

# Camp Buffalo Sagamore Council, BSA



## Summer Camp 2018

### Leaders' Guide

Revised Oct. 30, 2017

Greetings Scout Leaders,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Camp Buffalo. My name is Billy Rood, and I am the Camp Director for the 2018 Summer Camp. For those of you returning to camp I will be a familiar face as this is my fourth year of serving in this position.

Since last year we have modified, adapted, and expanded the program offerings for the Scouts. Based on input from last year, we have worked to update and expand this Leaders' Guide. We have also provided additional resources that should better assist leaders in summer camp planning.

As always, we look forward to seeing you and your troops during the 2018 camping season. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Scouting,

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Camp Director  
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**Camp Buffalo Leaders' Meeting  
"Summer Camp Expo"**

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ALL INFO WILL BE AT ALL ROUND TABLE LEADING UP TO SUMMER CAMP

ALL OUT OF COUNCIL, WE WILL GLADLY E-mail INFO.

PLEASE CALL Billy Rood 765-470-2246

To make arrangements.

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## **Guiding Principles**

### **BSA MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

### **SCOUT OATH**

On my honor I will do my best  
to do my duty to God and my country  
and to obey the Scout Law;  
to help other people at all times;  
to keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.

### **SCOUT LAW**

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

### **CAMP BUFFALO MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Camp Buffalo Summer Camp is to provide a safe, quality, fun-filled program for both new and returning Scouts, while continuing the tradition that is the Spirit of Camp Buffalo and the Boy Scouts of America.

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## **Administrative Information**

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Camp Ranger: Cree Gerlach  
Camp Director: Billy Rood  
Program Director: Thomas  
McFadden

Health Officer: Stacie Hansen  
Commissioner:  
Business Manager:

## **2018 Summer Camp Dates**

All summer camp sessions begin on Sunday afternoon at 1:00 PM and end on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. The session dates are:

Week 1: June 10 – June 16  
Week 2: June 17 – June 23  
Week 3: June 24 – June 30  
Week 4: July 1 – July 7

## **Campsite Reservation**

To confirm your troop's reservation, a \$50.00 campsite deposit must accompany a 2018 Quick Claim Deed (request for a campsite at Camp Buffalo) or be transferred from the previous year. This deposit cannot be used to help pay an individual's summer camp fee.

For troops wanting to sign up new to Camp Buffalo, a \$50.00 deposit will hold your site. While we always do our best to honor a unit's preference for a particular campsite, we reserve the right to move a unit to a campsite other than the one that was requested in case of conflict or in order to better utilize the space available in campsites.

## Campsites

Camp Buffalo currently has 17 campsites. These sites are situated throughout camp from the high banks of the Tippecanoe River to near our own Liberty Lake. Many returning troops have campsites that are like second homes to them. We are sure your troop will find a place that it will love and be able to call home itself! Our campsites include:

- Acorn (15)
- Chipmunk (30)
- Hickory (20)
- Ivey (20)
- Oaks (25)
- Pines (30)
- Pioneer (40)
- Rain Crow (40)
- Raven (20)
- Red Pines (15)
- Ridgeview (15)
- Shadyside (15)
- Sioux (20)
- Trailblazer (25)
- Whispering Pines (40)
- Wilderness/Miami (20)
- Bison (40)

A considerable amount of time and money has been invested to better prepare your campsite. Please take full advantage of your site and remember to take care of the provided equipment. Each campsite will be provided with the following equipment:

- Picnic tables
- Flag pole
- Bulletin board
- Shovel & rake
- Broom
- Hose
- Fire barrel
- Trash can
- Toilet Paper
- Toilet brush
- All dead and down wood is available for camp fires, gadgets, etc.

## Damaged Equipment

Camp Buffalo puts a very high value on its program and campsite equipment. Our goal is to use it for several years. To do so, we need your help in maintaining it and practicing proper use with your Scouts. Any damage to camp-owned equipment through negligence and/or abuse will be the sole responsibility of the troop. Replacement costs will be assessed to the troop based on the retail costs of the damaged item. Troops will be responsible for paying for any damaged items before leaving camp.

**Please Note: This includes the new picnic tables introduced in 2012. These are made of a plastic material and will melt if put in contact with high heat. Any repairs will be charged to the unit.**



## **Camp Fees**

### **SCOUTS:**

The Early Bird Fee is \$250.00 per session if paid in full by Friday, May 18. If the entire balance is not paid until after May 15, a late fee is applied increasing the total cost to \$270.00. A \$100.00 reservation deposit per Scout is due by Friday, April 20, 2018.

### **LEADERS:**

The Early Bird Fee is \$75.00 if paid in full by Tuesday, May 15. If the entire balance is not paid until after May 15, 2018 a late fee is applied increasing the total cost to \$100.00.

A Camp Buffalo 2018 T-shirt, patch, and cup are included in both the Scouts' and the leaders' camp fee.

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## **Sagamore Council Summer Camp Rules**

The principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law are the guiding principles of Sagamore Council Summer Camps. The following rules have been established for the health, safety, and protection of all persons attending camp.

1. Closed-toed shoes must be worn at all times. **NO** flip-flops or sandals!
2. Only Scouts and leaders who are registered as summer camp participants may stay at camp and participate in activities.
3. Adults may not share a tent with any Scout other than his/her own son.
4. Each tent should be clearly marked identifying the names of the campers inside. "*No Flames in Tents*" must be displayed on or in front of each tent.
5. Scouts are to be in their campsites by 10:00 PM, unless they are involved in a night class or night observation for a merit badge. Quiet time is from 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM.
6. No pets are allowed in camp. This rule applies to visitors as well.
7. Outside of check-in time and check-out time, vehicles are not to be in camp without prior permission of the Camp Director or Camp Ranger. Parking is available in the grass along Boy Scout Road and in the power lane behind Handicraft.
8. **Camouflage gear and clothing is not permitted.** This is in accordance with the Boy Scouts' congressional charter and Article X, Section 4, Clause 4(b) of the BSA Rules and Regulations.
9. All bulk liquid fuel will be stored in the camp's flammable materials storage area.
10. Fireworks are prohibited.
11. Firearms are not allowed in camp.
12. Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and tobacco are not permitted on council property.

### **SCOUT CELL PHONE USAGE AT SUMMER CAMP**

Unit Leaders are responsible for establishing youth cell phone rules while in the campsite. Youth cell phones are not permitted out of the campsite or in program areas.

## Camping Equipment

### TROOP EQUIPMENT

Each troop and patrol is urged to bring its own equipment to enable the troop to have an independent operation in its campsite. Troops that attend Summer Camp should plan to bring the following items:

- Tents
- "No Flames in Tent" signs
- Name signs for each tent
- USA, troop, and patrol flags
- Safety Tape (to mark tent and fly ropes - any bright yellow or orange ribbon will do)
- Water containers
- Lanterns
- Clothesline
- Dining fly
- Cooking equipment for three outpost meals
- Aluminum foil
- Hand saws or axes
- Merit Badge books
- Gateway signs, posts, and twine

### PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Through 100 years of camping experience, we have learned that a Scout's stay is much more enjoyable when he brings:

- Complete Scout uniform: shirt, pants, belt, socks (must be worn at all evening meals)
- Clothing: pants, shorts, t-shirts, underwear, socks, light jacket, sweatshirt (all t-shirts should be "Class B" or of an acceptable design)
- Swimsuit/towel
- Hiking boots or tennis shoes – at least two pairs; open-toed shoes are NOT allowed at Camp Buffalo
- Rain gear
- Pillow/sleeping bag
- Cot/sleeping pad
- Toiletries
- Scout Handbook
- Sunscreen and bug repellent (non-aerosol)
- Flashlight/batteries
- Canteen/water bottle
- Pocket knife (Scouts must carry their Totin' Chip card)
- Notebook/pencils
- Merit Badge books
- Watch
- Spending money
- **All** electronics, fireworks, and valuables should stay at home.

There is only one official Boy Scout uniform. Does your troop wear it? Please do! Please be proud of your uniform, and encourage the same from your Scouts. Everyone being in full field ("Class A") uniform can have a huge impact on your troop's performance, morale, identity, and spirit. For those troops that accept variations on the official Boy Scout uniform (i.e.: khaki shorts instead of the Scout shorts, or a troop hat instead of a BSA hat), please coordinate all Scouts in your unit to have a similar look for evening meals, vespers, and campfires.

## Arrival at Camp

For the Scouts in your troop summer camp is an adventure, and we understand that they are anxious to arrive at Camp Buffalo and begin the fun. However, in order to allow our staff time to prepare for your arrival, we ask that you **do not arrive before 1:00 PM on Sunday**. Upon arrival, proceed toward the main parking lot. Depending on how many troops arrive at the same time, there may be a line of vehicles backed up on to Boy Scout Road.

A member of the staff, who will be serving as your Troop Guide for the week, will greet your troop. The guide will begin your Scouts on their check-in process. Each Scout needs to have his physical, swimsuit, and towel in hand. To aid in the process, at least one adult leader needs to go with the Scouts and the Troop Guide.

The first stop is the Health Officer. At this station, Scouts' physicals will be reviewed for completion and accuracy. After his health assessment, the Scout will be given his aquatics buddy tag. It is the Scout's responsibility to hang on to this tag until his swim check.

The Scouts will then be sent to the pool to begin swim checks. At the completion of the swim checks, the Scouts will gather outside with the rest of the troop and the Troop Guide. When the entire troop is together, the guide will escort them to their campsite.

During these initial tasks of health checks and swim checks, the Troop Guide will incorporate a tour of Camp Buffalo. The order of these events may vary depending on how many troops we have arrive at once in order to avoid back-up at any one station.

As an additional service to the leaders and youth, we will be offering the Totin' Chip class @ 2pm on Sunday. As your Scouts finish camp set-up, or at the leader's discretion, they are welcome to head to our Brownsea Island area where they can earn their card. Classes will also be offered any time after 3:00 PM.

While the Scouts are completing their check-in, the adults have their own check-in procedures. All stages of this will be completed in the Eagle Quest area, located on the south edge of the main parking lot. The Scoutmaster will first verify the troop's roster and receive the T-shirts, cups, and wristbands for

all participants. At this station, Scoutmasters will also receive their packet from the Commissioners as well as information on how to obtain meal tickets for visitors.

The next stop will be program. The Program Director will verify that all Scouts are registered for Merit Badges and Activity Badges. Any schedule conflicts or restrictions will be addressed. **If corrections need to be made to the badge schedule, please inform the Campmaster Manager of those by the end of supper.** Schedule will be printed and available at the Leaders' Meeting after campfire Sunday evening.

The third and final station is the financial reconciliation. At this point, any fees that were added in the process of Merit Badge scheduling or any additional campers are addressed, as well as any outstanding balances. If a refund is required, payment will not be made at Camp Buffalo; rather, the troop will receive any refunds in their unit account at the council office (by check if out-of-council).

The Scoutmasters are then free to take equipment to their campsite and begin the set up process. Only one vehicle at a time may be used to transport equipment to each campsite. After unloading, the vehicle must be returned to the overflow parking area. All vehicles must be out of the campsites and parked by 5:30 PM. A troop trailer may be left at the campsite for the camping week. No private vehicles are allowed in the camp for the duration of the week without the express permission of the Camp Director or Camp Ranger.

Sometime Sunday afternoon, Scoutmasters and adults leaders need to report to the medical office for their health checks and then to the pool for swim tests. At the health check station, leaders will be issued the troop's "medicine cooler" so that the medicine of the troop members can be secured in the campsite.

### **Provisional Camping**

If you have a Scout or Scouts who are unable to attend summer camp with your troop, please don't let them miss the opportunity to experience camp! Contact the Camp Director so that the Scout can be connected with another troop. These provisional campers will go through the same check-in process as described above, but will be partnered with a host troop for the week.

## **Medical Forms**

Summer Camp requires Scouts and leaders to complete and turn in Parts A, B, and C of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record. This is the **ONLY** acceptable form per BSA regulations. Parts A and B must be attested to by the Scout's parent or guardian by signature on the form (unless over 18 years of age). Tetanus shot must have a date within the last 10 years. Additionally, the Scout or leader must have received a medical evaluation (Part C), completed within the last 12 months (1 year) and signed by a person licensed to practice medicine. **This is a National BSA Policy. Scouts and Scouters will not be permitted at camp without this form.**

The official BSA Annual Health and Medical Record forms are available at [www.sagamorebsa.org](http://www.sagamorebsa.org) and [www.campbuffalo.com](http://www.campbuffalo.com).

**School athletic physicals are NOT accepted.**

**The physical MUST be on an official  
BSA Annual Health and Medical Record form.**

Scoutmasters should verify that all Scouts have complete medical forms AND verify that all medication is labeled and in its original containers, including aspirin, cough medicine, etc. Food Allergies need to be informed to Camp Buffalo Weeks in advance.

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## **Troop/Patrol Information**

**Come to camp prepared.** Have patrols already organized. Work on ideas as patrols and have the patrol leaders represent the group at camp.

**Your campsite is your home for the week.** Make it comfortable and pleasant by bringing banners and flags to dress it up.

**Top troops show Scout spirit.** Display patrol flags, sing your troop song as you come to the flagpole or to campfires and other troop events, etc. Get your youth involved in the patrol and troop activities throughout the week.

**Field (Class "A") uniforms are required for campfires, evening meals, and vespers.** Encourage troop activity (Class "B") uniforms (T-shirts) for the remainder of the time at camp.

**Commissioners will begin inspecting your campsite for cleanliness and campsite improvements starting Monday morning.** Items of interest include clean campsites, creative structures, and the occasional cup of coffee. All campsite structures should be made only from downed trees from camp. The winner of the week-long inspection will receive an award at the closing Campfire on Friday.

**Please communicate with each other and with the staff.** If you have a special need or want to do something unique, tell us about it. We believe in good customer service. The best way to communicate special requests is to put them in writing and give them to the Camp Director or Program Director.

**Some Scoutmasters complain that there is "too much to do."** That's by design! As a staff, it is our job to provide a wide selection of program opportunities from which your troop leaders (Scouts!) can choose. We give troops the chance to create their own individual experiences at summer camp.

**Schedule time to rest.** Too often Scouts and leaders don't take the time to sit and enjoy the beauty of the camp around them. Don't maintain such a busy schedule that you miss the trees, nature, and clean fresh air.

**Be flexible!** Each week more than 125 Scouts and 35 adults attend camp. While the camp staff tries to meet the needs of everyone and have everything go along perfectly, unexpected things sometimes happen. If you quickly pass concerns along to Commissioners, we can better ensure that Scouts have an enjoyable camp experience.

## Dining Hall and Outpost Procedures

### DINING HALL PROCEDURES

All Dining Hall tables are assigned by troop. Meals are served family style using a hopper system (called a waiter system at some camps). Each troop sends **one hopper per table** 15-20 minutes prior to the scheduled meal time. Hoppers will be responsible for setting up the chairs and setting the tables with trays, utensils, napkins, and any condiments that are needed for that particular meal. The Dining Hall staff will assist Scouts in setting up the tables.

Please observe the following customs involved with meals at Camp Buffalo:

- At all meals, troops are dismissed to the Dining Hall from the flagpoles. All Scouts are expected to be at the flagpoles for messages and program notes.
- The expected dress for breakfast and lunch is the activity uniform. (Scout shorts, Scout belt, Scout socks, and a Scout t-shirt.) The Scout Field (Class "A") uniform is expected dress for the evening meal. (Scout shorts, Scout belt, Scout socks, and Class "A" shirt with the shirt tucked in and buttoned.)
- Upon dismissal to enter the Dining Hall, Scouts remove their hats, cross their arms, and remain silent as they stand behind the chairs at their assigned tables until grace has been given. (As Scouts cross their arms, they need to make sure their wrist band is visible.)
- Leaders and adults entering the dining hall also need to make sure their wrist band is visible, OR they must have a visitor wrist band and a meal ticket to hand to those securing the doors. Meal tickets are available in the Trading Post for \$6.00.
- The salad bar and cereal is available to everyone and the Dining Hall steward will dismiss table rows to partake.
- Hoppers may return to the serving window for seconds if announced.
- All Scouts and leaders remain in the dining hall until dismissal.
- Hoppers remain at the table after dismissal for cleanup. The Dining Hall Steward will instruct Scouts when to bring items to the kitchen area and dirty dishes to the dish window. Adult supervision is sometimes helpful, especially for the younger Scouts, early in the week.

### OUTPOST COOKING

Troops will cook three meals in their campsite. These meals will be, Wednesday supper, and Thursday breakfast. Members of the Camp Buffalo staff will be joining your unit for at least one of these meals. For these meals, food can be picked up from the kitchen. Units are expected to supply their own cooking equipment. Troops may cook the suggested meal, but are welcome to augment the meal with their own supplies. Pick-up times for outpost meals are determined at the Wednesday Leaders' Meeting.

## **Parents and Visitors**

Parents and friends are always welcome at camp! We invite them to visit, see the camp, and see what the Scouts have been doing. While visitors are welcome at any time, there are certain times that tend to be better than others. Mornings and afternoons tend to be busier in camp, while late afternoons and evenings tend to offer a more relaxed atmosphere. Families and visitors are also welcome to attend meals. Tickets can be purchased for \$6.00 at the Trading Post.

All visitors are asked to use the main parking lot or park along Boy Scout Road. All visitors need to check in outside the Commissioner's office before entering camp. Each visitor will be issued a wrist band that must be worn in compliance with the youth protection standards.

Campers should plan on meeting their parents/visitors at the Trading Post porch to escort the visitors back to the troop's campsite. Persons with disabilities should notify the Commissioners, preferably prior to their arrival, so transportation can be arranged to the campsite.

No overnight camping by visitors is allowed without the permission of the Camp Director.

Something to remember: sleep can make or break a week. It is essential that everyone gets the rest they need. Please help ensure "Quiet Time" is enforced between 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM. Noise travels very well at night, so please respect your neighbors.

## **Contacting Scouts at Camp Buffalo**

The mailing address for campers is:

Scout's name  
Troop # \_\_\_\_\_  
Camp Buffalo  
9400 N Boy Scout Road  
Monticello, IN 47960

All of the above information should be included on the envelope to ensure speedy and accurate delivery.

Letters to camp should be postmarked by Tuesday evening of the week that the Scout is in camp to guarantee arrival by the end of the week.

One of the questions that parents frequently ask is, "How can I reach my son in case of emergency?" Cell phone coverage at camp is spotty, and in most buildings is non-existent. Parents are encouraged to contact the leaders directly. If you have difficulty reaching a leader outside of meal time (in the Dining Hall cell phone reception is unavailable), call the camp (land line) at (574) 278-7114. Instruct your parents not to call unless it is a true emergency. The camp phone is to be reserved for camp business and emergencies only.

## **Advancement and Merit Badges**

Planning how to best take advantage of the advancement opportunities offered at Camp Buffalo can be some of the most exciting and difficult choices a Scout will make. However, in the interest of helping both Scouts and leaders make wise and informed choices as to which merit badges a Scout should pursue, we have developed a new resource. The ***Summer Camp 2018 Merit Badge Course Catalog*** covers all merit badges to be taught at Camp Buffalo this summer as well as some additional awards we will be offering. Included in this guide are such things as prerequisites, additional fees, and any age restrictions or class size limitations. This resource is available for download from <http://www.campbuffalo.com> and <http://sagamore.camp-master.com>.

## **Program Opportunities / Non - Merit Badges**

### **TRAILBLAZER**

Trailblazer is Camp Buffalo's honor camper program. It aims to develop leadership, service, and Scout spirit in the lives of Scouts who participate as we seek to improve Scouts and Camp Buffalo. Scouts will work through the ranks of Outdoorsman and Woodsman in their first two summers before obtaining the final rank of Trailblazer.

### **ORDER OF THE ARROW**

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

- To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and the Scout Law in their daily lives
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit
- To promote Scout camping and service
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Takachsin Lodge #173 of the OA is very important to Camp Buffalo. At the beginning of the week an OA Staff representatives will contact each Scoutmaster to get a list of those who were selected by their units in the spring elections. These members will be recognized during a special call-out on Monday night. During the rest of the week, the OA will host some special events for the Scouts attending summer camp.

### **TROOP FLOAT TRIPS**

Float trips on the Tippecanoe River are available for troops as an afternoon or evening activity. A minimum of two adults must accompany the Scouts on these trips, in addition to having two adults in camp with the remainder of your troop. Camp Buffalo staff members will be available to help you with your adult staffing needs in camp while you are on the river. Scouts who are beginners must be in a canoe with an adult swimmer, and learners must be in a row boat with a lifeguard. (Camp Buffalo **cannot** provide the lifeguard.) The

troop leadership is required to be certified in CPR, Safety Afloat, and Safe Swim Defense. Trips need to be scheduled through SPLs and the Commissioner staff.

### **TROOP SHOOTS**

Troops are invited to schedule a friendly evening of shooting with our certified Range Officers. These shoots can be scheduled directly with the Range Officers. Opportunities are available on Mondays and Wednesdays.

### **TROOP SWIMS**

If a troop wishes to schedule a swim time solely for their unit, times are available on Monday and Wednesday evenings. These time slots are first come, first served, and are approximately one hour in length. Troops should schedule swims with the Aquatics Director or Pool Director.

### **CONSERVATION PROJECTS**

Those Scouts who need conservation projects for various merit badges, service projects for advancement, or who care about the environment and wish to make Camp Buffalo a better place, will have ample opportunities to do so. We have a long-term conservation program in place and many such projects have been identified. Contact the Ecology Director or the Camp Ranger for more information.

### **DINING HALL CEREMONIES**

Your troop, or patrols within your troop, will have the opportunity to sign up for ceremonies at our Dining Hall. We will need flag raising and lowering teams for each day as well as Scouts willing to say grace at each meal.

### **CLOSING CAMPFIRE**

After such a fantastic week, it seems only fitting to have a closing campfire on Friday evening to recap the week, recognize some outstanding Scouts and leaders, and say good-bye. After the campfire has concluded, leaders should stop by the Multi-Purpose Building and pick up their troop's packet, which includes a merit badge report, swim tags, and camp patches. Please sort through all the items making sure that the packet is complete before you leave. Our area directors will be on-hand to answer any questions.

## **Hours of Facility Operation**

### **HEALTH LODGE**

In case of injury or sickness, the Health Lodge is open 24 hours a day. Please be sure to immediately report any injury or sickness, no matter how minor it may seem at the time. Remember that everyone who goes to the Health Lodge needs to have a buddy. At times, the Health Officer will be out of the office, such as during meals times and during camp-wide activities. At these times, please locate a staff member with a radio to assist in contacting the Health Officer. If you are having trouble locating a staff member, be sure to check the Trading Post.

### **QUARTERMASTER**

Commissioners are available throughout the day to issue equipment, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, etc. Their office is located adjacent to the main parking lot, but they are normally not in there, as they visit every campsite daily. A staff member with a radio can assist in contacting them.

### **TRADING POST**

The Trading Post will be open daily between meals and most evenings. It is supplied with BSA camping items, books, shirts, and other Scout merchandise. It also has merit badge books, items need for specific merit badge classes, and coupons for shooting activities. On the sweet side, it is also stocked with slushies and other snack items. Check the schedule outside the door or in your Scoutmaster packet for specific hours of operation.

### **CHAPEL**

A chapel service will be held each week on Monday evening. All campers and staff are encouraged to attend, participate, and live up to the twelfth point of the Scout Law. The chapel area is reserved throughout the week as a place of reverence, contemplation, and meditation. Feel free to stop by to sit and think for a few minutes or just reflect. The Camp Chaplain will be available on a part-time basis to discuss ethical decision making, feelings of homesickness, or just to talk. In the case of emergencies, the chaplain is always on-call.

### **PROGRAM AREAS**

Generally all program areas are open during the four morning sessions, 9:00 AM – 12:50 PM. Open program runs from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM on Monday through Thursday. Wednesday open program ends at 5:00 PM.

## **Shower Facilities**

### **YOUTH (UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE)**

- Ivey showers are available from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily.
- The pool house showers are available from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily.
- The Multi-Purpose Building exterior showers are available from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily.

### **ADULTS (18 AND OVER)**

- Ivey showers are available from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily.
- The pool house showers are available from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily.
- The Multi-Purpose Building exterior showers are available from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily.
- Shideler Hall showers are available 24 hours a day.

### **FEMALES**

- The pool house showers are available from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily.
- The Multi-Purpose Building exterior showers are available from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily.
- Shideler Hall showers are available 24 hours a day.

Adult leaders are not allowed to enter while youth are showering unless it is an emergency!



## **Departure from Camp**

Beginning at 6:00 AM, one vehicle at a time may return to your campsite on Saturday for loading and departure. Please note that the speed limit in camp is 10 MPH. **At no time are Scouts or leaders allowed to ride in trailers or in the back of trucks.**

Early Saturday morning, a light breakfast of donut holes, fruit juice, and milk will be brought around to all campsites. Troops are free to eat in the campsite and then begin packing up their gear to go home. The Troop Guide, who checked in the Scouts on Sunday, will be at the campsite to help with check out at a time the troop selected at Friday's Leaders' Meeting. The Troop Guide will have a departure checklist to be completed.

Please be sure to return all equipment that your unit checked out to the Commissioners. The Commissioners will also accept your camp evaluations as well as your 2019 Quick Claim Deeds.

Please be sure to return your medicine coolers to the Health Officer. Upon receiving the cooler, the Health Officer will return your troops' physicals to you. **If your unit returns a damaged cooler, or if your unit takes the cooler with them from Camp Buffalo, your unit will be billed \$25.00 to replace the equipment.**

Once your campsite has been cleared, the troop is ready to leave. Please arrange to have Scouts picked up by 9:00 AM on Saturday. Those Scouts who are staying for an additional week of camp must be picked up on Saturday and brought back on Sunday.

## **Leader Information**

### **THE REAL WORLD**

While enjoying nature and camp, we understand that leaders still like to connect with the “real world.” Every morning, well before the Scouts desire to stir, leaders are invited to come to the Dining Hall. There will be hot coffee ready and Wi-Fi will be available.

### **ADULT LEADER EVENTS**

- Daily Leaders’ Meetings are held at 10:00 AM in the Dining Hall, with the exception of Thursday. On Thursday the Leaders’ Meeting will be held at lunch. We will gather at Legion Pavilion for a cook-out and meet with the Scout Executive.
- Each week, Scoutmasters and leaders face off in a cooking competition. Entries are to be turned in to the Outdoor Skills Director from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM on Wednesday.
- The Scoutmaster Shoot is open to all leaders at camp. The shoot will take place Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 in the Trading Post.

### **ADULT LEADER TRAINING**

A computer with printer will be available in the Scoutmaster Pavilion for adults to take the following on-line courses:

- Safety Afloat
- Safe Swim Defense
- Climb On Safely
- Trek on Safely
- Weather Hazards
- Youth Protection

Scoutmaster Specifics will also be offered each week. The course is free, but leaders must sign up at registration on Sunday. Adult CPR/AED training will be offered as well. The training will be on Wednesday @ 10 AM and the cost is a mere \$5.00.

### **YOU CAN HELP!**

We know that many of you have wonderful skills and knowledge in various aspects of camp. We want you to know that we always welcome your assistance to make camp better. Contact the Camp Director or Program Director to volunteer!

### **TRANSPORTATION**

There may be days when we need to take Scouts out of camp. If you have access to a bus, van or other form of group transportation and would be willing to offer your vehicle as a means of transporting Scouts, please let us know when you arrive in camp. All vehicles must be covered by a public liability and property damage liability insurance policy. The amount of this coverage must meet or exceed the insurance requirement of the state in which the vehicle is licensed.

## **CampMaster Event Reservation Website**

We are pleased to provide Unit Leaders the opportunity to register for Scout camps via our CampMaster website! To access Sagamore Council's Camp-master website, go to <http://sagamore.camp-master.com>. You will find the event called Summer Camp. You will select the week you desire to attend and indicate the campsite you want to use.

Next, you will enter the number of T-shirts you need for each size of T-shirt. Maintain your own list of who gets what size of T-shirt. **Do NOT include any extra T-shirts; these will be purchased by the individuals through the trading post.**

Next you should load the names of the Scouts and leaders by using the "add participant" menu choice. If you use TroopMaster software, you may follow the provided directions to upload the names of your Scouts and leaders instead of entering each one individually.

Lastly you should select the courses for each Scout. Click on each Scout's name, and select the merit badges he wants/needs in each drop down box.

Fees can be paid via this site. You may only pay on-line by credit card at this time. If paying by check, you need to mail it to the Sagamore Council office before the due dates indicated.

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