

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

Cost?

\$35 until October 31, 2017

\$45 from November 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018

\$50 from April 1, 2018 – May 4, 2018

Where: The Ross County fairgrounds is located at the junction of Ohio Route 207 and Route 104 north of Chillicothe, Ohio. Exit off US Route 23 at Ohio Route 207 which is just north of Chillicothe city limits.

When: Registered campers may check-in and set-up between 10:00 AM and 10:00 PM Friday, May 4, 2018. One vehicle pulling the troop trailer may enter the camping area to drop it off. All other vehicles will park in the main parking area (several hundred yards away). Safety first for our youth.

Cars will be allowed to enter the fairgrounds to drop off camping gear along the road and then follow right around to the parking lot. No vehicles will be allowed in the camping area. There will be no exceptions...SAFETY for our youth has to come first.

Camp set-up may be completed in advance per the following schedule:

Additional pre-event troop trailer drop off times (this does not include setting up tents in advance):

Thursday, May 3, 2018 (9:00 AM - 8:00 PM)

Camp break-down: After 9:00 AM, Sunday, May 6, 2018. Campgrounds must be vacated and policed by 2:00 PM, Sunday.

Security: The Ross County Fairgrounds are reasonably secure (fenced and gated) but we can offer no guarantee of security for items left unattended. There will be a Ross County Sheriff's Deputy on grounds from Friday through Sunday.

Camp fires: Camp fires are **prohibited**. The only open fires that will be permitted are on Friday evening during the Order of the Arrow ceremonies and by special permission of a few program areas on Saturday.

Who is eligible to attend THUNDERBASE 2018?

THUNDERBASE 2018 is open to everyone. There will be activities for youth of all ages including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing. The event is open to the public so Scouts are encouraged to invite their friends to attend. Camping is open to all Scout units (BSA Guidelines must be followed).

What is included in my registration fee?

The fee includes a commemorative t-shirt, commemorative patch, passport, a weekend of camping, a full day of programming, a special program on Saturday night followed by a fireworks display.

My Scout's unit does not plan on attending; can we register as a family?

While we encourage all Scout units to attend THUNDERBASE 2018, families and friends are welcome to attend. Camping guidelines must be followed if the family plans on camping, including having a trained adult and two-deep leadership (if a non-family member Scout is joining you).

I have Scouts who do not want to camp. Can they still purchase a full pass so they get everything that is included?

We highly recommend that everyone purchase the full weekend pass so they receive the T-shirt, participant patch and full programming. Even if you aren't camping, it is really the best deal when everything is added up. If your Scouts are not spending the night but you are, you will receive a packet for everyone at registration and can give them their appropriate wrist band on Saturday when they arrive.

How does registration work?

You can register for the event through Simon Kenton Council's website at www.skcbasa.org. During the registration process you will be asked to account for how many youth and adults you anticipate attending. You may pay by credit card online. You will not be required to enter a roster until we are closer to the event. You will be sent an email requesting names and shirt sizes of all registered attendees.

Why register early for this event?

By registering before October 31, 2017, you will also be paying \$35.00 as opposed to \$45.00. Early registrations guarantee enough supplies for all participants. Your early registrations will help us prepare for an unforgettable event.

What are the camping accommodations?

All Scout units will camp on the Ross County fairgrounds in a designated camping area. You will be assigned an area for your unit to camp in. Sites will be organized by District and will have a coordinator directing you to your site.

Camping is tent camping only (units must supply their own tents). Fires are prohibited. Port-o-potties will be available near the camping area. **No vehicles** will be allowed to park in the camping area. **No exceptions!**

Will food be provided?

Food will only be provided on Friday and Saturday for purchase. Vendors will be on site with a variety of food for meals and snacks. Your unit may choose to bring meals for Saturday or purchase them from a vendor. Units are responsible for their own meals.

How will we know what to do when we arrive at the event?

Event staff will be assisting in the parking process and directing you to registration. Please send one representative from your unit to registration to check in your unit. At registration you will receive a packet of information, wrist bands for participants and t-shirts. Each registered guest will receive a commemorative program (passport) with a site map.

Do we have to follow any particular schedule on Saturday?

Units are expected to attend the opening ceremony at 8:00 am in the Grandstand. After that, you and your Scouts are free to determine your schedule for the day. All units are expected to attend the Big Show on Saturday evening.

As a unit leader, what am I responsible for during the weekend?

At least one unit leader should have medical forms on hand for all Scouts (and leaders) in case of an emergency. Each unit is responsible for having its own forms on site. Unit leaders are also responsible to make sure you have two-deep leadership at all times. Cub leaders are responsible for making sure a BALOO trained adult is camping with the unit.