

ARROWHEAD DISTRICT

Cubtoberfest

Leader Guide

Saturday, October 17, 2026 • 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Camp Iyataka • Wilmot, South Dakota

Backup date: Saturday, October 24, 2026 (weather)

Welcome, Leaders

Cubtoberfest is Arrowhead District's one-day outdoor fun and skill-building event for Cub Scouts and their families. It is designed to give packs a ready-made program after fall recruitment, help Cubs build skills, and welcome new families into Scouting.

This guide has what pack and troop leaders need to register, prepare, and have a safe, successful day. Please share it with your adult helpers before you arrive.

Event Snapshot

What	One-day Cubtoberfest at Camp Iyataka
When	Saturday, October 17, 2026, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM (Backup: Oct 24)
Where	Camp Iyataka, 47232 131st St, Wilmot, SD 57279
Who	Cub Scouts Lion–Webelos/AOL and their adult leaders/parents. Helping troops welcome.
Cost	\$15 youth / \$15 adult / \$15 staff. Includes lunch and all day-program activities.
Overnight	Optional and pack/troop-led. No extra fee for helping troops. District does not staff overnight.

Who This Event Is For

- **Cub Scouts:** Lions through Webelos / Arrow of Light and their parents or pack leaders.
- **New families:** Welcome. Walk-ins accepted if space and food allow.
- **Troops:** Invited to help run stations. Troops that staff stations may camp overnight at no additional admission charge. See the Troop Overnight section.

What This Event Does Not Include

- No merit badges will be offered.
- No breakfast or dinner. The only meal provided is Saturday lunch.
- The district is not running a managed overnight program. Units that stay overnight cook, supervise, and clean up on their own.
- No campfire program or Order of the Arrow events are planned as part of Cubtoberfest.

Registration & Fees

All units and individuals should register online through [Sioux Council Website](#). Registration is required so we can plan food, insurance, and staffing. Walk-ins will be accepted if capacity allows.

Participant	Fee (draft)
Cub Scout youth	\$15 (includes lunch and all activities)
Cub adult / parent	\$15 (includes lunch and all activities)
Staff / event helpers	\$15 (includes lunch)
Helping troop youth or adults camping overnight	No additional overnight fee. Day admission still applies unless serving as assigned station staff.

- **Late fee:** Council policy is 10% or a minimum of \$5.00 per person after the registration deadline.
- **Refunds:** Follow Sioux Council's cancellation / refund policy at sioux council.org.

Saturday Schedule

Time	Activity
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Arrival, check-in / registration, welcome, opening
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Morning station rotations: Nature / Tree ID, Leatherworking, Treasure Hunt / Orienteering, Rope Making & Knots, Fishing (South Beach)
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch (walking tacos) at the shelter / upper level
1:00 – 3:30 PM	Afternoon ranges and activities: archery, BB guns, clays, balloons, tomahawks, Frisbee Golf / Gaga Ball
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Closing, recognition, clean-up, departure. Overnight units may remain.

Stations

Stations are timed rotations. Exact station length and map locations will be posted at check-in. Parents are expected to stay with their Cubs and help at stations when asked.

Station	What Cubs Will Do
Nature / Tree & Plant ID	Hike and identify trees/plants with a take-home craft
Leatherworking	Make a leather patch (design + date)
Treasure Hunt / Orienteering	Compass or clue-based hunt around camp
Fishing + Knots	Fishing at South Beach plus a basic fishing knot
Rope Making + Knots	Make rope and practice a square knot
Ranges (afternoon)	Archery, BB guns, balloons and clays; tomahawks
Frisbee Golf / Gaga Ball	Open play with camp equipment

Food

Lunch is included with registration: walking tacos with a black-bean option, plus drinks. Lunch is served at the upper-level shelter around noon.

- No other meals are provided.
- Overnight units must bring all of their own breakfast, dinner, snacks, and cooking gear.
- Please note dietary needs at registration when possible.
- Bring a filled water bottle. Rural water is available at the outdoor faucet west of the lodge.

Troop Overnight Camping

Troops that help run Cubtoberfest stations may camp at Camp Iyataka Friday night and/or Saturday night at no additional overnight fee. The district is supplying the camp. Units camp on their own.

What the district provides

- Campsite use at no extra charge for assigned helping troops
- Saturday lunch for registered participants and assigned station staff
- Access to camp facilities (sites, lodge area, restrooms, water hydrants)

What troops must provide

- All tents, bedding, cooking gear, stoves, fuel, and lighting
- All food except the Saturday lunch included with the day event
- Two-deep adult leadership at all times, including overnight
- Youth Protection trained adults and current medical forms
- Station staffing during the Saturday program as assigned

Camping rules for overnight units

1. **Stay on your assigned site.** Sites will be assigned at or before check-in. Developed sites have shelters, picnic tables, fire ring, and nearby restrooms.
2. **Quiet hours:** Lights out / quiet time at 11:00 PM. Respect other units and neighbors.
3. **Fires:** Use established fire rings only. Do not leave fires unattended. Drown, stir, and confirm the fire is out before leaving the site or going to sleep.
4. **No extra district meals.** Bring your own breakfast, supper, and snacks. Do not rely on event food beyond Saturday lunch.
5. **Youth Protection applies overnight.** No one-on-one adult/youth contact. Separate tenting by age and gender per Scouting America guidelines. Adults do not tent with youth who are not their own child.

6. **Leave the site better than you found it.** Pack out trash, police the site, and check in with the camp quartermaster before departure.
7. **Buddy system.** Youth move in pairs. No wandering around the camp after quiet hours.
8. **Helping is the trade.** Overnight use at no extra charge is for troops that staff assigned stations during the day. If your troop cannot help, do not plan to camp as part of this event.

Check-In

- **Packs / Cub families:** Saturday 9:00–10:00 AM. Bring copies of Medical Form A for every youth and adult.
- **Helping troops arriving Friday:** Contact Steve Hall before arrival so a site can be assigned. Check in Friday evening if possible.
- **Keep original medical forms** with the unit leader. Council keeps a copy of Form A and does not return it.

Medical & Safety

Units must have Medical Forms A & B completed for all Scouts and adults. Forms stay with the leader in charge. Bring a copy of Form A to check-in.

- **First aid:** A first-aid station will be identified at check-in (typically the garage area).
- **AED:** Located in the lodge.
- **Nurse / medical coverage:** Being confirmed. The on-site contact will be posted at check-in.
- **Ranges:** Range-trained adults supervise archery and BB guns. Follow all range commands. No one enters a range without permission.
- **Weather:** If conditions are unsafe, the event moves to the October 24 backup date. Watch email and council communications.

What to Bring

Cub Scouts – Day Pack (Six Essentials)

- Filled water bottle
- Trail snacks
- Sun protection (hat + SPF 30+ sunscreen)
- Flashlight with fresh batteries
- Whistle
- Small personal first-aid items

Also bring insect repellent, a jacket, and rain gear. October weather in northeast South Dakota can change quickly.

Overnight troops – add

- Tents, sleeping bags, ground pads, extra clothes and socks
- Stove, fuel, cook kit, water containers, cooler, and all meals except Saturday lunch
- Lantern or headlamps, trash bags, dish-wash supplies
- Unit first-aid kit and copies of medical forms

Directions & Parking

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From Wilmot: go 2 miles east on SD Highway 15, turn left and go 5 miles north on blacktop. Watch for the Camp Iyataka sign, turn right, and drive 3 miles east on gravel.

- **Day parking:** Follow signs at the gate. Do not block roads or campsite access.
- **Gate access:** Contact Steve Hall before arrival if you need after-hours gate access.

Unit Leader Expectations

- Stay with your Cubs. This is not a drop-off event.
- Help at stations when asked. Parents make the ranges and rotations run safely.
- Model the Scout Law. Encourage Cubs from other packs too.
- Check out with your whole group. Do not leave Cubs waiting at a station.

Contacts

Role	Contact
Event Coordinator	Kerry Kulkarni, Arrowhead District Executive
Program / Activities Lead	Bryan Rau • 605-380-0279
Camp Quartermaster / Facilities / Lunch	Steve Hall • 605-881-9228
Sioux Council Office	(605) 361-2697 • sioux.council@scouting.org

Thank you for helping make Cubtoberfest a great first (or next) outdoor experience for our Cub Scouts.

Draft for planning-committee review. Station map, final nurse assignment, and registration deadline will be added when confirmed.