

Trailblazer District Day Camp 2025

June 21st, Viking Lake State Park, 2780 Viking Lake Rd, Stanton, IA 51573



Leader Guide

Important Information

All Policies in this packet should be read thoroughly. They are intended to ensure a safe, fun, and informed weekend.

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Pre-Camp Information

Camp Date & Location-

The Trailblazer District Day camp will be held on Saturday June 21st, 2025 at Viking Lake State Park, at the Lodge. 2785 Beach Road, Stanton, IA 51573.

Registration & Fees-

Registration is open to all Cub Scouts and siblings entering grades 1st-5th.

Registration includes lunch, program supplies, animal program, water bottle and patch. The cost is \$25.00 per Scout or sibling if registered by June 7th. Adults are free but an additional lunch add on is \$5 and water bottle is \$5. You must pre-register to reserve a spot.

Refunds-

Part of a Scout or Leader's fee will be refunded only under one of the following circumstances:

- ❖ Individual illness or injury
- ❖ Death or serious illness in the immediate family
- ❖ Relocation of the family outside of Mid-America Council
- ❖ Leadership decision to cancel camp The Unit Leader must make such requests by submitting a completed Activities Refund Request form. Refunds may be requested up to two weeks prior to camp. Pre-registration fees for a Scout or Scouter may be transferred to another Scout or Scouter.

Refunds will not be considered for requests made more than two weeks from the conclusion of the activity/event/camp. There will be no refunds under \$10.00.

BSA Annual Health Forms-

All campers, including adults, MUST bring a copy of their BSA Annual Health & Medical Record with parts A & B completed within the past 12 months. School physical forms cannot be accepted. Please have these filed out for all attendees prior to arrival. You can download a copy of the BSA health form here.

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf.

There are no waivers or exemptions.

What to Bring to Camp

- ☐ Health Form Parts A and B. You can download form here.
https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf
- ☐ Water Bottle with water, extra water
- ☐ Medications must be in the original container, clearly marked with name; all medications placed in a baggie with name clearly written on the outside.
- ☐ Day pack for carrying gear during the day
- ☐ Hat/Sun Protection
- ☐ Excitement for camp!

What to Expect at Camp-

Arrival & Check In Procedures-Subject to change

Please plan to arrive between 8:15 - 8:45 am on Saturday. Please check-in at the Lodge before proceeding with any activities. Medications and Health Forms will be verified.

Identification wristbands will be provided upon arrival. Wristbands must be worn the entire time at camp.

Parking-

Please back into parking spots when parking. This allows for an easy evacuation in case of emergency.

Camp Headquarters-

Camp Headquarters will be at the Lodge. Administrative, program, and medical needs will be handled at the headquarters. Headquarters will be staffed during the event in case of an emergency. All camp staff can be contacted through the camp headquarters. More details at registration.

Health and Safety

Our health station is maintained and staffed with qualified personnel for the health and safety of all campers, at all times. All medications must be brought in the original container and clearly marked with a name to be kept with each family in a locked container or vehicle. If a controlled substance, the medication must be kept in a double locked container.

All injuries occurring at camp must be reported to the health officer and registered in the camp's first aid log.

Emergency Shelter-

In Case of inclement weather, it is recommended that everyone head to one of the restrooms. An Emergency Shelter is located in the City of Stanton at the Viking Center- 501 Elliott St., Stanton, IA 51573.

Public Restrooms are located at the lodge, both inside and outside.

Severe Weather/ Storm

- Check the daily weather report at Headquarters or ask the Camp Director as needed.

- The Camp Director will alert unit leaders of impending weather conditions and procedures to follow.
- Whenever a severe storm occurs, everyone in camp should move into the closest secure building.
- Avoid wide open areas (parking lots, open fields, etc) in an electrical or windstorm and avoid ground contact (assume a lightning position if needed). Other Hazardous Weather Conditions Special consideration must be given to atmospheric conditions that may affect campers' staff. You will be alerted to any changes in schedule and program when the following conditions exist:
 - Extreme temperatures or extreme cold— Headquarters will be available to come in and get cool/warm.
 - Severe Weather Warnings—Camp Director will monitor weather warnings and notify as needed.
 - Personal Accident
 - Administer first aid immediately.
 - Report the accident to the Headquarters.
 - The Camp Health Officer will administer further first aid and/or make contacts for needed assistance.
- Lost Person
 - Report the situation to the Camp Director at once who will spearhead operations.
- Fire or Flood
 - Mobilize Scouts to a safe area. Send someone to Headquarters and report the location of the fire or flood.
 - In the event of fire, no units are to fight the fire. In the event of a flood, move to higher ground, stay safe and in a group.
- Emergency Management Personnel and Camp Directors will spearhead operations, Evacuation, if required, will be led by local authorities.
- Active Shooter or Threat to Safety

- Notify Headquarters immediately (use the radios or phone, as needed). Give all known facts clearly and carefully. If in the vicinity of the threat, RUN-HIDE-FIGHT. Review BSA and DHS training aids for more information. Law Enforcement and Camp Directors will spearhead operations. Be patient; the event could last a while.

Food and Water

Lunch will be provided by the day camp and consist of hot dogs, chips, watermelon, grapes, cookies, and water. You are also welcome to bring your own food, drinks, and snacks. *There is nowhere to purchase food at the event.*

Garbage

Please help to keep our camp clean. Please pick up all trash and take it to the designated containers. In some instances, trash may need to be packed out of camp.

Photos

If your unit is willing to share any pictures, please share them on Facebook. To tag our district page, type your description of the event and type Mid-America Council, @Trailblazer District, We're always looking for photos that capture Scouts and staff in action!

Valuables and Gear

Leaders should ask Scouts to bring as few valuables as possible to camp. All Scout electronic devices should be left at home. Each unit is advised, if possible, to have a leader responsible for their Scout's valuables. Adult supervision is a MUST. Scouts should be encouraged to respect their own gear as well as that of all others. Please oversee the behavior of your Scouts to guard against theft or vandalism of camp property.

Emergency Procedures

While camp is in session, the camp will always have someone on duty to help handle any emergency that may arise; including those that may involve the Camp Health Officer.

In the event a scout needs off-site treatment, a staff member (along with the scouts' parent, guardian or leader) will take the scout to Montgomery County Memorial Hospital 2301 Eastern Ave, Red Oak, IA 51566, which is 10 miles from camp.

Should a scout or leader need emergency services on site, the Stanton Fire Department and ambulance is 4.5 miles away, in Stanton, Iowa. The Villisca Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, with ambulance service, is located in Villisca Iowa, 8.5 miles from camp.

Program Information

Camp Schedule- (subject to change)

8:30 Check/In Welcome Activities

- Tie-Dye Socks!!

9:00 Welcome Speech, Flag Ceremony

9:15-10:15 Rotation 1

- STEM Trailer
- Fishing
- Range Sports
- Orienteering/First Aid

10:15-11:15 Rotation 2

- STEM Trailer
- Fishing
- Range Sports
- Orienteering/First Aid

11:15-12pm Lunch

- ❖ Tie-Dye
- ❖ Fishing Casting

12:00-1:00 Animal Presentation from Fontenelle Forest Raptor Program

1:00-1:55 Rotation 3

- STEM Trailer
- Fishing
- Range Sports
- Orienteering/First Aid

2:00-2:55 Rotation 4

- STEM Trailer
- Fishing
- Range Sports
- Orienteering/First Aid

3:00 Closing Ceremony/Games

Departure From Camp

Campsite Clean Up-

Remember a scout is clean, please police your area and leave it better than when you arrived. Remember to please "Leave No Trace."

Camp Departure-

All Scouts and youth will stay with their adult partner (at least 21 years old) and leave with them as well. Youth will not be permitted to be dropped off on their own with no adult.

Evaluations-

Your feedback is valuable to our camp staff. We appreciate your comments, concerns, and opinions. Be sure to fill out the evaluation when it is e-mailed to you.

Camp Policies

Adult Leadership and Youth Protection

It is the policy of Scouting America that trips and outings may never be led by only one adult. Two registered adult leaders OR one registered adult leader AND a parent or guardian of a scout (one of whom must be 21 years of age) are required for all trips and outings.

Adults must have current Youth Protection Training.

Youth Protection BSA Youth Protection rules are in effect for camp. Refer to the Guide to Safe Scouting.

Insurance-

The Mid-America Council has purchased the National Boy Scouts of America Council Accident & Sickness Insurance Plan, which will cover all registered Mid-America Council Pack, Troop, and/or Crew members for both accidents and illnesses that manifest during participation in Scouting activities. All out-of-council units will not be covered by the Mid-American Council plan and should bring proof of insurance from their council (BSA Annual Health & Medical parts A & B). All other non-Registered BSA Members (siblings and/or friends of scouts) attending camp will not be covered by the Mid-America Council insurance plan and the parent or adult will assume responsibility for any accidents and illnesses at camp for their non-Registered BSA youth.

Special Needs

We work hard to make our camp comfortable and accessible to those with special needs. If anyone in your unit has special dietary, health, or mobility needs, we ask that you please make your needs known as soon as possible to allow time for reasonable accommodations for your requests.

To allow adequate time for arrangements to be made, please email the camp director two weeks before the camp session.

Peanut Allergy: We recognize that the occasional Scout or Scouter may have a peanut allergy. We are not able to create a peanut-free environment in camp. However, peanut-free tables will be identified in the dining pavilion if needed.

It is your responsibility to let camp staff be aware of this need.

Staff Responsibilities

Each activity area will have an assigned camp staff member that is familiar with the program, camp layout, and camp policies. He or she will be a registered member of the BSA and will be your group's primary resource for a quality camp experience.

This person is to be your support for your program, not to provide adult leadership and discipline. The same holds true for all staff members.

Camp Behavior

The Scout Oath and Law will govern the behavior of all participants during the weekend. Any form of bullying, hazing, ridicule, or fighting is unacceptable and may result in expulsion from camp. Profanity is unbecoming of a Scout or Scouter and is not tolerated at camp.

Camper Discipline

Discipline is the responsibility of the adult leadership attending with the unit. The camp staff is available to help with, but not take over, any discipline problem. Under no circumstances is corporal punishment allowed. Take all serious discipline problems to the Camp Director.

The Camp Director reserves the right to remove any person from camp who may present a threat to any camp staff or attendees, or to camp property.

Alcohol and Drugs

There are absolutely no alcoholic beverages or unapproved drugs allowed in, or to be consumed at camp. Anyone violating this policy will be asked to leave immediately and, if applicable, the appropriate law enforcement agency will be contacted.

Prescription drugs need to be checked in by the camp's health officer and noted on your health form. Drugs will be dispensed by the camp health officer.

Tobacco Usage

Tobacco usage is not allowed at camp. If it is legal for you to use tobacco and you must do so, you must secure permission from the Camp Director and follow strict directions on where and when it is appropriate to use.

Knives

Scouts must have a "Whittling Chip" or "Totin' Chip" card to use a knife at camp. This card can be earned at camp, so the knife must not be used until it is earned. Blades may not be longer than four inches and must fold. Sheath knives are not permitted.

Preventing Unauthorized Intruders

Camp Staff and volunteer leaders play a primary role in preventing the intrusion of unauthorized volunteers or guests at camp. The following procedures will be implemented at camp to prevent intrusions of unauthorized visitors from escalating to the youth protection issues.

- All leaders and campers are instructed to wear the identification wristband supplied to them upon arrival. Camp staff are identified with appropriate "Day Camp Staff" badges.
- Leaders will be instructed to "check in" with their scouts throughout the day. All units will be encouraged to have a leader remain in the campsite whenever possible.
- If an unauthorized visitor is suspected, notify the nearest program area or volunteer leader. All program area directors will be made aware of the best communication methods available. The program area director should report the suspected intrusion to Headquarters. The program area director should remain available to provide more information. Do not allow the suspected intruder to roam free without supervision or monitoring.

- The Camp Director will proceed to the area with another adult member of the camp staff to question the suspected intruder.
- If the suspected intruder flees, the Camp Director and Camp Staff will determine the best course of action moving forward.
- Program areas should continue as usual unless the Camp Director determines the situation warrants a return of all Scouts and leaders to the lodge. If necessary, the camp will implement the lost scout Emergency procedures.
- The Scout Executive will be notified. An assessment of the situation will be made and, if warranted, the local law enforcement agency will be notified.