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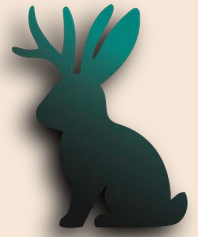


EVENT GUIDE

CAMP FRANK S. BETZ
BERRIEN SPRINGS, MI

SEPTEMBER
25-27, 2026

WELCOME



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We can't wait for you to explore Camp Betz with your fellow Cub Scout adventurers. The Betz Thunderbird has invited its cryptid friends – legends of lore and mystery from around the world – to a Bigfoot Bash! PTAC's 2026 Cub-o-Ree will be a weekend of Camping, Crafts, Games, Food, STEM, Range and Target Activities and more, all topped off with our Bigfoot Bash & campfire program. This document will be your guide to the weekend's adventure.

Brought to you by the PTAC Camping team, Betz Family Camp Team, OSR Staff, and Takhone Lodge - this is the biggest Cub Scout event of the year - and you won't want to miss it!



For more info & to register, Scan the qr code or visit:
WWW.PATHWAYTOADVENTURE.ORG/CUBOREE

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: PTAC.CAMPING@SCOUTING.ORG

BIGFOOT BASH CUB-O-REE PROGRAMS

The Betz Thunderbird has invited its cryptid friends for a Bigfoot Bash! Campers will choose to visit different locations where these creatures may be lurking - from the swampy Lagoon to the frozen Arctic. In each area a cryptid can be found through participating in scouting activities. All areas are open throughout the day and campers can participate at their own pace.

Scout Neckerchief Activity-

Campers will be provided a Bigfoot Bash Neckerchief at check in. At each program area, Scouts can stamp an additional print onto the neckerchief's design. At the end of the day, each Scout's neckerchief will show a full scene of Bigfoot, the Thunderbird, and their friends celebrating at the bash!



Mothman's Craft Cave

- At the Handicraft Pavilion, Scouts will be able to participate in cryptid themed crafts, including making their own Moth Man headbands, cryptid masks, and cryptid coloring sheets.
- Scouts can sport their finished cryptid swag throughout the day and their favorite creations will be shown off at the evening's Bigfoot Bash!



Yeti's Arctic Blizzard

- At the STEAM Entrance Pavilion, scouts will participate in COOOOOL science! Make summer-stable snow, ice cream, gain some engineering skills with an igloo building project, and more!

PROGRAMS CONTINUED...

The Loch Ness Lagoon



- Down at the Aquatics area, Scouts will be challenged with capturing the Loch Ness Monster out of the depths of Lake Chapin from the dock.
- On shore, Scouts will discover cryptids lost to time that have been buried under millenniums of dirt, as well as create their own mythical fossils.



Kraken's Lair The Deep Abyss

- In Gilwell Field, Scouts will take on the Kraken by competing in active challenges like crossing the legendary monkey bridge and practicing their BMX skills. Participate in field games, competitions, and one time events throughout the day.



Jackalope's Prairie

- At the North Cabin and in surrounding trails, Scouts will be taken on guided walk through the natural habitats of our woodland cryptid friends, and learn facts about these cryptid creatures along the way.
- Scouts will look through microscopes, magnifying glasses and binoculars to get up close and personal with feathers, fur and flippers.



Unicorn Range

- Up at Shooting Sports, Scouts can participate in their classic favorites - BBs, Archery and Slingshot - and hone other range skills like lassoing, horseshoe and ring toss as well!

PROGRAMS CONTINUED...

Thunderbird's Diner

- In addition to meals, stop by the dining hall area for Midway activities, Trading Post goodies, GaGa Ball, and guest presentations!



7:00 – Camp-wide Firebowl

- At the Michigamea Fire Bowl, we will kick off our evening with a Scouting staple of skits, songs and other firebowl fun!



5:15 – Scout Service

- At Kessler Chapel, our council Faith Relations Committee will lead an interfaith service before dinner.

7:45 – Bigfoot Bash

- Head back to Gilwell Field to party with Bigfoot and friends. You won't want to miss out on music, games, inflatables, glow in the dark activities, bubbles, snacks, games, costumes and more!



9:00 – Stargazing

- At Peace Pony Field, Scouts can take a closer look at the night sky and constellations that have inspired many legends!

BIGFOOT BASH CUB-O-REE

SCHEDULE

Camp Betz runs on "Chicago Time" (CST), NOT "Michigan Time" (EST)!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

5-8:30pm	Check-in for Optional Friday Camping	Pine Tree Cabin
5-10pm	Game Room	Thunderbird Dining Hall
7:30pm	Bigfoot Bingo	

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8am	Friday Arrivals Breakfast	Thunderbird Dining Hall
	Saturday Check-In Begins	Pine Tree Cabin
8:50am	Opening Flags	Gilwell Field
9-11:45am	Program Areas Open	
11:50am	Opening Ceremony	Gilwell Field
12pm	Lunch	Thunderbird Dining Hall
1-5pm	Program Areas Open	
5:15-5:45pm	Scout Vesper Interfaith Service	Kessler Chapel
5:50pm	Closing Flags	Gilwell Field
6pm	Dinner	Thunderbird Dining Hall
7pm	Camp-wide Firebowl	Michigamea Fire Bowl
7:45pm	Bigfoot Bash	Gilwell Field
9pm	Stargazing	Peace Pony Field

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8am	Breakfast	Thunderbird Dining Hall
8:30-10am	Check Out & Departure	

CHECK IN

All attendees will park in the main lot and go to Pine Tree Cabin upon arrival.

Staff and signs will guide our first time visitors upon arrival.

At Check-In, we will collect completed Med Forms Parts A and B (with a copy of your insurance card) for every participating adult, Scout, and sibling. You will receive your t-shirts, patches, meal tickets, campsite assignment and any other handouts for the event.

FRIDAY ARRIVAL

If you plan to arrive later than 8:30 pm, please let us know in advance. Meal service is not available Friday night. Units are welcome to choose to cook in their campsites, or several restaurants/fast food locations are only minutes from camp.

CAMPERS

After checking in, you may then unload your vehicles and head to your assigned campsite. We recommend bringing a wagon or cart to haul your gear, but some are available at camp. Unit trailers will be parked in the lot and not in sites.

CHECK OUT

Health forms **will not** be returned to the unit.

SATURDAY

If you are departing on Saturday or anytime before Sunday morning, please sign out at Pine Tree Cabin to insure accountability for all youth in camp.

CAMPERS

After breakfast on Sunday, participants will pack their belongings and depart by 10:00am.

Please leave your campsite better than you found it, ensure the campsite is litter free, and place all trash in a trash can.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attendance and Supervision

Pre-Registration for all attendees is required. Youth must be Cub Scout age (K-5th grade). Lions and Tigers are required to have an adult buddy with them at all times. Siblings who are older or younger are welcome to be with the group but may not be able to participate in some activities.

Participants **camping** as a Pack must have at least 2 adult leaders over the age of 21. If there are female youth members with the Pack, one of these leaders must be female.

Attire

Every registered participant will receive a Bigfoot Bash Cub-o-Ree T-shirt. Scouts can wear their provided Cub-O-Ree T-shirt on Saturday! Uniforms are encouraged but not required for scout service and Saturday dinner.

Medical Forms

Scouting America Medical Forms A and B are required for EVERY participant (Adults, Scouts, and siblings). These forms will be submitted at Check-In and **WILL NOT BE returned** to the unit at Check-Out. Please make a copy beforehand. Each unit is encouraged to bring them in a binder or folder to contain the forms in an orderly fashion in the unlikely event that medical care is required beyond first aid.

Meals

You may pack meals, prep/cook food in your campsite, or purchase meal tickets.

\$5 – Saturday breakfast

\$15 – Saturday lunch, dinner and Sunday breakfast

If you have food allergies and/or dietary restrictions, please indicate those on your registration.

Special Needs / Accessibility

If you or your Scout has any special needs or requirements or if campsite power is needed for cpap or other medical equipment, please let us know in advance by emailing ptac.camping@scouting.org so that we can work with you to make any accommodations.

Emergency Weather Plan

We will be monitoring weather via the National Weather Service. We will use WeatherBug for lightning strikes. Please reference the following procedures.

- In the event of a severe thunderstorm or tornado warning, campers will be directed to their nearest place of shelter.
- In the event of lightning, all outdoor programs will be paused until 30 minutes after the last strike.

PACKING LIST

Per Person

- Water Bottle
- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Pad (for comfort)
- Towel, shower shoes, soap, shampoo if you plan to take a shower
- Change of Clothes
- Extra socks
- Comfortable shoes
- Rain gear
- Jacket/Sweater
- Camp Chair
- Hat
- Flashlight
- Earplugs if you are a light sleeper

Per Family

- A tent for the whole family
- Wagon to haul gear
- Bug Spray
- Sunscreen
- Tote bag for take-home items

Per Pack

- Pop-up canopy
- Cooking equipment if not purchasing meals

What To Leave At Home

Pets, Alcoholic drinks, Illicit/illegal drugs, Firearms, Bows/Crossbows, Arrows, Slingshots, Sheath Knives, Fireworks, Gas generators



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