

New to Owasippe?

A guide for your first-time experience at Owasippe Scout Reservation

Welcome to the Boy Scouts of America's oldest and most historic scout camp! We are honored to be the first ever BSA summer camp and proud to carry on the tradition of scouting and summer camp.

As a new unit to camp, the number one thing to remember is that we, the staff, are here for you. We are committed to making this the best experience possible for your troop. So, when you have questions please do not hesitate to ask.

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The Owasippe Scout Camps

Owasippe consists of several camp operations on one reservation:

- **Camp Blackhawk** – Situated on Big Blue Lake, offers dining hall meal service and program
- **Camp Wolverine** – Situated on Lake Wolverine, offers cooked meals delivered to campsites High Adventure and Outposts – Offered at a variety of locations around Owasippe
- **Reneker Family Camp** – Cabin camping for families offering exciting programming for all ages
- **High Adventure** - While no one “camps” here, our staff is located in various areas of the reservation running the Diamond O Horse Ranch, an ATV course, COPE and Climbing area, and world class mountain biking.

Administration Center

The “Ad Center” is our main reservation office and is centrally located on the Reservation. Services at the Ad Center include:

- **Reservation Offices** – Our main offices
- **Main Trading Post** – A large facility with a variety of offerings that can be found in our sub camps but also in a different setting. Be sure to swing by when it's open.
- **Food Preparation Center (Food Prep)** – All meals on the reservation are prepared at this main kitchen facility and delivered to each camp.
- **E Urner Goodman Scout Museum** – An amazing collection of Scouting memorabilia from the past 108 years of Scouting - worth a visit!

Campsites

Owasippe's campsites are numbered, not named. We call our campsite bathroom's KYBOs. Each KYBO has flush toilets, a urinal, a sink, and hot showers. Some campsites share a KYBO with a neighboring site. It is the unit's responsibility to maintain a clean KYBO with cleaning supplies provided by the camp. Units may not wash dishes in the KYBO sink.

Forms and Paperwork

The State of Michigan requires several documents and forms from all adults in camp. This information is detailed in our Leader's Guide as well as on our Camping Resources website. Please review this information carefully and contact us for assistance.

Travel around Owasippe Scout Reservation

Owasippe is a very large scout camp – nearly 5000 acres! There are many activities and locations that are not in quick walking distance for scouts. Scouts will need help from their unit leaders for transportation. Some of

these locations are: ATVs, COPE/Climbing, Cycling, Diamond O Horse Ranch, Flintlock Village, metalworking, motorboating, sailing, and watersports merit badges. We offer a shuttle service around the reservation the services most of our programs. Some program areas will require adult leaders to provide transportation and that is coordinated at each camp by our leadership teams.

Food Service

We provide all of your meals, but the preparation varies based on the subcamp that you choose. In Blackhawk, we serve meals in a dining hall. In Wolverine, your unit will choose between hot meals delivered to your campsite at mealtime or a central dining tent. Units in Camp Wolverine that choose site delivery need to be prepared with mess kits as well as dish washing equipment and supplies.

Pizza Night

An Owasippe tradition is Pizza Night! Units often use pizza night as a special treat for their Scouts. Pizza night does not replace dinner; it is in addition to the meal. Each section camp has a process for units to order and pay for pizza (which comes from a local pizzeria). This is an optional activity. In Blackhawk, pizza night is Thursday night. In Wolverine, it's Friday night after closing campfire.

Garbage Service

To avoid critters in the campsite, garbage should be taken to the garbage receptacle daily. In Wolverine, all garbage must be brought to your hot pack delivery stand each day after dinner by 7pm. In Blackhawk, please bring garbage to the dumpsters near the Camp Office.

Internet Service

Public wifi for adult leaders is available at each section camp office, as well as at the Main Trading Post. Please note this service is limited.

Owasippe Hiking Trail System

Owasippe has a vast network of hiking trails for you and your scouts to explore! The trail system is one of Owasippe's oldest program resources. Many of these routes pre-date Owasippe and served as Native American, Pioneer, and logging routes. Hiking patches and segments are available for purchase in the main Trading Post. Please refer to information on our website regarding trails, maps, and any special details.

Updates

The email and phone number for your Summer Camp Coordinator (provided on your original reservation) will receive all communication from us throughout the year.

We will send out periodic emails and mailings, but you can also stay informed by checking out [PTAC Camping Resources](#) and www.facebook.com/Owasippe

The annual Leader's Guide as well as our website are excellent sources of information – please be sure to review them in times of question.

We are sincerely excited to have you join us this summer, please contact us if there is anything we can do to help you prepare.