

A Parent's Guide to Summer Camp

The Benefits of Sending Your Scout to Scout BSA Summer Camp

Harry S Frazier Jr Scout Reservation, Camp Crooked Creek
Pfeffer Scout Reservation, Roy C. Manchester
Aqua Base Adventure Camp



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The Value of Summer Camp

Research has concluded that within the typical six days of Scout BSA summer camp, youth are in an environment that comprehensively provides them with critical elements of healthy youth development. Camps are removed from the hustle and bustle world of mass information, media, and technology. This type of “protected environment” provides a significant opportunity for growth among young people. Time seems to take on a different meaning when the day is not filled with television, radio, video games, the internet etc.

Spending a week at summer camp with friends from the Troop is one of the greatest highlights of a Scout’s year, making memories that will last a lifetime. Camp programs offer fantastic opportunities for youth to bond with the other members of their Troop, building lifelong friendships while also meeting new people and making new friends. Scouts will be able to work on developing new skills while working on rank advancements such as Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class as well as numerous merit badges such as Swimming, First Aid, Camping, Leatherwork, Rifle Shooting, Citizenship in the Nation, Nature and nearly 40 more.

Scouts learn leadership skills, build trust and develop self-esteem as well as self confidence in ways unimaginable. Studies have shown that Scouts who attend camp advance quicker and stay in the program much longer than those who don’t attend camp. Parents of Scouts who attend camp state that the camp experience resulted in a positive change in their child and that 96% surveyed would recommend camp to others. A youth quickly realizes that they can do things on their own, make their own decisions and become a stronger person.

Most of all summer camp is as action packed or as relaxed as a Scout might want it to be but more important than anything, it’s FUN!



The Camps of the Lincoln Heritage Council

The Lincoln Heritage Council of the Boy Scouts of America covers 64 counties in Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Tennessee. Serving more than 25,000 youth in over 800 Cub Scout Packs, Scout BSA Troops and Venture Crews led by more than 8,000 dedicated leaders. Of these 800 units, 225 of them are Troops serving over 5000 Scouts BSA ages 11-18; all of whom are eligible to attend summer camp. The Council owns and operates several camp properties, 2 of which are used for Scout BSA summer camp and are accredited annually by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America with stringent standards focused on safe facilities as well as quality programs.



Harry S. Frazier Jr. Scout Reservation

Camp Crooked Creek

Camp Crooked Creek is located near Clermont, Kentucky in Bullitt County just 35 short minutes from Louisville. The camp is part of the 1100 acre Harry S. Frazier Jr. Scout Reservation built in 1988 offering 6 weeks of traditional Scouting programs with more than 60 staff members teaching 50+ merit badges and programs. An average of 350 Scouts and 80 leaders attend camp each week. The camp has a 60 acre manmade, private lake for aquatics activities such as canoeing, kayaking, rowing, small boat sailing and motor boating. A newly built swimming pool allows for swimming and lifesaving instruction and new Adirondacks for camping are part of the \$2 million improvements. The Ecology Lodge and STEM Center offers Scouts the opportunity to work on nature related merit badges like mammal study, environmental science, and fish and wildlife management while also making science and technology based badges available such as robotics, space exploration and game design.

The Scoutcraft area helps Scouts develop important outdoor skills such as camping, pioneering, orienteering and wilderness survival. Handicraft lets Scouts use their hands to make projects in leatherwork, woodworking and basketry. Shooting Sports has programs in rifle shooting, shotgun trap shooting and archery. The Daniel Boone program is designed specifically for first year campers who need to learn the basic Scout skills to help prepare them for Troop activities throughout the year.

Other specialty programs for more experienced, older Scouts include the high and low ropes course known as COPE, Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience where groups of Scouts build a team that works together to accomplish goals and meet new challenges that they never thought they could complete before. The Tower is a fun program that allows Scouts to climb the 30' structure and then learn how to rappel. An ATV, All Terrain Vehicle, program teaches Scouts how to safely operate and maintain an ATV while respecting and protecting the environment. Some older Scouts accept the challenge of becoming a Counselor in Training; a program that trains them to become a staff member for the camp, and teach other Scouts new skills; a very demanding but rewarding job.



Pfeffer Scout Reservation

Camp Roy C. Manchester

Camp Roy C. Manchester is located near Benton, Kentucky on the shores of magnificent Kentucky Lake and is part of the 400 acre Pfeffer Scout Reservation. Operating for 5 weeks throughout the summer with 40 staff members, this camp has a tradition of serving Scouts from all over the region for more than 60 years and has recently experienced \$3.5 million in improvements. New facilities have been built throughout the camp including a dining hall, trading post, shower facilities with flush toilets and private shower stalls, training room, administration office, aquatics center, shooting sports complex and nature STEM center. A typical Scout BSA program is offered at Camp Manchester including handicrafts, Scoutcrafts, shooting sports, ecology and STEM, personal development and the Eaglebound program designed for first year campers to focus on developing their basic Scout skills. One of the best parts of this camp is the lake and the aquatics programs. The waterfront beach allows access for swimming and lifesaving instruction. Boating activities include canoeing, kayaking, rowing, paddle boarding, motor boating and small boat sailing which leads to medium boat sailing and eventually sailing on large 25' boats with crews of 3-4 Scouts. Water sports include water skiing and personal watercraft (jet ski) instruction for older Scouts. Opportunities for fishing are abundant.

Aqua Base Adventure Camp at Pfeffer Scout Reservation

Adventure is the key component of this camp designed to offer older Scouts an experience beyond the traditional summer camp program. Typically, Scouts who have attended camp 2 or more years are looking for something different and more challenging than merit badges and Aqua Base has the programs to meet this need. Sharing space with Camp Roy C. Manchester on the Pfeffer Scout Reservation, Aqua Base operates its own unique programs. The highlight of Aqua Base is the High Adventure Sailing program where groups of 3-4 Scouts, ages 14-18 are placed in charge of their very own 25' sailboat and are responsible for working together as a team to maneuver the boat throughout Kentucky Lake for the week. A flotilla of 8 sailboats including a support boat carrying supplies depart Monday morning, after an orientation, cruising the lake for the week anchoring each night in different bays. Scouts learn great teamwork while developing decision making and leadership skills managing their boat from port to port. Trained leaders help guide the Scouts who must be at least 14 years old with a minimum of the small boat sailing merit badge or some sailing experience. This sailing trip is an adventure that won't be soon forgotten.

There are other programs offered at Aqua Base including a small boat sailing school which will help prepare Scouts for the High Adventure Sailing program, a watersports program that allows Scouts to spend an entire week motor boating, water skiing and jet skiing on the water, and BSA Lifeguard, where completing this training will certify them to be a BSA Lifeguard after one week.



Important Information about Camp and FAQs

The decision to send your Scout to camp is an important one, and is an investment in their future development as a young person. When attending camp for the first time there are many simple questions parents have that get overlooked. Hopefully the following FAQs will answer these questions and help families make an educated decision about attending summer camp.

When is camp and how long does it last?

Troops reserve a week of camp, checking in on a Sunday afternoon, and typically leaving on the following Saturday morning. Below is the schedule for 2019.

2019 Camp Dates

June 9-15	Camp Crooked Creek, Pfeffer Scout Reservation, and Aqua Base
June 16-22	Camp Crooked Creek, Pfeffer Scout Reservation, and Aqua Base
June 23-29	Camp Crooked Creek, Pfeffer Scout Reservation, and Aqua Base
June 30- July 6	Camp Crooked Creek, Pfeffer Scout Reservation, and Aqua Base
July 7-13	Camp Crooked Creek, and Aqua Base
July 14-20	Camp Crooked Creek and Aqua Base



How does my Scout get registered for camp?

The Troop will make a reservation for a particular camp, week and campsite for everyone. Scouts then work with their leaders to register for camp and pay fees. Scouts can attend camp even if their Troop does not, see “What is a Provisional Scout Camper” later in this guide.

Who provides the leadership for camp? Do parents need to go?

The leaders of the Troop will make arrangements to provide the two-deep leadership needed for the unit to attend camp. Parents are not required to attend camp with their Scout, however, the Troop may need the additional leadership, and may request this help if needed. If Troops have difficulty finding enough leaders to attend camp, the Camp Director can match the Troop with another troop attending camp at the same time so they can share leaders.

How much does camp cost, when are fees due and what is the discount fee?

The fee for camp is \$330 which includes 17 meals, a camp T-shirt, all program materials, equipment, and staff as well as facility usage. A discount of \$25 can be earned by Scouts who pay a deposit of \$75 no later than **March 4, 2019** making the overall fee \$305. The final balance of \$230 will be **due by May 2, 2019**. All fees are paid to the Troop and they submit the payments.

Are there fund-raising opportunities?

Many Troops will help Scouts to earn their camp fee by participating in the annual Popcorn sale offered by the Council in the fall or the annual Camp Card sale conducted in the spring. Some units coordinate additional fund raisers such as car washes, pancake breakfasts and bake sales.



What is a campership? How do we apply?

Camperships are available for those families who might need some assistance paying the camp fee. Camperships are awarded based on the financial needs of the family. Applications can be retrieved from the Council website at <http://www.lhcbasa.org/forms> and should be submitted directly to the Council Office by March 8. A limited amount of funds are available.

Can we get a refund if we pay the fees and our Scout can't attend camp?

Due to advanced planning and purchasing needs, Scouts who pay their camp fees but don't attend camp will only qualify for a refund if they are medically disqualified, must attend summer school, or have a family situation. A 15% service fee will be withheld. Fees can be transferred to other Scouts within the Troop however.

How does my Scout select the programs he will take at camp?

The Troop will be able to sign up Scouts for programs once the deposits have been made on March 4th. Scouts can visit the Council web pages for the specific camps, in February, to see the available programs by camp and should visit with their Scout leaders for guidance. The Troop will then enter the requests in the online Tentaroo registration system through their specific unit account. Scouts do not enter their selections individually.

What will my son do at camp?

Scouts will be able to work on rank requirements or merit badges depending on his needs and interests. The troop leaders can help them determine the best path. Monday through Friday the program is broken down into 6 program sessions and a Scout can choose a program for each session if they want. It is recommended that they include some "free" time in their schedule to just have fun and hang out with their friends.

What are the first-year camper programs Daniel Boone and Eaglebound about?

The first-year camper program is designed to help that young Scout who is attending camp for the very first time to feel more comfortable and to gain some basic Scout skills. This program will last a half day, Monday through Friday, and will concentrate on some of the requirements for the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class. Younger Scouts are grouped in patrols with other first year campers and learn to work together as a team. The program is known as Daniel Boone at Camp Crooked Creek, and Eaglebound at Camp Manchester. Activities will include knot tying, first aid, fire building, knife and axe training, and citizenship development among other things.



Where will my son stay while at camp?

At Camp Crooked Creek the Scouts stay in 2-person tents built atop special platforms, each including folding cots. Some of the campsites have 8 person Adirondacks with built-in bunks instead of tents. At Camp Manchester the Troops will bring their own tents and cots from home. Some campsites have cabins with cots in them. Be sure to visit with your leaders regarding lodging.

What will my Scout eat at camp?

All meals are provided in the air-conditioned dining halls at the camps. A Chef and Dietician approve the menu, which is designed to meet the nutritional needs of active Scouts during hot summer months, while trying to include popular items. Every breakfast meal includes cereal and a yogurt bar and every lunch and dinner includes a salad bar. An example menu is included in the back of this guide.



What is the BSA Health Form, A, B, & C? Is there a camp nurse? What about insurance?

The official Boy Scouts of America health form is a three-part form, A, B, and C that requires background information about the participant and a doctor's signature stating that a physical has been conducted. This form must be completed annually by both youth and adults participating. The form can be found on the website under forms, or on the specific camp pages. The camp has a medical office and provides a health officer who helps manage the first aid and medical needs of the campers.

Each Lincoln Heritage Council unit that attends camp has a policy, provided by the Council, which serves as secondary insurance to the Scout's family policy or serves as primary insurance if no other exists. Units from out of Council are required to provide proof of insurance as well.

What will my Scout need to bring to camp?

A week's worth of clothes and toiletries will be needed but keep in mind that space is limited. Everything should fit in a backpack or footlocker. Sleeping bag or blankets as well as towels will also be needed. A detailed list of suggested items can be found later in this guide including items that should not be brought to camp.

Why does my Scout need money and how much should he bring?

All of the food and program materials a Scout will need are included in the camp fee. However, there is a camp store, commonly known as the Trading Post, which has snacks, drinks, ice cream, camp gear, and souvenirs that your Scout will want to purchase. Most Scouts spend between \$40-\$50.

Can we visit our Scout at camp?

The camp is always open for parents to come and visit their Scouts. Visitors are asked to check-in at the Camp Office first, and should notify the Troop leaders in advance. Also, Friday night is Family Night, and everyone is invited to come to camp, visit with the Scouts, enjoy dinner (either brought in or purchased at camp) and stay for the closing campfire.

Can we send mail or “care packages” to camp?

Scouts can receive mail and packages during camp but they should be sent the Friday before the Scout leaves for camp to insure they arrive during the actual camp week. Priority mail or next day shipping are suggested for packages that could be shipped during the week. See the Leader's Guides for address and labeling instructions.

What happens when camp is over?

The Troop will enter the online Tentaroo merit badge system to determine what requirements the Scouts completed at camp and what things they may still need to finish. Within a few weeks after camp, most Troops plan a Court of Honor to present the awards to the Scouts. These are filled out by the individual camp instructors, based on what each Scout accomplished that week, and may not be identical for each Scout.





What is a Provisional camper?

A Provisional camper is a Scout who attends camp as an individual without his Troop. This could be because they want to attend an additional week or because they couldn't attend during the week the Troop attended or possibly because the unit did not attend camp. Once the Scout has selected the dates they want to attend, then the camp chooses a Troop that is attending during that week and assigns the Scout to that unit and their leaders serve as the temporary leaders for the Scout. Completed merit badge information is forwarded to the home Troop after camp ends. A special application for Provisional Scouts can be found online at www.lhcbbsa.org

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Suggested Packing List for Camp

Sample List of Merit Badges

Sample Menu

Buy a Party for your troop!

Camp Videos and Slide Shows



Lincoln Heritage Council <http://lhcbbsa.org/>

Camp Crooked Creek <https://lhcbbsa.org/camp-crooked-creek-boy-scout-summer-camp/>

Pfeffer Scout Reservation <https://lhcbbsa.org/camp-crooked-creek-boy-scout-summer-camp/>

Aqua Base <https://lhcbbsa.org/camp-crooked-creek-boy-scout-summer-camp/>

Suggested Packing List for Camp

Complete Scout BSA Uniform

(5) T-Shirts

(5) Shorts or pants

(6) Pairs of socks (socks & shoes should be worn at all times.)

(6) Pairs of underwear

Shoes, at least 2 pair in case one gets wet. (No open-toed shoes.)

Light jacket or sweatshirt

Hat

Swimming trunks or one piece bathing suit

Rain Gear. Poncho or rain suit

Medical form (mandatory) *Parts A-C*, given to Scoutmaster prior to camp

Blankets or sleeping bag and pillow

Duffel Bag or footlocker w/lock

Toiletries, soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, body powder, etc.

Camera

Money for trading post (\$50.00 suggested)

Flashlight with extra batteries

Pocket Knife (with Totin' Chip)

Sunscreen and insect repellent

Water bottle/canteen/cup

Day Pack (for daily needs)

Notebooks for writing

Pen/Pencils

Merit Badge Books

2 Towels, one for the pool and one for the shower

Shower shoes

Medications in original labeled bottle

What NOT to bring to camp

- Pets
- Firearms or weapons
- Fireworks
- Video games
- Radios
- Bicycles
- Items of value
- Extra food (raccoons and skunks love it)
- Illegal drugs or alcohol

Sample Merit Badge List – each camp is different and the options change periodically.

Program Area	Merit Badge
Aquatics	Beginner Swim Lessons
Aquatics	Canoeing
Aquatics	Kayaking
Aquatics	Lifeguard Training
Aquatics	Lifesaving
Aquatics	Motorboating/Rowing
Aquatics	Small-Boat Sailing
Aquatics	Swimming
COPE	ATV
COPE	Climbing
COPE	COPE

Ecology & Conservation/STEM	Chemistry
Ecology & Conservation/STEM	Chess
Ecology & Conservation/STEM	Cinematography
Ecology & Conservation/STEM	Environmental Science
Ecology & Conservation/STEM	Fish and Wildlife Management
Ecology & Conservation/STEM	Game Design
Ecology & Conservation/STEM	Mammal Study
Ecology & Conservation/STEM	Nature/Bird Study
Ecology & Conservation/STEM	Oceanography
Ecology & Conservation/STEM	Robotics
Ecology & Conservation/STEM	Space Exploration/Astronomy
Ecology & Conservation/STEM	Welding
Field Sports	Archery
Field Sports	Rifle Shooting
Field Sports	Shotgun Shooting
First Year Camper Program	Dan Boone
Handicraft	Art/Basketry
Handicraft	Fingerprinting
Handicraft	Leatherwork
Handicraft	Woodcarving/Sculpting
Outdoor skills/Frontiertown	Blacksmithing/Knife Making
Outdoor skills/Frontiertown	Camping
Outdoor skills/Frontiertown	Cast Iron Cooking
Outdoor skills/Frontiertown	Cooking
Outdoor skills/Frontiertown	Fishing
Outdoor skills/Frontiertown	Indian Lore
Outdoor skills/Frontiertown	Orienteering/Geocaching

Program Area	Merit Badge
Outdoor skills/Frontiertown	Pioneering
Outdoor skills/Frontiertown	Wilderness Survival
Personal Development/Sports and Health	Challenge Trail/Cycling Merit Badge
Personal Development/Sports and Health	Citizenship in the Nation
Personal Development/Sports and Health	Citizenship in the World
Personal Development/Sports and Health	Communications
Personal Development/Sports and Health	Emergency Prep
Personal Development/Sports and Health	First Aid
Personal Development/Sports and Health	Personal Fitness
Personal Development/Sports and Health	Personal Management
Personal Development/Sports and Health	Sports



SAMPLE Camp Menu

Sunday		
Daily Offerings		Dinner
Salad Bar offered daily at dinner		Hamburgers/Hot Dogs
Yogurt Bar offered daily at breakfast		Seasoned French Fries
Assorted oatmeal / grits at breakfast		Pasta Salad
Assorted cereal available daily	Milk / Juice served daily at breakfast	Fixin's
Nut-free sandwich optional daily	Tea / water served daily with dinner	Brownies
Monday		
Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Whole Grain French Toast Sticks	Beef Taco/Chicken Fajita	Penne Pasta w/ Alfredo and Chicken
Sausage Links	Refried Beans	Penne Pasta w/ Marinara and Meatballs
Fresh Fruit	Mexican Rice	Garlic Bread
Syrup Cups	Corn Chips	Dessert
	Fixin's	
Tuesday		
Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Biscuits & Gravy	Sub Sandwiches on Hoagies	Sloppy Joes
Fresh Fruit	Sliced Turkey or Ham	Au gratin Potatoes
Cinnamon Roll	Cheese Slices	Dessert
	Chips	
	Fruit	
Wednesday		
Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Waffles	Meatball Subs on Hoagies	Stuffed Crust Pizza
Sausage Patty	Tater Tots	Cheese Breadsticks
Toast	Mozzarella	Corn on the Cob
Bacon		Garlic/Marinara Dipping Cups
		Dessert
Thursday		
Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Scrambled Eggs	Pulled Pork BBQ on a Bun	Roast Beef & Gravy
Breakfast Potatoes	Potato Chips	Mashed Potatoes
Toast	Cole Slaw	Green Beans
Bacon	Pickle Spear	Bread Slice
	Onions	Dessert
Friday		
Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Pancakes	Chicken Tenders	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce
Fresh Fruit	Curly Fries	Breadstick
Syrup Cups	Sliced Apples	Tropical Fruit
		Dessert
Saturday		
Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Assorted Muffins/Donuts	N/A	N/A
Fresh Fruit		
Go-Gurt		

Buy a party for your Troop at Summer Camp!

New this year is you can pre-purchase your Scout Troop an Ice-cream party, Watermelon Party or a Root Beer Float Party.



All you have to do is fill out the form below indicating which party you'd like for your Troop to have. The summer camp staff will schedule a time for the Troop to have a private party in our air-conditioned Scout Lounge.

☐ **We would like to purchase an ice Cream party for _____ at \$2.75 each.**

☐ **We would like to purchase a Root Beer Float Party for _____ at \$12.00 (you keep the mug).**

☐ **We would like to purchase a Watermelon Party for _____ at \$1.50 each.**

Scouts Name: _____ Scouts Troop Number: _____

Week attending: _____ Site number: _____ Camp Point of Contact: _____

☐ Please tell the Troop who this is from. ☐ Please don't tell the troop who this is from.

I will pay by: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card

Name of purchaser: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Name on Card: _____ Amount to be charged: \$_____

CC Number: _____ Exp: _____ CVS: _____

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