

CAMP SCOUTHAVEN



CUB SCOUT PROGRAM GUIDE



2026





WELCOME HOME



Join us for **Superhero Academy**: Where we will explore camp life and what makes each of us a superhero at Camp Scouthaven in 2026!

Speaking on behalf of our staff, volunteers, and council, Welcome Home Again!

Planning helps to ensure everyone gets the most out of summer camp. Please share this and the Leaders & Parents Guidebook with those in your unit attending camp. There you will find all the information needed to prepare for a great camp experience in 2026. This spring expect to see the last pieces of the puzzle come together as we finalize the special program schedules, awards, and more. We are looking to add lots of fun new activities based on our Superhero Academy theme.

We can't run camp without our volunteers, friends, and families. As we work through the winter into another year of camp, I hope everyone will join in on the fun. Whether coming to our Beaver

Weekends to help with service projects or spending some time with us out at summer camp leading programs and projects, either on your own or when you attend with your unit. If you have any area of interest, please let us know!

Please feel free to contact me anytime if I can help prepare your unit in any way for camp.

Damon Beiter – Program Director – Damon@campscouthaven.org

Brandon Blatz

Camp Director
716-512-6214

Brandon.Blatz@scouting.org

Brandon returns to Camp Scouthaven for his third summer as our Camp Director.

Brandon has both Professional Scouting & Camp Staff experience working full time for the Council since 2018 after staffing a few summers at Camp Schoellkopf.

Contact Brandon to apply for Camp Staff, for Trading Post Information and General Pre-Camp Questions.

Damon Beiter

Program Director

Damon@Campscouthaven.org

Damon is returning to Camp Scouthaven for the second consecutive summer as the Program Director.

Having served as Camp Director in 2017 & 2018 and Scout Skills Director and AOL/Webelos Director in 2019, he is excited about a great summer and creating an adventurous, engaging program!

Contact Damon with your program questions about schedules, adventures, activities, or overnights.

Bob Blatz

Operations Manager
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Bob supports our Camp Scouthaven Summer Camp operations as our Camp Registrar.

Before working in the Operations Office, Bob served as a Senior District Executive and the Camp Scouthaven Summer Camp Commissioner.

Contact Bob if your Unit has any registration needs or questions prior to Summer Camp.

THE MISSION OF SCOUTING AMERICA

To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

AIMS AND METHODS OF CUB SCOUTING

The Aims of Scouting are Character, Citizenship, Personal Fitness, and Leadership.

The methods used to achieve those aims are Living the Ideals, Belonging to a Den, Advancement, Family Involvement, Activities, Serving the Neighborhood, and Uniform.

THE MISSION OF CAMP SCOUTHAVEN

To deliver the promise of Scouting by instilling a spirit of adventure, fun, and discovery in all Scouts, using the outdoors as a classroom.

NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

In New York State, summer camps must have a state, city, or, county health department permit to operate legally. These permits are issued only if the camp complies with the state's health regulations. More Information about these requirements is available at <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/3601.pdf>

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Please make sure each participant reports any Food Allergies, Dietary Needs, Electric Needs for CPAP/Medical Reasons in the Black Pug registration portal. If your Unit is planning on bringing a trailer, please let us know as well in the registration system.

A \$25 late fee (per person) will be charged to each participant who fails to request dietary accommodations at least two weeks before their camp session.

CAMP SCOUTHAVEN

Camp Scouthaven is a Scouting America Nationally Accredited Camp that is owned and operated by the Great Falls Council. The camp is inspected by the New York State Health Department and the National Council of Scouting America. Copies of our most recent inspections are available at the Council Service Center-Buffalo Office. Camp Scouthaven is operated for all registered scouts without regard to race, age, disability, religion, or national origin.

2026 CUB SCOUT SESSIONS

Session 1 - 7/23 to 7/26
Session 2 - 7/30 to 8/2
Session 3 - 8/6 to 8/9

2026 PRICING

\$460 - Cub Scout (\$420 if paid by 5/1)
\$200 - Cub Scout Adult
\$320 - Den Chief

2026 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

12/1/25 - \$100 Site Deposit per Unit
3/15/26 - \$100 Bunk Deposit per Participant Due
5/1/26 - Early Bird Payments Due

Late registration begins 6/2/2026 at \$40 additionally per Cub Scout for a total of \$500 if not paid in full.

ADULT LEADERSHIP IN CAMP

Cub Scout Programs – Overnight Exception: Cub Scout parents or legal guardians taking part in an overnight Cub Scout program with their own child or legal ward are not required to register as leaders. All adults must review the "How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide" that can be found in the front of each Cub Scout Handbook. In addition, the parent or legal guardian must be accompanied by a registered leader at any time they are with youth members other than their own child/ward. All other overnight adults must be currently registered in an adult fee required position. All Adults attending Summer Camp must have current Youth Protection Training (YPT). We are requiring at the time of registration that each adult registered for camp provides their Date of Birth to be screened in the National & State Sex Offender Registry. Cub Scout Units will be required to have 2 Adults registered over 21 for the first 10 youth attending, and 1 additional registered Adult for every additional 5 youth attending. If the unit has female youth in attendance 1 registered adult must be a female.

DEN CHIEFS

Den Chiefs must be currently acting as a Den Chief in a Pack for at least 3 months and be verified by the Committee Chair/Cubmaster, Approved by Scoutmaster & SPL of the Troop, 1st Class Scout, & have Taken Den Chief Training.

CAMPERSHIPS

Families in need of financial assistance are encouraged to apply for a Campership. No camperships are available for adults. Camperships can contribute up to 50% of a camper's fee. To apply for a Campership, you do so during the registration process on GFCscouting.org. It is strongly recommended that Unit Leaders enable parent portal. When this is done you will have log-in cards to print and give to your parents. They can then log in and access their Scout's registration, fill out forms and make payments. Camperships are due by **3/15/26**. Award notifications will go out in late April.

ARRIVAL DAY

Time	Arrival Day (Thursday)
8:30-10:00 AM	Unit arrival and moving into sites
10:00AM -12:15	Camp tours and swim tests
12:15	Lunch
2:00 PM	Parent's meeting in Dining hall (Cub's meet with Guides)
3:00-5:00 PM	Program areas open
5:00 PM	In campsite time
5:45 PM	Flags (retreat)
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Staff visits to Campsites
8:00 PM	Assemble at Dining for procession to Opening Campfire

UNIT CHECK-IN

Check-In will be between 8:30AM and 10AM on Day 1 at the camp parking lot. Once all vehicles in your party have arrived, check in with your roster at the shelter.

CAMP ORIENTATION

You will be assigned a Unit Guide to aid your unit in the following tasks. The order of which will be dependent on wait time at each station: Medical Recheck, Aquatics Orientation & Swim Tests, Camp Site Gear Drop & Camp Tour.

Gear will primarily be transported to each campsite on foot. Wheelbarrows are available for use in the parking lot. On a per-case basis personal vehicles may be permitted to move gear. Advanced notice is required for unit trailers.

Every participant (youth and adult) is required to complete the Medical Re-Check and Aquatics Orientation. Have your Medical Form & OTC Form completed and in hand during your check-in. Additionally, please come to Camp prepared to take your swim test. There will be no pre-camp swim tests this year.

SWIM TEST INFO

-Below are the requirements for each ability level.-

Swimmer's Test (Blue)

- Jump feet first into water over your head and surface; Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl.
- Swim 25 yards on your back, using an easy, resting stroke.
- Rest by floating

Beginner's Test (Red)

- Jump feet first into water over your head, come the surface, level off, swim 25 feet, turn sharply
- Swim back to the starting point.

Non-Swimmer (White)

- Bop and splash in water up to your waist.
- Anyone who was either unable or does not wish to complete the other ability levels.

LUNCH

Lunch will take place at 12:15PM on Day 1. All units will line up in front of the Dining Hall.

CAMP WIDE SUMMIT

At 2:00 pm, everyone will meet in the campfire ring. After an Aquatics and Shooting Sports Orientation, all cubs will be dismissed to the Parade Field to make their totem. Parents will stay for brief announcements and schedule reviews.

PROGRAMMING INTRO

The fun starts right away with the Special Programs in each Program area from 3-5PM.

OPENING CAMPFIRE

Units will meet wearing Field Uniforms in front of the Dining Hall at 8:00PM for the opening campfire. Once all units are accounted for, staff will guide units to the Lakeside Campfire Ring.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This year, Cubs and their parents can expect an open program. This allows Cubs to visit the program areas of their choice throughout their entire stay. We encourage all Cubs to find time for all our wonderful program areas by offering a variety of interesting programs.

Two weeks before camp your unit will receive an up-to-date schedule for the week that you can forward to your campers. During Day 1 Orientation, each camper will make a totem. Use your totem to collect program area beads while taking part in the adventures while at camp!

Cub Scout Session Schedule

Time	Day 1 (Th)	Day 2 (Fri)	Day 3 (Sat)	Day 4 (Sun)
6:30 AM		Early Bird Programs	Early Bird Programs	Early Bird Programs
7:45 AM		Flags	Flags	Flags
8:00 AM	8:30-10:00 Check in	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:00 AM		Period A	Period A	Period A
10:00 AM	Camp Tours and Swim Tests	Period B	Period B	Period B
11:00 AM		Period C	Period C	Period C
12:15 PM	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 PM	Setting up sites	Siesta	Siesta	Pack up sites
2:00 PM	Camp meetings	Period D	Period D	Games in Parade field
3:00 PM	Program areas open	Period E	Period E	Flags & Closing Campfire
4:00 PM		Period F	Period F	
5:00 PM	In-site Time	In-site Time	In-site Time	
5:45 PM	Flags	Flags	Flags	
6:00 PM	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
7:00 PM	Staff Visits	Religious services	Evening program	
8:15 PM	Opening Campfire	Late Night Program	Fellowship fires (in site)	

DAY 4 AFTERNOON We will host a Family Picnic at 12:15. Guests are welcome to attend; pre-registration is required. BBQ Tickets can be pre-ordered online at GFCscouting.org beginning May 1st. Orders can be placed at camp as well by the end of Day 1 at the Trading Post. Following Lunch (and giving you a bit of time to pack up your campsites) we will gather for Camp-Wide Games for the whole family. You will finish your memorable stay week with a closing Campfire/Ceremonies.



CAMP WIDE EVENTS AND INFO

FLAG FORMATIONS

At 7:45am and 5:45pm each day, the camp assembles at the parade field to raise and lower the colors. Units should arrive as a group. Field Uniforms are expected at breakfast and dinner formations. All Packs are highly encouraged to serve as the camp color guard once during the week. Talk with the program director to learn more. Units will report directly to the front of the dining hall for lunch daily.

CAMPFIRES

On Night 1, the Camp Staff hosts an opening campfire in the Lakeside Fire Ring. Day 4 will feature a Closing Campfire. Units are encouraged to contribute a skit, song, run-on, cheer, or joke. Paper sign-ups will be in your packet at camp.

FELLOWSHIP FIRES

On Saturday Night, Units are encouraged to celebrate a campfire at their site. Camp staff will be stopping to visit each campsite.

CAMPSITE DECORATIONS

We are challenging you all to find some unique ways to decorate your sites during your stay.

CHAPLAINCY

Religious Services: A Roman Catholic Mass and an Interfaith Service will be offered the Evening of Day 2 following dinner.

Field Uniforms are to be worn during Religious Services.

SERVICE AT CAMP

All units are encouraged to perform service projects while at camp. Adults are also encouraged to volunteer in areas around camp during their free time. Ask our Commissioner how you can get involved.

THE BUDDY SYSTEM

No Scout is allowed to travel anywhere in camp alone. Buddies do not need to be from the same Unit but should be within 1-2 years of age. Adults camping **MUST** supervise their Scout and/or buddy group while traveling around Camp and in the Campsite (while not at Program Areas).



PRE-CAMP EVENTS

LEADERS & PARENTS MEETING

All leaders and Parents are invited to join our pre-camp meeting.

We will be presenting updates, reviewing any changes,
and answering your questions.

**The meeting will be held on Zoom on 6/11/26 from
5:30pm – 6:30pm**

SCOUTHAVEN BEAVER DAY

Many hands make light work!
Join us at Camp on **6/20/26**
from **10am-4pm**. Earn service
hours while working side by
side with our dedicated camp
staff.

For our beaver day, you will be
helping ready Camp
Scouthaven for Campers.
It takes a lot of hard work to
get Camp Scouthaven ready to
welcome you all home!
Any Scouts BSA youth, or adult
can come help! Lunch will be
provided.



CAMP SCOUTHAVEN STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

CALLING ALL 15 YEAR OLDS!

Start your leadership journey by taking the next step in your Scouting journey as a 15-year-old Camp Staff Apprentice! You'll begin leading lessons under the mentorship of our veteran team, bridging the gap between being a Scout and becoming a staff member. Gain hands-on experience as a teaching assistant or Den Chief while developing skills to bring back to your Troop—all while still having the opportunity to earn Merit Badges.

APPLY TODAY: Brandon.Blatz@scouting.org

AOL OVERNIGHT AND WEBELOS EVENT

Webelos Event (Saturday Evening)

Webelos will gather at the Rotary Pavilion (near the Trading Post) at 7:00PM on Saturday evening for a **FUN ADEVENTURE**. Wear good shoes and bring along a flashlight, sweatshirt and a water bottle.

We will be taking a hike to an outpost location for some fun team building and leadership training activities.



Arrow of Light Overnight Excursion (Saturday Afternoon)

AOL Scouts and Adults will take part in a great adventure starting on Saturday at 1:00PM. Saturday morning you will pack a sleeping bag and pillow into a small bag for our staff to transport to our Outpost location up on the hill. All participants will then meet at the waterfront at 1:30PM with a small packed bag with a raincoat, flashlight, sweatshirt, pants and any other small essentials that you would like to bring.

From there, we will set out across the water on our adventure. The Scouts will take part in an ecology program, pioneering program, and action archery program in the afternoon. Before dinner, you will learn to tie up a shelter with a tarp for sleeping out that night. Dinner will be served up on the hill after which we will take a hike to the top of the hill for a great campfire and 'Last Night at Cub Camp' ceremony. Staff will be on the hill all night with you, in case you need them. We will wake early and hike down to camp in plenty of time for breakfast.

HEROES START HERE



TRADING POST

The camp store is stocked with souvenirs, crafts, t-shirts, Scouting merchandise, pocketknives, personal hygiene items, and, of course, snacks and drinks. Leaders may additionally purchase program supplies for their Unit. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. Leaders and parents may pre-pay into debit accounts for session-long usage.

T-SHIRT PRE-SALE

Order your 2026 camp themed t-shirt on our online store starting in May. **Themed t-shirts will not be available at Camp in 2026 and must be pre-ordered.**

More information can be found online at GFCScouting.org and on our Facebook page.

SUMMER CAMP STAFF



2026
Camp Southaven

WE ARE HIRING

OPEN POSITIONS:

- HEALTH OFFICER
- ASSISTANT COOK(S)
- KITCHEN AIDE(S)
- LIFEGUARD(S)

JOIN OUR STAFF NOW!

CONTACT BRANDON TODAY:
716-512-6214 or Brandon.Blatz@Scouting.org



Come Work with Us!

We're looking to hire those who are ready for a summer of adventure. Staff members take on the challenge of using the outdoors as a classroom to show scouts the promise of scouting.

You will be trained to have success in whatever area of camp interests you.



SUPPLY CHECKLIST

Personal Equipment & Gear

- Medical Form with OTC Form
- Backpack or Footlocker
- Complete Field Uniform
- Underwear & Socks
- Scout t-shirts (Activity Uniform)
- Extra clothing (shorts, shirts)
- Jacket/Sweater/Sweatshirt
- Pants
- Hat
- Rain Gear
- Mess Kit & Mug
- Swimming Clothes
- Hiking Boots & Sneakers
- Shower/Water Shoes
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Sleeping Bag or Blankets
- Pillow
- Foam or Inflatable Sleeping Pad
- Toiletries
- Bath Towel
- Notebook With Pencil/Pen
- Flashlight with Extra Batteries
- Watch
- Pocketknife
- Water Bottle
- Spending Money
- Fishing Pole and Tackle Box
- Religious Materials, if applicable
- Alarm Clock
- Insect Repellent
- Sunscreen
- Prescription Medicine (to be Checked in at Health Lodge)

THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME

**Personal Electronics, Fireworks,
Alcohol, Aerosol Cans, and any
Item of Value.**

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End of the World