

Scouts BSA Summer Camp
2023

LEADERS GUIDE

“The Adventure Begins Where the Road Ends”

Nestled in the heart of the Paul Bunyan State Forest in central Minnesota, this 2,400-acre camp is one of America’s premier camps. The camp is nationally recognized and fully accredited by the Boy Scouts of America. Our programs have been featured in both *Boys Life* and *Scouting Magazines*. In operation since 1946, this beautiful camp has met the needs of Scouts and Leaders for over 75 years. Camp Wilderness is a big-time camp with a small camp feel.



Opportunities are plentiful for the newest Scout to the oldest Scout. Quality advancement, nature study, swimming, climbing, fishing, shooting sports and SCUBA are just a few of the exciting programs offered at Wilderness.

This guide is designed to help you and your Troop **BE PREPARED** for a great summer camp experience. The fun and adventure of camping for a week with friends is a priceless experience for a Scout. We look forward to seeing you on the trail this summer at Camp Wilderness!

A message from our Staff:

On our honor we promise to provide memories to last a lifetime while upholding a safe and positive outdoor experience. We strive to recognize every individual's uniqueness and potential to grow. Let's have a great summer!

-CW Staff



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Greetings from Camp Wilderness!

We are very excited about the 2023 camping season at Camp Wilderness and hope you and your Scouts are too!

We have made many changes to our summer program this year. After coming off two tough years with the pandemic, we know this summer will be like no other. We have combined old and new summer programming and created something magical. This new schedule allows Scouts to earn 4 merit badges and have more free time throughout the day. Wednesdays are Adventure Days with opportunities for activities on and off camp property.

New for 2023!!
ATV's
Open Programming
Adventure Day
Cooking Merit Badge 2
Natural Rock Climbing

Our current plan as of December 1st, 2022, is to have camp open back to normal. We will be doing things to help mitigate the risk and spread of COVID 19, some of those are: scheduled arrival times at the Welcome Center, outdoor dining, and extra cleaning around camp.

Evening troop time, Water Carnival, Iron Man, and the Cast Iron Chef Competition has returned. We have changed our fee structure to be all-inclusive. Merit Badge supplies will be in program areas ready for the Scouts to use, there is no need to pre-purchase them in the Trading Post. This also includes the Shooting Sports fees.

It is important to discuss these upgrades with your Scouts. Scouts who participate in activities of their choosing and have fun at camp will stay in Scouting longer and return to camp the following year.

We also offer patrol style cooking again this year. Scouts will be able to cook all but three of their meals at the campsite. This will give Scouts the opportunity to practice the patrol method. Please contact us if you would like to customize your patrol cooking schedule and eat some meals in the dining hall. We would need to know of any changes before your arrival to ensure we have proper food quantities on hand.

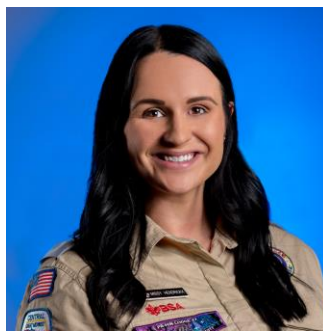
You can sign up anytime for a campsite on our website. We continue to make frequent updates to our website and Facebook page in preparation not only for summer camp, but all our year-round programs.

If you have any questions about Camp Wilderness, our summer programs, or year-round programs, please feel free to contact us at the Fargo Center for Scouting at 1-701-293-5011. We look forward to seeing you and your Scouts on the trails of Camp Wilderness!

Yours in Scouting,

Missy Hendrickx

Missy Hendrickx
Camping Director
Northern Lights Council, BSA



Planning Your Adventure

Planning Checklist

Register Troop - Choose campsite and pay \$50 deposit online at www.nlcbsa.org

Read the Leader's Guide! - Review information on Troop leadership, health forms & Troop insurance

Recruit – A minimum of two leaders for camp. Two leaders must be 21 years of age, and both must be a registered member of the BSA.

March

- Begin reviewing program activities with your Patrol Leader's Council and the Troop
- Have a personal growth agreement conference with each Scout who will be attending summer camp. Help Scouts select activities that are appropriate to their age, skills, and advancement.
- Have a parent's information night to inform parents about summer camp opportunities and Troop goals including completed health forms, packing list, adults who will be at camp, camp address and phone numbers & drivers



April

- April 4th - Northern Tier reservations due
- April 4th - SCUBA registrations due
- April 4th - Camperships are due to the Fargo Center for Scouting
- April 4th - Online Merit Badge Registration Opens at **8:00 AM**
 - \$100 non-refundable deposit per Scout is required, but can be transferred to a *new* Scout reservation
 - This will be applied to the Scout's camp fee
- April 18th - Early Bird Payment is due *in full* for each Scout and adult

May

- May 1^{5th} - Online Unit T-Shirt store closes
- May 16th - Sign-up for a campsite for the 2024 camping season online at www.nlcbsa.org
- Confirm the following with your Troop: Secure adequate leadership, plan transportation, have a Patrol Leader's Council to make decisions, plan Troop activities, work on pre-camp merit badge requirements, make sure the Troop has unit accident insurance.

Two Weeks Before Camp

- Does Troop have adequate leadership?
- Make sure parents have information on departure time, return time, and telephone number for emergencies
- Make sure Scouts have necessary equipment
- Each Scout and Leader should have filled out a proper health history/physical exam form
- Notify camp of any dietary restrictions
- Fees collected, if not already paid
- Transportation arrangements completed
- **All Scouts and adults are officially registered in your unit before you leave for camp**
- Double check each Scouts merit badge schedule and print off what each Scout is doing before arrival
- Notify the Camp Director at least a week in advance if you expect any problems
- Plan your transportation route to Camp Wilderness



The Day You Leave

- Bring receipts for fees already paid with you
- Have adequate money to pay additional and unpaid fees at Camp secured
- We recommend that you bring at least two blank Unit checks
- Troop equipment packed including cooking gear
- Bring along copies of each Scout's merit badge class schedule
- Bring along a **copy** of medical forms for each Scout and adult attending camp, even if attending for just 1 day
- Bring along any partials or merit badge pre-requisites that have been completed
- Have Troop accident insurance certificate if you are not in the Northern Lights Council



Getting Scouts Excited for Camp

Promotional information should be shared with Scouts, leaders, and parents in your troop. This can be accomplished in many ways. Some ideas for promotion include, but are not limited to:

- Review the camp goals of each Scout and show how they can meet these goals and still have fun at camp
- Handout information sheets to Scouts' parents
- Show photos or videos of previous summer camps at meetings
- Invite Scouts to share their favorite parts of camp to the younger Scouts
- Invite former and current staff members to visit your troop to talk about camp
- Request a formal camp presentation from camp leadership or the Order of the Arrow
- Talk about the different merit badges, programs, and adventures offered to Scouts at camp

How to Register

Pre-registration is the process of signing your Scouts for merit badge classes before arriving in camp and starts on April 4th. Each week will start the registration process at a different time.

Week 1: 8:00am

Week 2: 9:00am

Week 3: 10:00am

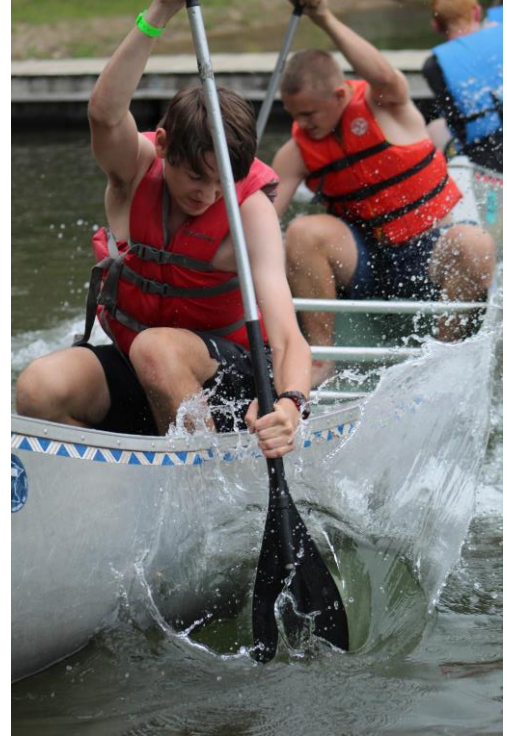
Week 4: 11:00am

Week 5: 12:00pm

A \$100 per Scout deposit is required before signing a Scout up for merit badge classes.

Informing Parents

Holding an informational meeting for parents before camp is a great way to put parents at ease. This can be done during an already scheduled meeting or as a stand-alone meeting. Some topics you could cover include travel information, what to bring and what not to bring, camp schedule, camp phone numbers, medications, extra expenses, and Q & A.



Refund Policy

Staffing levels, food and program supplies are purchased in advance based upon the projected numbers registered for camp. Below is the refund policy for Camp Wilderness:

- **Each Registrant**
There is a \$100 non-refundable fee for a Scout Cancellation
There is a \$50 non-refundable fee for an Adult Cancellation
- **30 Days prior to arrival date:**
Will refund all but non-refundable
- **15 days prior to arrival**
No refund

Financial Assistance

We believe every Scout should have the opportunity to attend summer camp.

Camperships are assistance for Northern Lights Council Scouts who would otherwise be financially unable to attend summer camp. Camperships are available for up to one half of the total camp fee. The campership may only be used to attend Northern Lights Council Summer Camps. The financial need must be demonstrated before a campership is awarded. If you are out of council, check with your council to see what assistance might be available. Online applications received by April 4th will receive priority. For more information, please visit www.nlcbsa.org/assistance

Custom T-shirt Order

Your Troop will have the opportunity to order customized camp shirts with your Troop number. These shirts are only available in pre-camp order. This is a great way for your Troop to show off its camp spirit! The shirt orders will be due by May 1st. to allow time for printing and shipping. The shirts will be mailed directly to your troop before camp. Find the ordering link on our website.



What to Bring

We recommend that you check the forecast before packing to make sure you are prepared for the week and make changes to this list as necessary.

- Scout Handbook
- BSA Health form, with parts A, B & C fully completed and signed by a physician
- Class A Uniform Shirt
- Sneakers or Hiking Shoes (2 pairs total)
- T-Shirts (5-7)
- Socks & Underwear (Enough for a week!)
- Long Pants or Jeans (2-3 Pairs)
- Short Pants (2-3 pairs)
- Long-Sleeve Shirt (1)
- Sweatshirt or Jacket (1)
- Work Gloves
- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Sleeping Bag & Pad
- Pillow
- Hat
- Watch
- Camping chair (optional)
- Notebook, pencils or pens
- Personal Hygiene items
 - Toothbrush
 - Toothpaste
 - Soap
 - Shampoo
 - Deodorant
 - Comb
 - Prescribed Medications
- Pocketknife & Totin' Chit
- Matches in a waterproof container & Fireman Chit
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Rain Gear
- Non-Aerosol Insect Repellent
- Flashlight and batteries
- Canteen or Water Bottle
- Spending Money
- Fishing Gear (optional)
- Tent (if not provided by Troop)
- Mess Kit
- Small backpack or daypack
- Personal First Aid Kit

Arrival and Departure

Forms to Bring

It is important to remember to bring all the necessary forms for the members of your troop. It can be difficult to keep track of everything that is necessary. To help, please plan on the following:

- Health Forms, parts A, B, and C for all participants **(youth and adult)**
- Printed troop roster of those ATTENDING camp. We will base our billing off this roster, please do not submit names of people not in camp
- Swim Classification Form – if completed before arriving at camp
- Proof of Unit Accident and Sickness Insurance, if not from Northern Lights Council

Check in Day and Procedures

The only early arrivals this year will be for units traveling over 300 miles to get to camp. If you are one of those units and would like to check in on Saturday, please note there is a \$50 early arrival fee, program areas will not be open, and staff will not be available. Please contact us to schedule your early arrival!

Standard check-in for Troops begins at **12:00 PM and ends at 3:00 PM on Sunday. Please check your email ahead of time for your designated arrival time.** Please arrive at your assigned time. If your group is not traveling together, please plan a meeting at a location before arriving at the camp. Everyone must arrive at the same time.

Our check in team will meet you and your unit at the Welcome Center on the main road. This is where your medical checks will take place. Each participant will get a wristband to wear during their stay at camp. This wristband will be for meal shifts. Once all medical checks are complete, you will proceed to your campsite. Once you get to your campsite you can start unpacking your items. First, first take out your swimsuits and towels if swim tests were not done prior to your arrival. A staff member will greet you at your campsite and walk you through the rest of the check-in process.



The staff member will first take you to the Black Building, make sure you have your roster completed. After that you will take a walk by the storm shelter, and then off to take your troop picture. Once your picture is taken you will go to the Waterfront for swim checks. Even if you complete it ahead of time, you still need to go down!

Checkout and Final Payment Process

Starting as early as Tuesday, unit leaders will have the opportunity to schedule an appointment with the Business Manager to settle any outstanding registration fees or begin the refund process if the troop overpaid. This must be completed before the troop leaves Friday night or Saturday morning. Starting on Friday afternoon unit leaders can settle their troop accounts at the Trading Post with any of the Trading Post staff.

Before leaving Friday evening or Saturday morning a unit leader must check-out with a member of the administration team in the Black Building. They will make sure you have patches, leader appreciation gift, health forms, and advancement paperwork. You are good to go once you are cleared by a staff member in the Black Building.

Health and Safety

Health Forms / Check-in

Troops are welcome to submit their health forms 21+ days in advance by mailing them to:

Camp Wilderness
Attn: Camp Health Officer
29984 Journey Trail
Park Rapids, MN 56470

Submitting the forms in advance will speed up your check-in process and allow our staff to identify any corrections that may be needed before you arrive.

When you arrive at the Welcome Center, you will go through medical checks. Please make sure each vehicle has the medical forms for those in that vehicle.



Prescription Medications

Prescription drugs must be under the control of a responsible adult and stored in a secured manner (locked box, locked vehicle, etc.). The only exception is for emergency medications such as epi-pens, rescue inhalers, and nitroglycerin. All medications must be in their original container with a clearly marked label.

Troop leaders are encouraged to store and manage the medications for their troop. Health Lodge staff can assist if necessary. Locked storage, including refrigeration, is available at the Health Lodge for medications.



Health Lodge

A qualified Health Officer is available to deal with minor injuries that may occur during your stay at Camp. In the event of a serious injury, arrangements have been made with the local hospital and clinic in Park Rapids to provide needed medical care. The Camp medical officer is available 24 hours a day for emergency medical services. Please make arrangements with the Health Officer for any daily medical needs.

Adult Leaders



Appreciation Meal

We will be having a special meal during the week! This meal is an appreciation of the time and effort required for adult leaders to bring Scouts to camp. All adult leaders in the camp are invited.

Activity Badge

We want leaders to have fun and participate! You can earn an activity badge while at Camp. Requirements include making new friends, teaching a new Scout a skill, and many other fun activities around Camp.

Training Opportunities

We offer the following adult training sessions during the week you are at Camp: Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Scoutmaster Specific, Outdoor Leader Skills, Paddle Craft Safety, Wilderness First Aid, and Nap on Safely! Adults may also sign up for the SCUBA course Weeks 4-5 to earn their PADI dive certification.

Unit Leadership

It is the policy of the Northern Lights Council that each troop must be under the leadership of at least two registered leaders. Both leaders must be at least 21 years old. Both male and female adults can provide this leadership. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present if female youth are attending. Troops who will be short on leaders should contact the Camp Administration at 218-732-4674 one week before arriving at camp. We can provide you with the contact information for another troop in camp to help share the two deep leadership requirements.

Camp Wilderness requires that all adult leaders spending one or more nights at a weeklong summer camp program must be a currently registered adult leader with their unit, district, or council, and complete Youth Protection Training before arriving at camp. This policy will help us keep all Scouts in camp safe and will ensure that all adults in camp are covered under the BSA Accident and Sickness insurance program.



Volunteer Opportunities

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Camp Wilderness offers volunteers numerous opportunities to work at camp for one or more weeks as a volunteer staff member. Opportunities include campsite commissioner, chaplain, and kitchen. Those volunteering for a full week will receive a staff T-shirt and do not need to pay a participant fee. However, as a staff volunteer, they will not count towards their troop's two deep leadership. Additional online training may be required. Contact Missy Hendrickx at missy.hendrickx@scouting.org for more information.

Commissioners

Your Troop will be assisted by seasoned Scout leaders when you attend camp. Commissioners will visit your campsite and work with your SPL on the patrol method as well as assist you with any questions or concerns you may have. Volunteer Commissioners stay in camp for free during the week they serve as a Camp Commissioner and receive free meals and a staff t-shirt. Commissioners who return for a second year will receive a free jacket in addition to the other perks.



Chaplain

The Camp Chaplain can provide a variety of valuable services to you and your Troop in addition to formal religious programs. The Chaplain is available to help you with homesick Scouts, conflicts, and other situations that warrant counseling. Be sure to enlist the Chaplain's support if you are feeling frustrated or if you would like a second opinion on how to handle an issue with one of your Scouts.

Kitchen

We will waive your summer camp fee if you work 2 shifts a day in the kitchen, Monday-Friday! Shifts may include meal prep, cooking, dishwashing, and serving meals!

Camp Services



What is Provided

Each campsite has drinking water, picnic tables, flagpoles, bulletin board, pavilion shelter, and access to a latrine. Troops must bring their own tents, camping gear, and other personal supplies.

Trading Post

The Camp Trading Post stocks a wide variety of Camp memorabilia, Scouting literature and supplies, sundries, program supplies, and refreshments such as ice cream, candy, and pop. Troop leaders may charge items to a Troop account



Quartermaster

Camp Wilderness has a supply of camping gear and hand tools which you may check out during your stay. This equipment is in the Quartermaster Shop. The Quartermaster also maintains a workshop for repair work on equipment and tools that are damaged during Camp use, stores all bulk fuel containers that are not in use at your campsite, and can help transport equipment to and from your campsite. Hours of operation will be posted at the Quartermaster Shop. Also, the Quartermaster oversees all conservation projects at Camp, so talk to them about setting up a Troop project.



Order of the Arrow

The Pa-Hin Lodge has a robust summer camp program that includes member meetings, Ordeal Callouts, Brotherhood conversions, unit elections, and a Friday evening social. Members from all OA Lodges are welcome to participate in all our activities. However, if you wish to go through the Brotherhood conversion, we do need your Lodge's Key 3 approval.

Mail and Package Services

Camp Wilderness does have a daily mail delivery service. Incoming mail to Scouts should be sent no later than Wednesday, or it will not arrive in time. Each troop will have a mailbox in the Black Building where they can pick up any mail, packages, or tidbits from the camp. Mail should be addressed to:

Scout or Leader Name

Troop ###

Camp Wilderness

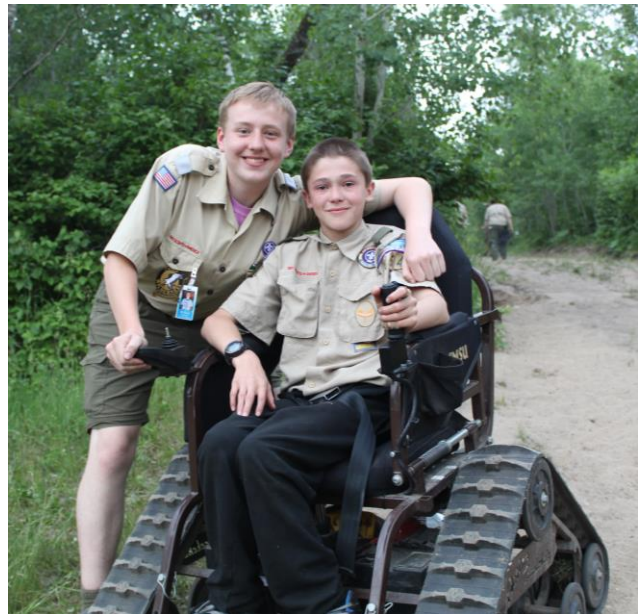
29984 Journey Trail

Park Rapids, MN 56470

Action Trackchair

Camp Wilderness has one Action Trackchair available for use. The Trackchair will go just about everywhere at camp. It is battery powered and will need to be plugged in during off time. All program areas (besides High Adventure) have a power source to plug the machine into. There are no power sources in campsites on the Scouts BSA side. Please contact

missy.hendrickx@scouting.org to reserve the chair for your stay at camp.



RV / Family Camping

There are a limited number of tent sites and RV hook-ups for families to use. The Camp Wilderness Family Camp connects to many of the camp's great hiking trails. A popular attraction to visit is Itasca State Park. In addition, there are many craft stores, resorts, and public lake access near the Camp. The fees to stay in the Family camp are the same as the Leader, Part Time Leader, and Sibling fees at the Scouts BSA Camp. If you prefer RV camping over tenting, there is an additional \$25 / night hookup fee. The camp has water and electrical hookups but does not have a dumping station. Drinking water and an outdoor latrine are centrally located in the Family Camp. The

Family camp is located at our on-site Cub Camp- Butler Wilderness Outpost.



Laundry Services

Camp Wilderness has coin-operated washing machines and coin-operated dryers. Please bring your own quarters to use the machines. Washing is \$1.25 and drying is \$0.75. The Laundry room is in the same building as the adult showers / health lodge, with the entrance immediately to the left of the shower house entrance. Please bring coins with you to camp.

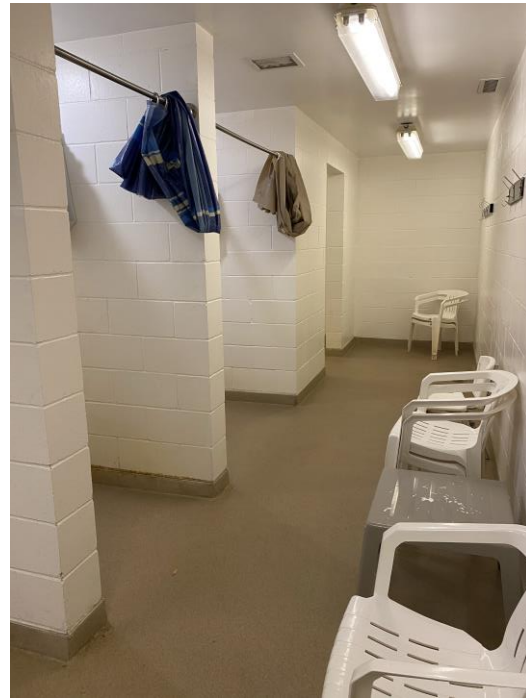
Showers / Toilet Facilities

Separate shower facilities are provided in the main camp area for use by leaders, Scouts and staff. Leaders and Scouts as well as males and females must have separate shower facilities in accordance with BSA Youth Protection policies. The shower facilities also have an indoor section with flush toilets and sinks.

We do ask that you arrange for your Troop to shower at the same time whenever possible. When your Scouts are showering, leaders are required to be close-by to provide a degree of supervision.

CPAP and Sleeping Devices

Camp Wilderness does not have electricity in the campsites. If you bring a CPAP machine you will need to bring your own power source to operate that machine. There are charging stations available. Please contact camp administration before your stay if you need assistance.



Adult Leader Study

Located next to the Trading Post is the Adult Leader Study. This is a room for adults only. It is equipped with many outlets, tables, chairs, and wireless internet. This room is for adults only. Use this space to get some work done or take a few quiet minutes to yourself.

Birthdays

Is someone in your unit celebrating their birthday during camp? Contact us before your arrival and our kitchen staff will prepare a cake or dessert for your unit at no extra cost!

Fire Tower

Located behind the dining hall is the 92-foot-tall Fire Tower. The key is in the Program Director office, ask camp administration for it. Only 5 people are allowed up at a time and an adult must supervise. It is a long hike up, but the views are worth it! Do not forget to bring your camera!



Meal Services

Dining Hall Service

Most meals will be served split-shift, cafeteria style. Sunday and Friday night suppers will be served outside as a picnic — as is our Camp’s tradition. Scouts and adults should proceed to the Dining Hall as a Unit. Each unit will be assigned to a door to enter in. The opportunity for Scouts and Scouters to acquire second helpings of food will be available after all units have been served in each meal session.



During your week at camp, two meals will be prepared at the campsite. The meals will be simple for your Scouts to be able to prepare and get back to activities around Camp. Both meals will be served on Wednesday. Lunch will be cold cut sandwiches and chips; dinner will be hotdogs and beans. Troop will not need to bring extensive cooking equipment to prepare these meals. The camp has limited amounts of cooking utensils for campsite cooking, so please make sure you bring the proper cooking kits with you when you come to Camp.

Camp Wilderness accommodates dietary restrictions and needs. Please put this information in your registration so we can prepare your meals properly. Please let the server know you have a special meal, and they will get it for you.

Patrol Style Meal Service

Patrol Style cooking is for troops who would like to do their own cooking in the campsite. The Sunday and Friday night supper will be served out of the dining hall picnic style – as is our Camp’s tradition. Saturday morning breakfast of cinnamon rolls will be served at the dining hall. All other meals will be cooked by patrols at the campsite.

Raw food and ingredients will be pre-packaged by the staff and can be collected prior to each meal at the designated location. The menu for the week can be found online at www.nlcbsa.org/summercamp. All food found on the menu will be provided, the troop will be responsible for supplying any alterations to the menu.

Leftover food is not allowed in the campsite overnight unless it is properly stored and locked up in a way to prevent access to wild animals. If you are unable to properly secure the food, you should return it to the commissary staff. All perishables and uncooked food should be brought back to the commissary staff. All garbage and food waste must be deposited into one of the camp dumpsters before nightfall to prevent unwanted wild animals in your campsite.

Camp Wilderness will provide the following for each troop doing patrol style cooking:

Menu with cooking instructions	3 wash basins for cleaning dishes
All food stated on the menu	5-gallon bucket and filter for dirty water
Food thermometers	Cleaning detergents
Instructions on safe handling of food	

Troops are expected to bring their own cooking equipment and utensils. A limited number of Dutch ovens, pots, pans, plates, and bowls may be available. Please contact camp before arrival to guarantee their availability.

Daily Schedule

Note: This is not the full schedule

**Schedule subject to change

2023 Camp Wilderness Schedule				
	Start	End	Event	Location
SUNDAY	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Assigned Check-In Time Begins	Welcome Center
	4:00 PM	4:30 PM	Commissioner Meeting	Fox Building
	4:00 PM	4:30 PM	Tour of Camp for New Campers	Flag Field
	5:10 PM	5:20 PM	Flag Ceremony	Flag Field
	5:20 PM	6:00 PM	Dinner- Picnic style, No Shifts	Dining Hall
	6:15 PM	7:00 PM	Adult Leader Meeting	Dining Hall
	6:15 PM	7:00 PM	SPL Meeting	Flag Field
	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	MB & Activity Sign-Up	The Pines
	8:15 PM	8:20 PM	All Troops Gather for Campfire	Flag Field
	8:30 PM	9:30 PM	Opening Campfire	Campfire Area
MONDAY	7:15 AM	8:15 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
	8:10 AM	8:20 AM	Flag Ceremony	Flag Field
	9:00 AM	9:45 AM	Adult Leader Meeting -Black Building	Black Building
	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Merit Badge Session A (Part 1 of 2)	
	11:00 AM	11:15 AM	Fire Drill	Flag Field
	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	Senior Patrol Leader Meeting	Black Building
	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Merit Badge Session B (Part 1 of 2)	
	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Open Time	
	4:00 PM	4:30 PM	Commissioner Meeting	Fox Building
	5:10 PM	5:20 PM	Flag Ceremony	Flag Field
	5:20 PM	6:20 PM	Dinner	Dining Hall
	6:30 PM	7:00 PM	Chaplains Aid Meeting	Chaplain Gazebo
	6:30 PM	9:45 PM	Order of the Arrow Meeting	Black Building
	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Trailblazer Trek-Mandatory Trailblazers	Trailblazer Area
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Adult Leader COPE	High COPE
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Open Time/Troop Activities	
	9:00 PM	10:30 PM	Constellation Climb	Climbing Tower

	8:00 AM	8:15 AM	Flag Ceremony	Flag Field
	9:00 AM	9:45 AM	Adult Leader Meeting	Black Building
	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Merit Badge Session A (Part 2 of 2)	
	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	SPL Meeting	Black Building
	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Merit Badge Session B (Part 2 of 2)	
	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Open Time	
	4:00 PM	4:30 PM	Commissioner Meeting	Fox Building
	5:10 PM	5:20 PM	Flag Ceremony	Flag Field
	5:20 PM	6:20 PM	Dinner	Dining Hall
	6:30 PM	7:00 PM	Chaplains Aid Meeting	Chaplain Gazebo
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Open Time/Troop Activities	
	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Cast Iron Chef Competition	Log Pavilion
			OA Brotherhood	
Wednesday	7:15 AM	8:15 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
	8:10 AM	8:20 AM	Flag Ceremony	Flag Field
	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Adventure Day Activities Begin	
	11:15 AM	12:00 PM	Lunch Pick-Up (eat in Campsite)	Dining Hall
	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Adult Leader Appreciation Lunch	Dining Hall
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	Staff Lunch	Dining Hall
	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Adventure Day Activities Continue	
	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Dinner Pick-Up (eat in Campsite)	Dining Hall
	5:10 PM	5:20 PM	Flag Ceremony (Optional)	Flag Field
	6:30 PM	7:15 PM	Worship Service	Chapel in the Pines
	7:30 PM	8:15 PM	Commissioner Campfire	Campfire Area
	8:30 PM	9:15 PM	Order of the Arrow Call Out	

THURSDAY	6:00 AM	7:00 PM	Terrific Tomahawk Thursday	Scoutcraft s
	7:15 AM	8:15 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
	8:10 AM	8:20 AM	Flag Ceremony	Flag Field
	9:00 AM	9:45 AM	Adult Leader Meeting	Black Building
	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Merit Badge Session C (Part 1 of 2)	
	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Lunch	Dining Hall

TUESDAY	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	Polar Bear Swim	Waterfront
	7:15 AM	8:15 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
	8:00 AM	8:15 AM	Flag Ceremony	Flag Field
	9:00 AM	9:45 AM	Adult Leader Meeting	Black Building
	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Merit Badge Session A (Part 2 of 2)	
	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	SPL Meeting	Black Building
	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Merit Badge Session B (Part 2 of 2)	
	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Open Time	
	4:00 PM	4:30 PM	Commissioner Meeting	Fox Building
	5:10 PM	5:20 PM	Flag Ceremony	Flag Field
	5:20 PM	6:20 PM	Dinner	Dining Hall
	6:30 PM	7:00 PM	Chaplains Aid Meeting	Chaplain Gazebo
	7:00PM	9:00 PM	Open Time/Troop Activities	
	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Cast Iron Chef Competition	Log Pavilion
		OA Brotherhood		
Wednesday	7:15 AM	8:15 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
	8:10 AM	8:20 AM	Flag Ceremony	Flag Field
	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Adventure Day Activities Begin	
	11:15 AM	12:00 PM	Lunch Pick-Up (eat in Campsite)	Dining Hall
	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Adult Leader Appreciation Lunch	Dining Hall
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	Staff Lunch	Dining Hall
	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Adventure Day Activities Continue	
	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Dinner Pick-Up (eat in Campsite)	Dining Hall
	5:10 PM	5:20 PM	Flag Ceremony (Optional)	Flag Field
	6:30 PM	7:15 PM	Worship Service	Chapel in the Pines
	7:30 PM	8:15 PM	Commissioner Campfire	Campfire Area
	8:30 PM	9:15 PM	Order of the Arrow Call Out	
THURSDAY	6:00 AM	7:00 PM	Terrific Tomahawk Thursday	Scoutcrafts
	7:15 AM	8:15 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
	8:10 AM	8:20 AM	Flag Ceremony	Flag Field
	9:00 AM	9:45 AM	Adult Leader Meeting	Black Building
	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Merit Badge Session C (Part 1 of 2)	
	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	SPL Meeting	Black Building
	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Merit Badge Session D (Part 1 of 2)	
	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Open Time	
	4:00PM	4:30 PM	Commissioner Meeting	Fox Building
	5:10 PM	5:20 PM	Flag Ceremony	Flag Field
	5:20 PM	6:20 PM	Dinner	Dining Hall
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Water Carnival and Iron Man Competition	Waterfront
	7:00PM	9:00 PM	Open Time/Troop Activities	

	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	SPL Meeting	Black Building
	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Merit Badge Session D (Part 1 of 2)	
	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Open Time	
	4:00PM	4:30 PM	Commissioner Meeting	Fox Building
	5:10 PM	5:20 PM	Flag Ceremony	Flag Field
	5:20 PM	6:20 PM	Dinner	Dining Hall
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Water Carnival and Iron Man Competition	Waterfront
	7:00PM	9:00 PM	Open Time/Troop Activities	
Friday	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	Fantastic Fishing Friday	Fishing
	7:15 AM	8:15 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
	8:10 AM	8:20 AM	Flag Ceremony	Flag Field
	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Merit Badge Session C (Part 2 of 2)	
	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Merit Badge Session D (Part 2 of 2)	
	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Open Time	
	4:00PM	4:30 PM	Commissioner Meeting	Fox Building
	5:10 PM	5:20 PM	Flag Ceremony	
	5:20 PM	6:00 PM	Dinner- Picnic style, No Shifts	Dining Hall
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Program Areas Open: to qualifying participants	
	8:15 PM	8:20 PM	All Troops Gather for Campfire	Flag Field
	8:30 PM	9:30 PM	Closing Campfire	Campfire Area
	TBD		OA Social	Dining Hall
SATURDAY	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	Flag Raising; Optional	Flag Field
	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	Troop Check-Out	Black Building

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Friday	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	Fantastic Fishing Friday	Fishing
	7:15 AM	8:15 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
	8:10 AM	8:20 AM	Flag Ceremony	Flag Field
	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Merit Badge Session C (Part 2 of 2)	
	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Merit Badge Session D (Part 2 of 2)	
	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Open Time	
	4:00PM	4:30 PM	Commissioner Meeting	Fox Building
	5:10 PM	5:20 PM	Flag Ceremony	
	5:20 PM	6:00 PM	Dinner- Picnic style, No Shifts	Dining Hall
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Program Areas Open: to qualifying participants	
	8:15 PM	8:20 PM	All Troops Gather for Campfire	Flag Field
	8:30 PM	9:30 PM	Closing Campfire	Campfire Area
	TBD		OA Social	Dining Hall
SATURDAY	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	Flag Raising; Optional	Flag Field
	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	Troop Check-Out	Black Building
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Merit Badges

Classes Offered

Core Merit Badges & Activities (offered every year) *Eagle Required		ROAR / Outpost Merit Badges
Archery	Environmental Science*	Art
Rifle	Swimming*	Fingerprinting
Shotgun	Canoeing	Sculpture
Climbing	Kayaking	Textiles
Fishing	Lifesaving*	Painting
Fly Fishing	Emergency Prep*	
Motorboating	First Aid*	
Metalwork	Cooking 1 (offered 2023)	
Camping*	Cooking 2 (offered 2023)	
Woodcarving	Paddle Boarding	
Wilderness Survival	Snorkeling	
Pioneering	SCUBA – weeks 4-5	
Leatherwork	Trailblazers	
Nature	COPE	

2023 Merit Badge & Activity Rotation	2024 Merit Badge & Activity Rotation	2025 Merit Badge & Activity Rotation	2026 Merit Badge & Activity Rotation	2027 Merit Badge & Activity Rotation
Game Design	Basketry	Chess	Archeology	Astronomy
Mining in Society	Bird Study	Geology	Basketry	Chess
Nuclear Science	Boardsailing	Mammal Study	Boardsailing	Forestry
Oceanography	Exploration	Orienteering	Composite Materials	Gardening
Public Health	Fish and Wildlife Management	Plant Science	Plumbing	Geocaching
Scouting Heritage	Indian Lore	Radio	Salesmanship	Insect Study
Signs Signals and Codes	Reptile and Amphibian Study	Signs Signals and Codes	Search and Rescue	Music
Small-Boat Sailing	Rowing	Skating	Sustainability	Small-Boat Sailing
Space Exploration	Weather	Small-Boat Sailing	Theater	Soil and Water Conservation

This year we will be offering block scheduling. Classes will be Monday-Tuesday, and Thursday-Friday. Some classes require more time, so please check out the Merit Badge Schedule on pages 21-23.

Open Program

New in 2022 was 'Open Programming'. Scouts will have the opportunity to go to Program Areas during their free time to work on Merit Badges. Pre-Registration is not required. The Scout will show up the day of and start work on the Merit Badge, they can return each Open Program Time to go over completed work with Merit Badge Counselor. Below is a list of the available courses. This unique approach allows the Scout to build their own adventure, gives them the opportunity to mix fun activities with the merit badge programs, and introduces many Scouts to time management.

Open Program occurs Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 3-5pm. And all-day Wednesday.

<u>Fishing</u>	<u>Scoutcrafts/ROAR</u>	<u>Nature Lodge</u>	<u>Health Lodge</u>	<u>The Pines</u>
Fishing	Art	Nature	First Aide	Chess
Fly Fishing	Fingerprinting	Environmental Science		Music
	Painting	Astronomy		
	Sculpture	Fish and Wildlife Management		
	Textiles	Reptile and Amphibian Study		



Block Scheduling

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
7:30 to 9:00 AM	Breakfast				
9:00 to 11:00 AM	Session A Merit Badges and Activities		Activity Day	Session C Merit Badges and Activities	
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Lunch				
1:00 to 3:00 PM	Session B Merit Badges and Activities		Activity Day	Session D Merit Badges and Activities	
3:00 to 5:00 PM	Open Program* and Activities				
5:00 to 6:30 PM	Dinner				
7:00 to 9:00 PM	Open Program* and Activities		Chapel and Commissioner Campfire	Open Program and Activities	

This year we will be offering block scheduling. Classes will be Monday-Tuesday, and Thursday-Friday.

Some classes require more time, so please check out the Merit Badge Schedule on pages 23-24.

COPE and Climbing will be offered in 2 sessions: morning or afternoon *If you are in morning COPE you need to eat first shift breakfast
 Morning class runs Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8am-12pm.
 Afternoon class runs Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1-5pm.

ATV will be offered 5 times:
 Monday and Tuesday: 8am-12pm or Monday and Tuesday: 1-5pm
 Wednesday: 8am-12pm, 1-5pm
 Thursday and Friday: 8am-12pm or Thursday and Friday: 1-5pm

Pioneering will take place Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1-5pm

Lifesaving will take place Monday and Tuesday from 8am-12pm

Small Boat Sailing will take place Monday and Tuesdays from 1-3pm

Cooking 1 will take place Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am-1pm

Cooking 2 will take place Monday and Tuesday from 6-9pm

Trailblazers will take place Monday, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-11am OR 1-3pm. Scouts must go to the same session on those days.

Classes by Session- PICK ONE CLASS OUT OF EACH SESSION			
Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D
Scoutcraft	Scoutcraft	Scoutcraft	Scoutcraft
Camping	Signs, Signals and Codes	Signs, Signals and Codes	Camping
Game Design	Leatherwork	Leatherwork	Game Design
Scouting Heritage	Woodcarving	Woodcarving	Scouting Heritage
Wilderness Survival	Metalwork	Metalwork	Wilderness Survival
Metalwork	Pioneering (1-5pm M, T, TH, F)	Wilderness Survival	Pioneering (1-5pm M, T, TH, F)
Nature	Nature	Nature	Nature
Mining in Society	Oceanography	Oceanography	Mining in Society
Nuclear Science	Space Exploration	Space Exploration	Nuclear Science
Environmental Science	Nature	Nature	Environmental Science
Fishing	Fishing	Fishing	Fishing
Fishing	Fly Fishing	Fishing	Fishing
Fly Fishing	Motorboating	Motorboating	Fly Fishing
Waterfront	Waterfront	Waterfront	Waterfront
Kayaking	Canoeing	Canoeing	Kayaking
Paddle Boarding	Snorkeling	Snorkeling	Paddle Boarding
Swimming	Small Boat Sailing (AND attend session D)	Swimming	Small Boat Sailing (AND attend session B)
Lifesaving (8am-12pm)	Paddle Boarding	Kayaking	Swimming
Shooting Sports	Shooting Sports	Shooting Sports	Shooting Sports
Archery	Archery	Archery	Archery
Rifle	Shotgun	Rifle	Rifle
Shotgun		Shotgun	Shotgun
Health Lodge	Health Lodge	Health Lodge	Health Lodge
Emergency Preparedness	First Aid	Emergency Preparedness	Emergency Preparedness
First Aid	Public Health	Public Health	First Aid
Trailblazers	Trailblazers	Trailblazers	Trailblazers
Trailblazers (AND attend session C)	Trailblazers (AND attend session D)	Trailblazers (AND attend session A)	Trailblazers (AND attend session B)
High Adventure	High Adventure	High Adventure	High Adventure
COPE (8am -12pm M, T, TH, F)	COPE (1-5pm M, T, TH, F)	COPE (8am -12pm M, T, TH, F)	COPE (1-5pm M, T, TH, F)
Climbing (8am-12pm M, T, TH, F)	Climbing (1-5pm M, T, TH, F)	Climbing (8am-12pm M, T, TH, F)	Climbing (1-5pm M, T, TH, F)
ATV (8am-12pm)	ATV (1-5pm)	ATV (8am-12pm)	ATV (1-5pm)
Cooking	Cooking	Cooking	Cooking
9AM-1PM (M, T, TH & F)	9AM-1PM (M, T, TH & F)	9AM-1PM (M, T, TH & F)	9AM-1PM (M, T, TH & F)
6-9pm (M & T)	6-9pm (M & T)		

Adult Leader Classes

Adult Aquatics Classes					
	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
10-11am					
11-12pm					
1-3 pm	Safe Swim Defense/ Safety Afloat (Part 1 of 1)	Paddle Craft Safety			
Commissioner Classes- Fox Building					
	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
10-12pm	Scoutmaster Specific (Part 1 of 4)	Scoutmaster Specific (Part 2 of 4)		Scoutmaster Specific (Part 3 of 4)	Scoutmaster Specific (Part 3 of 4)
1-4pm	Outdoor Leader Skills (Part 1 of 3)	Outdoor Leader Skills (Part 2 of 3)		Outdoor Leader Skills (Part 3 of 3) Trek on Safely/Outdoor Ethics	
4pm					Nap on Safely
5-5:30pm	Commissioner Meeting	Commissioner Meeting	Commissioner Meeting	Commissioner Meeting	Commissioner Meeting
Other Adult Leader Opportunities					
	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
9:00am	Adult Leader Meeting	Adult Leader Meeting		Adult Leader Meeting	
1-5pm	Wilderness First Aid **subject to change				

Wednesday Adventure Day

Each Troop will have the opportunity to sign up for Adventure Day Activities on Sunday night during Merit Badge Sign-ups. Adventure Days is on Wednesday. These activities will include Troop Activities, Open Program Time Activities, Offsite Adventures and more Merit Badges!

Open Areas

Some areas will be open all day to come and go! These areas include:

- Fishing- Merit Badge Opportunities
- Waterfront
- Nature Lodge- Merit Badge Opportunities
- Scoutcrafts- Merit Badge Opportunities
- Carpetball
- Gaga ball
- Basketball Courts
- Frisbee Golf Course
- Fire Tower
- Pickleball



Scheduled Troop Activities

Troops can sign up for the following activities if they would like! Sign-ups will be Sunday during Merit Badge Sign up in the pines!

Forge	Tomahawk Throwing	Pontoon	Archery	Rifle	Shotgun	R.O.A.R	Climbing	Kinister Kanister
9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am-11:00am	9:00am-11:00am	9:00am
10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	1:00pm-5:00pm	1:00pm-3:00pm	10:00am
1:00pm	1:00pm	1:00pm	1:00pm	1:00pm	1:00pm		3:00pm-5:00pm	1:00pm
2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm			2:00pm
3:00pm	3:00pm	3:00pm	3:00pm	3:00pm	3:00pm			3:00pm
4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm			4:00pm

R.O.A.R

Head on over to R.O.A.R. (Relaxing Outdoor Artistic Respite) during the Adventure Activity Day! Who is ready for a ROARING good time? See page 23 for the class schedule.

Natural Rock Climbing in Duluth MN!

A group of 13 Scouters will have the opportunity to do Natural Rock Climbing in Duluth. This will be \$50/Participant. Scouts must be at least 13, have the Climbing Merit Badge, or in the Climbing Merit Badge. See page 32 for more details.

Offsite Adventures

Adventure off to the Park Rapids/Lakes Area. Below is a list of outfitters that your unit can schedule on their own. If you would like Camp Wilderness to provide sack lunches/dinners- please fill out the form in the Black Building by 12pm on Tuesday.



Business	Adventure Options
Itasca State Park	Established in 1891, Itasca is Minnesota's oldest state park. The park totals more than 32,000 acres and includes more than 100 lakes. Walk across the mighty Mississippi as it starts its winding journey 2,552 miles to the Gulf of Mexico. Stand under towering pines and visit landmarks of centuries gone by throughout the park
Paul Bunyan State Trail	The Paul Bunyan State Trail is 115 miles long. Extending all the way from Crow Wing State Park to Lake Bemidji State Park , it is the longest of Minnesota's state trails and the longest continuously paved rail-trail in the country. It connects with the 8 mile Heartland State Trail , and at Lake Bemidji State Park it connects to the Blue Ox Trail.
Summerhill Adventures	<p>With nearly 40 years of tradition, Summerhill provides a memorable experience for all groups, large or small.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locally made, handcrafted art & decor. • Don't forget the Back 40 which offers a petting zoo, family activities, athletic challenges and more.
Evergreen Fun Park	Go Carts, Bumper Boats, Miniature Golf, Evergreen Mountain, Extreme Air Jump, Laser Tag, Laser Maze, Super Bounce, Batting Cages, Water Wars, Escape Rooms and more!
Lake Itasca Tours	Come relax aboard the "Chester Charles II" on beautiful Lake Itasca, the source of the mighty Mississippi River.
Pedego Electric Bike	Pedego is America's #1 Electric Bike retailer. We offer a variety of electric bikes from cruisers to the city to mountains and fat tires. We have an extensive offering of battery sizes, colors, and accessories.
Go Fish! Guide Service	Go Fish! Guide Service offers full-service fishing guide trips on your choice of over 75 lakes located in and around Park Rapids, MN
Headwaters Golf Club	Come enjoy a round at Minnesota's #4 ranked Public Golf Course
Blueberry Pines	Blueberry Pines has towering trees, rolling hills, and a spring fed stream area are all present during this wonderful golfing experience.
Rapid River Logging Camp	The Rapid River Logging Camp was established in 1955. As a logger you can eat from metal plates and drink from tin cups and eat as many pancakes as your stomach can hold! After you have finished walk the trails, feed the fish, chickens and ducks.
Heartland State Trail	49-mile multiple-use paved trail between Park Rapids and Cass Lake. Along the 27 miles between Park Rapids and Walker, there is a second grassy Treadway for mountain biking. Trailside parks are located at Park Rapids, Dorset, Nevis, Akeley, and Walker.

Additional Weekly Activities



Monday

6:30pm- OA Meeting in the Black Building

7:00pm- Trailblazer Trek- all Trailblazers must attend

7:00pm- Adult Leader COPE

9:00pm- Constellation Climb

Tuesday

8:00pm- World-Famous Cast-Iron Chef Competition! Bring your amazing dishes up to the Log Pavilion for the competition. Make sure to make enough for 5 judges, plus some to bring back to your campsite. The special ingredient is bacon!

9:00pm- OA Brotherhood Ceremony

9:00pm- Astronomy Night at the Nature Lodge (time and day may vary depending on weather)

Wednesday:

6:30pm Chapel in the Pines

7:00pm Commissioner Campfires followed OA Call-out

Thursday

7:00pm: Water Carnival and Iron Man! Sign-ups in the Black Building!

9:00pm- Wilderness Survival Overnighter (Meet at Scoutcrafts)



Herman Stern Award

The Honor Troop program is our way to recognize Troops who show excellent camping methods and Scouting Spirit. In this program any Troop can be recognized for exceptional achievement. There is a list of mandatory and optional requirements that Troops may work on throughout the week. A Camp Commissioner will help you with this process. Sign-ups are in the Black Building but see the Quartermaster for a Service Project

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday Evening Activities

Program Areas will have scheduled evening activities. Sign-ups are in the Black Building.

Program Areas

Program Fees

All fees are included in your overall camp fee. Merit badge supplies will be ready in program areas. If Scouts want to purchase additional supplies, they can do so in the Trading Post.



Trailblazers

This program is designed to give the first-year camper an introduction to Camp Wilderness and the Scouts BSA Program. The Trailblazer staff has a fun, creative and exciting program designed to give your younger scouts practice basic Scouting skills while helping them on the trail towards First Class. A list of requirements that can be earned is available under Resources on the summer camp website. There are 2 classes of Trailblazers offered! Scouts will go Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday either during the first or second session.

The Trailblazer Hike will be Monday night at 6:30pm!

Fishing

Our Fishing Program at Camp Wilderness has gained recognition throughout the area. This program takes pride in the art of catching "The Big One". This area includes a huge dock, motorboats, rods, reels, tackle, and bait — everything needed for a beginning angler! Experienced anglers will provide instruction and coaching. Scouts and leaders can use 14' Lund boats on Bad Axe Lake. National Camp standards require that an adult who has passed the BSA swim test must accompany youth operating a motorboat.



If you are under 16, you can fish at camp without a license. If you are over 16, you will need to purchase a license in town.

Cooking

New in 2022 was the Cooking Merit Badge! Held down at Blackfoot campsite, Cooking 1 will take place. Cooking 1 focuses on the camp cooking portion of the Merit Badge. This class is on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am-1pm.

NEW: Cooking 2! This will focus on the Trail portion of the Merit Badge. This class will be on Monday and Tuesday nights from 6-9pm. This class will be a partial Merit Badge.



Waterfront

On those hot and humid days, nothing beats a trip to the waterfront. Here, Scouts can learn to be skilled, safe swimmers and boaters. The staff provides knowledgeable instruction in *Swimming and Canoeing* Merit Badges. For those older, more experienced Scouts, *Kayaking*, and *Lifesaving*, are great Merit Badges to earn during their stay. BSA activity patches offered during the week are *Snorkeling* and *Stand-Up Paddle boarding*. Of course, we can't forget the ever-popular open boating and swimming periods, offered every day

from 3-5pm and on Adventure Days. Adult leaders even have a chance to initiate their own Scout-run aquatics program by attending the *Safety Afloat* and *Safe Swim Defense* programs.

-All waterfront merit badges require a swimmer classification. Those Scouts not classified as swimmers by Sunday's swim tests should register for a different merit badge on Sunday evening.

Nature

Scouts involved in the Nature Program have a wide variety of merit badges from which to choose. While earning these badges, they'll learn many intriguing things about Mother Nature. But learning is a two-way venture. Scouts can give back to the environment what they have learned. You and your Troop can work with the Nature Area Staff in planning and carrying out important conservation projects. You can go for a hike along the Nature Trail and see nature in both its unaltered form and in ways people have influenced it. Our Camp abounds in nature, and we encourage you to take it to the limits and explore it. The Nature Staff can help you arrange nature hikes, environmental awareness games, and activities.



Scoutcrafts

At the Scoutcraft Area, Scouts will get the opportunity to have hands-on experience in Pioneering, Woodcarving, Wilderness Survival, Metalworking, Leatherwork, and Camping.

Camping Merit Badge instructors will teach your Scouts the basics of living in the great outdoors. Our Wilderness Survival counselors will teach the priorities of survival. Forge your own implements and decorations from scrap metal in the Metalwork program. The Pioneering program is known for engineering camp gadgets beyond your wildest imagination. Nothing can beat a hand-crafted souvenir that Scouts can make with Leatherwork, Metalwork and Woodcarving.

Shooting Sports

Camp Wilderness offers three different Shooting Sports Merit Badges: Archery, Shotgun, and Rifle. Please keep in mind the following items:

1. No personal firearms or ammunition.
2. Personal archery equipment is discouraged unless the Scout is enrolled in the merit badge. You may bring your own equipment if you leave it with the Archery Director while you are at Camp.
3. It is recommended that 1st year Scouts not take archery since it takes a fair amount of upper arm strength to complete all the shooting required for the Archery Merit Badge.
4. Troop shoots are available, sign up in the Black Building.
5. There is no additional charges for shooting sports.



Climbing

The Climbing Merit Badge is an exciting class that challenges a Scout's mind, body, and teamwork skills. Throughout the class, Scouts will learn how to safely enjoy many aspects of climbing, such as climbing, belaying and rappelling, as well as learning a wide variety of all-purpose knots. Scouts taking this merit badge need to be 13 years old (or older).

With the new tower, Scouts and Scouters have a multitude of climbing routes to choose from with varying levels of difficulty. Whether this is your first time climbing or you are a very experienced climber, we have a challenge for you.

The merit badge class is not the end of the fun available at the Climbing Tower! During open climbs and Troop climbs, all Scouts will have the opportunity to climb as there is no age or rank restriction. We also offer the Constellation Climb on Monday nights!

Adventure Programs at Camp Wilderness

COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience)

This High Adventure program is the perfect opportunity for Scouts 13 years of age or older to experience all-out thrills and excitement. Scouts will learn the importance of trust, teamwork, communication, and teambuilding. The flight down the 425' Zip line will be an experience you will never forget

***Scouts must be at least 13**



Northern Tier

Camp Wilderness has partnered with Northern Tier High Adventure Base (NT) to offer a week-long canoe trip to the Boundary Waters each week of summer camp. Scouts and adults must be at least 14 years old *OR* completed the 8th grade and be 13 years old by the time of arrival at Northern Tier. All participants must be classified as a "swimmer". We need a minimum of 4 Scouts and 2 adults registered by April 4th for the trip to proceed. The registration for this is directly through Northern Tier.

You can find the link to the registration on our website www.nlcbsa.org/summercamp.

Price is \$560/participant (does not need to pay Camp Wilderness registration fee), only NT FEE.

For those Scouts that are attending the Boundary Waters Canoe Trip this summer, they need to be at camp by 9am Sunday to check-in, as they will be leaving for Northern Tier promptly at 10am on Sunday.

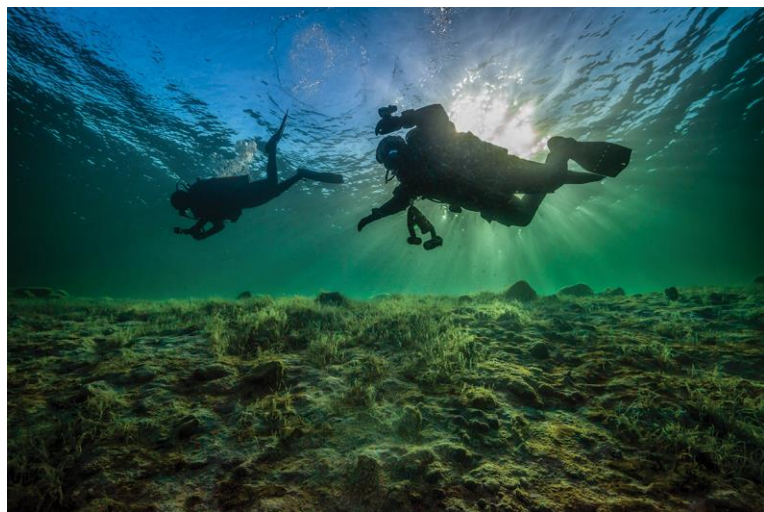
***Scouts must be at least 14**



SCUBA

The SCUBA merit badge program is offered Weeks 4 and 5 of summer camp (*please note the April 4th, 2023, registration deadline*). Scouts must be 14 by the start of class. **Adults may also sign up for this class and earn their PADI dive certification.** The cost for this class is \$470 (in addition to your camp fee) and will include the online portion of PADI, diving equipment for the week, oxygen tanks, diving instructors. To sign up for SCUBA, please pick it as a Merit Badge class option. The on-line class portion must be completed before arriving at Camp.

***Scouts must be at least 14**



Duluth Natural Rock Excursion

New this year we have partnered with the University of Minnesota Duluth. Each week 13 Scouts will have the opportunity to visit Duluth MN and spend the day natural rock climbing. Scouts will leave camp Tuesday night and camp overnight at a nearby site. Scouts will be responsible for bringing their own sleeping bags and pillows. Climbing will begin Wednesday morning and end around 3pm. Scouts will return to camp around 6pm.

Cost will be \$50/ participant. This will include transportation, meals and climbs.

***Scouts must be at least 13, have the climbing merit badge, or in the climbing merit badge**



ATV

Master the basics, learn advanced maneuvers, then explore the Paul Bunyan State Forrest! Each Scout will get their ATV Safety Rider Course Certification through ATV Safety Institute. As they drive throughout the session, you'll understand what it takes to control the vehicle in many different hands-on lessons. All leading up to a 4 hour trail ride in the Bunyan.

\$35 per Scout Scouts must be at least 14 years old to participate

Camp Policies

Bikes

It is the policy of the Northern Lights Council that bikes are not allowed in camp unless you get approval from the administration.

Sandals

It is the policy of the Northern Lights Council that closed-toe shoes must be always worn at camp, except while at the waterfront area and shower house.

Weapons / Knives

It is the policy of the Northern Lights Council that personal knives at camp are to have no longer than a 3-inch blade. No sheath knives are allowed at Camp Wilderness. No personal firearms are allowed at Camp Wilderness. Personal archery equipment may be brought but must be checked in with the Archery Director and stored at the Archery Range.



Vehicles

When operating one of your private vehicles in Camp, please remember the following:

- **The Camp speed limit is 15 mph.**
- **No passengers will be permitted in the beds of trucks or in trailers.** All passengers must be seated inside the vehicle. Seatbelt use is required in Camp in accordance with National policies.
- **You can drive your personal vehicles to your campsite to unload when you arrive and to load when you leave.** We request that you keep your vehicle in the designated parking areas at all other times. Limiting the amount of driving that goes on in Camp makes the trails safer for all of us.
- **Vehicles may not be kept in campsites and must be out of your campsite before opening campfire.**
- **Your Troop trailer may remain at the campsite. A vehicle permit may be obtained from the Health Officer for the physically challenged.**
- **Vehicles must be backed into all parking spaces**

Smoking and Vaping

A designated smoking area is provided behind the dining hall on the Scouts BSA side. Camp policy requires all smoking and vaping to take place in this designated area.

Alcohol / Drugs

Alcohol and federally declared illegal drugs / substances are not allowed at Camp Wilderness.



Staff Housing

Staff Cabins are reserved for staff only. Scouts and adult leaders cannot enter the cabins.

Drones

Camp Wilderness requires all use of drones to be in compliance with FAA regulations, including keeping them within line of site, flying no higher than 400 feet, and not to be flown directly over large gatherings of people.

Photos and Videos

Pictures and videos can be taken while at camp. If you see someone walking around camp with a red wristband, they cannot have their photo taken.

We do have a camp photographer and videographer. You may see them around camp with various camera equipment. This person will be easily identifiable with a staff nametag.

You can find all the promotional videos on our website.

Social Media

We have Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and YouTube. Throughout the week we will post videos and pictures of Scouts at camp. Each opening and closing campfire you can watch the start of it live on our Facebook page. If you have any photos or videos that you would like us to share. Please email them to the Camp Director.

Visitors in Camp

Visitors are always welcome at Camp Wilderness. If you know the parents of your Scouts will be visiting you at camp, please remind them that all visitors must check-in at the Black Building upon their arrival where they will receive their wristband, and check-out upon their departure. In addition, we encourage you to have a representative of your Troop meet your visitors at the Black Building upon their arrival.

If visitors would like to join in at a meal. They may purchase meal tickets at the Trading Post for \$8.50/meal.

If visitors plan to stay in the camp overnight, they must be registered with the BSA and have a medical form with parts A, B & C on file with the camp health office.

Visitors are also welcome at our opening and closing campfires. Each Sunday and Friday we will have a campfire program at the Meechgalon Sparrowhawk Campfire Area. Staff put on a great show on Sunday nights and Scouts put on a wonderful show on Friday nights.



Additional Camping Opportunities

Camp Staff

Camp Wilderness is hiring for the 2023 camping season. There are a variety of positions available for youth and adults. Youth must be at least 15 to work at camp at aide level positions. If one is interested in an Area Director position, they must be at least 18 for some and 21+ for Aquatics, High Adventure, or Administration. Working on camp staff includes housing, 3 meals a day, bi-weekly salary, and 2 t-shirts.

Scholarship opportunities are available for those that work on camp staff 3 consecutive summers.

Applications can be found at www.nlcbsa.org/campstaff



Counselor in Training (C.I.T) Program

The Counselor in Training (C.I.T) Program is a 2-week volunteer-based program for youth ages 14+. Being a C.I.T is a program designed to prepare youth to be on camp staff. During the 2-week stay they will work directly with the Camp Wilderness Program Director, who will assign them to work in different program areas. They will have the opportunity to work in 4 different program areas. Being a C.I.T includes tent housing, 3 meals a day, and 1 T-shirt.

Applications can be found at www.nlcbsa.org/campstaff

Northern Lights Council Alumni Association

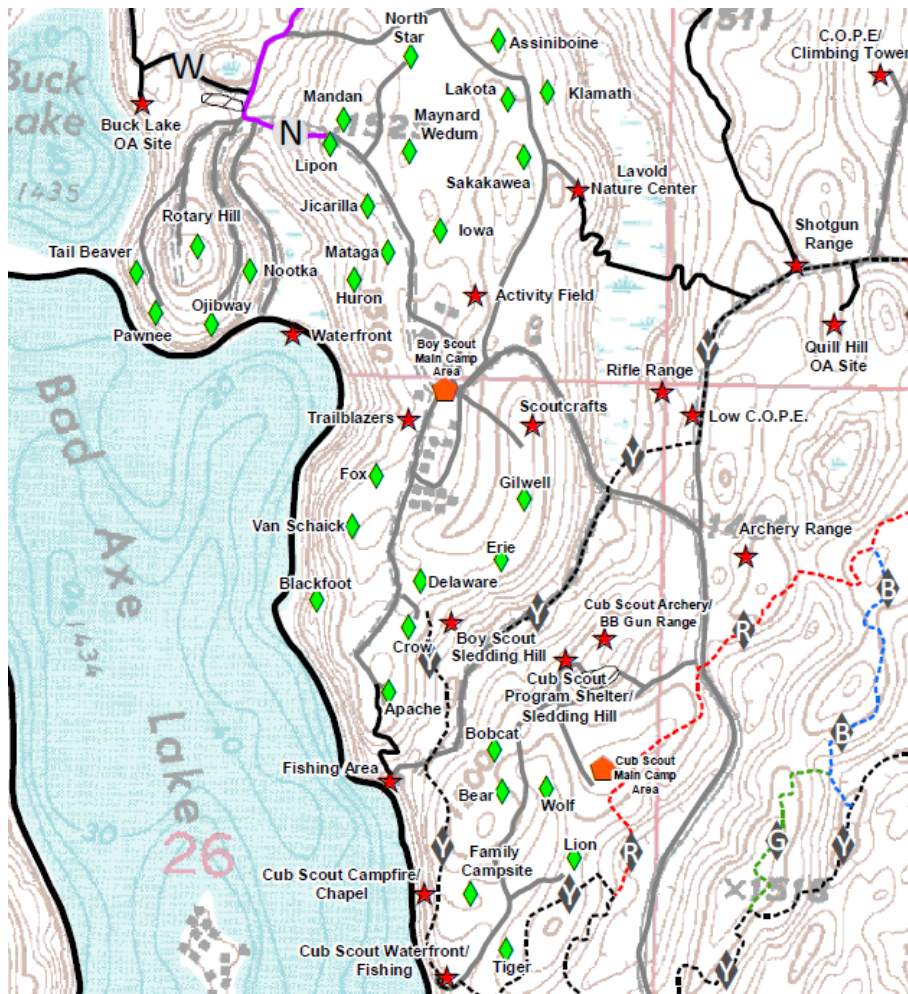
The goal is to maintain the spirit, traditions, and memories of the Northern Lights Council Camps both past and present; to provide a means for alumni of the Northern Lights Council Camps to maintain affiliation with each other and with the Camps; and to contribute to the continued maintenance and development of the Camp's physical and human resources.

Membership in the Association is open to all past and current camp staff members, campers, or anyone who has interest in the Northern Lights Council. Our primary focus is on Camp Wilderness, Heart Butte and Big Four.

www.nlcbsa.org/alumni



Campsite and Program Area Map



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