



2026 FUN WITH CUBS : WEREWOLVES

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CUBLAUNCH

October 9-11 at Pine Ridge Scout Camp

WELCOME TO FUN WITH CUBS!

Cub Scouts, siblings, families, and families interested in joining Scouting are welcome to join us at Pine Ridge Scout Camp for a weekend of fun, adventure, and all things Cub Scouting. Saturday is the main event, with optional camping Friday and Saturday nights.

Youth can experience Range & Target activities, STEM experiments, games, crafts, Nature Exploration, and more. Every Cub Scout will have the opportunity to work on their Bobcat Adventure.

NEW FOR 2026: SUMMIT CHALLENGE:

Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts can participate in a hands-on, troop-style skills experience led by Order of the Arrow Scouts.

Skills include shelter building, knots, fire building, first aid, teamwork, and more, followed by an interpatrol challenge.

Webelos/AOL Scouts planning to participate must indicate their participation in the registration portal.

REGISTRATION & COST

- Cub Scouts & siblings (age 5 or older) — **\$10, includes patch**
- New Scouts joining Scouting — **\$5, includes patch**
- Additional attendees — **\$5**

REGISTER HERE: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/312-2026SOILFunWithCubs>

Important Deadlines:

- **September 18:** *Fun With Cubs Participant & Staff T-Shirt order deadline*
- **October 9 at 11:45 AM:** *Event Registration closes*

FUN WITH CUBS AT A GLANCE

Pine Ridge Scout Camp

1139 Pine Ridge Ln
Makanda, Illinois 62958

Friday, October 9

- Check-in: 4:00-8:00pm
- Optional Camping

Saturday, October 10

- Check-in: All Day
- Main Fun with Cubs Program: 9:00am-4:20pm
- Fun with Cubs Evening activities (*Haunted Hollow Hike, Outdoor Movie, Hayride*)
- Optional Camping

Sunday, October 11

- Camping Check-out and departure

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

What to Bring:

- Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR), Parts A, B1 and B2 **(REQUIRED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS)**
 - **Two copies for all youth and adult participants.**
 - State immunizations
 - State any participant restrictions
 - Signed Part A by participant
- Water bottle
- Day pack
- Medication (*as applicable*)
- Rain gear and hat
- Comfortable, enclosed shoes
 - Be prepared to walk on uneven terrain
 - No open-toed shoes
- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Money for the Trading Post (*optional*)
- Pack appropriate gear if camping overnight
 - Camping is optional Friday and Saturday nights. If you plan to camp, you **must** indicate this when you register through Black Pug. Units are responsible for their own tents, camping gear, meals, snacks, cooking equipment, food storage, and campsite cleanup.
 - Each campsite is equipped with potable water and a fire pit with firewood.

Be prepared for changing weather and rough terrain.

ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN

Check-in Location

- Bailey Lodge (first building through the gate)
- **Friday:** 4:00pm-8:00pm
- **Saturday:** Available throughout the day.

Everyone in attendance must check in at Bailey Lodge prior to entering camp.

At Check-In

- Turn in Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) (Part A, B1 and B2)
 - Immunizations must be noted on the form.
 - All participants (including youth) must also sign Part A.
 - The Health Officer will keep one copy of the health form, and the unit shall keep the other copy in their possession.
- Review any participant restrictions with the Health Officer
- Participants will receive a schedule for the weekend
- Youth participants will receive their 2026 Fun with Cub Patch
- Unit Leaders will be given event t-shirts for everyone in their unit who **pre-ordered** them on Black Pug prior to the event.

Additional 2026 "Fun with Cub" patches and T-shirts will be available for purchase at the Trading Post.

Don't wait too long! Supplies are limited and will go fast.

CHECK-OUT

Day Participants

- Check out at Bailey Lodge before leaving camp.
- Retrieve the unit's AHMR copy from the Health Officer.
- Take home water bottles and other personal items.
- Help leave the camp cleaner than you found it.

Camping Participants

- Clean your campsite and remove trash.
- Follow Leave No Trace guidelines.
- Check out at Bailey Lodge.
- Retrieve the unit's AHMR copy from the Health Officer before leaving camp.

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES:

Each unit will be separated into groups that will be going from station to station from 9:00am-11:50am and from 1:30pm-4:20pm. Each unit will have the opportunity to participate in Range and Target Activities (BB Gun and Archery), Games, Crafts, STEM, and Nature Exploration.

Every Cub Scout will have the opportunity to work on their Bobcat Adventure, while Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts can take on our NEW Summit Challenge. Led by Order of the Arrow Scouts, they'll learn hands-on Scouting skills including shelter building, knots, fire building, first aid, teamwork, and more before putting those skills to the test in an interpatrol challenge.

To finish the evening, we'll be having our **Haunted Hollow Hike** through the woods while playing **'It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown'** and **'Scooby Doo'** on our giant inflatable movie screen. The excitement doesn't stop there as we will also be having a **Hayride** going throughout camp!!



New for 2026: Summit Challenge

The Summit Challenge gives Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts a hands-on introduction to the skills and teamwork they'll experience as they continue their Scouting journey. Scouts will work in patrols with an Order of the Arrow Troop Guide and rotate through five skill stations before putting everything they've learned to the test in an exciting Interpatrol Activity.

- **First Aid** - Bandages, rescue carries, and other first aid skills.
- **Primitive Shelters** - Hitches, tarp shelters, and making tent stakes.
- **Lashings** - Round lashings, Clove Hitches, and building a flagpole.
- **Fire Building** - Gathering appropriate materials and building a fire.
- **Teambuilding** - Games focused on communication and teamwork.

THE INTERPATROL CHALLENGE

At the end of the day, patrols will put their new skills to work in an exciting team challenge. Scouts will work together to complete a series of challenges involving fire building, first aid, shelter building, and other skills they've learned throughout the day.

CAMPING AT PINE RIDGE

Camping Expectations

- Indicate camping nights during registration.
- Follow Cub Scout Camping and Safeguarding Youth guidelines.
- Keep campsites clean and follow Leave No Trace principles.
- Remove trash and take it to the dumpster in the camp parking lot.
- Use only designated fire areas.
- Never use lanterns or flames inside tents.
- Quiet hours are 10:00 PM (*or when evening program is finished*) – 6:00 AM.

Vehicles

- Vehicles may be used to unload gear at campsites.
- Unload gear promptly and return vehicles to the parking lot so others can unload.
- Only two vehicles may be at a campsite at one time.
- Vehicles will not be permitted in camp during Saturday activities except for approved special circumstances.
- Do not drive while Scouts are moving between sessions or during flag ceremonies.
- You are encouraged to camp Friday and Saturday nights, but you **MUST** indicate when you register through Black Pug if you are planning on camping. All must adhere to the guidelines for Cub Scout Camping and Safeguarding Youth.
- Each campsite is equipped with potable water and a fire pit with firewood.

Meals

Pine Ridge Scout Camp is a primitive camp, and each unit and participant is responsible for providing their meals throughout the event.

- **Day Participants:** If you plan to attend on Saturday only, eat breakfast before you come and a sack lunch if your unit does not have meal plans.
- **Camping Participants:** Each unit will be responsible for providing their own meals and snacks along with appropriate cooking equipment and storage containers. Each unit is responsible for the cleanliness of their campsites and for packing away their own trash after the event.

First Time Camping? No Worries!

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience here at Pine Ridge no matter if you have decades of camping experience or have never been on a hike before.

Scan this QR code for a list of items to bring when camping:

First check with your Cubmaster to determine what supplies (meals, tents, sleeping bags, etc.) they will be bringing and what supplies you will need



(Be prepared for any type of weather as well as rough terrain. Closed-toed shoes are strongly recommended.)

FACILITIES & CAMP INFORMATION

Restrooms & Showers

- Porta-potties will be available throughout camp. Flushable toilets are available at Bailey Lodge, the Parade Ground/Shower House, Akela's Pavilion, and the Health Lodge.
 - Leave restrooms and shower areas clean and better than you found it if possible.
 - Report maintenance concerns to a staff member.
 - Showers are limited; keep showers brief and be respectful of others.
 - **Be Respectful of Time:** Showers are limited, so please keep your time brief—aim for 5–7 minutes if possible.
 - **Plan Ahead:** Units are encouraged to create a shower schedule to avoid crowding and ensure everyone gets a chance to clean up.
 - **Privacy & Courtesy:** Respect others' privacy and wait your turn patiently. No cutting in line or holding spots.

Trading Post

- The Trading Post will be open throughout the event. Please see the event schedule for the times of operation.
- Don't forget that additional 2026 Fun With Cubs patches and T-shirts may be available at the Trading Post while supplies last!

Camp Stewardship

- Please be good stewards of Pine Ridge by following Leave No Trace principles and practicing the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Little Grassy Lake

You may notice that Little Grassy Lake looks very different than it has in the past. The lake has been mostly drained for more than a year as part of a long-term safety project addressing aging infrastructure at the dam and spillway.

Lowering the water level reduces pressure on the dam and spillway while engineers study the structure and develop options for repairs. The project is also intended to protect the county road that crosses the dam and communities downstream.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is currently developing repair options, with environmental review and public input taking place before a final plan is selected. Officials will then be able to establish a timeline for the next phase of the project.

So if you're wondering, "Where did the lake go?", that's why!

LEADER EXPECTATIONS

- Know your unit's schedule, campsite assignment, and meeting locations.
- Maintain appropriate supervision of Scouts throughout the event. Stay with your Scouts, keep the group together, and use the Buddy System.
- Follow the direction of activity staff and support staff with activity participation and behavior management as needed.
- Reinforce safety, respectful behavior, the Scout Oath, and Scout Law throughout the weekend.
- Help Scouts who need additional assistance and ensure they are able to participate safely.
- Report injuries, illness, missing Scouts, or other concerns to the appropriate staff member immediately.
- Communicate important event information and schedule changes to families in your unit.

SAFETY & EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergency Signal

- Three long blasts of a horn or the ringing of the camp bell.
- Stay with your Scouts. Do not panic or run. Follow staff instructions and proceed to the designated location.

In the Event of:

- **Fire:** Report an uncontrolled fire immediately to event staff and camp headquarters. Follow staff instructions. If evacuation is ordered, proceed to the designated evacuation area.
- **Severe Weather:** Follow instructions from event staff and move to the designated shelter location. Remain in place until an all-clear is given.
- **Lost Scout:** Report a missing Scout immediately to camp headquarters at Bailey Lodge. Staff will initiate the appropriate response.
- **Injury, Illness, Stings or Tick Bites:** Bring the participant to the First Aid/Health Lodge when it is safe to do so. If the person should not be moved, send for help immediately. Report all injuries or accidents, even minor ones.

Camp Policies

- No smoking on site.
- Fuel must be stored away from fires and cooking areas.
- No lanterns or flames in tents.
- Follow Leave No Trace principles.
- Practice the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

For any questions regarding this event, please reach out to:

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**Let us know how we can make next year's Fun
with Cubs better by filling out our Survey!**

Scan here:



PINE RIDGE GRACE

By the water and through the trees
Amongst the pines and gentle breeze,
For the bread we break,
The training we take,
And the friends we make,
We thank you God for all of these.
Amen

**We look forward to seeing
you at camp!**