

PINE RIDGE ECLIPSEFEST 1.0 - USER'S 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 is planned for near the camp. 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. Dining flies should not be needed. Troops may have 1 trailer in campsite in designated spots, only. Units are responsible for their own tentage. Notify the campstaff if you will need to park your trailer at your campsite (see checkbox during registration). Each campsite has a large firepit. No open fires are permitted outside of fire pits. All BSA Scout Camp policies apply. Each camper shall have a BSA physical (Part B min.) on hand. The Outdoor Code will be Law regarding behavior when in the outdoors, at or away from camp. Please limit our impact on the local environment.

Environment Concerns. August in southern Illinois is generally very warm during the days and not very cool at night, so plan clothing accordingly. We also have various unfriendly critters in our region, mostly small. We have ticks and some carry Lyme's disease. We have chiggers, so long pants can and will help. Northerners, you may wish to "Wikipedia or Google" chiggers if you are not familiar with these itchy little pests. We have mosquitoes, but not black flies. Bring and use insect repellent, consider treating clothes with Permanone (or equivalent) and don't lay down in long grass.

Parking and Traffic Concerns. Parking will be limited close in to the camp, so please carpool or vanpool to the greatest extent you can. Auxiliary parking will be available relatively close to the camp. Close in parking preference will be given to vehicles with 6 or more campers. Shuttles will be run to and from the auxiliary parking. We cannot predict the level of traffic outside the camp, so travel times even to local sites may be significantly longer than typical. We'll try our best to keep track of the situation from local residents and keep everyone informed. The camp will have many trailers at campsites; therefore we will need to limit personal vehicles at campsites to units that have a specific need which require a vehicle nearby. Let us know beforehand, if you have such a need. Scouts that are physically able are expected to hike to/from the camp entrance, main parking area, and their campsites. It is recommended that all gear be loaded in trailers going to/from campsites, so that the least traffic in the camp can be maintained. If a troop requires gear be transported to campsites, it is expected that it will be dropped off and the vehicle leave the campsite promptly.

Emergency Contacts. If someone needs to contact the camp directly the phone number is (618) 549-0673. Cell phone service is available in most areas of the camp, so the camp's landline is a back-up. If an emergency occurs in camp, please contact the staff immediately, so staff can contact local authorities and we can be prepared for their arrival. We will provide emergency protocols at the Friday night leader's meeting and check-in. We will have medical staff present at all times.

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Trash. Trash will be picked up at campsites Saturday and Sunday evenings after dinner. Details will be provided at the Friday night leaders meeting. Please, leave your final trash bag(s) at the parking lot dumpster when departing.

Day Visitors. Arrangements for day visitors are TBD. There will be a charge, unless specific arrangements have been made prior to the event.

Maps. Maps of Pine Ridge and to/from the camp will be linked on the registration page and the Facebook page. Maps to the local attractions mentioned above will be available at check-in.

Cub Scouts. Due to space and staffing limitations there will not be programs for Cub Scouts associated with EclipseFest. For Cubs wanting to participate at Camp Manitowa - Cedar Point, contact Carrie Bryant at (931) 239-2688 or carrie@campmanitowa.com. The camp can be accessed from Pine Ridge by foot or road.

Other details regarding the event will be on our FaceBook page, Pine Ridge EclipseFest 1.0. The site is "private", ask to be a member. 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. Monitor the Facebook page as additional clothing options may become available.

If your unit has leaders that are willing to help with classes, waterfront, or other activities please let the Camp Advisor know (cwwiese@yahoo.com).



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

Saturday		Sunday	
Badge / Max. No.	Location	Badge / Max. No.	Location
Space Exploration* / 16	Archery (Section 1)	Space Exploration* / 16	Archery (Section 2)
Nature / 20	BB Range	Nuclear Science / 20	Bailey Pavilion
Astronomy★ / 16	Bailey Pavilion	Geology / 20	Nature Building
Forestry / 20	Nature Building	Robotics / 16	Akela's Lodge
Whoosh (Nova) /20	Council Ring	Shoot (Nova) / 20	Council Ring
Radio / 20	Corner near Bowie	Let It Grow (Nova) / 16	BB Range
Geocaching / 16	OA Stage (Section 1)	Geocaching / 16	OA Stage (Section 2)
Composite Materials / 16	Akela's Lodge		
* Rocket kits purchased at Trading Post		★ Nightly observation sessions Sat. & Sun.	

Note – Schedule and locations are subject to change. Limit 1 class per scout until ~7/1/2017.

Registration forms for classes and troop level activities will be posted on the event registration site and Facebook page. The earlier the submission the better chance of getting first choice.

On site activities:

Troop Reservations needed prior to arrival

- Canoes – Limit 10 canoes – 2 hour sessions
- Pontoon Boat – Limit 12 per 2 hour lake tour
- Repelling – At Giant City SP – Limit 16 participants per 3 hour session

Notes:

Limit one reserved activity per camper

Troops need to provide 2-deep adult leadership.

Open schedule or schedule after arrival

- 5 mile hike
- Nature Trail / Tree Identification
- 1-mile Orienteering Course
- Human Foosball
- Swimming
- Fishing
- Ham Radio (Saturday only)
- Geocaching – afternoons only
- Gr. St. Louis Area Council STEM Trailer

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

- Tunnel Hill Bike Trail – (plan for all 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 & Fish Hatchery (half day-call to reserve Fish Hatch. tour). ♦
- Visit Southern Illinois University – Hosting NASA's eclipse coverage (half day)
- Visit Cache River Wetlands Center and/or Heron Pond (plan for all day). ♦
- Spend Eclipse Day at SIU-C # (plan for all day).

The following potential activities are not encouraged as travel and reservations may interfere with EclipseFest event schedules. # Fees and scheduling to be made directly through merchant.

- Mermet Springs# – Try Scuba session (plan for all day – call to reserve). ♦
- Shawnee Canopy Zip Lines & Mountain Bikes# – (plan for half or full day – call to reserve). ♦

♦ Directions will be available. Note that travel time for outside camp activities could be longer than normal, depending on traffic, especially around SIU and state parks.

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ECLIPSEFEST 1.0 BASE SCHEDULE

Fri. , Aug. 18	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Check in – Bailey Lodge
	9:00 – 9:45 pm	Cracker Barrel / Leaders Meeting – Bailey Lodge Pavilion
	11:00pm	Lights out – showers closed for youth
Sat. Aug., 19	6:30 am	Reveille – Showers open for youth
	6:45 – 8:15 am	Breakfast / Cleanup - Campsites
	8:30 – 8:50 am	Opening & Flag Ceremony – Parade Grounds
	9:00 – 11:45 am	Program Activities or Troop Activities
	11:45 am -1:00 pm	Lunch – Campsites
	1:00 – 1:30 pm	Guest Presentation – Council Ring
	1:30 – 4:45 pm	Program Activities or Troop Activities
	4:45 – 7:00 pm	Dinner – Campsites
	7:00 – 7:45 pm	Guest Presentation & Flag Lowering – Parade Grounds
	8:00 – 8:50 pm	Campfire or Vespers – Council Ring or Family Point
	9:00 – 9:45 pm	Star Study - Waterfront
10:45 pm	Lights out – showers closed for youth	
Sun., Aug. 20	6:30 am	Reveille – Showers open for youth
	6:45 – 8:15 am	Breakfast / Cleanup - Campsites
	8:30 – 8:50 am	Opening Ceremony – Parade Grounds
	9:00 – 11:45 am	Program Activities or Troop Activities
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	9:00 – 9:45 pm	Star Study - Waterfront
10:45 pm	Lights out – showers closed for youth	
Mon., Aug.21	6:30 am	Reveille – Showers open for youth
	6:45 – 8:15 am	Breakfast / Cleanup - Campsites
	8:30 – 9:15 am	Closing Ceremony and Flag Raising – Parade Grounds
	9:30 – 10:30 am	Rocket Launches – Parade Grounds (optional activity)
	9:30 – 11:00am	Breakdown camps – Campsites
	11:00 – 11:45 am	Lunch (cold preferred) - Campsites
	11:45am - noon	Move to assigned observation locations
	Noon – 2:15pm	Eclipse Observation – Assigned shoreline areas
2:15 – 3:00pm	Checkout / departure (staggered departures)	

Schedule subject to change