

Pacific Harbors Council



2023 Day Camp Parents Guide

Welcome to Cub Scout Day Camp - "Off to the Races" Theme! We're thrilled to have you and/or your Scouts join us for an action-packed and educational adventure at our "Off to the Races" themed Cub Scout Day Camp. This comprehensive guide is designed to provide you with all the information you need to ensure a safe, engaging, and unforgettable experience for your Scouts. We're excited to share this thrilling "Off to the Races" adventure with your Scouts. Thank you for entrusting us with their growth, development, and enjoyment. Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. Let's get ready to race into an unforgettable experience!

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Camp Director

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Mission of the Boy Scouts of America: 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.

Our Vision: To create an environment that emphasizes teamwork, leadership, and personal growth. Our dedicated staff is committed to providing opportunities for Scouts to challenge themselves, learn new skills, and form lasting friendships.

Scout Oath

On my honor, I will do my best to
do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally
awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is
Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly,
Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful,
Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent

Introduction:

About Cub Scouts: Cub Scouts is an exciting and educational program for young boys and girls in grades 1-5. Through a variety of activities, adventures, and projects, Scouts learn valuable life skills, build character, and develop leadership qualities. Guided by the Scout Oath and Scout Law, our program instills important values such as honesty, responsibility, kindness, and respect, fostering well-rounded individuals who positively impact their communities.

Our Theme: This year's day camp theme, "Off to the Races," combines the excitement of racing with the values of Cub Scouts. Through race-themed activities, challenges, and adventures, Scouts will explore concepts of sportsmanship, determination, and friendly competition. We believe that this unique blend of adventure and learning will provide Scouts with valuable experiences that extend far beyond the camp.

Camp Thunderbird: The camp is owned and operated by Pacific Harbors Council, BSA for the primary purpose of serving the youth and leaders within its chartered area. The camp is nationally accredited on an annual basis by the BSA and operated within the rules, regulations, and guidelines set forth by the Washington State Department of Health.

Code of Conduct:

Camp Thunderbird uses the ideals of the Scout Law as the code of conduct. Leaders and parents are responsible for their Scouts' behavior. Adults are held to the same standard and are always asked to set the right example. IE; foul language, disrespect, yelling, etc.

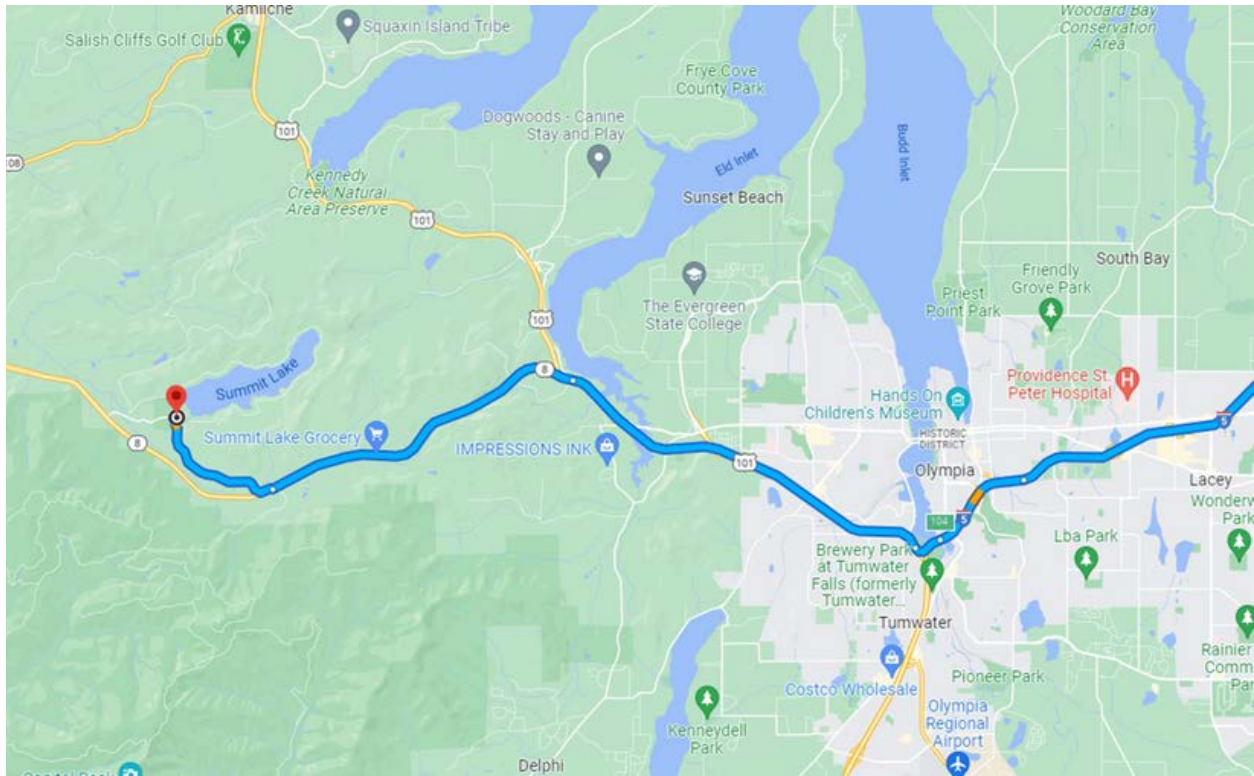
Camp Details:

Camp Dates and Location: Cub Scout Day Camp will take place on August 26th & August 27th, 2023, from 9am-3pm at Camp Thunderbird.

Directions to Camp:

From the North: Take I-5 South towards Portland; take Ramp (right) onto US-101 towards US-101 / Aberdeen / Port Angeles - road name changes to SR-8. Turn right (north) onto Summit Lake Rd (Summit Lake Rd NW) Approximately 1 mile past the Summit Lake Grocery (there is a sign for an antique store). Camp Thunderbird is at 11740 Summit Lake Rd, Olympia, WA 98502

From the South: Take I-5 North towards I-5 / Seattle. At I-5 Exit 104, turn right onto Ramp towards US-101 / Aberdeen / Port Angeles. Road name changes to US 101, then to SR-8. Turn right (north) onto Summit Lake Rd (Summit Lake Rd NW). Approximately 1 mile past the Summit Lake Grocery (there is a sign for an antique store) Camp Thunderbird is at 11740 Summit Lake Rd, Olympia, WA 98502



Uniform and Clothing:

The uniform for Day Camp is the activity uniform (Scout Shorts and a Scout Themed T-Shirt). Since we will provide each Scout a T-Shirt for them to change into on Day 1, they can wear any Scouting appropriate T-Shirt. The Field Uniform (Uniform Shirt, Neckerchief, Shorts) is not required nor needed, so please leave them at home. All campers are to always wear closed-toe footwear. Leaders must enforce this rule in their campsites.

Vehicles:

When arriving at Camp Thunderbird, please park in the main parking lot. Vehicles must be backed-in to their parking spot, per camp safety regulations. Vehicles are not allowed past the parking lot near the camp office. Only authorized service vehicles are allowed past the gates. The camp director will review special cases. Overflow parking is across the street in the Camp Akela parking area. The safety of the Scouts being the primary consideration, your full cooperation is appreciated.

Check-In and Check-Out Procedures:

Arrival/Check-in Procedure: On the first day (8/26) you will check in at the Dale O building starting at 8am (staff will not be available earlier than this time) and no later than 9am. Each participant (youth and adult) is required have their medications (in original containers) with them

and to turn in the Health Form A&B along with a copy of their Health Insurance ID card. During check-in, our staff will review each medical record for allergies and medication requirements.

Checkout Procedure: At the conclusion of each day (3:00-3:30pm) or whenever you and/or your Scout are leaving (if leaving early), please check out at the Dale O building prior to leaving. We will ask that you have your ID present to ensure our staff can make the drop-off and pick-up process smooth while ensuring safety. On the last day, we will return your health forms to you when you depart.

What to Bring:

Cub Scouts should always bring their six essentials. This list provides the six essentials as well as additional items that they should have on them.

- BSA Annual Health forms
- Medications in original prescription bottles
- Comfortable closed-toed shoes (No flip flops, Crocs or Velcro sandals)
- Small backpack
- Sack Lunch (that does not need refrigeration)
- Water Bottle with Name on It
- Snack
- Spare change of clothes
- Bug repellent
- Sunblock
- Poncho/waterproof jacket
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Whistle

What Not to Bring: To maintain a safe and focused camp environment the following items are not allowed:

- ⊗ Matches or lighters
- ⊗ Large knives, axes, or saws
- ⊗ Perfumes/cologne
- ⊗ Alcohol of any kind
- ⊗ Pets
- ⊗ Fireworks***
- ⊗ Firearms**
- ⊗ Bows/arrows**
- ⊗ Play guns/ knives
- ⊗ Marijuana or drugs of any kind*
- ⊗ Personal electronics IE: Laptops, tablets, or handheld games.

*Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco: Illicit drugs and alcohol are forbidden at Camp Thunderbird including use of marijuana. Tobacco use, including smokeless tobacco and vaping products, must

be out of sight of Scouts, buildings, and camp activities. Tobacco use is only allowed in the designated smoking area behind the dining hall and the dumpster. Any litter from tobacco products is the responsibility of the user. Violation of this policy can result in immediate removal for cause.

****Firearms, Bows, and Fireworks:** Per National Boy Scouts of America regulations, personal firearms and archery equipment will not be permitted at any time. Campers may only use the equipment provided at camp.

*****Fireworks** will not be permitted under any circumstances.

Council Refund Policy

All cancellations and/or refund requests for activities should be submitted in writing to the Creighton Scout Service Center at 4802 South 19th St, Tacoma, WA 98405, or emailed to phc@scouting.org.

- Refunds are based on the date the written request is received at the Creighton Scout Service Center.
- Requests received two weeks (10 business days) or more prior to an event will receive a full refund.
- Requests received from 5 to 9 business days before the event will receive a 50% refund.
- No refunds are available 4 or fewer business days prior to, or after an event.
- The Council may make exceptions in the case of family emergency, sickness, or changes in military duty, but the final decision authority belongs solely to the council.

Annual Health and Medical Record: The [BSA Annual Health and Medical Record](#) will be collected on the first day of camp. It is REQUIRED for ALL PARTICIPANTS, Scouts, Adults and Staff! This camp session only requires a completed Health Form Parts A & B. These forms will provide detailed medical information about your Scouts, including allergies, medications, and emergency contacts. This information is crucial for their safety and well-being.

Emergency Procedures: In the event of an emergency, the camp director (Justin Lewis) shall be notified immediately. If he is not available, notify the program director (Nicole Grove) or camp ranger (Ranger Dan). If the emergency is of a medical nature, contact the medical officer immediately. Additionally, the camp is equipped with an “air raid” siren. In the event of an emergency that warrants the use of that siren, all staff and campers are required to report to the parade field near the flag poles. If this area is not available due to a safety hazard, everyone will report to the parking lot.

Allergies and Medications: If your Scouts have allergies or require medications, please follow the provided procedures to ensure their needs are met during camp hours.

Volunteer Opportunities: Scouting runs on Volunteers. Without volunteers we cannot put on a safe and successful program. Discover how you can contribute to the camp's success by volunteering your time and skills. Various roles are available for parents who wish to be involved.

Contact Information: The 2023 Camp Director is Justin Lewis. Justin can be reached at phcdaycampdirector@gmail.com or via cell at 406-437-4410. The 2023 Program Director is Nicole Grove. Nicole can be reached at nicole.grove@scouting.org

Schedule:

A typical day at camp is outlined, detailing activity times, breaks, and meals. Scouts will engage in various race-themed activities, crafts, games, and challenges. Explore the diverse range of activities your Scouts will enjoy, all inspired by the world of racing. From designing race cars to participating in exciting relay races, these activities provide hands-on learning and excitement.

The Schedule is Subject to Change

DAY 1

8:00 - 9:00 Early Racer check-in

9:00 - 9:35 Gathering Relays

9:45 - 10:00 Opening Ceremony and Flags

10:10 -10:55 Activity 1

Tiger Den: Horse Race Prep

Wolf Den: Balloon Boats and Recycle Regatta

Bear Den: Ultra-marathon Hike

Webelo/AOL Den: Running Race Prep

11:05 - 11:50 Activity 2

Tiger Den: Balloon Boats and Recycle Regatta

Wolf Den: Box Car Race Prep

Bear Den: Shooting Sports

Webelo/AOL Den: Ultra-marathon Hike

12:00 - 12:30 Lunch at Den Garage

12:40 - 1:25 Activity 3

Tiger Den: Ultra-marathon Hike

Wolf Den: Shooting Sports

Bear Den: Bicycle Race Prep

Webelo/AOL Den: RC Race Cars

1:35 - 2:20 Activity 4

Tiger Den: Horse Race Prep

Wolf Den: Ultra-marathon Hike

Bear Den: Marble Racing

Webelo/AOL Den: Shooting Sports

2:30 - 2:40 Flags

2:40 - 3:00 Snack

3:00 - 3:30 Racer pick-up

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DAY 2

9:00 - 9:20 Check-in and Gathering Relays

9:30 - 9:40 Flags

10:50 -10:35 Activity 5

Tiger Den: Shooting Sports

Wolf Den: Hot Air Balloon craft

Bear Den: Racing with Disabilities

Webelo/AOL Den: Lego Derby

10:45 - 11:30 Activity 6

Tiger Den: Hot Air Balloon Craft

Wolf Den: Racing with Disabilities

Bear Den: Lego Derby

Webelo/AOL Den: Shooting Sports

11:45 - 12:15 Lunch at Den Garage

12:25 - 1:10 Activity 7

Tiger: Lego Derby

Wolf: Shooting Sports

Bear: Hot Air Balloon Craft

Webelo/AOL: Racing with Disabilities

1:20 - 2:05 Activity 8

Tiger: Racing with Disabilities

Wolf: Lego Derby

Bear D: Shooting Sports

Webelo/AOL Den: Hot Air Balloon Craft

2:15 - 2:45 Camp Relay Race

Tiger Den: Horse

Wolf Den: Car

Bear Den: Bicycle

Webelo/AOL Den: Running

2:45 - 3:00 Closing ceremony and Flags

3:00 - 3:30 Racer pick-up

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Frequently Asked Questions:

Can siblings come to camp with their Cub Scout? What about other youth?

Camp is restricted to the registered Scouts/Scouters. National standards do not allow siblings or non-registered youths to stay in camp.

What if we arrive early?

Please remain in the parking lot as check-in starts. The staff will not be available until 8:00am.

Can the camp accommodate a person in our unit who has food allergies?

We are not providing meals (except for a piece of fruit at the end of the day). If you or your Scout cannot have fruit, please ensure that you or your Scout has appropriate snack. When you register, please be sure to annotate these specific allergies.

Can adults bring cell phones?

Yes. Please use them away from Scouts. Be aware camp has spotty coverage at best

Can adults bring alcohol to camp?

No. Alcohol is not permitted at any time on any Scout property. Alcohol is not allowed to be in personal vehicles for consumption.

Can we bring our own guns to use at the camp range?

No. National standards do not allow personal weapons of any kind at camp (including archery). Weapons are also not allowed to be stored in vehicles on the property.

What access is available for disabled persons?

All buildings are accessible. All program areas have accessibility. Several of the hiking routes would be challenging.

Can we buy camp shirts before camp?

No. All registered youth campers will receive their camp shirt during on the first day.

What if my Cub Scout or I have a physical limitation?

Since medical forms are not turned in until you arrive, it is important to communicate with the camp director prior to arriving. We would like the opportunity to make any reasonable modifications needed to ensure this for every camper. Please send the Camp Director the information that you feel is important, at phcdaycampdirector@gmail.com.

What if a participant must take medicine throughout the day?

Please be sure to list this on their medical form. All medication should be checked in with the medic. Prescriptions must be in the prescribed container.