

2022 Webelos Weekend Leader's Guide



July 28th-31st, 2022



Dear Leaders & Parents,

Welcome to Webelos Weekend at Camp Geiger! We are truly excited for Webelos Weekend this year with many fun-packed opportunities for both the leaders and the Scouts! Our goal for this camp is not only to have a fun time while learning Scout skills and completing adventures but also to help you get used to Camp Geiger and its operations during Scouts BSA Resident Camp. Unlike Cub Scout Wolf and Bear Camp, this camp is geared more towards the Scouts taking their own classes and getting used to Camp Geiger operations. Webelos Weekend is for all Scouts who will be starting 4th and 5th grade in the 2022-2023 school year.

Now that you as well as your pack are registered, get ready to enjoy a great time at Camp Geiger. Our staff has worked hard to make sure that you and your packs have the experience of your life while you are at Webelos Weekend 2022.

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 Webelos can expect once you arrive at camp. Make sure that every leader or parent that 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. 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. Meals will be served family-style in the dining hall, like at Scouts BSA summer camp. Cubs are encouraged to work together to share campsite and dining hall duties.

Packs throughout the weekend will compete in a number of Camp Geiger X-Game activities that will challenge their Scouting skills and knowledge. We also encourage each pack to come up with a skit to perform at the campfire on Friday evening.

If there are any questions that you may have about our program or about the operation of Webelos Weekend, 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:

June 24th- Registration DUE, Late fee starts after this date
July 18th- Pre-Camp Leader's Meeting- details to be announced
July 28th-31st – Webelos Weekend: Geiger X-Games

Camper Fees:

\$93 per Scout by June 24th and \$103 after June 24th*
\$83 per Adult by June 24th and \$93, after June 24th*
This fee includes meals, lodging, program supplies, and patch.

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 Webelos Weekend at Camp Geiger we observe 2 deep leadership for every pack at all times. All adults (registered scouts and parents) attending Webelos Weekend with a pack MUST complete Youth Protection Training.

*The exception to this rule is when scouts are attending their activity rotations during the day on Friday and Saturday, at this time the staff will serve as these Scouts' 2 deep leadership. Leaders are more than welcome to still attend these activity rotations.

Camp Visitors:

If there are parents visiting, they must check in at the camp office to sign in and get a visitor's badge. 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 are more than welcome to watch. Visitors will also not be able to eat in the dining hall, as your unit's settings are set up according to your unit's numbers.

Camperships:

A limited number of camperships are available for the Pony Express Council Scouts with financial need. 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. Forms are available at www.ponyexpressbsa.org Contact the Pony Express Council Service Center for more information.

Check-in & Check-Out Procedures

When you arrive at Camp Geiger for Webelos Weekend this year the check-in procedures will be very similar to the past years. We have created this check-in process to make it more user friendly for our campers and leaders, as well as make the transition between Cub

Camping and Boy Scout Summer camp easier. To make your check-in experience run smoother please plan on everyone from your pack to arrive at the same time to avoid delaying your check-in process.

Check in starts at 1pm; please do not arrive at camp before 1pm, as the staff will not be prepared for your pack.

BEFORE CAMP:

The check-in process actually starts at the pre-camp leaders meeting held the Monday before the camp (July 18th) (details of this meeting to be announced). At this meeting the Director team will cover very important information for the upcoming camp as well as confirm numbers to make campsite assignments, and leaders guide packets. Trading Post hours will be announced at the leader's meeting. Each pack needs to have at least 1 representative at this meeting. Camp leadership will also email out a sign-up link for packs to select their preferred check-in time.

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 your scouts arrive in their swim trunks, as they will go through swim checks before going to their campsites.*

1. When arriving at camp, all vehicles should proceed to the high ridge between Headquarters and the Dining Hall area.
2. Once all Scouts and Leaders with your troop have arrived, proceed to the check-in area near the fence off the northeast corner of the Dining Hall. You and your troop will be greeted by our staff and assigned a troop host. The host will take your unit through the check-in process in handicraft corral as well as to the pool for swim check and your campsite. Enjoy your tour of Camp along the way!
3. Scouts and Leaders will proceed through the medical recheck station. This station is easily visible along the fence near the Dining Hall. At this time, all Scouts and Leaders should have their BSA Medical forms (parts A and B) in hand. If a Scout or Leader is taking medication and his or her medication is going to be stored by a Leader in the campsite, then the signed Scout/Scouter Medication Storage Waiver form should already be attached to his or her medical form. If a camper intends to have the Health Lodge store his or her medication, the medication should also be brought to this medical recheck.
4. Once you get your campsite assignment consolidate all of your packs 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

To ensure a minimal wait time, and smooth process please make sure everyone from your unit arrives at approximately the same time to Camp Geiger!

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
5. Please join us for the closing Awards ceremony at 8:30 am in the Handicraft Corral.

Program

General:

The program at Camp Geiger Webelos Weekend is built around improving the scout's skills, working towards completing adventures while having fun. There will be a number of fun and exciting activities for scouts to build their schedules around!

Activities offered:

The class grid of activities will be released at a later date.

*All activity offerings are offered on a first come, first served basis with our online sign up system. No bumps will be made.**

Campwide Activity:

During this time all scouts on camp will participate in a X-Games themed activity

Leader Program Opportunities:

In 2022 we will be offering multiple adult leader training and activity offerings for our adult campers. The costs of these programs are covered through your camp fees. This is a great opportunity to catch up with your training while you are at camp!

Baden Powell Outpost Program

Our outpost program has been revised and is back in 2022! Join us for the newly redesigned Baden Powell Outpost program the night before Webelos Weekend begins! This is a wilderness survival program that offers the ultimate camping experience for scouts and their leaders! The newly redesigned program includes:

- Guided wilderness survival shelter building by a qualified staff member

- Demonstration shelters on site!
- Wilderness Outpost meals cooked by your group over a fire!
- A special rustic campfire program in the woods, with a special guest!
- A night out under the stars in the woods of Camp Geiger
- A Leave No Trace Round Robin training fair in the morning
- Early Swim Checks (beat the check-in crowd!)
- A tasty lunch to start off your Webelos Weekend experience
- A special gift only available to Baden Powell Outpost participants!

Camp Policies

Adult Leadership:

All packs must have a minimum of two registered leaders.

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 it is his parent. All adults (Leaders and parents) must have completed BSA's youth protection training. There are NO exceptions!

Camp Physicals:

All Webelos and adults 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.

If a Webelos Scout is participating in the Baden Powell Outpost Program will need to bring a copy of their BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, Parts A, B and C.

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 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. SEATBELTS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES.

Telephone and Mail:

The camp emergency phone number is (816) 364-1523 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" must 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.

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:

All of the meals with the exception of Sunday morning will be served family style in the dining hall.

In the dining hall you pack will have assigned tables, your pack will need to provide a table waiter for each table. PLEASE ONLY SET EACH TABLE FOR 8 PEOPLE!

If you have any dietary restrictions, please notify camp leadership using the online registration system and at the pre-camp leader's meeting prior to the start of camp so arrangements can be made.

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. No Webelos Scout should be seen alone in camp away from his group.

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. YOU MUST NOTIFY THE CAMP DIRECTOR AND CAMP RANGER IF YOU HAVE PROPANE IN YOUR CAMPSITE.

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.

Webelos Weekend Schedule

THURSDAY, July 28th, 2022

1-4 PM- ARRIVALS
1- 5 PM- Swim Checks at the Pool
5:15 PM- Leaders Meeting at Large Arrow Council Ring
6:00 PM- Packs Assemble on the North Side of the Dining Hall
6:15 PM- Dinner
7:30 PM- Campers line up in corral for Campfire
7:45 PM- Campfire
10:00 PM- Call to Quarters
10:15 PM- Amazing Grace
10:30 PM- Taps

Friday, July 29th, 2022

6:45 AM- First Call
7:00 AM- Reveille
7:10 AM- Waiters Call
7:20 AM- Parade Call
7:25 AM- Flag Raising
7:30 AM- Breakfast
9:00-9:45 AM- First Activity
10:00-10:45 AM- Second Activity
11:00-11:45 AM- Third Activity
12:10 PM- Waiters Call
12:20 PM- Parade Call
12:25 PM- Assembly on Flag Plaza
12:30 PM- Lunch
1:15-1:50 PM- Rest Period
2:00-2:45 PM- Fourth Activity
3:00-5:00- Camp Wide Activity (In Scoutcraft Valley)
5:00-5:50 PM- Free Swim/Rest Period
6:10 PM- Waiters Call

6:10 PM- Flag Lowering
6:15 PM- Dinner
7:45 PM – Campers line up in Handicraft Corral
8:00 PM- Campfire
10:00 PM- Call to Quarters
10:30 PM- Taps

Saturday July 30th, 2022

6:45 AM- First Call
7:00 AM- Reveille
7:10 AM- Waiters Call
7:20 AM- Parade Call
7:25 AM- Flag Raising
7:30 AM- Breakfast
9:00-9:45 AM- Fifth Activity
10:00-10:45 AM- Sixth Activity
11:00-11:45 AM- Seventh Activity
11:15 AM- Leaders Meeting at Large Arrow Council Ring
12:10 PM- Waiters Call
12:20 PM- Parade Call
12:25 PM- Assembly on Flag Plaza
12:30 PM- Lunch
1:15-1:50 PM- Rest Period
2:00-2:45 PM- Eighth Activity
3:00-5:00 PM- Camp Wide Activity (Scoutcraft Valley)
5:00-5:50 PM- Rest Period/ Free Swim
6:00 PM- Waiters Call
6:10 PM- Flag Lowering
6:15 PM- Dinner
7:15 PM – Campers go to corral for Arrowpath program, Cracker-barrel Following
10:00 PM- Call to Quarters
10:30 PM- Taps

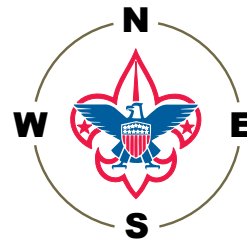
Sunday, July 31st, 2022

7:30 AM- Reveille
8:00 AM- Non-Denominational Scout's Own Service at the Chapel.
8:30 AM- X-Games Awards Ceremony and Closing in the Dining Hall

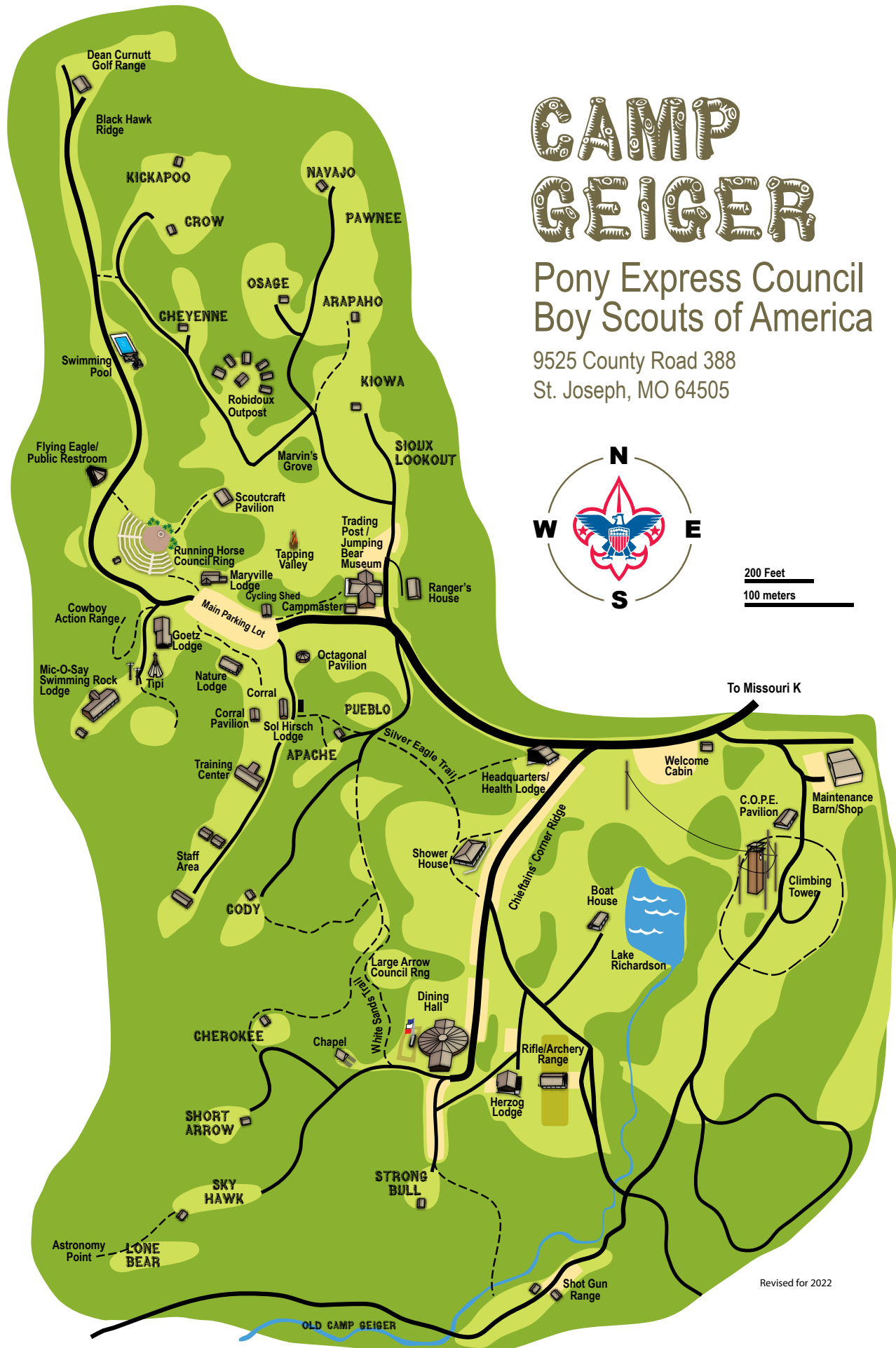
CAMP GEIGER

Pony Express Council
Boy Scouts of America

9525 County Road 388
St. Joseph, MO 64505



200 Feet
100 meters



Revised for 2022

2022 - 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 _____ Wolf/Bear Camp _____ Webelos Weekend _____ District Day Camp

If attending Scout camp, what session? _____

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

2022 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		
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		
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 _____		
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.		
Council Action		
Guideline Amt: \$ _____	Requested Amt: \$ _____	Granted Amt: \$ _____
Date Received _____	CCC Initials _____	Date _____

You will likely want to print and bring this form with you. It would be difficult to complete ahead of camp because you will not know what tables are assigned to your pack and who will be at each one. But you are going to need to organize these assignments. We think the Table Waiter chart will be helpful to you.

The Table Waiter Plan

Camp Geiger uses a table waiter plan. Each pack is to devise a system of assignments for table waiters. Traditionally, a Scout is assigned table waiter duty for all three meals on a given day.

Waiters report to the dining hall at waiters' call (a bugle call which sounds 20 minutes before the meal). Waiters are responsible for setting up a table as shown in the diagram on the next page. The waiter brings all food to the table. The waiter also brings the two pitchers of drinks. One pitcher contains the drink of the day and the other is always water. Waiters also need to be certain that the condiment tray in the middle of the table is kept neat and fully stocked with condiments, salt, pepper, and napkins. One of the items waiters often forget to set out are serving spoons. These should always be made available at the table. Otherwise, Scouts will invariably use their own individual utensils to serve themselves. That's bad hygiene!

Camp Geiger makes sure that Scouts *always* have plenty to eat. For that reason a call is made for "seconds" at every meal. The Dining Hall Staff will bring seconds to tables that request them.

After the program at the end of the meal, a "Two Minute Drill" will be announced. During this time, all Scouts at each table should assist the table waiter with scraping the plates and all other waste into 1-2 of the serving bowls and in the sorting of plates, utensils, and cups. Carts will be positioned in the center aisle and one



The proper way for table waiters to set up a table for a meal is shown here.

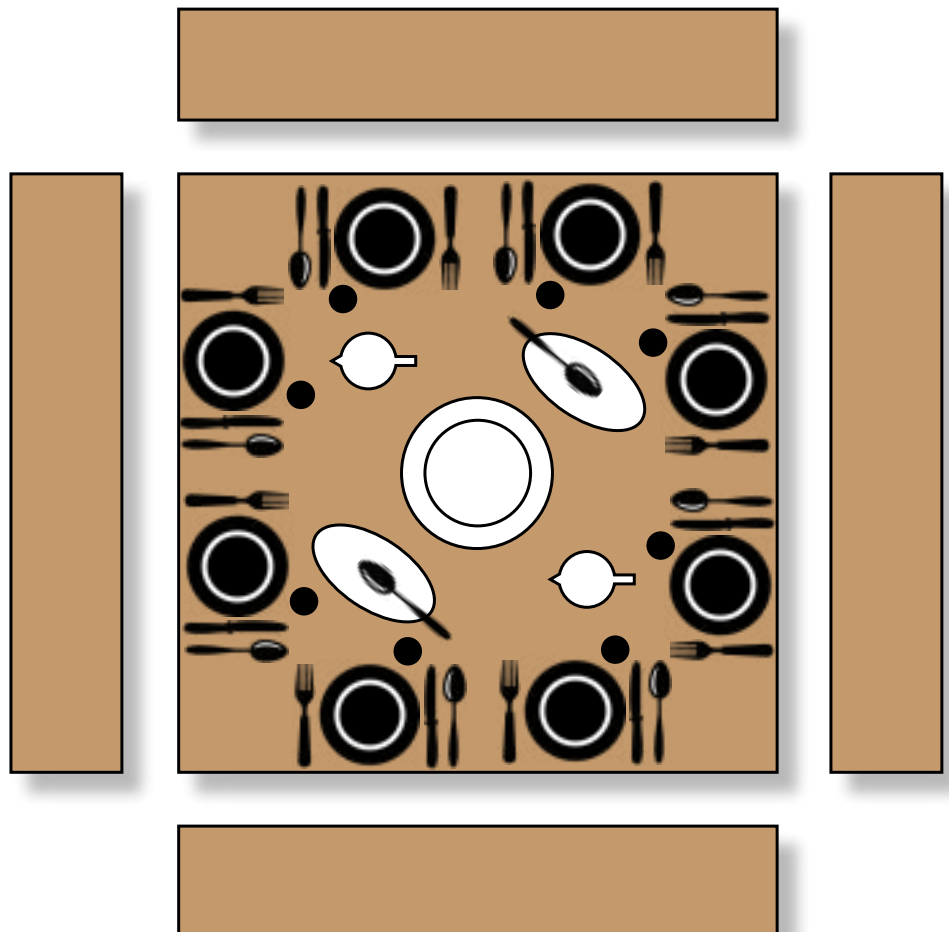
For each Scout or Leader at the table, the waiter places a plate, a knife, fork, teaspoon and a drinking glass.

The condiment tray in the middle holds bread, chips, various condiments and napkins. Waiters are to be sure these items are kept "stocked." This year, you will notice the condiment tray has been "raised," creating a new compartment underneath for bread and chips, making the items in the condiment tray more accessible.

Waiters make sure that all items for the meal are brought out including drink pitchers. They make sure there are serving spoons so that Scouts are not using their individual utensil to serve food.

Scout should take the stack of plates from the table to one of these carts. Other special instructions may be announced by the Dining Hall Steward at the beginning of the week regarding the Two Minute Drill, so be sure to listen for those instructions and follow them closely.

After the meal, the waiter remains. He or she should get a spatula to scrape large plates and bowls. He or she returns all of the remaining table items to the tables in front of the kitchen, discards any garbage from the table, and empties the pitcher. He or she then needs to retrieve a hot, wet dishtowel and *thoroughly* wipe down the table. (Nothing is less appetizing that showing up to a sticky table at the next meal.) Finally, the waiter sweeps around and under the table. A member of the Staff will give the waiter an "okay" when everything has been done properly. At that point, the waiter is free to leave and rejoin his or her unit.



2022 - What You Need to Bring to Camp

Individual Scout

Scout's Name _____

SCOUTS (REQUIRED)

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> BSA Health Form, 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"/> Webelos Handbook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jeans and/or long pants | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush, toothpaste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Closed-toe shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Cot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap and shampoo | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag or alternative | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen (SPF 30) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle | <input type="checkbox"/> Pens, pencils, notebook |

SCOUTS (OPTIONAL)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <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 Whittling Chip certification in order to use pocketknives.

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

What the Pack Needs to Bring to Camp

- ___ Pack roster
- ___ Lockable medication box
- ___ Lanterns (propane)
- ___ Water containers/dispensers
- ___ Bulletin board items
- ___ Pack first aid kit
- ___ Cleaning supplies and soaps for restroom, toilet, and showers in camp

Camp Geiger Provides These Items

- Tent platforms
- Picnic tables
- 2-person tents
- Water supply with hose
- Bulletin board
- Flagpole
- Storm shelter
- Toilet & shower facility
- Push broom
- Regular (corn) broom
- Squeegee
- Rake
- Shovel
- Wheelbarrow
- Toilet bowl brush
- Covered program area

Quartermaster/Camp Can Provide These Items

- Toilet paper
- Ice (purchase at Trading Post)
- Trash bags
- Other tools



2022 - 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 _____ Unit _____ Campsite _____

Date and Time camper is to leave camp _____

Date and Time camper is to return to camp _____

Leaving with _____ Relationship _____

Reason camper is leaving _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Cubmaster/Campmaster _____ 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 unit is to accompany the Scout to headquarters to check out.

2022 - 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 unit 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 _____ Unit 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.

2022 COVID-19 Policies for All Scouts, Leaders, Staff and Parents

THIS INFORMATION IS DISTRIBUTED TO ALL UNIT LEADERS ATTENDING CAMP GEIGER. LEADERS SHOULD SHARE THIS POLICY WITH ALL SCOUTS AND THEIR PARENTS

Dear Scout Leaders, Scouts, Parents, Camp Staff, and Mic-O-Say Leadership,

Camp Geiger was one of the few Scout camps in the nation to operate in 2020. Our COVID mitigation program was successful and we were able to complete the abridged camping season without any known cases of COVID-19 at camp. In 2021, the pandemic had changed greatly and the Delta variant introduced a new COVID surge throughout the country. Still, with our plan, we were able to conduct all 6 sessions without interruption, though it did require some heroic efforts once Delta appeared. Vaccines were just becoming available before camp time and Leaders with comorbidities were required to have one. Even with our best efforts, COVID did make an "appearance" at Camp Geiger, but the cases were mainly limited to camp staff members. With constant testing, we were able to identify and isolate off camp such staff members quickly and to simultaneously quarantine close contacts. We were aware of only 6 post-camp COVID infections among campers through our contact tracing. Even then it was never certain that any of those cases were actually contracted at camp, since none of those Scouts' camp close contacts ever developed any symptoms. Much has happened since the summer of 2021. COVID is now reaching the stage some would call endemic: The virus has "settled in" to our populations much as cold and flu viruses have. Since coronavirus is a respiratory virus, it is not simply going to disappear. But what we now have are a number of ways to prevent it, or at least to mitigate against it.

One of the main differences between this summer and previous summers is **the COVID-19 vaccine is universally available to all adults and to all youth of Scout age**. Because of that opportunity, COVID mitigation standards will be quite different for the summer of 2022. Camp operation will resemble something much closer to what veteran Scouters would remember as normal.

Yours in Scouting,



Timothy P. Murphy, M.D. (Ret.)
Council Supervising Physician

PRE-CAMP POLICIES FOR 2022

All full session Scouts and Leaders must present a **current year** BSA Health and Medical form with parts A, B, and C complete with required signatures. Other program personnel who are in camp for periods less than 72 hours should have parts A and B on file.

No Scout or Leader with a current COVID-19 infection may attend camp. No Scout or Leader who has had a COVID-19 infection within the three weeks prior to camp may attend without documentation of a negative COVID-19 test within 5 days of the start of his or her camp session. Such documentation should be attached to the BSA Health and Medical form.

In August of 2021, the Pony Express Council Executive Board adopted a policy making the COVID-19 Vaccine Mandatory as a condition for working on the 2022 Camp Geiger Staff. This decision was made on a pragmatic basis. In 2021, with the Delta outbreak near the end of the 4th session, so many staff members were off camp in isolation, our camp came dangerously close to having to have its program suspended. An insufficient number of staff members impacts program possibilities for all Scouts and units.

Vaccines are strongly recommended for all other Adult Leaders and Scouts. But there will be no vaccine mandate. Most Leaders with comorbidities obtained a vaccine last year when it was mandated.

Although there is no vaccine mandate, individuals with known comorbidities who choose to come to camp *assume all of the medical liability personally in doing so*. The following medical states are statistically known to have the potential to make COVID-19 disease worse, or even fatal for those who have them:

- COPD and Other Respiratory Diseases
- Heart Disease (Structural or Functional)
- Blood Disorders
- Diabetes
- Kidney or Liver Disease
- Weakened Immune System or Immunodeficiencies
- Morbid Obesity (Adult BMI > 40, Youth BMI > 90%ile.)
- Age greater than 65.

IN-CAMP POLICIES FOR 2022

There will be no required same day screening at home, and no Sunday screening on arrival at camp. The daily morning in-campsite screening will no longer be required, but units are certainly welcome to carry out this practice if they wish.

It is understood that the Pony Express Council cannot guarantee that the summer

camp experience at Camp Geiger can be COVID free. **We are not representing that there is no risk of contracting COVID-19 at camp. But all Leaders, Scouts, and their parents understand they are assuming that risk by coming to camp.** This is one reason we strongly recommend the COVID-19 vaccine.

There is no mask requirement or mandate at Camp Geiger, but those who wish to have the added protection masks may afford are welcome to wear them at any camp venue. Individuals must provide their own supply of masks.

We do ask that Leaders and Scouts be very attentive to any symptoms that might represent a Coronavirus infection and report promptly to the Health Lodge for evaluation. Remember that younger people tend to have milder symptoms. Therefore, **please do not be careless about this**. Ignoring symptoms may put your Scout and all the other Scouts of his or her unit at risk.

We anticipate that a limited number of COVID-19 antigen tests may again be made available to us by the Andrew County Health Department, but there is no guarantee of that. In such cases, Scouts or Leaders may be sent to nearby medical facilities for appropriate evaluation and testing.

In many other ways, Camp Geiger will return to "normal order" in the summer of 2022, and I am sure that we all welcome that.

Specifically, this means:

- The **Wednesday Night Campfire** will again be a public event in which family members can visit with their Scout, have a meal with their troop, see the camp, and attend the evening festivities.
- The **Thursday night Mic-O-Say Tapping Ceremony** will once again be open to the public.
- Dining Hall operation will return to normal. Leaders, please note: Most of your first, second, and third year campers have no memory of what "normal" dining hall operation is. They have no idea what a "waiter" is. **Please review carefully the Table Waiter section of the 2022 Leader Guide** which will be available in a few weeks. Be prepared to make a Table Waiter Duty Roster for your troop.

We are retaining one change from the "COVID years." As you know, a Welcome Cabin was placed near the entrance of camp for medical screening.

It has long been a concern of the camp and the council that we must have a way to know who is actually in our camp at any time. The Welcome Cabin medical check actually served that purpose and served it well. Going forward, anyone who visits camp (exceptions being Wednesday and Thursday nights) must first stop at the gate cabin and will have his or her name recorded on a list. This is no longer a medical check point: This is now a permanent safety check point for the protection of all of our Scouts.



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Assumption of the Risk, Release and Waiver of Liability

Required for all Scouts, Leaders, and Volunteers. Campers should attach this to the Health and Medical form.

On behalf of myself and my heirs, executors and assigns, I understand, acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. There are risks inherent in entering and using the facilities of the Pony Express Council BSA (the "Council"), including the Rozitsky Service Center in St. Joseph, Missouri and Camp Geiger in Andrew County, Missouri (collective, the "Premises"), or participating in the Council's Scouting events and activities, including, without limitation, camping, camporees, merit badge classes and other Scouting-related or Scouting-sponsored activities. Such risks include, without limitation, loss or theft of personal items, personal injury, illness, permanent disability and death (each a "Risk" and collectively the "Risks").
2. Such Risks may result from the actions, omissions or negligence of myself and/or others, including, but not limited to, Council employees, directors, officers, agents or representatives; any youth or adult camper, staff member or visitor (a "Patron"); and any others (including the general public) present on the Premises or at such other Scouting events and activities.
3. When I enter into or upon the Premises or attend other Scouting events or activities, I am doing so voluntarily, for purposes of participating in Scouting events or activities for my personal benefit; the value of such benefit, together with the Council allowing me to participate in such events and activities and to enter into and upon the Premises, is sufficient consideration for my voluntary execution of, and compliance with, this Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability.
4. I voluntarily and knowingly (a) assume the Risks to which I may be exposed by entering into or upon the Premises or otherwise attending Scouting events or activities, and (b) accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, demand, actions, causes of action, liability or expense, of any kind (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, court costs and amounts paid in settlement), that I may have, experience or incur, now or in the future, in connection with or arising out of my presence on the Premises or at other Scouting events or activities, or benefits received by me, on the Premises or from the Council ("Claims").
5. I acknowledge and agree that the Council cannot and does not accept any (and expressly disclaims all) responsibility for my safety and well-being while I am on the Premises or otherwise engaged in any Scouting event or activity.
6. I release, covenant not to sue, discharge and shall hold harmless the Council, its employees, directors, officers, agents and representatives, of and from the Claims and Risks, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I acknowledge that I have read this Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability and understand it, I have had the opportunity to consult with legal counsel concerning it, and that by signing below I voluntarily surrender certain legal rights.
7. This Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability may be delivered by the executing party by facsimile, portable document format (.PDF), electronic signature or any other electronic transmission and shall be deemed to be an original signature hereto and shall have the same force and effect as the use of manual signatures. This Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability shall remain in full force and effect for five years after the date it is signed.

Name of Scout, Scouter, or other Patron _____

Signature of Scout, Scouter or other Patron
This signature should be that of the parent or guardian if the Scout is under the age of 18 years. _____

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian
Signing Above _____

Date Signed _____