

## PINE RIDGE ECLIPSEFEST 1.0 - EVENT MANUAL

The intent of this event is to provide local and regional Boy Scouts the opportunity to experience the August 21, 2017 total solar eclipse in a well informed and safe manner while enjoying a weekend of various scouting experiences at Camp Pine Ridge and the surrounding area of southern Illinois.

**Cost per camper \$20.00.** Items with extra costs are noted below (\* or #). All camping reservations shall be made through the Greater St. Louis Area Council website. Due to space limitations, all troops are asked to bring as few vehicles as practicable. Vehicles bringing 7 or more people will be given priority parking. Auxiliary parking will be at or near the east Little Grassy Lake boat ramp (shuttle service will be available). All campers will receive an EclipseFest Patch and a pair of eclipse observation glasses. All meals are the responsibility of troops and should be prepared at their campsite.

Expect to share campsites with other troops. Each campsite has a shelter with 3 picnic tables. Each troop with 6 or more campers should have the use of one picnic table. Troops may have 1 trailer in campsite, as space allows. Notify the campstaff if you will need to park your trailer at your campsite. Park trailers only in authorized locations. Each campsite has a large firepit. No open fires outside of firepits. No vehicles will be allowed at campsites without prior authorization. All BSA Scout Camp policies apply. Each camper shall have a BSA physical (Part B min.) on hand.

There will be STEM related and other scouting skills related activities at the camp mainly on Saturday and Sunday (Aug. 19 & 20). The basic schedule of activities will be as follows:

<b>Fri. , Aug. 18</b>	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Check in – Bailey Lodge
	9:00 – 9:45 pm	Cracker Barrel / Leaders Meeting – Bailey Lodge Pavilion
<b>Sat. Aug., 19</b>	8:30 – 8:50 am	Opening Ceremony – Parade Grounds
	9:00 - noon	Program Activities
	Noon -1:20 pm	Lunch – Campsites
	1:30 – 4:30 pm	Program Activities
	4:40 – 7:30 pm	Dinner – Campsites
	8:00 – 9:30 pm	Campfire or Vespers – Council Ring or Family Point
<b>Sun., Aug. 20</b>	8:30 – 8:50 am	Opening Ceremony – Parade Grounds
	9:00 - noon	Program Activities
	Noon -1:20 pm	Lunch – Campsites
	1:30 – 4:30 pm	Program Activities
	4:40 – 7:30 pm	Dinner – Campsites
	8:00 – 9:30 pm	Campfire or Vespers – Council Ring or Family Point
<b>Mon., Aug.21</b>	Through 11:00am	Breakdown camps – Campsites
	11:00 – noon	Lunch (cold preferred) - Campsites
	Noon – 2:15pm	Eclipse Observation – Assigned shoreline areas
	2:15 – 3:00pm	Checkout / departure

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**Merit Badges and STEM Nova** – All are all day sessions (morning and afternoon programs):

Saturday		Sunday	
Badge / Max. No.	Location	Badge / Max. No.	Location
Space Exploration* / 16	TBD	Space Exploration* / 16	TBD
Geocaching / 20	TBD	Archeology / 16	TBD
Nature / 20	TBD	Nuclear Science / 20	TBD
Astronomy★ / 20	TBD	Geology / 20	TBD
Forestry / 20	TBD	Robotics / 16	TBD
Shoot (Nova) / 20	TBD	Zoom (Nova) / 20	TBD

\* Rocket kits purchased at Trading Post

★ Nightly observation sessions Sat. & Sun.

*Note – Schedule and locations are preliminary*

**On site activities:**

**Reservations needed prior to arrival**

- Canoes – Limit 8 canoes – 2 hour sessions
- Pontoon Boat – Limit 15 per 2 hour lake tour
- Repelling – At Giant City SP – Limit 16 participants per 3 hour session

*Note: Limit one reserved activity per camper.  
Limited space for each activity.*

**Open schedule or schedule after arrival**

- 5 mile hike
- Nature Trail / Tree Identification
- 1-mile Orienteering Course
- Human Foosball
- Swimming
- Fishing

**Offsite activity options** - Troops are responsible for transportation to offsite activities and to Giant City.

- Tunnel Hill Bike Trail – (plan for all day) ♦
- Mermet Springs# – Try Scuba session (plan for all day). ♦
- Shawnee Canopy Zip Lines# – (plan for half day). ♦
- Hiking in Crab Orchard, Giant City SP, Ferne Clyffe SP and/or Shawnee National Forest (half or full day). ♦
- Visit Crab Orchard Visitor’s Center and Fish Hatchery (half day). ♦
- Visit Southern Illinois University – Hosting NASA’s eclipse coverage (half day)
- Spend Eclipse Day at SIU-C # (plan for all day)
- Canoe at Lower Cache River and visit Cache River Wetlands Center # (plan for all day). ♦

*# Fees and scheduling to be directly through merchant. ♦ Directions will be available.*

Other details on merchants and the event are on our FaceBook page – Pine Ridge EclipseFest 1.0. The site is “private”. Details on reserved offsite activities (#) will be posted on the Facebook page as they become available. Event t-shirts should be pre-ordered. Order forms for t-shirts will be available on the FaceBook site. Preordered shirts shall be picked up at check-in. A limited number of event t-shirts will be available at the Trading Post. The Trading Post schedule will be posted approximately one month prior to event.