

Family Scouting Outing Reference Guide

August 9-11, 2024

Bear Paw Scout Camp

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1. Overview

The Family Scouting Outing is a weekend event for the whole family. It is your opportunity to visit the property and camp with the family. The event is set up similar to a state park campground. There will be some activities throughout camp for you to enjoy. You are also welcome to explore camp on your own or the greater Mountain area. Tents, campers, trailers and small motorhomes will be allowed for the event.

2. Registration

Registration for the weekend is \$45. This will include a spot in one of the campsites and all the activities for the weekend. Meals are not included in the registration fee. Check in starts at 12:00 pm on Friday. Not all of the sites are able to accommodate larger campers. We also have the ability to host group sites. If you would like to stay in the same site as friends you may request that. We will do our best to make this happen. At registration we will need to collect Health Forms parts A and B. You will also be given a schedule and a map for the weekend when you check in.

3. Health and Safety

Our goal is to have fun this weekend, but also be safe. Please review the following items to keep everyone safe during this fun weekend at Bear Paw.

- Safety is very important to everyone in Scouting.
- **This is a DRUG and ALCOHOL free weekend.**
- Bring your Health Forms [parts A and B](#) with you. **We will be collecting health forms when you arrive and keeping them.** There will be a health officer on site to help with any first aid needs.
- Leave all fireworks at home.
- We ask that you do not use liquid fuel equipment (white gas, kerosene, gasoline). Propane and butane are acceptable.
- There are no chainsaws allowed in camp.
- Do not leave any fires unattended.
- We recommend that everyone wears closed toed shoes while in camp.
- Pets are not allowed in camp.

4. Camping

- Families bringing tents are allowed to have two sleeping tents per family. Canopies or screen tents are allowed in addition to the sleeping tents. Please provide your own tarps or canopies if you would like them.
- Bear Paw has a limited number of picnic tables. We will have at least one table per campsite for everyone to share.
- There is one large fire pit in each campsite that is communal. If you wish to have your own campfire at your site, you must bring an above ground/mobile campfire ring.
- Cooking in your sites - while we recommend cooking over the campfire, that isn't always possible. When that is the case, we ask that you don't use liquid fuel equipment (white gas, kerosene, gasoline). Propane and butane are acceptable.
- There is no electricity available in the campsite. Generators are allowed from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm.
- Vehicles won't be allowed to come and go from the campsites on Saturday during program times. If you think you would like to explore the area away from camp, please move your vehicle to Big Bear parking lot prior to the beginning of Saturday programming.
- Getting around camp - hayrides, bicycles and your own two feet. Vehicles need remain parked in designated campsite parking for the duration of the event. We would like everyone to be safe and have no traffic on inner camp roads on Saturday.
- There are a lot of critters at Bear Paw. We recommend that you do not leave food in your campsite when not in the site or overnight. Please put your food inside your vehicle/camper during those times for safety.
- We ask that once you have unloaded your vehicle that you park it in a designated parking area. If you would like to leave the property during the weekend we ask you to park in the large camp parking lot by the entrance of camp.
- Firewood - much like state parks, you are not allowed to bring firewood from outside of camp. There is a lot of firewood around your campsite, but please do not cut any live/standing trees or shrubs down. Feel free to use wood that is on the ground around your campsite. Thank you for helping us slow the spread of Emerald Ash Borer. (Wisconsin law prohibits moving firewood to/from Oconto County)
- Please do not leave your saws or hatchets out unattended. Remember, safety first.

5. Amenities

- *Trading Post* - the BPSC Trading Post will be open during the event for your refreshments (slushi, soda, cold refreshments, ice cream, candy, etc.) and souvenir needs. There will also be firewood and ice available for purchase.
- *Campsite Hosts* - throughout Camp we will have a Bear Paw alumni as campsite host to answer your questions.
- *Shower houses* - there is a shower house located on each side of camp. Please bring your own toiletries and towels.
- *Bathrooms* - each campsite has pit toilets located in it with a wash station and potable drinking water.
- *Firepits* - each campsite has one communal fire pit. If you wish to have your own campfire at your site, you must bring an above ground/mobile campfire ring. Firewood is available for purchase at the Trading Post. (Outside firewood is not allowed)
- *Dumpsters* - Recycling and Trash dumpsters are located behind the Dining Hall. Please recycle and do not burn trash.
- *Electricity* - electricity is not available in the campsite.
 - Generators are allowed from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
- *Water* - every campsite has one water spigot in it for communal use.
- *Dump station* - Bear Paw does not have a dump station on site. However, there is one camp at [Chute Pond County Park](#), 12436 Chute Dam Ln, Mountain, WI 54149

6. Activities

- **Scheduled Activities**
 - Morning
 - Waterfront activities - open boating
 - Family Games (three legged races, stretcher race, potato sack race, water balloon toss)
 - Shooting Sports - Archery
 - Handy craft activity
 - Afternoon
 - Waterfront activities - swimming
 - Shooting Sports - BB guns
 - Handy craft activity
- **Open Activities**
 - Bicycling - ride your own bike around camp (mountain biking tire or fat tire)
 - Gaga ball
 - 9 square
 - Human foosball
 - Super-sized board games
 - Frisbee golf (bring your own frisbees)
 - Hiking around camp
- **Special Activities**
 - Hayrides
 - Movie on Saturday evening

Rules:

- **Swimming Area**
 - If you have a buddy tag from within the last year, please bring it with you. If you don't, you can retake your swim test at Bear Paw for the weekend.
 - No swimming in the lake outside of the designated times.
- **Bicycling**
 - Must always wear a helmet.
 - Each bicycle is permitted to have a maximum of one rider.
 - Bikes must ride on the right-hand side of the road and announce when passing someone else on a bike or walking.
 - Stay on camp roads.
 - Travel at safe speeds for your surroundings.
- **Boating**
 - Please leave your boats at home, Bear Paw has many watercraft to choose from for the weekend.

7. Schedule

Friday, August 12

- 12:00 pm - Check-in opens
- 1:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Open activities
- Set up and settle in
- 10:00 pm - Lights out in the campsites

Saturday, August 13

- 8:00 am to 8:30 pm - Open activities available
- 9:00 am - Scheduled morning activities begin
- 9:00 am - Schedule all day activities open
- 12:00 pm - Lunch break
- 1:30 pm - Scheduled afternoon activities begin
- 4:30 pm - Scheduled activities close
- 5:00 pm - Dinner break
- Dusk - Movie on waterfront hill

Sunday, August 14

- 8:00 am to 12:00 pm - Open activities available
- 8:00 am - Check-out begins
- 1:00 pm - Check-out closes (all participants have left camp)

8. Departure

- Clean up - please leave the campsite as you found it.
- Remove all trash and return all unused firewood back to where it was found. (Wisconsin law prohibits moving firewood from Oconto County.)
- Check out with the campsite host for your area.
- Please remember to take your kids with you.

9. Map

