

Camp Buffalo 2021
Scouts BSA Summer Camp
Choose Your Adventure

Leaders' Guide

Edited 3/19/2021

Gooooo Morning Campers!

Camp Buffalo is glad to be back in action. We are offering the high-quality programming you have come to expect from Camp Buffalo with some new twists and a focus on Scout-Led customization of the summer camp experience.

Camp Buffalo has an outstanding Shooting Sports Complex, and we staff the ranges with at least two instructors and super-sized time blocks where sensible to ensure excellent instruction. For Aquatics we take advantage of our pool, Liberty Lake, and the Tippecanoe River to offer many options.

You will find lots of new elements this year, but the biggest change is Troop Choice. Each day Troops (or Patrols) will get to choose from a list of Troop Choice Activities to make their summer camp experience that they want it to be. Sorry, there are no Zoom or Virtual options in Troop Choice.

COVID, yeah, I had to bring it up some time. Sagamore Council has run several large events with no significant issues. We plan to stay the course and keep things safe and keep things fun. Rules will be finalized closer to camp as the health department continues to update their guidance, but safety will be our focus. We anticipate robust safety measures and will require Scouts, Leaders, and Staff to follow them. In general, if you are looking for a camp with masks “recommended”, “preferred”, or “not at all”, Camp Buffalo is not the camp for you this year.

In case you have not heard, our friend Billy Rood got his dream job at another BSA camp. (A camp where the fish aren't on to Billy's tricks.) I was fortunate enough to get selected to be the Camp Director. I'm not Billy, but I benefit by getting to jump off from the platform he helped build. Let's fly!

Yours in Scouting,

Loren Randall
Camp Director

Loren.Randall@Scouting.org

765-427-2582

Table of Contents

Guiding Principles	3
Administrative Information	4
2021 Summer Camp Dates	4
Campsite Reservation	4
Campsites	5
Damaged Equipment.....	5
Camp Fees	6
Sagamore Council Summer Camp Rules	7
Camping Equipment.....	8
Arrival at Camp.....	10
Provisional Camping.....	11
Medical Forms.....	12
COVID PRotocols	13
Troop/Patrol Information.....	14
Dining Hall and Outpost Procedures.....	16
Parents and Visitors.....	17
Contacting Scouts at Camp Buffalo.....	18
Advancement and Merit Badges.....	19
Special Activities	20
Troop Choice Activities	21
Hours of Facility Operation	23
Shower Facilities	24
Departure from Camp.....	26
Leader Information.....	27
Black Pug Registration System.....	27

Guiding Principles

BSA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best
to do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
to help other people at all times;
to keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

SCOUT LAW

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

CAMP BUFFALO MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Camp Buffalo Summer Camp is to provide a safe, quality, fun-filled program for both new and returning Scouts, while continuing the tradition that is the Spirit of Camp Buffalo and the Boy Scouts of America.

Administrative Information

Sagamore Council, BSA
P.O. Box 865
Kokomo, IN 46903-0865
(765) 452-8253 or 1-800-844-0537
www.sagamorebsa.org

Camp Buffalo
9400 N. Boy Scout Road
Monticello, IN 47960
(574) 278-7114 (Emergency Only)
<http://www.campbuffalo.com>

Summer Camp & Merit Badge Registration:
<https://scoutingevent.com/162-2021Buffalo>

Camp Ranger:
Camp Director: Loren Randall
Program Director:

Health Officer:
Commissioner:
Business Manager:

2021 Summer Camp Dates

All summer camp sessions begin on Sunday afternoon at 1:00 PM and end on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. The session dates are:

Week 1: June 13 – June 19
Week 2: June 20 – June 26
Week 3: June 27 – July 3
Week 4: July 4 – July 10

Campsite Reservation

Make your Troop's reservation on Black Pug which will require a \$100.00 campsite deposit at that time. This deposit reduces your final payment by \$100.00. i.e., It's just a deposit, you get your money back.

Campsites

Camp Buffalo currently has 17 campsites. These sites are situated throughout camp from the high banks of the Tippecanoe River to near our own Liberty Lake. Many returning troops have campsites that are like second homes to them. We are sure your troop will find a place that it will love and be able to call home itself! Our campsites include:

- Acorn (S)
- Chipmunk (M)
- Hickory (M)
- Ivey (M)
- Oaks (M)
- Pines (M)
- Pioneer (L)
- Rain Crow (L)
- Raven (M)
- Red Pines (S)
- Ridgeview (S)
- Shadyside (S)
- Sioux (M)
- Trailblazer (M)
- Bison (L)
- Miami (M)
- Whispering Pines (L)

The letter in parenthesis indicate the rough size of the campsite. Please select an appropriate size site for your Troop.

A considerable amount of time and money has been invested to better prepare your campsite. Please take full advantage of your site and remember to take care of the provided equipment. Each campsite will be provided with the following equipment:

- Picnic tables
- Flag pole
- Bulletin board
- Shovel & rake
- Broom
- Hose
- Fire barrel
- Trash can
- Toilet Paper
- Toilet brush
- All dead and down wood is available for camp fires, gadgets, etc.

Damaged Equipment

Camp Buffalo puts a very high value on its program and campsite equipment. Our goal is to use it for several years. To do so, we need your help in maintaining it and practicing proper use with your Scouts. Any damage to camp-owned equipment through negligence and/or abuse will be the sole responsibility of the troop. Replacement costs will be assessed to the troop based on the retail costs of the damaged item. Troops will be responsible for paying for any damaged items before leaving camp.

Please Note: This includes picnic tables made of a plastic material that will melt if put in contact with high heat. Any repairs will be charged to the unit.

Camp Fees

SCOUTS:

The In-Council Early Bird Fee is \$275.00 per session if paid in full by May 15. If the entire balance is not paid until after May 15, the Regular Price will be in effect, \$290.00. A \$100.00 reservation deposit per Scout is due when the Scout is registered for classes. There is a \$25.00 Out-Of-Council surcharge taking the fee to (\$300/\$315)

LEADERS:

The In-Council Early Bird Fee is \$100.00 if paid in full by May 15. If the entire balance is not paid until after May 15, the Regular Price of \$125.00 will be in effect. There is a \$15.00 Adult Out-Of-Council surcharge taking the fee to (\$115/\$140) There is no deposit required for Leaders.

A Camp Buffalo 2021 T-shirt and patch are included in both the Scouts' and the leaders' camp fee.

Sagamore Council Summer Camp Rules

The principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law are the guiding principles of Sagamore Council Summer Camps. The following rules have been established for the health, safety, and protection of all persons attending camp.

1. Closed-toed shoes must be worn at all times. **NO** flip-flops or sandals!
2. Only Scouts and leaders who are registered as summer camp participants may stay at camp and participate in activities.
3. Adults may not share a tent with any Scout. See Guide to Safe Scouting.
4. Each tent should be clearly marked identifying the names of the campers inside. "*No Flames in Tents*" must be displayed on or in front of each tent.
5. Scouts are to be in their campsites by 10:00 PM, unless they are involved in a night class or night observation for a merit badge. Quiet time is from 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM.
6. No pets are allowed in camp. This rule applies to visitors as well.
7. Outside of check-in time and check-out time, vehicles are not to be in camp without prior permission of the Camp Director or Camp Ranger. Parking is available in the grass along Boy Scout Road and in the power lane behind Handicraft.
8. **Camouflage gear and clothing is not permitted.** This is in accordance with the Boy Scouts' congressional charter and Article X, Section 4, Clause 4(b) of the BSA Rules and Regulations.
9. All bulk liquid fuel will be stored in the camp's flammable materials storage area.
10. Fireworks are prohibited.
11. Firearms are not allowed in camp.
12. Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, tobacco and vaping are not permitted on council property.

SCOUT CELL PHONE USAGE AT SUMMER CAMP

Youth cell phones are not permitted out of the campsite or in program areas. Unit Leaders are responsible for establishing youth cell phone rules while in the campsite.

Camping Equipment

TROOP EQUIPMENT

Each Troop and patrol is urged to bring its own equipment to enable the Troop to have an independent operation in its campsite. Troops that attend Summer Camp should plan to bring the following items:

- Tents
- "No Flames in Tent" signs
- Name signs for each tent
- USA, troop, and patrol flags
- Safety Tape (to mark tent and fly ropes - any bright yellow or orange ribbon)
- Water containers
- Lanterns
- Clothesline
- Dining fly
- Cooking equipment for outpost meals
- Aluminum foil
- Hand saws or axes
- Merit Badge books
- Gateway signs, posts, and twine

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Through 100 years of camping experience, we have learned that a Scout's stay is much more enjoyable when they **put their name on everything** and bring:

- Complete Scout uniform: shirt, pants, belt, socks (must be worn at all evening meals)
- Clothing: pants, shorts, t-shirts, underwear, socks, light jacket, sweatshirt (all t-shirts should be "Class B" or of an acceptable design)
- Swimsuit/towel
- Hiking boots or tennis shoes – at least two pairs; open-toed shoes are NOT allowed at Camp Buffalo
- Rain gear
- Pillow/sleeping bag
- Cot/sleeping pad
- Toiletries
- Scout Handbook (In a plastic bag)
- Sunscreen and bug repellent (non-aerosol)
- Headlamp (Flashlight)/batteries
- Canteen/water bottle
- Mess Kit (Including cup)
- Pocket knife (Scouts must carry their Totin' Chip card)
- Notebook/pencils
- Merit Badge books
- Watch
- Spending money*
- **All** electronics, fireworks, and valuables should stay at home.

- In the modern world of lunch accounts, debit cards, and Venmo many Scouts are unaccustomed to carrying cash. Parents and Leaders should coach Scouts on handling cash at camp. Thankfully, a Scout is Trustworthy, so found valuables should be turned into Lost & Found.

The official Boy Scout uniform supports the mission of Scouting. Does your troop wear it? Please do! Be proud of your uniform and encourage the same from your Scouts. Everyone being in full field ("Class A") uniform can have a huge impact on your troop's performance, morale, identity, and spirit. For

those troops that accept variations on the official Boy Scout uniform (i.e.: khaki shorts instead of the Scout shorts, or a troop hat instead of a BSA hat), please coordinate all Scouts in your unit to have a similar look for evening meals, vespers, and campfires.

Arrival at Camp

For the Scouts in your Troop summer camp is an adventure, and we understand that they are anxious to arrive at Camp Buffalo and begin the fun. However, in order to allow our staff time to prepare for your arrival, we ask that you **do not arrive before 1:00 PM on Sunday.**

What to expect upon arrival:

- In-vehicle temperature checks and COVID protocol questionnaires for all adults and youth. Once complete, proceed toward the main parking lot. Depending on how many troops arrive at the same time, there may be a line of vehicles backed up on to Boy Scout Road. Please stay to the right side of the road as this is a public road.
- After you park, your Troop Guide will greet you. This is a member of the staff who will be serving as your Troop Guide for the week. Your Troop guide will get your Scouts started on their check-in process. Each Scout needs to have his physical, swimsuit, and towel in hand. To aid in the process, at least one adult leader needs to go with the Scouts and the Troop Guide.

Scout check-in:

Your Troop Guide will take Scouts to three stations for their check-in. The order of these check-in stops may vary depending on how many Troops arrive at once to avoid back-up at any one station.

1st Stop—the Health Officer. At this station, Scouts' physicals will be reviewed for completion and accuracy. After their health assessment, the Scout will be given their aquatics buddy tag. *It is the Scout's responsibility to keep this tag until his swim check.*

2nd Stop—the Pool for swim checks. When all Scouts have completed their swim checks, the Troop will gather outside with the Troop Guide.

3rd Stop—the Troop Campsite. The Troop Guide will escort the Troop to their campsite. The Troop Guide will also incorporate a tour of Camp Buffalo as they move through the check-in stops.

Adult Leader check-in:

Adult Leader check-in procedures will be completed in the Eagle Quest area, located on the south edge of the main parking lot.

1st Stop—Roster Review

The Scoutmaster will first verify the Troop's roster and receive:

- T-shirts and wristbands for all participants
- Troop leader packet from the Commissioners

2nd stop—Program Review

The Program Director will verify that all Scouts are registered for Merit Badges and Activity Badges. Any schedule conflicts or restrictions will be addressed. **If corrections need to be made to the badge schedule, please inform the Program Director of those by the end of supper.** Schedules will be printed and available at the Leaders' Meeting before the campfire Sunday evening.

3rd stop—Camp Fees Reconciliation

Any fees added in the process of Merit Badge scheduling or any additional campers will be addressed, as well as any outstanding balances. If a refund is required, payment will not be made at Camp Buffalo; rather, the troop will receive refunds in their unit account at the Council office or by check if out-of-council.

4th stop—Health Check & Swim Test (*can be done after setting up camp*)

Sunday afternoon, Scoutmasters and adult leaders need to report to the medical office for their health checks and to the pool for swim tests. At the health check station, leaders will be issued the Troop's "medicine cooler" so that Troop members medicine can be secured in the campsite.

Setting up Camp

After these stops, Scoutmasters are then free to take equipment to their campsite and begin the set-up process. Only one vehicle at a time may be used to transport equipment to each campsite. After unloading, the vehicle must be returned to the overflow parking area. All vehicles must be out of the campsites and parked by 5:30 PM. A troop trailer may be left at the campsite for the camping week. No private vehicles are allowed in the camp for the duration of the week without the express permission of the Camp Director or Camp Ranger.

Provisional Camping

If you have a Scout or Scouts who are unable to attend summer camp with your troop, please don't let them miss the opportunity to experience camp! Contact the Camp Director so that the Scout can be connected with another troop. These provisional campers will go through the same check-in process as described above, but will be partnered with a host troop for the week.

Medical Forms

Summer Camp requires Scouts and leaders to complete and turn in Parts A, B, and C of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record. This is the **ONLY** acceptable form per BSA regulations. Parts A and B must be attested to by the Scout's parent or guardian by signature on the form (unless over 18 years of age). Tetanus shot must have a date within the last 10 years. Additionally, the Scout or leader must have received a medical evaluation (Part C), completed within the last 12 months (1 year) and signed by a person licensed to practice medicine. **This is a National BSA Policy. Scouts and Scouters will not be permitted at camp without this form.**

The official BSA Annual Health and Medical Record forms are available at www.sagamorebsa.org and www.campbuffalo.com.

School athletic physicals are NOT accepted.

**The physical MUST be on an official
BSA Annual Health and Medical Record form.**

Scoutmasters should verify that all Scouts have complete medical forms and verify that all medication is labeled and in its original containers, including aspirin, cough medicine, etc. Email the Camp Director (Loren.Randall@Scouting.org) advising of any Food Allergies by 6/1/21.

Covid Protocols

Advanced Self Screening – Self Isolation

For 5 days leading up to Camp, please have all participants monitor temperature daily and if not fully vaccinated minimize contact with non-family members.

When your Troop departs for Camp please avoid any stops in transit to minimize outside contact

As you arrive there will be on-site temperature checks and COVID Screening Questions.

We will require masks when distancing can't be maintained, as well as staying outside as much as possible, and single tenting. Masks will not be required when eating, in water activities, strenuous physical activities, and when distanced.

Being fully vaccinated does not exempt you from masks at camp. We will model the behavior we want for all participants since many Scouts will not be fully vaccinated. Bring lots of masks.

Wrist bands will be color coded. Please avoid mixing in close contact outside of your color group.

Cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting will be regularly scheduled. In general, when in doubt we will err on the side of caution.

Troop/Patrol Information

Come to camp prepared. Have patrols already organized. Work on ideas as patrols and have the patrol leaders represent the group at camp.

Your campsite is your home for the week. Make it comfortable and pleasant by bringing banners and flags to dress it up.

Top troops show Scout spirit. Display patrol flags, sing your Troop song as you come to the flagpole or to campfires and other troop events, etc. Get your youth involved in the patrol and Troop activities throughout the week.

Field (Class "A") uniforms are required for campfires, evening meals, and vespers. Encourage Troop activity (Class "B") uniforms (T-shirts) for the remainder of the time at camp.

Commissioners will begin inspecting your campsite for cleanliness and campsite improvements starting Monday morning. Items of interest include clean campsites, structures, improvements. All campsite structures should be made only from downed trees from camp. The winner of the week-long inspection will receive an award at the closing Campfire on Friday.

Please communicate with each other and with the staff. If you have a special need or want to do something unique, tell us about it. We believe in good customer service. The best way to communicate special requests is to put them in writing and give them to the Camp Director or Program Director.

Some Scoutmasters complain that there is "too much to do." That's by design! As a staff, it is our job to provide a wide selection of program opportunities from which your troop leaders (Scouts!) choose. We give Troops the chance to create their own experiences at summer camp.

Schedule time to rest. Too often Scouts and leaders don't take the time to sit and enjoy the beauty of the camp around them. Don't maintain such a busy schedule that you miss the trees, nature, and clean fresh air.

Sleep can make or break a week. It is essential that everyone gets the rest they need. Please help ensure "Quiet Time" is enforced between 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM. Noise travels very well at night, so please respect your neighbors.

Be flexible! Each week more than 150 Scouts and 35 adults attend camp. While the camp staff tries to meet the needs of everyone and have everything go along perfectly, unexpected things sometimes happen. If you quickly pass concerns along to Commissioners, we can better ensure that Scouts have an enjoyable camp experience.

Dining Hall and Outpost Procedures

2021 Food Service is still being developed as we continue to get guidance from the Health Department, various Council Committees, BSA National, and input from Registered Troops.

We plan to have a blend of Dining Hall Meals and Outpost Meals. We anticipate the final guide to Dining Operations to be published 6/1/21. If you have questions and concerns, please email the Camp Director.
(Loren.Randall@Scouting.org)

DINING HALL PROCEDURES

All Dining Hall tables will be assigned by Troop with Covid protocols in place to minimize risk.

Scouts are helpful and Troops will be required to assist with meals. This is Scout Camp, where the goal is to have fun, learn and grow. Sometimes that means some work and learning how to make work fun.

OUTPOST COOKING

Troops will cook some meals in their campsite. For your designated Outpost Meals, supplies will be picked up from the kitchen. Units are expected to supply their own cooking equipment. Troops may cook the suggested meal, but are welcome to augment the meal with their own supplies. Pick-up times for outpost meals will be determined at the Sunday Leaders' Meeting.

Parents and Visitors

Parents and friends are always welcome at camp! We invite them to visit, see the camp, and see what the Scouts have been doing. While visitors are welcome at any time, the visit must be scheduled and will include COVID protocols. Certain times that tend to be better than others. Mornings and afternoons are much busier in camp, while late afternoons and evenings tend to offer a more relaxed atmosphere. Wednesday evening is ideal as a visit could include the Order of The Arrow Call Out and Troop Campfire. Families and visitors are also welcome to attend meals. Tickets can be purchased for \$7.00 at the Trading Post.

All visitors should use the main parking lot or park along Boy Scout Road. All visitors must check in outside the Commissioner's office before entering camp. Each visitor will be issued a wrist band that must be worn in compliance with the youth protection standards.

Campers should plan on meeting their parents/visitors at the Trading Post porch to escort the visitors back to the Troop's campsite. Persons with disabilities should notify the Commissioners, preferably prior to their arrival, so transportation can be arranged to the campsite.

No overnight camping by visitors is allowed without the permission of the Camp Director.

Contacting Scouts at Camp Buffalo

To send mail to a Scout, please include the following in the mailing address:

Scout's name
Troop # ____
Camp Buffalo
9400 N Boy Scout Road
Monticello, IN 47960

Letters to camp should be postmarked by Tuesday evening of the week that the Scout is in camp to facilitate arrival by the end of the week.

A frequently asked question is, "How can I reach my Scout in case of emergency?" Cell phone coverage at camp is spotty and in most buildings non-existent. Parents are encouraged to contact Troop leaders directly. If you have difficulty reaching a leader outside of meal time (in the Dining Hall cell phone reception is unavailable), call the Camp (land line) at (574) 278-7114. Instruct your parents not to call unless it is a true emergency. The camp phone is reserved for camp business and emergencies only.

Advancement and Merit Badges

Planning how to best take advantage of the advancement opportunities offered at Camp Buffalo can be some of the most exciting and difficult choices a Scout will make. The Class Catalog is available on Black Pug: <https://scoutingevent.com/162-2021Buffalo>

For newer Scouts we offer the following suggested schedules, any of which sends the Scout home with an Eagle required MB and customized fun:

Rank Focus: 3 Brownsea Island Sessions, BSI Swimming

Great Blend: 1 Brownsea Island, Archery, Ecology MB, BSI Swimming (Ecology MB recommendations: Bird Study, Mammal Study, Nature, or Weather)

Many Merit Badges or activities require physical or mental maturity. We indicate these as recommended for older Scouts. Any Scout may sign up for these, but it is less likely they will have fun and be able to complete the requirements.

Some Merit Badges have age requirements. Minimum Age of 14 for Small Boat Sailing, Search & Rescue, and Welding.

First Aid Merit Badge requires completion of all First Aid Rank Requirement prior to signing up for First Aid Merit Badge.

Some Merit Badges require greater physical or mental maturity.

Citizenship requires significant prerequisite work to be prepared to participate in class.

Special Activities

ORDER OF THE ARROW

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is to:

- Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.
- Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.
- Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.
- Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Takachsin Lodge #173 of the OA is very important to Camp Buffalo and the Scouting Mission. At the beginning of the week an OA Staff representatives will contact each Scoutmaster to get a list of those who were selected by their units in the spring elections. These members will be recognized during a special call-out on Wednesday night. The OA will host some special events for the Scouts attending summer camp.

OPENING CAMPFIRE

Our opening campfire is a preview of the fun in store for the week ahead. Let us entertain, inform and amaze you. OK, you'll probably be amazed at how bad our entertaining is. But we learned the lesson well in Cub Scouts, DO YOUR BEST. Actually, I think you will really enjoy the show.

DINING HALL CEREMONIES

Your Troop, or patrols within your Troop, will have the opportunity to sign up for ceremonies at our Dining Hall. We will need flag raising and lowering teams for each day, as well as Scouts willing to say grace at each meal. Your ceremony need not be perfect, just respectful. You are honoring our country and all the good it stands for as well as our constant progress to become better.

CLOSING CAMPFIRE

After such a fantastic week, it seems only fitting to have a closing campfire on Friday evening to recap the week, recognize some outstanding Scouts and leaders, and say good-bye. Our staff have planned the program, but if a Troop wants to be involved in the campfire, the SPL should advise the Program Director at the SPL Meeting.

TROOP CLOSE OUT PACKETS

After the closing campfire, leaders should stop by the Multi-Purpose Building and pick up their Troop's packet, which includes a merit badge report, swim tags, and camp patches.

Please sort through all the items making sure that the packet is complete before you leave. Our area directors will be on-hand to answer any questions.

Troop Choice Activities

Troop Choice Activities are those special things that make your Camp Buffalo a lifelong memory. While we encourage Troops/Patrols to choose an activity together, due to age requirements and personal preferences that is not a requirement. Large Troops may have multiple choices. i.e. a Troop of 20 can't all do the Escape Room at once.

Troop Choice Activities are scheduled by the SPLs with the Program Director at the daily SPL Meeting. The SPL should work with their Troop to determine what activities they would like to do and be prepared with a first choice and backup options since some activities may be full by the time they get to choose. The order in which Troops get to choose will rotate to ensure some level of fairness. Activity availability may vary. The options will include the following and more. The week's list will be available at check in on Sundays. Some activities may have an activity fee. The list of activities may include, but is not limited to:

- Troop Float
- Open Swim
- Boating/Water Slide
- 5 Mile Hike
- Escape Room
- Troop Challenge
- Chalkball
- Cowboy Action
- Troop Shoot
- Archery Troop Challenge
- Sponge Wars
- Blacksmithing
- Conservation Projects
- Rocket Launch
- Geocaching
- Great Canoe Swamp
- Canoe Race
- Orienteering
- Fishing
- Mountain Biking
- Wetlands Nature Hike
- River Medley Relay Race
- Hanging Out

TROOP FLOAT TRIPS

Float trips on the Tippecanoe River are available for Troops as an afternoon or evening activity. A minimum of two adults must accompany the Scouts on these trips, in addition to having two adults in camp with the remainder of your troop. Camp Buffalo staff members will be available to help you with your adult staffing needs in camp while you are on the river. Scouts who are beginners must be in a canoe with an adult swimmer, and learners must be in a row boat with a lifeguard. (Camp Buffalo **cannot** provide the lifeguard.) The Troop leadership is required to be certified in CPR, Safety Afloat, and Safe Swim Defense.

TROOP CHALLENGE

An opportunity for you to test your organization and communication. Can you complete the challenge? Top Troop/Patrol will be recognized.

ESCAPE ROOM

You are on a hike in the deep woods of Indiana with your patrol. You are so deep in the woods your GPS isn't working and you didn't bring a compass or map. With no land navigation tools you find yourself unintentionally lost and worse off trespassing. You see a cabin off in the distance and decide to go there to find help and directions before night fall. Upon arrival at the cabin you see a sign on the door that says, "STAY OUT OR ELSE". You don't have anywhere to go and night fall is coming faster by the minute. You enter....the door slams shut behind you. Inside you see what appears to be a Scout Museum of sorts but everything isn't always what it seems! You have 60 minutes to work together as a patrol or troop (max of 10 Scouts in a group) to solve a series of puzzles that will allow you to unlock the door and escape before the owner gets back! Top Troop/Patrol will be recognized.

CHALKBALL

Shooting Sports activity. Walk through six stations, and fire colored orbs to splatter at your chosen targets. You get 100 rounds to fire, We hope your trigger finger is in shape. Available in Troop Choice Time Mon. & Tues. only. We suggest selecting Monday if possible. Fee: \$5.00

COWBOY ACTION SHOOT

Shooting Sports activity. Your opportunity to fire cowboy style revolvers, rifles, and shotguns in an action range setting. Must be 14 Years old. Schedule allows for about 5 shooters/30 minutes. Fee: \$10.00

TROOP ARCHERY CHALLENGE

Shooting Sports activity. Your opportunity to compete against another Troop in a timed advancing target shoot. Offensive and defensive strategy come into play. Schedule allows for 2 teams of up to 8/hour.

SPONGE WARS

A new twist on an old favorite. Troop v. Troop, Patrol v. Patrol, Every Scout for themselves, you decide. Come on everyone gets wet in the end.

BLACKSMITHING

Learn to work a forge and craft hot metal. Hammer it, twist it, bend it. Make it functional and beautiful, with practice and hard work. Min. Age 14

RIVER MEDLEY RELAY RACE

Race Troop v. Troop, or Patrol v. Patrol. The Race Master will design a race using any mode of transportation on and by the river. It is all fair game. They might mix in unknown challenges, Race Masters make their own rules. (Note: Camp Director makes one rule for the Race Master, make it fun.)

Hours of Facility Operation

HEALTH LODGE

In case of injury or sickness, the Health Lodge is open 24 hours a day. Please be sure to immediately report any injury or sickness, no matter how minor it may seem at the time. Remember that everyone who goes to the Health Lodge needs to have a buddy. Please note, the Health Officer will be out of the office during meals times and camp-wide activities. During these times, please locate a staff member with a radio to assist in contacting the Health Officer. If you are having trouble locating a staff member, be sure to check the Trading Post.

QUARTERMASTER

Commissioners are available throughout the day to issue equipment, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, etc. Their office is located adjacent to the main parking lot, but they are normally not there, as they visit every campsite daily. A staff member with a radio can assist in contacting them.

TRADING POST

The Trading Post will be open daily between meals and most evenings. It is supplied with BSA camping items, books, shirts, and other Scout merchandise. It also has merit badge books, items need for specific merit badge classes, and coupons for shooting activities. On the sweet side, it is also stocked with slushies and other snack items. Check the schedule outside the door or in your Scoutmaster packet for specific hours of operation.

CHAPEL

A chapel service will be held each week on Monday evening. All campers and staff are encouraged to attend, participate, and live up to the twelfth point of the Scout Law. The chapel area is reserved throughout the week as a place of reverence, contemplation, and meditation. Feel free to stop by to sit and think for a few minutes or just reflect. The Camp Chaplain will be available on a part-time basis to discuss ethical decision making, feelings of homesickness, or just to talk. In the case of emergencies, the chaplain is always on-call.

PROGRAM AREAS

Generally, all program areas are open during the four scheduled sessions, 9:00-11:50am, and 2:00-2:50pm. Troop Choice time runs from 3:30pm-5:30pm. Only selected Program Areas will be open during Troop Choice time.

Shower Facilities

YOUTH (UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE)

- Ivey showers are available from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily.
- The pool house showers are available from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily.
- The Multi-Purpose Building exterior showers are available from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily.

ADULTS (18 AND OVER)

- Ivey showers are available from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily.
- The pool house showers are available from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily.
- The Multi-Purpose Building exterior showers are available from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily.
- Shideler Hall showers are available 24 hours a day.

Adult leaders are not allowed to enter while youth are showering unless it is an emergency!

Only use appropriate age group and gender assigned facilities.

Departure from Camp

Beginning at 6:00 AM, one vehicle at a time may return to your campsite on Saturday for loading and departure. Please note that the speed limit in camp is 10 MPH. **At no time are Scouts or leaders allowed to ride in trailers or in the back of trucks.**

Early Saturday morning, a light breakfast of donut holes, fruit juice, and milk will be brought around to all campsites. Troops are free to eat in the campsite and then begin packing up their gear to go home. The Troop Guide, who checked in the Scouts on Sunday, will be at the campsite to help with check out at a time the troop selected at Friday's Leaders' Meeting. The Troop Guide will have a departure checklist to be completed.

Please be sure to return all equipment that your unit checked out to the Commissioners. The Commissioners will also accept your camp evaluations.

Please be sure to return your medicine coolers to the Health Officer. Upon receiving the cooler, the Health Officer will return your Troops' physicals to you. **If your unit returns a damaged cooler, or if your unit takes the cooler with them from Camp Buffalo, your unit will be billed \$30.00 to replace the equipment.**

Once your campsite has been cleared, the troop is ready to leave. Please arrange to have Scouts picked up by 9:00 AM on Saturday. Those Scouts who are staying for an additional week of camp must be picked up on Saturday and brought back on Sunday.

Leader Information

THE REAL WORLD

While enjoying nature and camp, we understand that leaders still like to connect with the “real world.” Every morning, well before the Scouts desire to stir, leaders are invited to come to the Dining Hall. There will be hot coffee and Wi-Fi available.

ADULT LEADER EVENTS

- Leaders’ Meetings are held Sun. 7pm, and Mon. 10am in the Dining Hall. On Wednesday there is a Leaders’ Lunch at Legion Pavilion where we will be joined by the Scout Executive.
- Each week, Scoutmasters and leaders face off in a cooking competition. Entries are to be turned in to the Outdoor Skills Director from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM on Wednesday.
- The Scoutmaster Shoot is open to all leaders at camp. The shoot will take place Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM. One leader from each Troop receives a complimentary entry. Additional tickets are \$10.00 in the Trading Post.

ADULT LEADER TRAINING

In person training can be arranged for IOLS/BALOO. Scoutmaster/Committee Chair/ Committee Member Specifics, Adult CPR/AED may also be available depending on desire and staff availability.

Computers will be available for adults to take online training.

YOU CAN HELP! AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We know that many of you have wonderful skills and knowledge in various aspects of camp. Your help is always welcome to make camp better. Feel free to assist the staff in any program area.

Contact the Camp Director or Program Director to volunteer!

Black Pug Event Reservation Website

We are pleased to provide Unit Leaders the opportunity to register for Scout camps via our Black Pug website. To access Summer Camp on the Black Pug website, go to <https://scoutingevent.com/162-2021Buffalo>. To register, begin as a guest or create an account if you do not already have one. Choose how many youth and adults are coming.

Next you should add the names of the Scouts and leaders by using the Update Participant button. You can add classes to each Scout's schedule in the same area. A deposit of \$100 per Scout must be made before classes can be added.

The screenshot displays the 'Week 3 - 2021 - Scouts BSA Summer Camp' interface. At the top right, the ID '1621923798' is visible. Navigation buttons for 'Participants', 'Check Out', and 'Reports' are present. The main content area is divided into three participant sections: 'Registration Contact', '2 Scouts BSA Youth', and '1 Adult Participant'. Each section includes an 'Update Information' button and a 'Checkout Required' status. The '2 Scouts BSA Youth' section contains a note about a \$100 deposit and pricing details for two youth participants. The '1 Adult Participant' section shows pricing for one adult. On the right side, a 'Check Out Required' warning box states that registration closes in 94 days and that 3 participants require checkout. Below this is a summary table of costs: Regular Price (\$725.00), Balance Due (\$725.00), Pending Early Discount* (\$-75.00), and Balance** (\$650.00). A 'Missing Information' section with a red exclamation mark icon is also visible, along with dropdown menus for 'Attachments' and 'Event Contacts'.

Week 3 - 2021 - Scouts BSA Summer Camp 1621923798

Participants Check Out Reports

Registration Contact

Registration Contact
Checkout Required

Update Information

Preview Information

Additional Actions

2 Scouts BSA Youth

In order to sign up for classes, a deposit of \$100 per youth must be made at the time of sign-up.

Scouts BSA Youth Checkout Required	Regular Price: \$300.00 Early Discount: \$-25.00 Balance Due: \$275.00	Scouts BSA Youth Checkout Required	Regular Price: \$300.00 Early Discount: \$-25.00 Balance Due: \$275.00
---------------------------------------	--	---------------------------------------	--

Update Information

Update Information

1 Adult Participant

Adult Participant Checkout Required	Regular Price: \$125.00 Early Discount: \$-25.00 Balance Due: \$100.00
--	--

Update Information

Check Out Required

Registration closes in 94 days: You have 3 participants that require Check Out. These spots and classes are not held until check out is completed.

Regular Price:	\$725.00
Balance Due:	\$725.00
Pending Early Discount*:	\$-75.00
Balance**:	\$650.00

*Requires payment in full by May 15 11:59 PM

Missing Information

Attachments

Event Contacts


First Name: John
 Last Name: Smith
 Birth Date: 05/11/2005
 Scouting Rank: Life
 Gender: Male

Health Information

Dietary Restrictions ?
 Dietary Restrictions
 Medical Concerns ?
 Medical Concerns

Admin Comment
 Admin Comment
 Health Officer Comment
 Health Officer Comment

Schedule

Select Classes  CLASS SCHEDULE

Period	Time	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Period 1	09:00-09:30					
Period 3	10:00-10:30			Welding		
Period 4	10:30-11:00			Welding		
Period 5	11:00-11:30					
Period 11	02:00-02:30			Astronomy & Space Exploration		

Sagamore Council Trading Post
 Select Item

Done

Fees can be paid on Black Pug. You may pay online by credit card or e-check. If you would prefer to write a paper check, you should mail it to the Sagamore Council at P.O. Box 865 Kokomo, IN 46903-0865, before the indicated due date.

If you prefer to give your parents access to pay for their own Scout or to add classes, you can finish checking out, then go back into your reservation and can click the drop-down Additional Actions, then Parent Portal.

Participants | Check Out | Reports

Registration Contact

Registration Contact

Checkout Required

Update Information

Preview Information

Additional Actions

- + Add Participants
- Delete Participants
- x Delete Registration
- Manage Participant Classes
- Parent Portal
- Payment Schedule

Check Out Required

Registration closes in 94 days: You have 3 participants that require Check Out. These spots and classes are not held until check out is completed.

Regular Price: \$725.00

Balance Due: \$725.00

Pending Early Discount*: \$-75.00

Balance*: \$650.00

*Requires payment in full by May 15 11:59 PM

Missing Information

Attachments

Event Contacts

2 Scouts BSA Youth

In order to sign up for classes, a deposit of \$100 per youth must be made at the time of sign-up.

Smith, John

Checkout Required

Regular Price: \$300.00
Early Discount: \$-25.00
Balance Due: \$275.00

Scouts BSA Youth

Checkout Required

Regular Price: \$300.00
Early Discount: \$-25.00
Balance Due: \$275.00

Update Information

Update Information

Parent Portal

Parent Portal is an **optional** feature that allows you (the registration contact) to provide your parents with access to just their Scout's part of the registration, to make payments and complete data entry. [Here is how it works.](#)

- Start by clicking the **Use Parent Portal** checkbox.
- Print **parent login credentials** using one of the following two buttons.
- Give parents one login credential for each of their participants (including themselves if they're one of the participants).
- Parents use these cards to make payments and update data entry fields such as name, rank, dietary requirements, etc.
- Parents with **multiple cards** are able to link their participants together once they log in.
- **Prevent parents from making payments or seeing event fees** blocks parents from making payments. This option is good for units where parents pay the unit and then the unit pays the council.
- **Allow Parent Portal class selection** lets parents choose or change class and merit badge selections. When unchecked, parents will only be able to view class and merit badge selections.
- If the previous box is checked, optionally check **Email me when classes are changed through Parent Portal** to receive an email when parents make or change their selections.
- **Optionally** check one or more days to receive a unit summary email showing payment and data entry status for each participant.

Parent Portal FAQ

Parent portal is not active until registration has been booked.

Use Parent Portal. Use the following reports to distribute parent login credentials. Participants that are not booked are excluded from Parent Portal credentials.

Parent Portal Credentials

- Prevent parents from making payments or seeing event fees.
- Allow Parent Portal class selection.

If unchecked, parents will be able to view class and merit badge selections *but will not be able to change them*.

Want an email showing payment and data-entry status? Use the checkboxes below to pick your day(s).

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Camp Buffalo

9400 N. Boy Scout Road
Monticello, IN 47960

<http://www.campbuffalo.com>

Sagamore Council, BSA

P.O. Box 865
Kokomo, IN 46903

<http://www.sagamorebsa.org>

Phone: (800) 844-0537