bear, Webelo, or AOL we will also need to know if they will be staying with us Wednesday from 4pm to 6pm to continue work on adventures.

Day Camp Trading Post - [Order online](#) and pay by June 1st.

The Day Camp Trading Post offers different items than the Cary Camp Trading Post. You can only get the items listed below by ordering through Day Camp. Items will be given to families at the Family Meeting on Sunday, June 16th or at check-in on Monday, June 17th. Payment may be mailed to the Sagamore Council office P.O. Box 865 Kokomo · IN 46903-0865 or over the phone at 800-844-0537.

Items available:

Day Camp Aluminum Water Bottle with Carabeener (Laser engraved) \$8
Day Camp 5 in 1 Pocket Knife with Tools with Carabeener (Laser imprinted) \$8
Survival Whistle \$3
Orienteering Compass \$5
Paracord Survival Bracelet with Whistle and Magnesium Fire Start –
Recommended for Bears and above \$8
Den Photo Each camper will receive one free of charge.
Pack Photo \$2 – Sent home on Friday.
Family Night Photo \$2 – Sent home on Friday.

The Cary Camp Trading Post will be open on Family Night from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm. This would be a great time to purchase uniforms and handbooks.

Questions?

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!
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