

2024 Scouts BSA Camp Leader's Guide



Mississippi Valley Council Boy Scouts of America

Saukenauk Scout Reservation
2948 E. 1000th Street
Mendon, IL 62351



Camp Eastman
750 E. Co. Rd. 1780
Nauvoo, IL 62354

Our Camps & Philosophy

Close your eyes and think back to when you were a kid. You probably attended a camp, whether it was Scout Camp, Church Camp, or some other outdoor program. What do you remember? Probably the friends you made, the challenges you overcame, and adventures that unfolded. Our Camp Staff is committed to ensuring your Scout develops memories that last a lifetime. Merit Badges and advancement are one of the methods of Scouting but they are not the ONLY methods. Our camp emphasizes the *Patrol Method* and additional activities that will help your Scout develop fond memories and friendships as they become prepared for the rest of their lives.

Scouts BSA Camp

Saukenauk Scout Reservation

June 9-15 – Week 1

June 16-22 – Week 2

Camp Eastman

July 7-13 – Week 1

July 14-20 – Week 2

Provisional Troop

This program is designed for Scouts who are unable to attend during their unit's selected week of Summer Camp or for Scouts who wish to attend a second week

NYLT

Camp Illinek – in partnership with Abraham Lincoln Council

June 10-15

Back Country Experience

Saukenauk Scout Reservation

June 22-25

We look forward to seeing you at one, two, or all our summer camps this year!

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Forms & Documents

Visit our website at www.mississippivalleybsa.org/camps for more resources including:

- 2024 Campsite Reservation Form
- 2024 Camp Staff Application
- BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (Linked to National Website)
- Mississippi Valley Council Campership Form
- Refund Request Form
- Swim Test Certification
- Scout Release Request
- Camp Maps
- ATV Program Hold Harmless
- Other Check-In Related Documents



Troop Summer Camp

Troop Summer camp is your traditional Summer Camp. The program focuses on Adventure, Skill Instruction, Patrol Method, and earning Merit Badges. Choose your camp, prepare your patrol, and get excited for your adventure!

Objectives

- Supplementing your Troop Program with activities designed using the *patrol method*.
- Exemplifying and living the values of the Scout Oath and Law.
- Support for your Troop via training, a vision of Scouting, and awareness of activities & awards
- Fun Activities based on Scouts' interests allowing them to have an adventure, make friends, & create memories.
- Introduce Scouts to 2-5 avocation & career-based skills via the merit badge program.

Reserving your Campsite, Date, & Fees

The first step in registering for camp is to fill out a campsite reservation form found on our website and paying the deposit. This will lock in your choice of camp, camp dates, and campsite. Many units will fill out this form at the previous year's summer camp.

Scouts BSA	
2024 Early Bird If paid by 4/12/24	\$365/Scout \$180/Adult
2024 Standard Price If fees paid after 4/12/23	\$395/Scout \$200/Adult
Discount for eating at campsite and providing your own meals is \$35/Person	

Camp Properties

Saukenauk Scout Reservation

Adventure awaits at this back-woods property with 600+ acres to roam and explore. This camp focuses on adventure and shooting sports while still maintaining the traditional camp experiences.

- June 09-15 Week 1 (Saukenauk Scout Reservation)
- June 16-22 Week 2 (Saukenauk Scout Reservation)

Camp Amenities

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| • Free Public Wi-Fi | • Rifle Range | • Human Foosball |
| • Climbing Tower | • Archery Range | • Wheelchair Accessible |
| • Bouldering Wall | • Long Range Rifle Range | Nature Trail |
| • Lake | • COPE Course (low COPE) | • Chapel |
| • 2 Zip Lines | • ½ Basketball Court | |
| • Shotgun range | • Volleyball Court | |

Camp Eastman

The tranquility of the Mississippi River & thrill of opportunity awaits at Camp Eastman. Activities are balanced between standard camp fair and a heavy emphasis on STEM & Aquatic/Boating activities.

- July 07-13 Week 1 (Camp Eastman)
- July 14-20 Week 2 (Camp Eastman)

Camp Amenities

- Pool
- Volleyball Court
- Basketball Court
- Soccer Field
- Shotgun Range
- Rifle Range
- Archery Range
- Gaga Pit
- Mississippi River Access

Campsites Notes

Units not registering the minimum of 15 campers may have another Troop assigned with them in order to allow more Scouts to attend camp and utilize our facilities to their maximum capacity.

Sauk Campsite at Saukenauk Scout Reservation and Wrens campsite at Camp Eastman are handicap accessible campsites.

Daily Camp Schedules

Monday – Friday Daily Schedule

7:15 AM – 8:30 AM – Breakfast at Dining Hall

8:40 AM – Flag Ceremony

9:00 AM – 11:50 AM – Morning Program

Monday & Tuesday = Session 1

Wednesday and Thursday = Session 3

12:15 PM – Lunch at Dining Hall

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM – Troop Meeting

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Afternoon Program

Monday & Tuesday = Session 2

Wednesday and Thursday = Session 4

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM – Additional Activities

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Open Swim

4:45 PM – 5:15 PM – Senior Patrol Leader & Scoutmaster Meeting

6:00 PM – Dinner at Dining Hall

8:00 PM – Flag Ceremony

8:15 PM – Evening Program



Family Night Schedule

(Thursday at Saukenauk, Wednesday at Eastman)

Follow the Monday-Friday Daily Schedule until 5:00 PM

5:00 PM – Families start arriving at Camp

5:30 PM – Troop Sponsored Potluck Dinner at Campsite (No Food Service Available this Evening)

8:00 PM – Flag Ceremony

8:15 PM – Evening Program

***There will be no Senior Patrol Leaders Meeting on Family Night.**

Saturday Check-out

8:30 AM – Camp Guide arrives at your campsite with breakfast.

- Your Site Guide will bring the Campsite Check Out Form which will need to be completed before you leave your campsite.
- Submit your Evaluation Forms you'll receive on Friday.
- Your departure packet will include troop advancement sheet, summer camp patches, medical forms, and medicines. We strongly suggest that you review the contents before you leave camp. It is very difficult to clear up discrepancies after you leave.



10:30 AM – Camp Closed. All Units must have departed camp.

Sunday Schedule

6:00 PM – Dinner

8:00 PM – Flag Ceremony & Opening Campfire

Sunday Check-in Schedule & Procedures:

You're finally here! **Plan on arriving at camp as a Unit**, and park in the parking lot any time after 11:00am. Please proceed directly to your Campsite and begin setting up. Your *Site Guide* will arrive to welcome you to camp and take you through the camp orientation. **Check-in will take place at the Trading Post.** One Troop Leader will need to bring all health forms to the trading post. We will hand out copies of the Scouts' merit badge schedules and the daily schedule at this time.

***Units are not allowed to camp the night before their week of camp starts! We don't not have a health officer on site until Sunday morning. Any exceptions but be approved by the Camp Director with enough notice to find a Health Officer.**

Orientation

Meet Your Unit's Site Guide – Site Guide will meet you at your campsite at 12:30pm. Your Site Guide will stay with you through most of Sunday to assist in setting up your campsite and to walk you through the orientation.



Unload gear and set-up camp – Units that bring trailers will be allowed to drive one vehicle back to their campsite to drop the trailer for the week. Additional vehicles will not be allowed to drive into camp. Please plan accordingly. No vehicles will be allowed in the campsite after dinner on Sunday.

If you have worked everything out in advance, your registration should go smoothly. **Please don't wait until camp to pay fees** or ask unanswered questions as this slows down check-in.

Medical Check – Please bring all official complete BSA medical forms and medications with you to check-in. You will be required to have parts **A, B and C**. We can only accept **fully completed official BSA Health and Medical Records, signed by an MD, DO, PA or NP**. Chiropractor signatures are not acceptable. A school, sports, or work physical exam is NOT acceptable. If you have a Unit Lock Box for medications, you may keep prescriptions in your campsite. Please note the vaccination policy in our *Health and Safety* chapter at the end of this guide. ***If a member of your unit does not have a medical form, they may not stay the night on Sunday and may not return to camp until a completed form is submitted.*** We have until Campfire on the first day of camp to get any deficiencies fixed.

Swim Checks – All Unit members (youth and adults) will participate in swim checks. You may do swim checks prior to arriving at camp (form on website). You will still need to visit the swimming area for an orientation. THE AQUATICS DIRECTOR MAY RETEST ANY SCOUT OR SCOUTER AT THEIR DISCRETION.

Patrol Method Orientation – Both our stellar camps follow the *Patrol Method* which is, as our founder stated, not simply *a way* to run the Scouting program but the *only way* to run the program.

Dining Hall Orientation – Learn the dos and don'ts for our Dining operations as well as dining hall etiquette.

Camp Tour – Yes, we know that many of you have been to camp before. That being said, many of our merit Badge locations change from year to year depending on the facilities/equipment needed, timing of the merit badges, and other factors. Please attend the camp tour so you know where ALL activities and merit badges are.

The Program

Evening Programs

	Saukenauk Scout Reservation	Camp Eastman
Sunday	Opening Campfire	Opening Campfire
Monday	Night Climb/Glow Zip	Open Swim
Tuesday	Silver Tomahawk Call Out	Scout VS Staff Volleyball/Tug of War
Wednesday	Troop Campfires/Capture the Flag	Silver Tomahawk Call Out
Thursday	Order of the Arrow Call Out	Troop Campfires/Capture the Flag
Friday	Closing Activity	Order of the Arrow Call Out
Every Night	Gathering Activities (Locations TBD)	Gathering Activities (Location TBD)

Outpost Opportunitites

Wilderness Survival – To participate you must either be enrolled in the Wilderness Survival merit badge, or you must have already earned it. Utilizing only what you bring with you, pack into the back reaches of camp and set up shelter for the evening. Scouts will depart after dinner and return the next morning in time for breakfast. Adults may attend as well. Shelters will be built throughout the day on Friday.

Green Bar – First Year Camper Program

Join us each morning for work on 2nd and 1st Class

Requirements as well as demonstrations, activities, and practical outdoor practice. Scouts will NOT complete all the requirements for 2nd and 1st Class ranks, which take roughly 3-4 months to finish when done properly. This will help put a dent in those ranks as we focus on the ones that lend themselves to the outdoors.

Older Scout Program

Our Older Scout program offers different adventures throughout the week. Some activities may run past 10:00pm. The program is designed for experienced Scouts. Please use your own judgement on the appropriateness of activities for your Scouts.

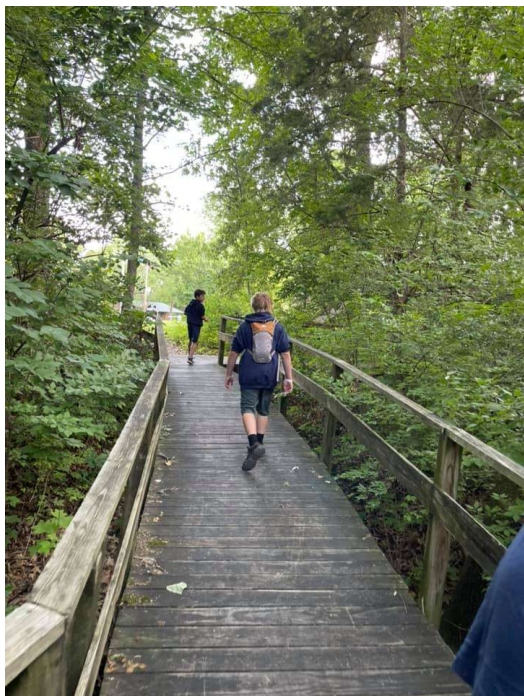
- Search and Rescue Merit Badge
- Capture the Flag
- Challenges versus Staff
- Sunset & Sunrise Hikes



Choose Your Adventure Friday

Friday is filled with activities that highlight each of our Camp's amenities. Here is a brief list, more opportunities will be available as we continue to recruit our staff and solidify our plan throughout the Spring:

- Lego Robots (CE)
- RC Race Cars (CE)
- Mile Swim
- SM vs SPL Shoot
- Wood Carving Challenge
- Dutch Oven Cook Off
- Game Tournament



Merit Badges

The 2024 Merit Badge Schedule with prerequisites will be available for download on the Council's Camp Resource Page located here: www.mississippivalleybsa.org/camps/camp-resources-3/

One leader should sign up Scouts for Merit Badges beginning April 15. Print off your Merit Badge schedule and confirm with each Scout. Encourage them to begin working on the prerequisites.

Prerequisites

Please note that we do not give away merit badges freely. They must be earned. There are very few merit badges that can be completed 100% at camp without doing some prep work.

Please review the full spreadsheet on our website at www.mississippivalleybsa.org/camps/camp-resources-3/ in order to know what requirements, purchases, or fees are involved with the merit badges.

Verification involves bringing a Scoutmaster written & signed letter, bringing pictures of the completed items, or bring the project/report itself.

Merit Badge Sign-up

You may begin signing up for Merit Badges on April 15, 2024. The Summer Camp Registration Portal can be accessed through <https://registration.mississippivalleybsa.org/summer-camp/login> and click on the camping section. Due to limited space and resources, some Merit Badges will have a cap and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. **Username and Passwords to the system will be e-mailed by April 1, 2024.**

Scoutmaster Support

If you or another leader are interested in teaching a merit badge in exchange for a reduced or free summer camp fee, please reach out to mvc@scouting.org by 3/15/2024.



2024 SSR Troop Summer Camp Schedule											
Activity/Merit Badge	M&Tu AM	M&Tu PM	W&Th AM	W&Th PM	Evening	Difficulty	Cap	Restrictions	Fees	Prereqs	Notes
AQUATICS											
Lifesaving		X		X		Intermediate		16 Blue Swimmer, Swimming MB & Req 1a		1a	
Swimming	X		X			Beginner		30 Blue Swimmer			Non-Merit Badge Activity
Instructional Swim	X		X			Beginner	16				Non-Merit Badge Activity, SSR Exclusive
Snorkeling BSA			X			Intermediate	10 Blue Swimmer				SSR Exclusive
Rowing		X		X		Intermediate	10 Blue Swimmer, Swimming MB				
Canoeing		X		X		Intermediate	10 Blue Swimmer, Swimming MB				
SCOUTCRAFT AREA											
Basketry	X		X			Beginner	30		Kit available at Trading Post		
Camping		X		X		Intermediate	20			4b, 5e, 7 8d, 9	
Cooking	X		X			Expert	15		\$20 Dollar Activity Fee	5c, 5d, 5e, 6c, 6d	Fee covers the cost of food.
Orienteering	X					Beginner	20			10	SSR Exclusive
Wilderness Survival				X		Expert	20			5	
Leatherwork		X				Beginner	30				
Pioneering			X			Beginner	15				
Woodcarving		X		X		Beginner	20		Kit available at Trading Post	2a	Totin' Chip awarded by Troop
NAURE											
Astronomy					See Notes	Beginner	20				Astronomy will be Monday 4:30-5:30 for Instruction.
Mammal Study/Reptile Amphibian		X				Beginner	20			5b, 8	Friday 9:30 pm - Star Party
Fishing	X		X			Beginner	20			4	Mammal Study-Wednesday/Reptile Amphibian-Thurs day
Nature				X		Beginner	20			9	Time will be provided to fish for Req # 9
Environmental Science			X			Expert	20				
Fish & Wildlife Mgmt.		X				Intermediate	20			5	
Inventing				X		Intermediate	20			5, 9	
Forestry	X					Intermediate	20				SSR Exclusive
Weather					X						Tuesday or Thursday
OLDER SCOUT PROGRAM											
Archery	X			X		Intermediate	16		Kit available at Trading Post		
Sporting Arrows			X			Intermediate	10	Archery Merit Badge			Non-Merit Badge Activity, SSR Exclusive
Long-Range Rifle Shooting					X	Intermediate	8	Rifle Shooting Merit Badge	\$10 Activity Fee		Non-Merit Badge Activity, SSR Exclusive
AM - Rifle Shooting						Intermediate	14		\$10 Activity Fee		Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 11:50
PM - Rifle Shooting						Intermediate	14		\$10 Activity Fee		Monday - Thursday 2:00 - 3:50
AM - Shotgun Shooting						Intermediate	10		\$15 Activity Fee		Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 11:50
PM - Shotgun Shooting						Intermediate	10		\$15 Activity Fee		Monday - Thursday 2:00 - 4:50
Climbing						Expert	24				Monday - Friday 9:00 - 10:50
ATVs		X		X		Expert	5	16+ years old	\$50 Activity Fee		Non-Merit Badge Activity, SSR Exclusive
Communications					X	Beginner	20			3, 6	Monday - Thursday
Citizenship in the Nation			X			Expert	15				
GREEN BAR-1ST YEAR PROGRAM											
2nd Class Skills	X					Beginner	20				
1st Class Skills		X				Beginner	20				
Scouting Heritage			X			Beginner	20			4, 5, 8	
Signs, Signals, and Codes	X					Beginner	20			7	
Disabilities Awareness				X		Beginner	20			2, 4	
Finger Printing				X		Beginner	20				Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoon

2024 CE Troop Summer Camp											
Activity/Merit Badge	M&Tu AM	M&Tu PM	W&Th AM	W&Th PM	Evening	Difficulty	Cap	Restrictions	Fees	Prereqs	Notes
AQUATICS											
Lifesaving			X			Intermediate	16	Blue Swimmer, Swimming MB & Req 1a		1a	
Swimming	X					Beginner	30	Blue Swimmer			
Instructional Swim	X					Beginner	16				
WATERFRONT											
Canoeing		X				Intermediate	10	Blue Swimmer, Swimming MB			
Kayaking				X		Intermediate	10	Blue Swimmer, Swimming MB	Eastman Exclusive	2, 4, 8d, 9	
Motorboating		X		X		Expert	6	Blue Swimmer, Swimming MB	Eastman Exclusive	4	
Small Boat Sailing		X		X		Expert	10	Blue Swimmer, Swimming MB	Eastman Exclusive	5	
SCOUTCRAFT AREA											
Basketry	X		X			Beginner	30		Kit available at Trading Post		
Camping		X		X		Intermediate	20			4b, 5e, 7 8d, 9	
Cooking	X		X			Expert	15		\$20 Dollar Activity Fee	5c, 5d, 5e, 6c, 6d	Fee covers the cost of food.
Leatherwork				X		Beginner	30				
Pioneering	X					Beginner	15				
Woodcarving		X				Beginner	20		Kit available at Trading Post	2a	
Indian Lore			X			Beginner	30		Kit available at Trading Post		Must also make a clothing item
Wilderness Survival				X		Expert	20			5	SSR Exclusive
NAURE											
Astronomy					See Notes	Beginner	20			5b, 8	Astronomy will be Monday 4:30-5:30 for Instruction. Friday 9:30 pm - Star Party
Mammal Study/Reptile Amphibian				X		Beginner	20			4	Mammal Study-Wednesday/Reptile Amphibian-Thursdays
Fishing	X		X			Beginner	20			9	Time will be provided to fish for Req # 9
Nature		X				Beginner	20				
Plant Science				X		Expert	20				Camp Eastman Exclusive
Inventing		X				Intermediate	20			5, 9	
Environmental Science	X					Intermediate	20			1	
Robotics			X			Expert	16				
Weather					X	Beginner	20				Monday
OLDER SCOUT PROGRAM											
Archery	X				X	Intermediate	16		Kit available at Trading Post		
Rifle Shooting						Intermediate	14		\$10 Activity Fee		Monday - Thursday 2:00 - 3:50
Shotgun Shooting						Intermediate	10		\$15 Activity Fee		Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 11:50
Communication	X					Beginner	20			3, 6	Monday-Thursdays
Citizenship in the World			X			Expert	15				Monday-Thursdays
GREEN BAR											
2nd Class Skills	X					Beginner	20				
1st Class Skills		X				Beginner	20				
Scouting Heritage			X			Beginner	20			4, 5, 8	
Genealogy	X					Beginner	20			7	
Disabilities Awareness				X		Beginner	20			2, 4	
Finger Printing					X	Beginner	20				Monday, Wednesday, or Friday
Commissioner Program											
Chess				X			10				Monday - Thursday

Organizing Your Unit

Unit Leaders

Make sure you are familiar with this guide, check the website often, and attend Roundtable for up-to-date information.

<https://www.mississippivalleybsa.org/camps/>

****All adults that are staying overnight must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America, with Youth Protection and submitted Background Check.****

Start by prepping your Unit early and promote camp year-round to help keep Scouts excited about summer camp.

- Attend a Pre-Camp Leaders meeting.
- Mark all deadline dates (deposits, camperships, final payment, meetings, etc.) on the Unit's calendar.
- Sell Camp Cards as a unit to help Scouts pay their way to camp and emphasize being *thrifty*.
- Schedule time with each Scout to go over possible Merit Badges and special programs.
- Schedule time with the Order of the Arrow to conduct unit elections.
- Conduct a "Troop Camp Kick-Off" to inform families of plans and answer questions.
- Finalize rosters and submit merit badge preferences online via the camp registration system.
- Make a list of any special allergies or special food requirements to share with the council prior to check-in.
- Make and share plans for Visitor's Night for maximum parent participation.
- Organize all medical forms, payments, and travel for camp.

We encourage you to take the following steps:

- Schedule a time during your Troop Meeting for Patrols & Scouts to review the merit badge schedule.
- Have them write out which merit badges they desire to take and an alternate in case the class is full.
- Make sure to talk with the Scout about prerequisites, things they must do before camp, or they will not complete the badge and will receive a 'partial' to which they will need to find a counselor to complete.

Tents & Cots

Tents and Cots are available for use free of charge at Saukenauk Scout Reservation. Please e-mail us with the quantity of tents & cots by May 15th to Cordaro.boughton@scouting.org to reserve your tents and cots.

Dining Hall

We aim to maximize the amount of time your Scouts get to spend working on merit badges, exploring, adventuring, and making memories.

Breakfast

Breakfast will be served from 7:15 AM to 8:30 AM. We are fine if Scouts want to sleep in or skip breakfast entirely, that is a Troop decision.

Lunch

Lunch will be served at 12:15 PM. Lunches will be served in the Dining Hall. Please clean up after yourselves. A peanut butter and jelly sandwich will be available upon request.

Dinner

Dinner will be served per tradition with a buffet line and salad bar.

Parent Information

Informed families can greatly enhance your Scout's summer camp experience and ease anxieties for first time campers. Be familiar with this guide and work closely with your Unit leadership to stay informed.

- Mark all deadlines on your calendar – ask your Unit leader as they may require earlier deadlines to process all Unit members' money and paperwork before they turn it in as a troop. Make sure you take advantage of the Early Bird camp fees.
- Schedule time to get your Scout's physical done. Use the official BSA Health and Medical Form and turn it into your Unit. We suggest you keep a copy for your records.
- Work with Unit Leadership to find out which Merit Badges and programs are good for your Scout.
- Look through suggested items to bring to camp and work with Unit leadership to determine all gear to be taken to camp.
- Attend your "Troop Camp Kick-off" to get the latest information and ask questions.
- Mark Family Night Dates for camp and plan on attending and supporting your Scout!



Coming and Going Safety

The safety and security of every Scout is of paramount concern to all leaders and Staff. To enhance our security efforts we require parents, leaders, and Scouts to sign in and sign out at the Trading Post when entering or leaving camp during the week. Scouts who are leaving camp early will need to check out at the Trading Post with our staff while being accompanied by an adult from the unit to authorize the departure. The adult checking out the scout must fill out the release form and present photo ID. If there are concerns about an individual Scout's well-being and protection, the unit leader should contact the Camp Director.



Visitor Policy

Visitors are always welcome in camp. Overnight accommodation for parents and visitors are not available during summer camp unless they are a registered camper and are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Having completed Youth Protection Training. Upon arrival, all visitors must check in and check out at the Trading post (**includes family night**).

All visitors will be expected to follow all camp rules, please inform families before their arrival. Meals for

visitors at camp are \$10.00 per meal and can be purchased in the Trading Post.



What to Bring to Camp

You'll want to be prepared for your week at camp. The following lists should be a good beginning. Feel free to add to the list and check with your unit as to what equipment may be provided.

- Completed and signed BSA Health and Medical Form (Any other form will NOT be accepted).
- Medications labeled with easy-to-read directions for the Medical Officer
- Prerequisite Merit Badge proof/documentation
- Scouts BSA uniform: shorts, shirt, socks.
- Scouts BSA Handbook
- Flashlight
- Appropriate hat (Scouts BSA or troop hat preferred)
- Appropriate summer clothing: i.e. t-shirt & shorts (Scouts BSA or Troop shirts preferred)
- Notebook and pencils
- Personal gear (towel, soap, toothbrush/paste, comb)
- Raincoat or poncho
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Sneakers and/or hiking shoes
- Shower shoes or aqua-socks
- Spending money for the Trading Post OR a refillable Pre-Paid Card!
- Sweatshirt or light jacket
- Swimsuit
 - Boys – No brief style speedo's allowed
 - Girls – One-piece or two-piece that is high neck crop bikini top – no ties allowed for tops or bottoms
- Underwear and socks
- Bug spray (non-aerosol)
- Sunscreen (non-aerosol)
- Merit Badge Books for merit badges for which you are registered.
- Troop and patrol flags

Optional

- Cell Phone & Charger – some merit badges may have optional activities that are enhanced with cell phones
- Compass
- Individual first aid kit
- Pocketknife
- Watch

Please do NOT bring:

- TV's and gaming consoles
- Expensive jewelry or clothing
- Fireworks, Gasoline fueled stoves or lanterns
- Guns or weapons *of any kind*



Order of the Arrow

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is Scouting National Honor Society. The OA recognizes those Scouts and Scouters who go above and beyond in their unit and live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law. The Order of the Arrow takes the virtues that make the Scouts great and expands them through various programs, training, leadership opportunities, and more.



Black Hawk Lodge is the local Order of the Arrow Lodge for Mississippi Valley Council. The Lodge holds four main events each year. These consist of Lodge Leadership Development, Spring Conclave, Fall Reunion, and Winter Banquet. These are only a few of the events held by the Lodge each year.

A large part of the Order of the Arrow is Cheerful Service. The Lodge provides service year-round to the Council, Camps, and Community year-round. The service ranges from serving staff during events, clearing trails, painting buildings, adding improvements to camp, promoting the council at expositions, sand bagging during a flood, and many more.



Every year Lodges from multiple Councils get together for a Section Conclave. During this get-together, there are various unique activities, competitions, and shows. On a larger scale, every two years, Lodges from across the Nation (and further) get together at a college campus for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). NOAC is a once in a lifetime experience for every Arrowmen who attends.

In Order to be eligible for election in the Order of the Arrow, a Scout must obtain the rank of First Class, and have completed 15 days and nights of overnight scout camping. Once the requirements are met, a unit election must be completed. Scouters (18+) are required to achieve the same camping requirements as well as a nomination must be submitted to the Lodge. Those who are elected will be announced during the Call-out Ceremony during Summer Camp. For more information about membership requirements see <https://oa-bsa.org/about/membership>. It is each unit's responsibility to schedule a Unit Election prior to Summer Camp. To schedule an election visit blackhawklodge.org.

Out of Council units are still able to recognize those who have been selected as candidates. To do so, a letter from the home Lodge must be given to the Order of the Arrow Coordinator for that week of Camp. Unit elections are not allowed to be performed for an out of Council unit due to National Policy.

For more information about Black Hawk Lodge, be sure to check out blackhawklodge.org for more information.

SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Tribe of the Silver Tomahawk



Tribe of the Silver Tomahawk serves as a youth ran leadership enhancement program unique to the Mississippi Valley Council designed to help the Mississippi Valley Council fulfill its mission of preparing the young people of Southeast Iowa, West Central Illinois, and Northeast Missouri to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Tribe of the Silver Tomahawk accomplishes its purposes by affording members ongoing opportunities for introspection on Scouting values as well as practical application of those ideals. The program is focused on young men and young women who have shown leadership abilities through specific achievement and growth and provides them with a distinctive lifelong direction. The program is energized by memorable customs and traditions. Adult leaders are introduced to the program so that they may interpret and encourage the use and application of those principles in the lives of youth. Those who have embraced the principles of Silver Tomahawk will find their lives enriched by a vision raised to higher sights, see their performance increased beyond previous limitations, and will develop lifelong friendships. They will stand tall within their communities as examples of unselfish service and of willing leadership.



For membership requirements or any other questions please see the Tribe of the Silver Tomahawk Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/TribeoftheSilverTomahawk/>





Provisional Troop Summer Camp

This program is designed for Scouts who are unable to attend during their unit's selected week of Troop Summer

Camp or for Scouts who wish to attend a second week of Troop Summer Camp for ½ price!!! Out of Council Scouts are welcome to attend too, even in large groups!

We provide the adult leadership in the form of a volunteer Scoutmaster and a camp staff Assistant Scoutmaster. Scouts can participate in unique programs, meet new Scouts from around the Council, and experience VIP Treatment while at camp.



Camp Properties

Saukenauk Scout Reservation

Adventure awaits at this back-woods property with 600+ of acres to roam and explore. This camp focuses on adventure and shooting sports while still maintaining the traditional camp experiences.

- June 09 – 15 – Week 1 (Saukenauk Scout Reservation)
- June 16 – 22 – Week 2 (Saukenauk Scout Reservation)

Camp Eastman

The tranquility of the Mississippi River & thrill of opportunity awaits at Camp Eastman. Activities are balanced between standard camp fair and a heavy emphasis on STEM & Aquatic/Boating activities.

- July 07 – 13 – Week 1 (Camp Eastman)
- July 14 – 20 – Week 2 (Camp Eastman)

Camp Fees

Provisional Troop Summer Camp	
2024 Early Bird If paid by 4/12/24	\$365/Scout
2024 Standard Price If fees paid after 4/12/24	\$395/Scout

If you attend a second camp, the lesser of the two is 50% off – applicable to SBSA Summer Camps and SSR Back Country Experience.

Registration

Please register & select your merit badges via our online form on the council summer camp website.

Check-In

Please arrive promptly at Noon on the first day of your camp week to the Trading Post. Please unload all your gear and stack it in one pile prior to checking in. Parents will have the opportunity to meet the leaders and depart around 12:30ish.

Additional Notes

- In addition to the “What to Bring to Camp” later in this guide, you are welcome to bring a tent, or we can provide one for you at no charge.
- Please pack only what you can carry to your Campsite. Ox-Carts will be available.

Specific Questions

Please contact our Council Scout Service Center at 319-754-8413, 217-224-0204 or mvc@scouting.org



In partnership with Abraham Lincoln Council, we are excited to offer:

National Youth Leadership Training

June 10-15, 2024

at Camp Illinek, 6610 Iron Bridge Rd, Chatham, IL

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what they must KNOW, and what they must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership. Participants camp, work, play and learn, living a month in the life of a model troop/ team/crew condensed into an intense week long conference. They experience the stages of team development, practice from a “toolbox” of leadership skills and learn that leadership requires vision, goals, and planning. Participants learn how to be a leading influence in their own unit; discovering resources, methods, games and new skills to make unit meetings, treks and other activities more exciting and worthwhile. They also develop skills that help them emerge as leaders outside their units; at school and in the community. Are the Scouts in your unit equipped to be leaders? By attending National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), the scouts will gain the skills needed to become the leader. By the end of the NYLT course, the Scouts will be equipped with the knowledge of what a leader must BE, KNOW, and DO to be successful.

Requirements:

- First Class Scout
- At least the age of 13 at start of course (or completed 8th grade)
- Scoutmaster’s Recommendation
- Parent Permission
- **Completed Introduction to Troop Leadership Training**

Objectives

- Teach advanced contemporary leadership skills to Scouts.
- Live in a model Troop setting and simulate one month of program.
- Prepare Scouts for leadership roles in your Troop and life.
- Reinforce the fundamentals of camping.
- Provide practical application of learned leadership skills.

Camp Fees

Payment schedule:

Deposit of \$100.00 must be paid at time of registration: After May 1, 2024 total payment is required.

\$300 until February 15, 2024

\$315 February 16-April 1, 2024

\$330 April 2-May 24, 2024

DEPOSITS ARE TRANSFERABLE BUT NOT REFUNDABLE! ALL FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY May 21, 2024

How Do I Register for NYLT?

You will be able to register online from the Abraham Lincoln Council Website at:

www.alincolnbsa.org/nylt

Orientation

May 25, 9:00 am 2024— Orientation is **MANDATORY FOR PARENTS**, and participants are welcome to attend at the Abraham Lincoln Council office. Participants' Scoutmasters/Advisors are encouraged to attend. Please bring the participants completed health forms for events 72 hours or longer.

Check in

NYLT registration for participants will begin promptly at 8:30 am on June 10th at Camp Illinek, Chatham, IL.

For More Information

Howard Olson: NYLT Course Director

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SSR Back Country Experience

A fun filled 4-day adventure of backpacking around Saukenauk Scout Reservation! Treat this like a mini-Philmont trek (trail meals included) as you explore the back 2/3 of the Reservation and enjoy other high-adventure style activities. This is operated as a Provisional camp where we provide the leadership and Scouts do not need to attend with their Troop.

Objectives

- Provide an experience for older Scouts to enjoy Scouting in a trek activity.
- Teach Scouts advanced outdoor and camping skills.
- Provide an experience that could help prepare a Scout to attend a trek at Philmont Scout Ranch.

Camp/Date

Saukenauk Scout Reservation

Adventure awaits at this back-woods property with hundreds of acres to roam and explore.

- June 22 – June 25

Registration & Camp Fees

SSR Back Country Experience	
2024 Early Bird If paid by 4/12/24	\$175/Scout
2024 Standard Price If fees paid after 4/12/24	\$205/Scout

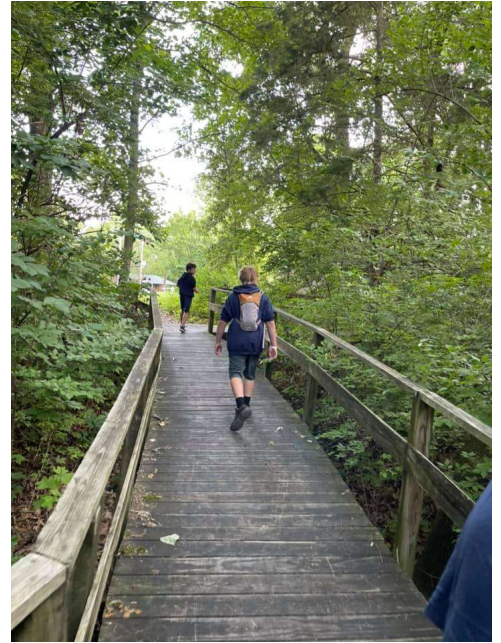
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Arrival & Checking-In

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Program

Scouts will prep for their hike and conduct a pack shakedown on their first day. Each day they will hike around Saukenauk Scout Reservation to Outpost locations where they will have back-country activities. Check out amazing places on our Reservation including Buckskin, a former lakebed, Camp Iroquois, Camp Illini.

Schedule

Sunday

12:00 PM Arrival and Check In

12:30 PM Orientation & Pack Shakedown

4:00 PM Hike Out

Tuesday

1:30 PM Depart for Home



What to Bring to Camp (Trek Format)

Clothing

- _ Scout shorts (1-2 Pair)
- _ Scout belt
- _ Scout Socks / Hiking Socks (2-3 Pair)
- _ Sturdy hiking boots, waterproofed
- _ Swimsuit
 - _ Boys – No brief style speedo's allowed
 - _ Girls – One-piece or two-piece that is high neck crop bikini top – no ties allowed for tops or bottoms
- _ Rain Gear or Light Jacket

Personal Hygiene

- _ Toothbrush
- _ Toothpaste
- _ Soap
- _ Towel
- _ Non-Aerosol Sunscreen
- _ Non-Aerosol Insect Repellent

Medicine

- _ BSA Medical Form parts A, B, and C
- _ Medications in original packages

Scout Gear

- _ Scout Handbook
- _ Small Flashlight
- _ Pocketknife
- _ Personal First Aid Kit

Camping Equipment

- _ Sturdy Backpack, a day pack will not work
- _ Ground Cloth (Recommended 10x0)
- _ Sleeping pad
- _ Sleeping Bag or Blanket
- _ Light weight pillow
- _ Spoon
- _ Two Cups (One for eating and one for drinking)
- _ Wide Mouth Water Bottle or Canteen (2)

Optional Items

- _ Extra Ziplock Bags
- _ Light Shoes (for around campsite only)
- _ Pack Cover (Trash Bag works)
- _ Flip Flops (for Shower)



General Camp Rules

All units in camp must have at least two (2) leaders with the troop 24 hours a day. Both leaders must be at least 21 years of age, registered in Scouting, and current on their Youth Protection Training. Leaders may rotate if necessary.

The consumption, possession, or use of alcohol in any form, and all controlled or illegal substances while on or near the premises of camp property is not permitted. Being under the influence or even having alcohol on the breath is a negative influence on our youth. Those individuals will be asked to leave, whether they are campers, leaders, staff, or visitors.

No firearms, bows, or arrows of any kind may be brought to camp. Absolutely no fireworks or personal ammunition of any kind are permitted at camp.

Liquid fuels are not permitted at camp. Propane may be used, but only under the supervision of an adult.

No fires or open flames are allowed in or near tents. This includes self-contained stoves and lanterns, mosquito coils, citronella candles and other such items. All tents must be clearly marked, "NO FLAMES IN TENTS."

Sheath knives are not practical for the type of camping done at summer camp. Do not allow your Scouts to bring them to camp.

Avoid using aerosol spray cans while at camp wherever possible.

Leaders are not allowed to smoke in program areas, campsites or anywhere in the presence of youth. Smoking is not permitted inside any camp structures. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking. A designated area will be available for those adults wishing to do so.

Campers and RV's are not permitted in camp without prior approval of the Scout Office.

No electricity, except solar, is to be generated in campsites which includes running of extension cords from power sources.

Troops that have disability needs will work with the Camp Director prior to camp to accommodate where possible.

Batteries (inverter and/or rechargeable marine batteries) used for medical needs are allowed to be recharged at a location specified by the Camp Ranger. Vehicles will not be allowed to be used as sources of power in campsites.

All private vehicles are to be parked in the camp parking lot. Troop trailers can remain in the campsite, but vehicles cannot.

Personal bicycles are not permitted on camp property during summer camp.

No pets are to be brought to camp.

No additional family members or additional guests will be allowed to stay at camp unless they are registered campers.

Identification Bracelet - Each Scout and adult leader will be issued a color-coded bracelet for identification purposes. These bracelets must be worn at all times.

Closed toed shoes/sandals must be worn-please no flip-flops or open-toed sandals. This is being done for safety reasons. Flip flops/open-toed sandals are allowed in the shower house, pool, and beach area.

Youth Protection policies & adequate adult leadership are always required.





Health and Safety

Health Lodge and Emergency Care

24-hour emergency medical care will be available by a Health Officer. A

Scout or leader that has a medical problem should report to the Health Lodge as soon as possible. A medical doctor is on call for medical advice and emergencies and an AED is located in the Health Lodge.

Insurance

The Mississippi Valley Council provides accident and liability insurance for those persons registered in the Boy Scouts of America and are registered campers. No other youth are permitted to camp nor participate in the program of the camp for insurance reasons. Out of Council units must present proof of insurance from their council upon check-in on Sunday or mail to the Scout Service Center prior to the camp session. Any accident that occurs while they are at camp is covered first by your insurance and then our insurance kicks in second. Claim forms must be filled out by the parents and physician and submitted to the Scout Service Center. Additional information about filing claims can be obtained from the Council Service Center (217) 224-0204.



BSA Health and Medical Records

The BSA's Health and Medical form can be downloaded at the Council website at www.mississippivalleybsa.org. **(Parts A, B & C are required)**. The medical exam must be performed, signed and dated by an MD, DO, PA or NP. Chiropractor signatures are not acceptable. A school, sports, or work physical exam is NOT acceptable. Any camper that does not have the appropriate signature on the BSA Health and Medical Record will not be permitted to stay on site for more than 72 hours. We suggest the family keep a copy for their records.

Vaccinations

A tetanus immunization is required to participate. Other immunizations that are recommended can be found in the Guide to Safe Scouting and the Annual Health & Medical Record form published in January of 2022.

Medication

While in camp, medications may be held by either the Health Officer or a Unit Leader. A Unit Leader may only keep medication if they can provide lockable storage at all times. All other medications will be checked in with the Health Officer.

Tenting Policy

- Separate tenting arrangements must be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth.
- Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age.
- In all other programs, youth and adults tent separately.
- Spouses may share tents.



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