



# **GREAT RIVERS COUNCIL**

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**Family Adventure Camp**

**Parents' Guidebook**

**Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation**



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## Welcome to Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation

The summer of 2024 is a special year for us at the Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation as we conduct our 59<sup>th</sup> year of Scout camping at Camp Hohn! Thousands of Scouts and leaders have joined us for a week of Scouting adventure over the last 58 years, and this year, we are taking things to an even higher level of camping and outdoor fun, just for you and your unit!

The highlight of the Scouting year for every young person in our program is summer camp. Scouts from all over the council, and also beyond our council borders, will converge at the Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation looking for a fun-filled, week-long program. Our staff has been preparing for a fantastic summer program for all the Scouts to enjoy. Additionally, we have made many significant improvements to our camp, including the introduction of our new Welcome Center/Medical Lodge and Aquatics Center with a pool in 2015, unlike any you will find anywhere else! Our Sinquefeld Invention Lab also continues to grow and will play a major part in our 2024 camping program. Several new and exciting programs are also being introduced in 2024, and several existing programs are being revamped and improved!



To help ensure you and your Scouts are prepared for all we have to offer, we have prepared this in-depth guide with information on everything you need to know for your Scouts BSA camping experience in 2024. Please take the time to prepare yourself for your adventure at camp by reading this guide from cover to cover, absorbing all the information in it, and passing it along to your other leaders, parents, and your Scouts. We feel that this year's program will be our best and most energetic program ever. For more information and forms please visit our camp website at [www.lakeoftheozarksscoutreservation.org](http://www.lakeoftheozarksscoutreservation.org).

Scout camp is where memories are made, and lifelong friendships are forged. In 2024, we are going to be doing just that, building lifelong memories for our campers all summer long! Make your plans now to get your unit signed up for this exciting adventure.

Take time before camp to determine what your troop's program needs are and communicate that information to us before you arrive. This will allow us to assist you in meeting your goals. If you have any questions, special needs, or just want to talk about your week in camp, feel free to contact us. We will be happy to work with your troop in any way we can. We look forward to seeing you at camp.

Yours in Scouting,

Dennis Kerns  
Camp Director

Malachi Diehl  
Program Director

## Camp Refund Policy

Before the May 1 Camper Savings Day, all fees, less the \$25 camper deposit, are refundable and transferable. Please check your Scouts' prior commitments to summer sports and family vacations before May 1. After the May 1 Camper Savings Day, the following policy applies:

Refund requests **MUST** be submitted in writing to the Camp Director before departing from camp. A unit leader or Scout may request a refund of the fees under the following conditions **ONLY**:

- Illness or serious accident of Scout prevents their attendance at camp.
- Family illness or emergency prevents the Scout's attendance at camp.

Camper fees are not transferable between scouts or leaders.

Refund requests for a Scout or leader who changes their mind about attending or decides to not attend for any reason other than those listed above, **WILL NOT BE** considered.

If the refund request is granted, the \$25 reservation deposit and an additional 25% camp readiness fee will be withheld; however, if your unit wants your refundable fees transferred to your unit Scout Shop account, the non-refundable readiness fee will be reduced to 15% (available for GRC units only). Scouts leaving camp early will not be eligible for partial refunds. Refund requests submitted after leaving camp will not be honored. Fees for merit badge classes or programs are **NON-REFUNDABLE** or transferable!

Website: [www.lakeoftheozarksscoutreservation.org](http://www.lakeoftheozarksscoutreservation.org) Email: [greatdrivers.lotosr@scouting.org](mailto:greatdrivers.lotosr@scouting.org)

We also have a Facebook page dedicated to the Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation – Li

### **CAMP FEES**

**\$90.00 per Scout if paid in full by May 1 (\$110.00 if paid after May 1)**

**\$80.00 per adult**

## Planning for Your Arrival at Camp

### Check-in Procedures

Early check-in will start at 9:00 am. To 11:30am.

Upon your arrival, please follow these steps:

1. Stop at the Welcome Center to confirm your campsite prior to entering.
2. Park vehicles in the parking lot at the Fisher and Welcome Center lots or other areas as directed.
3. Meet your site host at your campsite at 9:00 am. Your staff site host will assist you through the check-in process. Remember they are there to help you!
4. At 9:00 AM, After checking with the Welcome Center on which camp site you will be camping in. At your camp site you will begin your check-in. Please have your Family med forms at your campsite for med-checks.
  - a. Complete Family roster of all campers and adults including names of adults staying with unit full-time and part-time. This info should have been collected during your online registration process; however, it is important to bring a copy to camp for cross-referencing.
  - b. The statement of fees paid that you received from the council service center, and balance of fees, if any due. ALL Camper fees and extra program fees MUST be paid at this time.
  - c. Pre-Camp Swim Checks – Remember that units have the option of conducting their swim tests before camp following our Swim Classification Procedure described later in this guide. The form to complete and bring to camp can be found here.
5. You and your family will work to set up camp.
6. Your family will then complete medical rechecks and medicine check-in at your campsite with a designated camp staff member. During this process, the designated staff member will review every participant's Annual BSA Health Form (located in the Important Forms section of this guidebook) and ask a few basic questions. Also, during this time, your family site host will put together buddy tags for your unit swim test.
7. After medical rechecks have been completed, your unit will then quickly get ready for their swim tests down at the Pool. After some welcome info from the Aquatics Director, your unit will complete the Annual BSA Swim Test. For more information about the swim test, see the section below discussing the Swim Test.
8. Once your family has completed their Swim Test, they will return to their campsite to finalize camp set-up until the camp welcome meal served at Show & Do.

### **Check-out Procedures**

On Sunday morning, your family will depart our camp after you complete the check-out process. Below is a basic rundown of the process. A more detailed explanation of the process will be provided to you when you check-in to camp.

- The entrance gate to camp will be opened at 7:00 AM so that family can move cars in/out of camp for loading of family gear with site host help.
- Continental breakfast will be delivered to Show and Do Shelter at 7:30 AM. Your family will be able to swing by and grab breakfast any time after it has been delivered.
- Your campsite host will meet you in your campsite at the time you coordinate with them, so that they can assist you in campsite teardown.
- Once your family has packed up and is ready to go, the Camp Commissioner will swing by to provide your campsite check-out inspection.
- After your family campsite has been cleared for check-out, your unit will travel to the welcome center for the final step of the check-out process.
- Starting no earlier than 7:00 AM\*, Your family will then enter the welcome center to collect your family check-out packet and settle any remaining camp balances due.

\*If your family needs to check-out of camp at a time earlier than 7:00 AM, you will need to coordinate this with the Camp Director.

### **Medical Rechecks**

During the check-in process, your family will complete a medical recheck. During this process a designated staff medical recheck will review your family BSA Health Physical. To prevent any hiccups during this process, please ensure that the unit comes to camp with copies of the BSA Health Physical form – with Parts A, B, completed. Please also pay particular attention to the following form items:

- Date of last tetanus shot.
- Any current ailments and/or prescriptions
- Any allergies/dietary restrictions
- Ensure that this form has been signed by the parents/guardians of all participants under the age of 18.

Medical examinations are not provided at the Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation. If a Scout OR leader does not bring his medical examination form, or if his medical examination form does not have a current parent signature, the Scout OR leader will not be permitted to remain at camp for longer than a total of 72 hours. There are no exceptions to this policy. Leaders are encouraged to develop a mechanism to ensure that no Scout arrives at camp without their needed form, along with adequate parent/guardian signatures. You can find a copy of the BSA Health Form [here](#).



## **Swim Tests**

During the check-in process, your family will complete a swim test based upon their skill level. Below is a description of each of the swim qualification test. Please note that these tests can be completed by the family before they arrive at camp. If your family chooses to complete the checks before camp, ensure that all BSA standards are met during the process, and that the Pre-Camp Swim Test form (found [here](#)), is filled out when scouts complete this process.

### **Swimmer**

Jump feet first into water over your head and surface. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl. Swim 25 yards on your back, using an easy, resting stroke. Rest by floating (or, if not buoyant, with just enough motion to stay afloat).

### **Beginner**

Jump feet first into water over your head, come the surface, level off, swim 25 feet, turn sharply, and come back to the starting point.

### **Learner**

Participants have the option to opt-out of the test and stay dry or get wet and only wade into the learner's section. Anyone who opted out of the test or was unable to complete either of the two swimming tests above will be classified as a Learner.

## **Contacting Camp**

The best way to contact the Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation when camp is not in session is via email at [greatrivers.lotosr@scouting.org](mailto:greatrivers.lotosr@scouting.org). We can answer any of your pre-camp questions related to program, sign-ups, facilities, and any other questions or concerns you or your Pack may have. Below are additional contacts for camp questions:

Parents often ask where their child will be and how they can reach them... and rightfully so! Please encourage parents to write, but not to call unless it is an emergency. The main telephone in camp is for camp business and emergencies ONLY.

### **U. S. Mail Service**

Outgoing mail is picked up daily from the reservation office in the Welcome Center. Please address all incoming mail as follows to assure that it is delivered to your Scout promptly.

Scouts Name and Troop #

Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation 525 Camp Hohn Drive

Gravois Mills, MO 65037

## Telephone

The camp telephone is (573) 374-5761 and it is used for camp business and emergencies only. Telephone messages should be limited to emergencies only.

## Important Contacts

### Camp Director – Dennis Kerns

- Phone: (660) 221-0443
- Email: dennis.kerns@scouting.org

### Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation Welcome Center

- Phone: (573) 374-5761
- Email: greatrivers.lotosr@scouting.org

### GRC Program Specialist – Melissa Cobb

- Phone: (573) 449-2561 Ext. 201
- Email: Melissa.Cobb@scouting.org

## Camp Schedule

Below is the current tentative schedule for Family Camp. During the registration process, you will select what activity you would like to participate in for each block of program.

Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
		8:00	Breakfast	8:00	Breakfast
		8:55	Flags @ Fischer	9:00	Check-out
		9:00-11:45	Activity Blocks		
Noon	Lunch	Noon	Lunch		
1:30-5:00	Check-in and Swim Testing	1:30-4:15	Block 7		
		4:30	Meet at Fingland Shelter		
		4:30-5:15	Cooking Block @ Johnson Shelter		
		5:30	Dinner		
5:45	Flags @ Fischer	6:00	Flags @ Fischer		
6:00	Dinner	7:30	Evening Activity		
7:30	Smores and Field Games				

## **Activity Descriptions**

We're very excited to provide your family with a lot of fun activities while you're at camp. In the section below, you will find descriptions of each activity available for your family, and you will find a list of what activity blocks the activity will be running.

### **Swimming**

Scouts and their families get to experience a summertime classic. With this activity, families get to spend some time enjoying our pool area. This area includes three different swimming areas and a basketball hoop where everyone can have fun in their own way!

### **Archery**

Archery is an activity where you and your family take aim and try to get the best score! Compete with your family members and see who has the skills to surpass the rest.

### **Slingshots**

When taking the slingshot activity, you will have the challenge to knock over different types of targets. Work as a team or compete with your family to see who has the best shot!

### **BBs**

Using a BB gun is a skill all scouts should learn. In this activity, both scouts and adults will be trained and have the opportunity to operate a BB gun. Use those skills to see who is the best shot out of your family!

### **Pellets**

Use of a pellet gun is for the older scouts. You will be trained to use and operate a Pellet gun properly. See who in your family is the best shot. (Webelos, Arrow of Light Scouts, and Adults Only)

### **Cooking**

With this activity, you will get to learn how to make an outdoor snack where you will prepare, cook, and enjoy! This will definitely be the most delicious activity at camp.

### **Craft**

It's time to get creative! With your family, you will be assembling and designing an object that you will be able to take back home and show your friends!

### **Invention Lab Experience**

It's time to work as a team! With your family, you will get to see what the Sinquefield Invention Lab is capable of as you complete a task to solve a problem! This is the best way to see how your family can handle a situation.

### **Nature Hike**

Camping is all about experiencing the outdoors. In this activity, you will be taking an adventure out in the woods and will learn about the different animals and trees that live there.

### **Climbing/Bouldering**

In this activity, you will learn how to climb safely and effectively. We will also have team building games and activities to see what your family can do! Bouldering and our team building activities will be offered to both youth and adults. We will offer our climbing tower to adults at this time as well!

### **Special Needs**

- At camp we recognize that no two participants are alike, and that some individuals need special accommodations to be made for them. We like to practice Rigid Flexibility at our camp, where we work our hardest to accommodate your family needs while continuing to provide a quality, structured program all participants can enjoy. If your family has any need of special accommodations or have any questions about our accommodation abilities, don't hesitate to reach out to any of the individuals listed at the top of this page.
- The most common accommodation is for dietary restrictions. Please be sure to indicate if participants in your family have dietary restrictions, we need to be aware of during the registration process. If indicating a food allergy, please let us know if the allergy is airborne or contact based. Please ensure you're aware of all participants in your unit who may have restrictions, to ensure we are adequately accommodating to their diet.

## **What to Bring to Camp?**

All of your family clothing and personal equipment should be marked clearly with their name and troop number. Be advised that there is not a safety deposit box for valuable personal articles

### **Family Personal Gear**

- Canteen or Water Bottle
- Sweater or jacket
- Dirty clothes bag
- Sneakers and/or hiking boots.
- Raincoat or poncho
- Swim trunks
- Towel and soap
- Toilet articles
- Insect repellent
- Blankets or sleeping bags.
- Knife, fork, spoon, plate
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Spending money
- Cot or air mattress
- Ground cloth
- Hat
- Notebook/ pen or pencil
- Sunscreen
- Compass

### **Optional Family Equipment**

- Book of one's faith
- Camera and film
- Baseball glove, ball, Frisbee, etc.

### **Family Equipment**

- Family records (physicals, advancement)
- Plastic to protect wood supply.
- Matches
- Thumb tacks
- First aid kit
- Sewing kit

### **Optional Family Equipment**

- Folding chairs

- Extra dining flies
- Extra tent stakes
- Laundry detergent (Washing machines and dryers are available)

### **Equipment Provided by Camp**

- Two person-tents
- Dining flies
- Patrol cooking box
- 1/2 barrels w/ grates for wood fire cooking
- Tent platforms

## **Quartermaster**

Our Camp Quartermaster has a limited inventory of camping items available to be borrowed by your family while you're at camp. Items checked out of the Quartermaster will need to be returned to the Quartermaster prior to your family leaving camp. If items borrowed are damaged or lost, you will be charged to replace the items lost/damaged. The Quartermaster will have hours of operation posted at camp.

## **Lee White Trading Post**

The Lee White Trading Post, located near the Show & Do Shelter at the center of camp, is your one-stop location in camp to take care of camp business or purchase needed supplies. We have snacks, pocketknives, water bottles, t-shirts, patches, walking sticks, and so much more. Most importantly, we're the only place in camp where you can get SLUSHIES!!! Don't forget to remind your scouts and adult leaders to pack spending money if they plan to stop by the Trading Post while your unit is at camp.

Trading post hours are from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM daily while you're at camp (closed during mealtimes). Note that these hours are subject to change. A finalized Trading Post schedule will be provided to you when you check-in at camp.

## **General Camp Policies and Practices**

### **Leaving Campsite After Lights Out**

After 10:00 P.M. each evening, Family should not leave their campsite without a buddy and adult parent. This includes the use of the shower facilities.

### **Shower Facilities**

At camp we have a few different shower facilities available for use. Please send at least one adult leader with your family when they go to the shower house.

### **Alcoholic Beverages**

The possession, use, or consumption, of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in camp. Those unwilling to abide by this policy will be escorted out of camp immediately. Leaders, please inform parents of this so they are aware of this policy on visitors' night.

### **Illegal Drugs**

The possession or use of illegal drugs is prohibited. Those violating this policy will be escorted out of camp, and law enforcement will be notified if this policy is violated.

### **Tobacco**

Please refrain from using tobacco in camp. Remember the 11th point of the Scout law. Smoking is not permitted on the trails or in any tent. No one under the age of 18 years old will be permitted to use tobacco products in camp. Smoking is prohibited in all buildings. Leaders, please set the example.

### **Firearms and Archery Equipment**

Firearms and archery equipment are prohibited in camp anywhere except for the shooting sports areas. Personal firearms and archery equipment are not allowed at camp. This is a BSA national policy. Ammunition may not be brought to camp. Ammunition for the shooting sports area will be issued at the range.

### **Leaving Camp**

Leaving camp during your stay for any reason requires signing out at the camp office. Campers may not leave camp unless under the direct supervision of unit leaders. The camp will only release a Scout when signed-out at the camp office by the unit leader.

### **Trips to the Hospital or Doctor**

It is the responsibility of the unit leadership to provide transportation for members of their units requiring non-emergency attention from a doctor or hospital. One adult leader from the unit will accompany the unit member requiring services. He must obtain the health form from the health lodge before leaving. The Reservation Medic, after consultation with the Reservation Director and Camp Director, will notify the parent or guardian immediately of any serious illness or injury. If parents will not be at home while you are at camp, have them advise you (unit leader) how they can be contacted.

### **Prohibited at Camp**

The following list includes other items prohibited at camp: pets; fireworks; alcoholic beverages; narcotics; motorcycles; tobacco; un-Scout-like literature; personal firearms and ammunition. This list is not comprehensive. Please reference the Guide to Safe Scouting for other prohibited items. Campers found in violation of these rules may be asked to leave camp and no refund will be given.

### **Vehicles in Campsites**

No vehicles will be allowed in the camp after 12:30 PM on Sunday. If your unit wishes to bring a troop trailer to camp, it must be brought and dropped between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM on Sunday. Special arrangements may be made to deliver your trailer on Saturday IF arranged and approved in advance. Wheelbarrows will be available to carry gear to your campsite. **VEHICLES ARE TO REMAIN IN DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS.** Only emergency and service vehicles will be allowed in camp during the week. On Checkout Saturday, you may retrieve your troop trailers after you have coordinated this with the camp commissioner.

### **Lost and Found**

Lost and Found items may be turned in at the camp office, pool, Trading Post, and waterfront and I-Lab. Leaders and parents should encourage Scouts to mark their personal belongings with names. Camp management and staff are not responsible for lost items but will make every effort to store these items during the summer. Items will not be held beyond the close of the summer camp season.

### **Prescription Medication**

If individuals attending camp have prescribed daily medications, please ensure the following:

- Medication is in the original dosage printed on the container.
- The individual's full name is printed on the container.
- Scouts' medications are checked-in with a designated Troop leader.

Ensuring these standards are followed will help ensure that all individuals receive their necessary medications, and that these medications are kept safe while they're at camp.



## **Links to Important Info**

This section contains links to important handouts and forms for your reference.

[Directions to Camp](#)

[Map of Camp](#)

[BSA Health Form](#)

[GRC Campership Application](#)