

# OWASIPPE 2026



**CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP  
ARROW OF LIGHT ADVENTURE CAMP**

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**CAMPER GUIDE**

# WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Scouters,

Welcome to Owasippe Scout Reservation. We are excited to have you join us for our 2026 Cub Scout and Arrow of Light Resident Camps! These programs take place along the shoreline of the pristine lake at Camp Wolverine (Zaxie!).

This summer, all Cub Scouts (including AOL's) are welcome to join us for both sessions! Our team is excited about the positive impacts we can make having the entire camp's facilities and staff at our disposal to offer Cub Scout programming. These changes include more selection of Adventure options, enhanced evening program, and more opportunities for swimming, boating, and shooting.

Our team is hard at work planning a quality and engaging program that maximizes fun experiences, learning, and fellowship led by a staff that have a focus on customer service and being positive and impactful role models. Our goal is for your scouts to leave being energized to have a great Scouting year, and excited to continue their Scouting journey into the Scouts BSA program.

Yours In Scouting,

**Dalton DeVries** | *Reservation Director*

**Joe Vitti** | *Wolverine Camp Director*

**Oliver Baker** | *Cub Program Director*

**Kendall Robinson** | *AOL Program Director*

**David Stephen** | *Wolverine Camp Commissioner*



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The purpose of this guide is to prepare Units, Parents, and Scouts for their stay at OSR. It is important that any adult attending camp is familiar with key information in this guide. We recommend this is shared widely by units and parents so all can enjoy their time at camp!

For more information please visit [camping resources page](#)



# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

| Contact                                                         | Phone          | Email                                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pathway to Adventure<br>Council Office                          | (312) 421-8800 | <a href="mailto:ptac.camping@scouting.org">ptac.camping@scouting.org</a>     |
| PTAC Camping Director<br>Reservation Director<br>Dalton DeVries | (231) 981-8930 | <a href="mailto:dalton.devries@scouting.org">dalton.devries@scouting.org</a> |

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 Scout's name, unit number, and campsite. Due to the reservation's size, it may take up to several hours for a message to reach the recipient.

## WHAT'S NEW IN 2026?

- Welcome to the Wild Safari at Wolverine! Look forward to our themed evening programs including the Jungle Jamboree and the Safari Shuffle!
- More options for Cub Camp open programs in the afternoons, allowing scouts to choose their own adventure.
- Our Arrow of Light Camp Program will send scouts on excursions all across Owasippe (The greater Wolverine area). While trekking, fulfil pin requirements, explore STEAM activities, have a blast in the pool, and explore hidden parts of Owasippe - like taking a creek walk and visiting the Bogs!
- Improved Check-In process for all attending adults





# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Both programs run in both sessions of camp!

## CUB SCOUT SUMMER CAMP

For three days, Cub Scouts will camp in our beautiful West Michigan woods. Scouts will travel in groups organized by rank to various program areas throughout the day and have time in the afternoon to explore a variety of open programs. Expect thrilling outdoor games, hands-on crafts, campfire stories, and classic camp traditions that you can't get at home! Whether at the shooting range, swimming in the pool, or fishing in the highly rated Lake Wolverine, every Scout will get to 'explore the wild' while making unforgettable memories with friends. All meals are served at the Wolverine Dining Tent.

## ARROW OF LIGHT ADVENTURE CAMP

After breakfast, scouts will adventure out of the sub-camp until mid-afternoon and trek into the OSR Wilderness to develop their outdoor skills, learn about Ecology, explore Flintlock Village, and have exclusive pool time. Hot lunch will be served along their trek! Upon returning a variety of open programs are available for scouts to choose from, and after dinner camp wide festivities await!

Prepare for outdoor challenge as our Arrow of Light Camp at OSR takes inspiration from the legendary treks of Philmont Scout Ranch! This adventure based program is designed to build confidence, leadership, and outdoor skills while preparing them for future adventures in Scouting. Scouts will navigate rugged trails, master essential scout skills, and work together to conquer exciting challenges.



# CUB SCOUT CAMP

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|----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
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|                |                                    | Breakfast<br>@ Dining Tent        | Breakfast<br>@ Dining Tent        | Breakfast<br>@ Dining Tent        |
| 9 - 12 PM      |                                    | Rotations 1-3                     | Rotations 1-3                     | 9 AM Checkout                     |
| 12:15 PM       | Check-In                           | Lunch<br>@ Dining Tent            | Lunch<br>@ Dining Tent            |                                   |
| 1 - 2 PM       |                                    | Rest Time                         | Rest Time                         |                                   |
| 2 - 3 PM       |                                    | Rotation 4                        | Rotation 4                        |                                   |
| 3 - 5 PM       |                                    | Afternoon Open<br>Programs        | Afternoon Open<br>Programs        |                                   |
| 6:00 PM        |                                    | Flag Ceremony<br>@ South Flagpole | Flag Ceremony<br>@ South Flagpole |                                   |
|                | Dinner<br>@ Dining Tent            | Dinner<br>@ Dining Tent           | Dinner<br>@ Dining Tent           |                                   |
| 6:40 PM        | Leaders Meeting<br>and Den Meeting |                                   |                                   |                                   |
| 7:15 - 8:30 PM | Opening Parade and<br>Firebowl     | Evening Program                   | Closing Firebowl<br>& Party       |                                   |
| 8:15-9:30 PM   | Trading Post Open                  |                                   |                                   |                                   |
| 10 PM          | Lights Out                         | Lights Out                        | Lights Out                        |                                   |

This serves as a general schedule overview.  
An in depth agenda will be provided at check in!  
View the next page for more information.

# CUB SCOUT CAMP

## PROGRAM AREAS & HIGHLIGHTS

### Program Rotations-

Exciting program awaits cub scouts in the mornings and afternoon at Wolverine! Our daytime program focuses on fun learning and experiences unique to OSR's West Michigan woods. Get ready to earn requirements and pins, while fun is set to MAXIMUM!

### Afternoon Open Programs -

Scouts can choose from a variety of activities throughout camp at their own pace. You can look forward to open shooting ranges, horses visiting Flintlock Village from the Diamond O Ranch, plenty of swim time, and an activity for every age and ability!

### Evening Program -

These special programs are the pinnacle of the Wolverine Safari theme, and are designed for scouts and parents to experience camp to the fullest.

### STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math)

- Model Building - Unleash your inner inventor
- Lego Robotics Challenges – Construct bridges, towers, and other structures using LEGO bricks.
- Art - Design your own new wild safari animal!



### Shooting Sports 🎯

A safe and exciting opportunity to test precision and focus!

- BB gun range and archery range



### Ecology & Conservation 🌿

A perfect place for Scouts who love nature and exploration!

- Open Fishing – Scoop up tiny creatures and learn about aquatic ecosystems.
- Tree & plant identification – Discover the different species of trees and plants at Owasippe.





# CUB SCOUT CAMP

## PROGRAM AREAS & HIGHLIGHTS



### Scoutcraft

Scouts can dive into hands-on outdoor skills that every adventurer needs!

- Knot-tying & pioneering projects – Practice essential knots or build a mini tower with rope and poles.

Whittling & carving – Learn proper knife safety and try your hand at wood carving (Totin' Chip required).



### Pool

Cool off and enjoy free swim time or join in exciting water games!

- Open swim – Jump in and have fun with friends



### Biking

- Take a bike ride and cruise through designated bike trails for all skill levels.

### Climbing

- Older scouts can put their abilities to the test and take on OSR's climbing tower at High Adventure!



### Boating

- Swimmers can take out boats during open program time

### More, more more!

GaGa Ball, Tetherball, Miles of trails, hidden fishing spots, and trading post goodies await!



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### Program Excursion Rotations -

Arrow of Light Campers will eat breakfast underneath the Wolverine Dining tent before heading out on a Trek that will return mid-afternoon. On this daily excursion campers will do requirements for adventures, take breaks to stop to explore the natural surroundings like creeks, fallen trees, and natural quicksand (yep!). Each day will be different than the next, and there is an activity for everyone. Each day campers will be served a hot lunch on their trek, before continuing forward. Scouts will return from their journey and have the opportunity to kick their feet up in their campsite, or enjoy the variety of open activities listed on the next page.

## EXCURSION LOCATIONS

### Aquatics Activities

- Once you get to the pool, enjoy various aquatic games while working on requirements for the Swimming Adventure!
- At the North Lodge campers will also try their hand at Frisbee Golf



### Range and Target Sports

- Every scout loves the BB range where they can sharpen your skills and become a top shot!

### Ad Center Activities

- Scouts will score some soft serve ice cream, play some games, and learn about Scouting's History



### Flintlock Village -

- Explore Flintlock and take a step back in time! Scouts will visit the printing press to make a postcard and envelope with wax seal, dip candles, and play chess with the villagers.

### Bog, Turtle Valley & Cleveland Creek - Ecology & Outdoor Skills

- Explore the vast sand and grass prairies of Turtle Valley, and the contrasting wooded creeks stemming from the south end of Lake Wolverine. Cross rope bridges and learn ecology in natural environments.

# ARROW OF LIGHT CAMP

## PROGRAM AREAS & HIGHLIGHTS

### Afternoon and Evening Program -

When scouts return from spending their day trekking OSR, they are welcome to rest and take in the scenic views of Lake Wolverine, or participate in a plethora of activities available in the afternoon and evening!

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES



### Shooting Sports

- Evening Program Shooting
- Enjoy shooting BB guns and Archery!

### Open Boating

- Interested in kayaking, canoeing, or row-boating? You can head down to the boating dock and boat through the majestic Lake Wolverine



### Fishing Docks

- Open Fishing
- Looking to relax and throw a line? Open fishing is for you! We have staff to assist, fishing poles, and bait, but you're more than welcome to bring your own supplies.

### High Adventure

- Take a bike ride and cruise through designated bike trails for all skill levels.
- Put your climbing abilities to the test and take on OSR's climbing tower.
- Cross paths with horses and our ranch staff visiting Flintlock Village from the Diamond O Ranch.



# REGISTER FOR CAMP!

## ONLINE REGISTRATION

All registration for PTAC summer camps is conducted online. Deposits and payments are also handled through our online registration system. Please visit:

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



## 2026 FEES

|        | Early Bird | Standard |
|--------|------------|----------|
| Scouts | \$200      | \$215    |
| Adults | \$120      | \$120    |

Early Bird - Paid in Full BY June 15th, 2026

Standard - Paid in Full AFTER June 15th, 2026

## REFUNDS

The Pathway to Adventure Council will refund all but 15% of fees paid per participant for those who request a refund no later than 30 days prior to arrival at camp. You may replace the name and information on a registration at no additional fee, but they must be of the same participant type (youth for youth and adult adult). This policy excludes payments labeled as “nonrefundable.”

No refunds will be given after the 30-day cancellation deadline, except in cases of personal medical reasons as determined by the Council Director of Camping. All but 15% of fees paid for the participant may be refunded. In order to be considered for reimbursement, a refund must be requested by the unit leadership within two weeks after the first day of your camp session. A doctor's note is required for refund requests.

Refund will not include the 3% credit card fee.

Refund requests must be made in writing to [ptac.camping@scouting.org](mailto:ptac.camping@scouting.org).

# WHO MAY ATTEND RESIDENT CAMP?

## CUB SCOUT SUMMER CAMP

*Any attendee (youth or adult!) should be prepared for an **outdoor camping experience**. This includes walking between distant program areas, tent camping, and a busy program schedule - rain or shine!*

### Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Camp is designed for Scouts who have **completed kindergarten through those entering the 5th grade**. This camp offers a small camper-to-staff ratio to provide age appropriate activities for all, and to give each individual scout the best experience we can offer.

### Arrow of Light Scouts

Arrow of Light Scouts CAN attend this session! There will be age appropriate activities for the AOL Scouts built in to the standard structure of Cub Scout Camp. AOL Trek Excursions will be modified to fit this schedule.

## DEN CHIEFS SCOUTS BSA YOUTH

A Den Chief may serve as a Den Chief during AOL Camp provided they:

- Attend for the purpose of providing assistance and leadership
- Are a role model and demonstrate Scout Spirit

## ARROW OF LIGHT ADVENTURE CAMP

*Any attendee (youth or adult!) should be prepared for a daily trek excursion. **This includes a few miles of exploration, hot lunch along the way, tent camping, and a busy program schedule - rain or shine!***

### Arrow of Light Scouts

Arrow of Light Camp is a unique experience tailored for Scouts who will be **entering the 5th grade during the next school year**. This session provides an advanced program designed to prepare AOL Scouts for their transition into Scouts BSA. Please note that **AOL Camp is not intended for incoming 6th graders, as they should attend Scouts BSA camp with their new troop**. Join us for an exciting camp that bridges the gap between Cub Scouting and the next step in your Scouting journey!

## LEADERS PARENTS & FAMILY

Cub Scouts is a Family Activity! Pack leadership and parents of scouts are welcome to attend. Participation is not required, and you are welcome to relax in your campsite while the scouts are attending program, but **your involvement is welcome and needed to provide the best experience to our campers!**

# ***PARTICIPATING AS A CUB SCOUT DEN/PACK***

If a Den/Pack is attending camp together as a group, a minimum of two Scouting America registered adult leaders (21 and over) are required with a minimum supervision ratio of one (1) adult per four (4) scouts. Each Den must have at least one female adult (21 or over) if female scouts are in attendance. Scouts may tent with other scouts of their same gender with no more than two years of difference in age, or scouts may tent with their own parent. No scout may share a tent with an adult who is not their parent.

# ***PARTICIPATING AS AN INDIVIDUAL / FAMILY***

If a scout is attending camp without their Den/Pack, each scout be accompanied by a parent or guardian through camp. No scout may share a tent with an adult who is not his/her parent.

# ***ADULT ATTENDANCE & REGISTRATION PAPERWORK***

## **ADULT ATTENDING AS A LEADER OF A PACK/DEN**



### **Completed Medical Forms**

Parts A and B for any attendee, including a copy of health insurance card



### **Safeguarding Youth Training**

Proof of completion required



### **Must be registered member**

Proof of registration required

## **ADULT ATTENDING AS AN INDIVIDUAL PARENT OF A PARTICIPANT**



### **Completed Medical Forms**

Parts A and B for any attendee, including a copy of health insurance card



### **Safeguarding Youth Training & Membership **preferred, but not required****

If you have these items, please provide these items at check in.

**NOTE:** These policies have changed in 2026 to better align with the expectations set by Michigan State Regulation for Children's Camp (MiLEAP), and Scouting America Standards for four day and three night Cub Scout Resident Camping.

All adults are expected to understand and follow Safeguarding Youth Practices, and camp staff will educate all adults without Safeguarding Youth Training on the standards to be met while camping at Owasippe.



# MEDICAL FORMS

All participants (youth and adult) at Scout Summer Camps must submit a complete BSA Medical Form upon arrival at camp. BSA Medical Form parts A & B must be complete and current (no older than 12 months prior to your stay at camp). A photocopy of both sides of participant's health insurance card is also required.

BSA Medical Form Parts A and B: Are to be completed and signed annually by parent or guardian (or participant if over 18 years old). This includes health history, informed consent, talent release, and hold harmless/release agreement.

## Medical Records Retention

The State of Michigan requires that the camp retain a copy of the BSA Medical Form for each camper for up to three years after attending camp. Campers are required to submit a copy of the medical form during check-in. This medical form will not be returned to the unit.

## Medical Screening Policy

The State of Michigan requires that every camper (youth and adult) undergo a medical screening as part of the check-in process. Campers who arrive late must report to the camp office to complete a medical screening upon arrival.

## Medication @ Camp

The administration of medication is the responsibility of the individual prescribed the medication, or that individual's parent or guardian. A unit leader can agree to accept responsibility to administer medication to a Scout, but the BSA does not mandate or require a unit leader to do so.

## Medication Administration Record

The State of Michigan requires that a record of medication administration is utilized by each unit, including prescription and over-the-counter medication. The log form will be provided for each unit, but unit leadership is expected to utilize and maintain this log. Michigan also requires that the camp medical staff have access to this medication log information throughout a unit's stay at camp. This log must be turned in, properly completed, at the end of your week per Michigan law.

## Medication Storage

Each unit is required to provide secure storage for all medication. **Camp staff will not store or administer medication to Scout campers or adults.**

Medication must be in its original container.



# FOOD SERVICE

Cub Camp at Camp Wolverine (Zaxie!) includes a central dining tent for all meals. All Scouts and leaders eat together, with meals served cafeteria style. A field uniform (Class A) is highly encouraged for dinner and flag ceremonies.

The camp's menu is designed by a licensed dietician and is intended to meet the dietary requirements of active scouts and leaders. The menu will be available on our website. Menu changes can occur during the summer, when required.

Although the meal provided should be adequate, supplemental food is available. This includes:

- Milk at breakfast and dinner
- Cereal station at breakfast
- Peanut butter and jelly station at lunch and dinner
- Salad bar at lunch and dinner

Scouts and leaders are expected to assist in cleanup. At the end of the meal, everyone is responsible for clearing and cleaning the table



## ALLERGIES AND DIETARY NEEDS

Any special food needs or requests must be submitted in advance of your stay at camp using the OSR Dietary Needs form. It is unreasonable to arrive at camp and expect to be accommodated without pre-camp communication of dietary needs. We are happy to accommodate medical and religious dietary needs, as well as vegetarians. 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. We're happy to provide storage (and/or possibly prepare) required personal foods.

While we attempt to accommodate dietary needs, extreme situations or specialty items may incur additional cost. In these situations, the cost would be passed along to the unit. All questions regarding dietary needs should be directed to our food service provider. Their contact information and the dietary request form can be found on the [PTAC Camping Resources Page](#).



# SUGGESTED GEAR LIST



## EQUIPMENT PROVIDED IN EACH SITE

- Picnic tables
- KYBO (latrine)
- Bulletin Board
- Drinking water access
- Owasppe Can Provide 2 person Canvas Wall Tents and cots on floorboards or 2 person Domed polyester tents at request

### Units Providing their Own Tents

Personal tents must meet the minimum standard of 30 sq ft of floor space per camper. Personal tents must be clearly marked "NO FLAME IN TENTS".



## SUGGESTED PACK EQUIPMENT

- First Aid Kit / Unit Medical Log
- Lockable Medication Cabinet
- Den Flags
- Lanterns
- Axes / Saws
- Tarps / Dining Flys
- Rope
- Advancement Records
- Thumb Tacks



## PROHIBITED ITEMS

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to:

- Personal Firearms / Ammunition
- Bows / Arrows
- Fireworks, Alcohol, Illegal Drugs
- Items Prohibited by the Scouting America or your unit
- Pets
- Boats
- Chain Saws
- Generators





# KEY INFORMATION

## CAMPSITES

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

## INTERNET SERVICE

Public Wifi is available at the North and South Lodges, as well as at the Ad center. As OSR is located in rural Michigan, internet service can be intermittent. With this in mind we ask that WiFi access be limited to adults only.

## CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

When your pack is prepared to leave, a staff member will approve that you have left your campsite better than you found it. In order to receive your summer camp patches, your campsite must be inspected and approved, and your parent/leader evaluations must be turned in. Camp staff may require you to have your site inspected before departure.

## TRADING POST

From snacks, to essentials, to souvenirs, the OSR Trading Post has anything you need to make it through the week. We accept cash, card, and tap to pay. There are items in stock for every budget, from 25 cent candies for a scout in a rush, to \$60 jackets for a unit leader looking for something fashionable enough to wear to work.

## OWASIPPE HIKING TRAILS

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



# KEY INFORMATION

Being new at summer camp can be overwhelming! We want to make sure your stay is as easy as possible, so below we've indicated some "need to know" information for units new to Owasippe. Please do not hesitate to contact us for more information or to answer any questions you may have.

## OWASIPPE CAMPS

**Camp Blackhawk:** Situated on Big Blue Lake, offers dining hall meal service and program

**Camp Wolverine:** Situated on Lake Wolverine, offers cooked meals delivered to campsite

**Webelos/AOL Camp at Wolverine:** This is our Webelos/AOL camp program at Wolverine, using a dining tent for meals.

**Reneker Family Camp:** Cabin camping for families offering exciting programming for all ages. A great way to bring the whole family to Owasippe!

**High Adventure and Outposts:** Offered at a variety of locations around Owasippe, offered for Scouts.

**Administration Center:** The "Ad Center" is our main reservation office and is centrally located on the Reservation. Services at the Ad Center include:

- Food Preparation Center (Food Prep) – All meals on the reservation are prepared at this main kitchen facility.
- E. Urner Goodman Scout Museum – An amazing collection of Scouting memorabilia from the past years of Scouting - worth a visit!



## RENEKER

Families of Scouts are invited to sign up for a week at Reneker Family Camp! Staff led programs, organized by age group, are available for all family members. You may reserve a cabin at Reneker for the week your Scout is at camp and have him join you before or after Camp. Each cabin comes with a full kitchen and two bedrooms. Washroom, shower, and laundry facilities are at a central shower house. More information on Reneker Family Camp can be found at this link: <https://pathwaytoadventure.org/reneker/>





# ***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, electronic devices, 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. Personal bikes are allowed.

## **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. Unit leaders are responsible for promoting the use of 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.

## **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 Owaspippe 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.





# ***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 Scouting America Fireguard policies and be in an approved fire ring. Creation of new fire rings is not permitted. Liquid or propane devices 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 Scouting America 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.

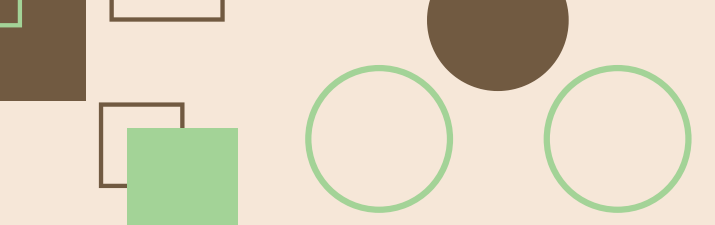
## **GOLF CARTS**

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](mailto: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.



# ***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. **ACCESS TO CAMPSITES MAY BE RESTRICTED BY GATES DURING THE WEEK.**
- Speed Limit: The speed limit on all camp roads is 10 MPH.
- Vehicle usage must adhere to Scouting America guidelines. Some relevant components of Scouting America'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 Scouting America policies regarding Youth Protection. Any violation of Youth Protection Policies must be reported.

Some relevant components of Scouting America 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.
- Scouting America 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 Scouting America 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.

