



PARENT PACKET

Saukenuk Day Camp 2016 Rock Island Conservation Club 2421 Big Island Milan, IL June 13-17, 2016

Enclosed you will find the information you will need to send your Scouts to a fun, adventure-filled week at **Saukenuk Cub Scout Day Camp!** *Please pass this information on to all your families/den walkers attending camp.*

Camp Hours:

Registration will start at 8:00am and opening at 8:30 a.m.. Closing of camp will be 3:15 p.m., EACH DAY.

Where To Go at Rock Island Conservation Club: Our camp this year is at the Rock Island Conservation Club. The address is 2421 Big Island Milan, IL 61264. There will be signs to direct campers and their parents to the exact location of where we will be. Once you get to the conservation club there will be designated parking spots for those who are registering campers and then leaving and for those who are staying for the day. Registration will be in the pavilion off to the main building. There will be signs to let you know where each of the groups will meet.

What to Bring:

Each Scout will be provided with a camp T-shirt & wristband (at Registration on Monday only, keep this wrist band all week), which needs to be worn **every day**. *This is VERY important; as the wristband identifies which children belong in camp and which do not. The shirt will help the camp staff identify the boys and the dens they are assigned to as well as people who are not permitted to be in camp.*

Please remember this is an outdoor camp with insects and poisonous plants. Your Scout should wear proper footwear, such as gym shoes or hiking boots, with socks, or CLOSED TOED Sandals. **ABSOLUTELY NO OPEN TOED SANDALS, SHOWER SHOES, CROCS, OR FLIP FLOPS WILL BE PERMITTED.** You will be called to bring different shoes if your scout shows up in one of these types of footwear and he will not be permitted to participate at all until proper shoes arrive.

Everything should be labeled with the scouts name & pack #.

Each Scout should bring the following items EACH DAY:

- Day Camp T-Shirt (wear an extra shirt on first day)
- Hat, cap, or other head protection (it gets very hot, hats provide shade and sun protection for the body)
- Swimsuit & Towel for Whitewater Junction
- Sunscreen, Insect Repellant, Absorbine Jr (for gnats)
- Water Bottle
- Sack lunch (many times Packs will bring coolers, contact your Pack Coordinator)
- Rain Gear (as weather requires)*

- **Money for trading post (your scout is responsible for his spending money-so consider limiting the amount of cash that is brought daily).**
- **Backpack or drawstring bag to hold all belongings or 5 gallon bucket to hold items and sit on at lunchtime.**

Emergency Procedures:

Inclement Weather

First, we camp rain or shine. It takes courage to camp in the rain and a scout remembers enduring different weather through camp far more vividly than beautiful sun shiny days. In the event of an emergency, the Day Camp Director will institute the Emergency Procedures as found in the Day Camp Staff Manual. The Day Camp Director will blow three long horn blasts to signal an emergency procedure has been implemented. At that time, **one representative from each den** will proceed to the Registration Pavilion for instructions.

Weather is monitored closely throughout the week by Day Camp Administration. In the event of lightning strikes or severe thunderstorms, proceed to the Conservation Club building and wait for Camp Administration instructions.

If inclement weather moves in during day camp hours, your Pack's Den Walkers will be responsible for contacting parents and the transportation of the youth in the pack to the designated pick up site. We will post any cancellations or early dismissal from camp on the council website www.illowabsa.org BY 7:30am. If camp is cancelled AFTER 7:30am, Pack Coordinators shall be contacted directly by camp staff and it will be the Pack Coordinator's responsibility for contacting their own Pack.

Lost Scout

In the event of a lost scout, the Emergency Procedure will be implemented by the Camp Director blowing two long horn blasts. At this time, one representative from each den will proceed to the Registration Pavilion for instructions. They will return to their den to make sure the lost scout is not with their den and then proceed according to their schedules. If the Scout is not found within 15 minutes, the **Park Ranger** will be notified. If the Scout is not located within 45 minutes, local authorities and the Illowa Council Office will both be contacted.

Trading Post:

Our trading post hours will be during lunchtime and after camp ends each day. We will have snacks, drinks & small toys and crafts available. Please do not send large amounts of money with your scouts. \$5 per day will usually suffice. There may be a couple of items ranging in the \$6 - \$8 range.

Registration Process: 8:00 a.m. till 8:30 a.m.

Cub Scouts:

Scouts are not to be dropped off before 8 a.m. If they are, parents will be called to come back to pick them up.

Registration will be held in the pavilion off the main building

Parent/guardian will need to have their scouts health form completed and brought that first day, **If you bring your child without their health form, they will not be able to stay until one is brought completed**

Each scout will receive a wristband that will be worn all week- they are not to remove this wristband

Once your scout is checked in they proceed to their designated spot with their parents/guardian. **Parents/guardians are not to leave their child until the designated den walkers are there for their child's group.**

Den Walkers:

Den walkers will need to check in at the registration pavilion where the scouts check in.

Den walkers will need to bring a completed health form and if they have taken Youth Protection will need to bring verification of that.

Den walkers will be instructed of where they need to meet their group and further instructions will be given during opening announcements.

Den Walkers:

Coordinate Den Walker Schedule with your Den Leader and then Pack Coordinator. Each Pack needs to provide den walkers based on the following for EACH DAY of the camp:

- One den walker for 1-5 Scouts – *per rank level*
- Two den walkers for 6-10 Scouts – *per rank level*
- Three den walkers for 11-15 Scouts – *per rank level*

For example: Your pack is sending 16 boys to camp. Out of these 16 boys, you have 4 Wolves, 10 Bears & 2 Webelos. With the above requirements, your pack will need: 1 walker for the Wolf group each day, 2 walkers for the Bear group each day & 1 walker for the Webelos group each day, for a total of 4 walkers *every day*. You must break down your pack in their dens, then determine how many walkers you will need, not just the total number of boys going.

You may have different den walkers each day and as always, **Health & Medical forms will be required for each volunteer. We will have extra medical forms at camp, but not many.**

You will be combined into larger groups to move as a NEW den through camp. Please work together with the other adults and do not exclude any from the planning processes. *As a Den Walker, please take an active role in the sessions* to help the staff members and scouts. The Activity Leaders do not know your boys as well as you do and will need your help with their names, attention, and enhancing their enjoyment. Thank you for taking time to be here! Without your help Cub Scout Day Camp would not be possible!

If you have any concerns, questions or would like to be on staff next year, please find: Heather Weber (Program Director), Meaghan Terry (Camp Director), or Jeff Applegate (BSA Saukenuk District Executive Director). They will be in **RED** camp shirts.

Achievements at Camp:

All achievements/electives done at camp will be on the council website, www.illowabsa.org, at the beginning of July. There will be a complete breakdown of Tigers, Wolves, Bears & Webelos. All will include achievements.

Camp Activities:

Swimming: We will be taking the scouts swimming to Whitewater Junction by Johannes Bus Service.. .

Fishing: We will be fishing Monday thru Thursday at the conservation club. Scouts will need to bring their own gear.

Non-Denominational Worship Service: This worship service will be Friday afternoon. This will worship service will have readings and poems from different religions (Christianity, Native American, Bhuddhism , etc..) Please understand we are not promoting a religion but want the campers to know that being reverent is an element to the scouting life and is also a key component to each of their rank advancements. If you as a parent do not wish for your child to attend, then there will be an opt out form that will be given out on Wednesday to be returned the next day. Those who do not attend will have an alternative activity to do.

Flag Retirement Ceremony: During one of our lunchtime programs we will have a flag retirement ceremony. When a flag has been worn out by being torn or faded by wear it is proper to have a flag retirement ceremony which includes burning the American flag in a reverent and proper way. Our staff knows how to conduct this ceremony and will be sharing this with the scouts.

Activity Sessions:

Camp staff has put in an immense amount of time and effort to provide to you and your scouts an enjoyable experience and worthy activities. Please be supportive and on time at each session. Please also be aware that some sessions are run by youth and young adults including boy scouts. They do not have the life experiences that adults have. Help them keep your scouts in line but allow the youth to run the sessions as it could be a rank advancement requirement for them.

Daily Service Projects:

There will be the opportunity for your Scouts and Families to participate in a Daily Service Project. You may bring an item each day for the organization we are serving that day. At the closing ceremonies, the items we have collected will be given to the organization. This will help to achieve some rank specific achievements. Participation is entirely optional. Please have your scouts take their donations to the designated area in the opening area anytime before the closing ceremony. Service project details will be provided at a later date.

Den Skits and Chants:

During the opening and closing ceremonies, your scouts will be asked to voluntarily participate in a skit of their choosing. During down time or travel time, try to work on a chant specific to your day camp group name.

Looking forward to seeing great skits & hearing awesome chants! Have a fun week at camp!

Yours in Scouting,

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Heather Weber
Program Director
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Jeff Applegate
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There may be additions made to this document before June 13th. If there are any additions, you will receive them on the first day of camp.