

2022 Wolf and Bear Cub Camp

Leader's Guide



June 9th- 11th, 2022



Dear Leaders and Parents,

Welcome to Wolf and Bear Cub Camp at Camp Geiger! We are truly excited for you to be joining us for our Cub camping program in 2022 that is designed for young Scouts in the Cub Scouting program! This exciting program is filled with fun and adventure that will keep your scouts begging for more! The whole weekend is designed around a Cub Carnival theme, with fun and challenges for the scouts around every corner. Now that you as well as your pack is registered, get ready for an entirely new camping experience at Camp Geiger. This camp is for all Cub Scouts who will be entering 2nd and 3rd grade (incoming Wolves and Bears) in in the 2022-2023 school year.

Please take the time to read through this leader's guide. It spells out what you need to do while planning for your pack's great stay at camp and what you and your cubs can expect once you arrive at camp. Make sure that every leader or parent that will be attending camp has had the opportunity to read this leader's guide. This leader's guide is also available on the website at www.ponyexpressbsa.org

Each pack will have an assigned campsite where they will have assigned platform tents or can opt to pitch their own tents. Cots are not provided by the camp for the tents so please plan accordingly. Scouts will get a chance to spend time in larger groups as well as have some quality time with their friends in their packs. Like Scouts at summer camp, Cubs will work together to share campsite duties.

Packs will work through a rotation of activities that will both help them advance their Scouts' skills as well as have fun with friends. We also encourage each pack to come up with a skit to perform at the campfire, just let the Program Director know during the pre-camp meeting that your pack wants on the campfire agenda!

If there are any questions that you may have about our program or about the operation of Cub Scout Adventure Camp, please do not hesitate to email me at peccubcamping@gmail.com or contact the council office at 816-233-1351. I look forward to a fun-filled stay with you and your pack this summer at Camp Geiger!

Yours in Scouting,

The Pony Express Council Cub Scout Camping Team

Registration Information

Important Dates:

May 9th- Registration DUE, Late fee starts after this date

June 6th- Pre-Camp Leader's Meeting- details to be announced

June 9th- 11th – Wolf and Bear Cub Camp

Camper Fees:

\$60 per Scout by May 9th and \$65 after May 9th

\$50 per Adult by May 9th and \$55 after May 9th

This fee includes meals, lodging, program supplies, and patches.

Refund Policy:

Refunds will only be made in extenuating circumstances such as illness or death; these will be approved by the council office on a documented case-by-case basis. Refunds will be paid by the council service center. No refunds will be given at camp.

Leadership:

During Cub Scout Adventure Camp at Camp Geiger we observe 2 deep leadership for every pack at all times.

All leadership (parents and leaders) must complete Youth Protection Training prior to attending camp.

Camp Visitors:

If there are parents visiting, they must check in at the camp office to sign in and get a visitor's badge. Visitors do not count towards the leadership requirement, cannot be in camp after lights out/taps or before reveille, they also cannot actively participate in camp activities, but they may watch.

*Visitors will not be able to eat Camp Geiger provided meals with the pack due to food numbers being based off of registered unit numbers.

Camperships:

A limited number of camperships are available for the Pony Express Council Scouts with financial need. Unit leaders are encouraged to plan ahead and discuss fees, fundraising opportunities in their pack, and/or financial need with parents well in advance of payment deadlines. Contact the Pony Express Council Service Center for more information.

Check-in & Check-Out Procedures

When you arrive at Camp Geiger for Wolf and Bear Cub Camp this year the check-in procedures will be slightly different from the rest of our camping programs. We have created this check-in process to make it more user friendly for our campers and leaders, as well as minimize the walking all over camp. Your check-in experience will start at the main parking lot!

Check in starts at 3pm; please do not arrive at camp before 3pm, as the staff will not be prepared for your pack

BEFORE CAMP:

The check-in process actually starts at the pre-camp leaders meeting held the Monday before the camp (June 6th). At this meeting the Director's team will cover very important information for the upcoming camp as well as hand out campsite assignments and other important leadership updates. Each pack needs to have at least 1 representative attend meeting.

Checking in the Day of the Event:

Upon arrival at camp we ask a few simple things that will help make your check in process easier. *Please have Scouts arrive with their swim attire on, as they will go through swim checks before going to their campsites.*

1. When arriving at camp, all vehicles should proceed to the high ridge between Headquarters and the Dining Hall area.
2. Once all Scouts and Leaders with your troop have arrived, proceed to the check-in area near the fence off the northeast corner of the Dining Hall. You and your troop will be greeted by our staff and assigned a troop host. The host will take your unit through the check-in process in handicraft corral as well as to the pool for swim check and your campsite. Enjoy your tour of Camp along the way!
3. Scouts and Leaders will proceed through the medical recheck station. This station is easily visible along the fence near the Dining Hall. At this time, all Scouts and Leaders should have their BSA Medical forms (parts A and B) in hand. If a Scout or Leader is taking medication and his or her medication is going to be stored by a leader in the campsite, then the signed Scout/Scouter Medication Storage Waiver form should already be attached to his or her medical form. If a camper intends to have the Health Lodge store his or her medication, the medication should also be brought to this medical recheck.
4. The host will take you through the check-in process, and on a brief tour of camp
5. Once you get your campsite assignment consolidate all of your packs camping gear to as few vehicles as possible
 - a. These vehicles will be able to go into the campsite to drop off the gear

- b. Only 2 vehicles per campsite, you will receive the campsite pass from a staff member by the road into your campsite
- c. Please move your vehicle from the campsite after it is unloaded

Checking out of camp:

1. ONLY 2 VEHICLES PER CAMPSITE
2. Make sure you move all items out of your campsite when loading
3. Tie your tent flaps in bow knots

Program

General:

The program at Camp Geiger Wolf and Bear Cub Camp is built around improving the scout's skills as well as having fun with their fellow scouts. The program for 2022 will be organized through a rotation of activities with a Carnival twist. Each stop along the rotation will provide exciting activities and entertainment with something for everyone.

Activities offered:

Day 1:

- Opening Campfire

Day 2:

- South Camp Carnival, all morning
- North Camp Circus, all afternoon
- Campfire

*** During the camp carnival and circus scouts will go through activities at their own pace. Activities include: BB guns, archery, lake activities, pool activities, obstacle courses, hiking, dunk tanks, cub mobiles, rocket launches, slacklines, nature demonstrations, pottery, camp songs and skits 101, fire starting, pioneering, and much more!**

Day 3:

- Activity rotation, all day

***Scouts will rotate through camp on a set schedule while working to complete multiple required adventures for Wolf and Bear scout advancement.**

Midway:

Following the evening meal on Thursday Night there will be some games available to help the scouts burn off some energy, followed by our opening campfire program in the Council Ring!

Camp Policies

Adult Leadership:

All packs must have a minimum of two registered leaders, and one Tiger Parent Buddy per tiger.

Every pack that attends must be under the supervision of its own adult leadership at all times. According to the BSA Youth Protection Policy, two-deep leadership is required for all activities, one leader who is at least 21 years of age and a second who is 18 years of age or older.

You are in charge of your pack at all times and responsible for the discipline and organization of your pack. It is never the camp staff's task to take over your role as leader of your unit.

Youth Protection Guidelines must be followed. This includes that no adult can stay in a tent with any scout unless it is his parent. All adults must have completed BSA's youth protection training. There are NO exceptions!

Camp Physicals:

All Cub Scouts, leaders, and family members are required to bring a copy of their BSA Annual Health and Medical Record. Parts A and B are required and must be completed within the previous 12 months.

Tobacco Products:

In accordance with the national policy of the Boy Scouts of America, adults are asked to use discretion when using tobacco products and should avoid using them in the presence of campers. Smoking is not permitted in camp buildings or tents nor is the use of tobacco products by those under the age of 18.

Controlled Substances:

In accordance with the national policy of the Boy Scouts of America, alcohol and illegal drugs are not permitted on camp property. Discovery of these items will result in immediate dismissal from the property. All medications must be under lock and key. Medications can be turned in to the camp health officer on arrival to be placed under lock or in the campsite.

Firearms:

Firearms and ammunition are available at the camp for use in the Shooting Sports area. Personal bows, shotguns, and other firearms are not allowed on camp property.

Footwear:

Except when at the pool, shower or lake area, closed-toe and closed-heel shoes must be worn in camp, no sandals or flip-flops.

Youth Protection:

One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. In situations that require a personal conference; the meeting is to be conducted in view of others.

Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing into swimming suits or taking showers at camp and intrude only to the extent that health and safety requires. Scout campers must extend the same courtesy. .

When female leaders are present in camp, signs are available to indicate the gender of the latrine or shower occupant.

Vehicles:

All vehicles must be parked in the main parking lot or on the ridge in between the dining hall and headquarters. No Vehicles are allowed in camp without the express permission of the Camp Director. NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO RIDE IN THE BACK OF PICK-UP TRUCKS OR TRAILERS. SEATBELTS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES.

Telephone and Mail:

The camp emergency phone number is (816) 364-1523 and is to be used only for camp business or emergencies. Parents and others should remember that due to the camp size and individual schedules, it is not possible to locate campers or leaders at a moment's notice.

Mail is delivered daily to Camp Geiger and should be addressed as follows:

Scouts Name & Unit #
Camp Geiger
9525 County Road 388
St. Joseph, MO 64505

Leaving Camp Early:

Anyone, Scout or leader, who leaves the camp property, must checkout with the camp office. If a Scout is planning to leave camp (i.e, Summer school, soccer game, etc.) a "Camper Release Form" should be on file in the camp office in order to facilitate a speedy checkout.

Please, advise all parents that they will have to prove their identity when checking a Scout out of camp and please understand that we need you (the unit leader) to be present at the time to verify that the Scout is allowed to leave with this specific person, even if they are the parent.

Trading Post:

The Flaming Crow Trading Post is conveniently stocked with handicraft projects, Scouting literature and materials, snacks, drinks, camp souvenirs, along with a wide assortment of BSA and camping supplies. The Trading Post accepts cash, checks and Credit/Debit cards. This year you can also log onto the Online Trading Post website to order souvenir t-shirts, care packages and MUCH more for your scouts camping with us.

Electronic Devices:

Radios, video games, and other electronic devices are strongly discouraged, but the policy will be left up to the individual unit leadership. Camp Geiger cannot ensure their safety. Also, the past has shown them to be disruptive and annoying to the program as well as the general camp environment. So we encourage you to keep them at home.

Meals:

The meals offered for this program are Thursday Dinner, Friday Breakfast, Friday Lunch, Friday Dinner, Saturday Breakfast and Saturday Lunch. All of our meals are kid friendly and always a hit with all of our campers! If you have any dietary restrictions, please notify camp leadership using the online registration system and at the pre-camp leader's meeting prior to the start of camp so arrangements can be made.

Buddy System:

The buddy system is simply a pairing of Scouts that go places together. The buddy system should be used at all times during camp. Everywhere the Scouts go they should be with a buddy, and an adult leader. No Cub Scout should be seen alone in camp away from his group.

In-Camp Transportation

During the camping season, no camper or leader aged 18 or over may be transported between one area of camp and another by any staff member or in any camp vehicle. Those under 18 years old need a note from a medical doctor explaining why transportation is necessary. Such notes must be reviewed and approved by the camp health officer and camp director.

Adults should NOT arrive at camp with the expectation of being transported around camp. A camp physical does not ensure that a person is physically able to walk the trails of camp, but that is the expectation by the council of those attending camp.

Anyone who believes their situation merits exception to this policy should contact the camp director PRIOR to arriving at camp to discuss their circumstances.

Any unit anticipating special provisions, whether related to transportation or otherwise, should be made prior to June 1 to allow for Council review.

Storm Shelter Use

During the camping season, no one is allowed to erect a tent, cot, or other personal accommodations other than temporary seating on top of the storm shelters. Units should be aware that these structures are intended for group usage by ALL units in the vicinity and are not to be used for any personal or unit gear or sleeping accommodations.

Electrical Extension Cords in Campsites

During the camping season, electricity will NOT be provided for individual tents and extension cords are not allowed to be run to individual tents. Electrical outlets are available in campsites, but no cord or combination of cords are allowed to extend more than 3 feet from any outlet.

Use of Personal Tents

Due to the family nature of our camping program, campers are allowed to bring their own tents for camping in our designated campsites. It is our goal that providing this option will allow the whole family to camp together!

Camp Health and Safety

Health Lodge:

The camp has an on-site Health Officer, trained in First Aid and Emergency Response. The Health Officer provides routine medical treatment and handles minor medical problems.

Program Areas:

All program areas, including the lake and climbing tower, are off-limits when closed.

Fire Prevention:

In case of fire, the Camp Office is to be notified immediately. Each unit is to organize a Fireguard Plan furnished by the camp. Camp Staff members serve as the principal fire fighters. All Campers are required to stay clear of any fire areas. Leaders are instructed to assemble their Scouts in a safe area and take a roll call. No liquid fuel may be left in the campsite. No fires or flames are allowed in tents or campsites.

Emergency Procedures:

Emergency procedures are provided to all leaders at the pre-camp meeting and when checking into camp. The procedures are specific campsite assigned to the unit. It is important that these procedures are shared with all unit leaders.

2022 Wolf & Bear Cub Camp Schedule

Thursday, June 9th, 2022

3-5 PM- ARRIVALS
3- 6 PM- Swim Checks at the Pool
5:30 PM- Leaders Meeting at the Trading Post
6:00 PM- Midway/Dinner
8:00 PM- Campers line up for Campfire
8:15 PM- Campfire
10:00 PM- Call to Quarters
10:15 PM- Tattoo
10:30 PM- Taps

Friday, June 10th, 2022

6:45 AM- First Call
7:00 AM- Reveille
7:25 AM- Flag Raising
7:30 AM- Breakfast
9 AM-12 PM- South Camp Carnival
12:25 PM- Assembly
12:30 PM- Lunch
2-5 PM- North Camp Circus
5:00 PM- Free Swim
5:15 PM- Leaders Meeting (Herzog Lodge)
6:05 PM-Assemble for Dinner
6:15 PM- Dinner
8:00 PM- Campers line up for Campfire
8:15 PM- Campfire
10:00 PM- Call to Quarters
10:15 PM- Tattoo
10:30 PM- Taps

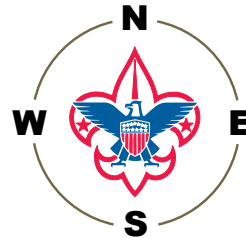
Saturday, June 11th, 2022

6:45 AM- First Call
7:00 AM- Reveille
7:25 AM- Flag Raising
7:30 AM- Breakfast
9am-12PM- Morning Activity Rotations
12:25 PM- Assembly
12:30 PM- Lunch
1:30-4:30 PM- Evening Activity Rotations
4:30 PM- Closing and Awards
5:00 PM- Camp Dismissed!

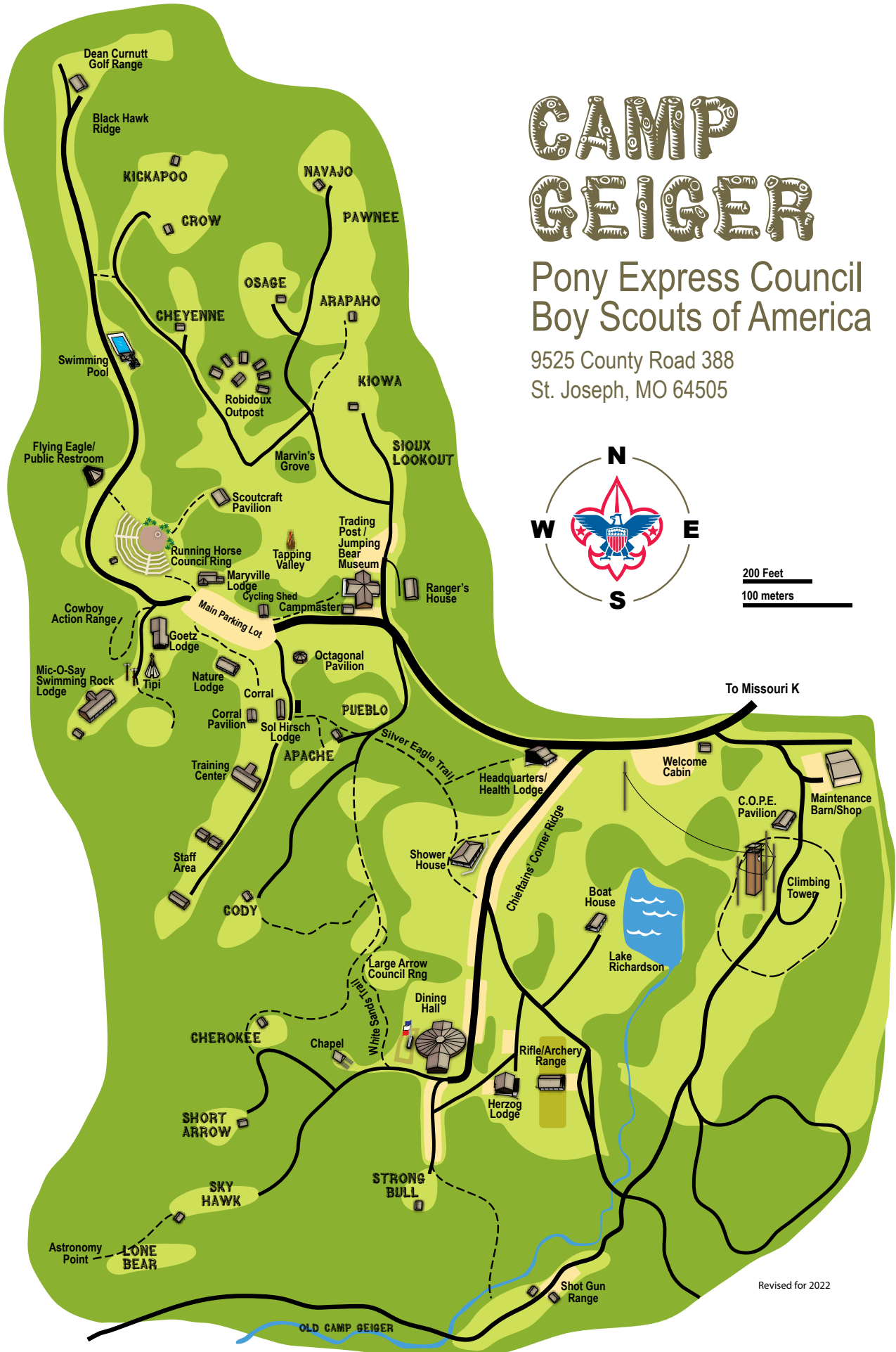
CAMP GEIGER

Pony Express Council
Boy Scouts of America

9525 County Road 388
St. Joseph, MO 64505



200 Feet
100 meters



2022 - Camp Geiger Camper Release Form

This form is to be completed for any Scout leaving camp during his session. Completed forms should be submitted at the unit's check-in.

Scout's Name _____ Unit _____ Campsite _____

Date and Time camper is to leave camp _____

Date and Time camper is to return to camp _____

Leaving with _____ Relationship _____

Reason camper is leaving _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Cubmaster/Campmaster _____ Date _____

Note: When a camper leaves during the session, the person picking up the Scout is required to provide a picture ID before the Scout will be allowed to leave. An adult Leader from the unit is to accompany the Scout to headquarters to check out.

2022 - What You Need to Bring to Camp

Individual Scout

Scout's Name _____

SCOUTS (REQUIRED)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> BSA Health Form, signed | <input type="checkbox"/> Swim wear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Uniform - Class A | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Several pairs of socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Long sleeve sweatshirt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changes of underwear | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raincoat or poncho | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat or cap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Webelos Handbook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jeans and/or long pants | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush, toothpaste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Closed-toe shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Cot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap and shampoo | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag or alternative | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen (SPF 30) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle | <input type="checkbox"/> Pens, pencils, notebook |

SCOUTS (OPTIONAL)

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Class B shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Bible or prayer Book |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air mattress | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musical instrument | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone / camera |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry soap | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito netting | <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow |

What the Pack Needs to Bring to Camp

- ___ Pack roster
- ___ Lockable medication box
- ___ Lanterns (propane)
- ___ Water containers/dispensers
- ___ Bulletin board items

- ___ Pack first aid kit
- ___ Cleaning supplies and soaps for restroom, toilet, and showers in camp

Camp Geiger Provides These Items

- Tent platforms
- Picnic tables
- 2-person tents
- Water supply with hose
- Bulletin board
- Flagpole
- Storm shelter
- Toilet & shower facility
- Push broom
- Regular (corn) broom
- Squeegee
- Rake
- Shovel
- Wheelbarrow
- Toilet bowl brush
- Covered program area

Quartermaster/Camp Can Provide These Items

- Toilet paper
- Ice (purchase at Trading Post)
- Trash bags
- Other tools



2022 - Campership Application

Camperships are for youth members registered in the Pony Express Council.

General Information

Note: Funds available for camperships covered by this application come from funds restricted by the council or donated by individuals for the use of Scouts attending camping activities at Camp Geiger and District Day Camps.

Please read all instructions completely and fill in all spaces. Do not include extra paper with this application.

The Council Camping Committee is concerned about the individual needs and the unit's individual evaluation of the Scout for whom this request is made. Generally, camperships are limited to no more than 75% of the activity cost. Each Scout, his family or his unit should provide a minimum of 25% of the activity cost.

Camperships are not transferable, refundable and have no cash value.

Applications must be submitted by April 1st. Applications received after April 1st will be reviewed, but may not be granted due to lack of funds.

All information in this application will be treated confidentially.

Instructions

Campership Request

Please list the amount or portion of the cost provided by the Scout, the family, the unit and/or the chartered organization to arrive at the amount requested.

The ninth part of the Scout's Law is "A Scout is THRIFTY." A Scout works to pay his own way. The Council Camping Committee is very interested in what the Scout has done to assist his family in providing him with this camping experience. This is a character building opportunity for the Scout to learn the importance of being THRIFTY.

Family Information

Briefly describe the general circumstances that require campership assistance for the Scout to attend camp.

Unit Endorsement

This area is extremely valuable to the Council Camping Committee. Failure of the unit to provide this endorsement may result in the application being denied or delayed until further information can be obtained.

Information should be provided as to the Scout's participation in the unit's fundraising activities like the popcorn sale.

In many cases, the unit will be aware of the financial need of the Scout. Confirmation of this fact or further explanation is helpful. Do not merely repeat information already provided.

In keeping with the policies of the Boy Scouts of America, the rules for acceptance and participation in camp activities are the same for everyone without regard to race, sex, creed, color, national origin, age or physical limitation.

Return completed application no later than April 1 to

Pony Express Council
1704 Buckingham St.
St. Joseph, MO 64508-8157

Scout's Legal Name _____ DOB _____

Street Address _____ Unit No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Parent's Name _____

Council _____ District _____

Application is for:

____ Camp Geiger ____ Wolf/Bear Camp ____ Webelos Weekend ____ District Day Camp

If attending Scout camp, what session? _____

Age _____ Rank _____ Years in Scouting _____ Years at summer camp _____

2022 Campership Form, continued.

Scout's Name _____

Campership Request		
Cost of Camp	\$ _____	Briefly explain what Scout has done to earn a portion of his camp fee. Include Council, unit, and individual fundraising activities and service work performed
Less Cost Provided by Scout	- _____	
Less Cost Provided by Family	- _____	
Less Cost Provided by Unit	- _____	
Less Cost Provided by Chartered Partner	- _____	
Net Campership Request	\$ _____	

Scout's Popcorn Sales Last Fall / Spring \$ _____

Family Information		
This section must be completed by the Scout's family. Briefly describe the circumstances that require campership assistance for the Scout to attend. In most cases camperships are not granted to families who have income over \$60,000		
Total yearly household income:	\$ _____	
Names & Ages of Other Children in the Home (under the age of 18)		
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Date of Request _____		
Parent Signature _____		

Unit Endorsement		
Please provide as much information as possible to assist the Council Camping Committee in evaluating this application		
Does this unit participate in FOS? Yes _____ No _____	Does this unit sell popcorn? Yes _____ No _____	
Is this Scout a newly registered Scout? Yes _____ No _____	If yes, date registered _____	Did Scout advance in rank in last 6 months? Yes _____ No _____
Unit Leader Signature _____		
A registered Scout who cannot pay the full cost of attending council camp activities may apply for limited assistance (campership). This fund assists deserving Scouts to attend camps with a percentage of the cost based on need, but is not intended to provide the full fee. Families, units and/or the chartered partner are expected to provide a portion of the fee. Campership aid is for only ONE camping experience. The above Unit Leader attests that he knows the Scout and his family and believes the facts on this application are accurate. Furthermore he/she states that the unit has made a diligent effort to fund this Scout's fees from the unit, the committee, committee members and/or the chartered organization before applying for council funding. Applications for unregistered persons and applications without proper signatures will be returned to the Unit Leader.		
Council Action		
Guideline Amt: \$ _____	Requested Amt: \$ _____	Granted Amt: \$ _____
Date Received _____	CCC Initials _____	Date _____

2022 - Scout / Scouter Medication Storage Waiver

The completion of this waiver will allow for an individual's medications to be stored outside of Camp Geiger's Health Lodge, provided that the following conditions are met. It is the duty of the responsible party or parties to ensure that all of the guidelines are followed through the entirety of the camping session. Camp Geiger and its staff will not be responsible for any problems related to this arrangement.

Requirements for unit storage of medications include, but are not limited to the following requirements:

- Secure, locked storage container with access restricted to responsible parties only.
- Medications stored and administered as per manufacturer's guidelines and physician's orders.
- Responsible party or parties must keep a medication log of dates and times that medications were taken.
- Medication logs must be accessible to Health Lodge staff upon request.
- Medications must be accessible to Health Lodge staff in the event of an emergency
- Sharps must be properly disposed of in the sharps containers in the Health Lodge.

Medications requiring refrigeration or other special storage arrangements or requirements must still be stored at the Health Lodge.

Name of Scout or Scouter _____ Unit No. _____

Names of Adults Responsible for Medications:

Signature of Adult Taking Primary Responsibility _____

Date _____

This form must be attached to the Scout's or Adult's physical exam form.

This form must be on record and attached to the Scout or Scouter's physical examination form at the time of check-in and before medications may be stored outside the health lodge.

This form must be used if prescription or over the counter medications are to be kept outside the health lodge.

2022 COVID-19 Policies for All Scouts, Leaders, Staff and Parents

THIS INFORMATION IS DISTRIBUTED TO ALL UNIT LEADERS ATTENDING CAMP GEIGER. LEADERS SHOULD SHARE THIS POLICY WITH ALL SCOUTS AND THEIR PARENTS

Dear Scout Leaders, Scouts, Parents, Camp Staff, and Mic-O-Say Leadership,

Camp Geiger was one of the few Scout camps in the nation to operate in 2020. Our COVID mitigation program was successful and we were able to complete the abridged camping season without any known cases of COVID-19 at camp. In 2021, the pandemic had changed greatly and the Delta variant introduced a new COVID surge throughout the country. Still, with our plan, we were able to conduct all 6 sessions without interruption, though it did require some heroic efforts once Delta appeared. Vaccines were just becoming available before camp time and Leaders with comorbidities were required to have one. Even with our best efforts, COVID did make an "appearance" at Camp Geiger, but the cases were mainly limited to camp staff members. With constant testing, we were able to identify and isolate off camp such staff members quickly and to simultaneously quarantine close contacts. We were aware of only 6 post-camp COVID infections among campers through our contact tracing. Even then it was never certain that any of those cases were actually contracted at camp, since none of those Scouts' camp close contacts ever developed any symptoms. Much has happened since the summer of 2021. COVID is now reaching the stage some would call endemic: The virus has "settled in" to our populations much as cold and flu viruses have. Since coronavirus is a respiratory virus, it is not simply going to disappear. But what we now have are a number of ways to prevent it, or at least to mitigate against it.

One of the main differences between this summer and previous summers is **the COVID-19 vaccine is universally available to all adults and to all youth of Scout age**. Because of that opportunity, COVID mitigation standards will be quite different for the summer of 2022. Camp operation will resemble something much closer to what veteran Scouters would remember as normal.

Yours in Scouting,



Timothy P. Murphy, M.D. (Ret.)
Council Supervising Physician

PRE-CAMP POLICIES FOR 2022

All full session Scouts and Leaders must present a **current year** BSA Health and Medical form with parts A, B, and C complete with required signatures. Other program personnel who are in camp for periods less than 72 hours should have parts A and B on file.

No Scout or Leader with a current COVID-19 infection may attend camp. No Scout or Leader who has had a COVID-19 infection within the three weeks prior to camp may attend without documentation of a negative COVID-19 test within 5 days of the start of his or her camp session. Such documentation should be attached to the BSA Health and Medical form.

In August of 2021, the Pony Express Council Executive Board adopted a policy making the COVID-19 Vaccine Mandatory as a condition for working on the 2022 Camp Geiger Staff. This decision was made on a pragmatic basis. In 2021, with the Delta outbreak near the end of the 4th session, so many staff members were off camp in isolation, our camp came dangerously close to having to have its program suspended. An insufficient number of staff members impacts program possibilities for all Scouts and units.

Vaccines are strongly recommended for all other Adult Leaders and Scouts. But there will be no vaccine mandate. Most Leaders with comorbidities obtained a vaccine last year when it was mandated.

Although there is no vaccine mandate, individuals with known comorbidities who choose to come to camp *assume all of the medical liability personally in doing so*. The following medical states are statistically known to have the potential to make COVID-19 disease worse, or even fatal for those who have them:

- COPD and Other Respiratory Diseases
- Heart Disease (Structural or Functional)
- Blood Disorders
- Diabetes
- Kidney or Liver Disease
- Weakened Immune System or Immunodeficiencies
- Morbid Obesity (Adult BMI > 40, Youth BMI > 90%ile.)
- Age greater than 65.

IN-CAMP POLICIES FOR 2022

There will be no required same day screening at home, and no Sunday screening on arrival at camp. The daily morning in-campsite screening will no longer be required, but units are certainly welcome to carry out this practice if they wish.

It is understood that the Pony Express Council cannot guarantee that the summer

camp experience at Camp Geiger can be COVID free. **We are not representing that there is no risk of contracting COVID-19 at camp. But all Leaders, Scouts, and their parents understand they are assuming that risk by coming to camp.** This is one reason we strongly recommend the COVID-19 vaccine.

There is no mask requirement or mandate at Camp Geiger, but those who wish to have the added protection masks may afford are welcome to wear them at any camp venue. Individuals must provide their own supply of masks.

We do ask that Leaders and Scouts be very attentive to any symptoms that might represent a Coronavirus infection and report promptly to the Health Lodge for evaluation. Remember that younger people tend to have milder symptoms. Therefore, **please do not be careless about this.** Ignoring symptoms may put your Scout and all the other Scouts of his or her unit at risk.

We anticipate that a limited number of COVID-19 antigen tests may again be made available to us by the Andrew County Health Department, but there is no guarantee of that. In such cases, Scouts or Leaders may be sent to nearby medical facilities for appropriate evaluation and testing.

In many other ways, Camp Geiger will return to "normal order" in the summer of 2022, and I am sure that we all welcome that.

Specifically, this means:

- The **Wednesday Night Campfire** will again be a public event in which family members can visit with their Scout, have a meal with their troop, see the camp, and attend the evening festivities.
- The **Thursday night Mic-O-Say Tapping Ceremony** will once again be open to the public.
- Dining Hall operation will return to normal. Leaders, please note: Most of your first, second, and third year campers have no memory of what "normal" dining hall operation is. They have no idea what a "waiter" is. **Please review carefully the Table Waiter section of the 2022 Leader Guide** which will be available in a few weeks. Be prepared to make a Table Waiter Duty Roster for your troop.

We are retaining one change from the "COVID years." As you know, a Welcome Cabin was placed near the entrance of camp for medical screening.

It has long been a concern of the camp and the council that we must have a way to know who is actually in our camp at any time. The Welcome Cabin medical check actually served that purpose and served it well. Going forward, anyone who visits camp (exceptions being Wednesday and Thursday nights) must first stop at the gate cabin and will have his or her name recorded on a list. This is no longer a medical check point: This is now a permanent safety check point for the protection of all of our Scouts.



Assumption of the Risk, Release and Waiver of Liability

Required for all Scouts, Leaders, and Volunteers. Campers should attach this to the Health and Medical form.

On behalf of myself and my heirs, executors and assigns, I understand, acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. There are risks inherent in entering and using the facilities of the Pony Express Council BSA (the "Council"), including the Rozitsky Service Center in St. Joseph, Missouri and Camp Geiger in Andrew County, Missouri (collective, the "Premises"), or participating in the Council's Scouting events and activities, including, without limitation, camping, camporees, merit badge classes and other Scouting-related or Scouting-sponsored activities. Such risks include, without limitation, loss or theft of personal items, personal injury, illness, permanent disability and death (each a "Risk" and collectively the "Risks").
2. Such Risks may result from the actions, omissions or negligence of myself and/or others, including, but not limited to, Council employees, directors, officers, agents or representatives; any youth or adult camper, staff member or visitor (a "Patron"); and any others (including the general public) present on the Premises or at such other Scouting events and activities.
3. When I enter into or upon the Premises or attend other Scouting events or activities, I am doing so voluntarily, for purposes of participating in Scouting events or activities for my personal benefit; the value of such benefit, together with the Council allowing me to participate in such events and activities and to enter into and upon the Premises, is sufficient consideration for my voluntary execution of, and compliance with, this Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability.
4. I voluntarily and knowingly (a) assume the Risks to which I may be exposed by entering into or upon the Premises or otherwise attending Scouting events or activities, and (b) accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, demand, actions, causes of action, liability or expense, of any kind (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, court costs and amounts paid in settlement), that I may have, experience or incur, now or in the future, in connection with or arising out of my presence on the Premises or at other Scouting events or activities, or benefits received by me, on the Premises or from the Council ("Claims").
5. I acknowledge and agree that the Council cannot and does not accept any (and expressly disclaims all) responsibility for my safety and well-being while I am on the Premises or otherwise engaged in any Scouting event or activity.
6. I release, covenant not to sue, discharge and shall hold harmless the Council, its employees, directors, officers, agents and representatives, of and from the Claims and Risks, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I acknowledge that I have read this Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability and understand it, I have had the opportunity to consult with legal counsel concerning it, and that by signing below I voluntarily surrender certain legal rights.
7. This Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability may be delivered by the executing party by facsimile, portable document format (.PDF), electronic signature or any other electronic transmission and shall be deemed to be an original signature hereto and shall have the same force and effect as the use of manual signatures. This Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability shall remain in full force and effect for five years after the date it is signed.

Name of Scout, Scouter, or other Patron _____

Signature of Scout, Scouter or other Patron
This signature should be that of the parent or guardian if the Scout is under the age of 18 years. _____

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian
Signing Above _____

Date Signed _____