

2023 FAMILY CAMP AT BETZ

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

Thank you for registering for our Family Camp.

PLEASE READ the following information regarding Camp and Arrival, *before leaving for camp*.

Family Camp is a camping and program experience, aimed at Tiger through Arrow of Light (1st grade through 5th grade) Cub Scouts, and siblings 5 through 15 years of age.

Younger Lion (Kindergarten) Cub Scouts, siblings 16 and older, and Parents/Guardians are welcome, and are encouraged to participate in the program, though some activities may have limits based on age appropriateness.

(see the [Age Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities](#)).

Our theme this year is ***Cub Scout Safari!!*** We are all excited to exhibit this theme throughout the weekend. All youth, parents and leaders are encouraged to be a part of the “Safari” theme by dressing in costume and/or bringing appropriate props to use during the weekend.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Camp will open at 4:00pm Central Standard Time (CST). **CAMP BETZ RUNS ON “Chicago Time” (CST), NOT “Michigan Time” (EST)!** When you arrive, you will be directed to check in.

EACH PERSON PARTICIPATING (this includes ALL Adults), will need to bring a completed BSA “[Annual Health and Medical Record parts A, B1, B2](#)”, which includes a copy of your insurance card.

No food will be provided Friday night. Dinner should be eaten before arrival or you may bring supplies to cook in your campsite. (There are several Restaurants/Fast Food locations in Berrien Springs, MI. Only minutes from camp)

Camp Participants (Families) will be assigned a color group for program and camp-site Location. We will do our best to keep members of a unit together but understand that some Packs/Dens could get split up due to size limitations. Each camp site has a predetermined capacity and depending on the size of your group, we may need to put you in multiple camp sites.

During the day Saturday: Your color group will move as a group between six different activity areas. BB Guns, Archery, Theme, Handicraft, Waterfront and Boating. You are expected to stay with your group, engage and work with your scout(s)/youth.

For your security and safety reasons you are asked to not venture off on your own and explore camp.

REQUIREMENTS:

HARD SOLE FOOT PROTECTION IS MANDATORY to participate in all water-front activities! This must be in the form of water shoes, sandals, or tennis shoes; it must be something that can be worn into the water and not fall off easily. Flip flops **ARE NOT** acceptable to fulfill this mandate. Our waterfront staff reserve the right to decide whether footwear is acceptable. The use of waterfront could be revoked if proper footwear is not approved.

If you registered as a pack (One registration for ALL Pack Members) and collected health forms for all participants in your unit, please make sure a designated Pack Leader is the first person in your group to arrive. If that Pack Leader is not able to arrive before or with the others, please have each family bring their own health forms with them. **YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CHECK-IN WITHOUT YOUR MEDICAL FORM(S).**

Please be sure to note any special needs you may have in your registration (please fill in the “Dietary Restrictions” and “Medical Needs” fields per participant during registration).



WHAT TO BRING:

(PER PERSON)

Sleeping Bag
Sleeping Pad (for comfort)
Towel
Clothes (for 3 days)
Swimwear (including REQUIRED swim shoes)
Extra Socks
Camp Chair
Hat
Flashlight

(PER FAMILY)

A tent for the whole family
Bug Spray
Sunscreen
Cash for the Trading Post
Campfire Forks (or prongs) for Sat Night "Treat"

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Alcoholic drinks
Illicit/illegal drugs
Firearms, Bows, Crossbows,
Arrows, Slingshots, or Sheath Knife
Fireworks of any kind
Pets of any kind
Gas Generators
Loud Radios

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

(Camp runs on CST or "Chicago" Time)

FRIDAY NIGHT:

4:00 PM Camp Opens
4:30 PM Check-In Begins
4:30 - 7:00 PM Check-In and
Camp-site setup
7:00 PM Flags & Camp Safety and
Orientation
8:00 PM Evening Movie & Snack
10:00 PM Quiet Time
11:00 PM Lights Out

SATURDAY:

6:30 – 8:30 AM Late Check-In
7:15 AM Opening Flags
7:45 AM Breakfast
8:45 AM Morning Session Rotation
12:30 PM Lunch
2:00 PM Afternoon Session
Rotation
6:00 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Closing Flags
8:00 PM Campfire Program
8:45 PM Early Check-Out
9:00 PM Camp-site Time (Treats!)
10:00 PM Quiet Time
11:00 PM Lights Out

SUNDAY MORNING:

7:30 AM Opening Flags
8:00 AM Breakfast
TBD Following Breakfast -Scout
Vespers
9:00 AM Pack up & Clean
Camp-sites
10:30 AM Camp Close

For updates and Camp Information, please like our Camp Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/CampBetz>

For updates and Family Camp specific information, please join our Family Camp Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/303664541454207>

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