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Pathway to Adventure Council
The Pathway to Adventure Council service center, located in Arlington Heights, can help you with any questions concerning reservations and payments:

Pathway to Adventure Council Camping Department
617 E. Golf Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Help Desk: PTAC.Camping@Scouting.org
or by phone 630-796-4260
Online at: pathwaytoadventure.org

Direct link to Reneker: www.pathwaytoadventure.org/camping/reneker

Owasippe Contact Information
Owasippe’s mailing address:

Name
Owasippe Scout Reservation – Camp Reneker
9900 Russell Road Twin Lake, MI 49457

In the event of an emergency during the camping season, you may call or fax information to the following numbers:

Owasippe Phone (231) 894-4061
Owasippe Fax (231) 828-2002
Reneker Email campreneker@pathwaytoadventure.org

**Remember, Owasippe is on Eastern Time, one hour LATER than Chicago’s time.**
Letter from the Reneker Camp Director

Hello Reneker Campers,

Welcome and thank you for your interest in attending Camp Reneker Family Camp located at America’s oldest and premier scout camp, Owasippe Scout Reservation! This summer, the Reneker staff will celebrate Owasippe’s 109th year and Reneker’s 56th summer! We are so excited to announce that this year, we will be exploring space with our theme Out of This World at Reneker!

Trust that our staff is prepared to do everything we can to make your stay comfortable, relaxing, adventurous, educational and fun! The friendly, knowledgeable, and energetic staff is eagerly awaiting to begin the camping season with you.

This year, with a combination of new and returning staff members, we have prepared the ultimate family camp experience by developing age specific programs for campers ages 4 through adults. Mornings within these groups will be filled with creating memories in designated age groups during activities such as hikes, crafts, swim instruction, and nature and scout activities. The afternoons at Reneker offer the opportunity to learn new, personal skills through the scouting program such as swimming, hiking, team games, marksmanship (BB guns and archery), nature and conservation projects and/or craft projects for both adults and children, to name a few! In the evenings, there are plenty of activities planned to act as a mobilizer for quality family time such as family scavenger hunts and family games. But we also enjoy seeing the friendships that begin between families that have met at camp; so, we have many activities, such as potluck and the ice cream social, that will allow families to meet and get to know each other.

Reneker families also have the opportunity to participate in many of the outposts Owasippe has to offer across the reservation. These exciting activities include: horseback riding, sailing, Low C.O.P.E. (team building course), High C.O.P.E. (high ropes course), climbing, river tubing, canoeing, and mountain biking.

Reneker’s camp call is “Go For It!,” and that is exactly what we want you to do this summer. Whether you are nervous about High C.O.P.E., taking your swimmer’s test, or even coming to camp, we challenge you to Go For It and let us show you just how much you are capable of. Our goal is to enable you to participate in fun and rewarding challenges while you are there. We hope that your time at Reneker will be full of relaxation, adventure, and Go For It moments!

This Parent’s Guide will give you some insight about how camp functions, what to expect, and will offer you answers to many of your questions. We hope that you find it helpful! On behalf of the Reneker staff and the whole Owasippe family, we look forward to your arrival and to spending an unforgettable week with you and your family making lifelong memories!

Yours in Scouting,

[Signature]

Allison Betke
Reneker Camp Director
Overview of Camp Reneker

For five decades, Camp Reneker has provided quality camping experiences to Scout families at a very modest cost. Nestled at the south end of Owasippe Scout Reservation, Reneker provides outdoor recreation programs for the parents and children of Scouting families and non-Scouting families alike.

One way to ensure that you experience all that Reneker has to offer, is to participate in the camp’s planned program activities each day. Each morning, campers ages four through adults are invited to join our age-group programs led by one of our energetic staff members. Here, participants will hike, create craft projects, play sports and games, sing songs, perform fun science experiments, participate in swim instruction, learn or develop skills, and participate in activities and a service project. Each afternoon and evening, campers are welcome to participate in different individual and family activities, as well as social events.

Surrounded by the forests of Owasippe, Reneker campers have many opportunities for fun in the natural beauty of the outdoors. Guided by experienced staff, campers may hike to the nearby Quaking Bog, (one of the natural wonders of Owasippe), to the E. Urner Goodman Scouting Museum, Chief Owasippe’s Grave, or to Paradise Valley. If sports are what you enjoy, you can play a game of volleyball, shoot baskets, or perfect your marksmanship skills on our archery/BB gun range, among others! Campers may also take advantage of other opportunities Owasippe has to offer, such as a trail ride at the Diamond O Ranch, climbing at the climbing wall, participating in Project C.O.P.E., or sailing on beautiful Big Blue Lake at the Fossett Sailing Base.

Afternoons can be spent enjoying the warmth of the wonderful Michigan weather at our swimming pool. Reneker offers a full aquatic program, including both instructional and recreational swimming as recommended by the Boy Scouts of America. Under the guidance of certified lifeguards and swim instructors, children and adults may participate in swimming lessons, afternoon and evening recreational open swims, and/or the mile swim program. Our facility includes a large swimming pool with a staircase entry and a wading pool.

Every evening Reneker campers have an opportunity to get to know one another through program activities, such as: Family Activity Night and Ice Cream Social, Potluck Dinner, Camp Cooking, or Closing Campfire, which align with a theme that is fun for all ages. These events offer an opportunity to meet new people and develop friendships, or rekindle old ones. Camp Reneker also provides easy access to the many resources of the western Michigan region.

Reneker has its own trading post which is open at various times throughout the day. In addition to souvenir T-shirts and other Owasippe memorabilia, the post also sells a few grocery items, ice-cream, soda, and candy. Campers may also visit the main trading post at the Ad Center complex, or travel to nearby Whitehall for additional groceries and other supplies.
Camp Facilities

**Cabins**
Reneker provides camper families with a rustic cabin that sleeps 4-5 people. Each cabin consists of two bedrooms with bunk beds, a closet, and a dresser/mirror. Cabins are also equipped with an electric stove and oven, refrigerator, kitchen sink, table and chairs, wash-up sink, and a sofa.

**Bathrooms**
Toilets, showers, and laundry facilities are centrally located in a sanitary unit, or “KYBO”, in the middle of each 20-cabin site. Each sanitary unit includes six bathrooms, each of which include a toilet, shower, and sink. In the large front room are two sets of coin-operated washers and dryers, as well as two wash sinks. Campers must provide their own detergent.

**Playgrounds**
Each site, or “side” of 20 cabins also includes a centralized park with playground equipment and park benches.

**Garbage**
Each camping side has several dumpsters or garbage racks near the cabins. Please replace cover securely to help keep animals out of the garbage. They are located in areas near the cabin parking lots, as well as near the camp office.

**Camp Office/Circus Tent**
The camp office and circus tent area are busy areas during program hours. While you are at the circus tent participating in an activity, be sure to stop in the camp office to speak with the Camp Director about anything you may need help with. You may also borrow a board game or book from the office to use under the circus tent or bring back to your cabin. During off hours, we request that you use the camp office only in case of emergency. The camp radio, to be used by campers only in an emergency, is located here.

**Reneker Trading Post**
The Reneker Trading Post is your one-stop shop for Owasippe apparel and novelty items, ice cream, candy, soda pop, and other sundries. The Main Trading Post located at the Ad Center has an even larger selection for your Scouting and apparel needs.

**Pool**
Open during most program hours, the Reneker aquatics area is usually a main area of fun and activity. After you have completed your swim check, you are invited to cool down in our rocket-ship shaped pool!
Arrival and Departure

Check-In

Check-in is held on Sunday afternoon, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in front of the camp office. Those arriving after 4:00 p.m. will be checked in following Orientation which starts at 7 p.m. (your key will be on your table). Owasippe is approximately 210 miles from Chicago, and the trip takes about 3.5 - 4.5 hours. Owasippe is on Eastern Daylight Time. For directions, please see the Appendix. The check-in process has several steps, all of which take place in the camp office/circus tent area. After checking in, a Reneker staff member will escort you to your designated cabin and inspect the cabin with you. Make sure you bring your medical forms to check-in!

Step 1: Initial Check In
During the first step of check-in, each registered family will submit a completed roster, and a vehicle registration form. Campers will also make sure that their account is current and all cabin fees are paid. Finally, campers will receive the wristbands that are required to be worn in camp for the duration of their stay, as well as the vehicle permits that must be kept on the dashboard of any vehicle parked in camp.

Step 2: Medical Recheck and Buddy Tags
The next step of check-in includes the medical recheck process and issuing of buddy tags. All campers staying at Reneker must complete the Annual Health and Medical record and complete a medical re-check as required by the BSA, and submit a copy of the record for the camp to keep. Please see the Health and Medical Record Policy in this manual. A copy of the Annual Health and Medical record is available on our resource page. After medical re-checks, each camper will be issued a buddy tag with their cabin number written on it. This buddy tag is to be used to gain admittance to the pool, and will be kept at the buddy board outside the pool gate.

Step 3: Cabin Keys
Finally, campers will be issued their cabin key and will be shown to their cabin. This is a great time to ask any questions and to get familiar with the layout of camp.

Swim Checks

After completing check-in and moving into your cabin, it is a good idea to complete a swim check. In order to swim in the deep section of the pool, or to participate in sailing, tubing, or boating at camp, campers must complete the standard BSA Swimmer Test. The swimmer will have completed their test once they have been cleared by our BSA trained Aquatics staff. Swim checks will be given on Sunday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., as well as at 2:45, 3:45, and 4:45 p.m. Monday-Friday. Just come to the pool!
Orientation

Camp Reneker orientation takes place on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. sharp under the circus tent. All campers are required to attend orientation where they will meet the camp staff and learn about the overall program; campers will also receive the weekly schedule, including activities, times and fees.

While the adults review camp policies and ask any questions they may have, the children will meet the staff responsible for their age-group activities and tour Camp Reneker. The children will also meet new friends and discover the exciting week of fun and adventure planned for them. Reneker staff is also available during the week to answer questions and ensure your understanding of our policies and programs!

Program Registration

Immediately following the orientation, campers should enroll in the various programs offered by the camp. Fees vary with each activity, and programs that require fees include all morning age-group programs, crafts/food activities, and outposts (climbing, C.O.P.E, horseback riding, sailing, etc). Fees will be paid Friday afternoon at “settlement” with the Camp Director or Assistant Camp Director, or earlier if necessary. All fees must be paid before campers leave to go home.

Early Arrival

A $75 early arrival fee applies to any Reneker campers who arrive on Saturday. Early-arrival campers should go directly to the camp office to start the check-in process, and should be aware that there will not be any program or staff support available until Sunday at 12:00 p.m. Campers will be required to complete the check-in process between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Check Out

The Reneker staff cleans every cabin prior to the opening of camp to ensure they are ready for occupancy. In turn, the Reneker staff expects campers to leave the cabin as clean, if not cleaner, than they found it upon arrival and ready for the next camper. The staff is available at A and B side laundry rooms between 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. on Saturday to check out cabins. Upon staff approval at checkout, damage deposits are returned to campers during your final checkout under the circus tent. Campers are asked to adhere to the 10:30 a.m. checkout time. Please complete the following checkout procedures:

- Empty, clean, and defrost the refrigerator, turn to #2 setting
- Clean oven and burners and make sure stove is turned off
• Clean kitchen sink, wash-stand, and counters
• Wipe shelves and furniture
• Empty wastebaskets and deposit garbage in garbage racks, securing the can’s lid
• Check drawers, cabinets, under beds, cushions, and sofa for personal items
• Sweep and mop the floor (mops are located in the laundry room)
• Pick up litter in the area around the cabin
• Close all windows, EXCEPT the transom windows
• Report any problems with your cabin to the checkout staff

*******When your cabin is clean and mopped, please see a staff member in the laundry room to check out your cabin. From there proceed to the camp office for final checkout, return of your key deposit, and register for next year!!!!

Late Checkout: If campers have not had their cabins checked by a staff member by 11:00am, they will be subject to a $30 late checkout fee.

2021 Registration

At the time of settlement on Friday, Reneker campers may choose to reserve a cabin for the same period the following year by paying a non-refundable deposit. On the following Saturday of the current period, reservations open for any others to reserve cabins for that period of the following year. Cabins will only be reserved with a paid deposit. For more information about the Reneker Cabin Reservation policy, please visit www.pathwaytoadventure.org

Reneker Camp Policies

Alcohol, Drugs, Smoking
• The consumption, possession, and/or use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or controlled substances while participating in the Scouting program and/or on Scouting property is not permitted.
• Violations of all local, state, and federal laws will be reported.
• Violators will be asked to leave Owasippe property.
• Adults must refrain from smoking while in proximity of underage campers.
• Smoking is strictly prohibited in all buildings on Owasippe property, including Reneker cabins. Cabin Occupancy

Each Reneker cabin is equipped to comfortably accommodate 5 campers. Occupancy of the Reneker cabins is a maximum of 5 people.

Camper Security

Wristbands
Upon arrival, Reneker campers will be issued wristbands to be worn throughout the week. The wristbands are used to properly identify those individuals who belong in camp and it is required that all campers across the reservation adhere to this policy to keep everyone safe. If a wristband becomes misplaced or ripped, the camp office will gladly replace it. All visitors must report to the camp office to receive a visitor wristband.
Staff Name Tags
Camp staff and camp volunteers are issued an Owasippe name tag that is to be worn at all times while on the property. Food service staff has a special uniform that identifies them. Anyone not showing a proper identification may be stopped and questioned by a staff member or camper. Visitors should be directed, and if necessary escorted, to the camp office and/or Ad Center to check in properly and receive a wristband. Trespassers will be escorted off the property.

Children
Children are their parents’ responsibility and are to be supervised at all times.

Fire, Liquids, & Propane Fuels
- Fires may only be built in designated areas and under adult supervision.
- Liquid or propane fuels should be used only under adult supervision.
- Firearms, Ammunition, Fireworks, Bows and Arrows
- No firearms, ammunition, fireworks, or bows and arrows of any kind may be kept in the possession of any camper.
- Camp insurance does not allow the use of personal weapons, including paintball guns, BB guns, bows and arrows, or ammunition on Council property. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Garbage
Seal garbage in plastic bags and place bags into the dumpster/garbage cans rack closest to your cabin. Please be careful to properly secure the lid, as this will prevent most animals from access to the garbage.

Pet Policy
Due to the closeness of the cabins, allergen concerns, and Michigan Health Department regulations, pets are not permitted at Reneker. Please make arrangements to board your pets before arrival.

Bug Lights
Please leave the bug light of your cabin on during the nighttime hours to provide safety and security in camp.

Quiet Times
- During lunch time (12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.) the large tent and pool areas are closed.
- At dinner time (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) the large tent and pool areas are closed.
- From 10:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m. the large tent, pool areas, and the playgrounds are closed. Peace and quiet should be observed throughout Reneker.

Sanitary Unit Cleaning
- The staff cleans the sanitary units once a day, after breakfast.
- Campers are asked to maintain the cleanliness of the bathrooms throughout the day.
- In the event that the bathrooms need further maintenance, please notify the camp office.
Swimming Pool

- A lifeguard must be present before anyone is allowed inside the pool fence.
- A soaking-wet shower is required before entering the pool.
- Hair longer than shoulder length must be pulled back into a ponytail while in the water.
- Parents must assume the supervision of children under 5 & children using the wading pool.
- No glass, bottles, cans, or other dangerous objects are allowed around the pool deck.
- Food and beverages are not permitted inside the pool fence.
- No running or horseplay is permitted on the deck or in the pool.
- Camp Reneker follows the BSA buddy check system. All campers must use their assigned buddy tag.
- Diving is only allowed in the deep end from the marked red boxes.
- Toilet facilities are located next to the pump house.

Swim Checks
All Reneker campers, in order to swim in the deep area of the pool, or to participate in an aquatic Outpost program, must complete a swim check. All parts of the swim check must be administered by a Reneker Aquatics staff member. Swimming lessons are provided throughout the week during morning age-group program to help campers improve swimming skills.

Swimmers Test Requirements
Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breast stroke, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy, resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be completed in one swim. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

Beginners Test Requirements
Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, then swim 25 feet on the surface, turn, and swim 25 feet back to the starting place.

Swimmer Classifications:
- **Non-Swimmer:** allowed to swim up to where the water reaches the individual’s chest
- **Beginner:** allowed to swim anywhere in the shallow section, restricted from the deep end
- **Swimmer:** allowed to swim the entirety of the pool, including the deep end
Vehicles and Parking

- All vehicles in camp must be registered at check-in. Each vehicle will be issued a parking permit which must be placed visibly on the dashboard while the vehicle is in camp.
- All drivers of vehicles on camp property must be 18 years of age or older and possess a valid driver’s license.
- All campers and staff will wear safety belts when riding in a vehicle on camp property.
- All riders must remain seated and refrain from distracting the driver.
- All loading and unloading of campers and gear must be done in the parking lot. Reneker campers are not permitted to drive up to their cabins to unload.
- No one is allowed to ride in the back of ANY truck.
- The speed limit on all camp roads is 10 miles per hour. This speed limit is strictly enforced.
- Parking is limited to designated parking lots.
- Special parking permits for campers with special needs can be issued by the Camp Director.
- Repeated or flagrant violation of these policies will result in denial of driving privileges or expulsion from camp.

Visiting Section Camps
Reneker campers may visit section camps but must check in at that camp’s office upon arrival. It is recommended that visits occur in the evening, after program hours. Under no circumstances may Reneker campers drive vehicles into campsites.

Annual Health and Medical Record Policy

Policy on Use of the Annual Health and Medical Record
In order to provide better care for its members and to assist them in better understanding their own physical capabilities, the Boy Scouts of America requests that everyone who participates in a Scouting event have an annual medical evaluation by a certified and licensed health-care provider—a physician (MD or DO), nurse practitioner, or physician’s assistant. Providing your medical information on this three-part form that will help ensure you meet the minimum standards for participation in various activities. Note that unit leaders must always protect the privacy of unit participants by protecting their medical information. The State of Michigan requires that every camper undergo a medical screening within the first 24 hours of arriving at camp. This is part of the camper check-in process at Reneker. Campers who arrive late must report to the camp office upon arrival at camp for their medical screening.

Parts A and B are to be completed at least annually by participants in all Scouting events. This health history, parental/guardian informed consent and hold harmless/release agreement, and talent release statement is to be completed by the participant and parents/guardians.

Part C is the physical exam that is required for participants in any event that exceeds 72 consecutive hours, such as Camp Reneker. Part C is to be completed and signed by a certified and licensed health-care provider—physician (MD or DO), nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. A copy of the BSA Medical form can be found at the following website:

https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/
Medical Record Retention Policy
The State of Michigan requires that the camp retain a copy of the Annual Health and Medical Record for up to three years after attending camp. As such, campers should plan on submitting a copy of their health form during medical rechecks. Owasippe will then keep the copy submitted at check-in. Medical forms will be kept in locked storage.

Emergency Procedures

Safety is our top priority at Reneker. On Monday, we will have an emergency drill to ensure everyone knows what to do in case of an incident. If an emergency does occur, our alarm is 3 blows of an airhorn, or 3 honks of a car horn. Our emergency procedures will be covered in detail at Orientation, but please familiarize yourself with the procedures below:

Accident or Illness
- Basic First Aid is available at the camp office.
- In the event of serious illness or injury, notify the camp office before going to the Health Lodge. At night, notify staff located in the emergency cabin A1 or staff row.
- If accident or illness is severe, send runners to notify the camp office. Do not move the patient. Give the location and nature of the problem to the staff, and they will call for Health and Safety personnel to respond to you.
- If accident or illness is severe, the patient will be transported by ambulance to the local hospital.
- Only youth or adults who are registered members of Pathway to Adventure Council, BSA are covered by the council’s Accident & Sickness Insurance. However, the individual’s personal medical insurance will be utilized first.

Lost Camper
- Immediately notify the camp office of a missing camper.
- Return to cabin, allowing the staff to initiate the camp emergency procedure and conduct a search.

Fire in Camp
- Notify the camp office immediately of the cabin number and/or location of the fire.
- If safe to do so, campers may use fire extinguishers located in each cabin to extinguish fire.

Severe Weather
- All aquatic areas and the horse ranch will close when thunder or lightning occurs, no matter how distant.
- Campers should store all loose items outside of their cabins in preparation for high winds.
- Move away from streams (flooding) and lone trees (lightning hazard).
- As severe weather approaches, move inside cabins or sanitary units and stay away from windows. If caught outside in the open, lay down flat and cover your head.
Camp Reneker Program

Camp Reneker offers a wide range of programs for campers of all ages. Activities begin in the morning with age-group programs and continue into the evening with family activities. Whatever the interests of the individual and/or family, the Reneker program has something for you!

**Morning Programs**
Camp Reneker’s morning program begins at 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday with our flag raising ceremony; families are encouraged to participate in the color guard and ceremony! Following the flag ceremony and announcements, the age-group activities for children four through teenage begin. While children are involved with their age groups, adults may enjoy the adult program, which includes hikes, crafts, and water aerobics. Adults can also choose to socialize, read a book, or sunbathe on the pool deck.

**4-6 Year Olds**
Our youngest campers will enjoy their morning program as they ease into camp activities. They will do crafts, enjoy short “hikes” around Camp Reneker, play group games, and enjoy age appropriate activities and songs carefully planned for their enjoyment. Their pool time is full of play and fun games while swimming basics are introduced. In order to make sure all children in this group are able to participate safely, the age requirement is strictly enforced.

**7-9 Year Olds**
The 7-9 year olds also enjoy daily age-appropriate crafts and activities, but this age group also has the freedom to go further in their exploration of Owasippe during their hike time. Their pool time introduces basic strokes and technique to either strengthen the skills they already possess, or introduce and teach beginner swimmers.

**10-12 Year Olds**
The 10-12 year old group is similar to both the 4-6 and 7-9 age groups in that they do a daily craft and swimming lesson, but they are also given more freedom to branch out in the quest for adventure. Some groups may travel to Camp Wolverine to do leatherwork, or may practice their archery and paintball skills during program time.

**Teen Group, 13-17**
The Teen Group is a great way to meet new friends, try something new, and branch out of your comfort zone! The teens start their week by attending our C.O.P.E. course Monday morning as a
group. They participate in team-building activities designed to mold them into a working group for the rest of the week. Each year is different and offers new and out-of-the-box activities teenage campers are sure to love!

**Adult Program**

Everyone is included in morning program! While you may opt to spend the morning on your own, adults are highly encouraged to participate in morning program as well. Reneker offers exciting crafts, camp cooking, water aerobics, and hiking for our adult campers. Programs are designed for enjoyment and relaxation and our adult program is a huge hit!

**Afternoon Programs**

The afternoons at Reneker are flexible and provide a variety of activities, if you choose to participate in them. Each afternoon the pool is open from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for open swim. The pool is a comfortable place to relax and enjoy the beautiful, warm summer days at Owasippe, or to challenge yourself to train for the mile swim. Other activities offered during the afternoon include crafts/tie-dye, team games, volleyball, basketball, wood-burning, participating in a bean bag toss tournament, or testing your marksmanship skills at either our BB gun and archery range, and that’s just the beginning! You may want to explore the trails of Owasippe on a guided hike to some of Owasippe’s most unique places, such as the Quaking Bogs, Paradise Valley, Chief Owasippe’s Grave, Bass Lake, or to see some of the endangered species on the property. An afternoon at Reneker is a time of activity or relaxation; the choice is yours.

**Evening Programs**

Each evening at 7:00 p.m. a different, family-oriented program activity is scheduled. The week begins on Sunday with orientation and registration, and concludes on Friday with a closing campfire. During the week, campers have fun participating in activities such as Ice Cream Social, Family Potluck Dinner, and the Closing Campfire. In addition to these activities, the pool is open on various nights of the week for evening swim. If these family-centered events do not spark your interest, the local towns of Whitehall, Montague and Muskegon are close by for you to explore. Our campers take shopping excursions to the outlet mall in Holland, journey to Lake Michigan beaches, Michigan’s Adventure Water Park and Miniature Golf, and dine-in area restaurants.
Camp Reneker Activity Fees

4-6 Age Group Program
$40.00/week, $10.00/day

7-9 Age Group Program
$40.00/week, $10.00/day

10-12 Age Group Program
$40.00/week, $10.00/day

13-17+ Age Group Program
$40.00/week, $10.00/day

Adult Craft Fee Daily
$10.00 per day

Adult Craft Fee Weekly
$40 per week

Tie-Dye
$5.00

Outposts at Reneker

Reneker families are encouraged to branch out and seek adventure at other locations at Owasippe. Like our other programs, families have the opportunity to sign up for High Adventure outposts on Sunday night. Signing up on Sunday is STRONGLY encouraged. While Scouts have first choice, great care is taken to accommodate Reneker campers and families. Campers will be informed Monday morning of the activities they have secured. Costs and specific registration information will be provided in our program guide.

Diamond O Ranch

Calling all cowboys and cowgirls! Campers ages 13 years of age and older have an exciting opportunity to see the deserts and forests of Owasippe via horseback on an awesome trail ride. This program caters to everyone from participants who have never seen a horse before to professional riders. Trail rides are intended to be an introduction to riding, as well as an opportunity to see parts of the camp you can only see on horseback.

Requirements: Participants must wear jeans or long pants (below the ankle) that are at least as thick as sweatpants, and must wear sturdy, closed— toe/ top shoes. Boots are preferred, and absolutely no sandals are permitted. Maximum weight is 250 lbs. Participants must be able to reach stirrups and use them actively to participate. A waiver signed by a parent or guardian must be presented prior to participant attending program, and is required. Ranch staff reserves the right to deny a ride to any participant for any reason, including improper attire, behavior, or lack of waiver form. Campers must be 13 years of age to participate.
**Fossett Sailing Base**

The Fossett Sailing Base is located in Camp Blackhawk on beautiful Big Blue Lake. It houses a wide selection of sailboats, including Sunfish and Aquafins. With the wind at your back, you’ll get a chance to admire Camp Blackhawk’s breathtaking coastline.

**Requirements:** Participants must have passed the Swimmer Test and be 13 years of age or older. Campers attending the sail base must bring their boating buddy tags.

**Low C.O.P.E.**

Our Low C.O.P.E. (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) course offers campers the opportunity to step outside their comfort zone and experience team-building at its finest.

**Requirements:** Participants must wear long pants (below the ankle) and sturdy, closed-toe/top shoes. For your safety, sandals are not permitted. Campers must be age 13 or older.

**High C.O.P.E.**

Our High C.O.P.E. ropes course is one of the ultimate thrills Owasippe offers. Participants climb 30 feet in the air to a vertical playground of personal and physical challenges. Ending in a 250 foot zip line, this is one adventure you can knock off your bucket list!

**Requirements:** Participants must wear long pants (below the ankle) and sturdy, closed-toe/top shoes. For your safety, sandals are not permitted. Campers must be age 13 or older.

**Crate Stacking and Giants Ladder**

Sign up and stop by the COPE area to experience what Crate Climbing is all about! This challenging activity involves stacking and scaling crates as high as you can. It is a unique challenge that requires a blend of concentration, balance, cooperation, communication and boldness. For an additional challenge, grab a partner and take a spin at our Giant’s Ladder. This fun and exciting element not only helps build communication skills, but shows how proper teamwork can help achieve even the tallest of obstacles.

**Requirements:** Sturdy, closed-toe/top shoes are required. For your safety, sandals are not permitted.

**Ziplining**

For you adventure seekers, come try our 250ft zipline! Seeking beautiful views, a fun personal challenge, or trying something new? Whatever you’re looking for, you’ll love the zipline. With as many flys as you can fit into an hour, you are sure to have a great time!

**Requirements:** Sturdy, closed-toe/top shoes are required. For your safety, sandals are not permitted. Campers must be age 11 or older.

**Climbing**

Our 32-foot vertical tower is waiting for the adrenaline junkie to scale its many sides! Come enjoy the ever-changing themes, fun, and challenges of our climbing wall!
**Requirements:** Participants must wear sturdy, closed-toe/top shoes. For your safety, sandals are not permitted.

**River Tubing**

Though camp life is a blast, sometimes you need a chance to recoup your energy. During your stay at camp, sign up for a nice, relaxing tubing trip down the White River. Tubing provides some time off your feet, and an opportunity to just drift along and enjoy nature’s beauty and wonder.

**Requirements:** Participants must have passed a Swimmer’s test to tube. Parental supervision is required for campers under age 13.

**Canoeing**

Long before Owasippe was a camp, the canoe ruled the streams, rivers, and lakes of Western Michigan. Back then, with a paddle and canoe, the sights, sounds, and smells of nature were there to see, and you could explore to your heart’s content. If you’d like to feel that kind of freedom again, and get out of the designated boating area, then plan a canoe trip down the White River. Trips are approximately 1 hour.

**Requirements:** Participants must have passed a Swimmer’s test to canoe. Parental supervision required for campers under age 13.

**Mountain Biking**

Make the most of a two-wheel adventure by joining us in an evening of cycling some of the many miles that all the wealth of earth and heaven has to offer! Owasippe provides what is rated as one of the top 10 trail systems in Michigan and now’s your chance to give it a go! Mountain bikes are provided for all participants.

**Requirements:** Must be at least 13 years old and at least 5ft. in height. Participants must wear sturdy, closed-toe/top shoes. For your safety, sandals are not permitted.

**ATV Certified Trail Ride**

New 2016! Come explore our newly expanded All-Terrain Vehicle trail. Freshen up your skills, and see parts of Owassispe rarely explored with a fun ride on our ATV trails! This 3-hour course is spent learning and practicing riding techniques.

**Requirements:** **Requirements have changed for ATVs.** In order to participate in this class all students must first complete the ATV E-course, and bring a copy of completion certificate to camp. The E-course is free. You do not need to pay for a state certificate in order to ride at camp. All riders must be 14 years of age or older and are required to wear long pants, long sleeve shirts and over the ankle boots. All other safety equipment will be provided. the link to the e-course is **https://cbt.svia.org/login/index.php**. Remember that all programs are offered to the Scouts first and there is no guarantee that the ATV training classes will be available when you arrive at camp.
Appendix

What to bring to camp
This is a checklist that includes articles you may want to bring to camp.

Link to the BSA Medical Form
https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/

Camp Songs
Learn the Reneker camp song, the Family Camp song, and the Owasippe Hymn!

Directions to Camp
Map of Owasippe

What to Bring to Reneker

- Medical Forms-Sections A, B, and C
- Bedding (sheets, pillows, blankets, or sleeping bag)
- Cleaning supplies (dish soap, dish drainer, paper towels, laundry soap)
- Cookware (pots and pans, baking dish, cooking utensils, can opener, grill)
- Food (a week supply)
- Table settings (plates, bowls, cups, utensils)
- Bath and beach towels
- Toiletry items (soap, shampoo, sunscreen, etc.)
- Clothing (bathing suit, shorts, t-shirts, jacket, long pants, poncho, socks, underwear, etc.)
- Hiking shoes, shower shoes
- Clock/radio
- Small throw rugs
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- **Tie Dye is on the schedule so bring anything white you would like to tie dye!**

If you forget anything, remember that the Reneker trading post and the Main Trading Post in the Ad Center do carry a variety of sundries. Also, there are many shopping options in town.
Camp Songs

Camp Reneker Song
Consider yourself at home
Consider yourself a part of Reneker
You will never feel alone
With Scouting families as your friends

Oh, you can hike the trails and sail the
Lakes and greet the sun
It will all be worthwhile
You will sing the songs and shout the cheers
And feel the start of a happy scouting smile – “Smile!”

Consider yourself at home
Consider yourself our friends
So, come on down and camp around at Reneker
Consider yourself one of us!

Family Camp
Hey look us over, we’re from Family Camp
Fresh from the city to serve our time at camp
We like to swim and we like to hike
But on our way to the eagle’s nest we have to take a thousand rests

It’s up in the morning at the crack of dawn
While the staff goes swimming, the campers mow the lawn
But what we like best about this joyous place is all the campers’ happy faces
We’re from Family Camp
F-A-M-I-L-Y Why? Because we like it! We’re from Family Camp!

The Owasippe Hymn
All the wealth of Earth and Heaven
Bless thy woods and dales
Over all thy lakes and forests
Happy youth prevails

So, may Scouting’s bond of friendship
Seal our loyalty
To the camp so dear to memory
Hail Owasippe
Directions to the Owasippe Scout Reservation

From Chicago, Wisconsin:
I-94 to exit 34 in Michigan; I-196 north to Holland; north on U.S. 31 to Russell Road; go right on Russell Road, and go 7 miles to Reservation.

Michigan & West:
North on U.S. 31 to Russell Road; go right on Russell Road; and go 7 miles to Reservation.

From Indianapolis & South:
I-69 to I-94; west to U.S. 131; north to Grand Rapids; I-96 to U.S. 31; north on U.S. 31 to Russell Road, go right on Russell Road, and go 7 miles to Reservation.

From Detroit:
I-96 west past Lansing and Grand Rapids to U.S. 31 at Muskegon; U.S. 31 north to Russell Road exit; turn right on Russell Road, and go 7 miles to Reservation.

From Southeast & East:
Any route north to Ohio Toll Road; west to I-69; I-69 North to I-94; I-94 west U.S. 131; follow same route north given from Indianapolis.