



Thundercloud District
Twilight Camp
July 17-21st
Oneota Park
Spencer, IA
Parent/Leader Guide

Mid-America Council Mission Statement:

It is the mission of the Mid-America Council to provide unparalleled experiences for more youth.

Promise to Parents

Parents will say Scouting in Mid-America Council offers their family fun and adventurous things to do. This fun and adventure will help their son or siblings develop leadership skills and values important to good citizenship and service to others.

Introduction

Welcome to the Thundercloud District Guide to 2017 Cub Scout Day Camp. In this guide, you will find the information needed to prepare for a great camping experience with your Scouts.

Why Choose Cub Scout Day Camping?

1. It provides continuation of the Cub Scout program through the summer.
2. Helps the boys maintain their interest and needs.
3. Helps provide a pack the opportunity to earn the National Summertime Award.
4. Assists in recruiting, training, and inspiration of present and future Cub Scout Leadership.
5. Assists in the progression from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting.
6. Day camping is living in a natural environment.
7. The number one aim is to help packs be successful.
8. Day camp is an adventure with a purpose.
9. Day camp helps strengthen den and pack organization for better year-round organization.
10. Most importantly, day camp is FUN!

Day Camp Program

We are so excited to be holding Day Camp at Oneota Park for all registered Cub Scouts including Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos! To ensure each Cub Scout has a well-rounded camp experience, our program rotations will be done in a round robin with Scouts having a chance to visit each program area during their visit.

Our Webelos program is for both Webelos 1 & 2 (After June 1, this refers to any Bears moving into Webelos 1, and Webelos 1's moving into Webelos 2). Webelos 2 who have bridged over to a Boy Scout Troop are also invited to attend. In addition to participation in the programming, they will have the opportunity to provide some minor leadership in specific areas to the younger youth.

Sessions and Fees

2017 Day Camp Dates

Camp Fees

2017 Camp Fees for Cub Scouts

Scouts:

- \$50, if registered by December 31st, 2016
- Early bird \$70 by June 26th
- \$90 if registered starting June 26

We are not able to have siblings attend this year!

Full Week Twilight Camp

Monday, July 17th thru
Friday, July 21st
Monday thru Thursday - 5:30-8:30pm
Friday: 5:30-9:00 pm

Where do I get registered?

<https://scoutingevent.com/?TC2016DayCamp>

2017 Camp Fees for Adults & Leaders

No Charge for adult leaders registered with a pack. There will be a small fee associated with the Friday Evening "Feast" for adults and additional family members. The cost of that meal will be determined after registrations are complete. Look for something to be sent home the first day of camp.

Scouts whose full fees are paid by June 1 will receive a free camp T-shirt. After July 1, t-shirts will be available for \$10 each. To meet camp fee deadlines, fees must be fully paid through the online registration system, at the Durham Scout Center, or at the Sioux City Service Center.

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.

The Cubmaster must make such requests by submitting a complete Activities Refund Request form. **No refunds may be requested after a Pack leaves camp.** Any refund due to a Pack will be credited to the Pack's pre-paid account at the Scout Center. Pre-registration fees for a Scout or Scouter may be transferred to another Scout or Scouter.

Cub Scout to Adult Attendance Ratio

Wolf & Bear Scouts		BSA National Standard of Two Deep Leadership requires these ratios	Webelos Ratios	
# of Scouts Adults	# of		# of Scouts Adults	# of
1-8	2		1-10	2

TIGER CUBS MUST ATTEND WITH THEIR ADULT PARTNER

BSA National Standard of Two Deep Leadership

Any adults must be at least 21 years of age and a registered leader or participating parent. National Scouting policy requires two-deep leadership (two registered adult leaders/parents). It is not required that each Scout have their parent/guardian attend for the Scout to attend except for Tiger Cubs, which do require the attendance of their Tiger Adult Partner. Our Day Camp maintains the above ratios of leadership to ensure BSA's National Standard is met. All adults must show proof of current Youth Protection training to attend. To get trained, visit www.MyScouting.org. You can create a free account and click on "E-Learning" then "Youth Protection Training." You can print the certificate of completion and bring with you to camp. All registered adults should also input their BSA member ID into their profile, so any training courses taken online will automatically update their Scouting record.

In the instance that a Pack does not have a second or subsequent leader/parent, we will pair those Scouts and leaders with another pack to allow them to attend. However, there must be at least one leader in camp at all times from each unit for every rank for which they have Scouts attending. s. All units must have at least at least two adults to a maximum of eight Scouts, and one additional adult for each four boys (or part thereof) for both Cub Scouts and Webelos.

Other Pre-Camp Information

Special Needs

We are working 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. Be specific and indicate a contact person in case the camp director has any questions in meeting the accommodation. Deadline for special requests is two weeks before the start of the camp session - please use the form found online or download it from our Facebook page.

Thundercloud District Facebook page can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/thunderclouddistrict>

Food Allergy: We recognize that the occasional Scout or Scouter may have a food allergy. We are not able to create an allergen free environment in camp. We will do our very best to accommodate food allergies that are identified two weeks prior to the event.

Tour Permits

Mid-America Council packs attending Cub Day Camp at Oneota Park do not need to file a tour permit. Any out-of-council packs visiting our camp will need to file one in accordance with their Council's policies.

Insurance

All adult leaders and campers must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. 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 and other groups or individuals attending camp will not be covered by the Mid-America Council plan. In those instances, accident and health insurance is the responsibility of the pack, individual, and parents or guardians.

Health Forms

All medical forms must be the BSA's Annual Health & Medical Record with parts A & B completed at a minimum within the past 12 months. School physical forms cannot be accepted. There are no waivers nor exceptions.

Our health lodge is maintained and staffed with qualified personnel for the health and safety of all campers at all times. The health officer must check all medications, prescription and non-prescription drugs brought to camp. All medications must be brought in the original container. All injuries occurring at camp must be reported to the health lodge and registered in the camp's first aid log. It is preferred that medication be administered either before or after camp, but if absolutely necessary we will make provisions to do so.

Electronics

Please **DO NOT** bring electronics to camp. This includes but is not limited to cell phones. Camp staff is **not** responsible for lost or stolen items. Let's put the outing in scouting for this event. Camp Staff will have cell phones on their person for emergency purposes.

Scout Uniforms

Upon arrival the first night of camp, registered participants will be given their camp t-shirt. Everyone will be asked to put this shirt on and wear it each night of camp the rest of the week. This is a visible way for us to identify who our registered participants are. Staff shirts will also be distributed the first night as well.

Reminders

- ❖ Check-in for your session will occur between 5 & 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ Please do NOT arrive before 5 p.m. Early arrivals are not able to be accommodated.

About Oneota Park

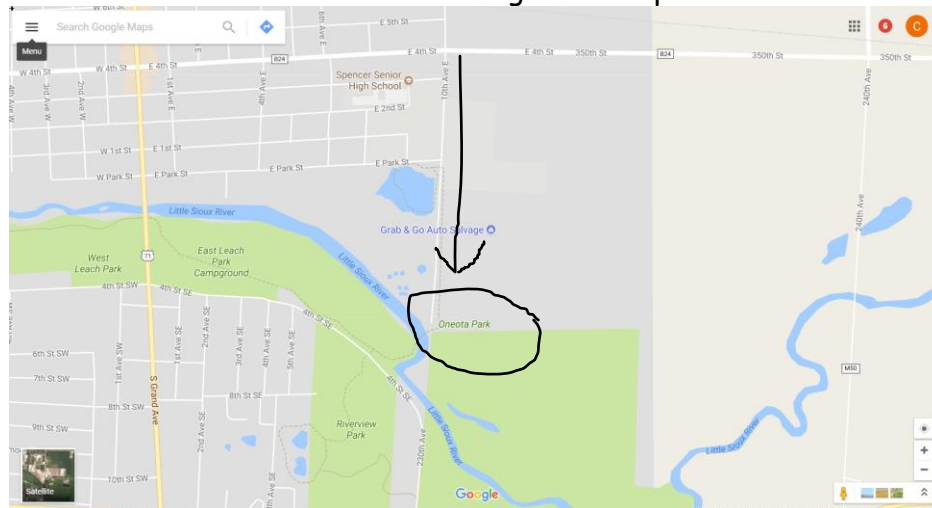
Oneota Lodge is a log cabin that measures 30' x 60' with attached restrooms as well as a 20' x 30' attached deck. Amenities at the facility include Cable TV, wireless internet, stove, refrigerator/freezer, sink, counter and server counter, picnic tables, and fireplace. A perfect place to hold weddings, graduations, business retreats, birthday parties, etc. Oneota Lodge is complete with heating and air conditioning and is available year round for rental

Oneota Lodge is a 40' x 60' log cabin that has a capacity of 130 people. Lodge has full kitchen facilities with sinks, refrigerator and oven/stove as well as a generous serving counter. Lodge sits on 223 acres along the Little Sioux River that consists of Prairie and river bottom timber. .

Location

Oneota park is located on the SE corner of Spencer, Iowa at 420 10th Ave SE, Spencer, Iowa 51301

Take 10th Ave to get to camp!



Arrival to Camp

Please plan to arrive between 5 & 5:30 p.m. on the first day.

Upon arriving, please have one adult leader from each unit prepared to turn in all necessary forms, except the health forms. Each Scout and adult will have a medical check upon arrival to go through their health form and any medications they may have brought to camp. If you have a single Scout with you, that adult should turn in their form. There will be an orientation meeting at 5:30 p.m. for all parents and leaders.

The leader who checks in the Den or Pack will be issued wristbands for the identification of all who are staying at camp. For security, the wristbands are required to be worn at all times to help verify individuals who are authorized to be on camp grounds. Individuals without wristbands will be asked to go to the camp office.

Valuables and Gear

Leaders should ask Scouts to bring as few valuables as possible to camp. Each unit is advised if possible to have a leader responsible for their Scout's money they bring on the final day of camp for the Trading Post, to prevent lost/stolen money. Adult supervision is a MUST. Scouts should be encouraged to respect their own gear as well as that of all others. Thundercloud District Day Camp Staff and the Mid-America Council work hard and spend a great deal of money to provide tools, program supplies, etc. for the enjoyment of all our visitors.

Please oversee the behavior of your Scouts. If we take care of all we have, things at Oneota will only get better!

All Scouts and adults must bring a canteen, refillable water bottle, or hydration pack which must be carried at all times in order to help prevent dehydration. A rain poncho is also highly recommended. Scouts may also choose to bring a day pack or other bag in which to carry these items and other incidentals.

Emergencies

While camp is in session, the main camp office will always have someone on duty to help handle any emergency that may arise including those that may involve the camp health officer.

Outside of summer camp and during the business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, you may call the Council Camping Director at (443) 553-1667 or the Durham Scout Center at (402) 431-9272. If you are calling the Council office, state the nature of the emergency and provide a contact name, unit number and phone number, and we will contact the camp as soon as possible. Also understand that you may normally reach a voicemail, but we will work diligently to respond as quickly as voicemails can be retrieved.

The "S" rules

- Stay with a buddy.
- Stay within camp boundaries.
- Sanitation - scrub with soap!
- Stay out of other people's stuff.
- Sticks & stones stay on the ground.

Camp Policies

Staff Responsibilities

Each program area will have a 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 responsible for *program*, not to provide adult leadership and discipline. The same holds true for all staff members.

Camper Discipline

Discipline is the responsibility of the adult leadership attending with the Pack. 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.

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.

Knives

Boys must have a "Whittling Chip" or "Totin' Chip" card to use a knife at camp. This card must be earned prior to camp and must be on their person at camp if the scout wishes to bring & carry a pocket knife. Blades may not be longer than four inches and must fold. Sheath knives are not permitted.

Personal Shooting Sports Equipment

All personal firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment must be left at home. MAC-BSA will provide all necessary shooting sports equipment.

Pets and Wildlife

No pets allowed. Camp abounds with wildlife. **Do not** attempt to touch or feed any wildlife. Report any wildlife that behaves in a strange manner to a staff member. This includes showing no fear of humans, biting, scratching, etc.

Registered BSA Members

Before attending camp, all youth participants must either be registered members of the BSA.

Note this change: we are no longer allowed to have siblings come with the scout! This is for registered member of the BSA only. Note this change!!!!

Parking

All vehicles must be parked in the designated lot.

Trading Post

The Trading Post will carry Cub Scout supplies, handicraft material, souvenirs, and other misc. items. **The Trading Post will be available on Friday only.**

Cleanliness

Facilities will be clean and ready upon your arrival at camp. Leaders are responsible for the cleanliness of their program areas and the Cub Scouts in their unit during your days at camp. Please help Cub Scouts remember to wash their hands before snacks/meals.

Lost & Found

Please mark all belongings with name, city, and pack number. Lost and found items can be found in the camp headquarters. Items not claimed after the completion of summer camp will be given to a charitable organization.

Weather

The weather in Spencer is unpredictable throughout the summer months. Everything from warm summer days, thunderstorms, and cold nights are considered normal. Be prepared. Don't forget rain gear. Check the forecast before leaving for camp online or another reputable meteorology source.

Other *Important Rules to Know*

- ❖ *Open-toe sandals and flip flops are not permitted in camp. This is for your safety and protection.*
- ❖ *Any form of bullying, hazing, ridicule, or fighting is unacceptable and may result in expulsion from camp.*
- ❖ *All Scouts and adults must carry a water bottle or hydration pack at all times.*
- ❖ *Scouts are required to use the "buddy" system when traveling through camp.*
- ❖ *Proper adult supervision is strictly enforced by the leaders and staff.*
- ❖ *Adult leaders must supervise any campfires.*
- ❖ *Profanity is unbecoming of a Scout or Scouter and is not tolerated at camp.*
- ❖ *Sign in and sign out procedures are required. All visitors need to sign in and out through the camp office.*
- ❖ *Adult leaders must report any suspicion of abuse to the Camp Director immediately.*
- ❖ *Anyone caught stealing or vandalizing will be expelled from camp and the unit will be responsible for providing compensation to the individual/unit/camp.*

Contact Information

- Camp Director: Courtney Heromenus (712) 324-1975 or
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- Program Director: Lynell Langel (712) 330-4069 or
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- District Executive: Jennifer Meyer (712) 363-1978
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- Sioux City Scout Center: (712) 255-8846
- Durham Scout Center in Omaha: (402) 431-9272