



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
PATHWAY TO ADVENTURE COUNCIL



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Who to Contact?

- For any questions while camp is in session you may contact any onsite Director or Staff advisor.
- If there is something they cannot answer or this guide does not cover, please reach out to one of the listed names above.

Mission Statement

The Pathway to Adventure Council Day Camps are designed to be exciting, dynamic and appealing to your youth. We strive to meet the needs of our campers and Packs attending camp and make sure camps are both fun and safe for all participants and staff.

Program

We have designed a variety of planned program areas which are Packed with fun activities including Nature, Scout Skills, Sports, Games, BB Guns, Archery, and STEAM events. Our staff often wear costumes related to the theme and play in character.

Camp Dens

Day Camps uses the methods of Cub Scouting to achieve our goals. Each camper is grouped into a Camp Den with other members of their Pack and often other local Packs. As they participate in activities, they will be learning and demonstrating skills that could be used as rank adventure achievements.

Locations

St. Helena Church
Burr Ridge, IL
June 10, 2023

Steelworker's Park
Chicago, IL
July 22, 2023

Christ Lutheran Church
Orland Park, IL
June 17, 2023

Dam No. 4 Woods Forest Preserve
Park Ridge, IL
August 5, 2023

Robert J. Welsh Center for Scouting
Munster, IN
June 24, 2023

Keystone Park East
River Forest, IL
August 5, 2023

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Schaumburg, IL
July 8, 2023

Registration

Who Can Attend

All children, boys and girls, attending 1st through 5th grade in the Fall are eligible to attend Pathway to Adventure Council Day Camps. Please be aware that some camps fill up early and camp availability is not guaranteed.

Tiger Scouts, or children entering 1st grade, must provide their own adult to attend with them or they cannot attend any event with the Boy Scouts of America. That required adult can be any relative or child caregiver, but they must be at least 18 years of age and responsible for the camper

Siblings and friends attending 1st through 5th grade in the Fall are also eligible to attend. This is a great way to invite a friend to join you in Cub Scouts!

Campers With Special Needs

All children, boys and girls, attending 1st through 5th grade in the fall are eligible to attend day camps. Some children have needs that give them extra challenges in an outdoor day camp setting. If a camper has an aide at school the camper needs to provide their own aide or personal assistant at camp. Please contact Stephanie Brockway for more information.

Visitors

Attending campers and their families are not able to bring visitors without written permission and approval of the camp director. All visitors must provide a BSA health and medical form (part A and B) to be allowed entrance into camp. You may occasionally see visiting guests of the camp who bring infants and special needs children who are not mobile and are not participating in the activities. These visitors have been authorized, are insured under their own policy, and visit at their own risk. Please contact the camp director if you have any questions.

How to Register

Please register online for any Pathway to Adventure Day Camp

<https://pathwaytoadventure.org/daycamp/>

Payments can be made online or in person at any participating Pathway to Adventure Scout Shop. The recommended option is to pay online by echeck where you can use a personal check or unit check online at no charge. You can also pay by credit card online or in person at any Pathway to Adventure Scout Shop. Credit card payments are subject to a processing fee.

For all Camps, it is recommended that a unit leader register all scouts & adults from your Pack together. You may also register individually and will be automatically grouped with others from your Pack. Please be sure to indicate your Pack Number when you register for proper assignment to a Camp Den.

Any scout who registers on their own (without their Pack) will be grouped with scouts from other local Packs.

Camperships

We don't want to see any scout miss a Day Camp opportunity due to financial need. Your unit or the Council can help with a Campership. A Campership can pay up to 50% of the Day Camp registration fee.

The information and application can be found in your online Day Camp Registration or by e-mailing ptac.camping@scouting.org. Applications must be submitted by April 15th. Camperships are reviewed by a committee, and you will be notified once it is approved. Late applications may still be submitted but may not be approved. Please contact the Council Office if you have any questions or need help completing the campership application.

Discounts

Early bird Discounts and late registration information can be found on the Day Camp Registration Page.

Camp T-shirts

Campers and adult chaperones are encouraged to order Day Camp T-shirts either when registering or prior to the deadline if contacted via email separately. T-shirts are a separate cost and will be shipped directly to registration contacts.

A Parent's Role In Camp

Parents of 1st graders must register and attend Camp with their scout. Parents of 2nd through 5th graders are not required to attend Day Camp with their children but are highly encouraged to do so as a Pack chaperone. Think of all the memories you will make with your scout during your week at camp!

Parents may be asked by Pack leaders to attend Camp to provide supervision of scouts at the required 1:5 ratio with a minimum of 2 adults present per Pack. Parents attending Day Camp must take Youth Protection Training and register as an adult attending Day Camp.

Trained adult and youth staff will staff each program station. They work with campers to help them have fun and be safe. Parents attending camp are not spectators! They are expected to help all scouts with the activities at each station.

What to Expect

Check In and Check Out

All campers must be checked in and out by the adult dropping them off and picking them up from camp. Adults authorized for pick up and drop off must be listed on the medical form. Regular sign in and sign out is either the camp registration table personnel or with the Den Guide for your child's den. Please be sure to share this information with anyone doing drop off or pick up. Please help us keep campers safe!

Water Bottles

Staying hydrated is important! All campers must bring a water bottle to Camp. Make sure water bottles are marked with the camper's name and Pack number. Water jugs are available at every program station. Campers are responsible to bring their water bottle to each station and keep it filled. Keeping the campers well hydrated at camp is a priority for staff and campers alike, as it keeps everyone happy and healthy.

Facilities

Restrooms (either in buildings onsite or portable toilets and hand washing stations) will be available at each camp location. We ask every adult and camper to wash their hands before and after lunch to prevent germs or possible allergic reactions between campers. Portable toilets have locks that can be unlocked from the outside for emergency access. Campers should never lock or unlock a toilet from the outside. Please discuss privacy and appropriate bathroom behavior with your child prior to camp.

Patches

This year we will have a themed patch for day camp. Patches will be distributed to Packs or individuals either at the conclusion of the camp or at a point after camp through the registration contact.

Camp Checklist

What to Bring to Camp

Adults:

- Medical Form Part A&B with copy of health insurance card attached
- Lunch & snacks
- Water Bottle
- Cooler with ice for lunches and snacks for your unit/group (optional)
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen & hat
- Rain gear
- Hand sanitizer or wet wipes to clean hands
- Sturdy close-toed shoes (*no open toes, heels, sandals, or Crocs*)
- Camp T Shirt (if ordered)
- Camp chair (if desired to use at lunch time)
- And attitude of fun!

Youth:

- Medical Form Part A&B with copy of health insurance card attached
- Lunch & snacks
- Water Bottle
- DayPack to hold and carry items
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen & hat
- Rain gear
- Hand sanitizer
- Sturdy close-toed shoes (*no open toes, heels, sandals, or Crocs*)
- Camp T Shirt (if ordered)
- And attitude of fun!

Please label all items with your camper's first and last name. Do not bring any video games, toys, media players, computers, or valuables to camp. Campers should not bring cell phones, as all communication can be handled through the unit leaders and Camp staff. Inappropriate possessions may be confiscated and returned to the camper's parent at check out.

Items not allowed in camp: *alcoholic beverages, pets, controlled substances, fireworks and firearms. Anyone found with these items will be asked to leave immediately and the appropriate authorities will be called.*

Health Information

A health officer will be on site at all times during camp. All injuries, regardless of how small, must be reported to the health officer to ensure proper documentation and treatment. The health officer will need the campers name, age, parent info, area the injury occurred, time it occurred, and what was done to treat it. Emergency numbers are required on your online registration to help expedite your location in an emergency.

Annual BSA Health and Medical Record (Parts A & B)

Prior to coming to camp, the BSA Health and Medical form must be filled out for every person attending camp. This includes all adults and campers coming to camp. Only parts A, B1, and B2 must be completed for day camp. The newest version of this form must be used.

[Link to BSA Medical Record Parts A & B](#)

If the camp director does not have a copy of the form before camp, please provide one on the first day of camp at check-in. This is a health and safety issue. Campers and adults without a medical form will not be allowed at camp. If you would like your forms returned, you may pick them up at the end of the session from the health officer. These completed forms are kept confidential, and all forms not returned are shredded at the conclusion of summer day camps.

Pack leaders may choose to collect forms ahead of camp. This is helpful for streamlining check-in/registration on the day of camp. Pack leaders should verify that all forms are filled out and that the requisite insurance card copies are attached for each participant.

Medication

Any medication brought to camp must be logged in at the health headquarters by the health officer. Medication must be in the original labeled container with clear dosage instructions. Allergy kits, epi pens, inhalers, and other instant self-administered medications will remain in the camper's possession after it is logged in by the health officer. If medication requires refrigeration, you will need to provide an insulated cooler with ice. Clearly label it with the camper's name and Pack number and you may leave it with the health officer. Written permission is needed for another adult to supervise your child and taking medication.

Emergency Information

Camp Emergencies

Staff, attending parents, in campers will review emergency procedures at the beginning of camp. In an emergency, a signal will sound and staff will follow guidelines and practice procedures.

Lost Campers

In case of a lost camper, you will hear an emergency sound. At this point, everyone in camp should stop what they are doing, gather in a seated circle, and perform a name check on every person in the group, including adults. Once attendance is taken, campers can sing a song or play a game, but we ask that they continue to stay seated until the camp director gives the all clear signal.

Weather

Every effort will be made, consistent with BSA's guide to safe scouting guidelines, to offer a full outdoor program. Please make sure campers are dressed appropriately for the weather, whether it is for rain or for heat. Campers should dress in layers to either keep warm or be able to cool off. Please be sure to label jackets and sweatshirts clearly as campers are often chilled in the morning and then discard their jackets as the day warms up and these get left behind. Check with your camper at pick up times for jackets water bottles and project items from the day.

Rain

Camp will continue as planned in the rain. Campers should be prepared to continue camp in the rain. Campers must provide their own ponchos or raincoats. Umbrellas are not considered rain gear if the camper cannot safely participate in games while holding an umbrella. Campers without rain gear will not be allowed to participate in certain activities. Proper waterproof rain jackets and pants provide a camper with the ability to stay warm and dry in pouring rain. Some of our most fun and memorable camp experience says have been on muddy, rainy days. Please help your child be prepared to be safe and dry to have fun in the rain.

Thunderstorms and Lighting

Camp does not usually close for rain and lightning. Staff track lightning within a 30-mile radius and will call all to shelter when lightning strikes within 10 miles of camp. Campers will be sheltered until the weather passes and we receive an all clear. Camp cannot resume until 30 minutes after the last lightning strike, no matter how lovely the skies may seem. Please avoid picking up campers during lightning warnings as much as possible and wait for staff to notify you if we do have the need to close camp. We may delay the start of camp or close camp early if storms are lingering. Please be sure to provide your own cell phone numbers as emergency numbers in your camp registration

online and you will be automatically added to receive texts. This is the fastest and easiest way to stay informed on camp weather situations

Potentially Hazardous Weather

Camp may be closed for the safety of everyone. Severe storms and threat of tornado will cause camp to close. This is a rare situation.

No Make-up Days

There are no plans for make updates. We are sorry but refunds cannot be made. If camp is closed, camp directors will first send a text message, then will begin the task of contacting each registered parent through email and phone as indicated in the online registration. It is recommended to have an individual designated as your camp coordinator with phone numbers and email addresses. If camp is postponed or canceled due to weather, the camp coordinator will be contacted and they can help contact all parents and leaders in your Pack.

Day Camp Schedule

8:30am	9:00am	Drop-off/Check-in
9:00am	9:10am	Opening Ceremony
9:15am	10:05am	Station
10:10am	11:00am	Station
11:05am	11:55am	Station
11:55am	12:50pm	Lunch
12:55pm	1:45pm	Station
1:50pm	2:40pm	Station
2:45pm	3:35pm	Station
3:45pm	4:00pm	Closing Ceremony