

LAKE OF THE OZARKS SCOUT RESERVATION

2024 SCOUTS BSA SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM GUIDE



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
GREAT RIVERS COUNCIL



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation is to provide the best opportunity for Cub Scout Packs, Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews, and Explorer Posts to have fun, learn skills, and practice Scouting programs.

The mission of our Rangers, Commissioned Staff, and Camp Staff is **total commitment** to serving Scouts and Adult Leaders to the best of our abilities. We do this to allow our Scouts and Leaders the best opportunity to grow in the values of Scouting. In pursuit of this mission, we pledge to incorporate the values of Scouting into every activity at the Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation. Scouting changes lives. **Our goal is to CHANGE LIVES!**

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ADVANCEMENT PHILOSOPHY

We are excited to offer over 80 unique merit badges and non-merit badge programs at Summer Camp!

Camp is a great place to earn multiple Merit Badges, especially badges that are difficult to earn – like shooting sports, climbing, swimming, watersports, metalworking, and many others. Scouts should select merit badges that they find interesting. Leaders should be able to answer Scout's questions about the requirements to help them in the decision process. The leader may also recommend or steer the Scout to work on some Eagle Required merit badges.

However, summer camp is more than just merit badges. For an entire week, Scouts will get to enjoy a one-of-a-kind experience only available at the Lake of the Ozarks. Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in activities including jetskis, water skiing, paddleboarding, and more. Scouts may wish to participate in a troop or patrol activity, go on a free swim, or simply relax at the campsite. We strongly believe that it is important that Scouts keep a healthy balance of activities during the week. Lord Baden-Powell once said that "Scouting is a game with a purpose." We strive to make summer camp the most FUN experience for Scouts.

PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

These recommendations are based on the Scout's age, level of experience, the general difficulty of the subject matter, and potential safety concerns with regard to attentiveness and/or ability. Some classes do have a required age minimum. If there is a listed age minimum, a Scout wishing to participate, must meet the age requirement. There are no exceptions. Below are a few suggested programs for Scouts:

- **Year 1:** Brownsea (first year camper program), First Aid MB, Instructional Swimming, Basketry MB, Swimming MB, Free Swim, Patrol Shoot, and other Troop and Patrol activities.
- **Year 2:** Swimming (if not completed in the first year), Canoeing MB, Archery MB, Camping MB, First Aid MB, Rifle Shooting MB, Woodcarving MB.
- **Year 3:** Climbing MB, Lifesaving MB, Rowing MB, Environmental Science MB, Metalworking MB, Orienteering MB, Pioneering MB, and Shotgun Shooting MB.
- **Year 4:** Invention Scouts Startup Program, Lifesaving MB, BSA Lifeguard, Pistol, Water Sports MB, Motorboating MB, Small-Boat Sailing MB, Personal Watercraft, Counselor-in-Training.
- **Year 5+:** COPE, Pistol, Invention Scouts Startup Program, BSA Lifeguard, Personal Watercraft, Motorboating MB, Small-Boat Sailing MB, Counselor in Training, Camp Staff.

MERIT BADGES

Your ultimate guide



Below is summary of all merit badges taught at camp. Badges that are listed in the same bullet point separated by a “/” are clustered together into one course. Activities and merit badges which have “\$” next to it indicates there is an additional fee. More info about pre-requisites and block scheduling can be found via the course catalog and block schedule.

“Merit badges offered are subject to change

- Animation
- Landscape Architecture/Architecture
- Archery
- Astronomy/Space Exploration
- Automotive Maintenance
- Archaeology/Exploration
- Aviation \$
- Basketry/Leatherwork
- Bird Study
- Camping
- Canoeing
- Chemistry
- Chess
- Climbing
- Composite Materials/Pulp & Paper/Textiles
- Digital Technology
- Electricity/Electronics
- Emergency Preparedness
- Environmental Science
- Farm Mechanics
- First Aid
- Fish and Wildlife Management/Soil & Water Conservation
- Fishing
- Fly Fishing
- Forestry
- Geology/Mining in Society
- Horsemanship \$
- Kayaking/BSA Stand-Up Paddleboarding
- Lifesaving
- Mammal Study/Nature
- Metalwork
- Model Design & Building
- Motorboating \$
- Moviemaking/Photography
- Oceanography
- Orienteering
- Pioneering
- Plant Science
- Plumbing
- Pottery/Sculpture/Art
- Programming
- Radio
- Rifle Shooting
- Rowing
- Scouting Heritage
- Shotgun Shooting
- Signs, Signals, & Codes
- Small-Boat Sailing
- Swimming
- Water Sports \$
- Welding
- Wilderness Survival
- Woodcarving
- Woodwork

\$ Additional fee

NON-MERIT BADGE PROGRAMS

Your ultimate guide

SCOUTING IS FUN!

Non-merit badge program opportunities are available for every Scout in camp whether a first-year or veteran camper. Special activities are available to experienced campers to use their skills and keep them challenged. For beginner campers, the emphasis is placed on activities to assist them in completing early advancement requirements and the development of their basic camping skills. Below you can find a list of all non-merit badge program opportunities.

- **Advanced/Adult Blacksmithing** \$ – advanced blacksmithing program for 14+ youth who have already earned the Metalworking MB and Adults
- **Brownsea (first year camper program)** – 1st Year Camper program with an emphasis on the first 3 ranks in Scouting as well as basic Scouting and camping skills i.e. knot-tying, campsite setup, etc.
- **BSA Lifeguard** – official course to become a certified BSA Lifeguard. For youth 15+.
- **COPE** – (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) starts with initiative games, and continues with low and high course activities. Participants will climb, swing, balance, jump, rappel, and learn to develop solutions to a variety of situations. For youth 14+.
- **Invention Scouts Startup (youth) & Ranger (adult) Programs** \$ – In this program, Scouts and Adults will learn how to use cutting-edge technology such as 3D printers, laser-engravers, CNC routers, Vaquforms, and more. For youth 14+ and adults.
- **Jet Ski** \$ – a fast, fun-filled program where scouts get to experience the Lake of the Ozarks while piloting a Jet Ski. For youth 14+ and must have a valid Boater's License.
- **OA Summer Camp Service Corps** \$ – special program for OA members only, to help work on projects at camp.
- **Pistol** – for youth 14+
- **Scuba BSA/Snorkeling BSA** \$ – Scuba BSA introduces Scouts to the special skills, equipment, and safety precautions associated with scuba diving and provides a foundation for those who later will participate in the more advanced underwater activity.

\$ Additional fee

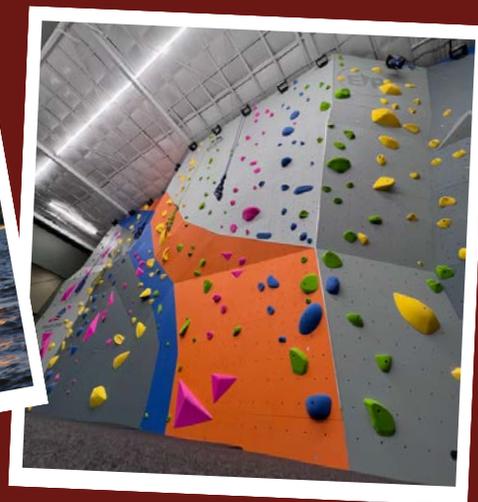
INDIVIDUAL & TROOP ACTIVITIES

Your ultimate guide

SCOUTING IS FUN!

At camp, we also have many opportunities for individual Scouts and troops to participate in during the week. Activities for individuals and troops to participate will be reserved via a lottery system when you arrive at camp. Information about this process and all additional camp activities will be provided to you at check-in and during the leader's meetings at camp.

- Open Aquatics and free swims at the lake
- Feger's Flight (zipline)
- Fishing
- Gaga Ball
- Camp-wide Chess Tournament
- Chess near the Trading Post
- Troop Archery Shooting
- Troop Rifle Shooting
- Troop Climbs
- Troop Free Swims
- Troop Boating (Out-and-About)
- Water Polo



CAMP HOHN Spirit Days!

Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Fridays
		
Wear your coolest tie dye on Tuesdays!	On Wednesdays wear the most 'vintage' scout shirt you have!	Fridays are for Hawaiian Shirts! Wear the best one you have!

PROGRAM AREA:

AQUATICS LAKEFRONT



The aquatics area is our most popular program area. Our aquatics program is split between our lakefront and pool. Scouts participating in aquatics will be able to access 1.5 miles of shoreline right off the lake of the ozarks and a state-of-the-art swimming pool

LAKEFRONT

- Jet Ski
- Kayaking BSA
- Kayaking MB/Stand Up Paddleboard
- Motorboating MB
- Rowing MB
- Small-Boat Sailing MB
- Water Sports MB
- Canoeing MB
- Swimming MB
- Mile Swim
- Lifesaving MB
- BSA Lifeguard
- Fishing MB
- Fly Fishing MB



PROGRAM AREA:

AQUATICS POOL



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POOL

- Instructional Swim
- Swimming MB
- Scuba/Snorkeling
- Lifesaving MB
- BSA Lifeguard



PROGRAM AREA:

INVENTION LAB



Our Invention Lab and Program Building is our fastest-growing area. We are proud to be the only camp in the BSA that has the Sinquefield Invention Campus. Our invention campus consists of our Metalworking Building, Invention Lab, Skills & Trades Lab, and Program/Woodworking building. This area focuses on creativity and workforce development.

INVENTION LAB

- Astronomy MB/Space Exploration MB
- Chess MB
- Digital Technology MB
- Invention Scouts Ranger Program (Adult)
- Invention Scouts Start Up Program (14+)
- Photography MB/Moviemaking MB
- Programming MB
- Radio MB



WOODWORKING

- Sculpture MB/Pottery MB/Art MB
- Model Design and Building MB
- Woodcarving MB
- Woodwork MB



PROGRAM AREA:

SKILLS/TRADES



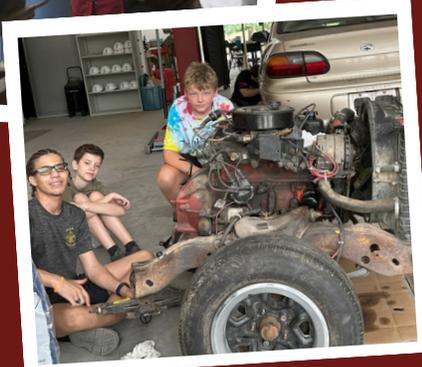
Our skills trades area is our newest program area. We are proud to be the only camp in the BSA that has the Sinquefield Invention campus. Our skills and trades consist of plumbing, electricity, sheet metal, and painting. This area focuses on creativity and workforce development.

METALWORKING

- Metalwork MB
- Welding MB
- Adult/Advanced Blacksmithing

SKILLS & TRADES

- Automotive Maintenance MB
- Electricity MB/Electronics MB
- Farm Mechanics
- Plumbing MB



PROGRAM AREA: SHOOTING SPORTS



We are excited to offer all bsa shooting sports programs, from shotgun shooting to pistols and more! Checkout our shooting sports activities below:

SHOOTING SPORTS

- Archery MB
- Pistol (14+)
- Rifle MB
- Shotgun Shooting MB



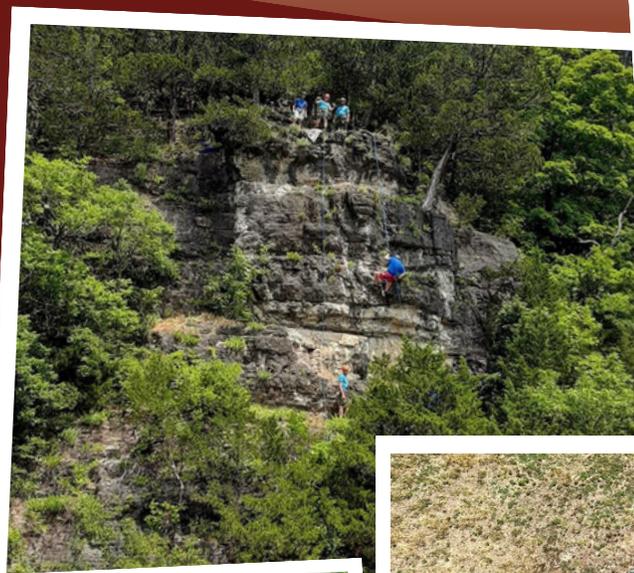
PROGRAM AREA:

COPE & CLIMBING

We offer an exciting COPE & Climbing Program. Through COPE & Climbing, Scouts BSA will learn how to conquer their fears and overcome challenges.

COPE & CLIMBING

- Climbing MB
- C.O.P.E.
- Tower Climbing
- Blufftop Climbing
- Feger's Flight (Zipline)



PROGRAM AREA:

ORDER OF THE ARROW



The Order of the Arrow plays a vital role in the Scouting program, fostering year-round camping and contributing to both scouting and the community through service.

At summer camp, the OA offers a chance for troops to conduct their annual elections. Various activities such as OA swims, cookouts, group service projects, and more are planned. Don't forget to extend invitations to friends and family for our weekly callout ceremony, held every Thursday during each session.

If you're an OA Member, remember to sign the roll book during check-in and volunteer for these events. Utilize these service opportunities to showcase the benefits, camaraderie, and fun of being part of OA to your unit, especially to the younger Scouts.

Further details will be provided by the OA Coordinator during check-in.



ADULT LEADER OPPORTUNITIES



JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER CAMP COMMISSIONER CORP!

Throughout the summer season, a dedicated team of Volunteer Camp Commissioners (VCCs) will collaborate with the staff to ensure that packs and troops enjoy a successful camp experience.

These commissioners will closely partner with the camp staff, performing tasks such as daily inspections of troop campsites and facilitating Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. Additionally, they may take on various unit-service and program support responsibilities, such as aiding in leader training, offering instructional support to Program staff, or assisting with off-site excursions.

Members of the Volunteer Camp Commissioner Corps can attend camp at no cost. If you're interested, submit a volunteer commissioner corp application during registration. The number of VCCs required will vary from session to session and is determined by the overall number of scouts attending camp.



WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR..



SUMMER CAMP STAFF

APPLY
NOW



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Are you tired of doing the same old routine? Being a part of the Camp Staff isn't just another summer job. We work with youth from Scouts of all ages to not just teach outdoor skills and merit badges, but to change lives. Plus, you get to make lifelong friends, spend the summer in the great outdoors, have an experience that will set you apart from others in future jobs, and have a ton of FUN! Camp Staff offers positions for everyone such as shooting sports, climbing, lifeguards, blacksmithing, and more.

Staff members must be at least 15 years old by June 1st. Many positions require 18+ or 21+ directors, so you're never too old to be on Camp Staff! Compensation includes housing, meals, salary and training.

Questions? Please contact either the Great Rivers Council 573-449-2561 or Dennis Kerns – dennis.kerns@scouting.org.

CONTACT INFO
REGISTRATION
3D CAMP TOUR



CONTACT US!

Need more information? Have questions?
Contact us at the information to the right.
We are happy to answer any questions.

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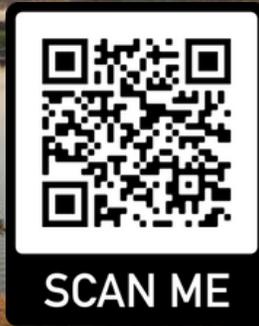
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