



2026 CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP GUIDE

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WELCOME!

Greetings Parents,

We are so excited for your interest in Cub Scout Day Camp this year! **The 2026 theme is “Dinotopia!”** We are looking forward to all the fun things that are planned for camp and all the amazing volunteers that help make this happen.

It is our honor and privilege to provide the best experience for you and your children. In an effort to help you prepare for your summer adventure, this guidebook has been compiled to convey the details about our programs, procedures, and services that will be most important for the success of your day camp experience.

Please take the time to read this guide and familiarize yourself with day camp and our policies. You will need to fill out health forms part A and part B for every child and adult volunteer that is attending camp. A parent can fill this out—no physical is necessary. They are located at the end of this guide. These will be turned in during check in on Day 1. It will save a ton of time if you have these filled out and printed ahead of time.

While each day camp is unique, the policies and procedures in this guide will remain similar for each camp. This guide provides an overview of the W. D. Boyce Council day camps, but you will also receive camp specific instructions from your camp director prior to the start of camp.

Day Camps are run by a staff of Volunteers. They work hard all year round to provide an unforgettable camp for the Cub Scouts!

Yours in Scouting,

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Campers Receive

- Day Camp T-Shirt
- Day Camp Patch
- List of their adventures completed for their rank—these will need to be turned in to their Cubmaster
- Unforgettable memories!





LOCATIONS, CONTACTS, TEXT NOTIFICATIONS

If there are any questions or if you cannot make it to camp on your scheduled day, contact the Camp Director.

Peoria Area, June 1-5

Tanners Orchard
740 State Route 40, Speer, IL 61479

Camp Directors: Paul Ernst
ernstsss@gmail.com

Text Prompt: @tanners26 to 81010

Pontiac Area, June 1-5

Humiston Woods
22001 N 1125 E Road, Pontiac, IL 61764

Camp Director: Dave Gallup
gallup800@frontier.com

Program Director: Tina Hammer
tinahammer12@gmail.com

Text Prompt: @humiston26 to 81010

Peru Area, June 8-12

St. Bede Academy
24 W US Highway West, Peru, IL 61354

Camp Directors: Emily Maltas
3mily9innell@gmail.com

Text Prompt: @stbede to 81010

Bloomington Area, June 8-12

Comlara Park
13001 Recreation Area Dr, Hudson, IL 61748

Camp Directors: Teresa Kunkes
teresa.kunkes@gmail.com

Program Director: Rosa Salzman
munch78s@gmail.com

Text Prompt: @comlara to 81010

Pekin Area, June 15-19

Mineral Springs Park (4H Shelter)
1701 Court St. Pekin, IL 61554

Camp Director: Gary Towne
gtowne61554@yahoo.com

Program Director: Walter Beach
Text Prompt: @pekin to 81010





Camp Hours

On Day 1 of camp— arrive **15-20 minutes early** and expect **check-in to take 20-30 minutes**. You will have to review camp procedures with staff. This does not apply if you participate in pre-camp check-in. See below.

Drop off: 8:30 AM

Please stay with your child until they are checked in.

Pick up: 4:00 PM

You must sign your child out every day. If someone other than a parent/guardian is picking up your child, you must **mark them as a person authorized for pick up on the health form** and let the Camp Director know.

Lunches:

Please send your child with a sack lunch every day. If your child will want a snack during the day, please send that as well.

Pre-Camp Check-In

Some camps will have an option to bring health forms and receive day camp t-shirts prior to camp starting. This will be helpful in making sure that day camp gets started smoothly on Day 1. Please look for communication from your camp director for more information on this process.

Absenteeism

- If a Cub Scout and/or volunteer will not be in camp for any reason, please get this information to the Camp Director.
- We assume every Scout registered for camp will be there every day, and we need to account for all of the Scouts.
- The Camp Staff will call the home of all Scouts who are absent unless notified of the absence in advance.

Late Arrivals and Early Departures

Any Cub Scouts arriving late must check-in at the registration area to ensure the attendance is properly updated. Any Scout departing camp early must have a signed early release form (at the end of this guide and will be available at camp.) When the Scout is ready to leave camp, they must be escorted to the registration area where they will be checked out. The adult picking up your child **must present a valid ID** before they will be allowed to check the Scout out of the Camp. This policy is for the safety of the Scout and will be strictly enforced. Any person other than a parent or guardian **must be listed on the Scouts' health form** as a person allowed for pick up.

Parent Role:

- Notify the Camp Director if you will be late that day for any reason.
- Be sure to check your Cub Scout in at the registration area before proceeding to program area.
- Fill out an early release form if you know of any planned early pick-ups.
- Bring a valid ID with you when picking up your child. Note any other person picking up your child on their health form and make sure they know to bring their ID.

Walker Role:

- If a parent approaches your den after check-in, please refer them to the registration area to check in properly. So you know what to look for, your Camp Director will inform you of the protocol that will be followed.
- If a child is to leave early, have them escorted to the registration table at the confirmed time.



Camp Uniform

- Each Cub Scout will be provided with a Day Camp T-shirt on the first day of camp. This shirt should be worn each day the Scout is attending camp. This is to easily identify which campers belong at camp.
- You may opt to purchase an extra shirt during registration.
- Campers can wear either shorts, leggings, jeans, or other pants that are comfortable and weather appropriate.
- Campers should also have a hat, closed toed shoes, and socks. **Do not wear shoes with any holes** in them such as sandals, flip-flops, or crocs.

Adult and Volunteer Attire

- Adults should follow the same dress code as the campers. You can wear a day camp t-shirt, Scout uniform attire, or other appropriate clothing.
- Adult walkers who volunteer for all 5 days of camp will receive a day camp t-shirt **free of charge**.
- **ALL ADULTS PRESENT AT CAMP** will wear a camp-specific wristband. Part-time walkers and all other participants/visitors wanting a camp T-shirt may purchase one through the W. D. Boyce Council Office. T-shirt orders will be processed on a first come, first served basis after June 1.

Adult Supervision Requirements

- Each pack **must send 1 adult walker for every 8 Cub Scouts in attendance**. It does not have to be the same adult each day. Some camps will separate the campers based on age, not pack.
- We will do everything we can to keep as many Scouts from a pack together, but a walker may be asked to supervise campers who are not in their pack. Day camp can only operate smoothly with the help of adult walkers.
- Please ensure your pack send the appropriate number of walkers. Adult walkers do not have to be registered members of Scouting America, but each pack should approve the adult walkers.

Non-Camper Siblings

- Siblings who are older, younger, or not registered campers are **not permitted** to participate in day camp activities and should not come to camp.
- If you need accommodations to help volunteer or be a walker, please talk to the Camp Director for your camp location.
- Any youth helping at camp must be registered Scouters. Reach out to the Camp Director for information on your specific camp.

Transportation

- Parents/Guardians are responsible for transportation to and from camp.
- If you transport other youth besides your own Scout, you must follow Scouting America's Safeguarding Youth Policies, which state that an **adult may not drive or be alone in the car with a Cub Scout unless that Scout is their own child**. An adult may drive two or more Scouts.

Meal Time

- Everyone will be responsible for bringing their own lunch and drink with them daily. There will be limited areas to store cold items, so **please pack non-perishable foods if possible**. Please **do not send anything that can spoil**, such as mayonnaise or milk.
- **Please do not send glass bottles.**
- Write your camper's name on their lunch and drink.
- If your camper's lunch does need to be refrigerated, let the camp staff know upon check-in.





Packing List

- Campers will need the following items with them on a daily basis:
- Camp T-shirt
- Sack lunch & drink (and snacks if necessary)
- Water bottle (filled and reusable)
- Hat & Sunscreen
- Non-aerosol bug spray
- Rain poncho
- Tennis shoes and extra pair of socks
- Swimsuit & Towel if necessary
- Closed-toed water shoes for water day if necessary

It is recommended that campers bring this gear with them in a backpack. Remember, everything your campers bring to camp they may have to carry with them all day. **Do not overpack!** Ensure your camper's name is on everything they bring to camp.

Items to Leave at Home

The following items are not allowed in camp: knives, electronic devices (Nintendo switches, etc.), weapons of any type, and fireworks.

Look for Sunshine- Prepare for Rain

Each camper should wear sunscreen daily and bring some more which they can re-apply themselves. **Do NOT assume Day Camp will be cancelled due to rain.** Bring your rain gear and continue as scheduled. The Camp Director will move camp into sheltered areas or cancel camp if weather conditions become unsafe. In the unlikely event that this happens, emergency procedures have been put into place, and you will be notified to come and pick up your camper. No child will be left anywhere unattended.

Cub Scout Discipline

- Campers are expected to respect themselves and others at all times while at camp. This includes personal property. If a camper's behavior jeopardizes the safety of themselves, others, or doesn't portray the proper Scouting values, they will be asked to stop.
- Adult Walkers are responsible for maintaining order within their group.
- Any and all disciplinary actions will be judged on a case by case basis by the camp staff.
- Discipline should be handled by the camper's home pack leaders whenever possible.
- In the case of major behavioral issues, parents will be contacted to immediately pick up their child.
- **Physical discipline is NOT allowed at camp (even with your own child.)**
- Campers are not to be insulted, degraded, or demoralized through verbal discipline.
- If you have any concerns over the way your child is being treated at day camp, please contact the council office at **309-696-0508** immediately.

Parent and Walker Roles:

Lead by example. Follow the Scout Oath and Law. Be consistent in discipline. Seek the advice of the Camp Director if you need help.





Lost & Found

Lost & Found will be established at the Camp Registration Area. Any items found which do not belong to you should be turned in to Lost & Found. If you have lost anything, check there. **Day Camp Volunteers and the W. D. Boyce Council are not responsible for lost or misplaced items.**

- Be sure to mark the camper's name and pack number on anything that could be separated from them.
- Anything left over at the end of the week will be turned into the Scout Service Center in Peoria and kept for one month. After that month, all the items will be donated or thrown away.
- Contact your Camp Director or the Scouting America Service Center if you think you have lost something.

Emergency Procedures

The only things that will delay the camp are lightning, tornados, or other severe weather warnings. Day Camp Staff will make the decision to delay the opening or cancel camp for that day as soon as possible in the morning. Camp Staff will then contact parents and leaders. In the event of severe weather conditions that arise after camp has started, ALL campers and leaders will be directed into designated buildings or areas until the severe weather condition has passed. The Camp Staff will then notify the Day Walkers when the schedule will be resumed. Opt in to the texting services on pg.4 to be notified.

Severe Thunderstorms/ Tornado Warnings

Day Camp opening will be delayed if a Severe Thunder Storm/Tornado Warning (not a Watch) is in effect at the opening time at the campsite area. Camp will begin one hour after the warning has been lifted. The Camp Director will notify families in cases of delay. You will be notified via texting service (pg. 4)

Health Forms

Each camp has a Health Officer on site to deal with minor injuries and medical emergencies. **It is extremely important that all medical information be up to date, clear and complete on the health form.** The local police, fire department, and hospital have been notified of each camp's operation and schedule. They are prepared to quickly respond in the event of an emergency and we need to ensure that any medical information we give them is accurate.

Medication

All medications (including over the counter medication) at camp **MUST be listed on the individual's medical form** and should be given to the Health Officer upon arrival at camp. **ONLY medication listed on a medical form is allowed at camp.** Parents are encouraged to come to camp and dispense any medication to their own child during the day. If unable to do this, parents must sign the youth's health form in the space allowing the Health Officer to dispense daily medication. **No other person in camp can carry or dispense medication to campers.**

The ONLY exception to this is campers or adults with severe allergies and other life-threatening conditions. In this case, participants may carry their medication on them. For example, campers with allergies that may require an Epi-Pen may carry it in their backpack. All instances of this MUST be noted on the medical form and made aware to the Health Officer.

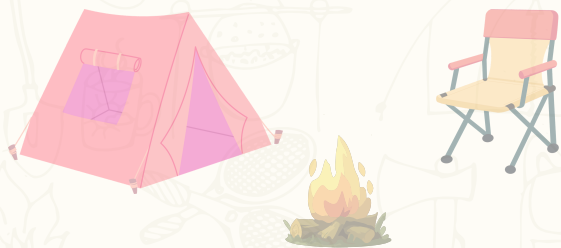




Safeguarding Youth Policies

Scouting America is committed to the highest standards for youth safety. Safeguarding youth requires sustained vigilance and we work every day to protect children through mandatory policies.

- One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is prohibited.
- Privacy of youth is respected. Adult leaders and youth must respect each other’s privacy, especially in situations such as changing clothes and using restrooms.
- The buddy system should be used at all times. The buddy system is a safety measure for all Scouting activities. Buddies are encouraged to select each other, with **no more than two years age difference** and **must be of the same gender**.
- Hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any Scouting activity.
- No bullying. Verbal, physical, and cyber bullying are prohibited in Scouting.



Scouts First Helpline

(1-844-SCOUTS1)

The protection of youth is the primary obligation of every individual involved in Scouting America— including leaders, parents, members, and professionals. Scouting America has been and will continue to be vigilant in creating barriers that help prevent abuse and educating those involved in Scouting to recognize and report child abuse regardless of where it occurs.

As part of its “Scouts First” approach to the protection and safety of youth, Scouting America has established **844-SCOUTS1 (844-726-8871)**, a dedicated 24-hour helpline to receive reports of known or suspected abuse or behavior that might put a youth at risk.



Safeguarding Youth Training is FREE. You do not have to be a registered member of Scouting America to take Safeguarding Youth Training.

To take Safeguarding Youth Training, go to www.my.Scouting.org and create an account. You’ll receive an email notification with your account information, including a member ID/reference number.

From the www.my.Scouting.org portal, click Home then My Dashboard from the menu list.



TRADING POST

Each Day Camp will have a trading post where your Cub Scout can purchase assorted items to enhance their camp experience. While each location may have subtle variances with their inventory, each location will offer assorted snacks and drinks. As well as fun scouting crafts and apparel.

It is recommended that \$5-10/day should provide your Cub Scout with plenty of money for daily purchases.

CAMPER EARLY RELEASE FORM

Instructions:

Scouts desiring to leave camp prior to the unit's departure or not as part of the unit must have a release signed by their parent or guardian and approved by the unit leader. Scouts will normally be permitted to leave only when accompanied by their parent or guardian. The form below must be used in handling all such departures. In an emergency, it may not be possible for a parent or guardian to sign the release. In that situation, sufficient information must be recorded attesting to the telephone call or means of communication by which word arrived asking for the release of the scout. This information should document the person from whom the call was received, verify telephone confirmation from the parent or guardian asking for release of the Scout and give detailed reasons for the requested release.

Scout Requested to be Released: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Council: _____ Unit: _____ Campsite: _____

Reason for request to Leave: _____

Date of Release: _____ Time: _____ Method of Travel: _____

Adult Accompanied By: _____

Date of Return: _____ Time: _____

In signing this request for release, Scouting America, W. D. Boyce Council, the unit leaders, and the Scout's parents/guardians mutually acknowledge there will be no refund of the camp fee and Scouting America or its representatives shall not be held liable for any loss to the Scout's person or property.

The request is made by (parent or guardian signature except noted for emergency departure request):

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Request made (Date & Time): _____

Unit Leader Approval: _____

ON-SITE RELEASE

Before leaving the campsite or troop, Scouts must check-out with their unit leader and the camp office.

Signed by Unit Leader: _____ Unit: _____ Date: _____

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 19915[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: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Adults NOT Authorized to Take Youth to and From Events:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____



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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 No
		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 No
		List all surgeries and hospitalizations	Last surgery date: _____
		List any other medical conditions not covered above	



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 AUTOINJECTOR (e.g. EpiPen)? Exp. date (if yes) _____ YES NO DO YOU USE AN ASTHMA RESCUE INHALER? Exp. date (if yes) _____ YES NO

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
		Medication				Plants	
		Food				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.

Immunizations

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.

Y	N	Had Disease	Immunization	Date(s)
			Tetanus	
			Pertussis	
			Diphtheria	
			Measles/mumps/rubella	
			Polio	
			Chicken Pox	
			Hepatitis A	
			Hepatitis B	
			Meningitis	
			Influenza	
			Other (i.e. Hib)	
			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: _____

