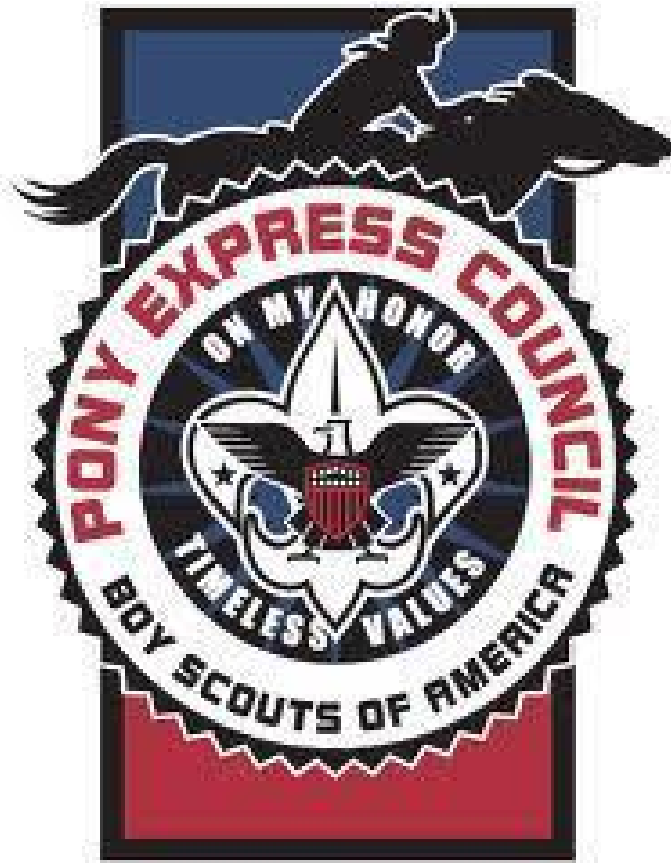


2024 Cub Scout Adventure

Camp Leader's Guide



Camp Geiger, Pony Express Council

June 6th - 8th, 2024

Dear Leaders and Parents,

Welcome to Cub Scout Adventure Camp at Camp Geiger! We are truly excited for you to be joining us for our Cub camping program in 2024 that is designed for Cub Scouts of all den levels and ages! This exciting program is filled with fun and adventure that will keep your scouts begging for more! The camp is designed around a State Fair theme, with fun and challenges for the Scouts around every corner. Now that you as well as your pack are registered, get ready for an entirely new camping experience at Camp Geiger and enjoy the Geiger State Fair!

Please take the time to read through this leader's guide. It spells out what you need to do while planning for your pack's great stay at camp and what you and your Cubs can expect once you arrive at camp. Make sure that every leader or parent who will be attending camp has had the opportunity to read this leader's guide. This leader's guide is also available on the website at www.ponyexpressbsa.org

Each pack will have an assigned campsite where they will have assigned platform tents or can opt to pitch their own tents. Cots are not provided by the camp for the tents, so please plan accordingly. Scouts will get a chance to spend time in larger groups as well as have some quality time with their friends in their packs. Like Scouts at summer camp, Cubs will work together to share campsite duties.

Packs will work through a rotation of activities that will both help them advance their Scout skills as well as have fun with friends. We also encourage each pack to come up with a skit to perform at the campfire, just let the Program Director know during the pre-camp meeting that your pack wants on the campfire agenda!

If there are any questions that you may have about our program or about the operation of Wolf & Bear Camp, please do not hesitate to email me at peccubcamping@gmail.com or contact the council office at 816-233-1351. We look forward to a fun-filled stay with you and your pack this summer at Camp Geiger!

Yours in Scouting,

The Pony Express Council Cub Scout Camping Team

Registration Information

Important Dates:

May 6th- Registration DUE, Early fee rates end after this date

June 3rd Pre-Camp Leader's Meeting- via Zoom

June 6th- 8th – Cub Scout Adventure Camp

Camper Fees:

\$65 per Scout by May 6th and \$70 starting May 7th

\$55 per Adult by May 6th and \$60 starting May 7th

This fee includes meals, lodging, program supplies, patches and a souvenir.

Refund Policy:

Refunds will only be made in extenuating circumstances such as illness or death; these will be approved by the council office on a documented case-by-case basis. Refunds will be paid by the council service center. No refunds will be given at camp.

Leadership:

During Cub Scout Adventure Camp at Camp Geiger we observe BSA Youth Protection policies, the buddy system, and 2-deep leadership for every pack at all times.

All leadership (parents and leaders) must complete Youth Protection Training prior to attending camp.

Camp Visitors:

If there are parents visiting, they must check in at the camp entrance to sign in and get a visitors wristband. Visitors do not count towards the leadership requirement, cannot be in camp after lights out/taps or before reveille, they also cannot actively participate in camp activities, but they may watch.

*Visitors will not be able to eat Camp Geiger provided meals with the pack due to food numbers being based on registered unit numbers.

Camperships:

A limited number of camperships are available for the Pony Express Council Scouts with financial need. The campership application deadline is 4/1. Unit leaders are encouraged to plan ahead and discuss fees, fundraising opportunities in their pack, and/or financial need with parents well in advance of payment deadlines. Contact the Pony Express Council Service Center for more information.

Check-in & Check-Out Procedures

When you arrive at Camp Geiger for Cub Scout Adventure Camp this year the check-in procedures will be slightly different from the rest of our camping programs. We have created this check-in process to make it more user friendly for our campers and leaders, as well as minimize the walking all over camp. Your check-in experience will start at the main parking lot!

Check in starts at 3pm; please do not arrive at camp before 3pm, as the staff will not be prepared for your pack. We will review check in details during the pre-camp Zoom meeting.

BEFORE CAMP:

The check-in process actually starts at the pre-camp leaders meeting held the Monday before the camp (June 3rd). At this meeting the Direction team will cover very important information for the upcoming camp as well as hand out campsites assignments and other important leadership updates. Each pack needs to have at least 1 representative at this meeting.

Checking in the Day of the Event:

Upon arrival at camp we ask a few simple things that will help make your check in process easier. *Please have Scouts arrive in their swim trunks, as they will go through swim checks before going to their campsites.*

1. When arriving at camp, go directly to the main parking lot, to help with traffic flow.
2. Leaders and scouts should go directly to the main parking lot to meet up with their staff host, this host will take the boys through the check-in process (There is a member assigned just to your pack)
 - a. **NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT GO THROUGH CHECK-IN WITHOUT YOUR STAFF GUIDE**
 - b. You will receive your campsite assignment at check-in with your staff guide from the commissioner station.
 - c. Please make sure each Scout has their health form and any medications with them for this process
3. The host will take you through the check-in process, and on a brief tour of camp
4. Once you get your campsite assignment, consolidate all of your pack's camping gear to as few vehicles as possible
 - a. These vehicles will be able to go into the campsite to drop off the gear
 - b. Only 2 vehicles per campsite, you will receive the campsite pass from a staff member by the road into your campsite
 - c. Please move your vehicle from the campsite after it is unloaded

Checking out of camp:

1. ONLY 2 VEHICLES PER CAMPSITE
2. Make sure you move all items out of your campsite when loading
3. Tie your tent flaps in bow knots
4. If you moved any cots out of tents please return them before your departure

Program

General:

The program at Cub Scout Adventure Camp is built around improving the Scouts' skills as well as having fun with their fellow scouts. The program for 2024 will be organized through a rotation of activities with State Fair themes. Each stop along the rotation will provide exciting activities and entertainment with something for everyone.

Activities offered:

Day 1:

- Opening Campfire

Day 2:

- Geiger State Fair South Camp Rotations, all morning
- Geiger State Fair North Camp Rotations, all afternoon
- Campfire

* During the camp rotations Scouts will go through activities at their own pace.

Activities include: BB guns, lake activities, pool activities, photo opportunities, hiking, dunk tanks, funnel cake, state fair games, camp songs 101, and much more!

Day 3:

- Activity rotation, all day

*Scouts will rotate through camp on a set schedule while working to complete multiple required adventures for Wolf and Bear Scout advancement.

Camp Policies

Adult Leadership:

All packs must have a minimum of two registered leaders. Packs with female Scouts must have at least 1 registered female leader over the age of 21 present.

Every pack that attends must be under the supervision of its own adult leadership at all times. According to the BSA Youth Protection Policy, two-deep leadership is required for all activities, with both leaders being 21 years of age or older.

You are in charge of your pack at all times and responsible for the discipline and organization of your pack. It is never the camp staff's task to take over your role as leader of your unit.

Youth Protection Guidelines must be followed. This includes that no adult can stay in a tent with any Scout unless the adult is the Scout's parent. All adults must have completed BSA's youth protection training. There are NO exceptions!

Camp Physicals:

All Cub Scouts, leaders, and family members are required to bring a copy of their BSA Annual Health and Medical Record. Parts A and B are required and must be completed within the previous 12 months.

Tobacco Products:

In accordance with the national policy of the Boy Scouts of America, adults are asked to use discretion when using tobacco products and should avoid using them in the presence of campers. Smoking is not permitted in camp buildings or tents nor is the use of tobacco products by those under the age of 21.

Controlled Substances:

In accordance with the national policy of the Boy Scouts of America, alcohol and illegal drugs are not permitted on camp property. Discovery of these items will result in immediate dismissal from the property. All medications must be under lock and key. Medications can be turned in to the camp health officer on arrival to be placed under lock or in the campsite.

Firearms:

Firearms and ammunition are available at the camp for use in the Shooting Sports area. Personal bows, shotguns, and other firearms are not allowed on camp property.

Footwear:

Except when at the pool, shower or lake area, closed-toe and closed-heel shoes must be worn in camp, no sandals or flip-flops.

Youth Protection:

One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. In situations that require a personal conference; the meeting is to be conducted in view of others.

Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing into swimming suits or taking showers at camp and intrude only to the extent that health and safety requires. Scout campers must extend the same courtesy.

When female leaders are present in camp, signs are available to indicate the gender of the latrine or shower occupant.

Vehicles:

All vehicles must be parked in the main parking lot or on the ridge in between the dining hall and headquarters. No Vehicles are allowed in camp without the express permission of the Camp Director. **NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO RIDE IN THE BACK OF PICK-UP TRUCKS OR TRAILERS.**

Telephone and Mail:

The camp emergency phone number is the cell phone of Camp Director Jim Beesley (713) 854-8594 and is to be used only for camp business or emergencies. Parents and others should remember that due to the camp size and individual schedules, it is not possible to locate campers or leaders at a moment's notice. Mail is delivered daily to Camp Geiger and should be addressed as follows:

Scouts Name & Unit #
Camp Geiger
9525 County Road 388
St. Joseph, MO 64505

Leaving Camp Early:

Anyone, Scout or leader, who leaves the camp property, must checkout with the camp office. If a Scout is planning to leave camp (i.e, Summer school, soccer game, etc.) a "Camper Release Form" should be on file in the camp office in order to facilitate a speedy checkout. Please, advise all parents that they will have to prove their identity when checking a Scout out of camp and please understand that we need you (the unit leader) to be present at the time to verify that the Scout is allowed to leave with this specific person, even if they are the parent.

Trading Post:

The Flaming Crow Trading Post is conveniently stocked with handicraft projects, Scouting literature and materials, snacks, drinks, camp souvenirs, along with a wide assortment of BSA and camping supplies. The Trading Post accepts cash, checks and credit/debit cards. This year you can also log onto the Online Trading Post website to order souvenir t-shirts, care packages and MUCH more for your Scouts camping with us. The store can be accessed at: <https://squareup.com/store/Camp-Geiger>.

Electronic Devices:

Radios, video games, and other electronic devices are strongly discouraged, but the policy will be left up to the individual unit leadership. Camp Geiger cannot ensure their safety. Also, the past has shown them to be disruptive and annoying to the program as well as the general camp environment. So we encourage you to keep them at home.

Meals:

The meals offered for this program are Thursday Dinner, Friday Breakfast, Friday Lunch, Friday Dinner, Saturday Breakfast and Saturday Lunch. All of our meals are kid friendly and always a hit with all of our campers! If you have any dietary restrictions, please notify camp leadership prior to the camp so arrangements can be made.

Buddy System:

The buddy system is simply a pairing of boys that go places together. The buddy system should be used at all times during camp. Everywhere the boys go they should be with a buddy, and an adult leader. No Cub Scout should be seen alone in camp away from his group.

In-Camp Transportation

During the camping season, no camper or leader aged 18 or over may be transported between one area of camp and another by any staff member or in any camp vehicle. Those under 18 years old need a note from a medical doctor explaining why transportation is necessary. Such notes must be reviewed and approved by the camp health officer and camp director.

Adults should NOT arrive at camp with the expectation of being transported around camp. A camp physical does not ensure that a person is physically able to walk the trails of camp, but that is the expectation by the council of those attending camp.

Anyone who believes their situation merits exception to this policy should contact the camp director PRIOR to arriving at camp to discuss their circumstances.

Any unit anticipating special provisions, whether related to transportation or otherwise, should be made prior to June 1 to allow for Council review.

Storm Shelter Use

During the camping season, no one is allowed to erect a tent, cot, or other personal accommodations other than temporary seating on top of the storm shelters. Units should be aware that these structures are intended for group usage by ALL units in the vicinity and are not to be used for any personal or unit gear or sleeping accommodations.

Electrical Extension Cords in Campsites

During the camping season, electricity will NOT be provided for individual tents and extension cords are not allowed to be run to individual tents. Electrical outlets are available in campsites, but no cord or combination of cords are allowed to extend more than 3 feet from any outlet.

Use of Personal Tents

Due to the family nature of our camping program, campers are allowed to bring their own tents for camping in our designated campsites. It is our goal that providing this option will allow the whole family to camp together!

Camp Health and Safety

Health Lodge:

The camp has an on-site Health Officer, trained in First Aid and Emergency Response. The Health Officer provides routine medical treatment and handles minor medical problems.

Program Areas:

All program areas, including the lake and climbing tower, are off-limits when closed.

Fire Prevention:

In case of fire, the Camp Office is to be notified immediately. Each unit is to organize a Fireguard Plan furnished by the camp. Camp Staff members serve as the principal fire fighters. All Campers are required to stay clear of any fire areas. Leaders are instructed to assemble their Scouts in a safe area and take a roll call. No liquid fuel may be left in the campsite. No fires or flames are allowed in tents or campsites.

Emergency Procedures:

Emergency procedures are provided to all leaders at the pre-camp meeting and when checking into camp. The procedures are specific campsite assigned to the unit. It is important that these procedures are shared with all unit leaders.

2024 Cub Scout Adventure Camp Schedule

Thursday, June 6th, 2024

3-5 PM- ARRIVALS

3- 6 PM- Swim Checks at the Pool

5:30 PM- Leaders Meeting at the Trading Post

6:00 PM- Midway/Dinner

8:00 PM- Campers line up for Campfire

8:15 PM- Campfire

10:00 PM- Call to Quarters

10:15 PM- Tattoo

10:30 PM- Taps

Friday, June 7th, 2023

6:45 AM- First Call

7:00 AM- Reveille

7:25 AM- Flag Raising

7:30 AM- Breakfast

9 AM-12 PM- South Camp State Fair Games

12:25 PM- Assembly

12:30 PM- Lunch

2-5 PM- North Camp State Fair Games

5:00 PM- Free Swim

5:15 PM- Leaders Meeting (Herzog Lodge)

6:05 PM-Assemble for Dinner

6:15 PM- Dinner

8:00 PM- Campers line up for Campfire

8:15 PM- Campfire

10:00 PM- Call to Quarters

10:15 PM- Tattoo

10:30 PM- Taps

Saturday, June 8th, 2023

6:45 AM- First Call

7:00 AM- Reveille

7:25 AM- Flag Raising

7:30 AM- Breakfast

9am-12PM- Morning Activity Rotations

12:25 PM- Assembly

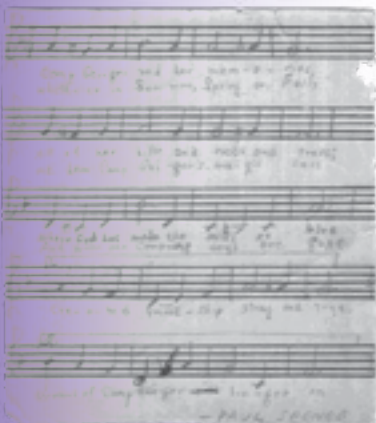
12:30 PM- Lunch

1:30-4:30 PM- Afternoon Activity Rotations

4:30 PM- Closing and Awards

5:00 PM- Camp Dismissed!

CAMP GEIGER MEDLEY



*Photo of the actual,
original Camp Geiger
song, as penned by Paul
Spence in 1949*

Camp Geiger Traditions

Original Camp Geiger Song (Camp Geiger Memories)

Camp Geiger and her memories,
All of her hills, and rocks, and trees.
Where God has made the sky so blue,
Created friendships strong and true.
Whether in summer, spring or fall,
We hear Camp Geiger's magic call.
And when our camping days are gone,
Dreams of Camp Geiger linger on.

Paul Spence, 1949

Camp Geiger Song

On the hills above the river, in among the trees,
Flows the flag of old Camp Geiger, waving in the breeze.
Hail Camp Geiger, Hail Camp Geiger,
With your Scouts so true.
With your spirit of good Scouting,
Hail, O hail to you.

The Scout Vesper Song

Softly falls the light of day,
As our campfire fades away.
Silently each Scout should ask,
Have I done my daily task?
Have I kept my honor bright?
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?
Have I done and have I dared
Everything to be prepared?

Camp Geiger Grace

For food, for shelter, for clothing,
For family, for friends, and for freedom,
We thank thee, O Lord.

Chieftain Eagle Feather, 1950

What You Need to Bring to Camp

Individual Scout

Scout's Name _____

SCOUTS (REQUIRED)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> BSA Physical, signed | <input type="checkbox"/> Swim wear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Uniform - Class A | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Several pairs of socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Long sleeve sweatshirt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changes of underwear | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raincoat or poncho | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat or cap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual program needs* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jeans and/or long pants | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Closed-toe shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush, toothpaste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap and shampoo | <input type="checkbox"/> Cot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag or alternative | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen (SPF 30) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle | <input type="checkbox"/> Pens, pencils, notebook |

* Certain merit badges and other activities may have specific materials you need to bring. These are noted in the activities section of the 2020 Camp Geiger Leader Guide. Get this information from your Scoutmaster or other troop Leader.

SCOUTS (OPTIONAL)

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Class B shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Bible or prayer Book |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pocketknife * | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air mattress | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone / camera |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musical instrument | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry soap | <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito netting | |

* Scouts should have earned their Totin' Chip certification in order to use axes or saws. Scouts must have completed the Scout Rank requirement regarding pocketknife safety to carry and use a pocket-knife.

Only foldable knives are permitted, and blade length cannot exceed six inches. Sheath knives and switchblades are not permitted.

Scout / Scouter Medication Storage Waiver

The completion of this waiver will allow for an individual's medications to be stored outside of Camp Geiger's Health Lodge, provided that the following conditions are met. It is the duty of the responsible party or parties to ensure that all of the guidelines are followed through the entirety of the camping session. Camp Geiger and its staff will not be responsible for any problems related to this arrangement.

Requirements for troop storage of medications include, but are not limited to the following requirements:

- Secure, locked storage container with access restricted to responsible parties only.
- Medications stored and administered as per manufacturer's guidelines and physician's orders.
- Responsible party or parties must keep a medication log of dates and times that medications were taken.
- Medication logs must be accessible to Health Lodge staff upon request.
- Medications must be accessible to Health Lodge staff in the event of an emergency
- Sharps must be properly disposed of in the sharps containers in the Health Lodge.

Medications requiring refrigeration or other special storage arrangements or requirements must still be stored at the Health Lodge.

Name of Scout or Scouter _____ Troop No. _____

Names of Adults Responsible for Medications:

Signature of Adult Taking Primary Responsibility _____

Date _____

This form must be attached to the Scout's or Adult's physical exam form.

This form must be on record and attached to the Scout or Scouter's physical examination form at the time of check-in and before medications may be stored outside the health lodge.

This form must be used if prescription or over the counter medications are to be kept outside the health lodge.

Camp Geiger Camper Release Form

This form is to be completed for any Scout leaving camp during his session. Completed forms should be submitted at the unit's check-in.

Scout's Name _____ Troop _____ Campsite _____

Date and Time camper is to leave camp _____

Date and Time camper is to return to camp _____

Leaving with _____ Relationship _____

Reason camp is leaving _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Campmaster / Scoutmaster _____ Date _____

Note: When a camper leaves during the session, the person picking up the Scout is required to provide a picture ID before the Scout will be allowed to leave. An adult Leader from the troop is to accompany the Scout to headquarters to check out.

Campership Application

Camperships are for youth members registered in the Pony Express Council.

General Information

Note: Funds available for camperships covered by this application come from funds restricted by the council or donated by individuals for the use of Scouts attending camping activities at Camp Geiger and District Day Camps.

Please read all instructions completely and fill in all spaces. Do not include extra paper with this application.

The Council Camping Committee is concerned about the individual needs and the unit's individual evaluation of the Scout for whom this request is made. Generally, camperships are limited to no more than 75% of the activity cost. Each Scout, his family or his unit should provide a minimum of 25% of the activity cost.

Camperships are not transferable, refundable and have no cash value.

Applications must be submitted by April 1st. Applications received after April 1st will be reviewed, but may not be granted due to lack of funds.

All information in this application will be treated confidentially.

Instructions

Campership Request

Please list the amount or portion of the cost provided by the Scout, the family, the unit and/or the chartered organization to arrive at the amount requested.

The ninth part of the Scout's Law is "A Scout is THRIFTY." A Scout works to pay his own way. The Council Camping Committee is very interested in what the Scout has done to assist his family in providing him with this camping experience. This is a character building opportunity for the Scout to learn the importance of being THRIFTY.

Family Information

Briefly describe the general circumstances that require campership assistance for the Scout to attend camp.

Unit Endorsement

This area is extremely valuable to the Council Camping Committee. Failure of the unit to provide this endorsement may result in the application being denied or delayed until further information can be obtained.

Information should be provided as to the Scout's participation in the unit's fundraising activities like the popcorn sale.

In many cases, the unit will be aware of the financial need of the Scout. Confirmation of this fact or further explanation is helpful. Do not merely repeat information already provided.

In keeping with the policies of the Boy Scouts of America, the rules for acceptance and participation in camp activities are the same for everyone without regard to race, sex, creed, color, national origin, age or physical limitation.

Return completed application no later than April 1 to

Pony Express Council
1704 Buckingham St.
St. Joseph, MO 64508-8157

Scout's Legal Name _____ DOB _____

Street Address _____ Unit No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Parent's Name _____

Council _____ District _____

Application is for:

____ Camp Geiger ____ Cub Resident Camp ____ Webelos Weekend ____ District Day Camp

If attending Scout camp, what session? _____

Age _____ Rank _____ Years in Scouting _____ Years at summer camp _____

Campership Form, continued.

Scout's Name _____

Campership Request		
Cost of Camp	\$ _____	Briefly explain what Scout has done to earn a portion of his camp fee. Include Council, unit, and individual fundraising activities and service work performed
Less Cost Provided by Scout	- _____	
Less Cost Provided by Family	- _____	
Less Cost Provided by Unit	- _____	
Less Cost Provided by Chartered Partner	- _____	
Net Campership Request	\$ _____	

Scout's Popcorn Sales Last Fall / Spring \$ _____

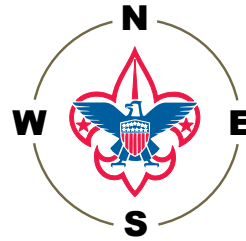
Family Information		
<p>This section must be completed by the Scout's family. Briefly describe the circumstances that require campership assistance for the Scout to attend. In most cases camperships are not granted to families who have income over \$60,000</p>		
Total yearly household income:	\$ _____	
Names & Ages of Other Children in the Home (under the age of 18)		
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Date of Request _____		
Parent Signature _____		

Unit Endorsement		
Please provide as much information as possible to assist the Council Camping Committee in evaluating this application		
Does this unit participate in FOS? Yes _____ No _____	Does this unit sell popcorn? Yes _____ No _____	
Is this Scout a newly registered Scout? Yes _____ No _____	If yes, date registered _____	Did Scout advance in rank in last 6 months? Yes _____ No _____
Unit Leader Signature _____		
<p>A registered Scout who cannot pay the full cost of attending council camp activities may apply for limited assistance (campership). This fund assists deserving Scouts to attend camps with a percentage of the cost based on need, but is not intended to provide the full fee. Families, units and/or the chartered partner are expected to provide a portion of the fee. Campership aid is for only ONE camping experience. The above Unit Leader attests that he knows the Scout and his family and believes the facts on this application are accurate. Furthermore he/she states that the unit has made a diligent effort to fund this Scout's fees from the unit, the committee, committee members and/or the chartered organization before applying for council funding. Applications for unregistered persons and applications without proper signatures will be returned to the Unit Leader.</p>		
Council Action		
Guideline Amt: \$ _____	Requested Amt: \$ _____	Granted Amt: \$ _____
Date Received _____	CCC Initials _____	Date _____

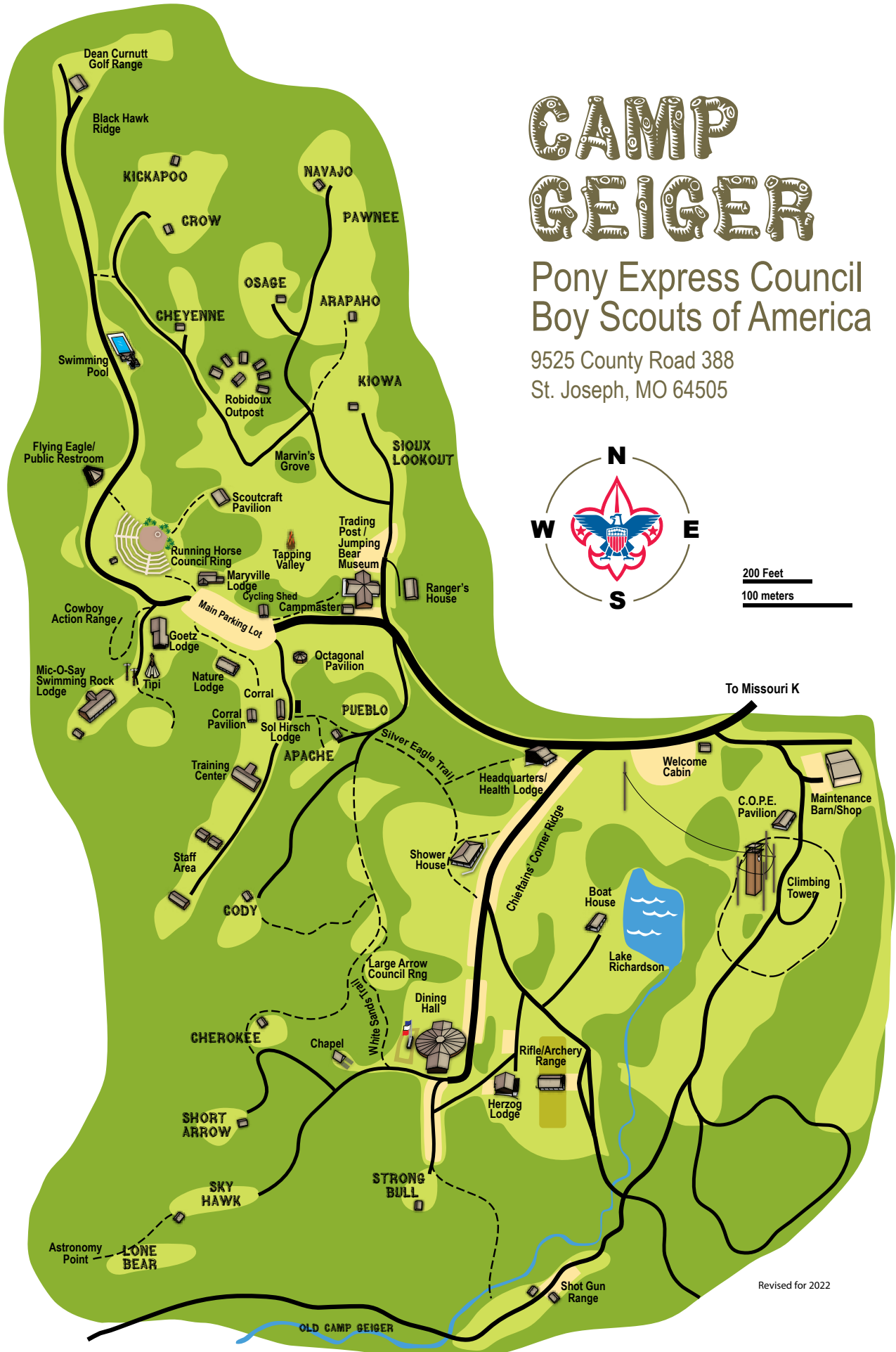
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