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# 2025 Leaders and Parents Guide

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#### **Cub Scout Day Camp**

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## **Veterans Memorial Park**

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## **About Cub Scout Day Camp**

Cub Scout Day Camp in Clarksburg, West Virginia is a summer tradition for many Scouting families that goes back many generations. Located along the banks of the West Fork River, the sprawling Veterans Memorial Park provides the ideal location for Cub Scouts to experience all the adventure and fun that await them at camp.

As a nationally accredited day camp owned and operated by the Mountaineer Area Council, Scouting America, Cub Scout Day Camp is run by National Camp School trained volunteers. Day Camp offers five days of exciting and fun programming in aquatics, BB shooting, archery, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), crafts, Scout skills, personal fitness, and character development without an overnight stay.



The egg drop is a favorite STEM activity

This guide is intended to help families familiarize themselves with many of the services, policies, and facilities at Cub Scout Day Camp. Families should also check out the accompanying supplemental materials related to camp.

## Registration

## **How to Register**

Individual Cub Scouts are able to participate in Day Camp. Begin your registration online at <a href="https://scoutingevent.com/615-ckbdaycamp25">https://scoutingevent.com/615-ckbdaycamp25</a>. A camper's registration is not secured until payment has been received in full.

All youth participants must meet proper age guidelines and be registered in Scouting America. Day Camp is for youth entering the First through Fifth grades the following school year. Those entering First Grade (Tigers) must be accompanied by an Adult Partner during their participation. Participants entering Kindergarten or younger are not eligible to participate.

Not a registered member of Scouting America? Day Camp provides non-registered youth the opportunity to become new members while experiencing the fun of Cub Scouting. Scouts can earn their recruiter patch by inviting non-Scouting friends to register for Day Camp!



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) at Scout Day Camp

## **Camp Fees**

Prices for Cub Scout Day Camp can be found online at <a href="https://scoutingevent.com/615-ckbdaycamp25">https://scoutingevent.com/615-ckbdaycamp25</a>.

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* Early-bird deadline is May 10, 2025
* Late registration starts May 31, 2025
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Camp fees are all-inclusive; there are NO additional fees for any special programs. There are NO additional fees for units from outside the Mountaineer Area Council.

The prices for the 2025 Cub Scout Day Camp are:

Cub Scout Youth			
Early-bird discount	\$85		
Regular price	\$105		
Late registration / Walk-in	\$125		
Non-Cub Scout Youth - Includes a Scouting America membership June 1, 2025 through May 2026			
Early-bird discount	\$170		
Regular price	\$190		
Late Registration / Walk-in	\$210		
Adults, Junior Staff, and Den Chiefs	FREE		

Den Chiefs must be registered in a Scouts BSA unit, at least 13 years old, and be at least First Class rank.

## **Camperships**

Every Scout deserves the opportunity to attend summer camp. Scouts who may need some financial assistance are strongly encouraged to apply for the Mountaineer Area Council's Campership program.

\* Campership applications are due by March 15, 2025.

Visit <a href="https://247scouting.com/forms/615-campership2025">https://247scouting.com/forms/615-campership2025</a> for a copy of the campership application with more information on eligibility requirements and how to apply.

#### **Cancellation and Refund Policies**

Most camp fees are spent prior to the Scouts' arrival in preparing food and program supplies. Refunds may be considered based on certain extenuating circumstances. No refunds will be issued for Scouts who are dismissed early by Day Camp staff or unit leadership. More information about the Mountaineer Area Council refund policy and applications are available at <a href="https://scoutingevent.com/Download/61545082/OR/Refund\_Reguest\_Form.pdf">https://scoutingevent.com/Download/61545082/OR/Refund\_Reguest\_Form.pdf</a>.

## Leadership & Supervision

### **Two-Deep Leadership**

Every camper attending Day Camp will be assigned to, and must at all times, be under the supervision of at least two registered adult leaders ages 21 or older with current Youth Protection Training. A "registered adult" is defined as being registered with Scouting America as a leader attending camp.

#### **Youth Protection**

Everyone participating in Scouting activities must abide by the National Scouting America policies on <u>Youth Protection</u>, including <u>Scouting's Barriers to Abuse</u>. These policies not only protect youth members, but also serve to protect adult leaders.

All adults <u>providing qualified supervision for Scouts in their Unit must:</u>

- \* Be a fees-paid Scouting America registered adult leader with the Unit, including completion of an adult application with a criminal background check and current Youth Protection Training, regardless of whether they are the parent of an attending Scout or not.
- \* Adults outside the Mountaineer Area Council will need to provide verification of current Scouting America registration and Youth Protection Training during check-in. This can be provided via a roster generated in Scoutbook (complete with registration and YPT checkmarks) or a report from your local council in addition to YPT certificates.

All adults and youth share the responsibility for the safety of all participants at camp, including adherence to the <u>Guide to Safe Scouting</u> and day camp policies.

Unit leaders are responsible for monitoring behavior and intervening when necessary. Physical violence, sexual activity, emotional abuse, spiritual abuse, unauthorized weapons, hazing, discrimination, harassment, initiation rites, bullying, cyberbullying, theft, verbal insults, drugs, alcohol, and pornography have no place in the Scouting program and will result in dismissal from camp and revocation of membership in Scouting.

For more information or to take Youth Protection Training, visit https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/

#### No One-on-One Contact

One-on-one contact between an adult and youth is not permitted at any Scouting activities. In situations requiring a personal conference, the meeting is to be conducted with the knowledge and in view of other adults and/or youth.

Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp. Adults may only intrude to the extent that health and safety requires. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.

## **Unit Leaders' Role at Camp**

Unit leaders are responsible for their unit at all times while at camp, including discipline, organization, and oversight of instruction. The Camp Director may refer a Scout's discipline problems to their unit's leadership for resolution. If unit leadership is unwilling or unable to control their Scouts' behavior, the Camp Director may require the Scouts involved to leave camp.

Day Camp staff respects the important role of unit leadership. The goal of camp staff is to provide an environment in which a unit can grow into a better integrated, better prepared and more independent unit, with better trained Scouts, and better trained leaders. The Camp Director should be informed of any problems encountered involving a staff member or another adult leader.

## **Leaders' Meetings**

In the weeks leading up to Day Camp, a leaders' and parents' meeting will take place via Zoom. Additionally, camp leadership is available to discuss any concerns that may arise and additional meetings may be scheduled as needed throughout the week.

### **Camp Staff Meetings**

In the weeks leading up to Day Camp, camp staff meetings will take place both in-person and via Zoom to discuss plans for camp and other important information. There is also a mandatory meeting for all staff on the Sunday before camp at the Osborne Shelter at Veteran's Memorial Park (across from the Amphitheater) that includes important training vital to the camp's success.

#### **Visitors**

Family and friends are welcome to visit Cub Scout Day Camp throughout the week. See the <u>Youth Protection</u> section for more information.

All visitors to camp must first register at the Trading Post and follow the same rules and expectations as participants. Visitors, who provide proof of completing Scouting America's online <u>Youth Protection Training</u>, will be given a wristband which must be worn at all times while in camp for identification. Visitors, without proof of Youth Protection Training, must be escorted by another Youth Protection Trained adult at all times while in camp. Camp terrain varies, so

visitors should wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes. All visitors must check out at the Trading Post before departing camp.

## Youth Leaving and Returning

Parents are encouraged to allow Scouts to remain at camp all day each day to have the complete camp experience.

- No one, including a unit leader or parent, should leave camp with a youth without first having checked out at the Trading Post.
- \* Youth are only allowed to be checked out from camp by an adult authorized on Part A of the Scout's Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record. Youth, under 18, may not check themselves out.

Without this authorization, youth will only be allowed to leave camp with an adult registered for camp from the Scout's unit or with the parent or guardian who signed the Scout's Annual Health and Medical Record. All youth and adult participants returning to camp must first check-in at the Trading Post.



Scouts enjoying some friendly competition at field sports

## **Preparing for Camp**

#### **Annual Health & Medical Record**

A Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) is required for all youth and adults participating at camp. The current Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record can be found online at: <a href="https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/">https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/</a>.

- \* Everyone participating at Cub Scout Day Camp must provide a Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record with parts A and B completed within the past year.
- \* Anyone who does not provide a current and properly completed Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record will not be permitted to participate at Cub Scout Day Camp.

A family physician's form is not a suitable replacement for the information required on the Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record. All information on the document must be completed, including immunization dates, insurance info, necessary signatures, and emergency contact names and contact information.

Families should review their Scouts' Annual Health and Medical Record prior to camp. All Annual Health and Medical Records will be stored securely with the Health Officer during camp. Annual Health and Medical Records will be returned to families upon request during checkout or throughout the week for off-site health care. Any Annual Health and Medical Records not collected will be destroyed and will not be retained for future events.

#### **Medications**

Both prescribed and over-the-counter medications to be used while attending camp must be listed on Part B of the Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record. All medications should be kept in their original container with the medication's name, dose, and dose frequency clearly marked on the container.

Generally, medications may be dispensed by either a responsible unit leader or the Camp Health Officer. All medications in camp should be stored securely to prevent unauthorized use, theft, or attract wildlife.

Medications that require refrigeration, special administration (injections, nebulizers, etc), or are considered a controlled substance must be coordinated with the Camp Health Officer.

If an individual's Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record indicates they must have an inhaler, EpiPen®, or similar medical device, the Camp Health Officer will occasionally confirm

that these required items are in their possession. If the individual or a nearby responsible adult are not in possession of these items, then they must be immediately obtained. Frequent violation of this policy may result in dismissal from camp.

## **Special Dietary Needs and Food Allergies**

Any special dietary needs or food allergies should be listed when registering online for camp. Cub Scout Day Camp staff strive to accommodate any needs with appropriate substitutions, within reason, when notified well in advance of arrival at camp.



Scouts meet special visitors at lunch time

## **Scouting America Swim Test**

All Scouts will have the opportunity to utilize the Splash Zone water park each day. The Scouting America swim test is not required for Cub Scout Day Camp. Lifeguards will be on duty and proper safe swimming guidelines must be adhered to at all times. Swimsuits should be comfortable, functional, and modest. Scouts may swim only with US Coast Guard approved flotation devices, and goggles are permitted. The pool has a limited supply of floats that may be loaned out on a first-come first-served basis.



Scouts cooling off at the Splash Zone

#### What to Pack

Scouts should bring only the necessities for day camp; enough to be comfortable, but not too much that they won't want to carry it around between stations.

#### PACKING LIST:

- Camp uniform t-shirt
- Day pack
- Filled water bottle
- Personal first-aid kit
- Sun protection (sunscreen, hat, sunglasses)
- Snack
- Swim gear (swim suit, towel, swim shoes, floats, goggles)
- Extra socks
- Spending money for Trading Post

#### VALUABLES

Cub Scout Day Camp recommends leaving valuable items at home. Units and individuals are responsible for their own gear at camp.

The Scout uniform is an important part of Scouting. All Scouts are encouraged to wear the Camp Uniform t-shirt ("class B" uniform) each day of camp. Comfortable closed-toed shoes must be worn while participating in activities and hiking around at camp. Flip-flops and open-toed shoes are not proper footwear while at camp and are only permitted at aquatics.

### **Prohibited Items**

The following items are prohibited at Day Camp and may result in dismissal from camp:

- X Personal firearms and ammunition (bows, rifles, shotguns, airsoft, paintball, etc.)
- X Alcoholic beverages
- X Tobacco and vaping products (see policy for more information)
- X Illegal drugs and paraphernalia
- **X** Pornography
- X Drones (except when approved by the Camp Director)
- X Laser pointers
- Fireworks, projectile launching devices (spud gun), and any type of explosives

- X Sheath knives or knives longer than the palm of your hand
- X Off-site firewood or live fishing bait
- X Pets (excluding licensed service animals)
- X Clothing with explicit material, profane language, political statements, hate speech, or age-inappropriate activities (alcohol, tobacco, etc.)

## Camp Check-In

## **Arriving at Camp**

Veterans Memorial Park is located along WV Route 98, Clarksburg, WV 26301. Camp headquarters is the Osborn Shelter, located across from the Clarksburg Amphitheater. Entering this location into a GPS is the easiest method for navigating to camp.

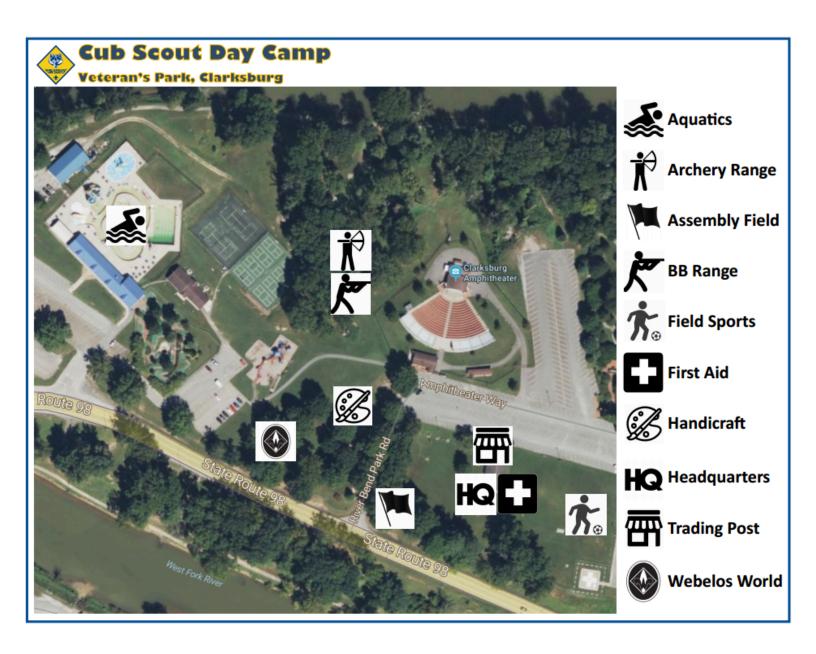
Parking is located in the main parking lot.

- \* Check-in runs each day from 8:00 am to 8:30 am. Please arrive early if possible, as lines can get congested
- \* Parents must park their vehicle and report to the Osborn Shelter with their Scout each morning for check-in
- \* Daily programming begins at 8:30 am.

The first-day check in process:

- Finalize youth and adult counts, attendee names, and review all finances.
- Out of council units must provide proof of <u>Youth Protection Training</u> for all adults and proof of insurance.
- Each Scout will meet individually with the Camp Health Officer to review and turn in their Annual Health and Medical Records.
- The Camp Health Officer will review each individual's medication with them and store medications if necessary.
- Any <u>special dietary needs or food allergies</u> identified during registration will be addressed by camp staff.
- Receive participant name tags. Every individual must wear a participant name tag while in camp for identification purposes.

## **Camp Map**



## Camp Services

## **Drinking Water**

Fresh drinking water is available at camp headquarters and all activity stations across camp. Each participant will be given a refillable water bottle on the first day of camp. Campers are encouraged to write their name and den number on it so that if lost it can be easily recovered.

### **Garbage Removal**

Garbage receptacles are located throughout camp and are maintained by the city of Clarksburg. Should a garbage receptacle need to be emptied, please notify camp staff.

### **Health Lodge**

The Health Lodge, camp's first aid facility, is located in Camp Headquarters at the Osborn Shelter. It is staffed by certified medical personnel during day camp hours who are responsible for the well-being of all campers and staff. The Health Lodge should be the first stop for any accidents, injuries, or sickness. If no one is available at the Health Lodge, use the radio on the front porch or proceed next door to the Dining Hall to seek assistance.

#### **Bathrooms**

Separate facilities are marked for youth, adult, male, female, and staff. Units are responsible for the cleanliness of their campsite's latrine during the week. In order to keep the shower houses clean and neat, Units are asked to volunteer during check-in for a shift to help clean these facilities at least once during their stay at camp.

### **Trading Post**

Day Camp operates a fully stocked Trading Post with snacks, drinks, souvenirs, and program items anyone may need during a week at camp. Various t-shirts and hats are also available.

The average camper spends \$50 at the Trading Post while at camp. Items sold in the Trading Post are subject to applicable sales tax.

## Camplife

#### **Lost & Found**

Lost and found articles can be turned in at, or picked up from, Camp Headquarters during day camp hours. Any items not claimed after the conclusion of camp will be donated or destroyed. The camp is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

### **Technology**

Scouts are encouraged to appropriately document and share their experiences while at camp. Technology should always be used during appropriate times and not distract from program participation. Unit leaders may impose additional restrictions and should review appropriate technology use with their unit.

Cell phone service is reliable throughout camp. For convenience, electrical outlets are available at most program areas. Scouts are encouraged to write their name on their charging devices.

Cell phones and cameras are not to be used in or around restrooms or aquatics changing areas. Violation of this may result in confiscation of the device and dismissal from camp.

## **Camp Policies**

### **Buddy System**

The buddy system must be used at all times; Scouts should never travel alone in camp. Scouts should pair with other Scouts of similar abilities, ages and maturity. Scouts should not be forced into or made to feel uncomfortable by a buddy assignment. Buddy pairs must be single gender. A buddy team may consist of three Scouts when necessary, like an odd number in a group.

#### **Outdoor Ethics**

All youth and adults should follow the <u>Outdoor Code</u> and <u>Leave No Trace Seven Principles</u> while in camp. Do not cut or remove live trees and shrubs without permission from camp staff. Keep to trails and roads when traveling around camp. Do not litter; dispose of all trash and waste in a proper <u>garbage receptacle</u>.

### **Tobacco and Vaping Products**

Day Camp is tobacco and smoke free. In accordance with West Virginia law, no youth participants may use tobacco products of any kind. In accordance with the <u>Guide to Safe Scouting</u>, use of tobacco products and smoking are not allowed at any Scouting America activity involving youth participants. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking. The only permitted smoking area for adult leaders is the parking lot out of sight from youth. Any youth or adults found in violation of this policy may be dismissed from camp.

#### Wildlife Encounters

Many types of wildlife, such as deer, skunks, raccoons, and ducks, call the Veterans Memorial Park home. Please do not feed or disturb any of these animals in their natural habitat.

Participants planning on bringing food or medications should store them securely in airtight sealed containers. If you see an animal behaving strangely, keep your distance and report it to staff immediately.

## **Emergency Procedures**

### **Unfavorable Weather**

Unfavorable weather can sometimes have an unintended impact on camp programs and activities. In particular, Aquatics must delay or cancel operations when thunder and lightning is detected near the vicinity of camp. Decisions that may impact the program are at the discretion of camps staff in the best interest of Scouts' safety.

#### **Severe Weather**

In the case of severe storms, high winds, or other serious weather conditions, the camp emergency siren will sound and staff will instruct everyone to seek shelter in the nearest permanent structure. Unit leaders should be aware of any weather that may pose a risk to the safety of their Scouts and are encouraged to move their Scouts to a safe area rather than first waiting for a decision from staff.

After the threat of severe weather has passed, staff will communicate additional instructions and confirm that every participant is accounted for. Once all participants have been accounted for, staff will communicate a final "all clear" notification for everyone to resume normal operations.

### **Lost Camper**

Report all missing persons to staff immediately. Be prepared with a description, unit information, and last known location.

### Other Emergencies

Depending upon the nature of the emergency, camp staff will communicate necessary information, based on the nature of the threat. During check-in, camp staff will review the Camp Emergency Siren and related procedures.