

Mitigwa Scout Reservation

Summer Guide Book

Scouting 101



Back to Basics

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To our campers,

I am excited to know that you chose Camp Mitigwa BSA for your 2024 summer camp. We have had a lot of fun the last 2 seasons celebrating 100 years of camping at the Mitigwa Scout Reservation. This summer we are preparing ourselves for the next 100 years by getting back to basics. Lord Baden-Powell said that Scouting is a game with a purpose, therefore we are looking at ways to increase the fun of Scouting during your stay at Camp Mitigwa.

In this guide you will see an outline of the many activities we have planned for this summer, including inter-troop competitions, adult leader-staff challenges, open area offerings, and leader trainings. We have also revamped our Honor Unit Award, Baden-Powell Award and Clean Sweep Award to place more focus on the fundamentals of Scouting and living with nature.

Unfortunately, this guide will not be inclusive of all offerings as we are still developing ideas and building programs with our team, but I hope that you will be able to use it to build excitement for your summer camp program at Camp Mitigwa BSA.

Scott Robinson

Welcome

Meet Your Staff



Scott Robinson—Reservation Director

This is Scott's second summer serving as Mitigwa Scout Reservation's Camping Director and his 18th year on camp staff. Previously he has served as Operations Director, Camp Akela Director, and Scout Craft Director. This is Scott's third year as Reservation Director. Scott's favorite basic Scout skill is Dutch oven cooking.



Angela Massey—Associate Reservation Director

This is Angela's fifth year serving on Mitigwa Camp Staff. She has served as Trading Post Manager, Kitchen Manager, and Business Manager, and is excited to be stepping into the role of Associate Reservation Director. You will be able to find Angela oiling the gears and tightening the bolts to keep all the logistics of camp going this summer. Angela's favorite basic Scout skill is Leave No Trace.



Amy Maiers—Program Director

This is Amy's first summer on staff at Camp Mitigwa. She is no stranger to camp though and is just graduating her fun from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA. Amy loves hands on learning and is leveling up our programming to new heights with her skills and knowledge. Amy's favorite basic Scout skill is knots.



Claudia Murphy—Junior Program Director

This is Claudia's fifth year on staff at Camp Mitigwa. Claudia has served with our STEM program as staff and as area director. She also co-coordinated our Order of the Arrow Camp Chief position. Claudia is excited to be planning our patrol and leader challenges this summer: "Are you as skilled as a Scouts BSA youth?" We will test your skills. Claudia's favorite basic Scout skill is hiking.



Heather Riedemann—Camp Commissioner

This is Heather's first full summer serving as Mitigwa Scout Reservation's Camp Commissioner although you will probably recognize her as she has helped on staff for several summers. Heather is excited to be at camp for a full summer of fun. Her favorite basic Scout skill is knife safety.

Program

Learning and Adventure Await

Tentative Schedule

The following schedule is a ***tentative*** general timeline for day-to-day activities at Camp Mitigwa. A more detailed camp schedule will be given to you upon check-in.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
6:00 AM		Sunrise Program						
6:30-7:30 AM		Open Breakfast						
7:50-8:00 AM		Flags and Morning Message						Checkout Begins at 7:00 AM
8:15-9:45 AM		Block A	Block C	Block A	Block C	Block A		
10:15 AM-11:45 AM		Block B	Block D	Block B	Block D	Block B		
11:00 AM		Check-in Begins 1:00 PM Arrival	Leader Meeting					
Noon-1:00 PM	time assigned prior to your arrival at camp	Open Lunch/Rest Time						
1:15-3:00 PM	Med Checks, Swim Checks, Camp Set-up	Patrol/Troop Traveling Trophy Competitions						
3:15-4:00 PM		Troop Time/Open Areas						
4:15-5:00 PM	All Adult Meeting in Amphitheater				Family Night 4:00 PM Start			
5:50-6:45 PM	Dinner 6:00 PM (No Flags)	Flags & Dinner						
7:00-8:00 PM	7:00 PM Leader and SPL Meeting	Sunset Program			OA Activities Merit Badge Midway	Troop Time		
8:15 PM	Camp Fire			Camp Fire and OA Call Out				
9:00 PM	1st year camper Float Festival	Twilight Program			Twilight Program	Camp Fire		
10:30 PM	Taps							

“We are not a club or a Sunday school class, but a school of the woods.” - Lord Baden-Powell

NEW TO *Mitigwa*

Float Festival for our first time Mitigwa Campers

Especially designed for first-year campers, the New Friends Float Festival is an ice cream float party for all new campers to Mitigwa. Join staff at the 3 Oaks Trading Post to get your sweet cool treat to welcome you to camp! Music will be played, with camper selections highlighted.



New Leaders Orientation



All are welcome to Mitigwa, and we are always happy to introduce new people to the Mitigwa Magic! For new leaders wanting information about camp operations or needing questions answered, we will host a New Leaders Orientation. Meet Camp Commissioner Heather Riedemann, and the Camp Commissioner Corps for all your needs. This meeting will take place at 5:00pm in the Amphitheater after the All Adult Leader Meeting.

Sunrise Programs

Monday and Tuesday mornings, Camp Mitigwa offers special programs for ambitious Scouts and Scouters. We call these Sunrise Programs. These Programs begin at 6:30am and end at 7:30am, subject to weather and staffing. Here is a tentative list of planned Programs by day. Exact schedules and locations will be announced at leader meetings during your week at camp.



Event	Day	Program Area	Meeting Place	Description
Turks Head Neckerchief Slides	Monday	Scoutcraft	TBD	Come learn this fun and challenging knot. You will have a new neckerchief slide to take home with you.
Flower/Plant Pressing	Monday	Ecology	TBD	Explore this technique of plant preservation.
Polar Bear	Monday	Aquatics	TBD	Get your morning going with a dip in the pool. Participants are encouraged to participate in water aerobics or lap swimming during this Polar Bear Session
Nature Hike	Tuesday	Eagle Academy	TBD	Explore the different plants and wildlife around Camp Mitigwa.
Black Powder Challenge	Tuesday	Shooting Sports	Rifle Range	Campers are invited to learn about pioneer shooting sports skills. Tickets available with cash in the camp office.
Polar Bear	Tuesday	Aquatics	TBD	For those wanting a quick brisk dip in the cool morning waters or for those wanting a more recreational Polar Bear experience, this is the session for you!
Open Zipline	Tuesday	COPE & Climbing	Zipline - Amphitheater side	Soar through the sky in legendary fashion on the Mitigwa Zipline! Participants are encouraged to line up early to ensure they get their chance during this morning session. Morning views through the river valley are truly rewarding.

Afternoon Patrol Competitions

The Patrol Games are a team challenge where patrols compete against each other for the chance to earn the *Traveling Trophy*. The *Traveling Trophy* will be awarded at closing flags each evening.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Problem Solving Challenge	Zelus's Volley	Scavenger Hunt	Scout Skills Relay

Afternoon Open Areas

Don't miss the Sunday night Leader and SPL meeting, open areas will be assigned for the week at this time.

Event	Program Area	Meeting Place	Description
Screen Printing and Tie Dying	STEM	Carport in Scoutcraft	Add some color to your swag at this open area. T-shirts and other items to dye are available to purchase at 3 Oaks Trading Post or bring your own.
Fire Starter 101	Scoutcraft	Bleachers by Quartermaster	Starting a fire can be a challenge. Learn how to make and store different kinds of fire starters.
Free swim or inflatables & water crafts at the lake	Aquatics	Pool	Take a break from the summer heat at the pool or lake.
Climbing Tower	COPE & Climbing	Climbing Tower	Climb to new heights with your troop at our climbing tower.
Archery Arcade	Shooting Sports	Archery Range	Archery carnival style. A little different switch on your targets. How is your aim?

Sunset Programs

Sunset programs are those that occur on Mondays and Tuesdays after dinner until light no longer allows the activity to continue safely, typically around or before 9:00pm. Campers are highly encouraged to attend as many of the Sunset programs as they can to experience the Mitigwa Magic! Here is a tentative list of planned Programs by day. Exact schedules and locations will be announced at leader meetings during your week at camp.

Event	Day	Program Area	Meeting Place	Description
Toaster Pastry Cooking Contest		Scoutcraft	TBD	Come learn to cook this breakfast time favorite and see who can come up with the best tasting treat.
Fishing		Ecology	TBD	Fishing is a favorite pastime of Scouts and Scouters. Receive information on fishing practices and compete for the largest catch.
Battery Barrage		STEM	Inside Mort Miles	Come learn about the power of batteries by engaging in exciting hands on battery experiments! Scouts will create mini drawing robots, spin a character, and light up LEDs all with household batteries.
Cowboy Action	Tuesday	Shooting Sports	Rifle Range	Test your skills like those that settled the West. Participants experience shotgun, lever-action rifle, and pistol shooting. Campers must be 13 years old and have a completed permission slip. (Attached at the end.)
Totin' Chip & Firem'n Chit	Monday	Eagle Academy	Eagle Academy	For Scouts needing to earn or re-earn their knife or firecraft privileges, these courses teach safety basics and effective techniques. Eagle Academy participants are highly encouraged to participate.
Spam Cookoff	Tuesday	Eagle Academy	Eagle Academy	A military staple and a shelf stable protein source, but is it yummy! Put your cooking skills to the test and see who can make the best Spam dish.
Zipline	Monday	COPE & Climbing	Zipline-amphitheater side	Specifically for youth campers, this Zipline experience allows campers to soar over the lake. Scouts are encouraged to get in line early.
Mitigwa Guardians	Tuesday		Apgar Family Pavilion	In the fall of 2023 the Mitigwa Scout Reservation introduced a reservation wide camper recognition program called the Mitigwa Guardians. Second year campers and above are invited to learn more about the program during a special meeting.

Sunset Programs, cont.

Event	Day	Program Area	Meeting Place	Description
Mitigwa History Orientation Hike	Monday	Scoutcraft	Quartermaster	In this hike around camp, Scouts and Scouters can learn about the history of special locations around camp while completing Orienteering requirements for rank and the Merit Badge.
Ridge Swim	Monday	Aquatics	Maytag Pool	Given the popularity of the pool during this time, campsites are split into two groups for safety reasons. This evening is especially blocked for campers on Cassidy Ridge.
Ridge Swim	Tuesday	Aquatics	Maytag Pool	Given the popularity of the pool during this time, campsites are split into two groups for safety reasons. This evening is especially blocked for campers on Blank Ridge.
Lakefront activities	Monday/ Tuesday	Aquatics	Lake Fisher	During these nights, the lakefront may be open (subject to staffing) or may be reserved or opened by unit leaders. Reservations may be made in the camp office with proper documentation of supervision requirements. Unit leaders should confirm with the Aquatics Director.
Social and service project	Monday	Order of the Arrow	Blank Dining Hall	All OA members are invited to a special evening to celebrate their membership in the National Honor Society of Scouting. Please wear your sash!
Open Archery	Tuesday	Shooting Sports	Archery Range	Campers are invited for a fun shoot. Scouts needing additional time for Merit Badge scores may also use this time to qualify.
Open Rifle Shooting	Monday	Shooting Sports	Rifle Range	Campers are invited for a fun shoot. Scouts needing additional time for Merit Badge scores may also use this time to qualify.
Open Climb	Tuesday	COPE & Climbing	Tower	Scouts and Scouters are invited to climb and rappel from Mitigwa's tower. As this is a recreational climb, those needing rappelling for Camping Merit Badge will have to arrange a different time. Volunteer belayers are always welcome.

Twilight Programs

The wildlife continues to thrive at Mitigwa in the twilight. Mondays and Tuesdays see the fun last in to the night with the following tentatively scheduled programs. Please note staff from other areas may be needed to help support these programs and not be able to assist in other areas during this time. Scoutmasters are encouraged to discuss activity appropriateness with each of their campers before sending them to participate.



Event	Day	Program Area	Meeting Place	Description
Star Gazing	Monday	Ecology	Observation Deck	Look to the heavens and see the bright celestial bodies that have inspired humanity from the beginning. Scouts in Astronomy Merit Badge are required to attend. If weather does not cooperate, another night will be chosen.
Glow Lab	Monday	STEM	Inside Mort Miles	Come light up the night with the STEM staff! Participants will learn how to make their own glow sticks and get to take their creations with them.
Paracord Crafting		Scoutcraft	TBD	Join Scoutcraft as they make a variety of paracord items including bracelets, lanyards, and keychains. Whether you are a paracord expert or a first-timer there is a project for everyone.
Night Hawk	Monday/ Tuesday	Aquatics	Maytag Pool	The stars in the sky are bright, but the lights on the pool are brighter! Come swim under the open night sky before settling in for a night's rest.
Night Climb & Crate Stacking	Tuesday	COPE & Climbing	Climbing Tower	Test your dexterity, balance, and strength as you challenge the Mitigwa crate stacking record. Scouts with the highest number of crates will be recognized at campfire.
Movie Night	Tuesday	STEM	3 Oaks Trading Post	Join STEM staff in watching a movie. Movie will be outside. Participants are encouraged to bring a camp chair or blanket to sit on. Leaders should note that the movie will last beyond curfew.

Scout's Own Service

Scouting was founded on the notion that the skills developed lead to a good life. Scouting has continually reaffirmed its commitment to exploring the spiritual world and in performing one's Duty to God. Units are encouraged to sign up to host Scout's Own Services as a service to camp and other participating units. Contact the Camp Commissioner Corps to confirm an available time to reserve the chapel. Units wishing to invite other units should describe the spiritual aspects/tradition of the service for individuals to judge appropriate participation for themselves. Units are highly encouraged to consider interfaith services. Some resources will be available at camp for units wishing to host a service at camp, or you may develop your own materials.

Family Night

On Wednesday night, families and friends are encouraged to visit their Scouts at camp! We ask that visitors check in at the camp office when they arrive. Check in begins at 4:00pm and ends at 6:00pm. Camp staff will be coordinating parking in the main camp lot. A limited number of camp vehicles may be available to transport those visitors requiring assistance getting around camp. Units are encouraged to arrange meals on their own via potluck or cooking for their visitors. For those unable to make those arrangements, camp offers meals in the dining hall for visitors at \$10.00 per person. There is no charge for campers (youth or adult). Tickets for visitors may be purchased at the Trading Post. Units needing meals in the dining hall Wednesday evening will need to sign up in the camp office.

Units are also encouraged to provide programming for visitors to camp. Areas will be open early evening in an open house format to allow Scouts to show their families what they have been doing during the week.

A staff led campfire will bring families and Scouts together in the amphitheater as family night activities wind down. The campfire will last approximately 30 minutes. Units will line up by the Maytag Pool and families will proceed to the amphitheater.

Family Night will conclude with the Mitigwa Lodge Order of the Arrow Call-Out Ceremony. Family night will end at approximately 10:30pm so please plan accordingly.

For those visitors desiring to leave before the OA Call-Out, they may do so following the campfire and before the call-out ceremony begins. Instructions will be shared at the campfire.



UNIT RECOGNITIONS

Mitigwa Scout Reservation designs programs that serve multiple levels of engagement. Mitigwa's unit recognitions are for unit level participation in camp activities. There are two levels of recognition; honor troop and legendary troop. Patrol Leader Councils should strive for the best and make plans to achieve legendary status.

Honor Troop

The Honor Troop award recognizes units that participate in summer camp program and contribute to the Scouting spirit at camp, as a unit. Those units earning Honor Troop will receive a unit ribbon for their unit flag. To earn the Honor Troop award, please complete the following requirements:

1. Participate in a Baden-Powell service project.
2. Have a representative at every Leader Meeting.
3. Have a representative at every Senior Patrol Leader Meeting.
4. On time to flag ceremonies.
5. Unit participation in the Service Corps.
6. Unit participation in the Chaplain's Corps.
7. Earn the Clean Sweep Award
8. Host or co-host a Scout's Own Service.



Legendary Troop

The Legendary Troop recognizes those units that go beyond the requirements of the Honor Troop award in an effort to make camp fun for everyone. Those units earning the Legendary Troop award understand summer camp as a community of Scouts and Scouters playing the game of Scouting together.

1. Unit represented at every leader training.
2. 25% Unit participation in Sunrise Program
3. 25% Unit participation in Sunset/Twilight program
4. 50% of leaders earn Mitigwa Legend award.
5. 50% of Scouts earn Mitigwa Legend award.

For a complete list of requirements visit the Deere Center while you are in Camp.

AWARDS AND CHALLENGES

Mitigwa Legends Award

In the spirit of awards from days gone by, we are introducing the Mitigwa Legends Award. This award will require your Scout to visit every area at Camp Mitigwa BSA and complete a variety of required skills dating back to the beginning of Scouting. Each Scout will be responsible for tracking their achievements on a checklist, and when completed they can turn the list in at 3 Oaks Trading Post and purchase the Mitigwa Legends Patch.



Mitigwa Duty to God Award



Introducing this year the Mitigwa Duty to God Award. Scouts that are hoping to achieve this award will be required to complete a series of requirements that demonstrate their Duty to God. When complete a Duty to God patch may be purchased at 3 Oaks trading post. Requirement cards will be available at check in on Sunday.

Helping Hand Award

We are always looking for a little extra help around camp. This award is for those leaders that forgo their nap and help around the reservation. Tasks can be designed to accommodate the interest of the leader. Please see our Camp Commissioner for more information.



Commissioner Coffee Club

Leaders that attend 100 percent of the daily leaders meeting and training will be inducted into the Commissioner Coffee Club. Don't worry if you are a tea drinker, we are inclusive.

TicToc Challenge

Throughout the week we will be issuing challenges to your troop to come up with the best performances that can be shared on TicToc. Challenges may include best trend dance, best air band, best funny message, the sky is the limit and only our marketing manager will know what the challenges are.



LEADER MEETINGS



Arrival Sunday Meetings

Sunday at 4:15 PM in the amphitheater, there will be a mandatory all adult meeting to go over camp procedures and emergency information. During this time there will be supervised, camp staff led activities for your youth. Immediately following this meeting will be the New Leader Orientation.

Mitigwa Morning Moot

One Scoutmaster and one senior patrol leader from each unit is invited to attend the Mitigwa Morning Moot, a special breakfast, Monday morning hosted by the Mitigwa Commissioner Corps. Dietary requests should be made via registration and campers are reminded to alert the director of food services when they arrive at camp on Sunday.



Senior Patrol Meetings

Scouting is a youth driven organization, supported by adults. This means we place a lot of ownership in the program with our youth leaders. Everyday at 4:30pm, Senior Patrol Leaders will have a meeting hosted by the Program Director, at the Brown Benches. At this meeting, units will receive important program information, including being able to sign up for special program opportunities. Units are highly encouraged to have representation at these meetings.



Adult Leader Meetings

Adult Leader meetings are a time set aside to remind leaders of program opportunities and alert them to changes. It is also a time that leaders can share insight into their camp experience. What things are going right? What things can camp improve on? Finally, it is also a time to check in as a camp community, raising concern about inter-unit relations and celebrate community achievements and support. Units will also have opportunities to sign up for adult programs and other unit level activities which require adults to sign Scouts up. Meetings are hosted in the Scoutmaster's lounge, daily at 11:00am by the Camp Director. Units are highly encouraged to have representation at these meetings.

ADULT LEADER TRAINING AND FUN

Mitigwa Scout Reservation is committed to providing quality supplemental training to ensure each leader is able to deliver on the promise of Scouting. Units are highly encouraged to take advantage of these trainings developed by the Mitigwa Commissioner Corps and provided by key leaders of Mid-Iowa Council. Adult Leader training is offered Monday through Thursday at 10:00 am in the Scoutmaster's Lounge.

Building the Bridge: Webelos Retention to Troops

Strong units are built upon a relationship between units and the young people they serve within their communities. Units with strong relationships with packs have larger participation numbers and make more significant impacts in their community. In a world that needs Scouting more than ever, this Wednesday training discusses how to build the relationship between units and packs to strengthen Scouting in local communities.



Aims and Methods of Scouting

The Scouting program has specific objectives, commonly referred to as the “Aims of Scouting.” They are character development, leadership development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Leadership development is also one of Scouting's eight methods contributing to both good character and good citizenship. The methods of Scouting include ideals, patrols, outdoor program, advancement, association with adults, personal growth, and uniform. This training will discuss ideas to improve and implement these programs in your units.

Aquatics Supervision

Camp Mitigwa will tentatively offer Swimming and Water Rescue and Paddle Craft courses. These courses help units to host their own aquatics activities and certify their own BSA Swimming Tests. Please review the BSA National website for information about the course requirements and content. Training subject to staffing, more information to be released.

Cribbage Tournament

Returning is our Leader Cribbage Tournament. This year, the tournament will be held Friday morning in a sudden-death, single elimination tournament to crown the Cribbage Champion! The tournament winner will receive a handcrafted cribbage board made from Mitigwa wood.

Participants are asked to sign up prior to Thursday evening to allow the bracket to be set. This tournament is for leaders or junior Scoutmasters only.

Tournament of Leaders

The Tournament of Leaders is a series of challenges held throughout the week in which staff will compete against the Scoutmasters of acting adult leaders. Each group will have to work as a team to complete the task for the chance to be crowned the victor or awarded prizes. Your strength, hand eye coordination, and back yard game savvy will be put to the test.

SCOUT MORE IN 2024

There will be many opportunities to get involved at camp beyond your week at camp. The opportunities and events listed below are only a few. More information, and any announcements of additional events, will be available via the Mid-Iowa Council and Mitigwa Scout Reservation websites and social media.

www.campiowa.org

Camp Mitigwa Cookbook and Cook-off

Submit your favorite campout recipes for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and cracker barrel. Categories will include, but are not limited to: Dutch Oven, foil pack, on-a-stick, and back packing. Recipes will be collected between May and July 2024. You can submit recipes to kim.hammen@scouting.org or turn them in at the Deere Center Office when you come to camp. Competition details will be available on the Camp Iowa website and in Scout Shorts. Mark your top 3 recipes to be considered for competition. The top 12 recipes selected by our celebrity chefs will be featured in our Mitigwa 2025 calendar. The calendar and recipe book will be available at 3 Oaks Trading Post.



Camp Staff Alumni & Friends of Mitigwa Weekend May 31 - June 2

Our 2024 Camp Staff Alumni Weekend is for any past or present camp staff. We will be celebrating with the presentation of awards and a service day on June 1st. Don't miss this fun event!

Alumni Evenings at Camp

There is SO much going on at in 2024! We want to invite all our alumni to camp on Thursday nights. Every Thursday we will have Mitigwa walking tours beginning at 3:00pm and starting every half hour until 5:00pm. Then join us for dinner and evening activities around camp.

Advanced Eagle Academy

Advanced Eagle Academy is a program designed to help Scouts plan for a successful Eagle Scout project. Scouts receive one-on-one mentorship in project planning, financing and budgeting, volunteer recruitment, and project assessment from a former Reservation Director. Scouts begin work on Communication and Personal Management Merit Badges and leave with a tentative plan for their Eagle Scout Project. A focused Advanced Eagle Academy week is available June 30-July 3. Cost is \$175.

Registration

Session Dates:

Week #1	June 16 - June 22		
Week #2	June 23 – June 29		
Advanced Eagle Academy	June 30 – July 3		
Week #4	July 7 - July 13		
Week #5	July 14 - July 20	All Star Week	NYLT

Great Value

Scouts - \$375

Scouter - \$175

Great Price

Registering for Camp:

Units may register for a campsite using <https://campiowa.org/>. A \$100 deposit is due at the time of reserving your campsite. Leaders may upload their unit roster at a later date with the names of youth and adults that will be attending camp. By March 1st, all campers must be named and any spots that were estimated but not named should be removed. There will be a \$150 minimum payment for each youth that is named.

Fees must be paid in full by April 1st. Merit badge class registration opens March 20th. Units may only register for merit badges after \$150 minimum payment per youth is made. This deters units from signing up Scouts who will not make it to camp and filling merit badge slots that may be better used to serve other units.

The **ALL-STAR TROOP** is a chance for Scouts to go to camp that might not be able to attend with their unit. Parents and troop leaders may register their individual Scouts for an All-Star Troop through <https://campiowa.org/>. Payment schedules apply regardless of camping as a traditional unit or with the All-Star Troop. All-Star week will take place the 5th week of camp.

Camp Refund Policy

The campsite reservation deposit is non-refundable. It will be used to help pay total unit fees. From April 1st through May 31st there will be a \$100 fee for any Scout or adult that is cancelled, though transfers are allowed. After June 1st, there will be no refunds allowed except per the regular council refund policy—<https://scoutingiowa.org/refundpolicy>.



COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Mitigwa Scout Reservation, Mid-Iowa Council will be conducting a Scout cowboy action shooting program. In this program, Scouts will shoot a rifle, pistol, and shotgun under the supervision of an NRA Range Safety Officer and NRA certified instructors. Scouts will be required to wear eye protection and hearing protection at all times while on the range. Scouts are expected to abide by all safety rules and the instructions of the Range Safety Officer(s) and rifle, pistol, and shotgun instructor(s).

I, the undersigned, give my child, _____, permission to participate in this program. I understand that participation in the activity involves a certain degree of risk. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for my child to participate in the activity. I understand that participation in the activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by the rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

For safety, my child and I agree that they will do the following or they will be removed from the program. I understand that any additional cost associated with participation in this program will not be refunded if my child is removed for not following the rules below.

1. Complete a range safety briefing.
2. Wear all safety gear at all times while on the range.
3. Follow all the safety rules provided in the briefing.
4. Follow the instructions of the Range Safety Officer(s) and rifle, pistol, and shotgun instructor(s).
5. Do not handle the firearms until instructed to do so by the instructor(s).
6. Is 14 years of age, or 13 and has completed the eighth grade, as of the start of the class and will be in full compliance with all local, state, and federal guidelines, including age restrictions and original equipment manufacturer standards.

Participant signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian printed name _____ Date: _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email address _____