

# 2026 Cub Scout Adventure Camp

## Leader's Guide



Camp Geiger, Pony Express Council

July 7<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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Dear Leaders and Parents,

Welcome to Cub Scout Adventure Camp 2026 at Camp Geiger! We are excited to have you and your pack joining us for an unforgettable Cub camping experience this July. This year's camp introduces a brand-new theme—Expedition Unknown—designed to spark curiosity, teamwork, and a sense of discovery for every Scout.

Cub Scout Adventure Camp is packed with fun, hands-on activities and challenges that will keep your Scouts engaged from start to finish. Throughout the week, Scouts will embark on their own expedition as they rotate through activities that build Scout skills, encourage adventure, and create lasting memories with friends.

**New for 2026**, Cub Scout Adventure Camp will overlap with **Webelos Weekend on Wednesday and Thursday**, offering a unique **full-pack experience**. During these days, Cub Scouts will get to be part of the energy and excitement of a larger camp environment while still enjoying age-appropriate programming tailored just for them. This overlap is a great opportunity for Scouts to see what future adventures await while strengthening pack camaraderie.

Please take time to carefully review this Leader's Guide, as it outlines everything you'll need to know while planning your pack's stay and what to expect upon arrival at camp. Be sure all leaders and parents attending camp have read the guide. It is also available online at [www.ponyexpressbsa.org](http://www.ponyexpressbsa.org).

Each pack will be assigned a campsite with platform tents provided, or packs may choose to bring and pitch their own tents. Please note that cots are not provided, so plan accordingly. Scouts will spend time in both larger groups and with their own pack, sharing campsite responsibilities just like Scouts at summer camp.

Packs will rotate through a variety of activities focused on advancement, teamwork, and fun. We also encourage each pack to prepare a skit for the Wednesday night campfire—just let the Program Director know to add your pack to the list no later than lunch on Wednesday of camp!

If you have any questions about the program or camp operations, please feel free to email [peccubcamping@gmail.com](mailto:peccubcamping@gmail.com) or contact the council office at **816-233-1351**. We can't wait to welcome you and your pack for an exciting summer adventure at Camp Geiger.

Yours in Scouting,

**The Pony Express Council Cub Scout Camping Team**

## **Registration Information**

### **Important Dates:**

June 7<sup>th</sup>- Registration DUE, Early fee rates end after this date

June 29<sup>th</sup> Pre-Camp Leader's Meeting- via Zoom

July 7<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> – Cub Scout Adventure Camp

### **Camper Fees:**

\$75 per Scout by June 7<sup>th</sup> and \$80 starting June 8<sup>th</sup>

\$60 per Adult by June 7<sup>th</sup> and \$65 starting June 8<sup>th</sup>

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 1pm; please do not arrive at camp before 1pm, 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 29<sup>th</sup>). 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 2026 will be organized through a rotation of activities with Expedition Unknown themes. Each stop along the rotation will provide exciting activities, adventures, challenges, and entertainment with something for everyone.

### Activities offered:

#### **Day 1:**

- Opening Meal
- Opening Campfire

#### **Day 2:**

- Breakfast Program
- Expedition Unknown South Camp Challenge Rotations, all morning
- Lunch Program
- Expedition Unknown North Camp Challenge Rotations, all afternoon
- Free Swim
- Dinner Program
- 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, Expedition Unknown challenges, 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 29th.*

## 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 Tuesday Dinner, Wednesday Breakfast, Wednesday Lunch, Wednesday Dinner, Thursday Breakfast and Thursday 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.

## **2026 Cubs Adventure Camp Schedule**

### **Tuesday, July 7th, 2026**

1-4 PM- ARRIVALS and Check-in at the Corral.

1-4:30 PM- Swim Checks at the Pool

5:30 PM- Leaders Meeting at Large Arrow Council Ring (See Leader's Guide Map)

6:15 PM- Meet outside the Dining Hall with your whole pack

6:20 PM- Assemble for Dinner

6:30 PM- Picnic Dinner on the Flag Plaza

7:45 PM- Campers line up for Campfire in Corral area

8:00 PM- Campfire

10:00 PM- Call to Quarters

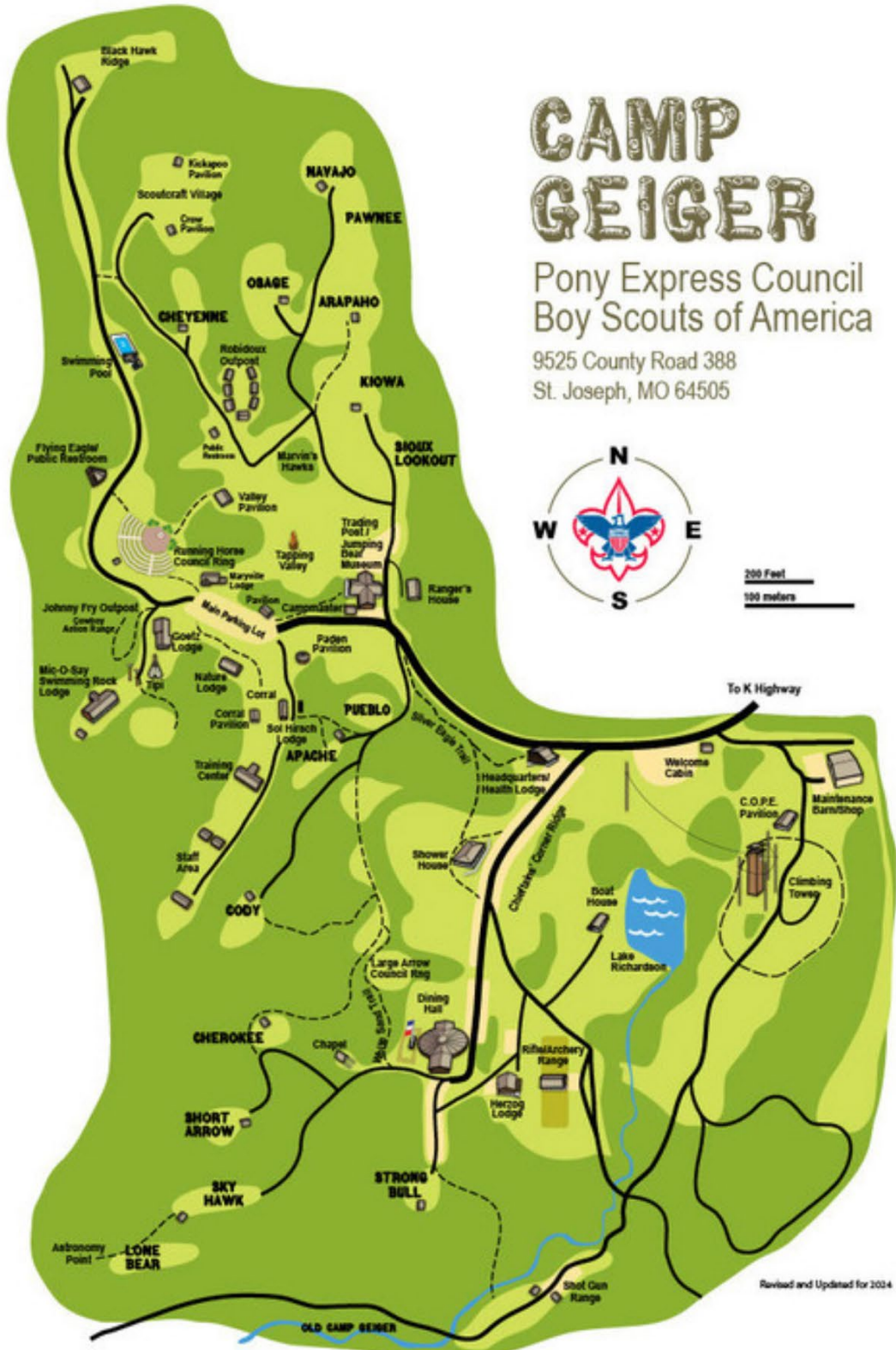
10:15 PM- Amazing Grace  
10:30 PM- Taps

### **Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

6:45 AM- First Call  
7:00 AM- Reveille  
7:10 AM- Waiter's Call  
7:25 AM- Flag Raising  
7:30 AM- Breakfast in the Dining Hall  
9 AM-12 PM- North Camp Expedition Unknown Challenges  
12:25 PM- Assembly  
12:30 PM- Lunch  
2:00-5:00 PM- South Camp Expedition Unknown Challenges  
4:30-5:30 PM- Free Swim  
6:00 PM- Assemble on the Dining Hall Parade Field with Webelos Weekend  
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- Amazing Grace  
10:30 PM- Taps

### **Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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 in Running Horse Council Ring  
5:00 PM- Camp Dismissed!



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