



**PARENT & ADULT LEADERS'
GUIDE 2024**

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Camp Easton is Proud to be a
BSA Nationally Accredited Camp

Welcome

Welcome to beautiful Camp Easton! Located in Gotham Bay on the east side of Lake Coeur d'Alene in Northern Idaho, Easton's defining feature is our amazing waterfront and beautiful lakeside view.

Easton strives to be the premier aquatics camp of the BSA, by offering all but one of the BSA's aquatics merit badges, many additional BSA aquatics certifications and awards, a full SCUBA program, and advanced aquatics programs for youth who have already completed the merit badges and other awards.

In addition, Camp Easton offers a variety of programs in Shooting Sports, Nature, Scoutcraft, First Year Scouting and more! (see program guide for details)

Thank you for choosing Camp Easton as your destination for Scouting this Summer!



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Staff & Leadership

Camp Easton prides itself on having one of the best, most devoted and energetic staff teams in the BSA.

Our staff are carefully chosen and trained, with a focus on bringing the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to the lives of your Scouts.



Jason Charland, our Camp Director, has grown up in the Inland Northwest. He has been an Adult Scouter for nearly 15 years, has an Eagle Scout Son and has also brought his Troop to Camp Easton many times. He leads an active, engaging, and inspiring Camp Staff.



“The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law”



Location

Camp Easton is located on the Eastern shore of Lake Coeur d'Alene on Idaho State Highway 97, about 30 minutes south of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. To get to camp, turn south from interstate 90 at exit 22 to State Route 97. After 11 miles, the camp's main parking lot will be on the east side of the road.

The week before you arrive in camp, we will contact you to confirm all your troop details and assign you a campsite. If you would like to request a specific campsite, please indicate which site you would like in your registration. We will do our best to accommodate you, however we cannot always guarantee site requests.



Arrival

Check-in time is 1:00pm-4:00pm on Sunday. Please contact us if there are any additional circumstances or considerations in your arrival (i.e. early or late arrival).

We do not provide any meals before dinner on Sunday. Anyone arriving before then will be responsible for their own meals. See Early Arrivals section.

One of our Commissioner Staff, as well as your Troop Guide for the week, will greet you in the parking lot, and direct you to your camp site. Please note that only one vehicle at a time may be allowed to drive up to the campsite, and vehicles may not remain parked at campsites after loading or unloading.

Medical Checks

After you unload, your Troop Guide will lead you to the First Aid center for medical form turn-ins. Make sure everyone coming to camp has a completed Medical Form signed by your licensed healthcare provider!

If you have any youth or adults with special needs or dietary requirements, please indicate these needs on your registration or contact us as soon as possible so we can ensure we meet your needs as best we can.

Address:

Camp Easton

23516 S Hwy 97, Harrison, ID 83833

Things to Bring for Check-in:

- Full roster of everyone in camp.
- Current Medical Forms Parts A, B and C for each youth and adult.
- Any additional permission slips, ie. Scuba Med form, Cowboy Action form.
- Final Payment, if any.
- A great attitude!



Swim Checks

Each youth and adult who plans on participating in activities or classes at the waterfront will take a BSA Swim Test

Many of the aquatics merit badges and programs require passing this *before* completing any other requirements. If someone who is signed up for any of these programs fails to pass the swim test, there will be an opportunity to change classes or retake the swim test Monday morning.

Swim Tests can be taken prior to arrival with a certified life-guard using the “BSA Unit Swim Classification Record” available online. However, please note that the lake is much colder than a swimming pool, and our lifeguard staff may alter a swim classification after arrival if necessary to ensure the safety of our youth.

BSA Swim Test Procedure:

“Jump feet first into water over the head in depth. Level off and swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, Trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be completed in one swim without stops and must include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.”

- Guide to Safe Scouting -

Business Manager Check-in

The last part of check-in is visiting our business manager. Make sure you have an accurate Attendance Roster, as well as any final payments required.

Please note that our registration system, 247 scouting, creates a report that uploads directly into scout book for recording advancement. We do not use blue cards for recording merit badges, instead they are recorded by our staff directly into your reservation and the records are retained for several years after your visit,

Camp Tour

After your check-in is complete, your Troop Guide will give you a tour of the camp and the program areas before the evening meal.



Swim Check Easy-Guide:

- Jump feet-first into deep water
(Over head-height)
- 100 yards without stopping,
 - 75 yards “power-stroke”
(includes a sharp turn)
 - 25 yards resting back-stroke
- Rest by floating



Water Toy Use

Water Toy use is open to all participants. Life-vests are always required on the toys in accordance with both BSA safe-swim and manufacturer guidelines.



Early Arrival

Some troops like to arrive earlier than the scheduled check-in time on Sunday morning, or even as early as Saturday afternoon, to avoid long travel hours early Sunday morning. Troops may not arrive until Saturday afternoon, after the previous week's troops have left to avoid overlap and confusion. Any troop planning to arrive early **MUST** make these arrangements at least two weeks in advance of arriving at camp.

Only overnight camping space is provided for those who arrive early, no meals or services will be provided and program facilities such as the waterfront and the shooting ranges will be unavailable until regularly scheduled activities begin.

Most of the staff will be off the property during this time and unavailable until the scheduled check-in time on Sunday afternoon. During check-in, priority will be given to the first troop from the current session to arrive at camp followed by all other troops in the order they arrived.

Meals in Camp

Breakfast and dinner will be served in the Campsites. Lunches will be served walk-through style out of the dining hall in the main camp area, for outside eating.

Please check the What to Bring list for Troops to see what additional supplies we recommend for facilitating meals in the campsite, i.e. **Mess Kits**.

Each unit will have opportunities throughout the week to eat in the dining hall with other units and staff.

Handwashing & Cleanliness

Additional staff positions were created in recent years to ensure a clean and sanitary camp. These Staff ensure that all common facilities such as restrooms, showers and the trading post are cleaned and disinfected several times daily.

Between weeks, these staff also ensure that each campsite is cleaned, and that canvas tents and tables are disinfected.

All program staff are responsible for cleaning and disinfecting the supplies and equipment in their areas regularly. This includes all common items such as rifles and bows, paddles and lifejackets, and supplies in areas such as scout skills or handi-crafts.

To assist with your scout's ability to stay clean, handwashing stations have been installed in every campsite and in common areas such as the ranges, trading post, and waterfront. Scouts are encouraged to use these stations often and to always maintain cleanliness.



Plan Ahead!

If you plan on arriving in camp on Saturday or early Sunday, make sure you bring something to for the scouts to do until check-in is complete and the fun begins!



Meals in Camp

Campsite meals will be prepared in the Dining Hall and served in the sites; all will be cooked prior to delivery.



Adult Leadership in Camp



Each unit in camp must always be under the leadership of at least two adults. All BSA Youth Protection rules will apply during your stay at Camp. Unit Leaders are responsible for making sure registered adults have current youth protection training, and that interactions with youth meet with all established policies.

“All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered in an adult fee required position as listed or as an adult program participant”.

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/>

There are a wide variety of activities for adult leaders to participate in at camp, including training courses, high adventure opportunities, service projects and more. (See program guide for details)

There will be a brief leadership meeting for Adult leaders at Lunch for Leaders and SPLs with some of the key staff to make sure leaders are kept up to date on camp activities, schedules and any issues which may come up.

“Go Ask Your SPL”

At Camp Easton, we encourage scouting efforts and activities to be “Youth Lead” as much as possible. While we do encourage adult leaders to be actively aware of what is going on with their youth in camp, we believe that primary leadership efforts for the youth should be done by the youth. One of our mottos we want adult leaders to learn to say is “Go ask your SPL”.

Troops should be divided into patrols, with an active Senior Patrol Leader, and each patrol should have an active patrol leader, identity, flag and spirit. Senior Patrol leaders will meet with Senior Camp staff daily to ensure things are going well and the scouts’ needs are being met.

There will be an SPL Meeting every day to help youth leaders facilitate their leadership role and address issues.

Your “Go Ask Your SPL” T-Shirts are available in the Trading Post!

Scouting’s Barriers to Abuse

- 2-deep adult leadership always
- No one-on-one contact
- Respect of Privacy
- Separate Accommodations
- Constructive Discipline
- Appropriate Attire
- No Hazing
- No Bullying
- No Secret Organizations
- Youth Monitored by Adults
- Appropriate Attire
- Act according to Oath and Law
- Everyone is responsible for enforcing Youth Protection



Empower your Troop’s Youth Leadership!

Make sure to involve your Senior Patrol Leader in every possible phase of camp planning, including planning youth merit badge classes!



Safety Concerns

Our location and environment at Camp Easton present some unique safety concerns:

Tunnel

Idaho State Highway 97 cuts straight through the middle of our property, dividing Easton into Upper and Lower Camp. In 2019 a pedestrian tunnel was built that goes under the highway. Be sure to always use the tunnel whenever going to upper camp to ensure everyone is safe.

Wildlife

During your stay with us you are bound to see plenty of birds, squirrels and rabbits, and perhaps some larger wildlife as well. Do not disturb the wildlife in any way; No feeding, chasing, teasing or trapping. Camp was their home before you arrived and will continue to be long after you leave! Please respect their home!

Bears have rarely been seen on property, but every season we do have several moose sightings. Believe it or not, moose can be just as dangerous as bears! If you spot a moose on property, STOP! Do not approach it, try to take its picture, call out to or yell at it. Put something large between you and the moose, like a tree or large rock and back away slowly. Inform a staff member of the sighting and location immediately.

Insects

Amazingly, there is very little mosquito population on lake Coeur d'Alene; however there is a substantial yellow jacket population. We do our best to control it, but the best action you can do is keeping your site trash and garbage free. Don't give them a reason to be near your campsite!

Dehydration and Overheating

Something about being at a lake lulls people into a false sense of security about drinking water and staying hydrated. Please make sure that everyone who attends camp brings a water bottle and uses it! It can get hot and we want to make sure everyone stays cool and safe!



Wildlife Tips:

- Keep food in your campsite secure (In a sealed container. Our squirrels (mini Bears) have been known to chew their way through sleeping bags and backpacks)
- Stay on the trails
- Take care of your trash
- Don't approach or yell at wildlife
- Don't feed wildlife
- Report large wildlife sightings to Staff once safely away

K.Y.H.O.!

Keep Yourself Hydrated Often!

When you hear a one of our staff shout "KYHO!", it means everyone should stop what they are doing for a moment and take a drink of water!

Always carry a water bottle with you in camp. If you don't have one with you, staff may ask you to go get it!



Special Medical and Dietary Needs

All prescription medications must be under locked supervision while in camp. If troops do not bring their own lockable storage for keeping medication at their campsite, medications may be stored at the First Aid cabin with the medical staff. Refrigeration is also available at the First Aid cabin for those whose medication needs to be kept cool.

The only exception is for life-threatening conditions, such as heart issues or severe allergies. Medications for these (such as an inhaler or EpiPen) should be carried and self-administered as instructed by a personal physician.

Some campsites have electricity available for medical devices such as a CPAP machine. If you require electricity for such equipment, please contact us as early as possible to ensure we get you in the correct camp site. Any other site requests may be waived in favor of medical equipment needs.

Any dietary or medical needs should be addressed by filling out the optional medical or dietary needs section of each participant's online registration. This information needs to be filled out and submitted to the camp no later than May 31st so that we may be properly prepared to accommodate these needs.

Meals with dietary requirements will be separated to ensure no cross-contamination and avoid allergy concerns. We do provide gluten free, soy free, nut free, vegetarian and more meal options if we are informed. Our kitchen staff will do their best to meet dietary needs, however additional options may be limited and not as varied as our typical menu.



Dining Hall Menu

Please feel free to check out our menu for the current year on our website. Typically made available no later than May 1st of each year after dietician approval. Please contact us if you have any additional dietary concerns or questions.



Dietary or Medical Needs

Be sure to have any special medical or dietary needs for participants recorded in your registration before May 31st so we can ensure we have time to properly accommodate you. This is essential as most specialty food items such as gluten or soy free need to be pre-ordered several weeks in advance to arrive in camp on time.



Camp Policies

Things Not to Bring

Some things have no place in a Scout camp, either for safety reasons or to meet with the mission and focus of summer camp programs. If something is not listed and you would like to know if it is allowed, please reference the Guide to Safe Scouting or contact us to ask.

Please do not bring:

- **Pets (other than licensed service animals)**
- **Firearms**
- **Personal watercraft**
- **Illegal drugs (including marijuana)**
- **Fireworks**
- **Chainsaws**
- **Non-scouting knives (i.e. machetes, overly large sheath knives, double bladed, etc.)**

Guests in Camp

Guests are welcome at camp during your visit. All guests must report to either the Trading Post or Business Office upon arrival to check in and receive a wrist band. They must also check out before leaving.

Any guest staying in camp overnight will be considered participants and their corresponding unit will be charged. These guests will be considered adult leaders in camp, must be registered members, youth protection trained, and provide completed BSA medical form parts A, B and C.

Guest Meals

Guests may purchase meals at the trading post to eat with their fellow scouts or family members. The cost is \$8 for breakfast or lunch and \$10 for dinner.

Buddy System

All Scouts need to travel with a scout buddy while in camp. Remind your senior patrol leaders and other scouts to buddy up when they leave your campsite.



We follow the guide to safe scouting and the NCAP (National Camp Accreditation Program) guidelines. If you're not sure whether something is appropriate in a camp setting, look it up! Still not sure? It's probably better to err on the side of caution and leave it out!

Themed Days!

We are pleased to present this year's Theme Days! This is fun, yet optional activity that is different every day!

Monday: Mustache Monday

Tuesday: Tacky Tourist Tuesday

Wednesday: Banana Theme Wednesday

Thursday: Throwback Thursday

Friday: Fancy Friday



Mail at Camp

Friends, family and fellow Scouters are welcome to mail letters, notes or packages to their Scouts while they are at camp. Mail is distributed daily at the evening flag ceremony. We recommend mail be sent so that it arrives early in the week or even before your scouts arrive, and is marked with the date we should deliver it to them.

If mail arrives after a unit has already left camp, it will be returned to the posted return address.



Address Mail to:

Scout Name, Troop #####, Date to be Delivered
Camp Easton
23516 S Hwy 97
Harrison, ID 83833

Trading Post

The Trading Post offers program materials, snacks, Camp Easton brand clothing, gear and more at reasonable prices! The trading post will operate during most program hours of camp and during free time.

Money in Camp

Scouts should plan to bring some money to camp to cover the cost of any snacks, apparel, knives, Easton gear, crafting items or ammunition vouchers for the ranges.

However, even though “A Scout is Trustworthy”, please ensure that all belongings and especially money are well cared for in camp and not left lying around.

Technology and Internet Use

We do not prevent the use of cellphones, tablets, portable music or gaming devices by campers except during class time. If unit leaders choose to regulate that in their own unit then we leave it up to them. However, there are limited locations and opportunity throughout camp to charge these devices.

There is limited Wi-Fi available in the dining hall for adult leader use. Internet use is limited to email and basic internet browsing, no streaming or gaming is allowed as we have limited bandwidth.



Custom Troop Shirts

Troops can pre-order customized camper shirts with their troop number on them that will be ready when they arrive in camp.

Add your pre-order shirts to your registration before May 1st to have them ready when you arrive at camp



Inland Northwest Council Refund Policy

The Inland Northwest Council's refund policy has been established to better control and account for funds during event or camp close out reports. The Inland Northwest Council retains final decision authority on all refunds.

For cancellations because of medical reasons, a medical certificate is requested, and fees will be waived.

For cancellations because of family emergencies – a death in the family or a major unseen event, a statement from the family is needed and fees may be waived.

If for any reason a participant youth or adult is removed for cause, violation of camp rules, or fails to provide any required medical forms or registration documentation, there will not be any reimbursement.

Requesting refunds is the responsibility of the unit leadership.

For activities such as camporees, klondikes, and recognition dinners, the refund request must be coordinated IN WRITING with the council staff advisor or council service center within 72 hours of the event.

For Summer Camps or Cub Scout Resident camps, the refund request must be coordinated IN WRITING with the Camp Director or Council Service Center prior to the completion of camp session. Be sure to have an e-mail or other written confirmation of the cancellation from either the council office or camp director.

Note for Youth Registrations: *Being sent home for cause, disciplinary action or changing your mind about attending does not constitute a reason for a refund.*

Again: The Inland Northwest Council retains final decision authority on all refunds.



What to Bring to Camp (Troop)

TENTS ARE PROVIDED – Troops may bring their own tents if they want, however extra tent space in the sites is limited as our tents are on mounted platforms that do not move.

Troop Gear

- ◇ Lanterns
- ◇ Rope and/or Twine
- ◇ Tarps
- ◇ Troop Flag (on its own pole)
- ◇ Axe, Hatchet or Saw
- ◇ Troop First Aid Kit
- ◇ Sunscreen
- ◇ Insect Repellant
- ◇ Food Cooler
- ◇ **Lock-box** for Medications
- ◇ American Flag (flagpole is provided)
- ◇ Equipment and ingredients for cooking desert on Troop Campfire night (if desired)
- ◇ Paper/Notebooks
- ◇ Pens/Pencils/Markers
- ◇ Leader Handbooks/Guides
- ◇ Merit Badge Pamphlets
- ◇ Lawn Chairs

Scoutmaster Gear

- ◇ Complete Troop Roster
- ◇ All Medical Forms for youth and Adults
- ◇ Copies of All Medical Forms (recommended)
- ◇ Pens/Pencils
- ◇ Notebook
- ◇ Cash for Emergencies during Travel
- ◇ Check for \$200 for next year's camp deposit (not required but HIGHLY recommended!)

Senior Patrol Leader Gear

- ◇ Complete Troop Roster
- ◇ Senior Patrol Leader's Handbook
- ◇ All Patrol Rosters
- ◇ Notebook
- ◇ Pen/Pencil

Patrol Leader Gear

- ◇ Patrol Leader's Handbook
- ◇ Patrol Roster
- ◇ Notebook
- ◇ Pen/Pencil
- ◇ Patrol Flag
- ◇ Patrol Name, Cheer and Spirit!

Kitchen Gear

- ◇ **Plates, Cups & Silverware**
- ◇ Stove for heating dishwater
- ◇ Pots for heating dishwater
- ◇ Wash bins for washing & Rinsing
- ◇ Dish Soap
- ◇ Towels



What to Bring to Camp (Scout)

Parents/Leaders: Please use the following checklist and ensure that all items are clearly labeled with your Scout's Name (preferably in permanent marker)

Necessary Clothing/Gear

- ◇ Pack or Duffel bag
- ◇ Sleeping Bag
- ◇ Jacket or Sweatshirt (evenings/mornings can be quite cool)
- ◇ Several T-shirts
- ◇ Shorts
- ◇ Pants
- ◇ Several Pairs Underwear
- ◇ Several Pair Socks
- ◇ Sturdy Shoes (no open toes/sandals)
- ◇ Scout Uniform
- ◇ Hat
- ◇ Swimsuit*
- ◇ Towel*
- ◇ Leather/Work Gloves
- ◇ Sunblock
- ◇ Pocket Knife
- ◇ Personal First Aid Kit
- ◇ Personal Hygiene Items: Soap, Toothbrush, Comb, Shampoo, etc.
- ◇ Flashlight
- ◇ Pen/pencils
- ◇ Notebook/pad of paper
- ◇ Insect repellent
- ◇ Scout Handbook
- ◇ Supplies for merit badges (including money for trading post)
- ◇ Water bottle

*Swimsuit and Towel will be required almost immediately upon arrival for swim checks, make sure they are readily accessible or wear them when you arrive.

Recommended Gear

- ◇ Compass
- ◇ Sunglasses
- ◇ Washcloth
- ◇ Laundry Bag
- ◇ Camera
- ◇ Ground Cloth
- ◇ Cot, Foam Pad or Air Mattress (NOT provided by the camp)
- ◇ Pillow
- ◇ Money for Activities or Trading Post
- ◇ OA Sash
- ◇ Small backpack/daypack for carrying materials around camp
- ◇ Sharpening stone
- ◇ Twine or Rope
- ◇ Chapstick
- ◇ Raincoat or Poncho
- ◇ Pajamas
- ◇ Extra Socks
- ◇ Sandals/flip flops (for showers only, not to be worn around camp)

DO NOT BRING

- ◇ Pets (other than licensed service animals)
- ◇ Firearms
- ◇ Personal watercraft
- ◇ Illegal drugs (including marijuana)
- ◇ Alcohol
- ◇ Fireworks
- ◇ Open Toed Shoes
- ◇ Chainsaws
- ◇ Non-scouting Knives (i.e. throwing knives, large sheath knives, double-bladed knives)

See Page 8 for complete guidelines on what not to bring and the guide to safe scouting.



