Boo Camp Guide for Participants

Thank you for attending Boo Camp! Please read this guide in full as it will answer many of the most common questions about Boo Camp.

**The rules of camp are the Scout Oath and Law. Please be respectful of other participants, staff, and volunteers at all times.**

**REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS**

* Registration can be completed online at <https://scoutingevent.com/129-BooCamp18>. You can register as a family, den, or pack, or you can enter individual registrations. Sessions are staggered 15 minutes apart with a break in arrivals from 12-1 for staff to rotate through lunch. **All sessions are the same and offer the same activities.**
* Registration changes can be made up to three days before the event. Please note we cannot issue refunds except in extraordinary circumstances such as medical emergencies.
* Please register all adults who plan on attending so that we can maintain a safe capacity in camp. Registrations will be confirmed at check-in.
* **Boo Camp is not a drop-off program.** **Lions (Kindergarteners) and Tigers (1st graders) must be accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian per national policy. Older youth may be supervised by an adequate number of adults from the pack. We recommend a 1:4 ratio of adults to youth.**
* **Walk-ins cannot be accommodated this year due to high registration demand.** Please be respectful of our staff and volunteers by registering ahead of time.

**WHAT TO BRING**

* Please have youth wear close-toed shoes.
* Please bring water bottles. We will have water stations, but will have limited quantities of disposable cups to reduce waste.
* All are welcome to attend in family-friendly costume attire. **Please avoid bringing toy weapons of any kind to camp.** Please dress for the weather and check the forecast the morning of Boo Camp.
* **Please note that no full meals will be served at Boo Camp this year.** We will have light snacks for sale, and you are welcome to bring a picnic lunch.

**ARRIVAL**

* Parking for Boo Camp and check-in are located **at the Pyramid House, 37921 N Dilleys Rd, Wadsworth, IL.** Please arrive 15 minutes early to your session. Buses travel between the Pyramid House and Camp Oakarro every 15 minutes. If you happen to miss your first bus, we will get you on the next one.
* If you require a parking pass at Camp Oakarro, please contact Emily Prymula ([Emily.prymula@scouting.org](mailto:Emily.prymula@scouting.org)). Those with handicap parking stickers are also of course welcome to park at camp.

**WHILE YOU ARE AT BOO CAMP**

* Boo Camp is set up in a “free-for-all” format. Your family, den, or pack can pick and choose the activities you would like to experience.
* **Wait Times:** Please note that some activities take longer than others, and that some activities such as BB guns and archery are always in high demand. **We recommend planning on participating in EITHER BB guns OR archery at Boo Camp with your group.**
* **Please do not send one person to save spots for several members of your group.** This is unfair to other participants and keeps our staff from being able to accurately determine the number of participants to prepare for.
* Your registration slot is for three hours. We ask you to stick to your time slot as closely as possible to ensure that all participants get the full Boo Camp experience.
* **Advancement:** per the recommendation of our Advancement Committee and our Boo Camp committee, we will send out a list of advancements for each program area after the event.
* **The last bus leaves Camp Oakarro at 4:30 PM.**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

* Most of our Boo Camp staff are volunteer Boy Scout troops and Crews who camp at Boo Camp the night before and the night of Boo Camp. Please be respectful of their campsites and do not enter them.
* **A Scout is Clean: please be mindful of your presence at Camp Oakarro and encourage your scouts to pick up after themselves.** We have a very kind ranger who spends a significant amount of time each year cleaning up after Boo Camp.
* **To help reduce waste, candy and giveaway items will be distributed at the end of camp when you get off the bus at the Pyramid House.**
* **Per national policy, no smoking, e-cigarettes, vaporizers, or other tobacco products are allowed on any of our camp properties.** You will be asked to leave if you are in violation of this policy.
* **Per national policy, no alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs are allowed on any of our camp properties.** If you violate this policy, you will be asked to leave and the local authorities will be contacted if deemed necessary.
* **Per national policy, no concealed firearms are allowed on our camp properties.**

**SAFETY AT CAMP OAKARRO**

* Camp Oakarro is a natural forest environment and thus plays host to many animals and insects. Please use common sense if you come across any wildlife, and please bring non-aerosol bug spray if you desire.
* **Lost Children:** Please supervise your scouts and youth at all times. Lost youth will be escorted to the pavilion and a call will be made over our radio system to help reunite the child with their group.
* **Medical Emergencies:** if you or a member of your group are experiencing a medical emergency, please notify the nearest staff member who will radio our medic, located at the pavilion. The medic will come to you to administer any necessary assistance. For minor injuries (bug bites, scrapes and bruises, etc.), please visit the medic tent located at the pavilion.
* **Inclement weather:** Boo Camp will only be canceled for extreme weather conditions, including severe storms, tornadoes, etc. Light rain is not considered an extreme weather condition. Please dress for the weather.

**For questions on registration, please contact Debi Geiger (**[**Debora.geiger@scouting.org**](mailto:Debora.geiger@scouting.org)**).**

**For questions on program, rules, or anything else, please contact Emily Prymula (**[**Emily.prymula@scouting.org**](mailto:Emily.prymula@scouting.org)**).**