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DAY CAMP PARENT  
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# DAY CAMP PARENT & LEADER GUIDE

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## WHAT IS DAY CAMP?

Day Camp is a summertime program for Cub Scouts and Webelos, to get outside and do activities with friends from their pack. It's a fun and exciting camp experience and the first step in the camping progression. Scouts spend each day with the same group and visit a variety of program stations. At the end of the day they return home. It's a place for Cub Scouts and Webelos to test themselves, participate in new activities, make new friends and learn something along the way.

## THEME

Come join us for a week of adventures and mystical creatures in the land of the Five Kingdoms. Cub Scouts will learn and participate in activities that will take them on a hunt of their own to find mystical creatures. They will work with each other as a team during this event and enjoy games, crafts and the range.

## ACTIVITIES

Youth will try their hand at archery, BB gun shooting, sling shots, field sports, nature, arts and crafts, Scout skills, and many other activities. All areas (especially range activities) place a special emphasis on safety procedures.



## WHO IS IT FOR?

**Note:** Rank/Grade level is determined by the youth's grade in the Fall (i.e. A youth going into 2nd grade in Fall 2020 would be considered a Wolf.)

**Youth** - Day Camp is primarily for Cub Scouts (Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light)! Tigers could attend day camp but would need parent to accompany them each day.

**Adults as Volunteers** - Who says that the Cub Scouts get to have all the fun! Parents and Pack Volunteers are an important part of the Day Camp program. If you would like to serve on the Program Staff, please contact us at Gamehaven Council 507-287-1410. **Adult Volunteers who work all 5 days, will be reimbursed for one child, and second will get 50% off. Please let us know at time of registration if you are interested.**

**Older Scouts** - Cub Scouts look up to the youth in the more advanced programs as their idols, so we also invite Boy Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Explorers to volunteer on Day Camp Staff.

## SESSIONS & TIMES

The summer kicks off with Day Camps in two of our Council districts. Each camp is a one week-long session being offered in the month of June!

**Sugar Loaf Day Camp:** June 8-12, 2020 at Camp Wenonah in Winona

**Wakpaota & Hiawatha Camp:** June 22-26, 2020 at Collins Park in Pine Island

Each session runs Monday through Friday, from 8:30am-4:30pm. Parents can drop off their children earlier between 7am-8am, with the program kicking off at 8:30am.

## LOCATIONS & PRICING

Day Camp is offered in two great locations across our council. Our goal is to serve **every** family in the council with a superb Day Camp location within about 35 minutes of their home.

### **Sugar Loaf Day Camp**

Camp Wenonah  
31903 Camp Drive, Winona, MN  
Cost: \$125/person  
Early Bird Rate: \$100/person

### **Wakpaota Day Camp**

Collins Park  
420 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. NW, Pine Island, MN  
Cost: \$125/person  
Early Bird Rate: \$100/person



***Early Bird deadline is Friday, April 24, 2020***

***Final Registration deadline is Monday, June 1, 2020***

## HOW TO REGISTER

Registration is online. You can get the link to your event by going to our website summer camp page: <https://www.gamehavenbsa.org/cub-scout-summer-camp>

### 1). REGISTER WITH YOUR PACK

Your Pack should have a Camp Coordinator who organizes the registration of your Pack's Scouts including collecting medical forms and coordinating payment. The Camp Coordinator can then go online to register the youth attending. There is a deposit of \$25 per youth, with final payment being made the week before Day Camp begins.

### 2). REGISTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL CAMPER

*Check with your Pack before registering your own child.* If you would like to attend Day Camp during a session that your Pack is not going, or you would like to go to multiple sessions, parents can register their child individually. There is a deposit of \$25 per youth, with final payment being made the week before Day Camp begins.

## IMPORTANT

**Every** Tiger-aged youth (going into first grade in Fall 2020) attend Day Camp with an Adult Partner (usually a parent accompanies that youth throughout Day Camp).



## UNIT DAY CAMP LEADERSHIP (ADULT VOLUNTEERS)

Every Pack bringing multiple Scouts should provide its own Day Camp leadership while at camp. One leader is required for every 5 youth in camp with a minimum of 2 leaders. (Example: 11 youth require 3 leaders). The Pack's leadership will be divided between the Dens. Parents and other Pack volunteers are an important part of the unit leadership. If your Pack cannot accommodate the leadership requirements, we suggest coordinating with another Pack in your area, or contacting the Council Service Center to have your youth placed with another Pack attending that session.

## ADULT VOLUNTEER DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Serve as Leadership within assigned dens during camp.
- Ensure buddy system is used while in camp
- Assure dens stay together as they travel from one station to another.
- Maintain discipline
- Address any health and safety concerns
- Assist camp staff as needed.

## LUNCH

Day Camp will break mid-day for lunch. Lunch is **not** provided by Gamehaven and **must** be brought by each camper. *We suggest bagged lunches that do not need refrigeration.*

## MEDICAL FORM

All participants must bring a complete and up-to-date medical form. Day Camp will include activities such as climbing, archery, etc. Therefore, the full medical form (Parts A, & B) must be complete. Download the BSA Medical Form here:

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_AB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf)

## WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

- Daypack to hold personal gear
- BSA Medical Form (Parts A & B)
- Lunch with name on container (no refrigeration is available)
- Closed-toe shoes
- Rain gear (dress appropriately for the weather)
- Water bottle (freeze ahead for cold water all day)
- Sunscreen and non-aerosol insect repellent

***Please mark all items with scout's name & pack number!***

## WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

- Knives, firearms, tobacco products, drugs or alcohol
- Valuables that may get lost or broken

## T-SHIRTS AND PATCHES

Cub Scouts receive a Day Camp t-shirt included in their registration fees. Pre-registered Adult Volunteers will also receive a t-shirt. At the end of camp, each participant will receive an official day camp patch.



## CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

Each morning, Scouts will be checked in. If your child will not be at camp on a day they are registered, please notify their den leader so they can communicate this to camp staff.

## CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

When signing your child out of camp, the scout will only be released to the people listed on the Camper Release section of their **Medical Form**. Campers leaving camp before dismissal must be checked out at the registration area. Any camper that is not properly checked out will be treated as a missing camper and missing camper procedures will go into effect until the Camp Director can verify the location of the camper. This process is necessary to ensure the safety of each child attending camp.

## SAFE TRANSPORTATION TO & FROM CAMP

When transporting scouts to camp, make sure the rules published in ***The Guide to Safe Scouting*** are followed. (An online version can be found at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org))

Most packs carpool to transport Scouts to camp. It is imperative that each vehicle is safe, carries insurance (state requirements) and is operated safely. Be sure anyone taking your child in and out of camp is listed on the Camper Release section of their **Medical Form**.

# DAY CAMP FAQs

**Q. What rank do I select when registering my Scout?**

- A. Rank is determined by the grade your Scout will be in the Fall 2020 school year (i.e. A Scout going into 2nd Grade would be considered a Wolf during Day Camp).

**Q. Are Camperships available?**

- A. Camperships are available to help cover the cost of Day Camp for those most in need. May 20, 2020 is the deadline for submitting Campership applications. Those submitted after the deadline will be considered if there are funds still available and on a first-come-first-serve basis. Applications are available through your Cubmaster or online at: [https://a9333af2-70ea-4b22-b88c-0e086df37f72.filesusr.com/ugd/7c3060\\_db8d431dcd1c4c17aa1afbf6420dece8.pdf](https://a9333af2-70ea-4b22-b88c-0e086df37f72.filesusr.com/ugd/7c3060_db8d431dcd1c4c17aa1afbf6420dece8.pdf)

**Q. What is the difference between Day Camp and Cub Scout or Webelos Resident Camp?**

- A. Resident Camp is an overnight experience that includes meals and tent camping. Each camp will offer separate crafts, sports, advancement, science activities and its own unique experiences. Day Camp is the first step in the camping progression. Scouts spend each day with the same group and visit a variety of program stations. At the end of the day they return home.

**Q. Do Tigers need an Adult Partner to come to camp with them?**

- A. Yes. According to BSA Policy, Tigers must have an adult at camp with them. This also applies to Tiger-aged siblings.

**Q. Can Lions register for Day Camp?**

- A. No. Future kindergarteners are not able to participate in Day Camp.

**Q. If a youth is attending with their parent, is that parent considered a volunteer/pack leadership?**

- A. Yes, but ensure that the parent is comfortable with rounding up the rest of the Pack's Scouts throughout the day for transportation, meals, etc.

**Q. If Scouts register individually online, and list their Pack #, will they be assigned to the same Den?**

- A. Scouts will be organized into Dens according to their rank (Wolf, Bear, etc.), but we will do our best to keep Scouts from the same Pack together.

**Q. Do all adults attending need to complete Youth Protection training?**

- A. Yes. Here's how parents who may not be registered volunteers can take it:

*A person does not have to be a registered volunteer to take Youth Protection training. To take the training, access <http://my.scouting.org/> and click on the "Create Account" button. After you have confirmed your new my.scouting account username and password, log into my.scouting.org and click on the "Youth Protection Begins With You" logo on the right side of the page to access the Youth Protection training page. Once YPT is complete please make copy of certificate and submit it to the Registrar at Council office.*