

2026 Webelos & Arrow of Light Overnight Camp

Information Guide

Vikings Invade Camp Birch



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WELCOME LETTER

This information guide will answer many questions you have about the exciting program we are putting together for the summer of 2026. Please read it thoroughly, as it is the first step in having a rewarding and successful experience at Camp Birch this summer. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact our camp leadership team. We are happy to help!

Remember, the purpose of Webelos & AOL Overnight Camp is not merely advancement. We want our youth to walk away from their time at Camp Birch with a head full of songs and new skills, and a heart full of fond memories and friendships. We have so much more to offer than simply advancement. Encourage your Scouts to take advantage of their time at camp and the opportunities for memorable and impactful summer camp experiences.

We are fortunate to be able to provide a great experience right here in the Greater Dayton area. Thank you for your continued support of your Scouts and the Scouting program. We sincerely hope that this year's summer camp experience will become one of your greatest Scouting memories. Thank you for giving your Scout a wonderful and wonder-filled summer camp experience. Welcome (or welcome back) to Camp Hugh Taylor Birch!

"A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room."

- Robert Baden-Powell



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DATES & COSTS

Dates

- Week 1: June 28-July 1, 2026
- OR
- Week 2: July 12-15, 2026

Cost

Cost includes all activities, patch, t-shirt (for youth), and lunch each day (for youth & adults). T-shirts are only guaranteed for youth registered by the Regular Registration Deadline. Adult and additional youth t-shirts may be purchased during the camp registration process.

| Cost | Early | Regular | Late | Day Of |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Scout | \$175 | \$200 | \$225 | \$250 |
| Adult | \$50 | \$50 | \$75 | \$100 |

| Registration Deadlines | Early | Regular | Late | Day Of |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Week 1: June 28-July 1, 2026 | April 28, 2026 | May 28, 2026 | June 27, 2026 | June 28, 2026 |
| Week 2: July 12-15, 2026 | May 12, 2026 | June 12, 2026 | July 11, 2026 | July 12, 2026 |

Camp/Program Payment Policies

All camp registration fees are non-refundable. Fees paid can be transferred to another participant in your unit or to another week of camp in the same season. Payment must be made at time of online registration via credit card or electronic check.

To ensure that everything is prepared for your week at summer camp, registration deadlines and pricing cannot be extended. We will not issue refunds or deadline extensions for reasons of technical difficulty. Please be sure to get your registrations completed early enough to prevent any possible issues.

Any outstanding fees should be paid at the 10 Day Out Meeting. We reserve the right to turn away “day of” registrations because of capacity, supply, and staffing.

Camp Scholarships

Camp Scholarship Applications are due by April 15, 2026! Click this link for the: [Camp Scholarship Application](#).

To ensure that EVERY Scout can attend Camp Birch regardless of financial resources, camp scholarships are available to any Scout registered in Tecumseh Council for a percentage of the cost of camp. The Scout’s family and Unit Leader must complete the application and email it to Noel Wright at Noel.Wright@Scouting.org or turn it into the Scout Office.

Unit leaders will be notified of approved camperships. Camperships are awarded on a basis of family need. Application does not guarantee approval.

Camperships must be redeemed by the regular registration deadline, or they will be forfeited and VOID.

10 Day Out Meeting

- Week 1: June 18, 2026 at 7:30 PM on the back porch of the Turner Building
- Week 2: July 2, 2026 at 7:30 PM on the back porch of the Turner Building

Please bring your Medical Forms parts A and B to the 10 Day Out Meetings so they can be looked over by our medic. If there are any deficiencies, they will be sent back with the unit so they can be completed before you check-in for camp. Also, bring any Special Medical Needs and Dietary Restriction Forms if you have not already emailed them to the Camp Director. At the 10 Day Out Meetings, we will discuss what to expect for your week of camp, any updates, and assign a check-in time for your unit. If your unit cannot attend the meeting, contact the Camp Director to make other arrangements.

ADULTS, STAFF & TRAINING

Adult Leadership

All youth must be registered in Scouting and under the supervision of an adult. Most Webelos/Arrow of Light Dens attend as a group and the Den Leaders coordinate to provide leadership. Please coordinate with your Den and Den Leader prior to registering.

National standards require certain minimum youth-to-adult ratios for Webelos & Arrow of Light Overnight Camps. The breakdown is as follows:

1-8 youth = 2 adults 9-12 youth = 3 adults 13-16 youth = 4 adults and so on

Adult registration for Webelos & Arrow of Light Overnight Camp is \$50 (late fees apply) and covers the cost of food and facility usage.

Camp Birch appreciates our registered adults and parent volunteers who attend Webelos & Arrow of Light Overnight Camp. As a thank you to our units for ensuring qualified adult leadership, Camp Birch will give \$50 in Birch Bucks for every registered required adult to meet the youth-to-adult ratio. These Birch Bucks will be given to the adult leader at check-in and can be used at the Camp Birch Trading Post throughout the week, or at the Scout Store.

All Scouts attending Webelos & Arrow of Light Overnight Camp must be under the supervision of an adult who has agreed to be responsible for that Scout.

Camp Staff

All program areas are run by our enthusiastic camp staff. Each of our camp programs is administered by a Nationally Certified Camp Director and Program Director. All key staff are trained in their areas of responsibility. Our staff members are carefully selected and reflect the principles of Scouting.

Safeguarding Youth Training

ALL adults attending camp must have current Safeguarding Youth Training available at [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org). You do not have to be a registered member of Scouting America to take Safeguarding Youth Training. Please bring a copy of your Safeguarding Youth Training certificate with you to camp.

Protecting our youth is paramount to Scouting America, Tecumseh Council, and Camp Birch. Therefore, the following policy is in place to protect the youth, adult leaders, and staff of Camp Birch.

MEDICAL FORM, HEALTH & SAFETY

Annual Health and Medical Record Form

Everyone (youth and adult) who will be attending Webelos & Arrow of Light Overnight Camp must have a complete and up-to-date [Annual Health and Medical Record Form](#) (click the link to take you to the online form). This includes parts A and B. This is a National Scouting America policy for all participants, to ensure that we are prepared with accurate information, in the event of an emergency, to provide the best care. It also provides emergency contact information.

Medical forms for youth and adults **MUST** be turned in at the 10 Day Out Meetings. We ask that you turn in a copy, not the original. Medical Forms will be available for you to take home at the conclusion of camp. In part B, immunization records must be completed and include dates. The date of the tetanus vaccine must be within the last 10 years.

Without the proper paperwork, your admission to camp may be denied!

* Per National policy, a printed copy must be submitted. We cannot accept digital or emailed medical records.

Medical Screening

Upon arrival the first day of camp, every participant (youth and adult) will have a brief health screening by the health officer or designee.

Special Medical Needs

Special medical needs for all participants should be noted on medical forms and the [Special Medical Needs Form](#) (available in the FORMS section of this info guide) must be completed and emailed to the Camp Director at least two weeks BEFORE the first day of camp. Every attempt will be made to accommodate special medical needs.

Dietary Restrictions

To ensure that everyone can enjoy plenty of food during their stay at Camp Birch, our camp staff must be made aware of all dietary restrictions before your Scout arrives at camp. Dietary restrictions for all participants should be noted on medical forms and the [Dietary Restrictions Form](#) (available in the FORMS section of this info guide) must be completed and emailed to the Camp Director at least two weeks BEFORE the first day of camp. We also understand that some people prefer to take care of their own dietary restrictions. If that is the case, we can store food for those with dietary restrictions who choose to provide their own food.

Medications at Camp

Medication that must be taken during camp hours must be 1) listed on the Scout's Medical Form Part B; 2) in the original medication container for that individual. All medicine, including epi-pens and rescue inhalers, will be carried and administered by the Scout's Den/Pack leader.

CPAP Needs

If anyone in your unit needs electricity for a CPAP, please inform camp leadership as soon as possible. Be sure to bring an outdoor extension cord to get power to your tent. If you have a battery-powered CPAP, we can charge batteries at camp.

ABOUT CAMP

What Is Webelos and Arrow of Light Overnight Camp?

Webelos and Arrow of Light Overnight Camp is specifically for Scouts entering the 4th or 5th grade in the upcoming fall. It is an overnight camp designed to prepare Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts for their transition into a Scouts BSA Troop.

Only registered Webelos and Arrow of Light Cub Scouts are eligible to attend this camp. All Scouts attending overnight camp must be under the supervision of an adult who has agreed to be responsible for that Scout. Most Packs/Dens attend as a group and the Pack/Den determines and provides leadership. Please coordinate with your Cubmaster and Webelos or Arrow of Light Den leader prior to registering.

What Scouts Do at Camp

It is easy to see the benefits of the programs we offer. Of course, fun is our top priority! But, while delivering that fun, we make sure to include the hallmarks of Scouting, such as citizenship, fitness, self-esteem, and character development. Our program provides a variety of activities to help our Cub Scouts on their advancement trail. There is a rotating schedule during the week, allowing Scouts the ability to work on their BB and Archery skills, enjoy boating on the lake or swimming in the pool (weather permitting), play sports, climb the 30-foot climbing tower, work on nature and scout skills, and arts and crafts projects.

The theme of this year's Webelos & AOL Overnight Camp is **"Vikings Invade Camp Birch"** – so, polish your shields, gather your crew, and prepare for an unforgettable week at Camp Birch where adventure awaits and legends are made! Each day has an optional "Spirit" theme, in which Cub Scouts, adults and Camp Staff are encouraged to participate:

- Day 1: Maritime: dress like a sailor or something from the sea
- Day 2: Good Turn: bring a non-perishable canned good, and wear clothes to get dirty
- Day 3: Wacky: mixed matched socks, crazy hair, and silly shirts
- Day 4: Bandana Bonanza: wear your bandanas

Camp Check-in

Each unit will be assigned a specific check-in time during the 10 Day Out Meeting. If your unit is unable to attend that meeting, a member of the camp staff will contact you with your assigned check-in time. Scheduled arrival times help ensure every unit receives the time and attention needed for a smooth check-in process.

Upon arrival, all participants will complete a medical check-in with our camp medics. During this time, you will:

- Turn in any outstanding paperwork not collected at the 10 Day Out Meeting
- Submit any remaining payments
- Receive camp materials (shirts, patches, etc.)

After medical check-in, your unit will receive a guided camp tour and proceed to the pool for swim checks, if needed.

Campsite

The campsite is the heart of camp. Every camper will spend a significant amount of time in their “home away from home.” Some units become so attached to these campsites that they return to the same one year after year. As your home for the week, we respectfully ask that you treat it as such. Although camping remains a little rough and rustic, we sincerely hope to make your stay with us as comfortable as possible. If there is anything you need, or if an issue arises, please let us know and we will try to accommodate your needs to the best of our ability. Upon check-in, your unit will be assigned a Staff Guide. Your Staff Guide will do a walkthrough of your campsite with your Pack. At this time, they will verify your campsite has everything you need and make sure any issues are promptly addressed. Each campsite has designated fire rings. Please be sure to keep all fires in established fire rings to minimize our impact and keep our Scouts safe.

Each campsite is equipped with:

- Picnic Table
- Dining Fly/Pavilion
- Latrine
- Washstand
- Broom
- Rake
- Fire Extinguisher
- Water bucket
- Emergency Contacts
- Emergency Procedures

Please notify your Staff Guide immediately if you encounter any problems or deficiencies with any of these items. Any extra supplies you may need (such as toilet paper, wood tools, or sanitizer) may be procured from the Camp Commissioner. We understand that normal wear and tear happens, but as a policy, your unit will be charged for any damage over normal wear and tear. During your campsite walkthrough, if you see any existing damage, be sure to let your Staff Guide know so your unit will not be held liable for the cost of repair or replacement.

It is important to stress to your Scouts that they will be responsible for maintaining their site and camp equipment. Please address the following points with them:

Tent Care: Keep all flames (candles, matches, etc.) away from tents.

Cleanliness: Your campsite should be cleaned daily. This includes the latrine. If sharing your site with another unit, develop a plan to share these responsibilities equally. The latrine’s floor and walls should be swept. The washstand should be rinsed and drained properly. All of the camp equipment should be stowed neatly. Please conduct a sweep of the campsite (and surrounding trails) for litter and properly dispose of it.

Wildlife: Do not approach or attempt to handle any wildlife. Report any unusual wildlife behaviors to the camp staff immediately.

Good Neighbors: Remember that other campers prefer the peace and quiet of the woods to noises from your campsite. Quiet time must be observed between the hours of 11:00 pm to 6 am.

Shared Spaces: Our campsites are large enough to accommodate multiple Troops. Please be courteous when discussing with your campsite neighbors about the utilization of shared spaces, including but not limited to: fire rings, pavilions, picnic tables, latrines, and cabins. Ensure that everyone is able to access what they need.

What Scouts Need to Bring to Camp

All of the equipment and materials needed for the various activities the Scouts will take part in during each day are provided. Boys and girls will only need to bring a few personal items with them each morning. Please make sure that all these items are labeled with your Scout's name and Pack number. This makes it much easier to identify and return lost items.

Recommended Packing List:

- Cub Scout Handbook
- Official Cub Scout Uniform
- Extra shirts, shorts, socks, underwear, etc.
- Light jacket/hoodie
- Raincoat or poncho
- Swimsuit and towel
- Sunscreen & Insect repellent
- Appropriate footwear (2 pair)
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Pajamas
- Sleeping bag or light blankets
- Tent
- Camp Chair
- Small Backpack or Tote Bag
- Hand Sanitizer
- Water Bottle
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Spending money for the Trading Post
- Required prescription medication in original container(s)

Don't Forget to bring your Cub Scout six essentials in your backpack:

1. First Aid kit
2. Filled water bottle
3. Flashlight
4. Trail food/snack
5. Sun protection
6. Whistle

We highly recommend any Packs attending Camp Birch carry a basic First Aid Kit that includes:

- One 4" Roller Bandage
- One 2" Roller Bandage
- Two Rolls 1" Tape
- Two Triangular Cravats
- Four Elastic Bandages
- Antibacterial Soap
- One Box of Band-Aids
- Twelve 4x4 Sterile Pads
- Scissors
- Six Pairs of Non-Latex Gloves
- Twelve 2x2 Sterile Pads
- Needle & Tweezers
- Safety Pins
- Sunburn Lotion
- Poison Ivy Cream
- Tylenol or Non-Aspirin Tablet

What If It Rains?

Sometimes we get liquid sunshine at camp. We will continue all activities unless there is severe weather in the area. Please make sure your Scout brings his or her rain gear each day, as rain will not stop activities. In the case of severe weather, Scouts will move to a predetermined indoor location until it is safe to resume activities. If we are alerted to lightning within the area or audible thunder, camp staff will cease all climbing tower activities, clear the water of swimmers and the lake of boaters, and all will seek shelter. Normal activities can resume when there have been 30 minutes since the last audible thunder. We have rainy-day activity plans, so the Scouts will have plenty to keep them busy, no matter the weather.

Trading Post

During your stay, we invite you to stop in at our Trading Post, a staple of summer camp! We have special Camp Birch merchandise, a selection of camping supplies, snacks, Young's ice cream, slushies, Scout t-shirts, merit badge supplies, and many other things you may want (or need) while you are with us. The Trading Post accepts cash and most major US credit cards.

Trading Post Hours (subject to change)

- Monday through Friday from 9 to 11:45 am and 1 to 5:30 pm
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7 to 10 pm

Do You Have Snack Time?

We have no special time set aside for a snack, but your Scout may bring a snack from home and eat it at any time. We are not able to provide refrigeration for any snacks. The Camp Birch Trading Post has a variety of snacks and drinks available for purchase. Please provide your Scout with a small amount of cash so they are able to purchase snacks and souvenirs.

My Scout has a friend who isn't a Scout. Can he or she come?

Recruit them into your Pack! Scouting can be even more fun with more friends. Plus, your Scout will earn a cool "Recruiter" patch to add to their uniform. Once they have submitted their Youth Application, they simply need to register for camp.

Can my Cub Scout's younger/older sibling(s) attend camp also?

Unfortunately, siblings are not able to participate or attend this camp. This is a special camp experience, designed particularly for our 4th and 5th grade Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts.

I plan on attending Webelos and Arrow of Light Overnight Camp with my Scout, but I'm a parent, not a leader in the pack. What do I need to know?

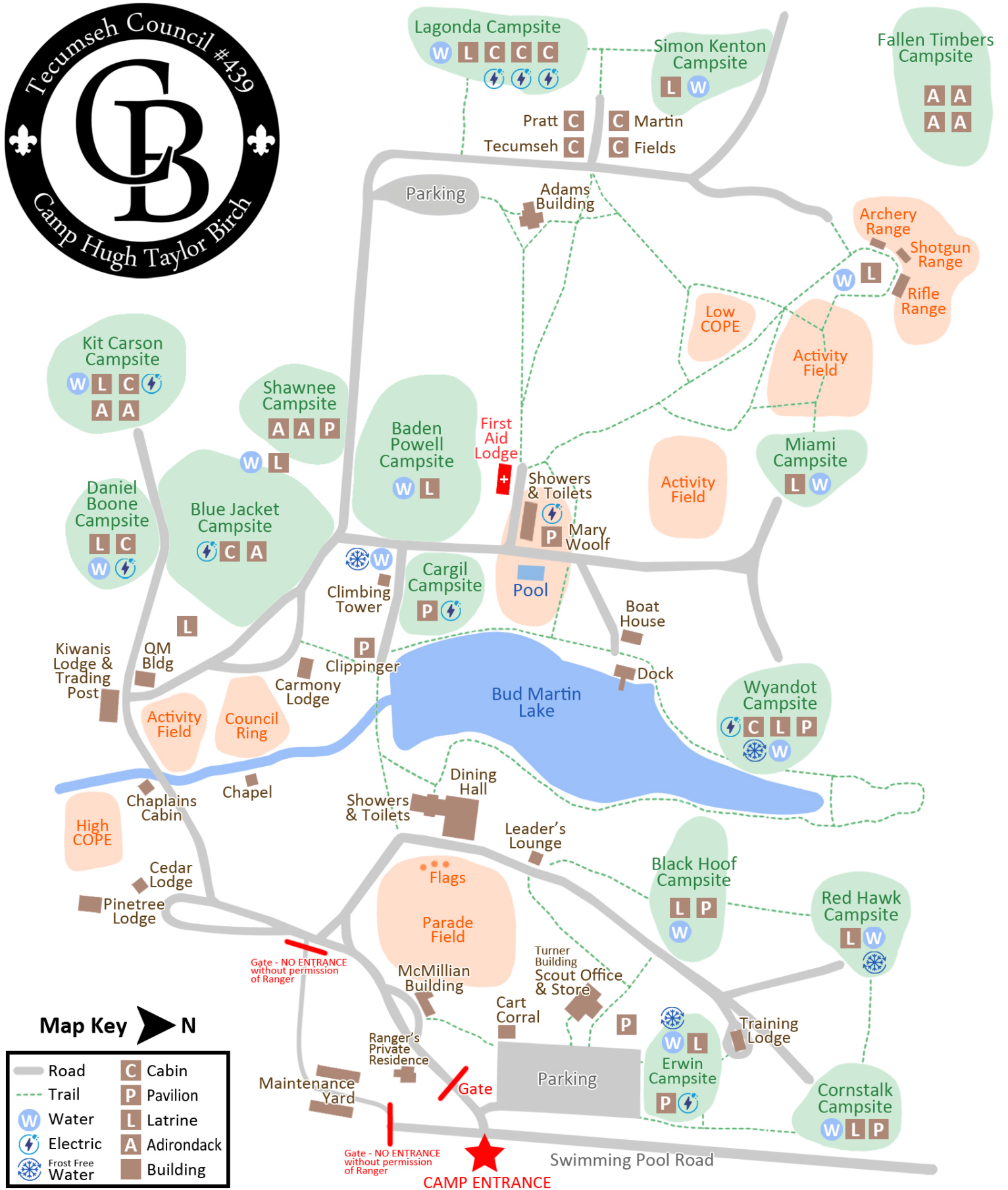
WELCOME TO CAMP! We are excited to have you join us this year for Webelos and Arrow of Light Overnight Camp at Camp Birch. First, you need to coordinate with your Cubmaster and/or Den Leader prior to registering. Then, register online for summer camp. Registration is \$50. As a parent/leader, you will get a Summer Camp patch, as well as all meals provided every day. You have the option to purchase a Summer Camp T-shirt for \$13 (\$15 for 2XL and larger).

Any Scout attending without their den must have a parent or legal guardian attend with them. All adults present at camp need to be up to date on their Safeguarding Youth Training. If you haven't taken it yet, or aren't sure if you are current, please visit [My.Scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org/my-scouting.org) and either create or sign in to your account. Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) is free and you do not have to be a registered member of Scouting America to take the course.

In addition, everyone (youth and adult) attending Webelos and Arrow of Light Overnight Camp needs to complete the [Annual Health and Medical Record Form](#) (click the link to take you to the online form). This includes parts A and B.

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SCOUTING AMERICA POLICIES

Preventing child abuse has been adopted as a critical objective of Scouting America. The assistance of every adult leader is essential to success. The guidelines listed below are designed to protect Scouts against child abuse and adult leaders against misinterpretation of their intentions. Anyone who has questions should consult with the Camp Director. If faced with difficulty in complying with the guidelines and no advice is available, use common sense and the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Guidelines for Adults and Parents

All adult leaders in camp must endeavor to protect Scouts from (1) physical abuse, which is understood to mean the sustaining of physical injury as the result of cruel and inhumane treatment or as the result of a malicious act, (2) sexual abuse, i.e. any act involving sexual molestation or exploitation of a Scout, by any person who has permanent or temporary care, custody, or responsibility for the supervision of Scouts or a Scout, and (3) psychological abuse, which is a form of abuse often associated with situations of power imbalance, and may include bullying and gaslighting.

Reporting Child Abuse

Our Camp Leadership Team has received training to help potential victims of any kind of child abuse. If you suspect that a Scout in camp is a victim, report this to the Camp Director immediately. Ohio law requires that all childcare providers, including Scout leaders, must report any incidence of child abuse to child protection authorities. As a part of its "Scouts First" approach to the protection and safety of youth, Scouting America has established 844-SCOUTS1 (844-726-8871), a dedicated 24-hour helpline to receive reports of known or suspected abuse or behavior that might put a youth at risk. All discussions, both at camp and over the helpline will be kept confidential.

Hazing, Bullying, and Harassment

Camp Birch has a zero-tolerance policy for hazing, bullying, intimidation, harassment, and abuse. If you see or suspect any of this type of activity, report it to the Camp Director immediately.

Facilities

The facilities at Camp Birch are rustic and nestled in natural surroundings. Camp Birch is inspected regularly for safety, cleanliness, and program suitability. We have a brand-new aquatic center across from the Olympic-size outdoor pool with 9 unisex flush toilets and 4 full bathrooms (flush toilet and shower) including handicapped accommodations.

National Standards

The purpose of Scouting America's National Camp Accreditation Program (NCAP) is to help councils elevate camps to new levels of excellence in delivering Scouting's promise to youth. Councils engage in a rigorous review of camps and properties, continuous improvement, and correction or elimination of substandard practices. Only camps that successfully complete all five aspects of the NCAP are Scouting America accredited camps. Our Camp undergoes safety inspections and accreditation prior to and during operations on an annual basis. Tecumseh Council's Camping Committee is committed to ensuring our camp meets and exceeds the standards for health and safety, food service, program, maintenance, conservation, staffing, and administration. Camp Birch has been an NCAP Accredited Camp since the 1970s.

CAMP BIRCH RULES & POLICIES

Adult Scouting America Registration

National policies concerning adults accompanying a unit during resident camp or other Scouting activities dictate that those adults must be registered as leaders with Scouting America and must have completed current Safeguarding Youth Training, including a criminal background check.

Camp Vehicle Policies

Camp Birch has a strict no-driving policy for our participants to keep all potential accidents to a minimum. This includes drivers with state-issued handicap placards. We do have specific handicapped spaces in our parking lot. For those who require transportation throughout camp, arrangements can be made for use of a golf cart to make camp more accessible.

Conduct

The conduct and discipline of all youth and leaders are the responsibility of the unit leaders in camp. The Camp Leadership Team is ready and willing to assist at any time with problems that might arise. Unit committees should be sure that the unit leaders are trained and understand their responsibilities while attending summer camp.

Early Dismissal of Participants

All participants who may need to leave camp early should notify the Camp Director upon arrival at check-in. The early departure of any youth participant must also be coordinated by the leader and parent. In order for the youth participant to be released, they must be signed out in the camp office by their parent/guardian or a person specified on Part B of their Annual Health and Medical Record. Adults departing camp early need to sign out in the camp office. Should any participant (youth or adult) return to camp after leaving, they must sign back in.

Electronics

The use of electronics by Scouts is prohibited on camp property unless given permission by an Area Director.

Emergency Procedures

On your first day in camp, emergency procedures will be reviewed with adults and Scouts. In the event of an emergency, please notify a camp staff member immediately. Please do not attempt to deal with the emergency yourself, regardless of the situation. If the situation seems at all dangerous, the priority is to evacuate all Scouts and leaders from the area.

Footwear

A day at camp is full of running, playing, hiking, and exploring the outdoors. Please make sure that footwear is appropriate and comfortable for the day's activities.

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Health and Safety

Camp is a tight community where pathogens can spread rapidly. It is extremely important that units immediately report all illnesses to our medic. If a participant is sick with nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or fever prior to camp, please leave that person at home to recuperate. The Camp Leadership Team and our health and safety team reserve the right to send a participant to a local healthcare facility to get evaluated if they suspect a participant has a health concern that could affect the health and safety of the camp.

Late Arrivals

Any registered participants or adults who will be arriving outside of the daily check-in time need to notify the Camp Director and check-in at the camp office upon arrival.

Lost and Found

Things get lost. It happens. We understand and want to help reunite Scouts and leaders with their missing stuff. We strongly encourage parents to label all items with their Scout's name and Pack number to aid us in returning items. We will make every effort to match the items to the Scouts. Please leave all valuables at home. Camp Birch is not responsible for any items that are lost or stolen. The lost and found is located in the Turner Building (the Council Service Center).

Pets and Service Animals

Pets of any kind are not permitted in camp at any time. Please do not bring your pet. Be sure to inform any visitors, parent drivers, or guests that they should also leave their pets at home. Pets are not allowed on camp for Family Night. An exception can be made for service animals with appropriate paperwork, with approval from the Camp Ranger.

Personal Property

A Scout is Trustworthy; however, on rare occasions, a Scout is still learning the meaning of that point. Tecumseh Council and Camp Birch cannot be responsible for loss of or damage to personal property at camp. Scouts should be encouraged to leave valuables at home and to take normal precautions of not leaving cash or other valuables lying out in the open. Report any thefts immediately to the Camp Director.

Prohibited Items

Smoking, Vaping, Dipping, or other Nicotine Usage - Scouting America discourages the use of tobacco products, including e-cigarettes and vaporizers. Anyone under the age of 21 is not permitted to possess or use any tobacco or e-cig product. For adults who use these products, they must only be used in the parking lot and kept out of sight of any youth, staff, or leaders.

Alcohol - Alcohol is forbidden at any Scouting America Camp and has no place at Camp Birch. Any person found with alcohol will be removed immediately from camp. Any violation of this policy will result in expulsion from camp property and refusal of a refund.

Illegal Drugs, Narcotics, or Unregistered Prescription Medicines - The possession, usage, or distribution of illegal drugs is prohibited on any property that is owned or operated by Scouting America.

This policy will be strictly enforced for all those who use or visit our camp facilities. Violations will result in immediate expulsion from camp property, refusal of a refund, and will be reported to local authorities.

Other Prohibited Items - Fireworks, personal firearms, bows, arrows, ammunition, and other potentially dangerous items are prohibited at Camp Birch. Only Council-owned firearms and bows may be used at approved ranges, under the supervision of a Certified Instructor, and with Council-provided ammunition. Other firearms, paintball guns, blow guns, or weapons related to martial arts or personal protection will be confiscated. Any violation of this policy will result in expulsion from camp property and refusal of a refund.

Staff Areas

Staff cabins/areas are off-limits to youth and adult campers.

Swimming Attire

Appropriate attire is required for all aquatics activities. Safety is the most important component of our swimwear guidelines. Our focus is on protecting each person's health and safety, while maintaining dignity and respect. Additional swimwear guidelines include:

- Clean
- Designed as swimwear
- Appropriate to the activity
- Secure enough to not shift or fall off while participating in activities
- Infants and toddlers must wear swimwear over diapers (anyone not potty trained must wear a swim diaper)
- T-shirt or additional layer may be allowed if it does not hamper movement in the water

Tree Cutting

Cutting down of standing trees, alive or dead, is prohibited. Please notify the Camp Ranger of any dead trees or branches that pose a safety risk.

Uniform

The uniform is one of the methods of Scouting. The Scout uniform makes the Pack visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Scouting is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each youth's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals. The uniform is practical attire for Scout activities and provides a way for Scouts to wear the badges that show what they have accomplished.

Cub Scouts and leaders are welcome to wear their field uniform at each flag ceremony. During the remainder of the day, the full uniform is not recommended due to heat, hygiene, and practicality. We recommend that during activities, leaders and Scouts should wear their Activity Uniform, or a Scout or camp t-shirt. Cub Scouts and leaders are strongly encouraged to dress up for theme days!

Unpaid Fees

All unpaid fees are due upon arrival at camp.

Vandalism and Destruction of Camp Property

Vandalism is not only contrary to the values of Scouting, but it can also result in significant financial loss, injury, loss of program, and the potential closing of the camp, affected facility, or program area. Any Scout or unit that takes part in vandalizing, destruction, or theft of camp property will be held financially responsible for all losses incurred and possibly may face legal prosecution and expulsion from camp without a refund.

Visitors at Camp

Visitors who are coming into camp must check in at the camp office. If a visitor would like to stay for a meal, they must purchase a meal voucher from the Trading Post. Unregistered visitors will be asked to leave.

Wild Animals in Nature

Camp Birch is nestled in a very wonderful area surrounded by nature preserves and protected land. This means we have a lot of wildlife around us. Please do not hurt, handle, or try to move any of the wildlife. If you have any wildlife issues, please inform the Camp Director as soon as possible so the issue can be resolved. Also, please make sure that no animals are being taken to our Nature Lodge, as we are not an equipped rehabilitation center.

Wristbands

The security and safety of all our campers are paramount. All staff, visitors, and campers, youth and adults, will receive a wristband upon check-in. Wristbands must be worn at all times while on camp property.

DIETARY RESTRICTION FORM

Participant Name _____ Pack Troop Crew # _____

Parent Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Camp: Scouts BSA Summer Camp Cub Scout Day Camp Cub Scout Overnight Camp

Webelos & Arrow of Light Overnight Camp Other _____

Camp/Event Dates _____

Please describe the participant's dietary restriction in detail: _____

Allergy Type: Ingestion Contact Airborne Other

If other, please explain: _____

What is the severity of the allergy (i.e. anaphylactic)?: _____

What are the symptoms experienced by the participant if having a reaction?: _____

Is the allergy controlled by medication? Yes No If yes, what medication?: _____

What is the prescribed dosage of the medication? Does the participant have an epi pen?: _____

What are substitution ideas?: _____

Is here any other information you can provide that would be useful to our food service staff?: _____

Please email to the address below two weeks before the first day of camp!

Questions? Please contact:

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