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2018

Leader's Guide

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Dear Unit Leader:

Welcome to another fun filled summer at Frank S. Betz Cub Scout Family Camp!

Family Camp is a camping and program experience, aimed at Cub Scouts of Tiger through Bear year (1st through 3rd grade). Webelos Scouts (4th Grade), Arrow of Light Scouts (5th Grade), and siblings 5 thru 17 years of age a welcome to fully participate in all program events throughout the weekend. Younger/Older Siblings, and Parents/Guardians are welcome, and encouraged to participate in the program, though some instances may have limits based on age appropriateness.

Our theme this year is "PIRATES of Camp Betz". Our staff is looking forward to assisting you as we spend the weekend celebrating character, bravery and perseverance during your adventures. We are all getting geared up to display the theme throughout the weekend.

All Cubs, siblings, leaders and parents are encouraged to participate in the theme during their stay at Family Camp. Feel free to dress for the part, or bring items to assist in the Pirates theme (props,Etc,(no weapons). We will have games, crafts and projects, in addition to swimming, shooting sports, nature and many other opportunities for advancement and fun!

Parents and Leaders are requested to contact the PTAC.Cubcamping@scouting.org or 1-630-487-3282 if you should have any questions regarding the camp or online registration. Should you have any camp, program or general questions or concerns (Special Assistance, Dietary, or Medical needs, etc), please contact the Camp Directors (info below).

This guide is designed to help you and your parents plan for the best possible experience for your families in your pack. We look forward to being of assistance to you in any way we can. See you at camp!

Yours in Scouting,

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Camp Runs on Central Standard Time

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REGISTRATION DETAILS

Registration Begins: 12/21/17

Registration Ends: One Week before Session Date

Description: 4 separate Sessions are offered.

Session 1: Friday July 13th 5PM to Sunday July 15th 10AM

Session 2: Friday July 20th 5PM to Sunday July 22nd 10AM

Session 3: Friday July 27th 5PM to Sunday July 29th 10 AM

Session 4: Friday August 3rd 5PM to Sunday August 5th 10 AM

Siblings: Siblings of all ages are welcome to participate for the weekend.

0-4 Years Old = Free

5-17 Years Old = Please Register as a Sibling (same Fees as a Cub Scout)

18+ Years Old = Please Register as an Adult

All siblings are not eligible for camperships.

Camper Fee: \$25.00 per Adult (18 and over); \$65.00 Scout/Sibling (5 thru 17 years old).

Late Fee: All Scouts, Siblings, Leaders and Adults not paid in full by June 01 will be charged an additional \$10.00 late fee per person.

Details: Registration and payment can be made (using Credit Card and E-checks) through the Black Pug page specific for this event (online). There are no fees for credit cards or e-checks for Family Camp 2018. Help is also available through the PTAC Camping Help Desk (630) 487-3282 (or PTAC.cubcamping@scouting.org)

Cancellation Policy: A full refund, minus a \$10.00 convenience fee, may be issued 30 days before the event. A 50% refund, minus a \$10.00 fee, may be issued 15-29 days before the event. No refunds will be issued 14 days or less before the event.

Camperships: The Pathway to Adventure Council believes that no Scout should be denied the chance of attending camp because of financial restraints. A limited amount of financial assistance is available for Scouts whose families are experiencing hardships. Campership information and applications are available through the Camping section of the PTAC website:

<http://www.pathwaytoadventure.org/camperships>.

Applications are due April 1st. If you should need more information, or need a form (provided upon request), please contact your local Scout Service Center.

Online Registration: http://www.pathwaytoadventure.org/?load_cms=155

Under Cub Scout Family Camp, Click "Cub Scout Family Camp"

WELCOME TO CAMP BETZ

Camp Frank S. Betz
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<http://pathwaytoadventure.org/camping/frank-s-betz/>

Introduction

The objective of Camp Frank S. Betz is to bring the program and benefits of scouting to as many youth as possible. To that end this guide has been prepared describing the facilities at the Camp Frank S. Betz and the associated rules & regulations.

Camp Frank S. Betz is a 57-acre preserve located on the St. Joseph River near Berrien Springs, MI. The camp has been in continuous service since 1922 and contains a variety of terrain consisting of rugged topography. The camp provides great outdoor opportunities for individual units, district, council, and outsider groups. It is located on Lake Chapin and is within close proximity of Lake Michigan & Warren Dunes State Park. Camp Betz runs on Central Standard Time.

Option 1 “I-94”

Take I-94 East to Bridgman, Michigan, Exit 16. Turn right and proceed into town (1 mile). Turn right on Lake (Shawnee) Road [First Stoplight]. Lake Street turns into Shawnee Road. Proceed 14 miles. Turn Right onto Red Bud Trail [the intersection is a Four Way Stop]. Proceed 1 mile. Turn left onto Snow Road. Proceed for 3/4 of a mile. The Camp Entrance is clearly marked (Blue & Yellow sign) on the right side of the road.

Option 2 “I-90 Tollway”

Take I-90 East to Indiana Toll Road. Continue East on I-80/90. Take the Toll Road to the South Bend/Niles, MI exit (Rt. 31). Exit North to Rt. 31 and continue to Exit 13 (Snow Rd). Exit Snow Road, turn right at the end of the exit ramp and go about 1/4 of a mile East to the Camp Entrance, clearly marked (Blue & Yellow sign) on the left side of the road.

Camp Betz Rules and Regulations

The most current edition of the Guide to Safe Scouting must be followed at all times!!

Prohibited Materials:

1. Absolutely **NO ALCOHOL** or Illicit/Illegal **DRUGS** are permitted at Camp! If found, or if under the influence of either, the offender will be removed from camp. This is a **NO TOLERANCE** Policy.
2. Absolutely **NO WEAPONS** are permitted at camp. No Firearms, Bows, Crossbows, Arrows, Slingshots or Sheath Knives, etc. are allowed. ONLY the provided Archery & BB Guns supplied by the BSA, and used in the Assigned Ranges, overseen by BSA Trained & Certified Shooting Sports Staff, are allowed. Registered Law Enforcement Personnel will be asked not to carry on premises, and lock and stow personal sidearms until camp is concluded. Folding Pocket Knives with a 3" or less blades are allowed, and can be used by Adults and (with their Parent's/Leader's Permission) Cub Scouts that have their Whittling Chip (Totin' Chip for Boy Scouts). Any misuse witnessed by Camp Staff will result in confiscation of the knife, to be returned to the Parent/Leader at the end of Camp.
3. Fireworks of any kind are NOT permitted at Camp.
4. Pets are not allowed at Camp.
5. Noisy Equipment, including Gas Generators, Loud Radios, etc. are not allowed at Camp.

Smoking:

It is the policy of the Boy Scouts to not smoke in front of Scouts, in any buildings or campsites. There are only two designated smoking areas set aside at Camp Betz. 1.) The east side of the Barn (opposite the fuel tanks). 2.) The southside of Thunderbird Dining hall, next to the old bunk house.

Supervision:

All units must be under constant adult supervision at all times. The Guide to Safe Scouting rule of a minimum of two adult leaders for any Scouting outing applies to all units and groups using our camp. Please inform the Camp Director if any leader, adult or family will need to leave the camp property during the weekend.

Vehicles and Trailers:

Camp service roads are rugged in nature and use is limited. **ALL VEHICLES MUST REMAIN OUT OF THE CAMPSITES AND ACTIVITY FIELDS. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DRIVE UP TO YOUR CAMPSITE TO UNLOAD.** Vehicles must stay on the main roads and may NEVER enter campsite. Upon arrival, all participant vehicles MUST park in the main Parking Lot (by the entrance, between Anderson Lodge and Peace Pony). Participant vehicular travel is Restricted to the entrance and Main Parking ONLY, and cannot travel the camp, nor park in the South Lot (reserved for Camp Staff). The camp speed is 5 MPH.

Other motorized vehicles:

Personal "all-terrain vehicle" (ATV), snowmobile, mini-bike, jet-ski, or other motorized transport use is not permitted at Camp Betz.

Campers with mobility limits:

Campers (adults, leaders, scouts, or siblings) that have mobility limitations, that require transport, must notify the Camp Director upon Check-In. A Staff Driven Golf Cart is available for those in need. Exceptions for personal vehicle use will only be made with Medical Documentation, reviewed by the Camp's Health Officer, and approval from the Camp Director.

Campfires:

Ground fires are permitted ONLY in designated fire rings in the camp sites or at the Michigamea Fire Bowl. Fires shall be tended at all times. BSA liquid fuels policies prohibit use of fuel to start fires (no Lighter Fluid). As a safety precaution fire buckets will be maintained at each campsite, if for some reason you don't have one please see your camp director. If a State/County Fire Ban is in place, it will be posted, and NO FIRES will be allowed.

Firewood:

Campsites should be stocked with downed wood. If more firewood is needed please see your Camp Director.

Tree Cutting:

No standing trees are to be cut at any time. Felling of trees is NOT permitted by participants.

Hatchets, Axes, and Chain saws:

The use of a Hatchet, or small axe is permitted to prepare provided firewood, following the guidelines of the BSA. This includes a segregated "Axe" yard used by one Adult leader at a time (No Cub Scouts or Siblings are permitted to use Hatchets/Axes at Camp). The use of chain saws is prohibited, and are not allowed at Camp.

Fishing:

Fishing is not offered at Camp Frank S Betz at this time.

Animals:

Camp Betz has natural wildlife, including deer, wild turkeys, birds, and other creatures. For this reason we do not allow any pets from home to be brought into camp. We also ask that you not take any wildlife home with you. No food of any kind should be kept in or near your tent.

Buddy System:

Camp Betz uses the buddy system throughout the camp. Scouts and siblings are not allowed to walk around camp alone for any reason. They must be with an adult or buddy at all times.

Privacy & Quiet Time:

Each unit deserves privacy. Please stay out of other campsites unless invited. Quiet time is observed from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Lights out at 11 p.m.

Campsite Assignments:

Campsites are assigned based on availability, the size of your group, accessibility medical need, and work projects going on in camp. There are specific Campsites reserved for those with Medical Needs (Accessibility, equipment, etc). Medical Needs should be noted on the participant's Medical Form, and should be communicated to the Camp Director during the registration process. A separate communication to the Camp Director before arrival is encouraged to make sure we can accommodate all those with needs. Request for specific campsites may be honored, if available/possible.

Outdoor Ethics / Leave No Trace:

While staying at camp, we ask all participants to practice Outdoor Ethics and Leave No Trace.

Please respect the camp, nature and your fellow participants, by doing the following:

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces. Camp only in assigned sites, stay on the trails, and build campfires in established pits.

Dispose of Waste Properly. Clean up after your group. Pick up trash if found (even if it isn't yours), use provided trash cans.

Leave What You Find. Take only Pictures, Leave only Footprints. Do not damage plant life, structures buildings & campsites. Leave nature there for the next scouts to enjoy.

Be Considerate of Other Visitors. Please be courteous in behavior to others, respect other's campsites, and help maintain clean washroom facilities.

Poison Ivy:

Camp Betz has Poison Ivy! While campers are encouraged to explore the camp during their free time, they should not leave the trails.

First Aid:

All injuries or illness must be reported to the Camp Health Officer. The Health Officer can be reached via staff walkie-talkie radio or at the Health Lodge. The Health Officer will usually be found at the Health lodge located on the north side of Gilwell Field. If the Health Officer cannot be located at the Health Lodge, please go to Pine Tree (camp office) for help.

Water:

All water in camp comes from three wells that are tested yearly and monitored frequently. You can drink from any of the hydrants in camp. For well water it has a good taste and is cold, but is different from your water at home.

Serving our Campers & Guests with Disabilities:

The Pathway to Adventure Council and the Boys Scouts of America are fully committed to providing facilities and programs that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Most buildings, shower facilities and most program areas within Camp Betz are accessible to individuals with disabilities. Please contact the Camp Director in advance for guidance on campsite selection.

Please see any of the key staff for personal attention to all matters of handicap accessibility and accommodation. Your understanding, patience and support of our commitment to improving the facilities and program accessibility of Camp Betz for people who have disabilities is deeply appreciated.

THE LEADER'S/PARENT'S ROLE AT CAMP

The role of leaders and parents at Camp Betz is just as important as the staff. Your job as a leader, teacher, coach, parent, and disciplinarian is vital to the success of your Pack's weekend at camp. By bringing your Cubs and Webelos to Camp Betz this summer, you will be providing them with an experience of a lifetime. These young boys will look to you for constant leadership and motivation while at camp. Some of the important functions you will need to accomplish at camp are:□

- Set the example by making sure that all leaders and parents/guardians exhibit the Scouting Spirit as they prepare for the day's events.
- Maintain a high standard of moral personal behavior at all times.
- Make sure that Scouts and leaders are dressed in Scouting uniforms for the evening flag ceremony.
- See that the boys shower, use the bathrooms and latrines properly and change their clothes
- Supervise behavior and manners at meals
- Keep an eye out for the homesick Cub Scout
- Make sure your Scouts obey the camp rules.
- Be mindful of an "excluded Scout"; help him to be welcomed by the other Scouts.
- Keep a clean campsite.
- Help each Cub Scout to fully enjoy the camp program and experience.
- Assist the Camp Staff at program areas in providing a quality program for your Cubs. Remember the staff is there to provide the program.

This is a tall order, but if you discuss the important role of the leader at camp with your fellow leaders and parents before arrival, then everyone will be better prepared to provide an outstanding experience for your Cubs and Webelos.

REQUIRED SUPERVISION

State Health and Safety Codes require that "as a minimum there shall be visual or verbal communication capabilities between the campers and leaders or counselors during activities and a method of accounting for the campers' whereabouts at all times."

YOUR ROLE AT THE PROGRAM THEME AREAS

Two or three camp personnel will be at each Program Area. However, your help and cooperation may be needed. Some program areas may have as many as 30 or 40 youth at one time. To adequately serve these youth, it is necessary that you help as a disciplinarian and coach. The staff is trained in providing the program and has the material to do so. However, because of age, some of the youth may require one-on-one coaching. If a staff member gives that type of attention to a few youth, then other will lose out. When in doubt ask the staff how you can help.

REQUIREMENTS FOR LEADERS/ADULTS

These requirements are grouped into two categories: Attending with/as a Pack & Attending as a Single Family.

Requirements for Leaders & Adults attending with/as a Pack:

- All packs attending Family Camp at Camp Betz must provide at least two adult leaders and/or parents.
- Packs must provide for at least a 1 to 5 ratio of adults to your members.
- One of these adults must be at least 21 years of age and a registered leader.
- All other leaders must be at least 18 years of age.
- At least one adult must have BALOO training.
- The chartered institution (Charter Organization Representative) must approve Pack Leadership who will attend.
- Although a Parent/Guardian is not required for each Scout (except in the case of Tiger Scouts), we recommend that all parents attend with their sons and serve as additional leadership for the Pack.
- Tiger Cubs must have their adult partner attend.
- *All adults attending at Family Camp at Camp Betz must have their current Youth Protection Training (within 2 years)*
- Following the Guidelines of Youth Protection, Youth can ONLY cohabitate (Sleep in the same Tent) as their own Parent(s). No “multi family tents” are allowed. If youth attend without their Parent(s), they must sleep in a separate Youth ONLY Tent, with a Buddy of the same gender. (For Example: Two or more unrelated Male scouts can sleep in a tent without adults to accommodate scouts without parents attending)

Requirements for Adults attending as a Family (not as a Pack):

- Scouts attending without their Pack, must have a Parent attend as well.
- *All adults attending at Family Camp at Camp Betz must have their current Youth Protection Training (within 2 years)*
- Following the Guidelines of Youth Protection, Youth can ONLY cohabitate (Sleep in the same Tent) as their own Parent(s).
- The Camp Director will assign single Families into Groups, of Other Single Families, or with a Pack, so that the leadership ratios listed in the “Pack” section above are met for each Group. They will share a Campsite with others. No Single Family will be assigned a campsite or be the only members in a Group.

WHAT TO EXPECT: A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF FAMILY CAMP

Arrival:

Please try to have your entire party arrive at the same time in between 4 P.M. and 6 P.M. on the Friday of the weekend you are staying at Family Camp. Camp will not be open earlier.

CAMP BETZ RUNS ON CENTRAL STANDARD TIME!

Pack Guide:

Upon your arrival, a staff member will greet you and serve as your guide for the remainder of the weekend. His/Her job is to see that your first impression is a good one and that your immediate needs are met. After Check-In and Medical Check, He/She will proceed with your Scouts on an orientation hike through camp.

Unit Check-In:

The unit's check-in will take place in Pine Tree (*Camp Betz Office*) with one of the Camp Management Team. Please bring the following:

1. A copy of your unit roster (for Packs that are attending, *See Form Attached*)
2. A copy of medical forms A&B for each camper, **INCLUDING ALL ADULTS** (even if sent via "Pre Check In)
3. **A copy of each Adult's Youth Protection Certificate**
4. Any remaining fees that may be due.

Every Cub Scout and Leader will have to go through a medical check at this time. All individuals will receive a wristband which must be worn at all times during their weekend at camp. Unit Leaders will receive the Family Camp Packet (including Group Assignment, assigned Campsite, Camp Maps, Emergency Protocols, and weekend schedule, along with any program materials to be distributed).

Medical Check:

Every person who attends camp will have a medical check upon arrival. The medical staff may need to review and discuss a person's medical form for clarification. Bring all medication with you, both prescription and over-the-counter, in the original container, to the medical recheck table. Disclosure of Allergies should be listed on the Medical Forms A&B. There will be no provisions for medical examinations at camp.

Swim Check:

Swim Checks are not needed for Family Camp at Camp Betz. While at Waterfront, the Aquatics Director and lifeguard staff will be on duty. Parents are asked to aid in lookout, for the safety of the children.

Orientation Hike:

Following Check-In and Medical Check, your Pack Guide will take you on an Orientation Hike around Camp. He/She will show you the location of your campsite, as well as the facilities and activity areas of the camp. They will also review the Emergency Protocols that were distributed in the Family Camp Packet.

Uniforms:

Through the day, encourage the scouts to wear either a Unit t-shirt or other Cub Scout t-shirt. Cub Scouts and Leaders ARE to wear their Full "Field"/"Class A" Uniforms for Saturday Dinner, and Flag Retrieval, as well as Breakfast and Vespers on Sunday. Unit leaders should check for complete uniforms. Please note that National Policy **does not** permit the wearing of camouflage.

Food:

All meals will be prepared and served by Camp Staff, and the whole camp will eat together.

The following Meals will be served:

- Full Breakfast Saturday Morning
- Lunch Saturday Afternoon
- Dinner Saturday Evening
- Continental Breakfast Sunday Morning.

No meal or food will be served Friday Evening. Please schedule time to eat before arrival.

Snacks are permitted at camp, BUT must not be kept inside tents, and must be stowed to prevent attracting wildlife. All Trash must be disposed of in Lidded Garbage Cans located in each campsite, and throughout the camp.

A Special Treat will be distributed to each campsite after the conclusion of program Saturday Night.

Program Schedule:

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Here is a quick summary of the Program Schedule at Family Camp: (Breaks and "Down Time" will be built into the day's schedule)

Friday 4pm-6pm: Arrival, Check-In, Orientation Hike

Friday Evening: Set Up Camp, Youth Program Activity.

Lights Out 11pm.

Saturday 6am-7am Late Arrival Check-In

Saturday Morning: Opening Ceremony, followed by Breakfast

Start of Program (Station Rotation)

Saturday Afternoon: Lunch, then return to Program (Station Rotation)

Saturday Evening: Complete Program (Station Rotation), Flag retrieval Ceremony, Dinner.

Saturday Night: Campfire Program (Songs & Skits by Staff and Campers), followed by Treats at Campsites, Ending with Lights Out 11pm.

Sunday Morning: Morning Flag Ceremony, followed by Continental Breakfast.

Vespers/Scout's Own Service located at Chapel.

Packing Up, and Campsite Cleanup.
Conclusion of Family Camp, exit camp 10am

General Notes concerning Family Camp:

Please dress appropriate for the weather. Most all the activities at camp will be held outdoors, so pack appropriately. Even in the summer, the temperature at Camp Betz can range quite a bit from morning, through the day and into evening, so please bring clothes for the day, and for a potentially cooler morning & evening (light coats, pants, etc). Be prepared for possible inclement weather, by bringing rain gear (raincoats, or ponchos), and extra socks, etc to help keep dry. We will be walking throughout camp to different areas for activities, so proper footwear is required. Close toed shoes are required while in camp. Sandals and flip flops (or open toe shoes) cannot be worn while traversing camp, but can be worn for use in the shower facilities.

Part of our activities for Family Camp include waterfront activities (Swimming, Canoeing pontoon style), so bring swimwear, towels, and swim shoes (which are required). Rain gear (coats and ponchos) can also serve to keep dry and warm while boating on the lake."

Food will be prepared and served at meal times, and water will be available at stations throughout the camp. The Trading Post will have Snacks, Refreshments, Scout gear/ souvenirs, (including Camp Tee Shirts), available for purchase. Cash Only, so please inform the Parents, that funds for Scouts and Siblings are appropriate.

Suggested Packing List for Family Camp

Each Person:

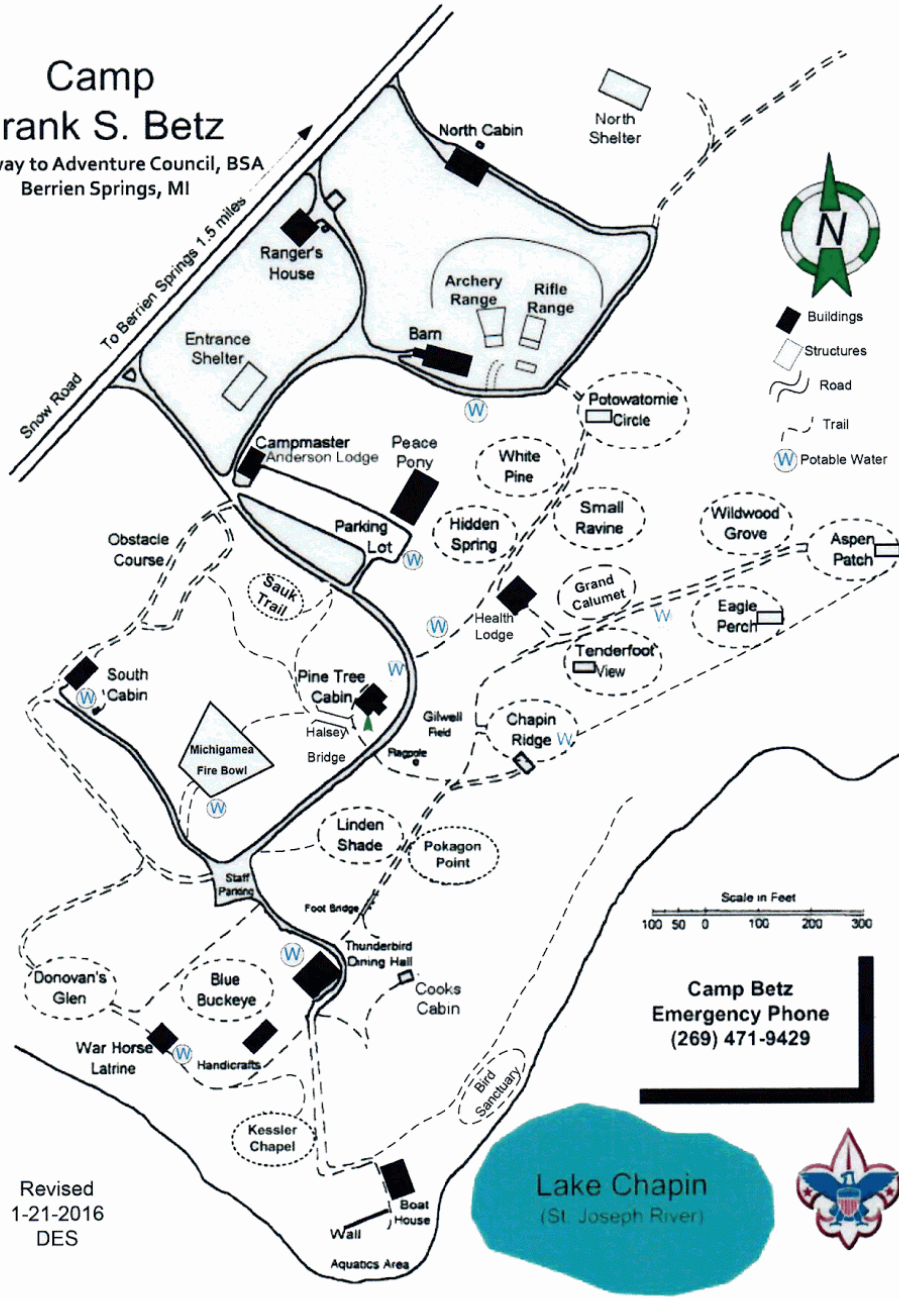
Sleeping bag
Sleeping pad (for comfort - foam, cot, etc)
Flashlight
Clothes
Swimwear (including REQUIRED swim Shoes)
Extra Socks
Hat
Cub Scout/Leader uniform
Pajamas or sleepwear
Jacket, gloves, and warm cap,
as required by weather
Durable, **close toed shoes**
Canteen or water bottle
Toiletries

Each Family:

Tent
Tent Stakes
Rubber Mallet
Ground Cloth
Sunscreen
Camp Chair(s)
Bug Spray
Funds for Trading Post

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