

2025 Cub Scout Adventure Camp

Leader's Guide



Camp Geiger, Pony Express Council

June 5th - 7th, 2025

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 2025! This exciting program is filled with fun and adventure that will keep your Scouts begging for more! The whole weekend is designed around a World Travel 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 Camp Geiger World Tour!

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 Cub Scout Adventure 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 5th - Registration DUE, Early fee rates end after this date
June 2nd - Pre-Camp Leader's Meeting- via Zoom
June 5th - 7th - Cub Scout Adventure Camp

Camper Fees:

\$65 per Scout by May 5th and \$70 starting May 6th

\$55 per Adult by May 5th and \$60 starting May 6th

This fee includes meals, lodging, program supplies, 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 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 2nd). At this meeting the Direction team will cover very important information for the upcoming camp as well as hand out campsite 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 Camp Geiger Cub Scout Adventure Camp is built around improving the Scout's skills as well as having fun with their fellow scouts. The program for 2025 will be

organized through a rotation of activities with World Tour themes. Each stop along the rotation will provide exciting activities and entertainment with something for everyone.

Activities offered:

Day 1:

- **Opening Campfire**

Day 2:

- **Camp Geiger World Tour South Camp Rotations, all morning**
- **Camp Geiger World Tour 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, Scouting activities from around the world, 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 Cub Scouting advancement. The schedule will be provided to leaders following the pre-camp zoom meeting on June 2nd.**

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, one leader who is at least 21 years of age and a second who is 18 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!

Health Forms:

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 18.

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 will be shared with camp leaders prior to the start of camp, and they may share this with parents as needed. 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 pre-camp meeting so arrangements can be made.**

Scouts will be assisted in setting and cleaning their tables by our Five-Star staff. Leaders are welcome and encouraged to join in these table waiting responsibilities.

Buddy System:

The buddy system is simply a pairing of scouts that go places together. The buddy system should be used at all times during camp. Everywhere the scouts go they should be with a

buddy, and an adult leader. No Cub Scout should be seen alone in camp away from their 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.

2025 Cubs Adventure Camp Schedule

Thursday, June 5th, 2025

3-5 PM- ARRIVALS and Check-in at the Corral.
3- 6 PM- Swim Checks at the Pool
5:30 PM- Leaders Meeting at Herzog Lodge (See Leader's Guide Map)
6:00 PM- Meet outside the Dining Hall with your whole pack
6:10 PM- Waiter's Call
6:20 PM-Assemble for Dinner
6:30 PM- Dinner
8:00 PM- Campers line up for Campfire in Corral
8:15 PM- Campfire
10:00 PM- Call to Quarters
10:15 PM- Tattoo
10:30 PM- Taps

Friday, June 6th, 2025

6:45 AM- First Call
7:00 AM- Reveille
7:10 AM- Waiter's Call
7:25 AM- Flag Raising
7:30 AM- Breakfast
9 AM-12 PM- South Camp World Tour Games
12:10 PM- Waiter's Call
12:25 PM- Assembly
12:30 PM- Lunch
2-4:30 PM- North Camp World Tour Games
4:30-5:30 PM- Free Swim

5:50 PM- Leaders Meeting (Location TBD)
6:10 PM- Waiter's Call
6:20 PM- Assemble for Dinner
6:30 PM- Dinner
8:00 PM- Campers line up for Campfire in Corral
8:15 PM- Campfire
10:00 PM- Call to Quarters
10:15 PM- Tattoo
10:30 PM- Taps

Saturday, June 7th, 2025

6:45 AM- First Call
7:00 AM- Reveille
7:10 AM- Waiter's Call
7:25 AM- Flag Raising
7:30 AM- Breakfast
9am-12PM- Morning Activity Rotations
12:10 PM- Waiter's Call
12:25 PM- Assembly
12:30 PM- Lunch
1:45-4:45 PM- Afternoon Activity Rotations
4:45 PM- Closing and Awards
5:00 PM- Camp Dismissed!

