



2024

CAMP RENEKER

FAMILY GUIDE

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WELCOME

MESSAGE

Hello and welcome to Reneker Family Camp! Whether you are returning for your tenth summer or your very first, we are so excited for you to join us!

This summer we will be celebrating Reneker's 60th birthday and Owasippe Scout Reservation's 113th year, making us America's oldest scout camp.

This year we're bringing the ocean to the Midwest with our 2024 theme: **Reneker at Sea!**

Every session at Reneker is a unique experience with new friends and adventures. We celebrate our camp spirit and memorialize the summer by sharing in the fun of our yearly theme. One way we do so is with our cabin decorating contest.

So pack your eyepatch and pirate hook, your mermaid tail, your hula skirt, a bucket full of sand (why not?), and turn your cabin into an island getaway!



This year our staff has many new exciting activities for the whole family. While it may be my first summer with Owasippe, I am thrilled to bring my residential camp experience here and to be part of Reneker's most beloved traditions (especially the potluck)!

Our incredible staff is prepared to do everything we can to make your stay relaxing, adventurous, educational, and fun!

We appreciate you taking the time to review this guide. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have. We're here to help your family make lifelong memories at Camp Reneker!

I can't wait to meet you!

**SOPHIA
FINLEY**
Camp Director

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CAMPER MAIL ADDRESS

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Camp Reneker
Owasippe Scout Reservation
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Twin Lake, MI 49457

RESERVATION CONTACT INFO

OSR Administration Center Phone: (231) 894-4061
Owasippe answers our seasonal phone line from the day staff arrives (mid-June) until the last Scout goes home (early-August).

Emergency phone messages can be received at the number above. Callers should be prepared to leave details such as camper's name and cabin number. Due to the reservation's size, it may take up to several hours for a message to reach the recipient.

OUR *HISTORY*

1911

Owasippe Scout Reservation was created in 1911 as Camp White, with 40 acres of land on Crystal Lake in Whitehall, Michigan. It all began in the summer of 1910, as a group of visionary businessmen from Chicago headed to Whitehall, Michigan, to investigate the possibility of acquiring property for the purpose of building a Boy Scout Camp. The group, led by A. Stamford White, Chicago Council President, met with the Whitehall Chamber of Commerce who agreed to donate 40 acres of land on Crystal Lake, with the agreement that the Scout group would purchase an additional 80 acres. In 1911, a group of Scouts and adult workers went to Crystal Lake, cleared campsites, dug a well, and erected the first mess tent.



In 1912, the summer camp operation started with over 800 Scouts traveling by steam ship from Chicago, crossing Lake Michigan to Whitehall. They then hiked the last few miles to camp with their gear. Most of the Scouts who attended stayed for two weeks, enjoying the primitive facility. Over the years, Scouts' modes of transportation varied, coming by boat, train, bus, and car, making Owasippe a favorite destination for Scout camping.

2024

Over time, our reservation has changed, camps have come and gone, but the spirit of scouting, first kindled in the United States here at Owasippe, is a tradition we carry on today on our 5,000 acres of property. As our camp hymn mentions, at Owasippe you will find and enjoy "all the wealth of Earth and heaven."

Currently we operate 4 camps which are explained in detail later in the guide.



CAMP INTRODUCTION

For five decades, Camp Reneker has provided quality camping experiences to Scout families at a modest cost. Nestled at the south end of Owasippe Scout Reservation, Reneker provides outdoor recreation programs for the parents and children of Scouting and non-Scouting families alike.

Reneker offers a variety of planned activities to help your family make the most of a week at camp. Each morning, campers ages four through adults are invited to join our age-group programs led by one of our enthusiastic staff members. Here, participants will hike, craft, play sports and games, sing songs, perform fun science experiments, participate in swim instruction, learn or develop skills, and participate in activities and service projects. Each afternoon and evening, campers are welcome to participate in different individual and family activities as well as social events.

Surrounded by the forests of Owasippe Scout Reservation, Reneker campers have many opportunities for fun in the natural beauty of the outdoors. Guided by experienced staff, campers may hike to the nearby Quaking Bog (one of the natural wonders of Owasippe), the E. Urner Goodman Scouting Museum, Chief Owasippe's Grave, or Paradise Valley. If sports are what you enjoy, you can play a game of volleyball, shoot baskets, or perfect your marksmanship skills on our archery/BB gun range! Campers may also take advantage of other opportunities Owasippe has to offer, such as horseback riding at the Diamond O Ranch, climbing at the climbing wall, completing the high ropes course at Project C.O.P.E., or sailing on beautiful Big Blue Lake at the Fossett Sailing Base.

Whether it's your first summer at Reneker or your 50th, there's something new to learn, try, or take part in!



CAMP INTRODUCTION

Opportunities and Facilities

Afternoons can be spent enjoying the warmth of the wonderful Michigan weather at our swimming pool. Reneker offers a full aquatic program, including both instructional and recreational swimming as recommended by the Boy Scouts of America. Under the guidance of certified lifeguards and swim instructors, children and adults may participate in swimming lessons, afternoon and evening recreational open swims, and/or the mile swim program. Our facility includes a large swimming pool with a staircase entry and a wading pool.

Every evening, Reneker campers have an opportunity to get to know one another through program activities, such as Family Game Night, ice cream social, potluck dinner, movie night, Closing Campfire, and the reservation-wide County Fair. These events offer an opportunity to meet new people and develop new friendships or rekindle old ones. Camp Reneker is also close to Lake Michigan and Muskegon, with many tourist destinations across West Michigan.

Reneker has its own trading post, which is open at various times throughout the day. In addition to souvenir T-shirts and other Owasippe memorabilia, the trading post also sells a few grocery items, ice cream, soft drinks, and candy. Campers may also visit the main trading post at the Ad Center complex or travel to nearby Whitehall for additional groceries and other supplies.



Registration Process

Head to <https://scoutingevent.com/456-73002> for availability and registration procedures. You can view the Reneker parent guide for more information.

You can also contact the Reneker Camp Director at reneiderfamilycamp@gmail.com

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

CHECK IN

Check-in is held on Sunday afternoon, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in front of the camp office. Those arriving after 4 p.m. will be checked in after Orientation, which starts Sunday at 7 p.m. Owasippe is on Eastern Daylight Time. At check in, individuals will be registered in our BlackPug online system, and campers will receive wristbands, a program schedule, and parking passes. For individual night check ins, please see the camp office during program hours upon arrival.



MEDICAL CHECK AND BUDDY TAGS

The next step of check-in includes the medical recheck process and issuing of buddy tags. All campers staying at Reneker must complete the Annual Health and Medical record and complete a medical recheck as required by the BSA, and submit a copy of the record for the camp to keep. Please see the Health and Medical Record Policy in this manual. A copy of the Annual Health and Medical record is available on our resource page. After medical rechecks, each camper will be issued a buddy tag with their cabin number written on it. This buddy tag is to be used to gain admittance to the pool and will be kept at the buddy board outside the pool gate.



CABIN KEYS

Finally, campers will be issued their cabin key. There is one key available for each cabin. This will be returned at the end of the week before you depart. If you ever get locked out of your cabin, please see the camp director at the camp office to unlock your cabin.



ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

SWIM CHECKS

After completing check-in and moving into your cabin, it is a good idea to complete a swim check. In order to swim in the deep section of the pool, or to participate in sailing, tubing, or boating at camp, campers must complete the standard BSA Swimmer Test. The swimmer will have completed their test once they have been cleared by our BSA-trained Aquatics staff. Swim checks will be given on Sunday afternoon from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. or scheduled throughout the week with our aquatics staff.



SUNDAY ORIENTATION

Camp Reneker orientation takes place on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. sharp under the circus tent. All campers are required to attend orientation, where they will meet the camp staff and learn about the overall program; campers will also receive the weekly schedule, including activities, times and fees.

While the adults review camp policies and ask any questions they may have, the children will meet the staff responsible for their age-group activities and tour Camp Reneker. The children will also meet new friends and discover the exciting week of fun and adventure planned for them. Reneker staff is also available during the week to answer questions and ensure your understanding of our policies and programs!

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Immediately following the orientation, campers should enroll in the various programs offered by the camp. Fees vary with each activity, and programs that require fees include all morning age-group programs, crafts/food activities, and outposts (climbing, C.O.P.E, horseback riding, sailing, etc). Fees will be paid Friday afternoon at “settlement” with the Camp Director or Program Director, or earlier if necessary. All fees must be paid before campers leave to go home.



ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

EARLY ARRIVAL

A \$100 early arrival fee applies to any Reneker campers who arrive on Saturday.

Early-arrival campers should go to the camp office for their cabin assignment or to their cabins. Please be aware that there will not be any program or staff support available until Sunday at 12:00 p.m. Campers will be required to complete the check-in process between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.



FRIDAY SETTLEMENT

At least one adult from each cabin must come to the main tent area from 2 - 4 p.m. on Friday afternoon for settlement. This includes paying for any final program expenses from the week and reserving your cabin in 2025.

Payments can be made in cash, check, or credit card. There is a 3% processing fee for all payments made through credit card..

CHECK OUT

The Reneker staff cleans every cabin prior to the opening of camp to ensure they are ready for occupancy. In turn, the Reneker staff expects campers to leave the cabin as clean, if not cleaner, than they found it upon arrival and ready for the next camper. The staff is available at A- and B-side laundry rooms from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. on Saturday to check out cabins. Upon staff approval at checkout, head to the main tent for your final check out. Campers are asked to adhere to the 10:30 a.m. checkout time. A late check out fee will be applied for checkouts past 11:00.



AGE GROUP PROGRAMS

Camp Reneker offers a wide variety of programs for campers age 4 and up! Each of the programs is designed specifically to meet the abilities, interests, and skills of each age group. All the activities are intended to teach age-appropriate Scouting skills and allow campers to explore the outdoors in new and exciting ways. Each year, new activities are planned for each age group based on the year's theme!

Age groups meet at after the 9:00 a.m. flag ceremony at the Main Tent. They wrap at noon to allow campers to eat lunch at their cabins. These programs are a small additional fee on top of the cabin fees.

4-6 YEAR OLDS

Our youngest campers enjoy their morning program as they learn the basics of being a young camper. They do crafts, enjoy short hikes around camp, play group games, and participate in activities and songs carefully planned for their enjoyment. Their pool time is full of play and fun games while swimming basics are introduced. In order to make sure all children in this group are able to participate safely, the age requirement is strictly enforced.

7-9 YEAR OLDS

The 7-9 year olds also enjoy daily crafts and activities, but this age group also has the freedom to go further in their exploration of Owasippe during their hike time. Their pool time introduces basic strokes and techniques to either strengthen the skills they already possess or teach beginner swimmers. This age group helps young campers gain more experience and independence around Reneker.

10-12 YEAR OLDS

The 10-12 year old group includes crafts, team-building games, hikes, and other activities. In addition to their daily swim lessons focused on helping them pass the BSA swim test, they are given more freedom to branch out in the quest for adventure. Some groups may travel to Camp Wolverine to utilize their program areas or go on hikes to different parts of the reservation.



AGE GROUP PROGRAMS

TEENS

The Teen Group is a great way to meet new friends, try something new, and branch out of your comfort zone! The teens start their week by attending our low C.O.P.E. course as a group, building a strong community foundation. They participate in team-building activities designed to mold them into a working group for the rest of the week. Each year is different and offers new and out-of-the-box activities to help teen campers explore all that Owasippe has to offer.

ADULT GROUP PROGRAM

Adult Group makes Reneker a truly unique place. While the kids are off making friends with kids their age, the adults have a chance to do their own activities. These include crafting, sewing, cooking, hiking, watersports, and tons of fun things just for the adults. The adults also take a group trip to the Muskegon Farmer's Market and The Cheese Lady, which is a true highlight of the week.

Adults who may not want to participate in a morning full of activities are also encouraged to have complementary coffee at the Main Tent and spend the morning reading by the cabin, hiking across the reservation, relaxing at the pool, or attending High Adventure Programs on their own.



Age Group	Price
4-6 Year Olds 7-9 Year Olds 10-12 Year Olds	\$35/child
Teen Group Adult Group	\$40/participant

AFTERNOON PROGRAMS

Afternoon program runs daily from 2 - 5 p.m. Each afternoon there are a variety of activities for families to participate in throughout the afternoon. Upon arrival at camp, you will receive a full schedule of daily activities:

- **Open Swim:** The Reneker Pool and Pool Deck are open daily from 2 - 5 p.m. for swimming, floating, and lounging.
- **Shooting Sports:** Both archery and BB guns are open from 3 - 4 p.m. each day with helpful instructors to guide campers through the learning process.
- **Guided Hikes:** We offer a variety of guided hikes throughout the reservation led by our knowledgeable staff. Learn about Owasippe history, local wildlife and plants, and even go fishing on our afternoon hikes.
- **Crafts and Activities:** Each day, there is also a craft or activity led by the staff based around the theme. These include DIY projects, our famous staff hunt, cooking crafts and more!
- **Open Activities:** Reneker also has a sand volleyball area, two parks, gaga ball pit, board games, a variety of crafts supplies, and more available throughout the afternoon.

EVENING PROGRAMS

Each evening from 7 to 8:30, we offer an all-camp activity for the whole family to enjoy. This includes some of the major Reneker traditions like the Monday Ice Cream Social and the Thursday Potluck dinner. Evening programs can include everything from pool parties to game show nights and tons of things in between. Friday night's closing campfire is not to be missed, with staff songs and skits, as well camper performances. There is always something to do for the whole family! Each evening concludes with a flag ceremony in our main circle before our young campers are off to bed.

After evening program, campers are welcome to bring board games back to their cabins, build a fire in one of our fire pits, or hang out with friends back at their cabin!



CAMP FACILITIES

CABINS

Reneker provides camper families with a rustic cabin that sleeps 4-5 people. Each cabin consists of two bedrooms with bunk beds, a closet, and a dresser/mirror. Cabins are also equipped with an electric stove and oven, refrigerator, kitchen sink, table and chairs, wash-up sink, and a sofa.

BATHROOMS

Toilets, showers, and laundry facilities are centrally located in a sanitary unit, or "KYBO", in the middle of each 20-cabin side. Each sanitary unit has six individual bathrooms, each of which includes a toilet, shower, and sink. In the large front room are a set of washers and dryers, as well as two wash sinks. Campers must provide their own detergent.

Staff cleans the bathrooms twice a day, but we ask that campers do their part to maintain cleanliness in the bathrooms.

PLAYGROUNDS

Each grouping, or "side," of 20 cabins also includes a centralized park with playground equipment and park benches.

GARBAGE

Each camping side has several dumpsters or garbage racks near the cabins. Please replace the cover securely to help keep animals out of the garbage. They are located in areas near the cabin parking lots, as well as near the camp office.



POOL

Open during most program hours, the Reneker aquatics area is usually a main area of fun and activity. After you have completed your swim check, you are invited to cool down in our rocket-ship shaped pool! We have pool floats and dive toys available, and campers may also bring their own.

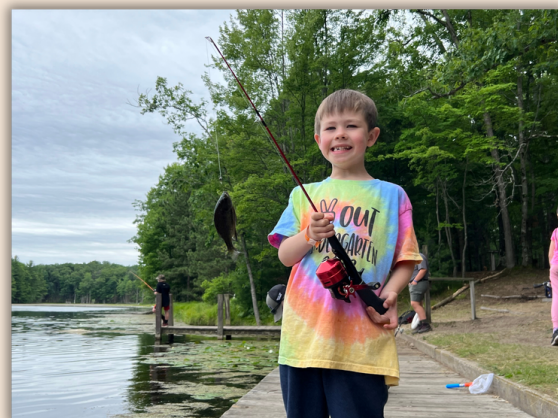
CAMP OFFICE/MAIN TENT

The camp office and main tent area are busy places during program hours. While you are at the main tent participating in an activity, be sure to stop in the camp office to speak with the Camp Director about anything you may need help with. You may also borrow a board game or book from the office to use under the tent or bring back to your cabin. During off hours, we request that you use the camp office only in case of emergency. The camp radio, to be used by campers only in an emergency, is located here.



RENEKER TRADING POST

The Reneker Trading Post is your one-stop shop for Owasippe apparel and novelty items, ice cream, candy, soda pop, and other items. The Main Trading Post located at the Ad Center has an even larger selection for your Scouting and apparel needs.



VEHICLES AND PARKING

- All vehicles in camp must be registered at check-in. Each vehicle will be issued a parking permit which must be placed visibly on the dashboard while the vehicle is in camp.
- All drivers of vehicles on camp property must be 18 years of age or older and possess a valid driver's license.
- All campers and staff will wear safety belts when riding in a vehicle on camp property.
- All riders must remain seated and refrain from distracting the driver.
- All loading and unloading of campers and gear must be done in the parking lot. **Reneker campers are not permitted to drive up to their cabins to unload.**
- No one is allowed to ride in the back of ANY truck.
- The speed limit on all camp roads is **10 miles per hour**. This speed limit is strictly enforced.
- Parking is limited to designated parking lots.
- Special parking permits for campers with special needs can be issued by the Camp Director.
- Repeated or flagrant violation of these policies will result in denial of driving privileges or expulsion from camp.



CABIN RESERVATIONS - 2025

At the time of settlement on Friday, Reneker campers may choose to reserve a cabin for the same period the following year by paying a non-refundable deposit. On the Saturday following the current period, reservations open for any others to reserve cabins for that period of the following year. Cabins will only be reserved with a paid deposit. For more information about the Reneker Cabin Reservation policy, please visit www.pathwaytoadventure.org

SWIM TESTS

Most families choose to do their swim test when they get to camp. Swim tests are available from 2 - 4 p.m. on Sunday. Swim tests can also be scheduled with our aquatics staff throughout the week as necessary. If time permits, swim tests may also be offered Monday during age group swim times.



POOL RULES

- A lifeguard must be present before anyone is allowed inside the pool fence.
- A soaking-wet shower is required before entering the pool.
- Hair longer than shoulder length must be pulled back into a ponytail while in the water.
- Parents must assume the supervision of children under 5 & children using the wading pool.
- No glass, bottles, cans, or other dangerous objects are allowed around the pool deck.
- Food and beverages are not permitted inside the pool fence.
- No running or horseplay is permitted on the deck or in the pool.
- Camp Reneker follows the BSA buddy check system. All campers must use their assigned buddy tag.
- Diving is only allowed in the deep end from the marked red boxes.
- Toilet facilities are located next to the pump house.

BEGINNERS TEST REQUIREMENTS

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, then swim 25 feet on the surface, turn, and swim 25 feet back.

SWIMMERS TEST REQUIREMENTS

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy, resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be completed in one swim. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

SWIMMER CLASSIFICATIONS

Non-Swimmer: allowed to swim up to where the water reaches the individual's chest

Beginner: allowed to swim anywhere in the shallow section, restricted from the deep end

Swimmer: allowed to swim the entirety of the pool, including the deep end

RESEVATION CAMPS

CAMP BLACKHAWK

Nestled on the shores of Big Blue Lake, Blackhawk offers 21 campsites on 3 different hills. Campers enjoy centrally located program areas, a historic dining hall, and a beautiful lakeside fire ring. All meals are served in the dining hall and campers enjoy a lake view from there. Blackhawk is also home to our very popular lake tubing and water sports programs on Big Blue Lake.



CAMP WOLVERINE



Wolverine offers 23 sites from which to choose, whether it be a site on Lake Wolverine's attractive shoreline or on the surrounding hills. Most campsites are set apart from one another, creating a more private experience and allowing room to stretch. Meals are delivered to your site or served in a dining tent. Wolverine offers a pool for aquatics merit badges and beautiful Lake Wolverine for boating activities.

HIGH ADVENTURE

Our High Adventure staff operates program around the reservation that participants from the other three camps can enjoy. The outstanding program offered by the Hi-Ad staff includes our horse ranch, ATV course, COPE and Climbing area, Ultimate Owasippe Adventure, off property canoe trips, and mountain biking on some of the best trails in Michigan. Be sure to explore the offerings from High Adventure and accept the challenge!



HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

Reneker families have the unique opportunity to participate in a large variety of reservation-wide high adventure programs. From a high ropes course to ATVs, horseback riding to river tubing, there is never a shortage of things to do. Please review the following information for more details and age requirements for each activity. These activities are a la carte, with program fees between \$5-\$20.

Campers participating in the ATV program or in the horsemanship program are required to have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian. Waivers must be turned in prior to participation in each activity. Campers will NOT be allowed to participate in the Horse or ATV programs without the appropriate waiver. Waivers are available on the camping resources page and will be included in the 2024 Program Guide.



COPE AND CLIMBING

Our COPE and climbing facilities offer a variety of programs for campers of all ages. Campers need long pants and closed-toe shoes for all activities.

COPE Course: This is a multi-stage high ropes course with a variety of climbing challenges. Make it to the end to enjoy an amazing zip line experience. Age 13 and up.

Zip Lining: Interested in zip lining, but not going for the full COPE course? Enjoy an afternoon of rides on our zip line, no climbing required! Age 11 and up.

Crate Stacking: A unique Owasippe activity, this activity on belay activity is great for young campers to get acquainted with climbing. Campers build their own tower of crates as they climb the tower at the same time. No Age Limit.

Giants Ladder: Take a spin on our giant's ladder, a fun climbing experience to work through communication and build team building skills. No Age Limit.

Climbing Tower: Owasippe is home to an amazing climbing tower with routes for a variety of skill sets. No age limit.

HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

DIAMOND 'O' HORSE RANCH

For a truly unique way to see all the beauty that Owasippe has to offer, take a trail ride with our talented and knowledgeable ranch staff. New to horses, no problem! They will help you every step of the way. For those with a little more experience, try the Wrangler overnight, complete with beautiful trail rides a night under the stars!

Ages 13 and up

Campers must wear long pants and closed-toe shoes



MOUNTAIN BIKING

If you want to see Owasippe, but horses aren't your style, try taking a mountain biking trail ride with our High Adventure staff. The staff will guide you through the miles of biking trails Owasippe has to offer and help you learn the basics of mountain biking.

Age 13 and up

Riders must wear closed-toe shoes



ATV PROGRAM

Owasippe offers a few different ways to enjoy ATVs on our property. For those already certified on ATVs, trail rides are available led by our staff. For those interested in trying it for the first time, there are ATV courses available for training. If you are interested in an ATV training course, you will need to complete an online portion of the training before arrival at camp. Training can be found here: <https://cvt.svia.org/login/index.php>

Age 14 and up

Riders must wear long pants and ankle high boots



HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAMS

RIVER TUBING AND CANOEING

Take a journey through the rivers of Western Michigan and explore nature on a canoe trip. Paddle your way through the beautiful waters of the White River. If canoeing seems a little too adventurous, try river tubing down the White River. This is the perfect balance of excitement and relaxation.

Ages 13 and up

Must pass swimmers test to participate

LAKE TUBING AND SAIL BASE

Looking for a thrilling ride? Look no further than our lake tubing experience at Camp Blackhawk! In addition to Lake Tubing, they offer the opportunity to go canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding, or rowing at the Steve Fossett Sail Base.

Ages 13 and up

Must Pass swimmers test to participate.

E. URNER GOODMAN MUSEUM

While operating for 112 years, Owasippe Scout Reservation has developed a storied history. Some of scouting's biggest names have been integral in Owasippe's history, as well as many faces you may know personally. Check out historical artifacts, past staff photos, and lots more at the E. Urner Goodman Museum.



CAMP RENEKER

POLICIES

Alcohol, Drugs, and Smoking

- The consumption, possession, and/or use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or controlled substances while participating in the Scouting program and/or on Scouting property is not permitted.
- Violations of all local, state, and federal laws will be reported.
- Violators will be asked to leave Owasippe property.
- Adults must refrain from smoking while in proximity of underage campers.
- Smoking is strictly prohibited in all buildings on Owasippe property, including Reneker cabins.
- Each Reneker cabin is equipped to comfortably accommodate 5 campers. Occupancy of the Reneker cabins is a maximum of 5 people.

Camper Wristbands

Upon arrival, Reneker campers will be issued wristbands to be worn throughout the week. The wristbands are used to properly identify those individuals who belong in camp, and it is required that all campers across the reservation adhere to this policy to keep everyone safe. If a wristband becomes misplaced or ripped, the camp office will gladly replace it. All visitors must report to the camp office to receive a visitor wristband.

Staff Name Tags

Camp staff and camp volunteers are issued an Owasippe name tag that is to be worn at all times while on the property. Food service staff has a special uniform that identifies them. Anyone not showing a proper identification may be stopped and questioned by a staff member or camper. Visitors should be directed, and if necessary escorted, to the camp office and/or Ad Center to check in properly and receive a wristband. Trespassers will be escorted off the property.



CAMP RENEKER

POLICIES

Fire, Liquids, and Propane Fuels

- Fires may only be built in designated areas and under adult supervision.
- Liquid or propane fuels should be used only under adult supervision.
- No firearms, ammunition, fireworks, or bows and arrows of any kind may be kept in the possession of any camper.
- Camp insurance does not allow the use of personal weapons, including paintball guns, BB guns, bows and arrows, or ammunition on Council property. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Pet Policy

Due to the closeness of the cabins, allergen concerns, and Michigan Health Department regulations, pets are not permitted at Reneker. Please make arrangements to board your pets before arrival.

Bug Lights

Please leave the bug light of your cabin on during the nighttime hours to provide safety and security in camp.

Quiet Times

- During lunch time (12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.) the large tent and pool areas are closed.
- At dinner time (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) the large tent and pool areas are closed.
- From 10:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m. the large tent, pool areas, and the playgrounds are closed. Peace and quiet should be observed throughout Reneker.



RENEKER EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Safety is our top priority at Reneker. On Monday, we will have an emergency drill to ensure everyone knows what to do in case of an incident. If an emergency does occur, our alarm is 3 blows of an airhorn or 3 honks of a car horn. Our emergency procedures will be covered in detail at Orientation, but please familiarize yourself with the procedures below:

ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS

- Basic First Aid is available at the camp office.
- In the event of serious illness or injury, notify the camp office to alert a medic. At night, notify staff located in the emergency cabin A1 or staff row.
- If accident or illness is severe, send runners to notify the camp office. Do not move the patient. Give the location and nature of the problem to the staff, and they will call for Health and Safety personnel to respond to you.
- If accident or illness is severe, the patient will be transported by ambulance to the local hospital.
- Only youth or adults who are registered members of Pathway to Adventure Council, BSA are covered by the council's Accident & Sickness Insurance. However, the individual's personal medical insurance will be utilized first.



LOST CAMPER

- Immediately notify the camp office of a missing camper.
- Return to cabin, allowing the staff to initiate the camp emergency procedure and conduct a search.
- We will alert the camp when activities resume

SEVERE WEATHER

- All aquatic areas and the horse ranch will close when thunder or lightning occurs, no matter how distant.
- Campers should store all loose items outside of their cabins in preparation for high winds.
- Move away from streams (flooding) and lone trees (lightning hazard).
- As severe weather approaches, move inside cabins or sanitary units and stay away from windows. If caught outside in the open, lay down flat and cover your head.

SUGGESTED GEAR LIST



EQUIPMENT PROVIDED IN EACH CABIN

- Stovetop and oven
- Kitchen sink
- Individual wash sink
- Kitchen table and chairs
- Refrigerator
- Coffee Table
- Couch
- Closet Space



PROHIBITED ITEMS

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to:

- Personal Firearms / Ammunition
- Bows / Arrows
- Fireworks, Alcohol, Illegal Drugs
- Pets
- Items Prohibited by the BSA



CABIN GEAR

- Bedding (Sheets, pillows, pillowcases, sleeping bag)
- Cookware (pots and pans)
- Cleaning Supplies (dish soap, laundry soap, trash bags)
- Food Supplies for the week
- Table settings (plates, cutlery, cups)
- Bath and beach towels
- Cabin decorating items (our 2024 theme is Reneker at Sea - decorate to fit!)



SUGGESTED PERSONAL GEAR

- First Aid Kit
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Swim suits
- Hiking shoes and shower shoes
- Tie dye items



CAMP FEES AND FINANCIAL INFO

SESSION DATES

Session 1	June 16 - June 22
Session 2	June 23 - June 29
Session 3	June 30 - July 6
Session 4	July 7 - July 13
Session 5	July 14 - July 20
Session 6	July 21 - July 27
Session 7	July 28 - August 3

2024 FEES

	Standard	BSA Family Discount
Cabin Price (Weekly)	\$500	\$400
Cabin Price (Nightly)	\$100	\$100

CABIN RESERVATION FEE

- \$50 cabin deposit is required for all cabins. This fee goes toward your cabin payment.
- Cabins must be paid in full by **June 1st, 2024**. Any cabin registration not paid at that time will have the deposit forfeited and the cabin registration will be canceled to reopened to new registrations.
- After June 1st, 2024, cabin registration fees will increase by \$50 to the late fee registration cost of \$550 or \$450 (for families with a troop/pack at Wolverine or Blackhawk).

BSA FAMILY DISCOUNT

Families camping with a family member who is camping at either Camp Wolverine or Camp Blackhawk receive a \$100 discount off their cabin rental.

This discount must be marked during the initial check in process and then the discount will be applied when campers arrive at camp.

OTHER ACTIVITY FEES

Some activities at camp do require extra fees including high adventure activities, tie dye, and age group programs.

REQUIRED *DOCUMENTS*

Required Medical Forms

Items	Note
BSA Medical Form Part A	Signature Required. Guardian signature required for all campers under 18.
BSA Medical Form Part B	Basic medical information, health history, and medications taken. Signature required. Guardian signature required for all campers under 18. Copy of the insurance card is also required.
BSA Medical Form Part C	BSA Physical form <u>signed by a physician</u> . <u>Required for anyone staying on reservation longer than 72 hours (all week long campers)</u>

WHERE TO FIND THE BSA MEDICAL FORM

Everyone attending Camp Reneker is required to have a BSA Medical form.

BSA Medical form can be found at the following website:

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>

Youth Protection Training

All adults age 18 and over will need BSA's Youth Protection Training

- Complete this ahead of time at my.scouting.org
- You do not need to be registered in the BSA to complete this training
- Create an account, complete Youth Protection training, and **print your certificate** to bring with you to camp
- A course will be offered at Sunday's orientation for those who don't have it completed prior to camp
- Adults arriving later in the week must complete training before a visitor bracelet will be issued



RESERVATION RULES AND POLICIES

ALCOHOL, DRUGS, SMOKING

The possession, consumption, or use of alcohol, drugs (including marijuana), or illegal substances while participating in the Scouting program or on Scout property is prohibited. Violations of laws will be reported. Violators will not be allowed to remain on camp property.

Adult leaders are asked to refrain from smoking and other tobacco use when in proximity of Scouts.

BICYCLES IN CAMP

Bicycle use by campers is restricted to camp-sponsored cycling activities, such as Cycling Merit Badge. A helmet must be worn during cycling activities. Bicycles may not be used on hiking trails.

BOATS IN CAMP

Privately owned boats are not permitted in camp, nor on camp-owned docks or shoreline.

BUDDY SYSTEM

It is expected that Scouts always utilize the buddy system.

CHECK-IN, CHECK-OUT, EARLY RELEASE

All campers must properly check in and check out of camp. A log is in each sub-camp office for this purpose.

An "Early Release of Scout" form must be submitted for any youth leaving camp and/or the supervision of their Scoutmaster prior to the end of the camp week. This form should be turned in when the unit arrives in camp. The form is available on our website. Here is the link for that form:

<https://pathwaytoadventure.org.wpcomstaging.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Campers-Early-Release-Form.pdf>

CAMPER SECURITY

Any person without proper identification (staff name tag, camper wristband, visitor tag) should be reported to the camp office. Trespassers will be escorted off camp property and the authorities will be notified.

- **Wristbands:** Each registered camper (youth and adult) will be issued a wristband (or similar item) that they must wear at all times. Campers will not be permitted to access activities without this wristband. Replacement bands will be available in the sub-camp office.
- **Staff Identification:** Camp Staff and volunteers are issued an Owasippe name tag (or similar item) and staff wristband to be worn at all times.
- **Visitors:** Visitors must check-in and check-out at the sub-camp office. Visitors are issued a visitor wristband or tag at the time of check-in.

CAMPER DISCIPLINE

Michigan State Law indicates: "A camper shall not be deprived of food or sleep, shall not be placed alone without staff supervision, observation, and interaction, or shall not be subjected to hazing, ridicule, threat, corporal punishment, excessive physical exercise, or excessive restraints," either by staff leaders or another camper.

Unit leaders are responsible for behavior of the scouts in their units. If there are concerns regarding scout behavior, they should be directed to the Camp Director or unit's Scoutmaster. Discipline must be constructive.

- Discipline must reflect Scouting's values.
- Corporal punishment is never permitted.
- Disciplinary activities involving isolation, humiliation, or ridicule are also prohibited.

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

It is mandatory that any staff or adult leader/volunteer report any suspected or actual child abuse or neglect immediately. Suspected or actual abuse or neglect should be reported to the camp director and to local authorities, such as the police and/or Department of Social Services and to the Michigan Centralized Intake (855-444-3911)

SCOUTS FIRST HELPLINE

As part of its "Scouts First" approach to the protection and safety of youth, the BSA has established a dedicated 24-hour helpline to receive reports of known or suspected abuse or behavior that might put a youth at risk.

1-844-SCOUTS1 (1-844-726-8871)

When to use it:

- Anytime you believe a youth has been harmed or their safety and wellbeing is at risk, and you cannot immediately reach your Scout executive or local council.
- If a youth is bullied because of race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or disability, and local help is unable to resolve the problem.

If someone is at immediate risk of harm, always call 911.



RESERVATION RULES AND POLICIES

DAMAGE TO CAMP PROPERTY

Units are responsible for any damage to camp property which occurs in their site or as a result of behavior of the unit's participants. Units are not permitted to cut down trees (living or dead), construct, paint, or modify structures, or otherwise deface camp property. A unit interested in completing a service project or campsite improvement must gain the permission of the camp director before beginning any project. When damage or unauthorized projects occur, a unit is financially responsible for its repair or replacement.

DOGS AND OTHER PETS

Pets are not allowed on Owasippe Scout Reservation.

FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, FIREWORKS, BOWS & ARROWS

No firearms, ammunition, fireworks, bows, or arrows of any kind may be kept in the possession of any camper or unit. Owasippe Scout Reservation does not permit personal firearms or archery equipment to be utilized on camp property.

FIRES AND FUELS

Campsite campfires must follow BSA Fireguard policies and be in an approved fire ring. Creation of new fire rings is not permitted. Liquid or propane fuels should only be used under adult supervision. Absolutely NO FLAMES are permitted in tents.

FLOAT PLANS

Units interested in checking out canoes, kayaks, or rowboats to be used outside of the designated boating areas and/or outside of program hours must submit a float plan and follow the BSA's Safety Afloat guidelines. These activities must be approved by the aquatics director. Float plan forms are available on our website.

HARRASSMENT AND BULLYING POLICY

Pathway to Adventure Council and the BSA do not tolerate harassment of any kind towards our youth members, adult volunteers, employees, members of the public, or suppliers. Any form of harassment that violates federal, state, or local law is a violation of this policy. This includes, but is not limited to, harassment related to race, religion, creed, color, sex, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, uniformed service member status, marital status, pregnancy, age, medical condition, physical or emotional disability, or status with regard to public assistance.

Definition

The term "harassment and bullying" includes slurs and any other offensive remarks, jokes, and other verbal, graphic, or physical conduct that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion to an individual because of any of these characteristics, and that has a purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment, or of unreasonable interfering with an individual's Scouting participation. One type of harassment that is prohibited by this policy is sexual harassment, which includes unwelcome advances, requests for sexual favors, or other offensive verbal, visual, or physical conduct.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

If you believe that you have been harassed, or you become aware of an incident of harassment of someone else which affects Scouting in any way, you are responsible for reporting the incident immediately to the Camp Director, Reservation Director, or Scout Executive. An accusation of harassment will be investigated quickly and firmly, and in connection with legal counsel or other investigator, if appropriate. A substantiated violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action. Reporting harassment will not result in any form of retaliation.

CERTIFIED SERVICE DOGS

With prior written approval, Certified Service Dogs are allowed. A Service Animal Agreement is required to be signed prior to arrival.

GOLF CARTS

With prior written approval, Personal Golf Carts are allowed for those with limited mobility. For our full Golf Cart Policy and approval process, email ptac.camping@scouting.org.

MICHIGAN SUPERVISION REGULATIONS

For campers 13 years of age or older, there shall be 1 adult staff member for every 14 campers or a fraction thereof beyond the first 14. Campers 10 or older should be at a ratio of 1:10.

Please ensure your unit plans to bring the appropriate number of adult leaders to meet the size of your unit. If you have questions, please check with camp administration. Adult leaders from units constitute adult staff.



RESERVATION RULES AND POLICIES

VEHICLES IN CAMP

- After dinner on Sunday, units are permitted only trailers and 1 vehicle in their camp site. This will be strictly enforced.
- Units wishing to provide transportation for scouts traveling around the reservation are required to meet in designated parking lots.
- Vehicle passes: All vehicles in camp must display an Owasippe vehicle pass. These passes are available at check-in and from the camp offices.
- Parking: All vehicles must be parked in designated parking lots. Vehicles may not remain in campsites after unloading is complete.
- Speed Limit: The speed limit on all camp roads is 10 MPH.
- Vehicle usage must adhere to BSA guidelines. Some relevant components of BSA's Vehicle policies are:
 - Seatbelts must be worn at all times
 - Drivers must be over 18 and possess a valid driver's license
 - Riding in truck beds or out of a seated and belted position is expressly prohibited

YOUTH PROTECTION POLICIES

Current Youth Protection Training is required of all participants age 18 and above and must provide documentation of current training. It is expected that unit leaders be familiar with, follow, and enforce BSA policies regarding Youth Protection. Any violation of Youth Protection Policies must be reported.

Some relevant components of BSA Youth Protection are:

- The Buddy System: Scouts should travel about camp with a buddy
- Two-Deep Leadership: A minimum of two adults (21 or over) are required to attend camp for each troop
- Privacy and separate facilities: Adults and youth never share a tent.
- Toilet and shower facilities usage are to be scheduled to allow youth and adults separate times and privacy. This must also accommodate for gender.
- No one-on-one contact: interactions between youth and adults must take place within plain sight of others. At no time may an adult be alone (one-on-one) with a Scout, other than their own child
- The use of smartphones, cameras, mirrors, drones, etc., in places or situations where privacy is expected is prohibited.
- All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents and leaders.
- The BSA does not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program.
- Hazing and initiations are prohibited and have no part during any Scouting activity.
- All forms of bullying and harassment including verbal, physical, and cyber bullying are prohibited.
- Inappropriate public displays of affection are prohibited.
- Sexual activity is prohibited.
- Appropriate attire is required for all activities.

Allegations and investigations follow the procedures of the BSA Youth Protection policies, including immediate removal of alleged perpetrators.

CURFEW AND QUIET HOURS

Scouts must be in their campsites by 10:00 PM. Exceptions to this rule are limited to approved camp programs and emergency or medical situations. A Scout is Courteous. Campsite quiet hours are from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM. Unit leaders are expected to enforce this rule with their Scouts and adults.

ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE

Units camping at Owasippe are required to have accident and sickness insurance. Pathway to Adventure Council units are provided this coverage by the council. Units from other councils must bring proof of accident and sickness insurance (which their councils may provide for them) to camp. This could be a copy of the policy or a letter from their council stating the council carries this insurance for units.

PROMOTING CAMP

OWASIPPEADVENTURE.COM

An Owasippe promotion-focused site that is loaded with great images and videos that highlight everything that makes Owasippe great!

PTAC CAMPING RESOURCES

The official page for all things Owasippe. This will have the most up-to-date forms and notifications.

WORD OF MOUTH

Some units will have older Scouts share stories during the unit meeting of their adventures from last summer. This is an easy way to make it "personal" for your Scouts.



OWASIPPE ON FACEBOOK

We have a very active Facebook page with lots of pictures and videos from previous summers. We encourage units to use these to show their Scouts what Owasippe is all about!

OWASIPPE ON INSTAGRAM

Find pictures and videos from previous summers and watch for daily posts while your scouts are at camp.

OWASIPPE CIT PROGRAM

Owasippe offers a Counselor in Training (CIT) program that runs for eight weeks.

We're very proud of our top-notch Camp Staff and it all begins with our CIT program.

Scouts spend eight weeks living and working among our staff which gives them the chance to learn necessary life skills, get supervised practice, and have a lot of fun. The first week is a training week where CITs learn how to teach a merit badge, lead songs, and learn the Owasippe traditions. Scouts that will be at least 14 years old by June 10th, 2024, can interview to be a CIT.

Apply at

https://pathwaytoadventure.org/camping_trashed/owasippecampstaff/

