

Black Hills Area Council

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2023 Day Camp

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Day Camp Introduction

The Black Hills Area Council operates day camps throughout the Black Hills Area. Packs may choose whichever day camp location is convenient for their schedules and scouts. While packs are encouraged to attend day camp as a pack, individual scouts may register even if their pack is not attending, only if they are accompanied by an adult. Remember, attendance at day camp counts as an activity toward earning the National Summertime Pack Award. Outdoor activities, such as day camp, are also a requirement to earn the Journey to Excellence. Most importantly camp provides an opportunity to put OUTING back in Scouting and assists in fulfilling the promises made when your scout joined scouting. This guide is designed to help packs and campers prepare for camp. Please review the contents of this guide and become familiar with the policies and procedures. We're looking forward to seeing you at camp!

Cub Scout Day Camp Comparison Chart

	Day Camp June 17, 2023 Ft. Meade Reservation Area Sturgis, SD	Day Camp July 29, 2023 Central States Fairgrounds Rapid City, SD
Day of the Week	Saturday	Saturday
BB Guns	Х	X
Wood Craft	Х	X
Games & Fun	X	X
STEM	Х	X
Nature Activity	X	X
T-Shirt	X	X

Pricing Information

REGISTRANT TYPE	PRICING
*Cub Scouts / WEBELOS	\$45
Parent Partner or Leader	\$15

*ONLY CUB SCOUT / WEBELOS YOUTH WILL RECEIVE A T-SHIRT AND A PATCH AS PART OF THEIR REGISTRATION FEE. ADULTS MAY CHOOSE TO PURCHASE A SHIRT FOR \$10.00.

Pack Registration Discount

If a unit has 50% of their roster register, each youth will receive a \$5.00 discount.

Bring a Friend - C.L.A.W. coupon

Each scout is encouraged to bring a friend with them to day camp. The guest must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Both the scout and guest will receive a coupon for complementary attendance to C.L.A.W which will be held on October 7, 2023.

Payment Methods

Online payment may be made through our online reservation system by using a credit or debit card. Alternatively, personal or unit checks can be sent to our reservations office. The address for our reservations office is 144 North Street, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701.

ALL CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO BLACK HILLS AREA COUNCIL.

How to Register

All registration must be completed at https://www.scoutingevent.com/695-2023DayCamp Packs are encouraged to register for day camp as a Pack to better coordinate pack leadership and ease in assigning dens. There is still an option to register a scout individually, too. All registrations are required to have an adult sign up.

Required Paperwork for Camp: Medical Forms

Medical forms Part A & B are required for all people in camp which includes all campers, adults and staff. Adult Leaders must keep the Medical Forms with them!

Medical Forms - Part A & B

Den Assignments at Camp

Campers will be assigned to Dens based on their Pack to allow the Adults to stay with their scouts. Depending on the size of your Pack you may have other scouts from other Packs in your Day Camp Den. We do this to ensure that the Den is full to maximize participation and to ensure that the Den has adequate adult leadership.

Pack Day Camp Leadership (Adults)

Every Pack is required to provide its own day camp leadership while at camp. One leader is required for every 5 youth in camp with a minimum of 2 leaders. (Example: 11 youth require 3 leaders). New Tiger Cubs (Youth that have just completed kindergarten and or Lion Cub Program) are required to have a parent or guardian in attendance, a 1 adult to 1 scout ratio.

Day Camp is not a "Drop-Off" camp, we want you to be involved in your Scouts life.

The Adults are responsible for escorting the den throughout the day from activity station to activity station. They are to encourage active participation in the programs and activities, assisting station leaders as necessary. Adults are asked to promote Cub Spirit by helping the den create its own den yell. Songs and yells build enthusiasm and promote togetherness. They can be used while traveling from one session to another. Adults are also in charge of ensuring camper safety using the buddy system and by maintaining order in the den. In the event of an injury or illness, the adult is to promptly report the incident to the camp headquarters bringing injured campers to the health officer. Discipline issues are to be reported to the camp director.

Safe Transportation To & From Camp

When transporting Scouts to camp, make sure the rules published in the Guide to Safe Scouting are followed. (An Online version can be found at <u>Guide to Safe Scouting</u>)

Most packs carpool to transport Scouts to camp. It is imperative that each vehicle is safe, carries insurance (State requirements) and is operated safely. Be sure anyone taking your child in and out of camp is listed in the Authorized Person section of the registration.

Day Camp Schedule

Daytime Schedule:

8:30 AM Check-In & Gathering Activities

9:00 AM Opening Ceremony

3:00 PM Closing Ceremony & Dismissal

Schedules for station rotations will be provided to adults. Campers will spend 45 minutes at each station before moving to the next. Station activities include themed activities and experiments, shooting sports, sports and much more. The stations consist of educational age appropriate hands-on activities.

What to Bring

Please make sure all items are marked with the Scout's name and pack number for easy identification.

- · Day pack to hold gear (6 essentials for cub scouts)
- · Water Bottle or Several Bottles of Water to Drink Make sure you stay hydrated
- Rain gear (dress for the weather)
- · Sunscreen and non-aerosol bug repellant
- · Properly labeled medications (if needed)
- · Closed toe shoes must be worn by all youth and adults (no sandals)

Check-In

Check in will begin at 8:30AM* and run until 9:00AM. Please go directly to the camp headquarters with your medical forms. You will be given your camp wristband and your Den Assignment. Please allow ample time for this on the first day to ensure a smooth start to the day.

Identification

Each youth and adult at camp will be required to wear the provided wristband for the duration of camp. This wristband is provided during check-in. Youth will also be provided a T-shirt which they should wear.

Check-Out

At the end of the day everyone will gather at the flags for announcements and the closing ceremony. After the closing ceremony the adults will help the Day Camp Staff to ensure every scout leaves with the proper parent/guardian.

Late Check-In / Early Check-Out

It is understood there are situations where someone may need to arrive late or leave early. Anyone arriving after the opening ceremony or leaving before the scheduled end of camp must check in/out at camp headquarters. For safety reasons, we need to know who is in camp. At the end of the day if a camper has not checked out of camp, missing camper procedures will go into effect until the camper can be located. Please understand these policies are in place for the safety of your children.

Absent Campers

If a camper is going to be absent on a day they are scheduled to be at camp, we ask that the pack coordinator or an adult from the pack be notified so he/she can notify the camp staff at check in. After the morning check-in, any campers not checked-in will be contacted unless the camp has been notified the camper is absent for the day.

Weather

The Day Camp program will run rain or shine so please dress accordingly. If the rain becomes too heavy or if there are thunderstorms, everyone will move to shelter and run a modified program until the weather clears. Once the weather is clear, the normal program will resume. Camp Directors will keep a close eye on weather conditions if hazardous weather is forecasted. In the event camp is canceled, emails will be sent to pack contacts, a Remind text message sent out and notifications posted to the Black Hills Area Council Facebook page.

Remember campers will be outside and the temperatures can get hot. Campers should bring a water bottle. Water will be available at every station for campers to drink. It would be a good idea to make sure campers drink plenty of water the day before camp and at night when they get home. Dehydrated campers don't have as much fun at camp as hydrated ones. Adults should also be reminded to stay well hydrated.

Questions?

All questions should be directed to <u>reservations@blackhillsbsa.org</u> or by calling the council office at 605-342-2824 x 206

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