

Camp Dates & Schedules

Camp Dates

Staff Week	June 2 – 7
Session #1 – Saukenauk	June 8 – 14
Session #2 – Saukenauk.	June 15 – 21
Session #3 – Saukenauk	June 22 – 28
Session #4 – Camp Eastman	Jun 29 – Jul 5
Session #5 – Camp Eastman	July 6 – 12
Session #6 – Camp Eastman	July 13 – 19
Session #7 – Camp Eastman	July 20 – 26

Other Important Dates

Walk for Camps	May 3
Pre Camp Leaders' Meetings (6:30 PM, Leaders and SPLs encouraged to attend)	
Saukenauk - Dining Hall	May 29
Eastman - Trading Post	June 18
Fee Payment DEADLINES	
Saukenauk	May 29
Camp Eastman	June 18

Sunday Check In & Schedule

Sunday is a busy day at camp. Advance preparation by troop leaders makes the day much smoother. If you need to check in to camp on a day other than Sunday for religious or travel reasons, please contact the Camp Director or Scout Office in advance (see general information section).

1:00 – 3:00 P.M. Arrival At Camp

Park vehicles in camp parking lot.

Check In

(Please Do in this Order)

A leader must check in at Camp Office. **BRING:** two copies of the Unit Roster – see forms packet, proof of Insurance (required for out of council units), Receipt(s) for camp fee payments at the Scout Office. **All unpaid fees must be paid at this time.**

Campsite Set-Up

Lead troop members and move equipment to campsite.

A staff host will be available to lead your troop to their campsite.

Please do not move equipment to the campsite before checking in.

Motor vehicles must be removed to the parking lot **immediately** after unloading.

The speed limit on all camp roads is 5 MPH.

Absolutely no riders on vehicles or trailers.

Your troop trailer for storage of equipment may stay in the campsite.

Scouts need to dress in swimming gear.

Dining Hall Orientation

All leaders and Scouts go to Dining Hall for orientation by Dining Hall Steward. Please do this **before** going for medical rechecks and swim checks.

Medical Rechecks At The Health Lodge.

All leaders and Scouts must visit the Health Lodge and turn in a medical form and any medications.

Camp security ID is issued at the Health Lodge.

“Buddy Tags” are only issued at the Health Lodge.

Swim Checks

All leaders and Scouts go to Swimming Area for Aquatics Orientation and Swim Checks for all those who will be doing Aquatics activities.

Return to campsite. Finish campsite development. Dress for supper.

6:00 P.M. – Supper, Flag Lowering, And Orientation.

After supper and flag lowering, staff guides will lead troops on a camp wide orientation tour. Adult Leaders and Senior Patrol Leaders will attend a camp orientation meeting while Scouts are on the tour.

8:30 P.M. – Opening Campfire

Please attend the campfire as a troop. It is important to set the tone for camp early, so please do not allow your Scouts to be rude and boisterous during the campfire.

10:30 P.M. Taps

Family Night & Honor Society Call-Outs

Family Night

Saukenauk Scout Reservation Thursday Night
Camp Eastman Wednesday Night

Family night is a special time at camp for both scouts and parents. It is the night of Call-Out Ceremonies performed by both Honor Camping Societies that support Mississippi Valley Camps. Blackhawk Lodge of the Order of the Arrow and the Tribe of the Silver Tomahawk have always presented very impressive ceremonies. There will be a short campfire program just prior to the call-out ceremonies. This campfire will consist of skits, songs, and cheers presented by troops wishing to participate. Both Honor Camping Societies are open to scouts from out-of-council. Please see the Honor Societies’ chiefs or adult advisors if you have questions about this. The camp director or program director can direct you to these individuals.

Please ask parents and visitors to park their vehicles in the parking lot. **Limited vehicle traffic** will be allowed to the campsite areas for our elderly visitors and for those with medical conditions that limit their walking.

Frequently, troop families carry in food for their scouts on family night, but this is not required. If your troop will be eating the evening meal in the dining hall on family night,

please let us know at check in. ***If guests will be joining us for supper in the dining hall, please notify us and pay for the number of guests' meals during check-in.***

Family Night Schedule

5:00 p.m. Visitors arrive (please encourage visitors not to arrive earlier)
5:30 p.m. Supper
8:00 p.m. Flag Lowering Ceremony
8:10 p.m. CAMPFIRE
DUSK Honor Camping Society Call-Out Ceremonies

Saturday Check-Out

Troops may check out at their convenience anytime before 10:00 A.M. A completed checklist must be signed by the Troop leader and a senior staff member prior to departure. Troops checking out Friday evening or before breakfast on Saturday should notify the Camp Director to make arrangements for patches, medical forms, advancement materials, etc. **Campsites will be left clean and free of litter and other signs of your stay, including pioneering projects and discarded equipment.**

Camp Fees

Fees

The fee schedule below is for the normal camp plan (camp provides: equipment, dining hall meal service, and program). Alternate plans can be developed.

Troops from Mississippi Valley Council

\$ 170.00 per Boy Scout (by deadline)

\$ 180.00 per Boy Scout (after deadline)

Troops from other councils

\$ 200.00 per Boy Scout (by deadline)

\$ 210.00 per Boy Scout (after deadline)

All Adult leaders

\$ 70.00 per Adult Leader (week)

OR \$ 15.00 per day per leader

Fee Payments

All camp fees should be paid in advance at one of the council's service centers before the troop arrives at camp. All camp fees not paid in advance must be paid in full when the troop checks in at camp.

Camperships

No scout should be unable to attend camp for financial reason.

Earnings from popcorn sales, part-time or occasional work, gifts from family, and savings from allowance are examples of resources.

Camperships are available to Mississippi Valley Council Scouts who need financial assistance in order to attend summer camp. Applications are available at each of the

council's service centers. Scouts who participate in the Walk for Camps program and earn at least the Walk Patch are given priority when camperships are awarded.

The Mississippi Valley Council Campership Application Form is included in the Forms Packet. Leaders are encouraged to help scouts and parents fill the form out and get it in.

New in 2008-The Tribe of the Silver Tomahawk honor camping society at Camp Eastman is offering camperships for scouts attending Camp Eastman. Contact the Tribe Adviser for more information.

Unit Deposit

A unit deposit of \$20.00 is required to reserve a campsite. The 2008 unit deposit may be:

1. forwarded to 2009 if the unit camps in 2008;
2. used for 2008 camper or leader fees;
3. refunded, if requested **before** January 1, 2009.

Refund Policy

Refunds of camp fees are considered on an **individual** basis.

In the event of *illness, injury, death of a family member or other emergency*, the Scout's parents must put in writing a request for a full refund. This request must be received by the council's business office in Quincy prior to August 22, 2008.

If a scout simply decides not to attend camp, the scout and parents must notify one of the council's service centers **in writing**. This notice must be received by the service center at least one week prior to the scout's expected arrival at camp. A service fee of \$20 shall be assessed.

If a scout or leader does not attend because of a last minute change of mind (defined as not in time to give notice more than one week before scheduled attendance), or leaves early, no refund shall be issued.

Any refunds will be issued to the scout's unit. The unit and the scout and parents must make a final settlement of the refund, with due attention to reimbursement of any campership donors.