

Potawatomi Area Council

OPENING DAY CAMPOREE



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LEADER'S GUIDE

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Information for Troops and Participants

Mission and Philosophy

The purpose of [OPENING DAY CAMPOREE](#) (link) is to have **fun**, provide additional **camping opportunities** and provide fellowship programs for **Scouts BSA Male/Female Troops, Venture Crews, Sea Scout Ships and Exploring Posts**. The Camp Long Lake Team facilitates this fun-filled weekend providing youth with three different activities over one weekend:

These activities are:

- **MERIT BADGE PALOOZA**
- **SHOOTING COMPETITION**
- **NEW SCOUTS BSA QUICKSTART**

Since this is a Troop Program, no individual registrations will be accepted, and standard BSA Youth Protection procedures will be in effect. Troops will be expected to assist in meeting 2 deep leadership guidelines during the weekend.

Registration, Fees and Refunds

1. Registration is by Troop – **No Individual Registrations** will be accepted.
2. All Registration will be completed electronically via the council website in the order they are received.
3. **All Fees are non-refundable**, but are transferable to another Scout, if you have a Scout unable to attend.
4. Registration fees **do** include an event **PATCH** as well as **Saturday meals** (breakfast, lunch & dinner)
 - a. Sunday breakfast is on your own

REGISTRATION	MB	QUICKSTART	SHOOT TRIFECTA
EARLY BIRD (before 3/12/26)	\$65	\$65	\$75
REGULAR (after 3/12/26)	\$75	\$75	\$85
LATE (after 3/26/26)	\$85	\$85	\$95

Leadership and Coverage (per BSA YPT standards)

1. It is the responsibility of “each unit” to provide a minimum of two registered adult leaders who are 21 years of age or older while at camp.
2. Two Deep Leadership is required by all Troops and BSA Youth Protection procedures should be followed at all times (**no adult “one on one contact” with youth**).
3. **All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered as an adult volunteer in the unit they are serving.**
 - a. Registration as a merit badge counselor position does not meet this requirement
4. In the event you have scouts who do not want to participate in the provided activities:
 - a. **Troops must provide two-deep leadership for these scouts in camp or your campsite.**
5. **Units can not combine leaders from other units (*) to meet Two Deep Leadership and BSA Youth Protection Standards.**
 - a. (*) The BSA recognizes male (b) and female (g) troops as two separate units
 - b. Two leaders are required from each unit. They MUST be registered in that specific unit.
 - i. **Leaders might be registered for an event with both troops, but they must be registered/approved leaders for the specific unit they are providing leadership to. Each unit is considered separate – and leadership cannot be combined**
 - c. **“The chartered organization representative (COR) must approve the registration of the unit’s adult leaders.**
 - i. <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/>

Link Units

The BSA defines “**Linked units (*)**” as separate male (b) and female (g) units — one for male/boys and one for female/girls — that share a chartered organization and may share some or all of the unit committee. The approach preserves the single-gender unit model.

For female Scouts BSA units:

- There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or older in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth.
- Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age- and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided while at camp.

Details about Youth Protection can be found here: <https://v.ht/BSA-YPT>

Medical Forms

1. **BSA Annual Health and Medical Record form A&B** are **required** for all Participants and Adults. Please be sure all assisting parents are included in addition to any registered adult leaders staying overnight.
2. Troops are required to show “BSA AB Health Forms” for EACH person attending (youth/adult). Forms will be spot checked by the Medical Officer as health forms will NOT be collected from the troops.

Prior to Arrival

1. Additional information on **OPENING DAY CAMPOREE** can be found **HERE**.
 - Questions not covered - **ProgramPAC@Scouting.org**
2. All participants (youth & adult) must complete the **BSA Annual Health and Medical Record form A&B**

On Arrival / Check-in

1. **Staff will be on site Friday night by 6:00 pm for check-in (Health Officer is onsite).**
2. All participants should arrive at Camp Long Lake between 6:00 PM-8:00 PM Friday.
 - a. **NO SATURDAY CHECK-INS ALLOWED.**
3. Check-in will occur one troop at a time in the Center for Scouting (#1 on map) to check-in and turn in BSA Medical form A&B and receive **OPENING DAY SCHEDULE & SITE MAP** for the weekend.
4. Troops will be assigned to campsites based on their registration numbers, and will need to share a site with another troop.
 - a. **PLEASE PLACE TENTS CLOSE TOGETHER**
5. Only **vehicles with trailers** are allowed to go beyond the parking lot.
 - a. **Please obey camp rules and do not drive into the campsites without permission.** The speed limit in camp is 10 mph or less.
 - b. Troops with trailers can leave trailers **hooked up** to their tow vehicles.
 - c. Individual vehicles or vehicles without a trailer are **NOT** permitted overnight in campsites.
6. **No vehicles are permitted to be parked in campsites** for safety of all participants during the weekend.
 - a. **No driving in camp ALL day Saturday.**
7. All Troops are asked to perform a service activity for common facilities – cleaning bathrooms, shower houses, or dining hall facilities, a sign-up sheet will be passed around during orientation. Please volunteer.
8. Buildings will **not** be available for rent:
 - a. **Staff** will be utilizing Kiwanis Sleeping quarters & Rotary Sleeping quarters

9. Each Troop is required to supply one ADULT LEADER & SPL to attend the welcome/orientation meeting on Friday night at 8:15 pm in the Dining Hall.
 - a. Due to the limited staff and to ensure the program staff have enough time to present/oversee activities in the time allotted, **we are unable to check-in Scouts on Saturday morning.**

Facilities and Meals

1. 3 meals will be provided at the Dining Hall for Saturday Morning, noon, and evening
 - a. **OPENING DAY MENU** ([click here](#) - *provided 3 weeks prior of arrival*)
 - i. Saturday Morning Breakfast
 - ii. Saturday Noon Lunch
 - iii. Saturday Evening Dinner
2. Specialty Meals, Allergy, and Religious Restrictions may not be accommodated.
 - a. It is recommended each scout or troop handle these needs on their own with supplemental food needs.
 - b. Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches and a vegetarian option **will** be available for those that have completed the Special Dietary Request **two weeks** prior to the start of the event (ordering window).
 - c. Troop Leadership should communicate **food allergies** at least 2 weeks prior to arriving at camp by completing/updating the DIETARY portion of their Scouts registration in BlackPug.
 - i. ***Food is ordered and minimal alternatives are kept on hand, so our staff will do the best to accommodate.***
3. Serving will be done in a safe and careful manner with protective equipment.
 - a. All staff serving will be wearing gloves and hair restraints.
 - b. All serving areas, tables, and chairs will be sanitized before and after meals with approved sanitizer by the Scouts/adults using each table

Program Information

1. **Opening Day Camporee** (event) offers three separate program activities:
 - a. Youth may only attend one activity
 - i. **MERIT BADGE PALOOZA**
 1. **Merit Badge Prerequisites & limits**
 - ii. **RANGE SHOOTING ACTIVITY**
 - iii. **NEW SCOUTS BSA QUICKSTART**
 1. **Advancement Schedule**

2. **Trading Post** - opens at varying times throughout the weekend providing beverages, snacks and CLL apparel

Merit Badge Palooza

1) ATTENDANCE / NO WALK-INS

- a) Only the Scouts listed on the roster will be allowed to participate in the session - walk-ins will be turned away
- b) Merit Badge Counselors set the number of Scouts for each merit badge offered. To ensure continued support of MBC, Scouts are required to only attend merit badges they are registered for.
- c) In the case a Scout is replacing another Scout from their own troop, the Merit Badge Counselor will ask for that Scout's name to replace on the roster.

2) BLUE CARDS

- a) Blue Cards will NOT be accepted or processed at the event. Completion Reports will be available online with the individual who registered each troop within the Black Pug system.

Check – Out

1. Troops are free to check out Sunday Morning between 8:00 AM-9:30 AM.
 - a. If you are up early, please respect your neighbors and keep the noise at a reasonable level until 7:30 AM.
 - b. Our staff will be available to check out each troop from the **Center for Scouting (#1)**
2. Please take your garbage with you, or drop it in the dumpster by the dining hall.
 - a. Please do not leave any garbage at your campsite.
3. **Please obey camp rules and do not drive multiple cars and trucks into the campsites without a parking pass.** Speed limit in camp is 10 mph or less.
4. **All Troops are asked to perform a service activity as they leave to tidy up common facilities – cleaning bathrooms, shower houses, or dining hall facilities, a sign-up sheet will be passed around during orientation.** Please volunteer.
5. Opening Day patches will be provided for all registered **youth** attendees first, additional patches for adults will be provided on availability.

SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE		
START	FRIDAY	END
6:00 PM	TROOP CHECK-IN (CENTER FOR SCOUTING LOWER #1)	8:15 PM
8:15 PM	COOKING MERIT BADGE MEETING (CENTER FOR SCOUTING UPPER #1)	8:45 PM
8:30 PM	CAMP BRIEFING - SPL & LEADERS MEETING (DINING HALL #2)	8:55 PM
10:00 PM	QUIET HOURS	7:00 AM
START	SATURDAY	END
6:50 AM	OPENING FLAG CEREMONY (DINING HALL #2)	7:00 AM
7:00 AM	BREAKFAST (DINING HALL #2)	7:50 AM
8:00 AM	MORNING ACTIVITY SESSION	12:00 PM
11:30 AM	QUICKSTART LUNCH (DINING HALL #2)	12:00 PM
12:15 PM	MERIT BADGE PALOOZA LUNCH (DINING HALL #2)	1:00 PM
1:15 PM	AFTERNOON PROGRAM	5:15 PM
5:45 PM	FLAG CEREMONY (DINING HALL #2)	6:00 PM
6:00 PM	DINNER (DINING HALL #2)	7:00 PM
7:30 PM	CAMPFIRE - IN YOUR CAMPSITE	10:00 PM
10:00 PM	QUIET HOURS	7:00 AM
START	SUNDAY	END
7:00 AM	Breakfast in your Campsite (by your Troop) - Clean Up Campsite	8:30 AM
8:30 AM	CHECK-OUT - Depart after your campsite is inspected by Staff	9:00 AM

- 1) Adult volunteers needed for Food Service - please wear your hat
- 2) Volunteer Troops needed for morning and evening flag ceremony
 - a) Sign-up at the Friday Leader/SPL meeting
- 3) Volunteer Chaplain needed for prayer/invocation at each meal
 - a) Sign-up at the Friday Leader/SPL meeting

CAMP MAP



- BUILDING AND PROGRAM AREAS**
- 1 CLL CENTER FOR SCOUTING
• OFFICE/CHECK-IN
 - 2 DINING HALL
 - 3 HEALTH LODGE
 - 4 RANGER RESIDENCE
 - 5 MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS
 - 6 BOES CENTER
• TRADING POST
 - 7 NORTH SHOWER FACILITY

- 8 O.A. NATURE CABIN (ECO/CON)
- 9 VALLEY OF THE LORD CHAPEL
- 10 ROTARY LODGE
- 11 SOUTH SHOWER FACILITY
- 12 KIWANIS CABIN
- 13 CLIMBING TOWER
- 14 BOULDERING WALL

- 15 DUAL ZIPLINE
• WELDALL LANDING ZONE
- 16 CAMPCRAFT
- 17 STAFF COMPLEX
- 18 SHOOTING RANGE
- 19 BOATING
- 20 AQUALAND
- 21 PROJECT FIRST CLASS

- 22 TRAIL TO EAGLE
- 23 SUNVIEW PROGRAM AREA
- 24 FISHING PIER
- 25 CAMPMASTER CABIN
- 26 CARL BELOW FLAGPOLE
- 27 FIRE BOWL
- 28 JAMBOREE FIELD

- LEGEND**
- BATHROOM
 - SERVICE ROAD
 - FOOT TRAIL
 - CAMPSITE
 - AED