

Gamehaven Summer Camp Fun 2021

Parents and Leaders Guide



"play the escape game"

2021

GUIDE TO CAMPING AT

GAMEHAVEN SCOUT RESERVATION

Camp materials can also be found on our website, www.gamehavenbsa.org



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Mission Statement: The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Our summer camps help to carry out that mission through engaging outdoor activities. We believe Scouts who enjoy the fun, adventure and excitement of camp will experience the development of their character, receive citizenship training, and have the opportunities for improvement of personal fitness.

The values we strive to instill are based on those found in the Scout Oath, Law, and the Cub Scout Motto:

Scout Oath

*On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
And to obey the Scout Law,
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.*

Scout Law

*A Scout is:
Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly,
Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful,
Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.*

Cub Scout Motto: Do your Best



"CAMP IS AWESOME"

A Camping Adventure for Cub Scouts and Webelos

Thank you for choosing Gamehaven Scout Reservation as your 2021 Cub Scout summer camp destination! The Camp Director & Program Director are dedicated to "going above and beyond" every year and are busy planning. You will see several of the programs at camp this summer continue to evolve to help keep camp fresh and new, even to veteran Webelos!

Below are a few important notes about this summer's camping season:

- Cub Scouts Overnight Family Camping check-in is at 9am on Friday morning, to give more time at camp.
- Webelos Overnight Camp check-in is at 9am on Friday.
- Cub Scout Day Camps will be available on two Saturdays.
- Webelos Overnight Camp will be a 3 day - 2 night program. Webelos will be working on their Adventure pins and Scout skills as well as taking in all the fun activities.
- ***We will be following all current Covid Guidelines. Masks will be worn during your stay.***
- Packs are invited to bring their gear to camp in a trailer and drop off the trailer in a designated spot. Camp Staff will then transport the trailer directly so you can unload your gear right at your campsite. At the end of camp, staff will haul the trailer back to the parking lot. If you do not have access to a trailer, camp staff will continue to haul gear from the admin building to your campsite.
- This Guide will help you plan and prepare for your Cub Scout's visit to Gamehaven's summer camp as well as providing information on the services that are available at camp.

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Camp Programs

CUB SCOUT FAMILY OVERNIGHT CAMPS

Cub Scouts can camp 3 days and 2 nights, plus enjoy the adventure of shooting BB guns at Tail Gunner Alley, archery at Trajectory Lane, as well as sling shots and the new rock range. New this year will be "Escape Johan's Castle", which will take place each Saturday.

DATES: July 9-11 - Friday- Sunday

July 16-18 -Friday –Sunday

CHECK-IN: 9:00am Friday **DEPART:** 11:00am Sunday

COST: \$150/youth and \$75/Adult **Early Bird rate:** \$140/youth and \$75/Adult

CUB SCOUT SINGLE DAY CAMPS

A single Day camp for all Cub Scouts. Start time at 8:30am with Scouts having many activities during the day and completing their visit with an early evening campfire. These awesome day camps will overlap the Saturdays of Cub overnight camps. They are designed and intended for Scouts unable or unsure about participating in the full overnight experience. Price includes lunch and dinner.

DATES: Saturday July 10 and/or Saturday, July 17

CHECK-IN: 8:30am Saturday **DEPART:** 9:00pm Saturday

COST: \$65/youth and adults

WEBELOS OVERNIGHT CAMP

Four days and three nights of camping. The focus is on having fun and working on adventure requirements including Webelos Walk About, Outdoor Adventure and Aquanaut. Enjoy time at shooting range as well. New this year will be "Escape Johan's Castle", which will be taking place each Saturday.

DATES: July 23-25 (Friday– Sunday)

CHECK-IN: 9:00am Friday **DEPART:** 11:00 am Sunday

COST: \$150/Webelos and \$75/Adult **Early Bird rate:** \$140/Webelos and \$75/Adult

*To participate in canoeing and kayaking you must pass your swimmers test (have the blue and red on your buddy tag). Non-swimmers can still participate but must paddle with a certified life guard or a certified life saver.

**Bear and Webelo Scouts will get to work on their whittling chip on the first day of an overnight camp. Check with parents to verify that their youth can participate. Knives will be available for purchase at the trading post.

Refund Policy

Purpose of Refund Policy: Once a registration has been paid, we understand that an individual may become ill or otherwise unable to attend camp. Since the camp will have already incurred expenses related to the reservation, such as staff employment and food costs, not all fees paid are refundable.

Refund Policy: In the event of accident, illness or extreme extenuating circumstances, refunds of up to 50% of camp fees may be made for overnight camps only. Refunds may be made by notifying the council office at least 1 day before camp begins with proper proof of circumstance. No refunds will be issued for Day camp. No refunds will be granted for situations in which the individual could only partially attend camp. Conflicts between camp and sports do not qualify for refunds.

Camperships

Scholarships are available for deserving Scouts. No youth should stay home because he/she cannot afford to go to camp. Pack leaders are urged to provide their unit with money earning projects, such as the council's popcorn sale, so Cub Scouts can earn their way to camp.

If there is still a financial need, the pack committee or the family of the Cub Scout should contact the council office by phone, mail or in person to request a scholarship application. Applications are also available for download from the council website at www.gamehavenbsa.org.

Camp Sessions

Date/Time	Event	Other information
July 9-11 A: 9:00am Friday D: 11:00am Sunday	Cub Scout Family Camp	Open to all Cub Scouts. Three days and two nights of camping fun .
July 16-18 A: 9:00am Friday D: 11:00am Sunday	Cub Scout Family Camp	Open to all Cub Scouts. Three days and two nights of camping fun .
July 10 A: 8:30am Saturday D: 9:00pm Saturday	Cub Scout Single Day Program	Open to all Cub Scouts- Stay all day and enjoy an early evening campfire.
July 17 A: 8:30am Saturday D: 9:00pm Saturday	Cub Scout Single Day Program	Open to all Cub Scouts- Stay all day and enjoy an early evening campfire.
July 23-25 A: 9:00am Friday D: 11:00am Sunday	Webelos Resident Camp	Three days and two nights of camping and fun for Webelos Scouts. Also chance to work on Scout skills.

Camp Arrival and Departure

Plan to arrive at the GSR parking lot as close to registration time as possible. Park all vehicles in the parking lot. Enter the camp via the walking bridge. The Camp Staff will direct you from that point. One leader should take all health forms and the confirmation roster to the Camp Office to complete check-in.

Staff will be available to help move your gear to your campsite, so pack accordingly.

Soon after arriving, your staff guide will lead you on a camp tour which will include swim checks, campsite prep and unpacking.

If your group has a trailer, please contact the camp director before camp to arrange where to leave the trailer for camp staff to pick up.

DEPARTURE FROM CAMP

As you prepare to depart on the last day, you should make sure your campsite is clean and ready for the next set of campers. When picking up the grounds, make sure you stack any leftover firewood. Once the campsite is cleaned and your gear is packed, camp staff will assist you in moving your gear back to your car.

Swim Checks

Packs can do pre-camp swim checks to increase their time setting up their campsites or to spend more time in the pool.

Trained staff will fill out a Unit Swim Classification, good for one year, verifying each Scouts Swim test.

Packs may also complete the swim test on their own, prior to camp. A BSA Lifeguard, Red Cross Lifeguard or equivalent must administer the tests and certify the results using a Unit Swim Classification form.

QUALIFICATION LEVELS:

SWIMMER: Allow Scouts to swim in all areas.

BEGINNER: Allows Scouts to swim in the designated areas.

LEARNER: Allows swimming in shallow end of pool.

Food Service

Gamehaven Scout Reservation features a central dining area. All meals are served buffet style. Cub Scouts (and leaders) should be clean and wearing appropriate shirt and pants (not swimming trunks) at all meals. Scouts are expected to wear their Class A at evening flag ceremony and dinner. One member at each table will remain to assist with clean up. This clean-up task is rotated so all Scouts will have a chance to help.

Meal times generally are as follows:

Breakfast-8:00 a.m.

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Lunch-12:00 noon

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Dinner- 5:30 p.m.

Scouts who have dietary restrictions may request menu substitutions by notifying the Camp Director (507) 271-1390 at least three weeks prior to your camp session. Visitors are welcome to join us for meals. There is a \$5.00 fee for all visitor meals payable at the camp Trading Post across from the Commissary.

Trading Post

The Trading Post provides a good selection of souvenir and comfort items for sale to Scouts and Scouters. Here is a sample of what may be available. Actual merchandise varies from year to year and session to session.

<u>\$1-\$5</u>	<u>\$5-\$10</u>	<u>\$10-\$40</u>
Candy Bars	Camp Shirts	Knives*
Slushies	Water Bottles	
Ice Cream	Scout Books	
Toiletries	Scout Crafts	
Airplanes	Juggling Balls	
Patches	Hiking Sticks	
Carabineers	Camping Supplies	

An adult should serve as banker, allowing Scouts to check money in and out with them. This prevents theft and loss alike. About \$15.00 per day should be enough to meet most souvenir and other needs.

****Knives can only be purchased with the consent of an adult present at time of purchase***

Health Services and Medical Information

Gamehaven Scout Reservation will only accept the latest BSA approved Annual Health and Medical Record, for all camp sessions offered at GSR this summer. Cub Scout Resident and Family Camp only need to complete sections A and B. Webelos Resident Camp requires A, B, and C. You can find the form on the Gamehaven website under resources/forms. **Please note: Scouts and leaders who do not have their completed medical forms may not stay in camp.**

***We will be following all current COVID-19 guidelines.** Masks will be worn. Please make sure to include them in your packing for camp whether it be day or overnight sessions.*

To comply with BSA procedures and ensure the safety of fellow campers and wildlife, ALL MEDICINE must be turned in to the Camp Health Officer at the beginning of camp. The medicine will be placed in a locked box and will be administered at the proper time.

A fully equipped Medical Lodge is provided at camp. A trained first aid person is on duty at all times. Individuals with serious injuries or illness requiring hospitalization will be transported to the nearest hospital, where we have a standing agreement for treatment. Parents will be notified as soon as possible in the event of serious injury or illness.

Emergency phone numbers:

Jacob's Cell (507) 271-1390
Gamehaven Scout Reservation (507) 287-1517

Leadership Requirements

BSA REQUIREMENTS

Remember the BSA minimum standard of two leaders on all trips and outings. For resident camp we also require one adult for every five boys. Units are *strongly encouraged to bring more than the minimum leadership required.*

PACK LEADERSHIP AT DAY CAMP

During the Day camp session, it is important that the same leaders stay with the boys all day.

PACK LEADERSHIP AT OVERNIGHT CAMP

During the Overnight camp sessions, you can have leaders trade off during the day throughout the session, as long as you abide by the BSA requirements of two deep leadership and having 1 adult for every 5 boys. One leader must always be present.

***If you have adults who are going to be rotating during the session, they will count as one paid adult, as long as they do not overlap during meal times. If they do overlap during a meal time, they will only have to pay for that one extra meal. The cost of a meal for additional participating adult is \$5.*



Things to Know

Transportation to Gamehaven Scout Reservation is furnished by each individual pack or family. **Cub Scouts are to be transported only in regular passenger vehicles equipped with seat belts.** Truck beds and trailers are for equipment only.

Weather is unpredictable throughout the summer months. Everything including warm days, quick thunderstorms, 90 degree plus heat, and rainy days are considered normal, so come to camp prepared!!! Plan and no weather will be a surprise.

Discipline, which really means self-control, is the responsibility of the Pack leadership. The camp staff is available as a resource to assist with, but not take over, any severe discipline problems.

Equipment is available for camp beautification and conservation projects, campsite repairs and improvements, and for instructional purposes. Please use camp equipment safely and report any damage.

Lost and found items are collected during regular camp sessions. While at camp, lost items can be claimed at the camp office. After camp, call the Council office at (507) 287-1410 to locate your lost items. After summer camp has been closed for 30 days, unclaimed items are contributed to Goodwill, Salvation Army, or other such worthy agencies.

If you are scheduled to attend camp and discover at the last minute you will not be able to go, please call the Camp Director at (507) 271-1390. Otherwise do not call the camp directly except in the case of emergency. If you are seeking information, please call the council office first at (507) 287-1410. You may then be directed to call the camp. The camp staff is extremely busy providing programs to Scouts and interruptions must be kept to a minimum.

Parents and friends are always welcome at camp, especially for the picnic dinner and the closing campfire on the last night of Webelos Resident Camp. Here are some guidelines for guests:

1. A parking lot is located at the entrance to camp. Visitors must park in the parking lot and walk to the camp office to check-in before proceeding to other areas of the camp.
2. Those wishing to eat meals at camp need to call the camp to make arrangements and must purchase the meal at the camp office upon check-in. Each meal costs \$5.00.
3. There are no provisions or facilities to allow parents or visitors to camp overnight in the parking lot.

Leave your pets at home. Camp abounds with natural wildlife: deer, birds, coyotes and so on. For this reason, as well as the safety of the campers, pets are not allowed – not even pets that can be carried. There are NO EXCEPTIONS.



What to Bring to Camp

*GSR has canvas wall tents in all campsite, however, if campers have their own tent they are welcome

Day Camps

Completed health form (A&B)
Swimming suit
Cloths to play in
Water Bottle

Money for Trading Post
Towel
Rain gear (if necessary)
Tennis Shoes

Camera
Cap/hat
Sunscreen
Masks (2)

Overnight Camps

PERSONAL GEAR

Completed health form
Flashlight/Batteries
Sleeping clothes
Uniform
Cap or hat
Insect repellent (lotion/liquid)
Towel/washcloth
Water shoes

Sweater/Jacket
Sleeping Bag/Pillow
Canteen or Water Bottle
Scout Book
Sunscreen
Personal hygiene items
Tennis shoes
Masks (3)

Water shoes
Swimming suit
Extra socks and underwear
Rain gear/Poncho
Change of clothes
Soap/shampoo
Money for Trading Post

OPTIONAL

Camera
Tents

First aid kit
Cookies for Program Director

Campfire Food
Pocket Knife

LEADER GEAR

Clock/Watch
First aid kit
Program reference materials

Lantern
Rope/twine
Clipboard, paper, pencils

Game ideas/Skit ideas
Campfire Snacks
Masks (3)

CAMP WILL PROVIDE

Campfire pit
Picnic tables
Fire tools

Firewood
Toilet paper
Cots/mattress

Tents*
Bulletin board

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Rules of Camp

Camp rules include the Scout Law and common sense. Here are the details:

- No Cub Scout can leave camp after check-in without a release from his/her parents or leader. The Scout must be accompanied by a staff member or authorized adult while out of camp and must sign out at the camp office before departing. When releasing a child into someone else's custody you must be sure the person accepting the child is authorized to do so.
- Cut no live trees.
- Off limit areas include: Ranger's house and yard, maintenance area, inside the metal shed by the Chapel, and Staff City.
- All fires must be tended, fire guard chart must be posted and followed.
- No flames of any kind in tents. This includes candles, matches and lighters. This must also be clearly labeled on each tent.
- No fireworks in camp. Anyone with fireworks will be sent home.
- No personal firearms or ammo allowed.
- No intoxicating beverages or illegal drugs are allowed on Gamehaven Council property.
- No smoking in camp. GSR is a tobacco free facility.
- Please leave your campsite, latrine, and common areas better than you found them. It's everyone's responsibility to keep camp clean.
- No squirt guns or toy guns are allowed on camp property. Pointing these guns at other Scouts contradicts the safety training received at the BB gun and archery range.



DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS

From the North: Take Hwy 52 south, then exit County Rd #1. This is the next exit past Hwy 63. After exiting at County Rd #1 turn right. Proceed 1.9 miles south on County Rd #1 (11th Ave). The camp is located on the right. Look for signs.

From the South: Coming from the south on HWY 63: Exit on HWY 52 South. Travel 1 mile and exit on County Rd #1. Proceed 1.9 miles south on County Rd #1 (11th Ave), camp is on the right. Look for signs.

Coming from the south on HWY 52: Exit County Rd #1, turn left, proceed 1.9 miles south on County Rd #1 (11th Ave). Camp is on your right.

From the East: From Interstate I-90 take HWY 52 North exit. After 5 miles on 52 exit at County Rd #1. Turn left and go south 1.9 miles on County Rd #1 (11th Ave). Camp will be on your right.