

Owasippe Scout Reservation | Pathway to Adventure Council | Scouting America

New To Owasippe Information

Welcome to the Scouting America's oldest and most historic scout camp! We are honored to carry on the tradition of scouting in such a meaningful (and scenic) location.

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.

The Owasippe Scout Camps

Owasippe consists of several camp operations on one reservation:

- **Camp Blackhawk** – A Scouts BSA Summer camp situated on Big Blue Lake. Offers a traditional summer camp program including dining hall meal service.
- **Camp Wolverine** – A Scouts BSA Summer camp situated on Lake Wolverine, offers cooked meals delivered to campsites or meals in a large dining tent. This is also home to our Cub Scout and Webelos Summer Camp operation.
- **Reneker Family Camp** – Cabin camping for families offering exciting programming for children, teens, and adults. No food service is provided, but cabins include a kitchen.
- **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, trips to the neighboring Manistee National Forest 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 for reservation leadership
- **Main Trading Post** – A large facility with a variety of merchandise, camping items, patches, snacks, ice cream, and more. Be sure to stop by during posted hours.
- **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 & Bathrooms

There are 21 campsites in Blackhawk and 25 in Wolverine. 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 within a quick walking distance for scouts. Some of these locations are: ATVs, COPE/Climbing, Cycling, Diamond O Horse Ranch, Flintlock Village, metalworking, motorboating, sailing, and water sports merit

badges. We offer a shuttle service around the reservation that services a majority of our programs. Scouts will need help from their unit leaders for transportation on some occasions. Additional transportation for programs will be coordinated at each camp by our leadership teams. ***Consider travel time between programs when planning scouts schedules. Planning back to back activities across reservation is not recommended.***

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 a service offered in the evening. Each section camp has a process for units to order and pay for pizza (which comes from a local Pizza Hut). This is an optional activity. In Blackhawk, pizza night is Thursday night. In Wolverine, it's Friday night after closing campfire. Many units have made it a tradition to do pizza night and invite their favorite staff to the site to enjoy a slice.

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. 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, Program Guide, and 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.