

CREATURE QUEST

Twilight Camp 2026

Chickasaw Council



JULY 13-17, 2026
LEADERS GUIDE

Calling All Recruits: Welcome to The Sanctuary!

Join us for Chickasaw Council's Twilight Camp, happening July 13-17, 2026 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM each evening at International Harvester Park (4523 Canada Rd, Lakeland, TN 38002).

This year our theme is "**Creature Quest**" and your Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and Arrow of Light Scouts can anticipate five days of magical fun and outdoor adventure. Scouts will step into a live-action storyline to protect our magical companions from bumbling poachers, join custom Elemental Squads, and hunt the trails for hidden relics.

To ensure everyone has a safe and successful week in The Sanctuary,, please note that per Scouting America policy, Lions are not eligible to attend Twilight Camp and all attending Tigers must have a parent as a volunteer. We highly encourage all packs to bring along enthusiastic parents and leaders. Packs will be required to send 1 volunteer for every 5 Scouts in attendance. Your active involvement is the secret ingredient to an unforgettable camp experience for the Scouts!

We have an incredible program lined up where Scouts will master real life skills to unlock real magic! Through hands-on crafts, active games, and in-person guest speakers who are local experts in their fields, your Scouts' teamwork and effort will earn the power needed to directly evolve their creatures throughout the week.

Please read through this guide carefully. It is designed to answer your questions covering everything from registration and daily activities to our pick-up and drop off procedures.

We look forward to seeing you at Twilight Camp!

Yours in Scouting,
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Camp Directors



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General Information

Location:

International Harvester Park
4523 Canada Rd
Lakeland, TN 38002

Dates:

Monday, July 13th - 17th, 2026
Camp will run rain or shine each day

Hours:

6:00 - 9:00 PM Daily

Who:

- Lions (K) are not eligible to attend.
- Tigers (1st) must have a parent attend as a volunteer.
- Wolves (2nd), Bears (3rd), Webelos (4th) and Arrow of Lights (5th) are eligible to attend without a parent volunteer.
- Non-Scouts are eligible to attend this camp following the same guidelines as above based on grade-level

Note: your child will enter camp with the rank/grade they are entering in the 2026-2027 school year.

Volunteers:

Packs must provide one volunteer for every five Scouts in attendance.

Registration

ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! Payment is required to register. Individual and unit registration can be found at <https://scoutingevent.com/>.



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Registration is open from May 7, 2026 to July 6th, 2026, with late fees after June 30, 2026. Pack registration is preferred, but individual registration is also available.

Price

Registration for Twilight Camp 2026 is as follows:

- Scouts \$100 if registered prior to June 30, 2026. \$115 after that date
- Non-Scouts \$135 if registered prior to June 30, 2026. \$150 if registered after that date
- Adult/Youth Volunteers FREE

The fee includes/covers:

- Activities
- Patch
- One t-shirt
- Snacks
- Supplies
- Insurance
- Facility Rental Fees

All fees are non-refundable and must be made through the registration website.

Required Forms

ALL PARTICIPANTS are required to provide a completed BSA Health Form parts A & B and an Activity Consent Form.

- The BSA Health Form can be found at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/> and select "All Scouting Events"
- <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/19-673.pdf>

ALL VOLUNTEERS are required to provide proof of Safeguarding Youth Training upon registration.



Camp Structure

Dens

Cub Scouts are grouped by Den to the fullest extent possible based on camp registration. Dens will be roughly 16 Scouts with a minimum of 2 adult leaders per den.

NOTE: actual numbers of Scouts per Den is based on registration and volunteer signup.

What to Bring / Wear

- Reusable Water Bottle
 - Please do not send glass containers
 - Water jugs will be available throughout camp for refills
- Sunblock & Bug Spray (may be pre-applied)
 - There are ticks and mosquitos in the camp area, be prepared.
- Wear your Camp Shirt each day
- Closed toe shoes
 - Preferably shoes with socks. Socks prevent blisters and the Scouts will be walking throughout camp each day.
 - Open toed shoes, clogs, crocs, and flip-flops are **not permitted**.
- Flashlight
 - Headlamps or other wearable flashlights are preferable

All items should be placed in an easily carried backpack or string bag. All personal gear should be clearly marked with Scout's name and Den #. Each Scout and adult needs to take care of and safeguard their own personal property. The Chickasaw Council and the Chickasaw Council Cub Scout Camp administration and staff are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items. Items not claimed within 30 days of the close of camp will either be disposed of, or donated to local charities.

Pack light. Only bring the required items and remember that whatever you bring, you have to carry it. This applies to Youth and Adults!

Optional Items for Volunteers



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- Den Leaders are permitted to bring a wagon, if desired; however, the Wagon must leave with you each day.
- Light-weight camp chair (you have to carry it)
- Camera (clearly labeled with name and den #)

What NOT to Bring

- No electronics, including but not limited to: cell phones, tablets, gaming consoles, etc
 - Smart Watches will be allowed; however, if they become a distraction, Den Leaders will take them and return them at the end of the day.
- Pocket knives
- Chairs or stools

Cub Scout Camp Staff reserve the right to confiscate any dangerous or inappropriate items and return them to unit leaders or parents at the end of the day.

Check-In

- All Scout families will be provided with a car rider number prior to camp
- Families will follow camp signs and the **attached map** for drop off procedures
- Scouts will then proceed to the Amphitheater to await the day's activities
- Den Leaders will be provided attendance sheets, schedule, medication lists, emergency procedures, and any other information pertinent to the day's events each day.
- Den Leaders will sign their Scouts in and assemble them for the opening ceremony each day.
 - If any of your Scouts do not arrive, notify the Camp Director.

Check-Out

- Den Leaders will be provided with a feedback form each day. Please take time each day during pick up to discuss the day's activities with your Scouts and fill out the form as completely and honestly as possible. We rely on this feedback to make improvements to camp!
- Scouts will wait at the Amphitheater for pickup.
- Den Leaders will assemble their Scouts for the closing ceremony each day
- Den Leader will sign out their Scouts as they are picked up.



- Den leaders must stay at camp until all of their Scouts have been picked up.
- Families will follow the signs and the attached map for pickup procedures. Car rider numbers **MUST BE VISIBLE** for pickup.

Before & After Care

Before and after care will not be offered at Twilight Camp.

Food

Camp WILL NOT provide a full meal. Scouts should have dinner before arriving. Scouts will be provided with one snack each day of camp at a designated time outlined in the schedule each day.

Weather & Cancellations

Twilight Camp will go rain or shine; however, we will cancel for hazardous weather conditions such as tornadoes, thunderstorms, etc. In the event Council cancels the event, you will be refunded a percentage of the fees for the days remaining.

If you would like to cancel a registration you must do so by June 29, 2026 to receive a refund.

Volunteer Information

Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT), Peer on Peer, and Unlawful Harassment Prevention Training is required for **ALL** Adult/Youth volunteers. Proof of SYT training must be provided upon registration for non-registered leaders.

Adult Leadership

You will need a few key leaders to get your Pack to camp in a safe and fun manner:



- **Pack Cub Scout Camp Coordinator**
 - This person is responsible for distributing the information about Cub Scout Camp to the Pack; conducting parents' meetings; collecting registration information and fees; registering the Pack online; submitting payment to the Chickasaw Council or at April Roundtable; and recruiting adults to attend camp with the Cub Scout.

- **Cub Camp Den Leader (May or may not be the Cub Scout Camp Coordinator)**
 - This person attends Cub Scout Camp with the Cub Scouts; is responsible for daily attendance records; and coordinates the rest of the adults attending with the Cub Scouts. It is strongly recommended that your Den Leader be present for the entire week, although the Den Leader may recruit a substitute if not able to attend all days.
 - **Key Duties of a Cub Scout Camp Den Leader:**
 - Attend the Leader Orientation.
 - Sign in each Scout each day (attendance).
 - Follow the camp schedule.
 - All medications used by Scouts are the responsibility of the Den Leaders.
 - Remain in camp with your den all day long. Den leaders must be sure that all youth are with their proper ride home before they may leave camp.
 - Help the scouts at each program station.
 - Serve in the capacity of parent, mentor, teacher, referee, cheerleader and several other roles that will make camp a safe, meaningful and enjoyable experience.
 - Observe advancement opportunities and report this information back to the Pack Advancement Chair.
 - Encourage scouts to "Do Their Best."
 - Make sure no Cub Scout leaves camp after check-in without a written release from his parents or Scout leaders. He must sign out at the camp office before departing. Scouts will only be released into the custody of an authorized adult.

- **Adult Helpers**
 - These are parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, older siblings (over age 18), who volunteer to attend Cub Scout Camp with the Cub Scouts for one day or all five. The number of Adult Helpers needed is based on the number of Cub Scouts you have attending camp each day. These adults can rotate and be a different set of adults each day!
 - All volunteers must attend a training session prior to the beginning of camp.
 - All volunteers must be a registered BSA leader or agree to a criminal background check, if requested.
 - All volunteers must go through or have gone through BSA Safeguarding Youth Training at www.myscouting.org.
 - Proof of training must be on file at camp.
 - Each unit must have **1 leader per 5 registered participants**.
 - One leader must be at least 21, the other at least 14 and a registered Scout or over 16 and a non-registered Scout.
 - If the volunteer is under 19 and a non-scout, they must be the son or daughter of the primary leader or a staff member on sight.
 - Boy Scouts under 14 can be a Den Leader Assistant if the Scout is a trained Den Chief.



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- **Counselors in Training (CITs)**

- A CIT member must be a Scouts BSA member of at least First Class Rank.
- CITs do NOT replace staff members; they are at camp to experience program areas and features, support staff at program areas, support den leaders with dens at program areas.
- CIT's are under the direction of the Camp Director/Program Director, and will assist in Dens/Program areas as needed.
- Scouts not yet First Class Rank may assist at camp if their parent/guardian is a volunteer. Those Scouts must remain with their parents/guardians throughout their duration at camp.

The Cub Scout Camp Den Leader & Adult Helpers Are to Make Sure:

- Scouts wear Chickasaw Council Cub Scout Twilight Camp t-shirts and closed-toe shoes at all times (no sandals).
- Scouts use the "buddy system" at all times.
- There is no chopping of trees, destruction, defacing of woods or buildings, digging of traps or holes or rock throwing
- Follow the principles of Leave No Trace.
- Scouts know and abide by camp boundaries.

The Cub Scout Camp Den Leader & Adult Helpers Are Also Asked to:

- Smoke only in designated areas and out of the sight of Scouts.
- Set the example by taking care of litter/trash. (Leave No Trace)
- Maintain cleanliness of all food and campers.
- Report all hazards and problems to the Camp Director.
- Make sure all camp participants stay hydrated.
- Water will be available at each station
- Report ALL injuries and illnesses to the Health Officer.

Adult Leader Dress Code

- Adults must wear official Cub Scout Camp T-shirt during Chickasaw Council Twilight Camp for security purposes.
- Close-toed shoes must be worn at all times while in camp—no crocs, clogs, flip flops or sandals.
- No revealing, or inappropriate clothing or swimming attire for all personnel. Inappropriate attire may result in an adult being asked to turn a shirt inside out, change their clothing or put a t-shirt on over an inappropriate swimsuit.
- No bikini swimsuits please.

Two-Deep Leadership is REQUIRED

BSA policy on Two-Deep Leadership is as follows "At least two adults supervise all Scouting activities. One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. In compliance with the BSA's "two deep" leadership policy, two registered adult leaders or one registered leader and a parent of a participant, or other adult, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required on all trips and



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outings. In situations requiring a personal conference, such as a Scoutmaster's conference, the meeting is to be conducted in view of other adults and youth”.

For example:

- 1-5 Cub Scouts= 2 adult leaders (minimum)
- 6-10 Cub Scouts = 3 adult leaders (minimum)
- 11-15 Cub Scouts = 4 adult leaders (minimum)
- 16-20 Cub Scouts = 5 adult leaders (minimum)
- 21-25 Cub Scouts = 6 adult leaders (minimum)
- 26-30 Cub Scouts = 7 adult leaders (minimum), etc...

For more information about Two-Deep Leadership and Safeguarding Youth; go to:
http://www.scouting.org/BSAYouthProtection/Media_Center/KnowtheFacts.aspx

Tiger Cub Scouts & Two-Deep Leadership

All Tiger Cub Scouts are required by BSA policy to have a parent (or parent appointed adult guardian age 21 or older) attend Cub Scout Camp with them. These adults can be included as part of your two-deep leadership numbers.

However, for example, if you have 10 kids attending Cub Scout Camp from your Pack and 6 of them are Tiger Cub Scouts you will need to have 6 adults (minimum) with you at camp instead of the 3 shown in the chart above.

Tiger Cubs are new Cub Scouts just entering 1st grade in September 2026. Cub Scouts who have just finished 1st grade and are entering 2nd grade in September of 2026 are Wolves for Chickasaw Council Cub Scout Camp purposes, whether or not they have crossed over in the pack.

Leader Meeting

A Twilight Camp Leader Orientation will be held in person at IH Park on July 8th at 5:00 PM. This meeting is **REQUIRED** for **ALL VOLUNTEERS**. We will cover expectations, procedures, and first-day details.

Packs are required to turn in all required forms at this meeting for review.

Packs will receive t-shirts and car rider numbers for their Packs at this meeting.

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Tot-Lot

There will be no childcare available to accommodate children of volunteers. One child may travel with your den during camp, if needed. If any further accommodations are required, please discuss with the camp director.

Parking

Serving on Staff

Anyone (adult leaders, parents, Boy Scouts age 14 & older) interested in serving on Cub Scout Camp Staff should contact the Program or Camp Director after registering as an adult volunteer.

Arrival & Departure

Staff and volunteers are asked to arrive 1 hour before camp to assist in setup and stay for 30 minutes after camp to assist in cleanup efforts each day.

General Camp Procedures

- International Harvester is a tobacco, alcohol, and drug free facility.
- In compliance with Tennessee State Health and Safety Codes, no dogs (other than service animals) or other pets are permitted in camp during the Cub Scout Camp session.
- Personal vehicles are not permitted in camp areas and should be parked in designated parking areas

Emergency Procedures

- If, at any time, you hear sirens or see or hear a camp vehicle with sirens running:
 - All campers and staff will report to the IH Clubhouse, IMMEDIATELY.
 - If IH Clubhouse is on fire or damaged, go to the Pavillion.
 - The Den leader will take a head count and report to the Camp Director or Program Director.

Fire

If a fire occurs in your activity area, do not try to fight it.

- Move to a safe area and report the fire to any staff member.



- If you discover a fire in camp, report it to any staff member.

Lost Camper

Report a lost camper immediately to any staff member. Have a full description including age and clothing. If possible, determine where the camper was last seen. Stay with your den, keeping them calm until contacted by staff. No campers or volunteers will be permitted to arrive or leave the camp until the lost camper is found.

Severe Weather

In the event of a severe thunderstorm warning:

- Activities near the lake will shut down immediately.
- All campers and staff will report to the Pavillion.
- Den leader will take a head count and report to the Camp Director or Program Directors.

Tornado Watch

- All campers and staff will report to the Pavillion.
- Unit leader will take a head count and report to the Camp Director or Program Directors.
- The Camp and/or Program Director(s) will make the call whether to continue camp or evacuate.
- If evacuation is decided, Parents will be notified and Check-Out procedures will begin.

Tornado Warning

- All campers will report to the IH Clubhouse
- If time permits, take a head count of your unit.
- Assume the "duck and cover" position.

Heat Emergency

In the event of a heat emergency, the Camp Director, Program Directors, and Health Officer will determine if activities should be limited. The announcement will be made at morning flag.

- Remind campers to drink plenty of water.
 - Water will be provided at each station.
- Remind Scouts to watch each other for symptoms of heat exhaustion or dehydration.

Injury

Notify Camp Director, Program Director, and Health Safety Officer. Golf carts will be available for non-life-threatening transportation. Apply first aid as needed.

Medication

- If a camper is bringing medication to camp, it should be in the original container and have the camper's name and specific dosage instructions.
- Parents must turn medication into the Camp First Aid Station, first thing in the morning and give the Den Leader specific, written instructions as to when the child should take his medications.



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- Den Leaders should send any camper taking medication to the Camp Nurse with a "Buddy" when it is time for the child to take the medication.
- Asthma inhalers and Epi-pens may remain with the camper, but the leader must notify Camp Medic after either one has been used.
- A small, locked refrigerator WILL be available for medications which need to be kept refrigerated. Camp Nurse will keep the key to dispense medications.

Personal Safety at Camp

- Packs are required to have 2-deep leadership in attendance at Camp at all times.
- All registered campers will be required to wear their Twilight Camp T-Shirts during their stay at camp. These will be distributed to Pack leadership at the "Leader Orientation meeting" for distribution to camp attendees.
- The use of the buddy system throughout camp is required – not just recommended. "Loose" campers will be collected by staff and returned to their groups immediately.
- Suspected child abuse - whether physical, mental, emotional, or sexual - should be reported to the Camp Director immediately.
- If you suspect unauthorized persons have intruded onto camp property (i.e., adults not wearing a camp T-shirt), notify the Camp Director or Program Director immediately.
- Daily attendance sheets will be provided to each camp den. The attendance sheets must be completed and turned in at the opening ceremony each morning.
- Adult leaders will sign in and sign out when entering and leaving camp or anytime during camp. Sign in/out sheets will be located at the Amphitheater.

Scout Behavior & Scout Spirit

- All adult leaders, Scouts and staff must follow the Scout Oath and Law at all times while at camp. Those individuals that cause vandalism, intimidation of others, theft, etc.... will be sent home immediately. We must work together to ensure that summer camp is a safe haven for Scouts to enjoy the great outdoors and the Scouting program.
- Hazing is strictly prohibited. Camp is intended to help Scouts grow. There is no room for hazing. Knowledge of any abuse should be reported to the Camp Director immediately.

Cub Scout Camp Activities

Dens follow a schedule with activities around the camp. If you have a specific question or require special assistance with a certain activity or area, please contact us prior to camp to discuss your situation.



Special Needs

- If you have a Scout with Special Needs please inform the Camp Director and Program Director at least **two weeks** prior to camp. Our trained staff wants to work with you to assist the Scout in completing as much of the program as he can. Specials needs Scouts may be required to bring a parent or adult with them to camp. This parent or guardian must be familiar with the Scouts' needs and must be trained in Youth Protection.
- The scope of the special needs of the Scout may be determined by Scout parent, Camp Director, and Program Director.

Staff – Easily Recognized & Properly Trained

- The Cub Scout Camp administration has organized a staff based on the number of pre-registered Scouts. The staff attends various training sessions before camp.
- Cub Camp staff members are volunteers, not paid employees.
- Many of our staff are senior Scouts LEARNING leadership, so be patient and allow them to enjoy growing and learning along with your Cub Scout.
- Staff members will be easily recognized at each activity station and throughout camp. Staff, volunteers, den chiefs will have different colored T-shirts than youth participants.
- If you encounter a situation with any of the staff members, please bring concerns to the Camp Director or Program Director before that day of camp ends.
- Unless addressing a safety concern, please allow the Camp Administration to discuss your concerns for areas of growth with the staff.
- Our goal is to be proactive in dealing with issues of any kind.

Visitors at Camp

- Only authorized visitors are allowed in designated camp areas.
- All visitors must check in with the Camp Director to receive a camp pass
- If you suspect an unauthorized person has intruded into camp areas, notify the Camp Director or Program Director immediately.
- **NOTE:** our camp takes place at a public park and there may be local citizens at the park in areas that are not designated for our camp (i.e. hiking trails and surrounding the lake)

Family Movie Night

Families planning to attend the Family Movie Night on Friday must check-in with the Camp Director prior to entering camp areas at the designated check-in locations and be provided a visitor pass. Any person found in camp areas without a visitor pass will be asked to leave.

