



# **2026 Day Camp Outdoor Education Center Parent-Leader Guide**

**June 8-12, 2026**

**Required Check in Prior to the Start of Camp**

## **Camp Pre-Check in Days:**

**Tuesday June 2nd Wednesday June 3rd Thursday June 4th**

**From**

**1:00pm to 7:00 pm**

**At check-in you will turn in:**

- 1) Completed Health History form, Parts A & B
  - 2) Copy of your Health Insurance card (Front and Back)
- \*The Camp Director must have a copy BEFORE camp starts on Monday**

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## About Day Camp



### **What is Day Camp?**

Cub Scout Day Camp is the ultimate camp experience for your Scout At Cub Scout Day Camp they will do a variety of activities from crafts, skits to nature walks, even have the chance to shoot a bow and arrow! While there are many camp options for your son and/or daughter this summer, one camp stands out – Cub Scout Day Camp!

Cub Scout day camps are distinct from other summer camps in that they prepare younger children for overnight camping by building their outdoor skill sets. While your seven-year-old may not be ready to head out for a week of camping quite yet, he or she may be prepared to camp with his pack after a few years of Cub Scout Day Camp.

We know your summers are busy (the days of summer “breaks” are long gone). But if you’re looking to fill a gap in your kids’ summer schedule or you want more background so you can make an informed decision on summer camps for next year, make sure day camp is on your list.

### **Mission**

The mission of Scouting America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

### **Who runs Day Camp?**

The Cornhusker Council, Scouting America operates day camps composed of all volunteer teams with the backing of full-time professional support. Volunteers run program stations, serve as health officers, and camp directors. Before their week at camp, all volunteers are required to complete a variety of training, including Youth Protection Training. Our volunteer leadership team also earns certification through the Scouting America’s National Camp School.

### **National Accreditation**

Our camps are accredited by the Scouting America National Camp Accreditation program. Nationally accredited camps are held to rigorous standards for all aspects of our camp program including facilities, health and safety, staff training, program plan, and continuous improvement. You can find more information about what it takes to become a nationally accredited program here: <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/camp-accreditation/>



## WELCOME CAMPERS



### Welcome!

It is a pleasure to present this booklet to you on behalf of our Cub Scout Day Camp Family. We hope that you find this guide informative and useful. It will serve as an introduction to those new to the program and refresher for the veterans.

The camp is planned and administered by our team of Day Camp Volunteers. Please note, we are looking for additional adults to assist for every five Cub Scouts enrolled in Day Camp. The volunteers need not volunteer for the entire week, so long as there is coverage for supporting the program.

This year, the Cub Scout Day Camp theme is Olympics. Our adventures this year will take us to an opening Olympic ceremony, to Ancient Greece, trying water Olympics, winter Olympics and learning about Olympic Legends. Scouts will enjoy crafts, games, sports, and aquatics activities. The program is designed for all registered Cub Scouts (scouts who have completed Kindergarten and not yet completed 5th grade).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your District's Day Camp Leadership. We wish to thank you for your support and dedication to our camp! We know from experience how much the boys and girls enjoy themselves and appreciate your involvement.

### Contact Information

Name	Position	Phone Number	Email Address
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**\*\*\*Please add these email addresses to your safe contact list to not miss important communication updates.**

## Registration (Camp Facts and Fees)

### Who Can Attend?

All children attending 1st through 5th grade in the fall are eligible to attend Cornhusker Council Day Camps. **Summer camp eligibility is based on the rank and grade they will be entering in the 2026 - 2027 school year.**

### Parent-to-Child Ratio

Day Camp Staff does NOT provide leadership to walk with your Cub Scouts. Each Cub Scout Pack must maintain a 5:1 Scout to adult den walker ratio, this excludes any and all Tiger parent partners. **Tiger Scouts, or children entering 1st grade, must provide their own adult to attend with them or they cannot attend any event with Scouting America.** The required adult can be any relative or child caregiver, but they must be at least 18 years of age and responsible for the camper.

**Lion Scouts, or children younger than 1st grade in the fall cannot attend, cannot participate in activities, and will be asked to leave.** Lions are children who are entering Kindergarten in the fall and are not registered with Scouting America until then.

### Campers With Special Needs

All children, boys, and girls, attending 1st through 5th grade in the fall are eligible to attend Day Camps. Some children have needs that give them extra challenges in an outdoor day camp setting. If a camper has an aide at school, the camper needs to provide their own aide or personal assistant at camp. Please contact Jamie Wood for more information.

**ALL Walking Den Leaders must have S.A.F.E. Guarding Youth Training. Certificate copy must be emailed or printed and given to Camp Director [Lynn McCollough]. Email: [svdaycampdirector@gmail.com](mailto:svdaycampdirector@gmail.com) or [Andrew.Wicks@scouting.org](mailto:Andrew.Wicks@scouting.org)**

### Fees

**Early Bird Registration Price: \$135** (must be paid in full by 31 March 2026)

**FOS Discount Price: \$135** (must be paid in full by 1 March 2026 to apply this discount)

*FOS discount is for unit registration. Must also register as a Pack for this discount to apply.*

**Youth Single day: \$35**

**Regular Registration Ends May 15, 2026 at 4PM**

Price for the Full 5 days:

**Youth - full camp Monday-Friday \$150**

**Adults – Free**

**Youth Single day: \$35**

**Late Registration May 16-May 29, 2026**

**Youth - full camp Monday-Friday \$165**

**Adults – \$10**

**No Registration Allowed after 4pm May 29, 2026**

## Date, Time, Location

- June 8th – 12th starting at 8:00am and concludes at 3:30pm.
- Outdoor Education Center located at 800 S 120<sup>th</sup> St. Lincoln, NE 68520 (Just 5 miles east of Lincoln).
- Parents are invited to attend our closing ceremony each day starting at 3:15pm and Scouts will be dismissed **no later than** 3:30 pm.

## Scholarship Information and Refund Policy

### Scholarships through the Council:

To be eligible, the following guidelines must be met by the youth applicant:

- Registered within the Cornhusker Council and in good standing for at least 30 days prior to completing an application.
- Youth attending a Cornhusker Council operated Summer Camp (Day Camp, Cub Scout Resident Camp, Webelos Resident Camp, or Boy Scout Resident Camp)
- Youth attending an Official Cornhusker Council, District, Area or National Training Conference. I.E. NYLT (National Youth Leader Training)
- Recommended by his/her Unit Leader (Committee Chair, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, or Advisor) and Parent/Guardian. When a Unit Leader enters the information into the Cornhusker Council website it is their responsibility to ensure all parties are in agreement with the information provided.

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In keeping with the philosophy of “pay your own way”, each youth should pay a portion of the fee. Camperships are awarded based primarily on need. The more information the Campership Committee has about the Scout’s particular need, the better.

The Cornhusker Council also reserves the right to consider the unit’s participation in Council administered product sales as demonstrating a concerted effort to raise these funds. The family and unit should also contribute to the cost of the camp experience. **Camperships awarded will not exceed 50% of the event fee.**

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Applying for campership aid must be done by **March 15th** to allow time for review and response. If approved, the campership amount will be sent to the camp when registration of the individual is confirmed. Fees will be credited as camp payment in the Scout’s name within the Cornhusker Council Summer Camp Reservations portion of its website. The campership is to a specific individual and is not transferable to other youth.

1. Apply separately for each Scout needing assistance. All information requested is needed when applying.

2. Assistance will be considered based on need, the youth unit's support of the mission of the Cornhusker Council including participation in the Friends of Scouting Campaign and Popcorn Sale.
3. All requests must be submitted by **March 15th**. All campership applications submitted on time will be considered based on the financial need of the Scout in relation to the other applications received and available funds. Any campership applications received after March 15th, 2025, will only be considered if there are funds remaining.
4. Your request will be reviewed by the Campership Committee within the Cornhusker Council. Campership awards and information is confidential and will not be shared outside of the committee.
5. After review notification will be done by the Cornhusker Council to the Campership Recipient's family and Unit Leadership including the assistance decision.
6. Assistance funds will be credited to each Scout when they attend the event they applied for. Funds are only usable by the individual whom the assistance was granted.
7. The completeness of the information when applying will help determine campership allocations.
8. Scouts are only eligible to receive one form of financial assistance.

Questions? Please email [info@cornhuskercouncil.org](mailto:info@cornhuskercouncil.org), speak to your Unit Commissioner, or contact your Unit Serving Executive.

- **Campership Application Worksheet**

Use this worksheet to gather information before filling out the application.

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## Refund Policy

- Participant reservation fee is non-refundable. You will lose the non-refundable deposit for each participant deducted from your reservation.
- 30 days or more before day 1 of your scheduled week; 100% of payments to date, less per person deposit, is refundable.
- From 16-29 days before day 1 of your scheduled week; 50% of payments to date, less per person deposit, is refundable.
- Less than 15 days before day 1 of your scheduled week; no refund is available unless there has been a medical emergency.
- All requests for refunds must be made by filling out this online form: <https://247scouting.com/forms/?OrgKey=BSA324&id=4583>.
- No Exceptions

## **Basic Information**

### **Check In/Out**

All Campers **must** be checked in and out daily by the adult dropping them off and picking them up from camp. Adults authorized for pickup and drop-off **must** be listed on the medical form. Please help us keep Campers safe!

### **Camper Absences**

If a camper is going to miss a day of camp, please contact the Den Leader or Camp Director to let them know.

### **Water**

Water jugs are available at each area of the camp. Campers are responsible for their own water bottle to use at each station. Make sure water bottles are marked with the camper's name and pack number. Keeping the Campers well hydrated at camp is a priority for staff and Campers alike, as it keeps everyone happy and healthy.

### **Facilities (Restrooms)**

We ask every adult and camper to wash their hands before and after lunch to prevent germs or possible allergic reactions between campers. There are "Port-a-Potties" and hand washing stations available. Portable toilets have locks that can be unlocked from the outside for emergency access. Campers should never lock or unlock a toilet from the outside. Please discuss privacy and appropriate bathroom behavior with your child prior to camp.

### **Trading Post**

We will be selling snacks, candy, Scout items, extra camp T-shirts, and more. Items will generally range in cost from \$1 to \$20. Adults are welcome to visit the Trading Post anytime during the camp sessions. No peanut products will be sold, but there may be products that have been prepared on machinery that has processed peanut or nut products. Please discuss with your Camper before camp what purchases you feel would be appropriate and determine spending amounts.

### **T-Shirt Orders**

Each camper receives a t-shirt with their registration. Campers will pick up their camp t-shirt during check-in. Campers are expected to wear their t-shirt to camp every day as their camp uniform. In addition to emulating the spirit of uniforms in Scouting, camp t-shirts help us identify who is on campgrounds and keep your child safe. While there may be additional t-shirts available for purchase at the camp Trading Post, sizes are not guaranteed.



## **Program and Schedule**

We have designed a unique program taking advantage of our location and our staff's unique talents. You can expect to have a variety of planned program areas packed full of fun activities. Each day will start and end with an opening and closing ceremony.

Program stations include Nature, Scout Skills, Games, BB, Archery, Sling Shots, STEM, and the Arts.

## **EXAMPLE SCHEDULE**

\*Each den will have their own schedule; this is an example; times are subject to change. As camp gets closer a more detailed schedule will be shared\*

8:05 am- 8:30 am Opening Campfire

8:45 am- 9:25 am Station One

9:40am- 10:20am Station Two

10:35am- 11:15am Station Three

11:30am- 12:15pm Lunch

12:15pm- 1:05pm Station Four

1:15pm- 2:05pm Station Five

2:15pm- 3:05pm Station Six

3:15pm- 3:30pm Closing and Dismissal

## **ADVANCEMENT**

At the conclusion of camp, a report will be shared with your unit leader of the achievements that could have been earned by attending Day Camp. Please remember that a Scout only earns the award if they were present and participated in the activities. It is up to each pack to maintain attendance information for advancement.

## Camp Checklist

### What to Bring to Camp

#### Adults

- ☐ Health forms (part A & B) for all Campers and Adults (at check in)
  - ☐ <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>
- ☐ Copy of Health Insurance (at check in) *\*we cannot make copies at the office\**
- ☐ 2026 Day Camp t-shirt (if staying at a Parent Partner)
- ☐ Lunch / snack (if staying at a Parent Partner)
- ☐ Cooler with ice for lunches/snacks and a wagon to transport them (optional)
- ☐ Comfortable enclosed shoes (no open toes, heels, sandals)
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Hand sanitizer or Wet wipes to clean hands
- ☐ Insect repellant (40% DEET recommended), Sunscreen, Hat, Rain gear
- ☐ Camp chair (if desired)
- ☐ Wristbands (Keep your wristband on! You can shower and swim with it on and it will last all week. **ALL** adults and youth must wear wristbands for security.)
- ☐ An attitude of FUN!

#### Youth

- ☐ Health forms (part A & B) for all Campers (at check in)
- ☐ Copy of Health Insurance (at check in) *\*we cannot make copies at the office\**
- ☐ 2026 Day Camp T-shirt - it is our uniform, wear it every day.
- ☐ Lunch & snack daily
- ☐ Comfortable enclosed shoes (no open toes, heels, sandals)
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Insect repellent, hat, sunscreen, rain gear
- ☐ Day pack to carry items in
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Money for Trading Post (optional)
- ☐ Wristbands (Keep your wristband on! You can shower and swim with it on and it will last all week. **ALL** adults and youth must wear the wristband for security.)

**Please label all items with your Camper's first and last name.** Do **not** bring any video games, toys, media players, computers, or valuables to camp. Campers should not bring cell phones, as all communication can be managed through headquarters. Inappropriate possessions may be confiscated and returned to the camper's parents at sign out.

***Items not allowed in camp: alcoholic beverages, pets, controlled substances, fireworks, and firearms. Anyone found with these items will be asked to leave immediately and the appropriate authorities will be called.***

## Annual BSA Health and Medical Record (Parts A and B)

Prior to coming to camp, this form must be filled out for **EVERY** person attending camp. This includes all adults and campers coming to camp. **Only Parts A and B** must be completed for Day Camp. The newest version of this form **MUST** be used.

[http:// www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx)

There will be a Parent Meeting held before camp begins, where you may turn in your forms. The Camp Director must have a copy for camp starts on Monday if we do not have it this is a health and safety issue. Campers and adults **without** a medical form **will not be allowed** at camp. If you would like your forms returned, you may pick them up at the end of the session from the "Health Officer". These completed forms are kept confidential, and all forms not returned are shredded at the conclusion of summer day camps.

## **Medication**

Any medication brought to camp must be logged in at the health headquarters by the "Health Officer". Medication must be in the original labeled container with clear dosage instructions. Allergy kits, EpiPens, inhalers, and other instant self-administered medications will remain in the camper's possession after it is logged in by the "Health Officer". If medication requires refrigeration, you will need to provide an insulated cooler with ice. Clearly label it with the camper's name and pack number and you may leave it with the "Health Officer". ***Written permission is needed for another adult to supervise your child in taking medication.***

## Adult Participants

Walking Den Leaders (Parent Partners) or pack volunteers attending for the day, including parents tagging along **MUST** register as an adult (free) and provide a BSA Health and Medical form (parts A and B) to be allowed entrance into camp.

A Walking Den Leader/ Parent Partner is a volunteer or support staff member who provides adult leadership and supervision for a small group of Scouts throughout the day. If you are looking for a way to get involved in Day Camp, this is a great option. Specifically, Den Walkers:

- \*Must be at least 14 years of age (adult volunteers are encouraged for this role)
- Greet all campers with a smile.
- Take attendance daily. Assist checking in Scouts in the morning and checking them out with the appropriate adult in the afternoon. Conducts head counts and buddy checks throughout the day especially before and after moving to a new activity station.
- Serves as an extra set of hands at each station, especially when doing arts and crafts projects.
- Encourages Scout spirit and promotes Scout-like behavior.
- Looks after the health of each member of the Den. Promotes drinking water and assists the health officer in ensuring Scouts take medications on time.
- If first aid is needed, notifies a member of the administration team / health officer.

***Every Cub Scout Pack is encouraged to provide Walking Den Leaders and help provide leadership for Day Camp.***

*\*Pursuant to the Scouting America National Camp Standard SQ401, Day camp den chiefs may be under the age of 14 only if they are serving as a den chief for the same Cub Scout/Webelos den they serve in the local pack and Scouting America members under the age of 14 may volunteer to help at day camp if under the direct supervision of a parent, guardian, or troop leader. However, they are not considered staff members.*

## **Additional Volunteer Opportunities**

We are seeking out and encouraging volunteer staff members at all levels for our 2026 Day Camp program. Potential positions include activity station program staff, medical staff, administration. All volunteer staff members must complete a staff application, sign a volunteer agreement, and provide a BSA Health and Medical record. Training requirements vary based on position.

## **Visitors**

Upon arrival all visitors will be asked to sign a visitor log. Visitors are not permitted to participate in any activities or act as a volunteer without prior approval. Visitors must always be escorted by a member of the camp staff, unless prior approval is obtained and Scouting America Adult registration can be verified. A parent stopping by to have lunch with their child would qualify as a visitor. Visitors must not disrupt program flow and are not covered under the Scouting America's Accident and Sickness insurance coverage. Scouting America's Youth Protection standards will always be followed.

## Emergency Procedures

### **Camp Emergencies**

Staff, attending parents, and Campers will review emergency procedures at the beginning of camp. In an emergency, a signal will sound, and staff will follow guidelines and practiced procedures.

### **WEATHER**

Every effort will be made, consistent with Scouting America's *Guide to Safe Scouting* guidelines, to offer a full outdoor program each day. Please make sure campers are dressed appropriately for the weather including rain and heat. Please be sure to label any articles of clothing that may be removed during the day such as a hat or rain jacket. \*Tip: Check with your camper at pick up time for water bottles, hats, sunglasses, and project items from the day.

**Rain** - Campers should be prepared to continue camping in the rain. Campers must provide their own ponchos or raincoats. Camps with trading posts may have these items for sale, but availability cannot be guaranteed. Umbrellas are not considered rain gear as the camper cannot safely participate in games while holding an umbrella. Campers without rain gear may not be allowed to participate in all activities. Some of our most fun and memorable camp experiences have been on muddy, rainy days. Please help your child be prepared to be safe and dry to have fun in the rain.

**Thunderstorms and Lightning** - Staff track lightning within a 30-mile radius and will call all to shelter when lightning strikes within 10 miles of camp. Campers will be sheltered until the weather passes and we receive an all clear. Camp cannot resume until 30 minutes after the last lightning strike, no matter how lovely the skies may seem. Please avoid picking up Campers during lightning warnings. We may delay the start of camp or close camp early if storms are lingering. Please be sure to provide your own cell phone numbers as emergency numbers in your camp registration online and you will automatically be added to receive texts through Remind. This is the fastest and easiest way to stay informed on camp weather situations.

**Other Hazardous Weather** - Camp may be closed for the safety of everyone. Severe storms and the threat of tornado will cause the camp to close. This is a rare situation.

### **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

Procedures for emergency situations including but not limited to severe weather, a lost camper, or unauthorized person on camp property will be reviewed with campers and den leaders at the start of your camp session.

### **CAMP CLOSURE**

In the event a decision is reached to close camp for any reason we will send an email to all registered participants and call or text each registered participant starting with your day camp's unit coordinator until we confirm a parent or guardian of each camper has been notified.