



Fall Harvest Family Camp Parent and Leader Guide 2026



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Hello and Welcome to your Overnight Adventure!

Scouting provides the excitement of camping in the great outdoors. Your Scout likely wants to share that excitement with others as part of a Pack, Den, or group of kids at Camp! Parents like yourself hold the key to fulfilling this understood promise, and you can unlock the door to adventure so that one day that Scout will say, "It was all that I had hoped for and more!"

The Twin Rivers Council is thrilled to have you join us for your Fall overnight adventure. You will embark on an exciting journey towards a greater understanding of Scouting skills and how they are applied in your Scout's everyday life.

We know that you will have fun during your time at camp and look forward to sharing this time with you. Thank you for joining us as we explore the forest in the fall and practice our camping skills!

Yours In Scouting,
Julie Yanson
Camp Director



Fall Harvest Camp:

October 2-4

Camp Wakpominee

185 Sly Pond Rd, Fort Ann, NY 12827

Welcome!

Fall Harvest Camp welcomes all Cub Level Scouts. Our Weekend Family camp is open to all youth and family members entering K- 5th grades in the fall. Siblings are welcome with the expectation that they will be supervised by a parent at all times and may not be able to participate in certain activities due to age restrictions.

Adult Leaders

Adult supervision is required as a critical element in the overnight camp success. At least 1 adult must be 21+, while all others may be 18 years or older. If attending as a Den or Pack, at least a 1 to 4 ratio of adults to your youth is required. For Lions (K) and Tigers (1) a parent partner must attend the camping weekend. Each unit must follow Youth Protection guidelines. If an adult leader must leave camp, the unit should arrange for another adult leader to take their place. Leaders that are participating for fewer than 72 hours do not require YPT but we strongly recommend they do so.

Check In

We recommend that your Pack coordinate arriving at Camp Wakpominee at the same time to streamline check-in and ensure that all of your Pack may be able to camp in the same area. Important: Tent sites are assigned as participants check-in.

Friday night arrival MUST be prearranged. Meals Friday night and Saturday Morning are not included in the weekend programming.

Saturday Morning Check in will begin at 7:30 AM and the program begins at 9:00.

For a smooth check-in, you will need to have ready upon arrival:

- BSA Health Form Parts A&B for ALL individuals
- Copy of Attendance Roster if you are attending with multiple youth, please ensure they are all on one roster; if you are attending as a single youth/adult duo, please have your roster represent this.

Visitors

Overnight camp is a great place to see Scouting in action, but as always safety is our top priority. Upon arrival at the camp, Everyone is required to check in at the camp office, and receive a wristband. Upon leaving, they will be required to sign out to ensure we have accurate knowledge of who is on camp property in the case of an emergency. Visitors not following these rules will be asked to leave.

Accommodations

We offer two types of overnight accommodations to best suit your needs:

Option 1: Bring Your Own Tent

Many participants choose to bring their own tent, and are assigned to set-up in a “Tent City”, which is in very close proximity to the camp shower houses and bathrooms. If you would like to tent next to others in your Den or Pack, we recommend arriving at the same time as others to ensure your close spot. If others in your Den/Pack opt for lean-to accommodations provided by Camp Wakpominee, they will likely be located in a different campsite from you. If you are in need of special accommodations, please direct all communications to the Camp Leadership team.

Option 2: Lean-to shelters available for a minimal charge.

For participants that do not have their own camping gear, we have you covered! We have roughly 40 Lean-to's available on a first come, first serve basis. These come with four cots and mattresses, bunk style, just bring your own sleeping bag! Each Lean-to holds 4 individuals (1 parent / 1 Youth OR 2 youth OR 2 parents). Lean-to's are located in various campsites around Camp Wakpominee. Each campsite will have an outhouse with sinks and running water within close proximity.

To reserve your lean-to for the weekend **PLEASE CONTACT THE CAMP DIRECTOR.**

Special Dietary Needs or Medical Accommodations

Efforts will be made to accommodate all campers with special needs. Special medical and dietary needs must be listed on the health form. Camp Leadership must be made aware of any special accommodations no less than 1 week prior to the start of camp. You can do so here: [Allergy/Special Needs form](#). We cannot guarantee the availability of accommodations if notified less than 1 week prior to your arrival.

About Camp Wakpominee

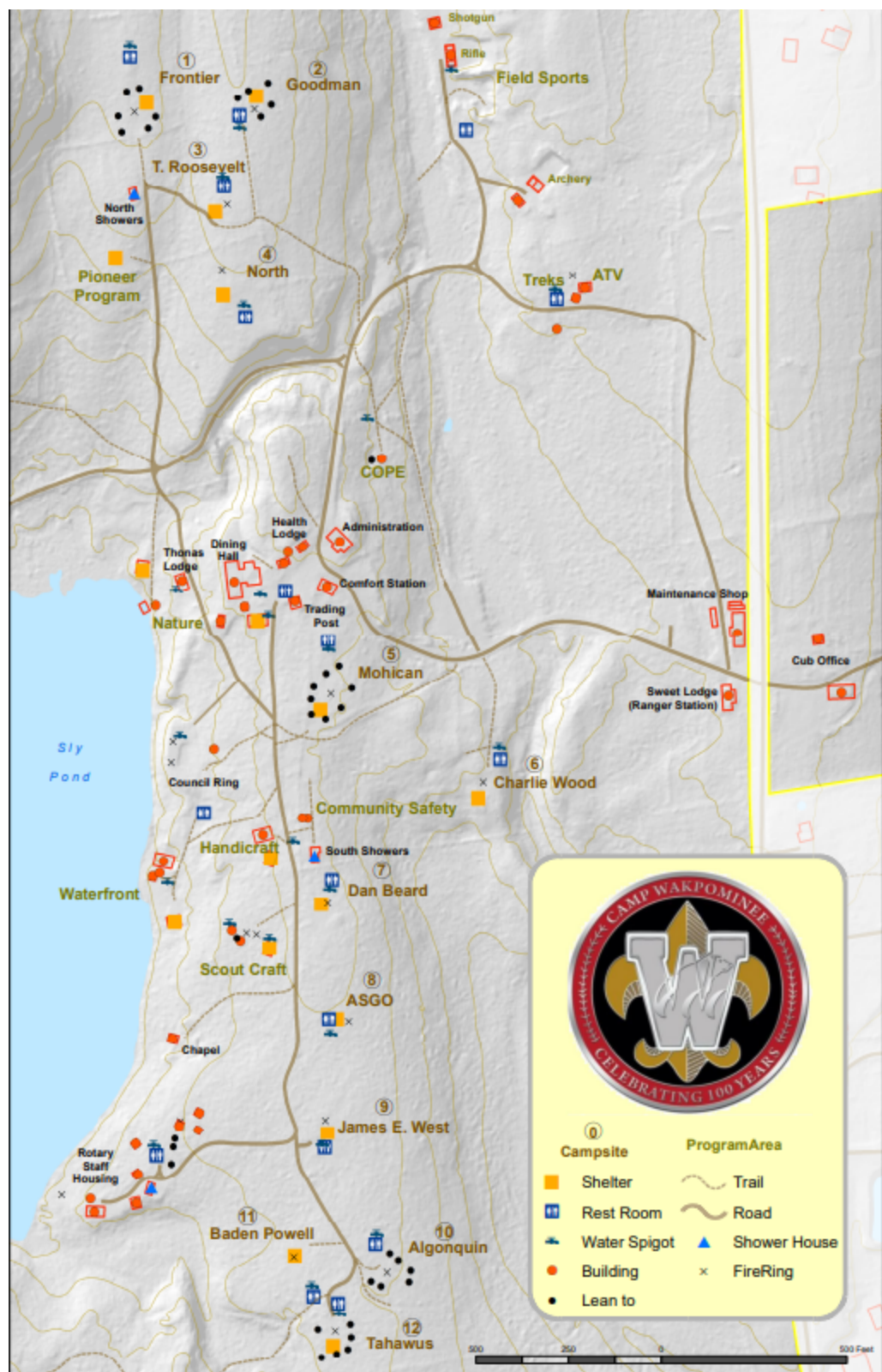
Camp Wakpominee is located in a secluded mountainous area of beautiful Washington County, New York near Vermont. Camp Wakpominee was founded in 1920. During the 1920s camp was held at various locations including a couple of the Lake George Islands. By 1931 the Mohican Council had acquired a scout camp, Camp Washington, in the Washington County Town of Fort Ann. That location became the permanent home of Camp Wakpominee.

The Camp boasts 1000 acres of Adirondack Forest and beautiful Sly Pond is fully contained on Camp Wakpominee property and is shared only with Scouting personnel and wildlife. The pond is over 40 acres and is home to several species of fish. The Chapel overlooks the pond in a picture-perfect setting. The camp has many well-kept buildings, trails, activity areas, 12 awesome campsites (tent and lean-to sites) and Gelder Hall (the dining hall) complete with a state-of-the-art kitchen. There are cabins with wood stoves to warm up to during the winter months. The Trading Post, two shower houses, a Training Center, Health Lodge, Nature Lodge, Handicraft Lodge, Scout Craft area, first aid and Safety pavilion, Rifle and shotgun and archery ranges help to provide numerous opportunities. ATVs are also available with proper training. The Camp Wakpominee waterfront is second to none. In addition to swimming there are rowboats, canoes, kayaks and sailboats. The Fishing Hut provides equipment for fishing in the well stocked pond. The Council Ring provides a location for campfires, shows and ceremonies.

Camp Wakpominee provides fun and opportunity year-round.



Camp Map



2024 Highlights

Outdoor Skills Programming - The Fall Harvest Festival programming allows us to focus on specific Outdoor Adventures and preparation for Cub Scouts as they newly rolled out advancement programs. This is a weekend you don't want to miss for your Scouts' development!

Overnight Camping - The format for our two day; one night overnight camping experience provides an opportunity for summer camp within a weekend model to meet the needs of your family. This experience will help create an affinity for the outdoors, provide an opportunity to meet other Scouts from different packs, and develop your outdoor and camping skills. Staff lend a helping hand to make your experience a safe and fun one

Adventure Opportunities- Our program schedule allows for youth to participate in fun and challenging sessions while also working on advancement.

Program Overview

Day 1:

Check-in, Flag Raising, AM Program Sessions, Lunch, Siesta, PM Program Sessions, Flag Lowering, Dinner, Campfire Program

Day 2:

Breakfast, Flag Raising, AM Program Sessions, and Closing Ceremony

Please plan on attending program sessions on Sunday if your scout wants to experience all the parts of camp. Due to group size restrictions, we want everyone to have the chance to have a great experience and offering sessions on Sunday allows that to happen!

Dining Hall

The dining hall will be offering meals during your stay. We hope that having meals provided as part of the program makes it easier for first time campers and leaders to enjoy their experience. Individuals requiring special dietary needs should indicate this on their registration. You can also let us know here: [Allergy/Special Needs form](#). We cannot guarantee the availability of accommodations if notified less than 1 week prior to your arrival.

The camp program fee includes lunch and dinner on Saturday as well as breakfast on Sunday.

Trading Post-

Be sure to bring some extra money for our awesome camp trading post! We have Healthy and Sweet Treats as well as Cold Drinks and more to offer at the Camp Wakpominee Trading Post!

Campfires-

On Saturday night there will be a camp-wide campfire program for all Scouts in Camp. We hope that all groups will attend, and possibly present a Skit or Song. Please let the Camp Director know if your group would like to shine on stage.

Feel free to have your own fire in your fire pits in campsites, but be sure to follow safe practices and be mindful of the other guests in your campsite.

Flag Ceremonies-

Flag raising is at 9:00 AM.

Flag lowering is at 5:15 PM.

Health and Safety

The Boy Scouts of America Health forms **PARTS A & B ONLY** are required for each person in camp. You can find the health form at: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/

To ensure a safe and healthy camping experience, all persons attending a camp session are required to have a current, completed Annual Health and Medical Record on file with the camp. **You are not allowed to attend camp without an official, signed BSA health form on file at camp.**

The forms must be turned in to the Health Officer at check-in. Forms will be returned at check out. Any forms not picked up will be destroyed. It is also important that the Camp Director and Health Officer be aware of any conditions which might require attention or pose problems while at camp. Please ask the parent of each camper if there are medical concerns before camp and make a list of them.

Qualified medical personnel will be at camp each day of each session. This Health Officer will handle minor scrapes and cuts and distribute medications (unless the parent of Scout is attending camp). If any serious emergency arises the camper will be taken to the local hospital for treatment.

Medications -National Camp Standards require the camp to have clear and safe storage and administration of all medications except for those necessary for immediate relief (i.e., inhalers, and epi pens). Medications must be in the original container with clear dosing instructions and in a bag with the Scout's name, number of doses, and pack number. They must be stored in a locked location at all times. The camp Health Officer or parent/guardian will complete records of medication disbursement. These will be turned in at the end of camp and kept at council office for the required specific time.

Camper Insurance - Each camper and leader is required to provide copies of health insurance cards with their Health form. The Council does carry primary excess insurance policy.



CAMP POLICIES

Security of Personal Possessions: The security of personal possessions at camp is the sole responsibility of the individual. Camp is not responsible for the loss of personal possessions.

Alcohol and Illegal Drugs: The consumption, possession, and/or being under the influence of alcohol, or illegal drugs, at camp, or while participating in the camp program is prohibited. If violations of this policy occur, local, state, and federal laws will be enforced and appropriate law enforcement agencies will be notified. There are no exceptions to this policy.

Tobacco Products: In accordance with the BSA policy, the use of tobacco products on camp property is prohibited. This includes smoking, chewing, and vaping. If you find it necessary to do any of the proceeding activities, please sign out with the Camp Director and exit the property.

Damage to Camp Property: Camp will assess the cost of repair to campers for any equipment damaged during their stay. Fines shall be paid prior to leaving camp. During any camp program, adult leadership should inspect the campsite upon arrival at the campsite and before leaving.

Vehicles in Camp: Camp roads are restricted to camp service vehicles and emergency vehicles only. All participant vehicles must be parked in designated camp parking areas only. **Trailers** Some Packs choose to bring a trailer with all Pack and personal gear packed into it. This is welcome if you prefer this method. **However**, trailers and the tow vehicle will remain in the main parking lot for the entirety of the camp.

Possession of Personal Firearms: Personal firearms of any kind (BB guns, rifles, shotguns, and archery equipment) are not allowed at Camp and are strictly prohibited on camp property. In the event that a firearm is brought to camp it must be secured (under lock and key) with the Camp Director until the end of camp.

Fireworks: The possession or use of fireworks at camp is strictly prohibited.

Early Scout Departure: If a Scout is leaving camp before the end of the camp session, notification of the departure must be given to the Camp Director in writing upon arrival at camp. Please use the included Early Release form found at the end of this guide to do so. When the Scout is to leave, he or she must be brought to the camp office by the Pack leadership who will identify the adult with whom the Scout is leaving.

Fire and Open Flame: There are designated spots within camp that fires are allowed, **Under no circumstances will OPEN FLAMES OR FIRES (Including Lanterns) be permitted in tents, lean-tos or dining pavilions.**

Footwear: Closed toe shoes should be worn in camp at all times except when in a tent, showering, or swimming. This is for safety. Heelys, Crocs, and sandals are not appropriate footwear while at camp.

Uniforms: We encourage each pack to adopt an appropriate uniform for outdoor activities during the day programs at camp. We encourage each pack to police its own rules regarding the wearing of the uniform. Scouts and leaders should, when possible, wear the official BSA field uniform at evening flag ceremonies, (dinner) and religious services. If scouts do not currently own a Class A (Field uniform) a Class B Pack approved shirt can be used in its place. A Class A uniform should not prohibit a scout from attending.

Pets: Pets are not allowed in camp. Please leave your furry family safe at home.

Camp Security: The security of all campers, leaders, and staff is our top priority We maintain a working relationship with local emergency services and have implemented several measures to improve your safety throughout your stay:

- All staff members wear official camp uniforms.
- All Campers and Leaders will wear a wristband during their stay at camp.
- All Camp staff, campers, and visitors are required to sign in and out of camp log book located at the office
- Anyone not wearing a wristband should not be approached and a staff member should be notified as soon as possible.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I attend without the rest of my pack?

Yes! We have many Adult/Youth combinations that are the only participants from their Pack. Overnight camp is a great time to bond with your Scout, and you can come, no matter what the rest of your Pack is doing.

Do I need BALOO to come or to bring my group?

This is a great opportunity to get camping in especially if your pack doesn't have BALOO trained leaders. We have appropriate staffing and are following National Camping Standards, so your group can attend, and work on getting trained leaders for your next adventure!

Can siblings attend this camping weekend?

We prefer that all guests in camp are Scouts in grades K-5 and participate in the programming. We understand that this is a Family Camping Weekend. We don't have a Tot specific program planned. If there are younger or older siblings in camp they are the responsibility of the parent, and there may be activities that they are unable to participate in.

Can siblings that are registered Scouts BSA attend?

Yes! Scouts can attend in a Den Chief capacity. These Scouts should register as such. Some troops are running activities and camping as a troop. Troops and Cubs should plan on camping separately unless otherwise discussed with Camp Leadership. .

Can two parents "split shift" time at camp?

Yes! If two adults want to attend a part of the camp and "switch places" with another adult, you can pay for only one adult. When the arriving adult checks in, the camp staff will issue a new wristband and collect the wristband from the departing adult.

Will there be electricity in the campsites?

No- All campers should be prepared to camp without access to electrical outlets in the campsites. There are few camping areas with electricity provided for medical needs only.

Why should I attend Overnight camp?

Overnight camp is an amazing outdoor experience that provides fun, advancement, and a great bonding experience with Scouts. Leaders will often find themselves bonding in new ways too. Don't forget that overnight camp is a great way to keep youth interested in the Scouting program.

Lastly, overnight camp provides a great preview into the exciting world of Scouts BSA! The entire staff is composed of Scouts BSA members. This is a great time to interact with youth and adults involved in the Scouting program.

I have a special dietary need. What should I do?

Note this on your registration form and share your needs more than 1-week in advance and we will be sure to do our best to meet your needs. :[Allergy/Special Needs form](#)

Can Scouts attend without a parent/guardian?

Scouts can attend without their parents, if another parent is going to be responsible for the Scout. Please remember that packs must maintain "Two Deep Leadership" and a maximum ratio of four youth to one adult should be maintained while at camp.

Can visitors have a meal with the campers?

Of course! Additional Meal tickets are available for purchase in the Trading Post or Camp Office (\$10 a meal)

Can campers leave if they need to ?

Yes, We realize campers may have other commitments to sports teams and may not be able to attend the full weekend. If they have to leave, they may miss some of their scheduled activities. There will NOT be a way to makeup or reschedule a scout's sessions. The schedule is set for the Units so each group can rotate through the stations and camper location is accounted for throughout the weekend. Some stations are offered on Sunday so all scouts can have a great time, and participate in reasonable sized groups with similar aged peers.

Suggested Packing List for Overnight Camp

	Field Uniform (1) Or Class B		Daypack or Backpack
	T-shirts (3)		Tent (If sleeping in a BYO site)
	Long Sleeve Shirt (1)		Sleeping pad
	Shorts (2)		Sleeping Bag
	Pants (2)		Small Pillow
	Pajamas (1-2)		Flashlight/extra batteries
	Socks (4-6)		Water bottle
	Underwear (3-4)		Scout Handbook
	Sweatshirt/Jacket (1)		Toiletries
	Rain Gear		Towel
	Hiking Boots/ close toed shoes		Camera
	Hat		Money for Trading Post
	Sunscreen		Other:
	Insect Repellant		

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