



THREE FIRES COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DAY CAMPS



Family Camp 2018 Parent Guide

LOCATION

Camp Big Timber, 37W955 Big Timber Road, Elgin

Session 1 June 23-24

Session 2 June 30-July 1

Session 3 July 14-15

Session 4 July 21-22

Camp is located 1 mile west of Randall Road on Big Timber Road. Turn left at the traffic signal on Tyrell Road. All participants and staff are required to park in the designated field near the K-lodge.

WHO CAN ATTEND

All children, boys and girls, who will be attending 1st through 5th grade in the fall are eligible to attend Family Camp with a parent.

HOW TO REGISTER

Please register online for any session of Three Fires Council Family Camp at www.tfcdayscamps.org

Early Bird Prices (registrations through April 15th)

Camper \$50*

Adult \$25

- **Camper price increases on April 16th to \$75.** There is no increase in Adult price.
- Plan to arrive between 7:30am and 9:00am on Saturday. Flag ceremony is at 9:00am and the first activity is at 9:30am. You will have time during the day to set up your campsite.
- Payments can be made online, at the Norris Scout Shop in St. Charles, or at the Naperville Scout Shop. The recommended best option is to pay by eCheck where you can use a personal check or unit check online at no charge and the transaction will be processed quickly.
- You may register as individuals and will be grouped with others from your Pack.

ARRIVAL

- Plan to arrive between 7:30am and 9:00am on Saturday. Flag ceremony is at 9:00am and the first activity is at 9:30am. You will have time during the day to set up your campsite.
- Park in the parking lot. No vehicles are allowed beyond the parking lot during camp.

- Check in before you set up camp. You will need to provide BSA Health and Medical forms Part A&B for yourself and for each your Campers. Medical forms will be collected at registration when you first arrive. Make sure you keep the original medical forms and only turn in a copy of the filled medical forms.
 - Form must be updated annually- only this year's form can be used.
 - Insurance information must be included.
 - Emergency contact person and phone numbers are needed.
- Medical forms will not be returned when you leave camp

CAMPSITE

- You will be guided to your campsite.
 - Bring a tent (if you don't own one, see if you can borrow one) or we have a limited number you may use for that weekend. Please contact Three Fires Council if you are in need of a tent or any camping equipment.
 - It is only one night so do not bring too much stuff.
- Only authorized camp vehicles are allowed on camp roads. Your vehicle must remain in the parking lot. Please find a Staff member if you need help transporting your gear to your campsite.
- A staff member will be in your site to assist you in setting up.

MEALS

- A camp cook staff will prepare meals and serve you in the K-Lodge dining hall. The camp will provide Saturday lunch and dinner, and a take-and-go breakfast on Sunday morning.
- Special dietary needs must be **requested 30 DAYS PRIOR** to arrival. Please contact Three Fires Council with dietary needs.

LEADERSHIP AT CAMP

- Every Scout **MUST** be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- One adult per group is designated as a Parent Guide. The Parent Guide will serve as a liaison between the Camp and the group.

LEAVING CAMP

Should an emergency arise, before any person leaves camp they must:

- Insure sufficient adult leadership remains with group.
- Sign out with camp personnel at headquarters.
- Sign in upon returning to camp.
- Note: NO youth is to leave camp with an adult unless authorized by their parent.

TRADING POST

The Trading Post is a camp store that sells snacks, candy, Scout items, extra camp T-shirts, and more. Items will generally range in cost from \$.50 to \$20. Adults are welcome to visit the Trading Post anytime during the camp sessions. No peanut products will be sold, but there may be products that have been prepared on such machinery.

ONLINE TRADING POST

Exclusive items can be ordered through your online camper registration. To access, go back in to your same registration and select the Attendee tab. Here you can select your packages or t-shirts for purchase and pay with check or credit card online. All items purchased at the Online Trading Post will be available for pickup at the camp Trading Post.

- Camper T-shirts can be ordered for \$15 online while registering. Adults can also order a t-shirt online (\$2 additional fee for 2XL-4XL sizes).
- A hat, water bottle and bag package can be ordered for \$15 online while registering. This is a great way to make sure your Camper has their water, is prepared for the weather, has their hat, and has a lightweight and convenient way to carry their items throughout the day.

PARENT MEETINGS

There will be Parent Meetings held in the spring before camps begin. Parents and leaders are encouraged to attend one of these meetings to get information, ask questions, and turn in required health forms. Dates and locations TBA and will be posted on the website.

HEALTH INFORMATION

A trained Health Officer will be on site at all times during camp. All injuries, regardless of how small, must be reported to the Health Officer to ensure proper documentation and treatment. The Health Officer will need the camper's name, age, parent info, area the injury occurred, time it occurred, and what was done to treat it.

- The Health Office will be located at Camp Headquarters.
- Please notify Health Officer of any medical conditions or medications being taken youth or adults.

HEALTH ADVISORY AND ACCOMMODATION FORM

The Advisory Form for Campers is to be completed for youth participants that have severe health concerns that may limit their full participation or present safety issues. An example is if your child has a severe peanut allergy and requires special accommodations. Please complete and submit this form **at least 30 days prior to camp** to alert the Camp staff of the exact issues/needs. A member of the Council staff

may contact the parent or guardian prior to camp to discuss any special accommodations. <http://www.threefirescouncil.org/camping/cub-scout-summer-camps>

CONTACT US

- Please contact us at programadmin@scouting.org if you have any questions. If you need help with registrations, please contact Laura Roegner, the Council Program Assistant, at 630-584-9250 ext. 100.
- If you have questions about the program or would like to speak to a Family Camp Director, please contact Karen Ball, the Council Day Camp Operations Director, at fcdaycamps@gmail.com or 630-901-2223.

OTHER THINGS TO REMEMBER

- All buildings and properties of the Three Fires Council are non-smoking.
- Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs and stimulants, or being under their influence are not permitted.
- Fires or open flames are not allowed in tents.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Only registered campers and parents can attend.

UNIFORMS

Our theme this year is **Mysterious Adventures**. Come ready to dress in Scout uniform or the 2018 camp t-shirt. Uniforms should be worn for flag ceremonies and dinner.

CAMP ACTIVITIES

Family Camp allows for a free choice rotation. Program areas will be open during session times for campers and their families to choose their activities. Stations will include:

- Archery
- BB Range
- Craft Projects
- STEM
- Games and Sports
- Campfire Program where the campers will participate in songs and skits!

CHECK OUT

Check out is on Sunday. There will be a Closing Flag Ceremony at 8:30am, followed by breakfast in the dining hall. Campers can pack up and check out any time before 10am.

PACKING LIST

- Tent
- Medical Forms (Cub and Parent)
- Sleeping Bag or Blankets and Sheet
- Pillow
- PJs
- Extra Socks
- Gym Shoes and/or Hiking Boots
- Flashlight and Extra Batteries
- Wallet/Money/Identification
- Complete Cub Scout Uniform and/or Camp T-shirt
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Raincoat or Poncho
- Extra Underwear
- Washcloth & Towel
- Comb, Toothbrush, Soap, etc.
- Insect Repellent (40% DEET recommended)
- Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos books
- Water Bottle
- Camera

Pack everything into an easy to carry backpack, duffel bag, or suitcase. It is only an overnight, do not pack too much! Remember **you** have to carry it in and out.