



THREE FIRES COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DAY CAMPS

Mysterious Adventures

2018



Day Camp
Parent Guide

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Day Camp Directors all work together to bring a consistent program to all TFC Day Camps. If you would like to speak to a specific director, please contact one of the directors below. If you are not sure who to contact, please contact Karen Ball, the Council Day Camp Operations Director to answer your questions or concerns.



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Locations

We hold Day Camp at several locations all summer long. Packs and individuals may attend any camp of their choosing. For more information, contact the Camp Directors for specific location information.

Von Oven Scout Reservation, 701 S. West Street, Naperville

June 4-8 (M-F)

June 11-15 (M-F)

June 18-22 (M-F)

Camp is on the west side of West Street (1½ blocks south of Aurora Ave). The camp is across the street from Naperville Central High School and Knoch Park. Please park in Naperville Central's southwest parking lot. Handicapped and Staff parking are within the camp's gated fence. You may pull in to the parking lot for drop off, but please be aware that no left turns are allowed to leave the Von Oven parking lot, and please do not leave your parked car inside the lot.

Phillips Park, 828 Montgomery Road, Aurora

June 25-29 (M-F)

New location! Enter from the front Phillips Park entrance and proceed up the hill to the parking lot and large pavilion near the playground.

Camp Big Timber, 37W955 Big Timber Road, Elgin

July 16-20 (M-F) *Check for availability for bus options!

July 23-24 (M-F)

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.

Good Templar Park, 528 E. Side Drive, Geneva

July 9-13 (M-F)

The park is at 528 East Side Drive in Geneva and is on the west side of the street just across from Geneva Drive. Staff and handicapped parking will be in the lower lot. All other cars will be parked in the lot and area around the large pavilion.

Plowman's Park, 48W508 Hinckley Road, Big Rock

July 23-27 (M-F)

Plowman's Park is also spelled "Plowmens" on google maps.

Cantigny Park, 1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton

July 30-Aug 3 (M-F)

Enter the main gate located on Winfield Road. All participants are required to park in areas designated by Cantigny Security Staff. If you are not a parent volunteer helping at the camp and would like to stay at Cantigny to see the museums and/or gardens, you will be charged a parking fee/admission for the day.

Oak Brook Park District, 1450 Forest Gate Road, Oak Brook

Aug 6-10 (M-F)

Camp will be held at Oak Brook's Park District - Central Park West, off of Jorie Blvd. Upon entering the Oak Brook Park District property, follow signs to the Day Camp. Parking is allowed along the road, within the Park District property leading to Central Park West, as well as in the main recreation center parking lot.

Registration

Who Can Attend

All children, boys and girls, attending 1st through 5th grade in the fall are eligible to attend Three Fires Council Day Camps and overnight Day Camps (Webelos Resident camp does not apply). Children entering 1st grade must have a Parent or Guardian attend with them at all times. Children younger than 1st grade in the fall are encouraged not to attend, cannot participate in activities, and may be asked to leave. Please be aware that some camps fill up early and camp availability is not guaranteed.

How to Register

Please register online for any Three Fires Day Camp at www.tfcdaycamps.org

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 can also pay by credit card online or in person at either of the TFC Scout Shops.

There is no charge for parents to attend Day Camp. For any of the camps, there is no need to register with a unit. You may register as individuals and will be grouped with others from your Pack.

Camperships

We don't want to see any Scout miss a Day Camp opportunity due to financial need. Your unit or the Council can help with a Campership. A Campership can pay up to 50% of the Day Camp registration fee. The information and application can be found on the Council's website or by calling the Council Office at (630) 584-9250, ext.118. Applications must be submitted by April 1st

Discounts

Early Bird Discount is given to all who register before April 2nd. Prices quoted on brochures and fliers include the Early Bird Discount. Prices go up \$15 on April 3rd and another \$15 on June 2nd.

Back For More Discounts are available for multiple weeks of camps. When you register for a 2nd week of camp, you will receive 25% off the early bird price for that week regardless of when you register. When you register for a 3rd and any additional weeks of camp, you will receive 33% off the early bird price for that week. You can send your children to camps all summer long! See the website for more information.

A Parent's Role In Camp

Parents of 2nd through 5th graders do not need to attend Day Camp but are highly encouraged. Trained adult and youth staff are available at all of the Day Camps to work with campers to help them have fun and be safe.

ELKS Patrol (Early-Late KidS)

Day Camps will open at 7:00am and will stay open until 6:00pm to allow for families' busy schedules. When you register online, there is an option to select either Early Drop Off, Late Pick Up, or you may select both. Staff will supervise campers with play time before camp program begins and after camp program ends. Families who did not register for ELKS Patrol before camp, can still use the program by contacting the Camp Director and making a payment. After Camp care is not required on Fridays, as the program will be extended to 6 pm for all campers, at no charge. Contact Karen Ball with questions or concerns.

Before Camp (7:00-8:30am)	\$10/day	\$40/week
After Camp (3:45-6:00pm)	\$10/day	\$35/week
Before and After Camp	\$15/day	\$65/week

T-Shirt Orders

Each youth camper receives a camp t-shirt with their registration. Campers will pick up their t-shirt at first day check-in. Campers are expected to wear their t-shirt to camp every day as their camp uniform. In addition to emulating the spirit of uniforms in Scouting, camp t-shirts help us keep your kids safe. Additional youth and adult t-shirts can be ordered for \$15 in the online trading post through the registration link. T-shirts ordered will be picked up at the camp Trading Post. While there may be t-shirts available for purchase at the camp Trading Post, sizes are not guaranteed.

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. Organized units with completed camper rosters will be able to pick up camp t-shirts for their Packs. Dates and locations TBA and will be posted on the website at www.tfcdayscamps.org.

What to Expect

Sign In and Sign Out

All Campers must be signed in and out daily by the adult dropping them off and picking them up from camp. Adults authorized for pickup and dropoff must be listed on the medical form. Regular sign in and out is at the flagpole with the Den Guide. Please help us keep Campers safe!

Camper Absences

If a camper is going to miss a day of camp, please contact the Camp Director to let them know. There are no refunds for missed days of camp.

Campfire Fridays

On Campfire nights, families are invited to join us at camp for dinner. On Fridays, Campers stay and play at camp until closing at 5:45pm. At 6:00pm, Staff and families are invited to bring a dish to share and participate in a camp potluck, followed with a Campfire Program at 7:00pm. Please be sure to sign your child out at 6pm as the Camp Staff are no longer responsible for your child. Families are encouraged to bring siblings, grandparents, family and friends to join us for our potluck and campfire entertainment.



Water

Water jugs are available at each area of camp. Campers are responsible for their own water bottle to use at each station. Make sure water bottles are marked with the camper's name and pack number. Keeping the campers well hydrated at camp is a priority for staff and campers alike, as it keeps everyone happy and healthy.

Facilities

There are "Port-a-Potties" and hand sanitizing stations available. We ask every adult and camper to wash their hands before and after lunch to prevent germs or possible allergic reactions between campers.

Adventure Sheets

You can download a list of the Cub Scout Adventures we complete each week from the website at www.tfcdayscamps.org. Adventure sheets are a checklist of all of the activities we have held through the week that apply to Cub Scout Adventure achievements. It is up to the parents and leaders to decide on which Adventures your Cub Scout has achieved during camp. Adventure Sheets will be available online when the camp season begins.

Camp Checklist

What to Bring to Camp



Adults

- Health forms for all Campers and Adults
- Cooler with ice for lunches/snacks and a wagon to transport them (optional)
- Wet wipes to clean hands
- Insect repellent (40% DEET recommended)
- Sunscreen
- Rain gear, hat
- Camp chair (if desired)
- An attitude of FUN! AND all that is listed below:

Youth

- Lunch & snack
- Water bottle
- Insect repellent, hat, sunscreen, rain gear
- Day pack to carry items in
- Camp T-shirt - it is our uniform, so wear it every day
- Comfortable enclosed shoes (no open toes, heels, sandals)
- Money for Trading Post (optional)
- Wristbands (Keep your wristband on! You can shower and swim with it on and it will last all week. ALL adults and youth must wear the wristband for security.)



Do *not* bring any video games, toys, media players, computers or valuables to camp. Campers should not bring cell phones, as all communication can be handled through headquarters. Inappropriate possessions will be confiscated and returned to the camper's parent at sign out.

Items not allowed in camp: alcoholic beverages, pets, controlled substances, fireworks and firearms. Anyone found with these items will be asked to leave immediately and the appropriate authorities will be called.

Trading Post



We will be selling 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. The Trading Post will close before the campfire begins. No peanut products will be sold, but there may be products that have been prepared on machinery that has processed peanut or nut products. Please discuss with your Camper before camp what purchases you feel would be appropriate and determine spending amounts.

Online Trading Post - New in 2018!

A Trading Post where families will be able to purchase select camp items from the comfort of your own home is available now! Exclusive items can be ordered through your online camper registration. To access, go back in to your online registration and select the Attendee tab. Here you can select your packages or extra t-shirts for purchase and charges will be added to your camp registration total. Payment with check or credit card online will be the same as paying for camp. All items purchased at the Online Trading Post will be available at your camp's Trading Post.

Hat, Water Bottle and Bag Package

Our Camp Pack is back! You can once again purchase a Camp Pack for your Campers that include a themed hat and water bottle that come in a drawstring backpack. This is a great way to make sure your Camper has their water every day, is prepared for the weather, has their hat, and has a lightweight and convenient way to carry their items throughout the day. We strongly recommend parents to purchase this pack or be prepared to bring your own. Camp Packs can be pre-ordered in the Online Trading Post.

Patches

The 2018 Three Fires Council Day Camp patch will be a Pebble Patch, a customizable velcro patch. Campers, as part of their registration will be given the velcro backing, center patch, and 2 pebbles. Campers will have the opportunity to purchase additional pebbles in the Trading Post to complete their customizable patch to include their own activities and interests. Pebbles are sold only to those who have attended summer camp. If you are in need of pebbles after the camp season, please contact Aaron Vikemyr at programadmin@scouting.org for pebbles and/or patches. These are not available in the Scout Shops.



Each patch has 12 available openings for pebbles. Pebbles are \$0.60 each or \$5.00 for 10. Campers will be able to choose the 10 pebbles they would like to purchase to add to the 2 pebbles given to complete the patch. Patches will be given out on Mondays and the pebbles can be purchased at any time during the camp week.

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. Emergency numbers are required in your online registration to help expedite your location in an emergency.

Annual BSA Health and Medical Record (Parts A and B)

Prior to coming to camp, this form must be filled out for **EVERY** person attending camp. This includes all adults and campers coming to camp. **Only Parts A and B** must be completed for Day Camp. The newest version of this form **MUST** be used.

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>

Parent Meetings will be held in the spring before camp begins where you could turn in your forms. If the Camp Director does not have a copy of the form before camp, please provide one on the first day of camp. This is a health and safety issue. Campers and adults without a medical form will not be allowed at camp. These completed forms are kept confidential and are returned or shredded at the conclusion of camp.

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 two months 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>

Medication

Any medication brought to camp must be logged in at the health headquarters by the Health Officer. Medication must be in the original labeled container with clear dosage instructions. Allergy kits, EpiPens, inhalers, and other instant self-administered medications will remain in the camper's possession after it is logged in by the Health Officer. If medication requires refrigeration, you will need to provide an insulated cooler with ice. Clearly label it with the camper's name and pack number and you may leave it with the Health Officer.

Written permission is needed for another adult to supervise your child in taking medication.

Attending adults: Please bring your own headache or over the counter medication.

Emergency Information

Camp Emergencies

Staff, attending parents, and Campers will review emergency procedures at the beginning of each day of camp. In an emergency, a signal will sound and staff will follow guidelines and practiced procedures.

Lost Camper

In case of a lost camper, you will hear an emergency sound. At this point, everyone in camp should stop what they are doing, gather in a seated circle, and perform a name check on every person in the group, including adults. Once attendance is taken, campers can sing a song or play a game but we ask that they continue to stay seated until the Camp Director gives the all clear signal.

Weather

Every effort will be made, consistent with BSA's *Guide to Safe Scouting* guidelines, to offer a full outdoor program each day.

- ❖ **Rain without lightning and high winds** - Camp will continue as planned. Campers should be prepared to continue camp in the rain.
- ❖ **Thunderstorms and Lightning**- Campers will be sheltered until the weather passes. Camp does not usually close for rain and lightning. Camp will resume when the weather passes.
- ❖ **Potentially hazardous weather** - Camp may be closed for the safety of everyone. Severe storms and threat of tornado will cause camp to close. This is a rare situation.

There are no plans for make-up days. We are sorry but refunds can't be made! If camp is closed, camp directors will first send a message through Remind, then will begin the task of contacting each registered parent through email and phone as indicated in the online registration.

It is recommended to have an individual designated as your camp coordinator with phone numbers and email addresses. If camp is postponed or canceled due to weather, the camp coordinator will be contacted and they can help contact all parents and leaders in your pack.

Please make sure campers are dressed appropriately for the weather!

Additional information and updates can be found on the Three Fires Council Day Camp website, www.tfcdayscamps.org

Daily Schedule

Day Camp Schedule

Times are subject to change

Monday - Thursday (8:45 am – 3:45 pm)

8:30am – 8:45am – Registration and Check-in (*Please don't arrive earlier than 8:15 am*)

8:45am – 8:55am – Opening Flag Ceremony

9:00am – 3:30pm – Program sessions with 45 minute lunch break

3:30pm – 3:45pm – Closing Flag Ceremony

Campfire Friday (8:45 am – 8:30 pm)

8:30am – 8:45am – Registration and Check-in (*Please don't arrive earlier than 8:15 am*)

8:45am – 8:55am – Opening Flag Ceremony

9:00am – 3:30pm – Program sessions with 45 minute lunch break

3:30pm – 5:45pm – ***Free Choice Friday**

5:45pm – 6:00pm – Closing Flag Ceremony

6:00pm – 7:00pm – Families arrive for Family Picnic

7:00 pm – 8:30pm – Campfire Program (*Each den will perform a skit or song at the campfire.*)

***Free Choice Friday**

Camp on Friday has extended hours until 6:00pm for all Campers, at no extra charge. There is no fee for ELKS on Friday afternoons, as it is open to all registered Campers.

Camp is still in session until the closing flag ceremony at 5:45pm. **Parents need to arrive and sign out their children by 6:00pm when camp officially closes.** Families are welcome to join us at 6pm for the picnic and campfire program, but must supervise their own children.

Day Camps are not responsible for children left unsupervised after 6:00pm and parents will be charged a fee for tardiness.

Download the most updated Day Camp Schedules at

www.tfcdaycamps.org