

OSR 2026

OWASIPPE MAXED

Lake Wolverine

Big Blue Lake

**GUIDE TO EXPERIENCED
CAMPER PROGRAMS AT OSR**
JUNE 28TH - JULY 4TH 2026



WHAT'S MAXED?!

MAXED is special programming at Owasippe taking place from June 28 to July 4th, 2026. Participate in high adventure, activities, badges, and awards not available during the rest of the summer camp season.



Welcome Message

Owasippe Scout Reservation is the oldest and most historic scout camp in America. We currently sit on 4800 acres in Michigan's Manistee National Forest. For 7 weeks each summer, Owasippe hosts two Scouts BSA Summer Camps, a Cub Scout Camp, an Arrow of Light Adventure Camp, a Family Camp, and offers so much more through our High Adventure programs.

Due to the sheer scale of Owasippe's operation, and the number of offerings that are provided, there have always

been some programs that are just not feasible to operate all summer long, and therefore have not been offered in our program in many years.

However, last spring we were determined to add additional advanced camper programs and fulfill the untapped potential of all this wonderful property has to offer.

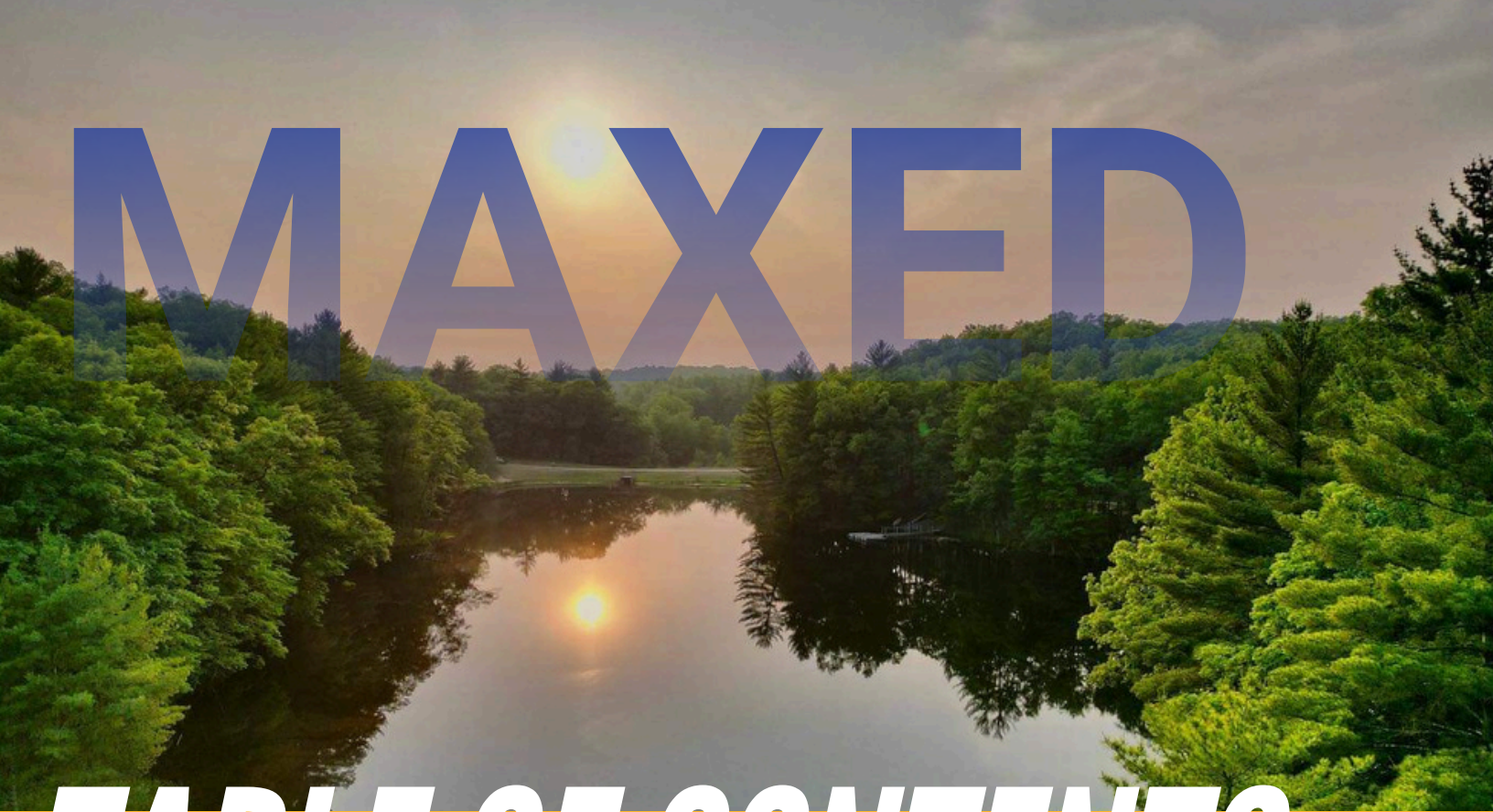
Because of the complexity of hosting these activities, they will only be available ONCE a year, in a program we have named Owasippe MAXED.

These programs are in-depth adventures that require determination, Scouting experience, and an appreciation for the outdoors. They are planned and hosted by OSR's most qualified staff members in each subject.

We are so excited to be joining you for MAXED in 2026, and know you won't find anything like this anywhere else.



- Dalton DeVries
Reservation Director



MAXED

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PROGRAMS & SCHEDULE

SUMMER CAMP MAXED PROGRAMS SUNDAY JUNE 28TH - SATURDAY JULY 4TH, 2026

As a part of the **Scouts BSA Summer Camp** Program during Wolverine Session 3, participate in exclusive merit badges, activities and awards.

- **Golf Merit Badge** (with NEW Disc-golf requirements)
- **Wilderness First Aid Training**
- **World Conservation Award**
- **Advanced River Trip**
- **ATV Overnighter**
- Additional programs like the OSR Fishing Derby, Run Club, Night Zip Lining, Blacklight Range & Target Activities, and more will be available for sign up at camp!

For those participating in MAXED programs during summer camp session three, these activities take place within the regularly scheduled programming at Camp Wolverine. Please refer to the OSR Leaders and Program Guides for details. MAXED merit badges and activities **can be found on the schedule on the next page**, as well as the 2026 Merit Badge Schedule, and 2026 one-time events / High Adventure Schedule. The general structure is listed here.

- **Sunday June 28th** - Camper check-in follows the same procedures as Scouts BSA Summer Camp listed in the Leader's Guide.
- **Monday through Friday** - Regularly scheduled Scouts BSA Summer Camp & Daily Activities, as well as MAXED programming.
- **Saturday July 4th** - Morning departure

3 DAY MAXED CAMPS

SUNDAY JUNE 28TH - THURSDAY JULY 2ND, 2026

As a part of **MAXED Three Day Camp Programs** individuals or troops participate in multi-day overnight High Adventure activities.

- **Multisport Merit Badge (NEW BADGE!)**
 - **The Owasippe Triathlon**
- **Ecology Camp**
 - (Leave No Trace Basics, & Test Lab Badge)
- **BSA Angler Camp**
- **BSA Trek Camp**
- **Diamond 'O' Ranch Equestrian Camp**
- **River Canoe Camp**

EVENT SCHEDULE

Individual camps will each have their own daily schedule, but will follow the same structure. More details **can be found on each event's page in this guide.**

- **Sunday June 28th**

Camper check-in follows same procedures as Scouts BSA Summer Camp listed in the Leader's Guide

- Introduction to instructors, setting up camp, dinner, and opening fire

- **Monday - Wednesday**

- Campers begin their adventure, camping and having meals along the way. Some camping and eating will take place in Wolverine, some programs will be out of the subcamp for the full length.
- Programs conclude by Wednesday at 5pm, and participants partake in the Owasippe County Fair. Here, a closing celebration will take place where awards are given, photos taken, and food provided.

- **Thursday July 2nd**

- Full breakfast provided and morning departure.
- For participants with a unit camping in another program on property, they will be dismissed back to unit leadership at this point.

- **Thursday through Saturday July 4th**

- For participants who will be staying until Sunday departure, a provisional campsite will be organized. Scouts can partake in Wolverine Scouts BSA summer camp program to conclude the week.

3-DAY CAMP PROGRAMS



BSA ANGLER CAMP (ANGLER AWARD)

COST: \$35

During this three day, two night adventure, participants will work towards the angler award - learning everything fishing, fly fishing and wildlife conservation. Participants will take part in constructing and positioning an artificial fish habitat on our very own Lake Wolverine. They will also learn how to determine a fish's age by examining its scales and other biological markers. At the end of the experience, scouters will take part in a reservation wide fishing derby, may the best angler win (prevail)!

Campers will be led by staff with 10+ years of expertise fishing at Owasippe to the best fishing spots across the property's multiple lakes. Fishing from boat, pier, and shore. Along the way the group will work towards Angler Award requirements - but earning this achievement takes equal part skill and luck!

Prerequisites & Planning

A love for fishing, ages 12+ with swimmer classification. Adult participants should take safety afloat training (available online). Scouts should bring proof of any related merit badges ie: fishing, fly fishing, and fish and wildlife. Fishing gear will be provided, but personal equipment is welcome.



DIAMOND 'O' RANCH EQUESTRIAN CAMP

COST: \$130

Enjoy three days and two nights living the wrangler lifestyle! Participants will learn about different types of riding events and learn advanced riding skills beyond the Horsemanship Merit Badge. Learn what it takes to care for the herd from vet care professionals. With lots of trail ride time scheduled, participants will get to see areas of camp that have never been visited on horseback. Spend nights camping at the Ranch and out on the trail. Eat hot-pack meals while exploring, and then cook dinner over the fire at night. Campers will be lead by staff with 10+ years of expertise working at the Diamond 'O' and walk away with a new appreciation for amazing animals!

Prerequisites & Planning

A love for horses, Horsemanship Merit Badge, 250lb weight limit and 13 years of age or older. Must have jeans and sturdy, closed-toe shoes. Must have an Equine Liability Waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Cots and tents will be provided, but personal gear is welcome. Any other sleeping gear will be needed. Gear will be transported via truck to overnight locations.



THE OWASIPPE TRIATHLON

MULTISPORT MERIT BADGE (NEW!)

COST: \$40

In the Multisport Merit Badge scouts learn what it takes to compete in a triathlon. Participants will train with an OSR staff member who competes in multiple races a year - from Marathons to Ironmans, while also enjoying open program periods at Wolverine. Learn everything from basics to pro-tips about biking, running, swimming, transitioning between the three, and stamina. Participants will demonstrate their ability through small challenges, then 'qualify' for the big race by completing the minimum race requirements for the badge (Req. 7) before the ultimate challenge (.8 mile swim, 6+ mile bike, and 3.5 mile run) will take place Wednesday. Participants will be recognized for their achievements that evening with a ceremony at the Owasispe County Fair. Whether you are a competitive person, or just want to test your personal abilities, this program has something for everyone!

This class will meet for a virtual shakedown prior to camp to discuss the badge training requirements, discuss gear, and other ways to arrive prepared.

Participants can choose to stay with their unit registered in Wolverine, or in a Wolverine site with the class 'provisional' unit. Participants can partake in various Wolverine Scouts BSA activities in free time Mon-Wed.

Fees cover racing materials like swim caps, bike water bottles, awards, aid station snacks and other race supplies.

Participants will need comfortable biking and running shoes and clothes, swim wear including goggles and flipflops. Participants can choose to bring their own bike or bike helmet, but must be approved prior to camp.



OSR TREK CAMP

COST: \$15

Owasippe is home to diverse ecosystems from sand dunes, to pine forests. Explore sprawling prairies and hidden lakes. Some of the most beautiful sites at camp can only be seen on foot. Spend your week backpack camping and become fully emersed in OSR's 4800 acres.

Participants will set up their first site in camp in Wolverine Sunday after check in. Monday will begin with a shakedown and backpacking 101. The group will plan a route and schedule their adventure before packing their bags, including trail meals, and hitting the trail. Over the next two days participants will complete a variety of outdoor skills requirements while exploring camp. Monday and Tuesday night will be spent in primitive campsites before returning to Wolverine on Wednesday. Meals will consist of a combination of hot-pack food service, trail meals, and campsite cooking.

Prerequisites & Planning

13 y/o +. This program will meet for a virtual shakedown prior to camp to discuss what is required to arrive prepared, proper gear, etc. Assistance may be available for participants who do not have the needed gear.

This program will complete requirements towards those earning the following badges: Backpacking merit badge req 1-9, Camping merit badge req 3, 9b2, Hiking merit badge req 1-3, part of 4 (two 10 mile hikes).



OSR ECOLOGY & CONSERVATION CAMP

COST: \$5

BSA LEAVE NO TRACE BASICS, WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT TEST LAB BADGE, AND THE WORLD CONSRVATION AWARD

Scouts with a passion for nature will be taken on the ultimate ecology adventure while earning conservation awards that are not regularly offered! Visit ecological sites around camp and learn about OSR's unique ecosystems. Partake in important conservation work while learning the pro-tips of Leave No Trace. The Wildland Fire Management Test Lab Badge's trial period ends June 30th, and this will be your last opportunity to participate. Citizenship in the World is a prerequisite for the World Conservation Award.

Schedule:

Morning conservation programs, Afternoons Wildland Fire Management, Leave No Trace Basics, and ecology tours. Additional evening activities to be announced!

Participants can choose to stay with their unit registered in Wolverine, or in a Wolverine site with the class 'provisional' unit. Participants can partake in various Wolverine Scouts BSA activities in free time Mon-Wed.



RIVER CANOE CAMP

COST: \$25

Owasippe is encompassed by the Manistee National Forest. Here there are over 200 miles of designated river. Owasippe traditionally hosts a two hour river trip on the White River, but that adventure barely scratches the surface of what the National forest has to offer. In this program participants will spend three days and two nights paddling into the forest, camping along the banks, and stopping for adventures.

Participants will set up their first site in camp in Wolverine Sunday after check in. Monday will begin with a shakedown and a canoeing adventure to the Lake Wolverine headwaters. The group will plan a route and schedule their adventure into Manistee before packing their bags, including meals, and hitting the river. Over the next two days, make stops along the river, enjoy campsite cooking and primitive camping along the shores before returning to Wolverine on Wednesday. Meals will consist of a combination of hot-pack food service, trail meals, and campsite cooking.

Participants must be 13+, must be able to complete the Swimmer Classification Test while at camp, and must have completed Canoeing Merit Badge. Shoes must be worn on the river. This program will meet for a virtual shakedown prior to camp to discuss what is required to arrive prepared, proper gear, etc. Assistance may be available for participants who do not have the needed gear.

This program will complete requirements towards those earning:
Camping merit badge req 3, 9b2

SCOUTS BSA SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS

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WORLD CONSERVATION AWARD

Description

Scouts will start each day working on Citizenship in the World before jumping into various conservation projects. Along the way, scouts will learn Environmental Science and Soil and Water Conservation - earning them the pinnacle achievement of the World Conservation Award!

Schedule (Daily)

9-10am Citizenship in the World
10-12pm Conservation programs

Scouts with Cit/World can start their 9am in another badge.



GOLF MERIT BADGE

(WITH NEW DISC-GOLF TRACK)

Scouts will learn everything they need to know to feel confident on the disc golf course. Learn throwing techniques, rules, and etiquette at OSR before heading out to a real course to play a full round.

Schedule

11am-12pm daily

10:30am-2pm Friday Tournament
(lunch included)

Fee - \$10



WILDERNESS FIRST AID TRAINING

WFA teaches how to use available resources when professional responders may be hours or even days away. It can have a dramatic effect on the outcome of emergencies, injuries, and illnesses. This training is required for some high adventure trips and is a great way to elevate your basic first aid skills!

Schedule

WFA will meet Monday through Wednesday from 9am to 12pm, and 2pm to 4pm. All sessions must be attended.

Prerequisites & Planning

14 y/o+ , Fee - \$50

ATV OVERNIGHTER

Scouts will get to rip up the trail into the evening hours before stopping in a remote area of OSR to set up camp, eat dinner, enjoy a campfire and stargaze.

Schedule

Thursday 7pm - Friday 8am

Prerequisites & Planning

14 y/o+ , Fee - \$40

Must have signed waiver and previously completed ASI S-Course (Rider course), either during a previous summer or earlier in the week. Long pants, long sleeve shirts, and over-the-ankle boots required.



ADVANCED RIVER TRIP

OSR traditionally offers a two hour river trip. In this advanced program, scouts will take a 4 hour adventure on the rivers of Manistee National Forest.

Schedule

Thursday from 1pm to 5pm

Prerequisites & Planning

Fee - \$10. Participants must be 13+, must be able to complete the Swimmer Classification Test while at camp, and must have completed Canoeing Merit Badge. Shoes must be worn on the river.

BSA LEAVE NO TRACE BASICS

LNT Basics is a core, seven-principle program designed to teach youth and adults pro-tips on how to minimize their environmental impact while enjoying the outdoors. This three hour course will take place on Tuesday from 2pm-5pm.



OSR FISHING DERBY

On Wednesday the MAXED Angler Camp will be hosting a reservation wide fishing derby on Lake Wolverine!



OSR RUN CLUB

Start your day off right with a morning run! Whether you are looking for a light jog around the Wolverine north loop, or want to put in a few miles running around Lake Wolverine, we'll meet as a group and hit the trails for some Michigan woods fresh-air fitness, and be back in time for breakfast!



MORE EVENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED!

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TRADING POST

Scouts in MAXED programs will have varying access to the trading post for snacks, apparel, camp gear, and mementos throughout their program, but all participants will be able to visit the Wolverine Trading Post during check-in and the Main Trading Post on Wednesday evening.

OWASI-PACKS

Available in limited quantities, the Owasi-Pack is a draw-string backpack care package filled with treats that your Scout is going to love. Items include snacks, trading post giftcards, and camp toys. Include a personalized letter!

INCLUDED ITEMS

Each participant is given a 2026 camper patch and each program will take a group photo (in troop photo fashion) and participants will each be provided a print.

TRADING POST

FOOD SERVICE

Each MAXED program will be provided food service via hot pack or seated in the Wolverine Dining Tent. Some programs will have additional camp cooking opportunities in addition to the routine food service.

Dietary accommodation requests can be made for medical and religious dietary needs, as well as vegetarians. The form will be available on our camping resources website, noted on the last page of this guide. We cannot accommodate dietary preferences. Some campers with dietary needs and preferences find it easier to supplement meals by providing their own food, which they bring to camp.

For more information on food service please refer to the 2026 Scouts BSA Leaders Guide.

PREPARING FOR CAMP

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GEAR LIST

Each MAXED program may require different gear based on the type of adventure. A comprehensive packing list will be provided in addition to this guide at a later date on the camping resources website, noted on the last page of this guide. Assistance may be available for participants who do not have the needed gear for their program.

SWIM TESTS

All MAXED participants must classify as a “Swimmer” if the program they are participating in requires water activities.

Swim tests must be taken at camp, and classification records from previous events will not be accepted for these programs. This includes adults and youth. “Swim checks” are a part of the check-in process on Sunday arrival.

WAIVERS & REQUIRED DOCS

Some activities require waivers. Waivers must be signed by a parent or guardian, not a unit leader or staff member. Units are strongly encouraged to collect these waivers BEFORE their departure day for camp. Waivers must be turned in during the check-in process on Sunday.

Waivers are available on the camping resources website, noted on the last page of this guide. *Scouts will NOT be allowed to participate without the appropriate waiver.



REGISTRATION

UNITS

- Register as a unit for Scouts BSA Summer Camp in Wolverine Session 3

INDIVIDUALS

- Fill out [this interest form](https://forms.gle/VFbdTiETvrkWPPJX6). <https://forms.gle/VFbdTiETvrkWPPJX6>
- You will be contacted with a registration number and blackpug access.



SCAN ME

MAXED 3-Day programs and special event registration will take place in Wolverine Session 3 Scouts BSA Camp, following the same process as Merit Badge sign-up.

CAMP FEES

INDIVIDUALS

- MAXED WEEK pricing is \$20 less than 2026 summer camp pricing per participant!
- No late fees! Same price after May 15th, 2026
- Daily adult visitor fee: \$30

ATTENDING FULL WEEK

Scouts	\$420	Adults	\$200
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ATTENDING 3 DAY PRGM ONLY

Scouts	\$272	Adults	\$150
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Programs may have additional costs.

UNITS

- Saturday early arrival fee: \$100
- Each troop is responsible for collecting fees from their Scouts and making in-person or online payments to the council.
- Some units will increase the cost beyond the fee from OSR for travel meals, gas, and to supplement troop supplies.
- More information on payment and refunds is available in the 2026 Scouts BSA Leaders Guide.

IMPORTANT DATES

Payment Type	Amount	Payment Deadline
Campsite Deposit	\$100 per Unit	Due upon Unit Registration
Payment 1	\$75 per Participant	Due upon Participant Registration
Payment 2	Remaining Balance	Due 10 days prior to camp

Merit badge and activity selection (opening April 18th 9AM) will not be accessible to participants without \$75 payment.

ADULT LEADERSHIP

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ADULT PARTICIPATION

Adults are welcome to participate in all MAXED programs. Whether you are 18 have just aged out of Scouts BSA, or are a parent joining in with your scout, there is room for everyone at MAXED!

SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS

Each overnight program requires the supervision of one 21+ male leader and one 21+ female leader.

Troops do NOT need to provide qualified leadership to attend camp during MAXED, troops can send as few as 1 participant. Each MAXED Program will meet qualified leadership standards through camp staff, adults participating in MAXED programs, and through adult leader volunteers.

Adults who register for MAXED programs as a participant will automatically be counted towards qualified leadership requirements. We are seeking additional adults to help provide leadership during MAXED programs. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please email dalton.devries@scouting.org for more details on where you may best be able to assist our camp staff to deliver amazing programs!

ADULT PAPERWORK

State of Michigan and Scouting America require several documents of ALL adults in camp (staff, leaders, parents, volunteers). Please see the 2026 Scouts BSA Leader Guide for additional information on each item. Forms are found on the camping resources website, If you have any questions regarding these documents, please contact our Camping Help Desk, website and contact information is noted on the last page of this guide.

Scouting America Registration	Submitted to camp on arrival via my.scouting report
Current SYT Training	Submitted to camp on via Safeguarding Youth aging report
Criminal Background Check	Documented as part of BSA registration, no action needed
State of Michigan Central Registry Clearance	Form submitted to home state and results sent to PTAC and verified upon arrival OR results provided upon arrival
State of Michigan Req. Rules and Items (Reference Form)	State of Michigan form signed by each adult in camp submitted to camp on

OSR MAXED

[HTTPS://PATHWAYTOADVENT
URE.ORG/CAMPRESOURCES/](https://pathwaytoadventure.org/campresources/)



SCAN ME

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