

2025 FAMILY CAMP PARTICIPANT GUIDE

Family Camp at Camp Frank S. Betz is a camping and program experience aimed at Tiger through Arrow of Light (1st through 5th grade) Cub Scouts and siblings 5 through 15 years of age.

Younger Lion (Kindergarten) Cub Scouts, siblings 16 and older, and parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to participate in the program, though some activities may have limits based on age appropriateness.

(See the [Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities](#)).



Our theme this year is ***Betz Beach Bash***. We are all excited to exhibit this theme over the weekend. All youth, parents and leaders are encouraged to be a part of the tropical theme by dressing in their favorite Hawaiian shirt and/or bringing appropriate props to use during the weekend.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Camp opens at 4:00 pm Central Standard Time (CST). **CAMP BETZ RUNS ON "Chicago Time" (CST), NOT "Michigan Time" (EST)!** When you arrive, you will be directed to park, leave your gear in your car and check in at Pine Tree Cabin.

EACH PERSON PARTICIPATING (this includes ALL Adults) will need to bring a completed BSA [Annual Health and Medical Record parts A, B1, B2](#), which includes a copy of your insurance card.

No food will be provided on Friday night. Dinner should be eaten before arrival, or you may bring supplies to cook in your campsite. Several restaurants/fast food locations are only minutes from camp in Berrien Springs, MI.

Camp Participants (Families) will be assigned a color group for the program and campsite location. We will do our best to keep members of a unit together but understand that some Packs could get split up due to size limitations. Each campsite has a predetermined capacity; depending on your group's size, we may need to split your group.

During the day on Saturday, your color group will move together between six different activity areas. BB Guns, Archery, Theme, Handicraft, Waterfront and Boating. You are expected to stay with your group, engage and work with your scouts/youth. For security and safety reasons, you are asked not to venture off on your own and explore the camp.

REQUIREMENTS

HARD SOLE FOOT PROTECTION IS MANDATORY to participate in all waterfront activities! This must be in the form of water shoes, sandals, or tennis shoes; it must be something that can be worn into the water and not fall off easily. Flip flops **ARE NOT** acceptable to fulfill this mandate. Our waterfront staff reserves the right to decide whether footwear is acceptable. The use of the waterfront could be revoked if proper footwear is not approved.

If you registered as a pack (One registration for ALL Pack Members) and collected health forms for all participants in your unit, please make sure a designated Pack Leader is the first person in your group to arrive. If that Pack Leader cannot arrive before or with the others, please have each family bring their health forms with them. **YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CHECK-IN WITHOUT YOUR MEDICAL FORM(s).**

Please be sure to note any special needs you may have in your registration (please fill in the "Dietary Restrictions" and "Medical Needs" fields per participant during registration).

WHAT TO BRING

PER PERSON

- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Pad (for comfort)
- Towel
- Clothes (for three days)
- Scout Field uniform
- Swimwear (including REQUIRED swim shoes)
- Extra Socks
- Camp Chair
- Hat
- Flashlight

PER FAMILY

- A tent for the whole family
- Bug Spray
- Sunscreen
- Cash for the Trading Post
- Campfire Forks (or prongs) for Sat Night "Treat"

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Alcoholic drinks
- Illicit/illegal drugs
- Firearms, Bows, Crossbows,
- Arrows, Slingshots, or Sheath Knife
- Fireworks of any kind
- Pets of any kind
- Gas Generators
- Loud Radio

TRADING POST

The Trading Post is your one-stop shop for Camp Betz apparel, camping supplies, knives, ice cream, candy, pop, commonly forgotten items, and others. The Trading Post is located at the Handicraft Pavillion near the Thunderbird Dining Hall. The Trading Post will accept cash and credit cards!

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Camp runs on CST or "Chicago" Time

FRIDAY NIGHT

4:00 pm Camp Opens
4:30 pm Check-In Begins
4:30 - 7:00 pm Check-In and
Campsite setup
7:00 pm Flags & Camp Safety and
Orientation
8:00 pm Evening Movie & Snack
10:00 pm Quiet Time
11:00 pm Lights Out

SATURDAY

6:30 – 8:30 am Late Check-In
7:15 am Opening Flags
7:45 am Breakfast
8:45 am Morning Session Rotation
11:50 am Lunch
2:00 pm Afternoon Session
Rotation
6:00 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Closing Flags
8:00 pm Campfire Program
8:45 pm Early Check-Out
9:00 pm Campsite Time (Treats!)
10:00 pm Quiet Time
11:00 pm Lights Out

SUNDAY MORNING

7:30 am Opening Flags
8:00 am Breakfast
TBD Following Breakfast -Scout
Vespers
9:00 am Pack up & Clean
Campsites
10:30 am Camp Close

Do you have additional questions?

For updates and Camp Information, please like our Camp Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/CampBetz>

For updates and Family Camp-specific information, please join our Family Camp Facebook group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/303664541454207>

We will offer an *Introduction to Family Camp* webinar in May for all new and returning families to learn more about the exciting things happening at Family Camp this year.

If you have any questions, please contact us via the shared email, or our phone numbers listed below:
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