



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

PATHWAY TO ADVENTURE COUNCIL

Summer Camp 2017 FAQ

PTAC is home to 12 unique summer camp programs located at 14 camping sites in Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin. There is a program for every Scout and his family this summer!

Here is EVERYTHING you need to know about PTAC Camps!

Why attend a PTAC Summer Camp?

Summer Camp programs deliver Scoutings' promise of adventure in the great outdoors, while supporting the aims and methods of Scouting. It truly is the greatest example of a game with a purpose, and what a fun game! Our Nationally Accredited programs offer unique, safe, fun and innovative programs specifically designed for your Scout, and help him to advance in Scouting. We offer programs for Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, and families!

How do I find out more about the camps PTAC offers?

1. Visit our websites:

www.pathwaytoadventure.org/camping is our main webpage home to all the offerings PTAC has in the great outdoors!

www.boyscoutcamping.org is our site that showcases our Boy Scout Summer Camps: Napowan and Owasisippe.

www.cubscoutcamping.org is our site that showcases our Cub Scout Summer Camps: Cub Scout Day Camp, Camp Betz Cub Scout Family Camp, Reneker Family Camp, Adventure Camp Cub Scout and Webelos Camp, and Carlen Webelos Camp.

2. Take part in our Cub Scout and Boy Scout Camp Promotion Games to give your Scouts a chance to win big prizes, and instantly win!

Send all PTAC Cub Scouts to www.pathwaytoadventure.org/cubcampgame

Send all PTAC Boy Scouts to www.pathwaytoadventure.org/boyscoutcampgame

3. Grab your 2017 Summer Camp Promotion Package of Resources and Info!

Every Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop in PTAC has a great package of resources, prize game info, and camp info waiting for them in their district. This packet is a one stop shop of info to help you communicate offerings and excitement to your entire unit. Contact your district camping team, OA chapter, or District Executive to get yours today! As a special bonus for Cub Scout Packs Blue and Gold Placemats are also available upon request from any service center, free of charge!

4. Sign up for promotion help!

Need a member of our team to assist you in promoting summer camp? Sign up for a promotion helper today by clicking the camp promotion sign up button at our camping homepage.

5. Check out our summer camp fact sheets, and promotions booklets:

Go to: www.pathwaytoadventure.org/camping/resources Here is where you will find info on all our camps, locations, dates, fees, and basic program features.

6. Attend one of our FREE camping events!

We will be hosting FREE events for your Scouts and Units at Cabelas or at many of our camps this year. See our main camping homepage for info as events are being announced!

What is NEW and EXCITING at Camp this Summer?

Cub Scout Day Camp: CUBSTRUCTION is our theme, come prepared to build some fun! From LEGO construction projects, to heavy equipment and hands on projects Day Camp promises to be the best. Don't worry, all your Day Camp favorites like shooting sports and games are still on the agenda. With 10 locations across the Council there is a date and location for every Cub Scout and his family!

Camp Betz Family Camp in Berrien Springs, MI: Get your family tent out and get set for fun and adventure along the St. Joseph river! Enjoy camping, great food, shooting sports, games, crafts, swimming, boating, and exciting campfires at Betz this summer, and don't forget to bring the entire family!

Adventure Camp in Rochelle, IL: Cub Scout Packs and Dens looking for an unforgettable overnight experience should pack up and head to Adventure Camp this summer. Enjoy the giant pirate ship, great fishing, lake swimming, boating, shooting sports, exciting campfires, our giant waterslide, and camping under the stars. Food is included, along with our hot showers and flush rest rooms, and if you need a tent and ground pad we have that ready for you as well! All Webelos should make sure to attend the special Webelos only sessions this summer as we have special program ONLY for Webelos! This program prepares your Webelos to cross over to Boy Scouting and the adventure of Boy Scout Summer Camp.

Carlen Webelos Camp at Owasippe Scout Reservation in Twin Lake, MI: All Webelos should pack up and head to Carlen for the summer camp of a lifetime. Enjoy an entire camp specially designed for Webelos! Your adventure starts in our tent village, equipped with cots and mattresses. Each tent village site also includes hot showers and flush rest rooms. Carlen has a large pool for swimming, its own docks to board your boats for a fishing adventure, BB Gun and Archery range, Big Top tent where meals are held, trails to hike, firebowl campfire programs, and more await you at Carlen! All Webelos should make sure to attend the special Webelos only sessions this summer as we have special program ONLY for Webelos! This program prepares your Webelos to cross over to Boy Scouting and the adventure of Boy Scout Summer Camp.

Reneker Family Camp at Owasippe Scout Reservation in Twin Lake, MI: Reneker is home to 40 family cabins in its own unique camp site. The camp has its own family swimming pool, tennis courts, craft area, trails, BB Gun/Archery Range, and a staff ready to help your family have the adventure of a lifetime. Enjoy a weeklong experience, or new this summer book your stay by the night. Enjoy hot meals delivered to you via our “Reneker Room Service” program, or you can even pre-order groceries if you prefer to cook yourself! This summer we will offer an all new program where your Cub Scouts (and his siblings) can complete many outdoor activities that will qualify your Cub Scout for the Outdoor Activity Award, and will qualify his siblings for a special recognition for participating as well!

Napowan Boy Scout Summer Camp in Wild Rose, WI: New this summer enjoy our all new wild west shooting sports area, all new older scout program, and our all new “Eagle Oasis” program area where your Scouts can work on any requirement through First Class. This summer our popular C.A.P program has been totally re-designed and enhanced. We can’t wait for you to join us this summer! We are planning more great enhancements to our dining pavilion, and remember patrol style cooking is also available at your Troop’s request.

Blackhawk and Wolverine Boy Scout Camps at Owasippe Scout Reservation in Twin Lake, MI: Try and new merit badge, jump on the Owasippe Adventure Shuttle, or try something extreme in our High Adventure program. Blackhawk is home to our dining hall style camping, while Wolverine offers unique “Hot Pack” fully cooked patrol style meals, or choose to cook yourself with patrol cooking available at your Troop’s request. This summer we will have an all new program schedule featuring a 5-day schedule that gives our Scouts flexibility to plan their week of adventure. More open program time, and an all new Pathfinder Area program where your Scouts can work on any requirement through First Class. To cap it all off our older Scouts will enjoy the all new Ultimate Owasippe Adventure Program with a sampling of different high adventure programming each day. Troops with leaders that attend this program can even convert this day program into a weeklong trek program!

How do we register for Summer Camp and make payments?

HOW?

Head to www.boyscoutcamping.org or www.cubscoutcamping.org and click on the camp of your choice, there you will find a “Register” button that will take you to our online registration

system for summer camp. Remember Boy Scout Troops register as a Troop, and Cub Scouts should check with their Pack as some Packs register as a Pack, and some ask their families to make reservations as individual families.

WHERE?

All payments for PTAC summer camps are made online in this registration system. Boy Scout Troops paying for Boy Scout Camp must pay with a check online, Packs/Families paying for Cub Scout or Family Camp may pay with a check online or a credit card online. Check our camping homepage for a list of webinars you can join that walk you through the online system. This all new system allows units the option to open up access to all families in the unit so they can register and make payments online as well, which all funnel up to the unit registration so the unit can submit payments and names.

WHEN?

Boy Scout Troops may register online now to hold their site at Owasippe or Napowan. \$100 holds your site. Full payment of all fees for Troops are due on or before May 15.

Cub Scout Packs and Families may register online now, \$5 per Cub Scout holds your spot. A minimum of \$5 for each Cub Scout must be received online before May 1. Final payment of all balances must be made on or before June 1.

We recommend a Unit "Sign Up for Camp" night in each unit in April where the unit can share information, take sign ups, and if they like payments from families. This way it is easier for the unit to go online, make commitments on number of people attending camp, and make payments.

How do Boy Scouts register for Merit Badges and programs at Boy Scout Camp?

In early February our all new online program registration system will open. As mentioned above, this system will give the unit administrator the option of opening registration to individual Scouts/Families to register for merit badges and programs online. The system will show all available programs, times, and capacity. Each Scout can then print his schedule when complete. The system also tracks all Scouts schedules so unit leaders can print schedules of all their Scouts. At camp the system tracks attendance and requirement completion so our staff can keep our leaders up to date always. Make sure to attend one of our webinars on this new system to learn more and get up to speed!

How do we get more specific info on each Camp?

Leaders Guides are prepared for each specific camp in PTAC. Boy Scout Leaders guides are released on our webpage in early February while Cub Scout Camps and Family Camps are released in early March. These guidebooks contain schedules, must know info on the camp program, policies and procedures, what to bring lists, contact info, forms, and much more that is specific to each camp.

Leaders meetings will also occur around the council this spring, hosted by our camp leadership. This is your chance to hear specific items our camp leadership feel are important to review, and your chance to ask your questions direct to camp staff and leadership. Check our camping homepage as dates and locations will be announced as they are confirmed.

My Scout cannot attend with his unit, can he still go to camp?

You bet! Contact our camping help desk and we will be happy to match your Boy Scout with a nearby Troop before camp so your family can arrange for him to attend the camp and session of your choice. Cub Scout families can always sign up and attend any camp and any session as individuals if the dates and camps the Pack has selected do not match a family schedule.

How do we pre-order cool camp t-shirts, sweatshirts and more?

Visit our online store at <http://www.ptac.sgtradingpost.online> to pre-order camp merchandise for your Scout or entire unit! Some items can be customized including Troop or Pack numbers on T-Shirts!

How does a Scout who needs financial assistance apply for a Campership?

Send the family to apply online at www.pathwaytoadventure.org/campership The form is available in English and Spanish. To help your Scout get the most aid available please make certain they apply by April 1 at the latest. Applications will not be turned away after the deadline, but most the funding will be allocated to applicants who meet this April 1 deadline.

How does one apply to be a part of the best Summer Camp Staff in the BSA?

PTAC is always looking for energetic, friendly camp staff applicants for all of its camps! Those interested in a paid staff position, volunteer staff position, or counselor in training position (CIT) should head online to apply at www.pathwaytoadventure.org/camping/campstaff

How do we get more help or an answer to a question that is not listed above?

Contact our PTAC Camping Help Desk 24-7!

We are excited and ready to answer any camping question about PTAC Camping, please contact us:

PTAC.Camping@Scouting.org

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