

Scouting for America
Northern Plains Council



2025 CUB SCOUT ADVENTURE CAMP

WILD WILD WEST

HEART BUTTE SCOUT
RESERVATION



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WELCOME!

Greetings from the Wild Wild Wild WILD West!

We are extremely excited about the 2025 camping season and hope you and your Scouts are too!

Cub Scouts of all ages are invited to join us in the Wild West themed summer camp. Located just south of Glen Ullin, ND on the Lake Tschida reservoir, Heart Butte Scout Reservation is seventy miles west of Bismarck and sixty-five miles east of Dickinson. Cub Adventure Camp at Heart Butte offers first rate family adventure including archery, BB guns, crafts, fishing, games, a campfire variety show, and much more. All camping is in tents and hot meals are served daily in the dining hall. Come celebrate 65+ years of adventure, advancement and achievement while enjoying time with friends and family.

NEW for 2025! Wild Wild Wild WILD West: Each Cub Scout will have the opportunity to build and design their own Wild West Hobby Horse. There will be Wild West activities and games on Theme Night.

You can sign up anytime on our website. We continue to make frequent updates to our website as well as our Facebook and Instagram pages in preparation not only for Cub Adventure Camp, but all our year-round programs.

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

Yours in Scouting,

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SCHEDULE

DAY 1 FRIDAY		
3:00 PM	5:30 PM	Check-in
5:45 PM	5:55 PM	Flag Lowering
6:00 PM	6:45 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	7:50 PM	Adult Leader Meeting
7:00 PM	7:50 PM	Scout Meeting & HORSE MAKING
7:45 PM	8:00 PM	Gather for Campfire
8:00 PM	8:45 PM	Opening Staff Campfire
10:00 PM		Lights Out/Taps
DAY 2 SATURDAY		
	7:00 AM	Reville
7:45 AM	7:55 AM	Flag Raising
8:00 AM	8:45 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	10:20 AM	1st Rotation
10:30 AM	11:50 AM	2nd Rotation
12:00 PM	12:45 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	1:25 PM	Quiet/Personal Time
1:30 PM	2:50 PM	3rd Rotation
3:00 PM	4:20 PM	4 th Rotation
4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Open Time
5:45 PM	5:55 PM	Flag Ceremony
6:00 PM	6:45 PM	Dinner
6:45 PM	8:40 PM	Theme Night
8:45 PM	9:00 PM	Practice Skits
9:00 PM	9:45 PM	Scout's Campfire
10:00 PM		Lights Out/Taps
DAY 3 SUNDAY		
	7:00 AM	Reville
7:45 AM	7:55 AM	Flag Ceremony
8:00 AM	8:45 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	8:50 AM	Chapel
9:00 AM	10:20 AM	4th Rotation
10:30 AM	11:50 AM	5th Rotation
12:00 PM	12:45 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Check Out
3:00 PM		Camp Closed

ARRIVAL

Check-in is between 3:00 and 5:30 PM.

CAMPFIRE

Opening Campfire is put on by the Heart Butte Volunteers. Closing Campfire is put on by packs, start practicing your skits now. Theme costumes are highly encouraged!

ROTATIONS

During rotations, Cub Scouts will be broken up by rank to work on advancements. At the end of your stay, each Cub Scout will receive a Rank Advancement Form that shows what they accomplished at camp.

OPEN PROGRAM TIME

Program areas, such as fishing, and shooting sports will be open for anyone to enjoy!

FLAG CEREMONIES

Cub Scouts and leaders are encouraged to bring and wear uniforms to all flag ceremonies. Cub Scouts will have the opportunity to help a staff member raise, lower and fold the flag. Themed costumes are acceptable!

CHECK OUT

Prior to your check-out, find a Camp administration team member to go through the check-out process with you.

PLANNING FOR CAMP

PLANNING CHECKLIST

- **Register** your pack
- **Read** the Leader's Guide
- **Recruit** your adult leadership
 - Remember that both leaders must be 21 years of age and a female leader must accompany any female Scouts!



NOW

- Sign-up online at <https://scoutingnlc.org/campingprograms/adventurecamp/> for your spot. Space is limited, so sign up early!
- Recruit a volunteer Pack Camp Coordinator

HOW TO REGISTER

Packs are encouraged to register as a unit by coordinating through a Camping Coordinator. You can log back in to make payments or adjustments to your roster at any time after you make your reservation.

Session 1: June 20-22

Pricing

Cub Scout Youth Early Bird: \$105 | Cub Scout Regular: \$125
Adult Early Bird: \$75 | Adult Regular: \$80
Sibling: \$75

*EARLY BIRD PAYMENTS ARE DUE IN **FULL** ON **APRIL 10TH**

GETTING SCOUTS EXCITED FOR CAMP

Promotional information should be shared with Scouts, leaders, and parents in your pack. Some ideas for promotion include:

- 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
- Request a formal camp presentation from camp leadership

APRIL

- **April 1:** Campership applications are due online
- Have a parent information night to inform parents about summer camp opportunities and pack goals, including:
 - Completed health forms
 - Camp address
 - Things to pack
- **April 10:** Early Bird payment is due in full for each Scout and adult.



JUNE

- Confirm the following with your pack:
 - Secure adequate leadership
 - Plan transportation
 - Has each Scout, sibling, and adult completed a health form?
 - Have all fees been paid online?
 - Do parents have info on leave/return times and your phone number?
 - Does everyone have the necessary equipment (including **rain gear**)?
 - Is every Scout officially registered in your unit?

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
- How to Reach us at Camp
- Medications
- Extra Expenses

THE DAY YOU LEAVE

- Have adequate money to pay any unpaid fees
- Bring along a copy of each Scout's and adult's health history form
- Have accurate directions to camp.
- Depart so your unit will arrive during the check-in times
- Be prepared to take the swim check

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 Cub Scout Adventure Camp.



- There is a **\$50** non-refundable fee for a Scout that cancels
- There is a **\$25** non-refundable fee for an adult or sibling 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

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. 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. Only online applications received by **April 1** will receive priority. If a Scout is in need of a campership after this date, please send a message to Missy Hendrickx at missy.hendrickx@scouting.org and we will see what can be done.

ADVANCEMENT IN CAMP

 TIGERS	 WOLVES	 BEARS	 WEBELOS	 ARROW OF LIGHT
Stories in Shapes	Paws of Skill	Champions of Nature	Shooting Sports	Fishing
Fish On	Air Of The Wolf	Balancing Bears	Earth Rocks!	Shooting Sports
Shooting Sports	A Wolf Goes Fishing	Whittling	Chef's Knife	Into the Wild
Sky is the Limit	Shooting Sports	A Bear Goes Fishing	Art Explosion	Into the Woods
Tiger Tag	Finding Your Way	Shooting Sports	Catch the Big One	Knife Safety

PACKING LIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack/pencils/pens | <input type="checkbox"/> * Pocket knife (see below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camp chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothes for 3 days | <input type="checkbox"/> Shower and/or beach towel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Costume/theme-related clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag, blanket, and pillow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cub Scout handbook | <input type="checkbox"/> Spending money for trading post |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cub Scout uniform | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen and bug spray |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweatshirt or jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight (with extra batteries) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tent and camping equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flip flops or crocs (showers) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping pad | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hygiene kit (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, etc) | |

- It is the policy of the Northern Lights Council that personal knives at any camping property must have **no longer than a 3-inch blade**.
- Only Bears, Webelos, and Arrow of Light Scouts can carry their knife on them and only after earning their Knife Safety.

WHAT IS PROVIDED?

We will provide access to drinking water, picnic tables, and a pavillion. We will also have access to latrines and showers. Packs are expected to bring their own tents, camping gear, and other personal supplies.

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 and B) for all participants
- Dietary Allergy Form (located on registration page)
- Printed pack roster of those **ATTENDING** camp

CHECK IN DAY AND PROCEDURES

Please check your email prior to your arrival, you will be scheduled a time to arrive. If you are not traveling as a pack, please find a meeting location prior to your arrival, and enter camp together as a pack.

Check-in times for Packs begin at **1:00 PM and end at 3:00 PM**. If you will not be able to check-in at your assigned time, please notify us in advance.

The first stop during check-in will be at the Andrew Nelson Welcome Center on the main road coming into camp. Please have your main leader check-in with the camp staff and have your health forms ready. After checking in at the Welcome Center, your whole pack will go to their campsite. A staff member will meet you there to go through the rest of the check-in.

CHECKOUT AND FINAL PAYMENT PROCESS

Unit leaders will have the opportunity to schedule an appointment with the Camp Director to settle any outstanding registration fees or begin the refund process if the pack overpaid. This must be completed before the pack leaves.

Before leaving, a unit leader must check-out with a member of the administration team. After making sure your campsite is clean, they will then give you patches, health forms, and any other paperwork. If your pack plans to leave early on the third night of the camp, please let the Camp Director know.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

HEALTH FORMS

Every youth and adult must bring parts A and B of their Health Form to camp. This must be completed prior to your arrival.

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 clearly marked labeling.

Pack leaders are encouraged to store and manage the medications for their troop. Our health officer can assist if necessary. Locked storage, including refrigeration, is available for medications.

MEDICAL STAFF

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 to provide needed medical care.

The camp's medical officer is available 24 hours a day for emergency medical services. Please make arrangements with the health officer for any daily medical needs.

CAMP SERVICES



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.

New clothing is purchased each year for sale. Some popular items are T-shirts, hats, and sweatshirts.

MEAL SERVICES

Meals will be served cafeteria style. Meals will be served inside, and dining will be outside. Scouts and adults should proceed to the Dining Hall as a Unit. 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.

Camp accommodates dietary restrictions and needs. Please put this information in your registration prior to your arrival so we can prepare your meals properly. If it is not put into your registration, we cannot guarantee dietary restrictions and needs can be met. Please let the server know you have a special meal, and they will get it for you.

SHOWERS / TOILET FACILITIES

Shower facilities are at in the main camp area for use by leaders and Scouts. Leaders and Scouts as well as males and females must have separate shower facilities in accordance with Scouting America Youth Protection policies. Each room is lockable with running water, toilet and shower.



TENT CAMPING

Heart Butte has 6 campsite options. Each campsite has access to drinking water, picnic tables, flagpoles, bulletin board, and a pavilion shelter. Each campsite will also have access to a latrine with toilet paper provided. Packs are expected to bring their own tents, camping gear, cooking equipment (if you would like to make your own treats in your campsite!) and other personal supplies. Don't forget your marshmallows, chocolate and graham crackers!

PROGRAM

CAMP THEME

You will see aspects of the theme in games, program areas, activities, and staff. Make sure you pack your wild west costumes and join in on the fun! Campers and parents are to dress in costumes with the staff. Some ideas include cowboys, cowgirls, and farm animals!



Theme Night is a fun night spent exploring the wild west! Each Scout will have the opportunity to build and decorate their own Hobby Horse and there will also be wild west-themed games and activities to do. This is your time to show off your costumes!

NATURE

At Heart Butte Scout Reservation you and your Pack are ecology-conscious individuals. While earning these adventures, they'll learn many intriguing things about Mother Nature. Our Camp abounds in nature, and we encourage you to take it to the limits and explore it.

FISHING

Our fishing program has gained recognition throughout the area. This program takes pride in the art of catching "The Big One". This area includes a dock, rods, reels, tackle, and bait. We have everything needed for a beginning angler!



SHOOTING SPORTS

Scouts will have the opportunity to do three different shooting sports, including archery, BB guns, and slingshots. Please keep in mind that no personal firearms, archery equipment, or ammunition are allowed.

CAMP POLICIES

BIKES

It is the policy of the Northern Lights Council that bikes are not allowed on 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 shower house.

WEAPONS / KNIVES

Personal knives at camp must be no longer than a three (3) inch blade. ONLY Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light Scouts can carry their knife on them and ONLY after earning their Whittling. No personal firearms or archery equipment are allowed at Heart Butte Scout Reservation.

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.
- 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.
- Vehicles may not be left in campsites and must be out of your campsite before opening campfire.

SMOKING AND VAPING

A designated smoking area is in the parking lot. Camp policy requires all smoking and vaping to take place in this designated area.

ALCOHOL / DRUGS

Alcohol and drugs / substances are not allowed at Heart Butte. This includes the use of marijuana.

CAMP POLICIES

STAFF HOUSING

Staff Tenting are reserved for staff only. Scouts and adult leaders cannot enter the staff tents.

DRONES

Heart Butte 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 Heart Butte. 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 Main Lodge upon their arrival where they will receive their wristband, and check-out upon their departure.

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 Scouting America and have a medical form with parts A & B on file with the camp health office.

CAMP MAP

