

SCOUT SUMMMER CAMP

Saukenauk Scout Reservation
& Camp Eastman

ESCAPE BACK TO NATURE



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Edits

This leader guide is a dynamic document, meaning that as changes occur, the link stays the same. Below you will find a database of edits made since the initial printing on March 1st, 2026.



ADVENTURE AWAITS

The summer camp programs at Saukenauk Scout Reservation and Camp Eastman deliver the adventure, fun, and activities promised to every youth who joins Scouting. While at camp, Scouts apply the skills they have practiced year-round within their troop. Summer camp serves as the proving ground for the “preferred method” of Scout camping: a troop operating under its own leadership.

The leadership lessons, character development, and vocational exploration youth experience have their greatest impact in the outdoor classroom. Traditions unique to Saukenauk Scout Reservation and Camp Eastman crystallize these experiences, transforming them into lifelong memories. It is only here that the pictures in the handbook come to life as youth seek the promised adventure of Scouting.

The mission of Scouting America Mississippi Valley Council and our camps is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

In this guide you will find:

- **New Features at Camp** –Learn about this year’s theme and our adult leader merit badge!
- **Pre-Camp Planning Materials** –Find an updated planning calendar, registration details, and what to bring.
- **Life at Camp** –Explore what your troop can expect during a week at camp at Saukenauk Scout Reservation or Camp Eastman, discover program area offerings, and learn about both of our unique camp honors program.
- **Policies and FAQs** –Find answers to frequently asked questions and an abundance of resources to support your adventure.



Find the most up-to-date version of this guide online at mvcscouting.org.

NEW FOR 2026

THIS YEAR'S THEME – ESCAPE BACK TO NATURE

This summer, we're inviting every Scout and leader to step away from the noise, the screens, and the busy pace of everyday life and Escape Back to Nature. At its heart, Scouting has always been about rediscovering the outdoors — breathing in fresh air, hiking wooded trails, gathering around a campfire, and finding adventure in the simple beauty of the natural world.

Throughout the week, our camp culture, evening programs, and special activities will center on reconnecting with the outdoors. From starlit campfires and wilderness challenges to hands-on conservation projects and back-to-basics skills, Scouts will experience the freedom and excitement that comes from truly unplugging and immersing themselves in nature.

Whether it's paddling across open water, hiking scenic trails, learning outdoor skills, or laughing with friends under a canopy of stars, Escape Back to Nature is more than a theme — it's an invitation. An invitation to slow down, explore boldly, and rediscover why the outdoors has always been the perfect classroom. We can't wait to welcome you to a week where adventure is simple, memories are lasting, and nature leads the way.

NEW PROGRAM FEATURES FOR 2026

Coming soon! We are excited to share new program features in a later publication of the Leader Guide, anticipated on 3/15/26. We will also have a new merit badge registration system this year!

REQUIREMENT FOR OUT OF COUNCIL UNITS

To ensure the safety of all Scouts, Mississippi Valley Council now requires a printed troop roster from my.scouting.org upon check in at camp if your unit is not from MVC. These rosters will be vetted against your summer camp roster to ensure that all members of your troop are registered in Scouting and have updated Safeguarding Youth Training. To pull this roster, log in to my.scouting.org > Menu > Roster > Export Roster. For Provisional Campers: Simply bring a copy of your Scouting Membership card that can be printed from my.scouting.org. Units may email this information in advance to teresa.hardin@scouting.org to speed up the check in process.

SERVICE PATROL PROGRAM

To help keep our camp clean and encourage pride in maintaining our facilities, as well as promoting service, we are beginning the Service Patrol Program. When you sign your unit up to be the Service Patrol for a day during your week of camp, your unit will be assigned to say grace for all three meals, conduct morning and evening flag ceremonies and clean the shower house for the day. For smaller units, we encourage you to work with another unit to fulfill the obligations of the Service Patrol. For assistance with this, speak with the Camp Director at registration.



CHAPEL PROGRAM

We are excited to share that for the 2026 summer camp season, we will be rekindling our camp chapel program.

This initiative is designed to provide Scouts and leaders with meaningful opportunities to reflect and fulfill their Duty to God, one of the foundational principles of Scouting.

Our goal is to create a respectful and welcoming environment that encourages personal faith, reflection, and reverence for all who attend.

Additional details about the structure, schedule, and opportunities for participation will be shared soon. Please be on the lookout for updates as we finalize plans for this important part of the camp experience.

MERIT BADGES WITH PROGRAM FEES

Merit badges that require an additional program fee must be paid at the trading post on the day of arrival and check-in. (ATV fees must be paid 7 days prior to camp arrival.)

KEY ITEMS IN DEVELOPMENT

There are a few key items that are still in the early development stages and will be updated in the online version of this leader guide found at mvcscouting.org. These items include an Adult Leader Merit Badge and program offerings.

**CONTINUING
FOR 2026**

CAMPSITE INSPECTION SCHEDULE

Campsite inspections will be resuming for the 2026 camp season at SSR, and continuing at CE. We are working on developing updated guidelines and expectations with our commissioners. These will be updated in this guide as they become available.

PROVISIONAL TROOP AVAILABLE EACH WEEK

Scouts who are unable to attend camp with their unit or are looking to spend a 2nd week at camp, can join another troop in camp. Simply register as a provisional Scout and we will pair you up with another troop. If you have a specific troop you wish to camp with, please coordinate with them ahead of time and indicate that you are camping with them during the registration process.

FAMILY NIGHT PROCEDURES

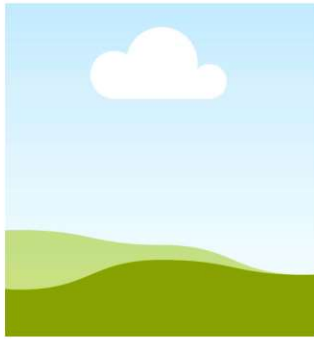
The safety of our campers, leaders, and visitors remains our highest priority. We are continually working to strengthen our camp safety practices to ensure a secure and enjoyable experience for everyone. During Family Night, all vehicles will be stopped at the entrance for check-in. Each unit must complete a Visitor List (located in the Policies & FAQs section of this guide) and submit it at check-in. Visitors will only be granted access to camp once their name has been confirmed on the unit's approved visitor list. Unit leaders may update their visitor list throughout the week at the Trading Post.



CAMP LEADERSHIP



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PREPARING FOR CAMP



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ABOUT GETTING READY FOR CAMP

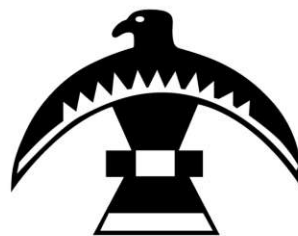


PREPARING FOR CAMP

Bringing your troop to a week at Saukenauk Scout Reservation or Camp Eastman will be an unforgettable adventure. The best experience requires advanced planning and preparation. Please review this section in detail so that you and your Scouts arrive ready to hit the trail!

Key things to consider when preparing:

- Merit badge registration will be conducted based on the week you are attending camp. Participants registered for Saukenauk will be able to register for merit badges beginning on 4/22. Participants registered for Camp Eastman (Weeks 1 & 2) will be able to register for merit badges beginning on 4/29.
- Program fees will apply to certain merit badges. For example, youth participating in the Cooking merit badge will owe \$20 for the cost of food. These program fees should be paid in the trading post upon arrival and check-in. (ATV fees should be paid at least 7 days prior to arrival at camp.)
- Camp fee prices are based upon when full payment is received. Save more by registering early and making full payment.



IMPORTANT DATES

Troop Camp Dates

Saukenauk Scout Reservation

June 14th - 20th

Camp Eastman

July 5th - 11th

July 12th - 18th

Webelos Adventure Camp Dates

Saukenauk Scout Reservation

June 24th - 27th

AS SOON AS YOU DECIDE YOU'RE COMING TO CAMP:

- Begin to promote the Summer Camping Program to your Scouts and their families.
- As part of your promotion, do not forget Arrow of Light candidates who will be crossing over this spring.
- Ensure that you have registered your unit online and have a campsite reserved.
- Identify those Scouts who may need financial assistance to attend camp.
- Begin gathering payments for summer camp.
- Recruit 2 Adult Leaders for every 8 Scouts attending camp.
- Start developing unit leadership and goals for camp.
- Ensure that unit leadership is current on trainings, such as Safeguarding Youth.
- Ensure Scouts select and prepare for their merit badge courses, including prerequisites.
- Plan to attend one of the scheduled leader meetings. (March 18th or May 27th)

MARCH:

- March 1st - Leader guide release
- March 15th - Merit badge schedule release
- March 15th - Webelos schedule release
- March 18th - Leader meeting during March Roundtable @ 7pm (Join virtually or at either scout office)

APRIL:

- April 20th - Price increases to regular camp fees
- April 22nd - Merit badge signup opens for SSR
- April 22nd - Adventure signup opens for Webelos
- April 29th - Merit badge signup opens for CE1 & CE2

Other Important Info:

- Discuss with Scouts which merit badge classes they wish to attend.
- Make sure that all leadership is current on their trainings, especially the Safeguarding Youth Training.
- Check all Scout medical forms to make sure they have been signed by parents this year and that the medical forms are current.
- Verify that a certified and licensed healthcare provider, as listed on the medical form, has signed all medical forms. (This applies to youth and adults.)
- Turn in all adult leader applications for any new adults.

MAY:

- May 27th - Leader Meeting @ 7pm

Other Important Info:

- Ensure that all Scouts are registered for merit badges.
- Make sure that Scouts are finishing up pre-requisites for their merit badges.
- Provide Scouts with a list of what to bring to camp.

JUNE:

- Ensure that all Scouts are registered for camp and have signed up for merit badges.
- Inspect each Scout's personal and patrol gear.
- Prepare troop equipment for packing.
- Make a final check on transportation to and from camp. You will be able to transport your troop's trailer to your campsite during checkin on Sunday.
- Give parents the address to camp.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS

The first step in registering for camp is to fill out a campsite reservation form (located in the Policies & FAQs section of this guide) and paying the deposit. This will lock in your choice of camp, camp dates, and campsite. Many units will fill out this form at the previous year's summer camp.

Units not registering the minimum of 15 campers may have another troop assigned with them in order to allow more scouts to attend camp and utilize our facilities to their maximum capacity.

Handicap Accessible Campsites:

Saukenauk Scout Reservation - Sauk Campsite
Camp Eastman - Wrens Campsite

CAMP REGISTRATION

Troop Summer Camp fees are based on when full payment is received. Registration can be completed at mvcscouting.org/camping/ or by visiting either of the scout shops.

Units should register all campers together. For example, youth must pay their fees to the troop leadership, and the troop registers and pays for the youth. Participants do not register directly with the council unless they are attending as a provisional scout.

There are some additional program fees associated with certain merit badges. You can find these fees on the merit badge schedule. All program fees, with the exception of ATV, are to be paid at the Trading Post during check-in. For ATV, payment is required to be made at least 7 days prior to arrival, due to the high demand of the course. The ATV fee can be paid at either of the scout offices.

Below, you will find the 2026 camp fee chart. All of these fees below must be **paid in full** to receive the early bird discount.

	Early Bird (By April 20 th)	Regular (After April 20 th)
Youth	\$410	\$435
Adult	\$215	\$240



PROVISIONAL SCOUTS

Scouts who are unable to attend camp with their troop, or are looking to spend a 2nd week at camp, can join another troop in camp. Simply register as a provisional Scout and we will pair you up with another troop. If you have a specific troop you wish to camp with, please coordinate with them ahead of time and indicate that you are camping with them during the registration process. During merit badge registration, the individual who registered the scout for their week in camp will go online and register him or her for their merit badges. Have questions? Contact either of the scout offices.

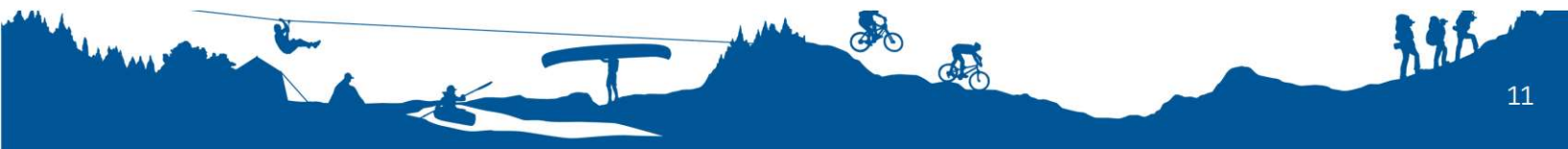
MERIT BADGE INFORMATION

The 2026 merit badge schedule will be released on March 15th, 2026. These schedules will be on the next three pages of this guide.

REGISTERING SCOUTS FOR MERIT BADGES

Merit badge registration opens for your troop based on what week your troop attends camp. This schedule is outlined below. Be prepared to have someone ready to register your Scout for merit badges when registration opens to ensure your Scouts get into their desired merit badges. Below you will find additional details on the registration process for merit badge registration:

- Gather ages and birthdates for Scouts participating in merit badges or programs with age minimums. Birthdates can be verified with unit key 3 members (Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, and Chartered Organization Representative).
- Merit badge classes are on a first come, first serve basis.
- **MERIT BADGE REGISTRATION DATES:**
 - April 22nd @ 12 PM - Merit badge signup opens for SSR
 - April 29th @ 12 PM - Merit badge signup opens for CE1 & CE2
- We anticipate using a new registration system for merit badge registration this year. Scoutmasters should be on the look out for email communication about this process, plan on attending one of the leader meetings, and refer back to this guide on the council's website for the most up-to-date information.



SSR Merit Badge Schedule

The 2026 merit badge schedule will be released on March 15th, 2026.

Camp schedules may vary from week to week based on specialty merit badges, volunteer-led programs, and the availability of certain activities at each camp property.

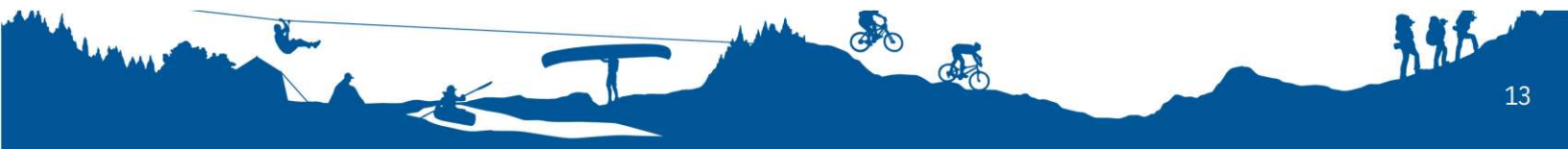
Units are encouraged to review the specific schedule for their assigned camp session in advance to ensure Scouts can plan accordingly and take full advantage of the unique opportunities offered that week.

CEI Merit Badge Schedule

The 2026 merit badge schedule will be released on March 15th, 2026.

Camp schedules may vary from week to week based on specialty merit badges, volunteer-led programs, and the availability of certain activities at each camp property.

Units are encouraged to review the specific schedule for their assigned camp session in advance to ensure Scouts can plan accordingly and take full advantage of the unique opportunities offered that week.



CE2 Merit Badge Schedule

The 2026 merit badge schedule will be released on March 15th, 2026.

Camp schedules may vary from week to week based on specialty merit badges, volunteer-led programs, and the availability of certain activities at each camp property.

Units are encouraged to review the specific schedule for their assigned camp session in advance to ensure Scouts can plan accordingly and take full advantage of the unique opportunities offered that week.

MERIT BADGE INFORMATION

FEES & ASSOCIATED MATERIALS

Merit badge fees should be paid in the trading post, following the completion of the check-in process. Kits will be delivered at the merit badge sessions. All scouts working on merit badges with prerequisites need to have a current copy of the merit badge pamphlet. Having this book will help the scout understand what is being asked of them and help you, the leader, understand what is being asked as well. For scouts that register for the ATV class at Saukenauk Scout Reservation, payment is required 7 days prior to the arrival date of camp. The ATV fee can be paid at either of the scout offices. This requirement is due to the high demand for the class, as well as the required additional paperwork.

PREREQUISITES

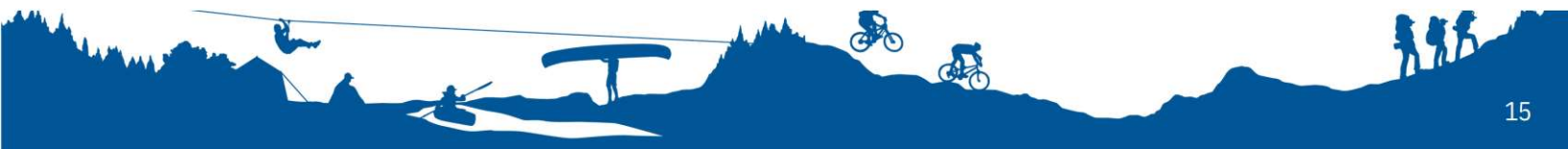
Several merit badges offered at Saukenauk Scout Reservation and Camp Eastman have requirements that cannot be completed during a scout's week at camp due to various reasons including time, facilities, or personal contacts the scout may need to make. These requirements are known as prerequisites and should be completed before scouts arrive at camp. Completed prerequisites should be submitted to the merit badge counselor on the first day of instruction. Outlined in the merit badge schedules on the previous three pages are the merit badges that have prerequisites associated with them, along with the specific requirements to be completed in advance. We ask that unit leaders be the first line of quality control when it comes to scouts and prerequisites and verify that scouts are doing the appropriate steps needed to accomplish the requirements. We cannot alter or make exceptions to prerequisites of merit badges.

PARTIALS

If a Scout has started a merit badge at camp and does not finish it, you will receive a partially complete on the unit advancement reports that you receive at checkout. Existing partial merit badges can be completed during the Scout's time in camp if they contact someone from the camp administration to finish. **LEADERS:** Please note that it will be the responsibility of each unit to make sure that the advancements are input into the ScoutBook system.

MERIT BADGE BLUE CARDS

Unit leaders will be provided an advancement report at check-out on the last day of camp. If a Scout or unit needs blue cards, it is recommended that you bring them with you to camp.



TROOP LEADERSHIP & STRUCTURE

ADULT LEADERSHIP ROLES

All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting America activity, including Scout Summer Camps within Mississippi Valley Council, must be currently registered in an adult fee-required position in the unit they are attending camp with, or as an adult program participant. The only exception are those attending as a provisional. Simply put, all 18+ adults attending a Scouting America overnight event/activity must be currently registered in the unit they are participating with.

- What is an adult fee required position? Adults may select from a number of positions, but we recommend a position like Assistant Scoutmaster or Committee Member. Registration as a Merit Badge Counselor does not meet this requirement.
- Important Reminder: Registering as an adult in Scouting may take a few weeks to process, therefore, all adult leader applicants should be turned in at least one month before attending camp.

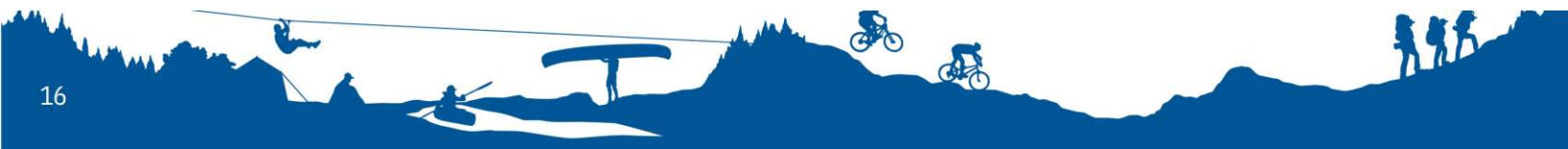
YOUTH LEADERSHIP ROLES

The Senior Patrol Leader, as the youth leader of the troop, leads the patrols in all their patrol activities. The SPL also attends the daily SPL meeting each day of camp. At least once a day, the SPL should meet with their unit's leaders to discuss the day's schedule of duties and programs. The patrol method is the cornerstone of any Scouting program. There is no reason to suspend this method during summer camp. Occasionally, new patrols must be formed when coming to camp because all Scout may not attend. Patrols should be established within the unit before coming to camp. Additional duties of the SPL while at camp include, but are not limited to:

- Understanding and supporting emergency procedures in camp.
- Make sure that campsite is prepared for daily campsite inspections.
- Ensuring timely arrival of the Troop at the flag raising, flag retreat, meals, campfires, and other camp-wide activities.

ADDITIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP ROLES

- **Fire Warden** - The Fire Warden will be expected to meet with the commissioner on arrival day and will be given equipment such as a fire chart, broom, metal rake, shovel, and fire buckets. The fire warden is the one who fills out the fire chart and is the individual who assists in taking accountability of their troop in emergencies. The commissioner staff will include information regarding the fire warden at a special meeting on arrival day.



ADDITIONAL PREPARATION

RECOMMENDED GEAR

While the camp provides some of the necessary gear needed to make your week as enjoyable as possible, there are several items you will need to bring with you as well. At the end of this section, you will find a recommended gear list.

MEDICAL FORMS

A health history, as well as an examination conducted within the past 12 months, is required for every youth and adult camper.

Here is some important information regarding medical forms:

- Use Scouting form #680-001 for ALL youth and adults.
- This form is available at the Mississippi Valley Council Service Centers and online.
- Part C of the BSA Medical Form MUST be completed and signed by a certified and licensed healthcare provider recognized by Scouting.
- If the family has health insurance, please attach a copy of both sides of the insurance card.
- Make sure that the emergency contact name, address, and phone number appear on the medical form and that the parents or legal guardians have signed and dated the form in the specified location.
- It is recommended that units make copies of the original medical forms and submit the copies during the check-in process. This will lessen the urgency if the unit leader forgets to pick up the medical forms before departing at the end of camp. Medical forms that are left at camp will be delivered to the Quincy office for pickup by the unit or scout parent.

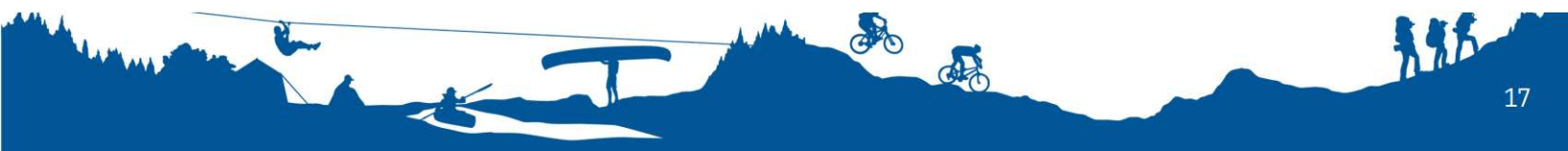
SPECIAL NEEDS, ALLERGIES & DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Mississippi Valley Council camps are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment where all youth can fully participate in our programs. We take pride in working with units and families to ensure that each Scout's individual needs are thoughtfully considered and supported.

We will make every reasonable accommodation for campers with special needs, dietary restrictions, or food allergies. To help us best serve your Scout, families of campers with dietary restrictions or allergies must provide documentation from a physician (in addition to the annual health form) detailing the allergen, type of allergy, severity, typical reaction, and required emergency response.

During the medical check-in process at camp, medical staff will review documentation to ensure we have all necessary information. Campers who are unable to eat the standard camp menu due to severe allergies will be provided appropriate alternative dining accommodations.

To allow our team adequate time to prepare, all dietary restrictions must be communicated to Orinda (orinda.gillham@scouting.org) at least 14 days prior to arrival. If you have questions, concerns, or specific accommodations that would help make camp a successful experience, please reach out to the council leadership team. Our goal is to ensure every Scout has a safe, positive, and memorable camp experience.



SAMPLE PACKING LIST

Although this list is comprehensive, leaders are encouraged to review and adapt it to meet the specific needs of their unit and individual campers.

For most of the day, it is preferred that all Scouts wear a Scouting related or blank shirt. Any clothing that advertises or implies obscenities, alcohol, or tobacco is not appropriate in camp. All clothing and accessories must reflect the values of Scouting. At the waterfront, we ask females to wear one-piece swimwear and males to refrain from “speedo” type trunks. The Program Director or Camp Director will provide rulings upon clothing items of a questionable nature. BSA policy requires that shoes are to be worn at all times except when swimming, showering or in a tent. Sandals and flip-flops are NOT considered shoes.

Canvas tents are available upon request. Requests for canvas tents should be made at least 7 days prior to your arrival at camp.

Personal Clothing

- Field Uniform (Scout Shirt, Scout Shorts, Scout Socks, Scout Belt)
- Activity Uniform (Scouting T-Shirt, Scout Shorts, Scout Socks)
- 7 Scouting related (or blank) T-Shirts
- 1 Long Sleeve Shirt
- 1 Sweatshirt
- 2 Pairs of Pants and/or Jeans
- 5 Pairs of Shorts
- Underwear (at least one per day)
- Socks (at least one pair per day, extra is recommended)
- Scout Belt
- 1 Pair of sturdy hiking boots with good ankle support
- 1 pair of Tennis Shoes
- 1 Pair of Closed Toed Water shoes
- Shower shoes

Troop Gear

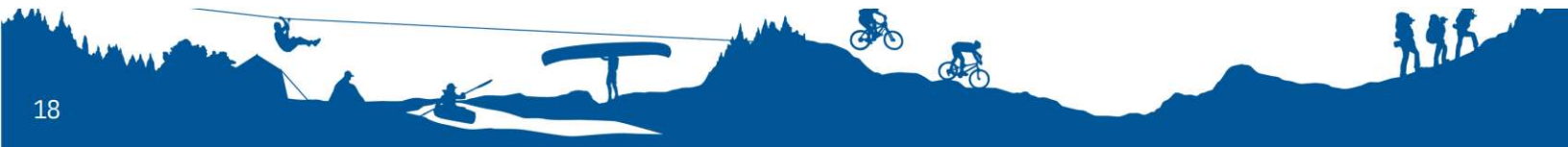
- Troop flag
- Troop mess kits and eating utensils (for family night)
- First aid kit
- Extra lantern(s)

Patrol Gear

- Patrol flag
- Twine or rope
- Dining fly
- 2qt. pot Cooking utensils
- Frying pan or griddle
- Water cooler
- Camp stove

Personal Items

- Personal Hygiene Items
 - Toothbrush/Toothpaste
 - Deodorant
 - Soap/Shampoo/Conditioner
 - Comb/Brush
 - Washcloth & Towel(s)
- Swimsuit
- Backpack
- Spending Money
- Watch
- Flashlight
- Pocketknife (with Totin' Chip)
- Notebook & Pencil/Pen
- Scout Book
- Merit Badge Pamphlets & Prerequisites
- Raingear
- Sun Protection & Insect Protection
- Completed Scouting medical form
- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Pad



LIFE AT CAMP



WHAT TO EXPECT DURING
YOUR WEEK IN CAMP

SUNDAY ARRIVAL AT CAMP

ARRIVAL & CAMP SETUP

You're finally here! We can't wait to welcome you to camp for an incredible week of adventure.

Please plan to arrive at camp as a unit. Units may begin arriving on camp property at 10:00 AM on Sunday. Upon entering camp, stop at the Trading Post (or Camp Office in the event of inclement weather) to begin the arrival process. From there, you will proceed to your assigned campsite, where your Troop Guide will meet you, welcome you to camp, and assist with campsite setup as needed.

Units bringing trailers may drive one vehicle to their campsite to drop the trailer for the week. No additional vehicles will be permitted in camp. Please plan accordingly. All vehicles must be returned to the main parking lot prior to check-in at 12:30 PM.

Important Notes:

- Units are not permitted to camp on property prior to their assigned week of camp.
- A health officer will not be on site until Sunday morning.
- Lunch will not be provided on Sunday. Please plan accordingly.

CHECK-IN @ 12:30 - 2:30 PM

The entire unit should report to the Trading Post (or Camp Office if weather requires) to officially complete the check-in process beginning at 12:30 PM. The Scoutmaster (or designated unit leader) will complete all required paperwork and check-in procedures at this time.

While that is taking place, the remainder of the unit will meet with your Troop Guide. This is a great opportunity for Scouts to start building relationships, ask questions, and get excited for the week ahead! Your Troop Guide will spend this time getting to know your Scouts and sharing important camp information.

Once the Scoutmaster has completed check-in, your Troop Guide will lead the unit on a guided camp tour and ensure you are fully settled and ready to begin your camp experience.

Any outstanding camp and merit badge program fees must be paid at check-in.

SPL & LEADER MEETING @ 4:30 PM

There will be a meeting for Senior Patrol Leaders (SPLs) and unit leaders at 4:30 PM on arrival day. On Sunday, SPLs and leaders will meet together for this initial session. This meeting will cover important information for the week, including schedules, program updates, campsite expectations, and key communication procedures to help ensure a successful camp experience.

Beginning Monday, daily meetings will be held with SPLs and unit leaders separately. By conducting these meetings independently, we intentionally reinforce and encourage the patrol method and youth-led leadership model. This structure empowers SPLs to take ownership of communication within their troops while allowing leaders to address adult-specific questions and administrative items.

EVENING ACTIVITIES

After a full day of arrival, check-in, and getting settled into your campsite, we'll officially kick off our week of camp with an exciting first evening together.

5:45 PM – Dinner

Join the entire camp in the dining hall for our first meal of the week. This is a great opportunity for Scouts and leaders to relax, connect with other units, and enjoy some great camp food before the evening's activities begin.

7:45 PM – Evening Flags

All units should assemble in the designated flag area for our formal evening flag ceremony. This meaningful tradition helps set the tone for the week as we gather as one camp community.

Opening Campfire – Immediately Following Evening Flags

After the flag ceremony, we'll move directly into our Opening Campfire program. Expect energy, laughter, traditions, and plenty of camp spirit as we introduce the staff, preview the week ahead, and officially declare camp open! Full field uniforms are required for flags and campfire.

9:45 PM – Quiet Time Begins

Quiet time begins at 9:45 PM. Units should return to their campsites and prepare for lights out. This helps ensure everyone gets the rest they need for a full and exciting first day of program on Monday morning.

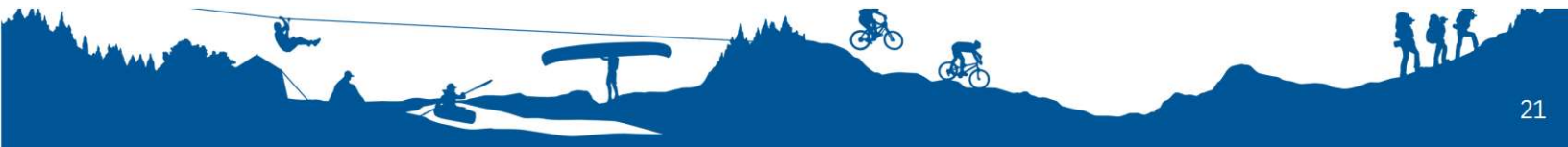
DAILY ACTIVITIES

Each day at Saukenauk Scout Reservation and Camp Eastman will offer a new opportunity for Scouts to connect with the outdoors as they truly “Escape Back to Nature.” From skill-building and advancement to fellowship and fun, every part of the day is intentionally designed to strengthen fundamental Scouting skills, encourage patrol method leadership, and create meaningful memories.

Throughout the week, Scouts can expect:

- Daily campsite inspections
- Morning and evening flag ceremonies with camp-wide announcements
- Engaging daytime program sessions
- Evening activities that bring the entire camp together

While camp operates on a structured schedule, flexibility is important in an outdoor setting. The schedule below reflects a typical day at camp; however, it is subject to adjustment before or during your camp week.





Typical Daily Schedule

7:15 AM – Morning Flags (Breakfast immediately following)

9:00 – 11:30 AM – Morning Program Sessions

11:15 AM – Leader Meeting

11:45 AM – Senior Patrol Leader Meeting

12:15 PM – Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 PM – Daily Siesta (Rest and recharge time)

2:00 – 3:50 PM – Afternoon Program Sessions

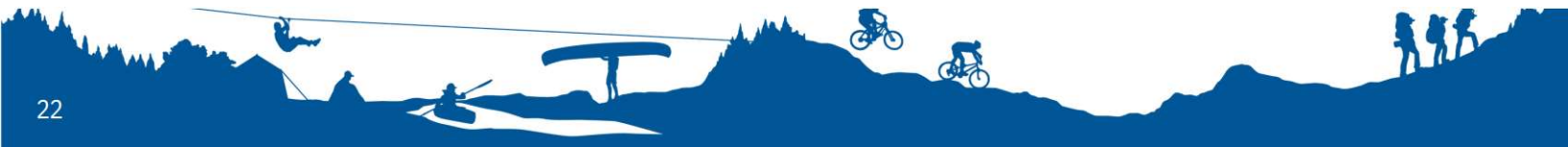
4:00 – 4:50 PM – Final Merit Badge Session

5:30 PM – Evening Flags (Dinner immediately following)

7:00 – 9:45 PM – Evening Program Activities

9:45 PM – Quiet Time Begins

Our goal each day is to maintain a balanced pace that challenges Scouts, encourages leadership, and still allows time to rest and reflect. We look forward to a week filled with growth, adventure, and the timeless traditions that make summer camp so special.



FAMILY NIGHT

We are excited to welcome families to camp for a special evening of fellowship, food, and Scout spirit!

- Family Night at Saukenauk Scout Reservation: Thursday
- Family Night at Camp Eastman: Wednesday

We will follow the regular daily program schedule until 5:00 PM.

4:45 PM – Family Arrival

Families may begin arriving at camp at 4:45 PM and proceed directly to their Scout's campsite after completing the check-in process at the entrance. (See below for details on that.)

5:00 PM – Unit Family Meals

Units should plan to prepare their own evening meal in their campsite with their families. Food must be provided by the unit. If a unit wishes to host their families in a different location on camp property, the unit leader must reserve that space in advance by signing up at the Trading Post.

8:00 PM – Evening Flag Ceremony

All Scouts and families are invited to attend the evening flag ceremony.

Campfire Program to Follow the Evening Flag Ceremony

Immediately following flags, families are encouraged to stay and participate in our Family Night Campfire. This program will celebrate the week's accomplishments with songs, skits, recognitions, and plenty of Scout spirit.

Visitor Check-In & Safety Procedures

The safety of our campers, leaders, and visitors remains our highest priority. We continually strengthen our camp safety practices to ensure a secure and enjoyable experience for everyone.

- All vehicles will be stopped at the camp entrance for check-in.
- Each unit must complete a Visitor List (located in the Policies & FAQs section of this guide).
- The Visitor List must be submitted at check-in.
- Visitors will only be granted access once their name has been confirmed on the unit's approved list.
- Unit leaders may update their Visitor List throughout the week at the Trading Post.

We look forward to welcoming families to camp and sharing an evening that highlights the growth, adventure, and memories made throughout the week!





SATURDAY CAMP DEPARTURE

As your week comes to a close, we hope your time at camp has truly allowed you to “Escape Back to Nature.” It has been a privilege to serve your unit, and we look forward to welcoming you back again next summer for another unforgettable adventure.

Saturday Morning Schedule

Between 7:45 AM and 8:00 AM, a staff member will deliver a breakfast crate directly to your campsite so your unit can enjoy one final meal together as you prepare for departure.

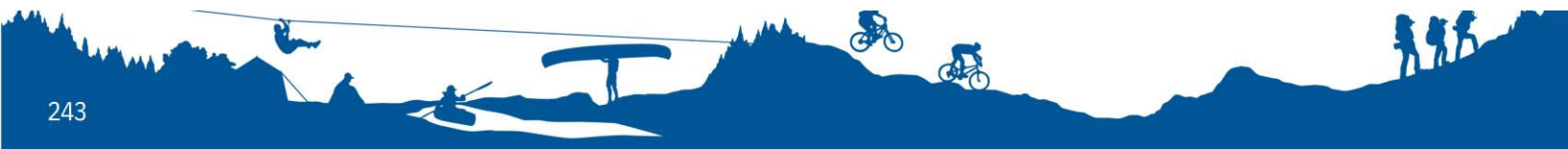
Official checkout will begin at 8:00 AM at the Camp Office. Each unit should send one adult leader to complete the checkout process.

During checkout, units will receive:

- Advancement reports
- Camp patches
- Medical forms

Please ensure your campsite is clean, gear is packed, and your unit is prepared to depart camp no later than 11:00 AM. Please note that lunch will not be provided on Saturday, so plan travel arrangements accordingly.

Thank you for spending your week with us — we hope the memories made here last a lifetime! Safe travels home, and we’ll see you next summer.



BLACK HAWK LODGE ORDER OF THE ARROW

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is Scouting's National Honor Society. The OA recognizes those Scouts and Scouters who go above and beyond in their unit and live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law. The Order of the Arrow takes the virtues that make Scouting great and expands them through various programs, training, leadership opportunities, and more. Black Hawk Lodge is the local Order of the Arrow Lodge for Mississippi Valley Council. The Lodge holds four main events each year.

These consist of Lodge Leadership Development, Spring Conclave, Fall Reunion, and Winter Banquet. These are only a few of the events held by the Lodge each year.

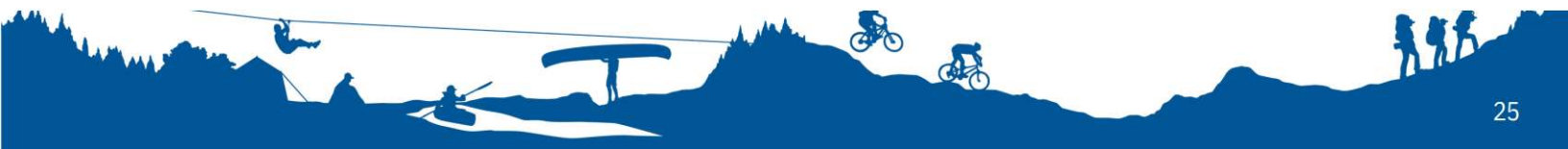
A large part of the Order of the Arrow is cheerful service. The Lodge provides service year-round to the council, our camps, and the community. The service ranges from serving as staff during events, clearing trails, painting buildings, adding improvements to camp, promoting the council at expositions, sand bagging during times of flood, and many more.

Every year Lodges from multiple councils get together for a Section Conclave. During the gathering, there are various unique activities, competitions, and shows. On a larger scale, every two years, Lodges from across the Nation (and further) get together at a college campus for the Nation Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). NOAC is a once in a lifetime experience for every Arrowmen who attends.

In order to be eligible for election in the Order of the Arrow, a Scout must obtain the rank of First Class, and have completed 15 days and nights of overnight scout camping. Once the requirements are met, a unit election must be completed. Scouters (18+) are required to achieve the same camping requirements as well as a nomination must be submitted to the Lodge. Those who are elected will be announced during the call-out ceremony during their unit's week of summer camp. For more information about membership requirements, see <https://oa-bsa.org/about/membership>. It is each unit's responsibility to schedule a unit election prior to summer camp. To schedule an election, visit blackhawklodge.org.

Out of council units are still able to recognize those who have been selected as candidates. To do so, a letter from the home lodge must be given to the Order of the Arrow Coordinator for that week of camp. Unit elections are not allowed to be performed for an out of council unit due to national policy.

For more information about Black Hawk Lodge, be sure to check out blackhawklodge.org for more information.



TRIBE OF THE SILVER TOMAHAWK

The Tribe of the Silver Tomahawk serves as a youth-led leadership enhancement program unique to the Mississippi Valley Council. The Tribe is designed to help the Mississippi Valley Council fulfill its mission of preparing the young people of the Southeast Iowa, West Central Illinois, and Northeast Missouri to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Tribe of the Silver Tomahawk accomplishes its purposes by affording members ongoing opportunities for introspection on Scouting values as well as practical application of those ideals. The program is focused on young men and young women who have shown leadership abilities through specific achievement and growth and provides them with a distinctive lifelong direction. The program is energized by memorable customs and traditions. Adult leaders are introduced to the program so that they may interpret and encourage the use and application of those principles in the lives of youth. Those who have embraced the principles of Silver Tomahawk will find their lives enriched by a vision raised to higher sights, see their performance increased beyond previous limitations, and will develop lifelong friendships. They will stand tall within their communities as examples of unselfish service and of willing leadership.

For membership requirements or any other questions, please see the Tribe of the Silver Tomahawk's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/TribeoftheSilverTomahawk/>

ADULT LEADER OPPORTUNITIES

NEW!!!! ADULT LEADER MERIT BADGE

This summer, it's your turn, leaders! For the first time ever, adult leaders will have the opportunity to earn a special 2026 Adult Leader Merit Badge right alongside their Scouts. That's right — while your Scouts are challenging themselves, learning new skills, and making memories, you can join in on the fun and take on a unique camp experience designed just for you.

This interactive and engaging program will give you the chance to:

- Step outside your comfort zone
- Participate in camp activities in a new way
- Connect with fellow leaders
- Model the spirit of Scouting for your youth

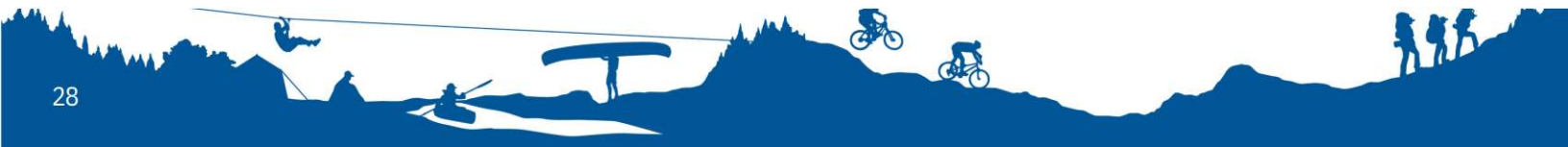


Full requirements will be revealed during the camp check-in process — adding a little mystery and excitement to kick off your week! You support your Scouts every step of the way — now it's time to have some fun and earn something for yourself, too! Are you up for the challenge?

ADULT LEADER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Summer camp isn't just for Scouts — it's an opportunity for leaders to grow as well. Throughout the week, we hope to offer some optional adult training sessions designed to help you continue developing in your role within your unit, district, and council. Whether you are a new leader looking to build confidence or a seasoned Scouter seeking fresh ideas and advanced skills, these sessions are being designed to equip and encourage you. Sessions will be offered with leaders in mind. Every effort will be made to schedule the leader trainings at convenient times to allow you to participate while still fully supporting your Scouts' camp experience. We believe that strong leaders build strong units. By investing in your own growth, you directly strengthen the experience for every Scout you serve. A detailed schedule of available trainings will be provided at check-in.





POLICIES



FIND POLICIES, FREQUENTLY ASKED
QUESTIONS & SUPPLEMENTAL FORMS

COMING AND GOING SAFELY

The safety and security of every scout is of paramount concern to all leaders and staff. To enhance our security efforts, we require anyone entering or exiting camp (including parents, leaders and Scouts) to sign in and sign out at the Trading Post when entering or leaving camp during the week. Scouts who are leaving camp early will need to check out at the Trading Post with our staff while being accompanied by an adult from the unit to authorize the departure. The adult checking out the scout must fill out the release form and present photo ID. If there are concerns about an individual Scout's well-being and protection, the unit leader should contact the Camp Director.

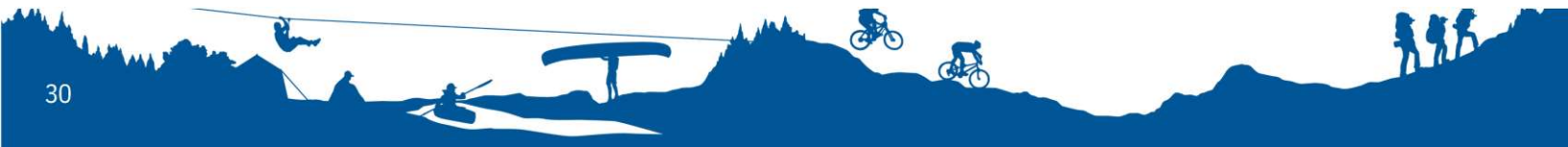


VISITOR POLICY

Visitors are always welcome in camp. Overnight accommodation for parents and visitors are not available during summer camp unless they are a registered camper and are registered members of Scouting America who have completed the Safeguarding Youth Training within the previous twelve-month period. Upon arrival, all visitors must check in at the trading post. Upon departure, all visitors must check out at the trading post. If the trading post is closed, the clipboard for signing in and out will be hung on the outside of the trading post near the main entrance.

Visitors that desire to eat in the dining hall for a meal will need to purchase a meal ticket in the Trading Post prior to the meal time. Meal tickets are \$10 each and will need to be given to the door greeter during entrance to the dining hall.

All visitors will be expected to follow all camp rules.



GENERAL CAMP RULES

All units in camp must have at least two (2) leaders with their troops 24 hours a day. Both leaders must be at least 21 years of age, registered in Scouting, and current on their Safeguarding Youth Training.

Leaders may rotate, if necessary. When leaders need to rotate, the departing leader should check out at the Trading Post and have their wristband removed. The arriving leader should check in at the Trading Post, get a participant wristband and turn in their medical forms to the health officer.

The consumption, possession, or use of alcohol in any form, and all controlled or illegal substances while on or near the premises of camp property is not permitted. Being under the influence or even having alcohol on the breath is a negative influence on our youth. Those individuals will be asked to leave, whether they are campers, leaders, staff, or visitors.

No firearms, bows, or arrows of any kind may be brought to camp. Absolutely no fireworks or personal ammunition of any kind are permitted at camp.

Liquid fuels are not permitted at camp. Propane may be used, but only under the supervision of an adult.

No fires or open flames are allowed in or near tents. This includes self-contained stoves and lanterns, mosquito coils, citronella candles and other such items. All campsites must be clearly marked, "NO FLAMES IN TENTS."

Sheath knives are not practical for the type of camping done at summer camp. Do not allow your Scouts to bring them to camp.

Aerosol spray cans of any sort are not permitted at camp.

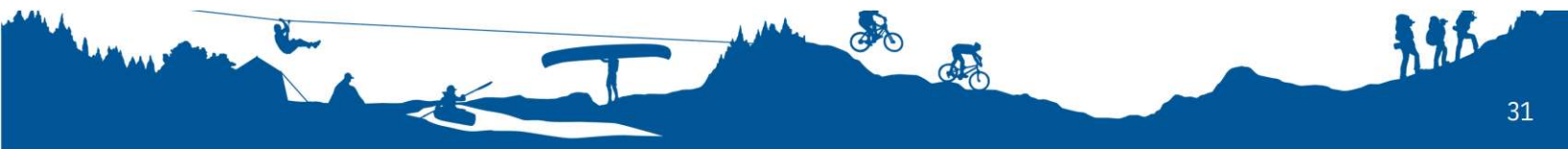
Leaders are not allowed to smoke in program areas, campsites or anywhere in the presence of youth. Smoking is not permitted inside any camp structures or anywhere on camp property, except for designated areas. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking. At both Saukenauk Scout Reservation and Camp Eastman, the designated smoking area is the parking lot.

Campers and RV's are not permitted in camp without prior approval of the Scout Office.

No electricity, except solar, is to be generated in campsites which includes running of extension cords from power sources.

Troops that have disability needs will need to work with the Camp Director and/or Staff Advisor prior to camp to accommodate where possible.

Batteries (inverter and/or rechargeable marine batteries) used for medical needs are allowed to be recharged at a location specified by the Camp Ranger. Vehicles will not be allowed to be used as sources of power in campsites.



All private vehicles are to be parked in the camp parking lot. Troop trailers can remain in the campsite, but vehicles cannot.

Personal bicycles are not permitted on camp property during summer camp.

No pets are to be brought to camp.

No additional family members or additional guests will be allowed to stay at camp unless they are registered campers.

Identification Bracelets - Each participant (adult and youth) will be issued a color-coded bracelet for identification purposes. These bracelets must be worn at all times. Participants will not be permitted to get meals in the dining hall without their bracelet. If a bracelet breaks, the participant should immediately go to the trading post for a replacement.

Closed toed shoes/sandals must be worn. Flip-flops and open-toed sandals are NOT permitted. This policy is in place to ensure the safety of campers. The only time that flip-flops or open-toed shoes sandals are allowed is in the shower house, pool or beach area.

Safeguarding Youth Training policies and adequate adult leadership are always required.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Health Lodge and Emergency Care

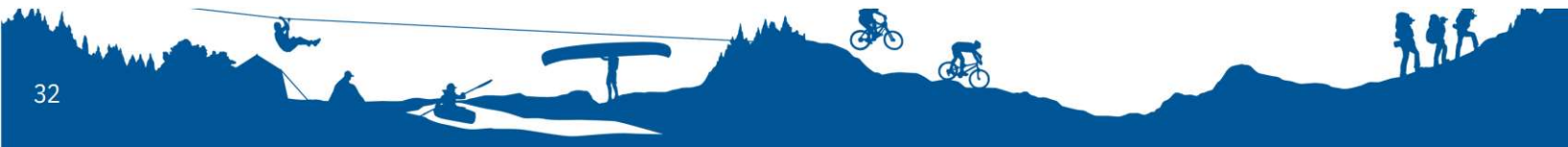
The camp Health Lodge is staffed by a qualified Health Officer who provides care throughout the week and is available for 24-hour emergency response. Any Scout or leader experiencing illness, injury, or other medical concerns should report to the Health Lodge immediately.

A licensed physician is on call for medical consultation and emergencies as needed. An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is located in the Health Lodge and is readily accessible in the event of a cardiac emergency.

The health and safety of every camper and leader is our highest priority. Please do not hesitate to seek medical attention at any time.

Insurance & Accident Coverage

The Mississippi Valley Council provides accident and liability insurance coverage for individuals who are currently registered members of Scouting America and are registered campers at camp. For insurance and liability reasons, participation in camp programs is limited strictly to registered youth and adults. Unregistered individuals are not permitted to camp or participate in activities.



Units attending from outside the Mississippi Valley Council must provide proof of accident and liability insurance from their home council. This documentation must be presented at check-in on Sunday or submitted in advance to the council service center prior to the start of the camp session.

In the event of an accident or injury during camp, the individual's primary (personal) insurance coverage applies first. The council's accident insurance serves as secondary coverage, assisting with eligible expenses not covered by the primary policy.

All claim forms must be completed by the parent/guardian and the attending physician and submitted to the council service center. For additional information regarding claims or coverage, please contact the Quincy Service Center at (217) 224-0204.

Health & Medical Records

Scouting America's Annual Health and Medical Record forms are available on the council website at mvscouting.org and are also included in this guide for your convenience.

All campers and leaders attending camp are required to submit Parts A, B, and C of the Annual Health and Medical Record at the time of check-in to their week of summer camp.

- Part C must include a physical examination conducted within the past 12 months.
- The exam must be performed, signed, and dated by a licensed MD, DO, PA, or NP.
- Signatures from chiropractors are not accepted.
- School, sports, or employment physicals do not meet the requirements unless they are documented on the official Scouting America medical form and signed by an approved medical provider.

Campers who arrive without properly completed and signed medical forms will not be permitted to remain on site for more than 72 hours.

We strongly encourage families to keep a copy of the completed medical form for their personal records.

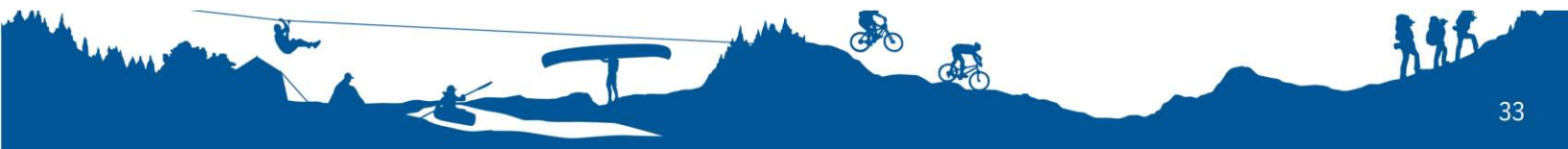
The safety and well-being of every participant begins with accurate and complete medical information. Thank you for your attention to this important requirement.

Immunization Requirements

A current tetanus immunization is required for all participants attending camp, in accordance with Scouting America health and safety guidelines.

Additional recommended immunizations can be found in the most recent edition of the Guide to Safe Scouting and on the Scouting America Annual Health & Medical Record form. Families are encouraged to review these recommendations carefully and consult their healthcare provider with any questions.

Ensuring immunizations are up to date helps us maintain a safe and healthy camp environment for everyone.



Medication

While at camp, medications may be secured either with the camp Health Officer or with the Unit Leader.

Unit Leaders may retain and administer medications for members of their unit only if they are able to provide secure, lockable storage that is accessible only to authorized adults at all times. Medications must be stored in their original, properly labeled containers and administered according to the prescribed instructions.

If a unit is unable to meet these storage requirements, all medications must be checked in with the Health Officer during the Sunday check-in process. The Health Officer will securely store and document medications in accordance with camp health and safety procedures.

Proper medication management is essential to ensuring the safety and well-being of all participants.

Tenting Policy

Separate tenting arrangements are required for male and female adults and for male and female youth.

Youth sharing a tent must be no more than two years apart in age. Adults and youth may not share tents.

In all Scouting programs, youth and adults tent separately in accordance with Safeguarding Youth policies. Married couples may share a tent if they choose to do so.

These guidelines are in place to ensure the safety, privacy, and well-being of all participants.

UNITS WISHING TO NOT EAT IN THE DINING HALL FOR MEALS

For units wishing to bring their own food for all meals to eat in their campsite, instead of eating in the dining hall, there will be a \$60 discount per participant. Please contact one of the scout offices at least 14 days prior to your arrival date for summer camp.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY COUNCIL 2026 SUMMER CAMP RESERVATION FORM

UNIT INFORMATION: Troop _____ District _____ Council _____

CAMP SITE REQUEST MADE BY:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone Home (____) _____ - _____ Cell(____) _____ - _____
 Work (____) _____ - _____ Ext. _____
 Email Home _____ Work _____

CAMP SITE AND WEEK PREFERENCES

First Priority: Troops reserving the same campsite in the corresponding session.
Second Priority: Troops attending 2025 summer camp but wishing for a different site or week, or Troops who did not attend in 2025.

CHOICE	WEEK	CAMP SITE
FIRST	_____	_____
SECOND	_____	_____
THIRD	_____	_____

2026 SUMMER CAMP DATES		
Week	Camp	Dates
SSR-1	Saukenauk	June 14-20
CE-1	Eastman	July 5-11
CE-2	Eastman	July 12-18

CAMP SITE SELECTION

Saukenauk Scout Reservation:

Main Camp:

Shawnee
 Navajo
 Kiowa
 Ute
 Comanche
 *Sauk
 Dakota
~~Eastern~~
 Ojibwa
 Chippewa
 Cayuga
 Huron
 Seneca

Jambo:

John Colter
 Kit Carson
 Baden Powell
 Daniel Boone
 Abe Lincoln
 Buffalo Bill
 Davy Crockett

Camp Eastman:

*Wrens Bluff Woodcraft Squirrels Herons East Herons West Pawnee Apache Cheyenne Cherokee	Owls Indian Point Redwing
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**Sauk and Wrens campsites are designated as handicap campsites. Any unit with ADA accessibility needs will have priority in reserving these campsites before the final camp payment date.*

Smaller troops may have another troop assigned to them in order to allow more Scouts to attend camp and utilize our facilities to their maximum.

Does your Troop anticipate using Council tents? Yes No How many? _____

Does your Troop anticipate using Council provided meals or cooking in the campsite? Dining Hall Campsite

Estimated # of Scouts _____ Estimated # of Leaders _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Reservation fee: \$100.00
This fee is non-refundable and will become a part of your 2026 Summer Camp fees.

Receipt Number: _____

Submit Reservation Forms to:

Mississippi Valley Council, BSA, 3007 Flint Hills Drive, Burlington, IA 52601 or email to: teresa.hardin@scouting.org



Campership Application
For Summer Camp and Council Activities

No full Camperships will be awarded. Partial Camperships (up to 50%) will be awarded based on availability of funds and the information provided in this application.

YOUTH INFORMATION:

Youth's Full Name: _____ Unit Type & #: _____

Has Scout received Campership in the past? Yes or No Current Rank: _____ Age: _____

Camp Attending: (circle one)

Cub Scout Camp	Webelos Camp	Scouts BSA Camp	Other Activity Name: _____
\$210	\$255	\$410	

Dates attending Camp: _____

CAMPERSHIP REQUEST up to 50% will be considered: (all lines required)

How much can the **Scout** and **Family** afford toward the Scout's Camp Fees: \$ _____

How much will the **Scout** fundraise to help pay for Camp Fees: \$ _____

Other contributions towards camp fees (i.e. Unit, Charter Partner, etc.): \$ _____

Total Campership amount requested (blank answers will be considered \$0): \$ _____

Total Camp Fee (Sum of lines above; must equal cost of camp) \$ _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail (required for notification): _____

Family Information

Gross Family Income (before taxes): (circle one) – required

Below \$30,000 \$30,000 - \$50,000 \$50,000 - \$70,000 \$70,000 - \$100,000 Above \$100,000

Size of family living at the address: ____ Youth ____ Adults

Youth's Full Name: _____

Unit Type & #: _____

Explanation of Need: State specific reasons why camp fees cannot be afforded: (Attach separate sheet if needed)

Unit Leader Statement of Support: Unit Leader Name: _____

Personal Fundraising Efforts:

Have you participated in the Council Popcorn Sale Estimated Sales: _____

Have you participated in the Council Camp Card Campaign Estimated Sales: _____

Other: _____ Estimated Sales: _____

Other: _____ Estimated Sales: _____

CAMPERSHIP POLICY:

- Camperships may be submitted for Summer Camp or for other Council and District sponsored activities within the Mississippi Valley Council.
- **Campership forms requesting funding for Summer Camp submitted by April 1st** will receive priority. After April 1st new youth members will receive priority. Camperships are available to registered youth of the Mississippi Valley Council.
- The Campership Committee will meet after April 8th. You will receive notice by email prior to the Early Bird deadline of April 20th on the status of your application. If this application is submitted after April 1st, you will receive notice within 20 days.
- Camperships are granted based on financial need demonstrated and availability of funds.
- Information provided (excluding address and family name) may be shared to secure camperships.
- Since its inception, Scouting has taught that a Scout pays his own way. This can be assisted by a Unit using the camp savings plan for its youth members and participating in unit fund raising efforts (popcorn sale, camp cards, etc.). The campership program has limited resources and is designed to assist our youth members who could not get a camping experience any other way.

SIGNATURES – Must have both signatures to be considered.

"I have read the above Campership policy and agree that the information provided is accurate"

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Unit Leader: _____

Date: _____

Submit Completed Application to:

Quincy Service Center
2522 Locust Street
Quincy, IL 62301

Burlington Service Center
3007 Flint Hills Drive
Burlington, IA 52601

Part A: Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization

Full name: _____
 Date of birth: _____

High-adventure base participants:
 Expedition/crew No.: _____
 or staff position: _____

Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization

I understand that participation in Scouting activities involves the risk of personal injury, including death, due to the physical, mental, and emotional challenges in the activities offered. Information about those activities may be obtained from the venue, activity coordinators, or your local council. I also understand that participation in these activities is entirely voluntary and requires participants to follow instructions and abide by all applicable rules and the standards of conduct.

In case of an emergency involving me or my child, I understand that efforts will be made to contact the individual listed as the emergency contact person by the medical provider and/or adult leader. In the event that this person cannot be reached, permission is hereby given to the medical provider selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for me or my child. Medical providers are authorized to disclose protected health information to the adult in charge, camp medical staff, camp management, and/or any physician or health-care provider involved in providing medical care to the participant. Protected Health Information/Confidential Health Information (PHI/CHI) under the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 C.F.R. §§160.103, 164.501, etc. seq., as amended from time to time, includes examination findings, test results, and treatment provided for purposes of medical evaluation of the participant, follow-up and communication with the participant's parents or guardian, and/or determination of the participant's ability to continue in the program activities.

(If applicable) I have carefully considered the risk involved and hereby give my informed consent for my child to participate in all activities offered in the program. I further authorize the sharing of the information on this form with any BSA volunteers or professionals who need to know of medical conditions that may require special consideration in conducting Scouting activities.


With appreciation of the dangers and risks associated with programs and activities, on my own behalf and/or on behalf of my child, I hereby fully and completely release and waive any and all claims for personal injury, death, or loss that may arise against the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with any program or activity.

I also hereby assign and grant to the local council and the Boy Scouts of America, as well as their authorized representatives, the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me or my child at all Scouting activities, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all liability from such use and publication. I further authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage, and/or distribution of said photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the BSA, and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

Every person who furnishes any BB device to any minor, without the express or implied permission of the parent or legal guardian of the minor, is guilty of a misdemeanor. (California Penal Code Section 15915(a)) My signature below on this form indicates my permission.

I give permission for my child to use a BB device. (Note: Not all events will include BB devices.)

Checking this box indicates you DO NOT want your child to use a BB device.



NOTE: Due to the nature of programs and activities, the Boy Scouts of America and local councils cannot continually monitor compliance of program participants or any limitations imposed upon them by parents or medical providers. However, so that leaders can be as familiar as possible with any limitations, list any restrictions imposed on a child participant in connection with programs or activities below.

List participant restrictions, if any: None

I understand that, if any information I/we have provided is found to be inaccurate, it may limit and/or eliminate the opportunity for participation in any event or activity. If I am participating at Philmont Scout Ranch, Philmont Training Center, Northern Tier, Sea Base, or the Summit Bechtel Reserve, I have also read and understand the supplemental risk advisories, including height and weight requirements and restrictions, and understand that the participant will not be allowed to participate in applicable high-adventure programs if those requirements are not met. The participant has permission to engage in all high-adventure activities described, except as specifically noted by me or the health-care provider. If the participant is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian's signature is required.

Participant's signature: _____ Date: _____
 Parent/guardian signature for youth: _____ Date: _____
(If participant is under the age of 18)

Complete this section for youth participants only:

Adults Authorized to Take Youth to and From Events:

You must designate at least one adult. Please include a phone number.

Name: _____
 Phone: _____

Name: _____
 Phone: _____

Adults NOT Authorized to Take Youth to and From Events:

Name: _____
 Phone: _____

Name: _____
 Phone: _____



Part B1: General Information/Health History

Full name: _____

Date of birth: _____

High-adventure base participants:

Expedition/crew No.: _____

or staff position: _____

Age: _____ Height (inches): _____ Weight (lbs.): _____ Male Female

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____ Phone: _____

Unit leader: _____ Unit leader's mobile #: _____

Council Name/No.: _____ Unit No.: _____

Health/Accident Insurance Company: _____ Policy No.: _____



Please attach a photocopy of both sides of the insurance card. If you do not have medical insurance, enter "none" above.

In case of emergency, notify the person below:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ Home phone: _____ Other phone: _____

Alternate contact name: _____ Alternate's phone: _____

Health History

Do you currently have or have you ever been treated for any of the following?

Yes	No	Condition	Explain
		Diabetes	Last HbA1c percentage and date: _____ Insulin pump: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		Hypertension (high blood pressure)	
		Adult or congenital heart disease/heart attack/chest pain (anginal)/heart murmur/coronary artery disease. Any heart surgery or procedure. Explain all "yes" answers.	
		Family history of heart disease or any sudden heart-related death of a family member before age 50.	
		Stroke/TIA	
		Asthma/reactive airway disease	Last attack date: _____
		Lung/respiratory disease	
		COPD	
		Ear/eyes/nose/sinus problems	
		Muscular/skeletal condition/muscle or bone issues	
		Head injury/concussion/TBI	
		Altitude sickness	
		Psychiatric/psychological or emotional difficulties	
		Neurological/behavioral disorders	
		Blood disorders/sickle cell disease	
		Fainting spells and dizziness	
		Kidney disease	
		Seizures or epilepsy	Last seizure date: _____
		Abdominal/stomach/digestive problems	
		Thyroid disease	
		Skin issues	
		Obstructive sleep apnea/sleep disorders	CPAP: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		List all surgeries and hospitalizations	Last surgery date: _____
		List any other medical conditions not covered above	



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Part B2: General Information/Health History

Full name: _____

Date of birth: _____

High-adventure base participants:

Expedition/crew No.: _____

or staff position: _____

Allergies/Medications

DO YOU USE AN EPINEPHRINE YES NO

AUTOINJECTOR? Exp. date (if yes) _____

DO YOU USE AN ASTHMA RESCUE YES NO

INHALER? Exp. date (if yes) _____

Are you allergic to or do you have any adverse reaction to any of the following?

Yes	No	Allergies or Reactions	Explain	Yes	No	Allergies or Reactions	Explain
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medication		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plants	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Food		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Insect bites/stings	

List all medications currently used, including any over-the-counter medications.

Check here if no medications are routinely taken.

If additional space is needed, please list on a separate sheet and attach.

Medication	Dose	Frequency	Reason

YES NO Non-prescription medication administration is authorized with these exceptions: _____

Administration of the above medications is approved for youth by:

_____/_____
 Parent/guardian signature MD/DO, NP, or PA signature (if your state requires signature)

Bring enough medications in sufficient quantities and in the original containers. Make sure that they are NOT expired, including inhalers and EpiPens. You SHOULD NOT STOP taking any maintenance medication unless instructed to do so by your doctor.

Immunization

The following immunizations are recommended. Tetanus immunization is required and must have been received within the last 10 years. If you had the disease, check the disease column and list the date. If immunized, check yes and provide the year received.

Yes	No	Had Disease	Immunization	Date(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Tetanus	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Pertussis	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Diphtheria	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Measles/mumps/rubella	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Polio	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Chicken Pox	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hepatitis A	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hepatitis B	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Meningitis	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Influenza	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Other (i.e., Hib)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Exemption to immunizations (form required)	

Please list any additional information about your medical history:

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX.
 Review for camp or special activity.

Reviewed by: _____

Date: _____

Further approval required: Yes No

Reason: _____

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

Part C: Pre-Participation Physical

This part must be completed by certified and licensed physicians (MD, DO), nurse practitioners, or physician assistants.

Full name: _____

Date of birth: _____

High-adventure base participants:

Expedition/crew No.: _____

or staff position: _____



You are being asked to certify that this individual has no contraindication for participation in a Scouting experience. For individuals who will be attending a high-adventure program, including one of the national high-adventure bases, please refer to the supplemental information on the following pages or the form provided by your patient. You can also visit www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahnr to view this information online.

Please fill in the following information:

	Yes	No	Explain
Medical restrictions to participate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Yes	No	Allergies or Reactions	Explain	Yes	No	Allergies or Reactions	Explain
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medication		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plants	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Food		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Insect bites/stings	

Height (inches)	Weight (lbs.)	BMI	Blood Pressure	Pulse
			/	

	Normal	Abnormal	Explain Abnormalities
Eyes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ears/nose/throat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lungs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Heart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Abdomen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Genitalia/hernia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Musculoskeletal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Skin issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Examiner's Certification

I certify that I have reviewed the health history and examined this person and find no contraindications for participation in a Scouting experience. This participant (with noted restrictions):

True	False	Explain
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meets height/weight requirements.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Has no uncontrolled heart disease, lung disease, or hypertension.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Has not had an orthopedic injury, musculoskeletal problems, or orthopedic surgery in the last six months or possesses a letter of clearance from his or her orthopedic surgeon or treating physician.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Has no uncontrolled psychiatric disorders.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Has had no seizures in the last year.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does not have poorly controlled diabetes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If planning to scuba dive, does not have diabetes, asthma, or seizures.

Examiner's signature: _____ Date: _____

Examiner's printed name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____

Office phone: _____

Height/Weight Restrictions

If you exceed the maximum weight for height as explained in the following chart and your planned high-adventure activity will take you more than 30 minutes away from an emergency vehicle/accessible roadway, you may not be allowed to participate.

Maximum weight for height:

Height (inches)	Max. Weight	Height (inches)	Max. Weight	Height (inches)	Max. Weight	Height (inches)	Max. Weight
60	166	65	195	70	226	75	260
61	172	66	201	71	233	76	267
62	178	67	207	72	239	77	274
63	183	68	214	73	246	78	281
64	189	69	220	74	252	79 and over	285



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2026 Summer Camp Staff Employment Application

Join our dynamic team that will deliver the Scouting program to over 1,000 youth this summer! Opportunities exist to serve as staff at Cub Scout & Webelos Adventure Camp and Scouts BSA Summer Camp.

Application Information:

- All applicants are required to fill out the application attached to be considered for employment.
- The minimum age for employment is 16. Candidates that are 14 or 15 may serve as volunteer Counselors in Training.
- Applications are subject to background investigations including criminal background checks.
- If hired, applicants must agree to become registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and verify eligibility to work in the United States
- If hired, applicants will be required to verify their identity and eligibility to work in the United States by completing the required employment eligibility verification forms.
- If hired, applicants are expected to set a good Scouting example, which includes practicing the principles of the Scout Oath and Law and wearing the proper Scout uniform.

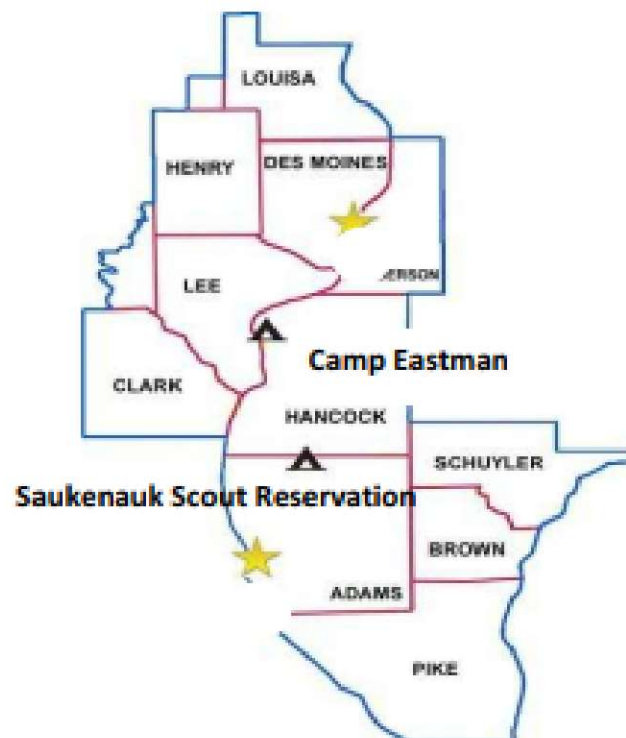
Application Submission

Mississippi Valley Council
2522 Locust Street
Quincy, IL 62301

Email: mvc@scouting.org
Email: teresa.hardin@scouting.org
Phone: 217-224-0204 or 319-754-8413

Timeline

- Open Interviews will be conducted in December - dates TBD
- Candidates will be notified of their status by March 15, 2026
- Beyond March 15th, applications will be accepted until positions are filled



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2026 Summer Camp Staff Employment Application

Applying for (check all that apply):

Full Summer Employment
 Cub Scout Camp
 Webelos Camp
 Scout BSA Camp

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Age as of June 1st: 14 – 15 16 - 17 18 – 20 21+ Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Have you worked on Summer Camp Staff previously? Yes No Year(s): _____

Indicate your top three position choices:

Age 21+ Positions	Age 18 – 20 Positions	Age 16 – 17 Positions
Camp Director	C.O.P.E. & Climbing Staff	Aquatics Staff
Program Director	Archery Director	Dining Hall Staff
Business Manager	Camp Commissioner	R.C. Car Director (CSAC)
C.O.P.E. & Climbing Director	Health Officer	Scoutcraft Staff
Dining Hall Director	S.T.E.M./Nature Director	Nature Staff
Aquatics Director	Scoutcraft Director	Shooting Sports Staff
Shooting Sports Director	1st Year Camper Director	S.T.E.M./Nature Staff
	Trading Post Manager	1 st Year Camper Staff
	Provisional Camping Staff	
	Adult Volunteer Staff	
		Age 14 – 15 Position
		Counselor in Training

Briefly describe your experience for the position for which you are applying:

Why do you wish to serve on Summer Camp Staff:



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Special Training:

Do you hold any certifications (Lifeguard, EMT, CPR/First Aid, National Camp School, OA, Tribe, NYLT...)

Hobbies or Special Interests: _____

Education: Most Recent High School College/Tech School

School: _____ Grade: _____ Major: _____

Extra-Curricular Activities: _____

Past Employer: _____

Job Title: _____ Supervisor Name: _____

Supervisor Contact Number: _____ May we Contact: _____

References: List three references who have knowledge of your character, experience, and ability.

Name	Relationship	Phone	Email

Available Dates: Please mark any dates that you are **NOT** available. Dates may be subject to change.

Training Dates:

___ Cub Scout Camp Staff Weekend- June TBD

___ Camp Staff Training - June 6 – June 12

Camp Dates:

___ Cub Scout session 1 (June 12 - 14)

___ Scouts BSA SSR (June 14 - 20)

___ Cub Scout session 2 (June 19 - 21)

___ Scouts BSA CE session 1 (July 5 - 11)

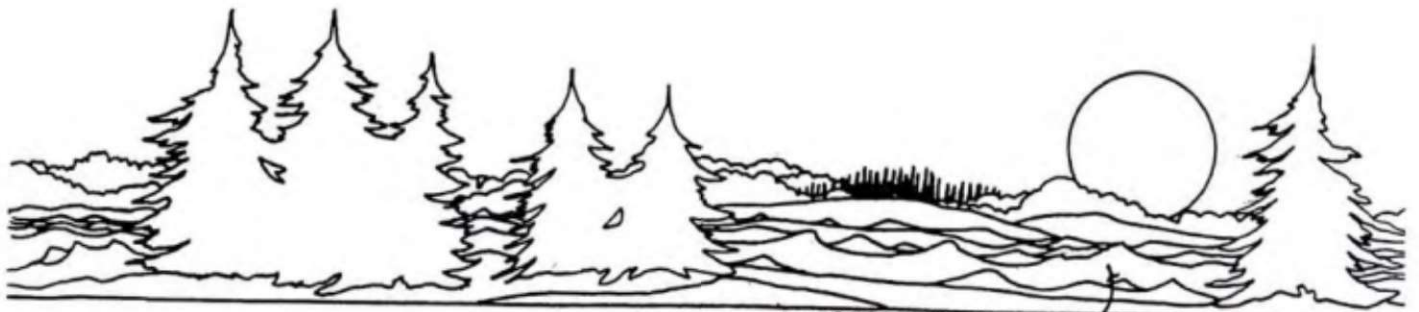
___ Scouts BSA CE session 2 (July 12 - 18)

___ Webelos session SSR (June 24 - 27)

I attest with my signature below that I have given the Mississippi Valley Council, Scouting America true and complete information on this application. No requested information has been concealed. I authorize the investigation of all statements contained in this application for employment as may be necessary in arrival at an employment decision. I understand that the results of any investigation may be disclosed to other employees involved in the hiring process and I consent to the dissemination of the results of any investigation to such employees. I authorize the Mississippi Valley Council to contact references provided for employment reference checks. I understand that neither the completion of this application nor any other part of my consideration for employment establishes any obligation for the Mississippi Valley Council to hire me. I understand that either the Mississippi Valley Council or I can terminate my employment at any time and for any reason, with or without cause and without prior notice.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

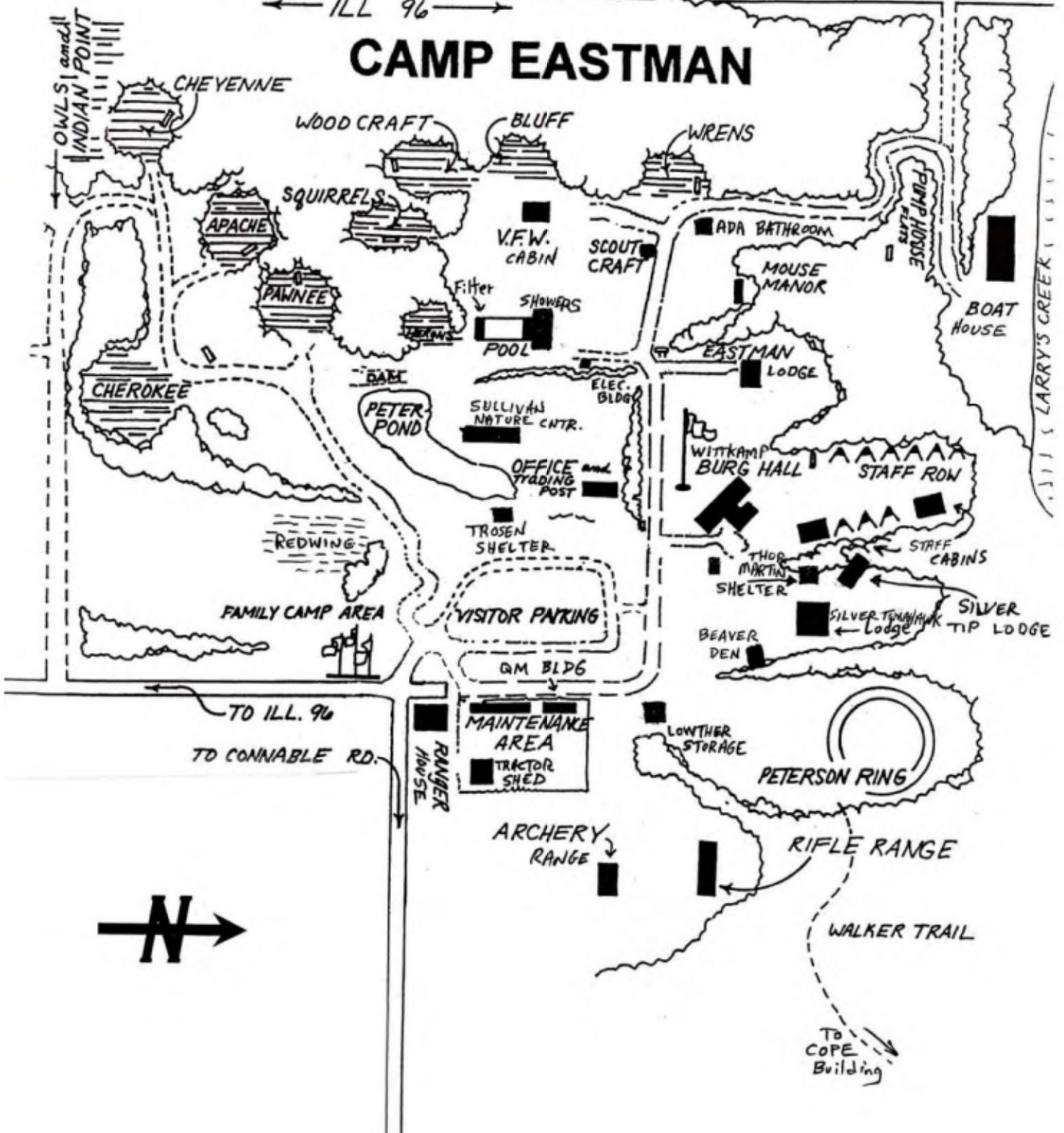




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