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SCOUTS BSA SUMMER CAMP



2024 LEADERS GUIDE CAMP WILDERNESS SCOUT CAMP

WELCOME TO SUMMER CAMP!

"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 Boy's 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 Camp 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!

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!**

-Your 2024 Camp Staff



NEW IN 2024!

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EXCURSION

ADULT REGISTRATION
REQUIREMENTS



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PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings from Camp Wilderness!

This summer is going to be the adventure of a lifetime! Each day consists of advancement and activity opportunities for youth and adults. Each Scout will have the opportunity to earn 4 merit badges with our regular schedule, and up to 8 additional ones during open programming each day and on Wednesday.

Evening troop time, Water Carnival, Iron Man, and the Cast Iron Chef Competition are a big part of Camp Wilderness's history. Each evening brings something new for your unit to enjoy.

New in 2024 is the white water rafting excursion in Duluth, MN. On Wednesdays we will be taking groups to Duluth for white water rafting and natural rock climbing.

It is important to discuss these upgrades with your troop. 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 701.293.5011. We look forward to seeing you and your Scouts on the trails of Camp Wilderness!

Yours in Scouting,



Missy Hendrickx

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PLANNING YOUR ADVENTURE

PLANNING CHECKLIST

- **Register** your Troop: Choose your campsite and pay the \$50 deposit online
- **Read** the Leader's Guide: Review information on troop leadership, health forms, and unit insurance
- **Recruit** a minimum of two leaders for camp. Two leaders must be at least 21 years of age and both must be a registered member of the BSA.



November through January

- Schedule your troop camp promotion visit from one of our camp staff.

February

- 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

March

- **March 11:** 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
- **March 11:** Northern Tier reservations due

April

- **April 1:** Camperships are due to the Fargo Center for Scouting
- **April 4:** SCUBA registrations due
- **April 12:** Early bird payment is due in full for each Scout and adult

May

- **May 14:** Online unit t-shirt store closes
- **May 16:** Sign-up for a campsite for the 2025 camping season online

2 Weeks Before Camp

- Does your troop have adequate leadership?
- Ensure parents have information on departure time, return time, and telephone number for emergencies
- Make sure Scouts have necessary equipment
- Each Scout and leader has 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**
- Double check each Scout's schedules.
- Plan your transportation route to Camp Wilderness



The Day You Leave

- Have adequate money to pay additional and unpaid fees at Camp.
- We recommend that you bring **at least two** blank unit checks.
- Troop equipment packed, including cooking gear.
- Bring copies of each Scout's merit badge class schedule.
- Bring a copy of medical forms for each Scout and adult attending camp, even if attending for just one day
- Bring any partials or merit badge pre-requisites that have been completed



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 camp presentation from camp leadership or the Order of the Arrow
- Talk about the different merit badges and adventures offered to Scouts

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. Shirt orders will open March 1 and due by May 15 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!



HOW TO REGISTER

Pre-registration is the process of signing your Scouts for merit badge classes before arriving in camp. **This process opens on March 11.** We will open the registration process for each week at a different time.

- **Week 1:** 8:00 AM
- **Week 2:** 9:00 AM
- **Week 3:** 10:00 AM
- **Week 4:** 11:00 AM
- **Week 5:** 12:00 PM



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

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:

- There is a **\$100** non-refundable fee for a Scout that cancels
- There is a **\$50** non-refundable fee for an adult that cancels
- For any cancellations at least **30 days prior** to arrival date, we will refund all payment minus the non-refundable fee
- For any cancellations less than **15 days prior** to the arrival date, there will be **no refunds** at all

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 4 receive priority. Visit nlcbsa.org/assistance

SCOUT PACKING LIST

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.

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.

- Scout handbook
- BSA Medical Form (Parts A/B/C)
- Field uniform shirt
- Sneakers/hiking shoes (2 pairs)
- T-Shirts (5-7)
- Socks & underwear (for a week)
- Long pants or jeans (2-3 pairs)
- Shorts (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
- Sunglasses & sunscreen
- Rain gear
- Non-aerosol insect repellent
- Flashlight & batteries
- Water bottle
- Spending money
- Tent (if not provided by troop)
- Fishing gear (optional)
- Mess kit
- Small backpack or daypack
- Personal first aid kit

TROOP PACKING LIST

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.

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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Troop trailer | <input type="checkbox"/> Troop checkbook or card |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BSA Medical Forms (Parts A/B/C) | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra flashlights & batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tents | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Gear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tent stakes | <input type="checkbox"/> Printed off schedules for Scouts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground tarps | <input type="checkbox"/> Troop t-shirts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Field uniforms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water containers | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic patrol gear | <input type="checkbox"/> S'mores essentials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cordage | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing equipment (optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothesline/pins | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coolers | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking equipment | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wash bins | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mess kits | |



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 both youth & adult)
- Printed troop roster of those **ATTENDING** camp.
- Swim Classification Form (if completed before arriving at camp)

EARLY SATURDAY CHECK-IN

The only early arrivals this year will be for units traveling **over 450 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. **Camp will not be open until 4pm for early check-in.** Please contact us to schedule your early arrival.

CHECK-IN DAY AND PROCEDURES

Standard check-in for troops begins at **1:00 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.**

NEW! Our check-in team will meet you and your unit at the **Health Lodge**. This is where your medical checks will take place. Each participant will get a wristband to wear during their stay at camp. Once all medical checks are complete, you will proceed to your campsite. Once you get to your campsite you can start unpacking your items. A staff member will greet you at your campsite and walk you through the rest of the check-in process.

The staff member will take you to the Black Building to make sure you have your roster completed. After that, you will take a walk by the storm shelter and then have your troop picture taken. Once your picture is taken, you will go to the Waterfront for swim checks.

CHECKOUT AND FINAL PAYMENT PROCESS

Starting as early as Thursday, 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.

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 **Health Lodge**, you will go through medical checks. Please make sure each person has their own medical form. Please make sure you leave your original form at home, and give camp a **COPY**. If you have any medical conditions or dietary restrictions that we need to know about prior to your arrival, please add that to your registration.

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.



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.

UNIT LEADERSHIP

It is the policy of the Northern Lights Council and the Boy Scouts of America that two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including all meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth. Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided.



New as of September 1, 2023: All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered as an adult volunteer or an adult program participant. Adult volunteers must register in the position(s) they are serving in. Registration as a merit badge counselor does not meet this requirement.

Troops who will be short on leaders must contact us. We can provide you with the contact information for another troop in camp to help share the two-deep leadership requirements.

ADULT LEADER CLASSES

ADULT AQUATICS CLASSES					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1:00 - 3:00 PM	Safe Swim Defense & Safety Afloat	Paddle Craft Safety			
COMMISSIONER CLASSES					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10:00 - 12:00 PM	Scoutmaster Specific (Part 1 of 4)	Scoutmaster Specific (Part 2 of 4)		Scoutmaster Specific (Part 3 of 4)	Scoutmaster Specific (Part 3 of 4)
1:00 - 4:00 PM	Outdoor Leader Skills (Part 1 of 3)	Outdoor Leader Skills (Part 2 of 3)		Outdoor Leader Skills (Part 3 of 3)	Nap on Safely
				Trek on Safely & Outdoor Ethics	
4:00 - 4:30 PM	Commissioner Meeting	Commissioner Meeting	Commissioner Meeting	Commissioner Meeting	Commissioner Meeting
OTHER ADULT LEADER OPPORTUNITIES					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 AM	Adult Leader Meeting	Adult Leader Meeting		Adult Leader Meeting	
TBD	Wilderness First Aid (TBD)				

ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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 will be required.



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.



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 Scouts missing home, 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 from Monday through Friday! Shifts may include meal prep, cooking, dishwashing, and serving meals!

CAMP SERVICES

TRADING POST

The Camp Trading Post stocks a wide variety of Camp Wilderness memorabilia, Scouting literature, and supplies, as well as 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

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.



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 us to reserve the chair for your stay at camp.





SHOWER AND 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.

LAUNDRY SERVICES

Camp Wilderness has coin-operated washing machines and dryers. Please bring your own quarters to use the machines. The laundry room is in the same building as the adult showers and health lodge, with the entrance immediately to the left of the shower house entrance.



CPAP AND SLEEPING DEVICES

Camp Wilderness does not have electricity in 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!

MEAL SERVICES

DINING HALL SERVICE

Meals will be served one shift, cafeteria style. The Dining Hall will be open for 1 hour for each meal, you can come at any time during that hour. 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. The opportunity for 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 in your campsite. Both meals will be served on Wednesday. Lunch will be hotdogs and beans and dinner will taco in a bag. Your troop will need to bring cooking equipment to prepare these meals.

Camp Wilderness accommodates dietary restrictions and needs to the best of our ability. Please put this information in your registration so we can prepare your meals properly.

PATROL STYLE MEAL SERVICE

Patrol style cooking is for troops who would like to do all their own cooking in the campsite. The Sunday and Friday night supper will be served out of the dining hall picnic style. Saturday morning breakfast will also 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 nlcbsa.org/summercamp. All food on the menu will be provided and 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 animals. You must be able to properly secure the food. All garbage and food waste must be deposited into one of the camp dumpsters before nightfall to prevent unwanted animals in your campsite.

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

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

Troops are required to bring their own cooking equipment and utensils.

DAILY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	START	END	EVENT	LOCATION
	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Assigned Check-In Time Begins	Welcome Center
	4:00 PM	4:30 PM	Commissioner Meeting	Pumphouse
	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	6:10 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	7:00 AM	8:00 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 A (Part 1 of 2)	
	11:15 AM	11:30 AM	Fire Drill	Flag Field
	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
	12:30 PM	12:45 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	Pumphouse
	5:10 PM	5:20 PM	Flag Ceremony	Flag Field
	5:20 PM	6:20 PM	Dinner	Dining Hall
	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Order of the Arrow Meeting	Black Building
	6:30 PM	9:30 PM	Trailblazer Trek-Mandatory for Trailblazers	Trailblazer Area
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Open Time/Troop Activities	
	9:00 PM	10:30 PM	Constellation Climb	Climbing Tower
TBD	TBD	Chaplains Aid Meeting	Chaplain Gazebo	

DAILY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	Polar Bear Swim	Waterfront
	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
	8:10 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	12:45 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	Pumphouse
	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	Open Time/Troop Activities	
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Adult Leader COPE	High COPE
	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Cast Iron Chef Competition	Log Pavilion
TBD	TBD	Chaplains Aid Meeting	Chaplain Gazebo	
		OA Brotherhood		

WEDNESDAY	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	Wake Up Wednesday	Blackfoot Campsite
	7:00 AM	8:00 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
	11:30 PM	12:30 PM	Adult Leader Appreciation Lunch	Dining Hall
	12:00 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 Areas
	8:30 PM	9:15 PM	OA Call Out Ceremony	
	TBD	TBD	Chaplains Aid Meeting	Chaplain Gazebo

DAILY SCHEDULE

T H U R S D A Y	6:00 AM	7:00 PM	Terrific Tomahawk Thursday	Scoutcrafts
	7:00 AM	8:00 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	12:45 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	Pumphouse
	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	

F R I D A Y	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	Fantastic Fishing Friday	Fishing
	7:00 AM	8:00 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)	
	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Nap on Safely	Pumphouse
	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Open Time	
	4:00PM	4:30 PM	Commissioner Meeting	Pumphouse
	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	
	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	

S A T U R D A Y	7:00 AM	7:10 AM	Flag Raising; Optional	Flag Field
	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
	7:00 AM	9:00 AM	Troop Check-Out	Black Building

MERIT BADGES

CLASSES OFFERED

CORE MERIT BADGES & ACTIVITIES (OFFERED EVERY YEAR) * EAGLE REQUIRED			R.O.A.R. MERIT BADGES & OUTPOST CLASSES
Archery	Fishing	Rifle	Art
Camping	Fly Fishing	SCUBA (Weeks 4+5)	Fingerprinting
Canoeing	Kayaking	Shotgun	Sculpture
Climbing	Leatherwork	Small Boat Sailing	Textiles
Cooking 1 (Camp portion)*	Lifesaving*	Snorkeling	Painting
Cooking 2 (Trail portion)*	Metalwork	Swimming*	Music
COPE	Motorboating	Trailblazers	Chess
Emergency Preparedness*	Nature	Wilderness Survival	ATV
Environmental Science*	Paddle Boarding	Woodcarving	White Water Rafting
First Aid*	Pioneering		Natural Rock Climbing

2024 MERIT BADGE & ACTIVITY ROTATION	2025 MERIT BADGE & ACTIVITY ROTATION	2026 MERIT BADGE & ACTIVITY ROTATION	2027 MERIT BADGE & ACTIVITY ROTATION	2028 MERIT BADGE & ACTIVITY ROTATION
Basketry	Chess	Archaeology	Astronomy	Game Design
Bird Study	Geology	Boardsailing	Chess	Mining in Society
Boardsailing	Mammal Study	Composite Materials	Forestry	Nuclear Science
Fish and Wildlife Management	Orienteering	Plumbing	Gardening	Oceanography
Exploration	Plant Science	Salesmanship	Geocaching	Public Health
Indian Lore	Radio	Search and Rescue	Insect Study	Scouting Heritage
Reptile & Amphibian Study	Energy	Sustainability*	Music	Signs, Signals, and Codes
Rowing	Skating	Theater	Soil and Water Conservation	Space Exploration
Weather				

CLASSES BY SESSION
(PICK ONE CLASS OUT OF EACH SESSION)

SESSION A Mon/Tue 9:00 - 11:00 AM	SESSION B Mon/Tue 1:00 - 3:00 PM	SESSION C Thu/Fri 9:00 - 11:00 AM	SESSION D Thu/Fri 1:00 - 3:00 PM
SCOUTCRAFT			
Camping	Indian Lore	Exploration	Camping
Basketry	Leatherwork	Leatherwork	Basketry
Wilderness Survival	Woodcarving	Woodcarving	Exploration
Metalwork	Metalwork	Metalwork	Wilderness Survival
	Pioneering (1:00 - 3:00 Mo, Tu, Th, Fr)		Pioneering (1:00 - 3:00 Mo, Tu, Th, Fr)
NATURE			
Bird Study	Fish and Wildlife Mgmt	Fish and Wildlife Mgmt	Bird Study
Reptile and Amphibian Study	Weather	Weather	Reptile and Amphibian Study
Environmental Science	Nature	Nature	Environmental Science
FISHING			
Fishing	Fly Fishing	Fishing	Fishing
Fly Fishing	Motorboating	Motorboating	Fly Fishing
WATERFRONT			
Kayaking	Canoeing	Canoeing	Paddle Boarding
Small Boat Sailing (9:00-11:00 am, Mo, Tu, Th, Fr)	Snorkeling	Small Boat Sailing (9:00-11:00 am, Mo, Tu, Th, Fr)	Rowing
Swimming	Paddle Boarding	Snorkeling	Swimming
Lifesaving (8:00 AM - 12:00 PM)	Boardsailing (1:00 - 3:00 Mo, Tu, Th, Fr)	Kayaking	Boardsailing (1:00 - 3:00 Mo, Tu, Th, Fr)
SHOOTING SPORTS			
Archery	Archery	Archery	Archery
Rifle	Rifle	Rifle	Rifle
Shotgun	Shotgun	Shotgun	Shotgun
HEALTH LODGE			
Emergency Prep	First Aid	First Aid	Emergency Prep
TRAILBLAZERS			
Trailblazers (must also attend Session C)	Trailblazers (must also attend Session D)	Trailblazers (must also attend Session A)	Trailblazers (must also attend Session B)
HIGH ADVENTURE			
COPE (8:00 - 12:00 Mo, Tu, Th, Fri)	Climbing (1:00 - 5:00 Mo, Tu, Th, Fri)	COPE (8:00 - 12:00 Mo, Tu, Th, Fri)	Climbing (1:00 - 5:00 Mo, Tu, Th, Fri)
ATV (8:00 AM - 12:00 PM)	ATV (1:00 - 5:00 PM)	ATV (8:00 AM - 12:00 PM)	ATV (1:00 - 5:00 PM)
COOKING			
Cooking 1 (9:00 - 1:00 PM Mo, Tu, Th, Fri)		Cooking 1 (9:00 - 1:00 PM Mo, Tu, Th, Fri)	
Cooking 2 (6:00 - 9:00 PM Mon/Tue)	Cooking 2 (6:00 - 9:00 PM Mon/Tue)		

BLOCK SCHEDULING

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:00-8:00 AM	Breakfast				
8:00 AM	Start time for COPE, ATV, and Lifesaving				
9:00 - 11:00 AM	Session A Merit Badges & Activities		Activity Day	Session C Merit Badges & Activities	
11:30 AM -12:30 PM	Lunch				
1:00 - 3:00 PM	Session B Merit Badges & Activities		Activity Day	Session D Merit Badges & Activities	
3:00 - 5:00 PM	Open Program* and Activities				
5:00 - 6:30 PM	Dinner				
7:00 - 9:00 PM	Open Program* and Activities		Chapel & Commissioner Campfire	Open Program and Activities	

Classes will be Monday-Tuesday, and Thursday-Friday. Some classes require more time, so please check out the Merit Badge Schedule on page 22.

COPE runs Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Climbing class runs Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 PM.

ATV will be offered 5 times:

- Monday & Tuesday | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Monday & Tuesday | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- Wednesday | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- Thursday & Friday | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Thursday & Friday | 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Pioneering: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Lifesaving: Monday & Tuesday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Boardsailing: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Small Boat Sailing: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Cooking 1: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Cooking 2: Monday & Tuesday from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Trailblazers: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday from **9:00 AM to 11:00 AM** or **1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**. Scouts must go to the same session on those days.

OPEN PROGRAM

Scouts will have the opportunity to go to program areas during their free time to work on merit badges. Pre-registration is not an option. 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 their counselor.

This unique approach allows the Scout to build their own adventure, gives them the opportunity to mix fun activities with merit badge programs, and introduces many Scouts to time management.



Open program takes place Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM, in addition to all day Wednesday.

Below is a list of the available courses during **Open Program!**

FISHING	SCOUTCRAFTS (R.O.A.R.)	NATURE LODGE	HEALTH LODGE
Fishing	Art	Nature	First Aid
Fly Fishing	Fingerprinting	Environmental Science	Emergency Preparedness
	Painting	Astronomy	
	Sculpture	Fish and Wildlife Management	
	Textiles	Reptile and Amphibian Study	
	Chess		
	Music		

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

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 Day is on Wednesday and these activities will include troop activities, open program, offsite adventures, and more merit badges!



OPEN AREAS

Some areas will be open all day! 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	PONTOON	ARCHERY	RIFLE	SHOTGUN	R.O.A.R.	CLIMBING
1:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
2:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
3:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	-	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	-	2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

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 20 for schedule.

WHITE WATER RAFTING IN DULUTH!

Each week, 13 Scouts will have the opportunity to do White Water Rafting in Duluth, MN. This will be \$75/participant. Scouts must be at least 13.

Natural Rock Climbing in Duluth!

Each week, 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.

MORNING ACTIVITIES

Each night we have activities going on around camp. All activities are optional to units to participate in.

TUESDAY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
6:00 AM	POLAR BEAR SWIM	Head on down to the Waterfront for an early morning dip!
WEDNESDAY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
6:00 AM	WAKE UP WEDNESDAY	Down at the Blackfoot Campsite where the Cooking Merit Badge is taught, our staff will be brewing up some delicious coffees to enjoy! Sip some coffee, chat about the week, and enjoy the beautiful view of Bad Axe Lake
THURSDAY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
6:00 AM	TERRIFIC TOMAHAWK THURSDAY	Looking to throw some tomahawks early in the morning? Head over to Scoutcrafts and enjoy this early morning throw!
FRIDAY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
6:00 AM	FANTASTIC FISHING FRIDAY	The fish always bite better in the morning! Take a nice walk to the Fishing Area for this early morning fish. There is an award for the biggest fish of the week!



EVENING ACTIVITIES

Each night we have activities going on around camp. All activities are optional to units to participate in.

MONDAY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
6:30 PM	OA MEETING	Stop by the Black Building to find out more about the OA. If you have Scouts interested in being called out, this is your time to visit with the OA Coordinator
6:30 PM	TRAILBLAZER TREK	Mandatory for all Trailblazers to complete requirement 3B and 3C, Second Class
9:00 PM	CONSTELLATION CLIMB	Open to all Scouts! Head out to the Climbing Tower and enjoy the glow in the dark night climb! Scouts MUST have a buddy, water bottle, bug spray, and flash light.
TUESDAY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
7:00 PM	ADULT LEADER COPE	Enjoy your evening going down the 425' zipline!
8:00 PM	Cast Iron Chef Competition	Bring your dish up to the Log Pavilion and have enough for our 5 judges! Dishes must be cooked in your campsite. Secret ingredient is BACON! (you do not have to use bacon, but you do get extra points!)
WEDNESDAY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
6:30 PM	CHAPEL IN THE PINES	Head on down to the Virgil Reed Chapel in the Pines for our week non-denominational worship service.
7:30 PM	COMMISSIONER CAMPFIRE	During the week your SPLs will be working with our Commissioner team to plan a Commissioner Campfire. Camp will be split into 2 groups. Units will perform their songs, skits and run-ons. The best ones will be able to perform at closing campfire on Friday night!
THURSDAY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
7:00 PM	WATER CARNIVAL	Sign up in the Black Building! Northern Tug-O-War: groups of 2 Scouts will be in canoes that are tied together. Scouts will paddle to see who crosses the finish line first! Belly Flop: The biggest and loudest flop wins! Greased Watermelon: SPLs or designee will partake in the war to get the watermelon in the water! There is also a contest for Adult Leaders too!
7:30 PM	IRON MAN	Junior Iron Man is ages 11-13 Senior Iron Man is ages 13-17 Each group needs 5 Scouts: 1 Swimmer 2 Canoers 1 Short Distance Runner (up the 110 Waterfront Stairs) 1 Long Distance Runner (3/4 mile) 1 Adult Leader Orange Eater

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 12:00 PM on Tuesday.

SERVICE	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	With nearly 40 years of tradition, Summerhill provides a memorable experience for all groups, large or small. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locally made, handcrafted art & decor. • Don't forget the Back 40 which offers a petting zoo, family activities, and athletic challenges!
Evergreen Fun Park	Gokarts, 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.
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.

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 during the first or second session. The **Trailblazer Hike will be Monday at 6:30 PM!**



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. It is required that an adult who has passed the BSA swim test must accompany youth operating a motorboat. If you are under 16, you can fish without a license. If you are 16 or older, you need to purchase a license in town.



COOKING

Held at Blackfoot campsite is Cooking 1 & 2. Cooking 1 focuses on the camp cooking portion of the merit badge. This class is on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Cooking 2 will focus on the trail portion of the merit badge, offered Monday and Tuesday night from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. This 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 3:00 to 5:00 PM 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.



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, environmental awareness games, and activities. Our

camp abounds in nature, so take it to the limits and explore it! The Nature staff can help you arrange 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! You can't beat a crafted souvenir from 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:

- No personal firearms or ammunition.
- 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.
- Troop shoots are available; sign up in the Black Building.
- There are no additional charges for shooting sports.



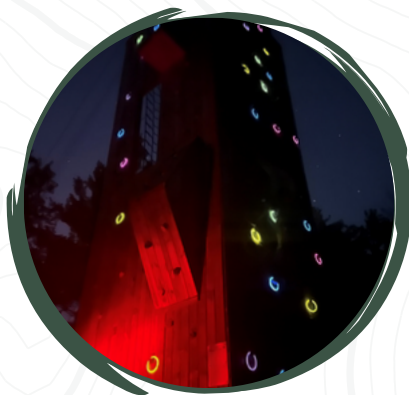
CLIMBING

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



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' zipline 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 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 4 for the trip to proceed. The registration for this is directly through Northern Tier. You can find the link to the

registration on our site: nlcbsa.org/summercamp.

Price is **\$560 per participant**; you **do not need to pay** the Camp Wilderness registration fee if attending (only the NT fee). Participants need to be at camp by 9:00 AM on Sunday to check-in, as they will be leaving for Northern Tier promptly at 10:00 AM 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 4, 2024 registration deadline**. 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, oxygen tank, and instructors. To sign up, please pick it as a merit badge class option. The online portion must be completed before arrival. **Scouts must be at least 14.**

WHITE WATER RAFTING EXCURSION

New this year we have partnered with the Swiftwater Adventures! Each week, 13 Scouts will have the opportunity to visit Duluth, MN and go on a white water rafting excursion. This will begin Wednesday morning and end around 3:00 PM. Scouts will return to camp around 6:00 PM.

The cost will be **\$75 per participant**. This will include transportation, meals and rafting.

Scouts must be at least 13.

ATV

Master the basics, learn advanced maneuvers, then explore Camp Wilderness! Each Scout will get their ATV Safety Rider Course Certification through ATV Safety Institute. As you drive throughout the session, you'll understand what it takes to control the vehicle in many different hands-on lessons.

The cost is **\$35 per Scout**. **Scouts must be at least 14.**

Natural Rock Climbing

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 Wednesday morning at 5:30am. Scouts will return to camp around 6pm.

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

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



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, FIREARMS & 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, 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/VAPING

A designated smoking area is provided behind the dining hall on the Scouts BSA side. All smoking and vaping must take place in this designated area.

ALCOHOL & DRUGS

Alcohol and federally declared illegal drugs/substances are not allowed at Camp Wilderness. Marijuana is not allowed on camp property.

STAFF HOUSING

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

DRONES

Camp Wilderness requires all use of drones to be in compliance with FAA regulations, including keeping them within line of sight, 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 at 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. During 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 Black Building 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..

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CAMP STAFF

Camp Wilderness is hiring for the 2024 camping season. There are a variety of positions available for youth and adults. Youth must be at least 15 to work at camp in 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, three meals a day, bi-weekly salary, and two t-shirts. **Scholarship opportunities are available** for those that work on camp staff 3 consecutive summers. Applications can be found at 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 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, three meals a day, and one t-shirt. Applications can be found at nlcbsa.org/campstaff.

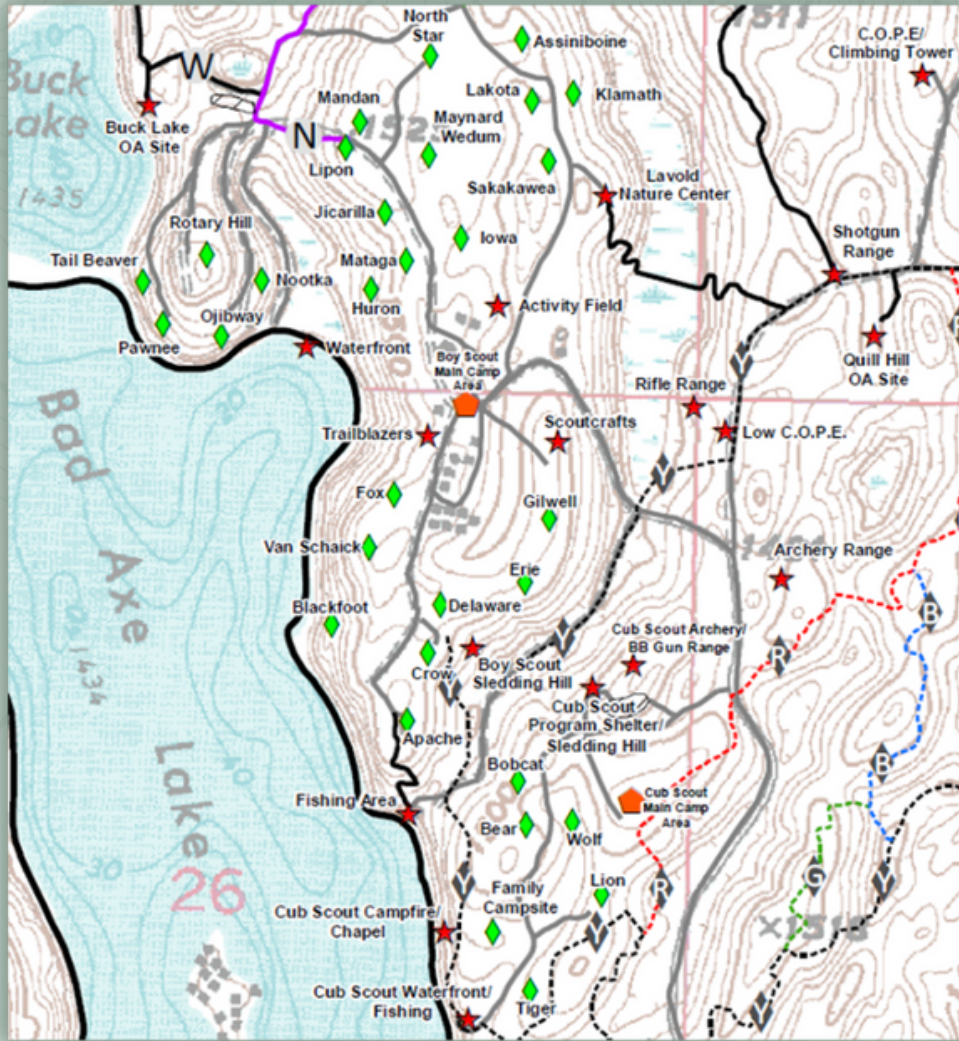


NORTHERN LIGHTS COUNCIL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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 main focus is on Camp Wilderness, Heart Butte, and Big 4. Please find more information at nlcbsa.org/alumni.



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