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BSA 2020

Cub Akela Camp

Cub Adventure Camp

Webelos Camp

Leader Guidebook

Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation

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2020 Camp Dates

Akela Camp: June 23-25; June 28-June 30; July 18-20

Cub Adventure & Webelos Camp: June 23-27; June 28-July 2; July 18-22

Contact us at the Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation using greatdrivers.lotosr@scouting.org and we can answer many of your pre camp questions related to program, sign ups, facilities etc.

Welcome Letter :

The summer of 2020 is a special year for us at the Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation as we conduct our 55th season of Scout camping at Camp Hohn! Literally 1000's of Scouts and leaders have joined us for a week of Scouting adventure over the last 54 years, and this year, we are taking things to an even higher level of camping and outdoor fun, just for you and your unit!

The highlight of the Scouting year for every young person in our program is summer camp. Scouts from all over the council and in fact beyond our council borders, will converge at the Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation looking for a fun filled program for an entire week. Our staff has been preparing for a fantastic summer program for all the Scouts to enjoy. Additionally, we have made a lot of significant improvements to our camp, including the introduction of our new Welcome Center/Medical Lodge and Aquatics Center with a pool in 2015, unlike any you will find anywhere else! And our Sinquefield Invention Lab continues to grow and will play a major part in our 2020 camping program.

To help make sure you and your Scouts are prepared for all we have to offer, we have prepared this in-depth guide with information on everything you need to know for your Cub Scout camping experience in 2020. Please take the time to prepare yourself for your adventure at camp by reading this guide from cover to cover, absorbing all of the information in it and passing it along to your other leaders, parents, and your Scouts. We feel that this year's program will be our best and most energetic effort ever. For more information and forms please visit us at our camp website at www.lakeoftheozarksscoutreservation.org.

Scout camp is where memories are made, and lifelong friendships are forged. In 2020 we are going to be doing just that, building lifelong memories for our campers all summer long! Make your plans now to get your unit signed up for this exciting adventure. Take time before camp to determine what your pack program needs are and communicate that information to us before you arrive. If you have any questions, special needs, or just want to talk about your week in camp, feel free to contact us. We will be happy to work with your pack in any way we can. We look forward to seeing you at camp. Yours in Scouting,

Dennis Kerns Camp Director

CAMP FEES

Cub Akela Camp – 2-night camp

Camp Fees: \$75.00 per Scout if paid in full by May 15 (\$85.00 if paid after May 15)
\$60.00 per adult

Cub Adventure – 4-night camp

Camp Fees: \$155.00 per Scout if paid in full by May 15 (\$170.00 if paid after May 15)
\$100.00 per adult (if staying more than 2 nights, all adults must be registered BSA members)

A camp t shirt is included in the \$155 fee for each Scout and \$100 fee for each adult when payment is received prior to camp arrival.

Webelos Camp – 4-night camp

Camp Fees: \$155.00 per Scout if paid in full by May 15 (\$170.00 after May 15)
\$100.00 per adult (if staying more than 2 nights, all adults must be registered BSA members)

A camp t shirt is included in the \$155 fee for each Scout and \$100 fee for each adult when payment is received prior to camp arrival.

Leaders not attending the full camp session will be charged a fee of \$8.00/meal.

WHO CAN ATTEND CAMP?

Cub Akela Camp: Cub Scouts that are entering 1st grade or higher

Cub Adventure Camp: Cub Scouts that are entering 2nd grade or higher

Webelos Camp: Any Scout that will be entering the fourth or fifth grade during the 2019-2020 school year.

CAMPERSHIPS (PROGRAM GRANTS)

A limited number of camperships are available to help boys in need of financial assistance. An application form is available at www.grc-bsa.org or at the council service center. Early requests are necessary to ensure equitable distribution of available funds. The amount of the campership given to each Scout will vary based on economic need, but in nearly all circumstances will not exceed 50% of the full price of camp.

CAMP REFUND POLICY

Prior to the May 15 Camper Savings Day, all fees, less the \$25 camper deposit, are refundable and transferable. Please check your Scouts' prior commitments to summer sports and family vacations before May 15.

After May 15 Cub Camper Savings Day, the following policy applies refund requests MUST be submitted in writing to the Council Service Center prior to the beginning of the camp session, or to the Camp Office Manager upon arrival at camp. A unit leader or Scout may request a refund of the fees under the following conditions ONLY: ● Illness or serious accident of Scout prevents his attendance at camp. ● Family illness or emergency prevents the Scout's attendance at camp.

All fees are non-transferable after May 15.

Refund requests for a Scout or leader who changes their mind about attending or decides to not attend for any reason other than those listed above WILL NOT BE considered.

If the refund request is granted, the \$25 reservation deposit and an additional 25% camp readiness fee will be withheld. However, if your unit wants your refundable fees transferred to your unit Scout Shop account, the readiness fee that is not refundable will be reduced to 15%. Scouts leaving camp early will not be eligible for partial refunds. Refund requests submitted after leaving camp will not be honored.

YOUR ARRIVAL AT CAMP FOR CUB AKELA/ADVENTURE/WEBELOS CAMP

Check-in runs between 1:00-3:00pm. EARLY CHECK IN IS NOT AVAILABLE SO PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLIER as the staff will not be ready to greet you. Please plan to arrive BEFORE 3:00pm. Otherwise, you may have to rush to get everything done. Lunch is NOT provided on day of check-in, please eat before you arrive.

CHECK IN PROCEDURES

- Upon arrival at camp please stop at the Welcome Center to find out your campsite. You will then all go into your campsite and set up.
- Vehicles should be unloaded and returned to the parking area by 3pm. After that time vehicles will be escorted by camp staff. Camp staff will assist as needed.
- Check in for Cubmaster or designee at 1pm at the Welcome Center. Pack leader(s) Welcome Center with the following items:
 - o Complete roster of adults and Scouts
 - o Additional camp fees owed – ALL FEES MUST BE PAID UPON ARRIVAL & BEFORE MOVING INTO THE CAMPSITE AREA

- **Medical checks** and medicine check-in will be done as part of the check-in process in your campsite - **DO NOT SEND YOUR MEDICAL FORMS TO THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER, BRING THEM TO CAMP WITH YOU.** ALL SCOUTS AND LEADERS STAYING OVER 72 HOURS MUST HAVE A COMPLETED ANNUAL HEALTH & MEDICAL RECORD FOR PARTS A, B1,B2 & C. SCOUTS AND LEADERS STAYING LESS THAN 72 HOURS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A COMPLETED ANNUAL HEALTH & MEDICAL RECORD FORM PARTS A,B1,B2. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY!

- After the medical rechecks at your campsite, quickly change into swimsuits. ALL SCOUTS AND LEADERS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL SWIM TEST AT THE NEW AQUATICS CENTER AFTER MED CHECKS.

Swimmer's Test - Jump feet first into water over your head and surface. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl. Swim 25 yards on your back, using an easy, resting stroke. Rest by floating (or, if not buoyant, with just enough motion to stay afloat).

o Beginner's Test - Jump feet first into water over your head, come the surface, level off, swim 25 feet, turn sharply, and come back to the starting point

o Learner - Anyone who either opted out of the test or was unable to complete either of the two swimming tests above will be classified as a Learner.

- Return to your campsite to complete setting up your campsite.

CHECK OUT PROCEDURES

- Gate will be opened at 6:00am.
- Breakfast will be served at 8:00am. Vehicles can be moved out of campsites following breakfast.
- Check-out begins at 8:30am at the Reservation Welcome Center
- Medical forms, patches, etc. will be distributed at check-out
- Camp provided tents are to be left in place. Your campsite host will clear you from the campsite after a check out inspection.

CUB AKELA CAMP SCHEDULE & HIGHLIGHTS

Cub Akela Camp offers a terrific three day/two-night program for Cubs of all ages. Cubs register and attend along with others from their packs or dens. Cubs will spend their days participating in variety of structured activities including BB Guns, archery, swimming, crafts, games, row boats, hikes and evening activities. These activities are designed to provide advancement opportunities using the Cub Adventures. There is no better way to get your Scout's year off to a great start! All Cub Scouts attending camp will receive a Camp Patch as part of their registration fee.

Below is the anticipated schedule of activities at Cub Akela Camp (& Day 1 & 2 of Cub Adventure Camp) and a list of possible highlight activities. Some modifications may be necessary. A final schedule will be distributed during the leader's meeting on the evening of day 1 and updates will be posted to the camp website and Facebook.

Day 1 Schedule – CUB AKELA AND ADVENTURE 1:00-3:00pm – check-in 1:00-4:00pm – swim checks 5:00pm – Leaders meeting 5:30pm – Retreat ceremony (lowering of flags) 6:00pm – Dinner 7:00pm – Camp-wide games 7:45pm - Campfire 9:00pm - Taps

Day 2 Schedule – CUB AKELA AND ADVENTURE 7:50am - Meet at Fingland 8:00-8:45am - Breakfast 8:55am - Flags 9:00am-11:30am – Program areas – rotation schedule provided at leader's meeting on day 1 12:00-1:00pm - Lunch 1:30pm-5:00pm – Program areas – rotation schedule provided at Leader's meeting on day 1 5:30pm – Retreat ceremony 6:00pm - Dinner 7:00pm - Vespers at the Chapel 9:00pm - Taps

Day 3 Schedule – CUB AKELA 7:50am - Meet at Fingland 8:00-8:45am - Breakfast 9:00-9:30am - Checkout

Other activities will center around the Cub Scout Adventures in the Cub Scout requirements!

CUB ADVENTURE SCHEDULE & HIGHLIGHTS

Cub Adventure is our 4-night Cub Scout camping program and will run concurrently with the Akela Camp and Webelos Camp programs - Day 3 will pick up where Cub Akela Camp left off, right after breakfast. The activities during Cub Adventure will focus on the Cub Scout Adventures in the Cub Scout requirements!

Below is the anticipated schedule of activities at Cub Adventure and a list of possible highlight activities. Any modifications will be reflected in the final schedule which will be distributed at breakfast on day 3.

Day 3 Schedule – CUB ADVENTURE 7:50am - Meet at Finland 8:00-8:45am - Breakfast 8:55am - Flags 9:00am-11:30am – Program areas – rotation schedule provided at Leader’s meeting on day 1 12:00-1:00pm - Lunch 1:30pm-5:00pm – Program areas – rotation schedule provided at Leader’s meeting on day 1 5:30pm – Retreat ceremony 6:00pm - Dinner in campsite 9:00pm - Taps

Day 4 Schedule – CUB ADVENTURE 7:50am - Meet at Finland 8:00-8:45am - Breakfast 8:55am - Flags 9:00am-11:30am – Program areas – rotation schedule provided at Leader’s meeting on day 1 12:00-1:00pm - Lunch 1:30pm-5:00pm – Program areas – rotation schedule provided at Leader’s meeting on day 1 5:30pm – Retreat ceremony 6:00pm - Dinner 7:45pm - Closing campfire 9:00pm - Taps

Day 5 Schedule – CUB ADVENTURE 7:50am – Flag raising 8:00-8:45am - Breakfast at Show and Do 8:30-9:30am - Checkout

WEBELOS CAMP SCHEDULE & HIGHLIGHTS

The Webelos Camp is a five-day, four-night camp complete with advancement activities focused on the CUB SCOUT ADVENTURES in the new requirements! Each day offers a variety of pre-programmed activities including Pellet Guns, slingshots, archery, hiking, games, canoeing, swimming and fishing as well as other evening activities provided by our excellent staff. Webelos Scouts will enjoy the outdoors, play games, make new friends, learn Scouting skills and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Below is the anticipated schedule of activities for first year Webelos during camp and a list of possible highlight activities. As with Cub Akela Camp and Cub Adventure Camp, some modifications may be necessary. A final schedule will be distributed during the leader's meeting on the evening of day 1. Second year Webelos will participate in the Thunder Scouts program as described later.

Day 1 Schedule – WEBELOS CAMP

1:00-3:00pm – check-in 1:00-4:00pm – swim checks 5:00pm – Leaders meeting
5:30pm – Retreat ceremony (lowering of flags) 6:00pm – Dinner 7:00pm – Camp-wide games 7:45pm - Campfire 9:00pm - Taps

Day 2-4 Schedule – WEBELOS CAMP 7:50am - Meet at Finland 8:00-8:45am - Breakfast 8:55am - Flags 9:00am-11:30am – Program areas – rotation schedule provided at leader's meeting on day 1 12:00-1:00pm - Lunch 1:30pm-5:00pm – Program areas – rotation schedule provided at Leader's meeting on day 1 5:30pm – Retreat ceremony 6:00pm - Dinner in campsite on Day 3 7:45pm - Closing Campfire on Day 4 9:00pm - Taps

Day 5 Schedule – WEBELOS CAMP 7:50am – Flag raising 8:00-8:45am - Breakfast at Show and Do 8:30-9:30am – Checkout

THUNDER SCOUTS

The Thunder Scouts program is intended for Webelos going into the 5th grade and is designed to facilitate the transition into Scouts BSA. It is ideal for these Webelos as they tend to have already done many of the requirements they need and are looking for a more “adventurous” camp experience.

We encourage ALL rising 5th graders to plan to participate in Thunder Scouts; they will not be able to do both and will not be able to switch back and forth. All second year Webelos are encouraged to participate in this program!

This program covers many skills of a first year Boy Scout. ● Fire Starting ● Cooking ● 1st Aid ● Knots and Lashings ● Land Navigation skills ● Outdoor Skills ● Hiking

The Thunder Scouts will be led by Scouts with Scouting fun in mind for your Webelos. There will also be games and competitions to challenge and entertain them, as well as swimming and shooting. Thunder Scouts is a terrific program that you won't want your 2nd year Webelos to miss! The Thunder Scouts program does not offer Cub Scout advancements as the program is focused on first year Scout skills.

THUNDERBIRD CAMPERS

Membership in the Thunderbird Campers is an honor bestowed on 2nd year Webelos who have completed the Thunder Scouts Program. They will be inducted as Thunderbird Campers at the closing campfire. In addition to the distinctive totem they receive, the Webelos will have the opportunity to enter the Society of Daniel Boone (SDB) at the Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation a year earlier than those Scouts that are not Thunderbird Campers.

CAMP TRADITIONS

Camp Hohn Song

High above Lake Osage arm, nestled in the trees Lives the spirit of good Scouting,
and true loyalties. Daily working, daily striving, ever more to be Faithful to the
Oath and Scout Law, Hail Camp Hohn to thee.

Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation Blessing

For the Friends that we find; For the Memories we make. For the Land and the
Lake; The Living, the Laughing, the Learning We thank the o' Lord, amen

TRADING POST

No camp is complete without a trading post well-stocked with camp necessities
and souvenir items. From toiletries to flashlights to sunscreen, we've got
whatever your Cub Scout may have forgotten. We have souvenirs and more.
Hours are set and posted in the Christine Jr.

CONTACTING CAMP

Please encourage parents to write, but not to call unless it is an emergency. The
main telephone at the Reservation is for Reservation business and emergencies
ONLY.

Snail Mail Service: Outgoing mail is picked up daily from the Welcome Center.

Scouts Name and Pack # Cub Scout Camp Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation
525 Camp Hohn Drive Gravois Mills MO 65037

Telephone: The Reservation telephone is used for Reservation business and
emergencies only. In case of emergency, the number for the Welcome Center is
(573) 374-5761. Telephone messages will be delivered as soon as possible.

HEALTH EXAMINATIONS:

The Boy Scouts of America recommends that all youth and adult members have annual medical evaluations by a certified and licensed health-care provider. In an effort to provide better care to those who may become ill or injured and to provide youth members and adult leaders a better understanding of their own physical capabilities, the Boy Scouts of America has established minimum standards for providing medical information prior to participating in various activities. Every Scout and adult must have a Personal Health and Medical Record, completed and signed by an examining physician, if staying in camp over 72 hours. If staying under 72 hours, parts A,B1,B2 of the medical form are required for ALL campers – youth and adult. The Boy Scouts of America recently released a new Medical Form. All participants must use this new form. Sports and other physicals will be accepted only if accompanied by Parts A,B1,B2 of the new form. Pay attention to the following: ● The date of the last tetanus shot ● Any current ailments and medication ● Allergies ● PARENTS MUST HAVE SIGNED THE FORM WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE END OF YOUR CAMP SESSION. Campers with only parts A,B1,B2 will be unable to participate in any high-risk activities (this includes aquatic activities). For this reason, we recommend each scout and adult have Parts A, B1, B2 & C.

Medical examinations are not provided at the Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation. If a Scout or leader does not bring his medical examination form, or if his or her medical examination form does not have a current parent signature, they will not be permitted to remain at camp after 72 hours. There are no exceptions to this policy. Leaders are encouraged to develop some type of “fail safe” mechanism to ensure that no Scout arrives at camp without a current parent permission signature on his form.

PLEASE BRING YOUR COMPLETED MEDICAL FORMS TO CAMP WITH YOU AS YOU CHECK INTO CAMP. DO NOT SEND THEM TO OR LEAVE THEM AT THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER! OFFICE STAFF HAS NO NEED FOR THEM, AND THEY WILL MAIL THEM BACK TO YOUR PACK. Health forms are available at www.lakeoftheozarksscoutreservation.org or at the council service center.

****Reminder that Health checks are done in the campsite. Leaders DO NOT need to bring them to the Welcome Center when they check in the Pack.**

Equipping for Camp

The entire Scout's clothing and personal equipment should be marked clearly with his or her name and pack number. Be advised that there is not a safety deposit box for valuable personal articles.

Scout Personal Gear

- Health History
- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Scout Uniform
- Sneakers and/or hiking boots
- Raincoat or poncho
- Sweater or jacket
- Undergarments
- T-shirts
- Shorts/Pants
- Socks
- Extra Clothes
- Hat or cap
- Sleeping bag
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Water bottle or canteen
- Tent
- Ground cloth
- Dirty clothes bag
- Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- Compass

Toiletries including

- Washcloth
- Towel
- Toothbrush and paste
- Hand soap
- Shampoo
- Comb and/or brush
- Sunscreen
- Any medications need*

CUB PACK EQUIPMENT

- Pack/Den flags
- First aid kit
- Propane lanterns (adults only)
- Plastic tablecloth
- Plastic to protect wood supply
- Matches
- Bow saws
- Twine

Optional Scout Equipment

- Bible or book of one's faith
- Notebook/ pen or pencil
- Camera and film
- Cot or air mattress
- Pillow
- Spending money
- Baseball glove, ball, Frisbee, etc.
- Alarm clock
- Lawn chair
- Lantern (battery operated)
- Pocket knife
- Sunglasses
- Swim shoes
- Camp chair
- Fishing gear
- Teddy bear
- Spending money for Trading Post

Packs should be aware that the following equipment would better help them in preparing meals in their campsite for the campsite meal they will prepare (Webelos camp only).

Items not recommended

Items of value, Gaming devices Computers, Laptops, Cell phones

Items prohibited

Firearms, ammo and archery tackle Fireworks Alcohol Pets

***All medication needs to be shared with the reservation medical officer upon medical recheck at check in time**

GENERAL POLICIES AND PRACTICES

Advancement: It is not the responsibility of the Camp Staff to sign off on any advancement requirements earned in a Scout's book. Many of the activities performed at camp will meet requirements and we will try to inform adult leaders. However, the ultimate responsibility lies with the parent or den leader in this area.

Camp Leadership: Adults in charge of your pack or den must be at least 21 years of age and must be registered leaders with current YPT training. At camp there must always be one adult for every five Scouts attending with a minimum of two adults in camp. If you have less than two adult leaders, we will make arrangements to combine you with another pack or den. Please call the council service center to make arrangements.

Co-ed Camping: Married couples are permitted to tent together; otherwise only adult leaders of the same sex may share a tent. Scouts may not tent with an adult other than his or her parent/legal guardian. Please follow Youth Protection guidelines.

Camp Fire Safety: Fires are permitted in the campsite under the following conditions: Fires are laid inside approved fire rings, or inside a fire barrel. Ground is cleared a minimum of 10 feet in all directions from the fire. Liquid or gas fuels are to be used ONLY in lanterns – never in fires, and never by Scouts. All such fuels must be stored in a locked, ventilated container as indicated by BSA policy.

Campground Etiquette: Trash should be picked up in the campsite daily. Each day, please bring your trash to the dumpster. NEVER store food in your tents, but in a secure container. Following these rules will prevent four-legged visitors in your campsite.

Campsite Accommodations: All Scouts and leaders stay in clean and well-maintained campsites. All campsites have large tarps or shelters over picnic tables to provide shelter in case of rain. Campsite washstands provide convenient drinking and wash water. Campers sleep in a large two-person, fire-resistant wall tents that are pitched on concrete platforms (if they do not bring their own tent). Private, individual shower facilities are available at the shower house. All camp facilities are thoroughly inspected to insure the safest possible experience for campers.

Emergency trips: It is the responsibility of the unit leadership to provide transportation for members of their units requiring nonemergency attention from a doctor or hospital. One adult from the unit will accompany the youth member requiring services. The leader must obtain the health form from the health lodge before leaving.

Leaving Campsite : After 10:00 P.M. each evening, Scouts should not leave their campsite without a buddy and adult leadership. This includes use of the shower facilities.

Lost and Found: Lost and Found items will be turned into the Welcome Center, Show and Do, Lakefront and the Pool. Leaders and parents should encourage Scouts to mark their personal belongings with name and pack number. Camp management and staff are not responsible for lost items.

Meals: Meals will be served at either Parkhurst or the Show & Do Shelter. All campers are expected to be present at each meal.

Membership: The Boy Scouts of America requires that all campers participating in the summer camp program be registered members. Make sure all your campers are currently registered. Rosters should be submitted with your final payment. Not having rosters ready will delay check-in. Additionally, ALL adults staying in camp MUST be registered members of the BSA and have current youth protection training. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Shower Houses: Shower house facilities are available at the camp. Separate facilities are available for boys, girls, women and men. Please follow Youth Protection Guidelines.

Special Needs: If a Scout has a medical condition that limits participation or requires a special diet, please be sure to note this when registering the Scout. Please notify the Council Service Center of any special dietary needs prior to arrival at camp if possible.

Travel: Transportation to and from camp shall be by approved means only. All campers and adults are required to use seat belts. Scouting policy prohibits anyone from riding in the back of pick-up trucks. All drivers must have a valid license and be at least 21 years of age. Observe insurance and safety precautions as stated in the Guide to Safe Scouting.

Swim Qualifications: All Scouts and leaders participating in aquatic activities will be tested by the aquatic staff and placed in one of three ability groups: learner, beginner, and swimmer. Scouts who do not satisfy the requirements of the swimmer's test may continue to attempt the test.

Quartermaster: DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES - All campsites and camp owned equipment will be inspected before checking in and out of Camp. Any damages that occur will be assessed by the camp management and must be paid prior to leaving camp. Damages may include lost or damaged equipment, defacing tents or facilities or damage to the natural environment. Please note and report any damage you detect on your check-in.

Uniforms: Scouting is a uniformed organization. The official uniform is strongly encouraged for all participants, both youth and adult. Camp will have specific times at which Scouts and registered leaders should wear their uniforms, dinner and retreat included.

Visitors: Visitors are welcome during the week anytime. ALL VISITORS must check-in and out of the Welcome Center with the Welcome Center Staff and receive a visitor tag. There is NO formal visitor night for Cub Camps. Meals for visitors are available at \$8.00 per person, per meal payable at the Welcome Center prior to meals.

CAMP SECURITY

Pack members: and leaders arriving at camp after 3:00 PM: Must sign-in at the Welcome Center upon their arrival.

Visitors in camp: Please advise your visitors to sign-in and out at the Welcome Center when they enter and leave camp. Each visitor will receive a visitor tag to wear while in camp.

Adults: In camp will be asked to wear a wristband to help spot non-Scouters in camp. The more closely we follow these procedures, the safer our camp will be for Scouts.

A Pack Leader/Scouter/ Scout: who leaves camp at any time – for any reason: MUST stop at the Welcome Center and sign-out. When returning, please stop and sign-in. A Scout who leaves camp at any time – for any reason: No Scout will be permitted to leave camp without the permission of a parent or legal guardian. We need to be able to ascertain everyone's whereabouts in the case of an emergency, in camp or at home, or if someone calls from home for someone who is supposed to be in camp with us.

A Scout: who plans to leave camp at a time other than when his pack is departing
MUST: 1. Have a signed Camper Release Authorization form on file at the Welcome Center (turned in during check-in). 2. An adult leader from his pack must be present to sign-out the Scout. 3. The parent or guardian who has come to take the Scout from camp must sign the form. The name of the parent/guardian signing out the Scout must match the name on the Camper Release form. 4. All parties must be present at the time of release. Scouts will not be released to a parent/guardian unless one of his adult leaders is present at the planned time of release. This procedure has been implemented for youth protection and legal liability reasons.

Pack leaders: should provide the Reservation office with advance, written notice of any boy's plan to leave camp early. Leaders must be able to account for all of the Scouts with their pack at all times.

YOUTH PROTECTION GUIDELINES

The following policies have been adopted to provide security for the youth in our programs. In addition, they serve to protect adult leadership from situations in which they are vulnerable to allegations of abuse.

Two-Deep Leadership: Two registered adults or one registered adult leader and a parent of a participant who must be at least 21 years of age or older, are required on all trips and outings. The Chartered Organization is responsible for ensuring that sufficient leadership is provided for all activities. At least two leaders must be with the pack 24 hours a day. Leaders may rotate but they must also sign in and out at the Camp Office.

No One-to-One Contact: One-to-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 other adults and youth.

Respect of Privacy: 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. Adults must also protect their own privacy in similar situations. When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in the tent or cabin of an adult other than his own parent or guardian. Limited separate shower and latrine facilities for females are provided, and when separate facilities are not available, times for male and female use should be scheduled and posted.

Abuse: Adult and unit leaders are not to use physical, mental, or verbal abuse on youth. This includes any threatening manner toward any youth or other person. The Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation is a SAFE HAVEN for all who visit. Any actions or suspected behavior of this type is to be reported immediately to the Reservation Director. It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that any suspected abuse of any kind be reported to the appropriate authorities.

Youth Protection Training is available online and will be offered at camp.

PROHIBITED AT CAMP

Alcohol: The possession or use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in camp. Those unwilling to abide by this policy will be required to leave camp immediately. Leaders, please inform parents of this so they are aware of this policy.

Firearms and Archery Equipment: Firearms and archery equipment are prohibited in camp anywhere except the shooting sports area. Personal firearms and archery equipment are not allowed at camp. This is a BSA national policy. Ammunition may not be brought to camp. Ammunition for the shooting sports area is issued at the range.

Illegal Drug: The possession or use of illegal drugs is prohibited. Offenders will leave camp immediately.

Other Items: The following list is other items prohibited in camp: pets, fireworks, motorcycles, personal bicycles, and un Scout-like literature. This list is not comprehensive. Please reference the Guide to Safe Scouting for other prohibited items.

Tobacco: Please refrain from using tobacco in camp. Remember the 11th point of the Scout law. No Smoking on the trails or in any tent. Smoking is prohibited in all buildings. Leaders set the example.

Vehicles in Campsites: No vehicles will be allowed in camp except for check-in and checkout. Additionally, wheelbarrows will be available to carry gear to your campsite. VEHICLES ARE TO BE RETURNED TO THE PARKING LOT. Only emergency and service vehicles will be allowed in camp during the week.

FOR PARENTS REGARDING HOMESICKNESS

It is not unusual for Scouts to develop homesickness during a session of camp. Research and experience has shown several ways to help boys and girls make the most of their time away from home. ■ Leave cell phones at home, or at least leave them with the Unit Leader 'for emergency use only'. Scouts need to be able to participate in all the fun that camp has to offer and develop self-confidence away from home. The cell phone offers a 'lifeline' to home, friends, etc. that diminishes that opportunity. ■ Encourage your son or daughter to try new things and get involved prior to camp and in mail/email messages during the week. Tell them how much fun you know they will have at camp and how proud you are of them. Avoid comments like "I don't know what I'll do without you", "the dog has whined at your door all week".... ■ Don't make pick-up deals. If a Scout is told that they will be picked up if he becomes homesick, several things have occurred: 1) the idea has been planted that they might become homesick 2) they have been subliminally told that they can't handle the separation and 3) they have been given an easy out rather than an opportunity for personal growth.