



# Parent and Leader Guidebook

Blue Elk District  
North Star District  
Three Trails District

Oct. 7-8, 2022  
American Legion Farm, Blue Springs, Mo.

## **WELCOME!**

Welcome to the Cub Scout Family Campout! The Blue Elk Three Trails and North Star districts of the Heart of America Council are eager to show you how much FUN Scouting can be.

## **REGISTRATION**

All Cub Scouts and their families, including siblings, are invited to attend. Camp overnight on Friday or attend Saturday morning only and enjoy a fun day of Cub Scout activities. A schedule is included below.

Packs and Dens are encouraged to attend as a group; families also are welcome to attend independently. A parent or guardian must accompany and be responsible for each Cub Scout and other family members for the entire event. Scouts are encouraged to invite a friend to share in the fun.

Register as Dens, Packs, or individual families at [www.hoac-bsa.org/three-trails-activities-and-camping](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/three-trails-activities-and-camping) or <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/CxpeLg?vid=td9nw>

\$15 per person includes campground amenities, Friday night snack and catered Saturday breakfast.

## **LOCATION**

American Legion Farm is located at 499 Legion Drive, Blue Springs, MO 64014. On Interstate 70 about 13 miles east of Truman Sports Complex or nine miles west of Oak Grove, take the Adams Dairy Parkway exit; then south about 1.5 miles to US 40 Highway; then east on U.S. 40 about 1.5 miles to the campground. Watch for signs. GPS coordinates from Google Maps: 39.013542, -94.247308.

## **ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN**

A Scouting commissioner will greet you and direct you to a parking area. After you are parked, check in at Cub Family Campout Headquarters. You will be directed from there to the camping area.

## **FACILITIES**

Portable restroom and handwashing facilities are provided in the camping and program areas. A campground map is included in this Guidebook.

## **CAMPSITE CAMPFIRES**

Any fires at campsites must be contained off the ground in a fire barrel or fire pit. Campfires may be subject to burn bans issued by campsite host, the City of Blue Springs, Jackson County, or the Central Jackson County Fire Protection District. Check at Registration.

## **SCHEDULE**

*Friday, Oct. 8, 2022*

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
6:50 p.m.

Campground opens, check-in/registration, set up tents  
Sunset

8:15 p.m.	Campfire: Program and U.S. flag retirement ceremony
Following Campfire	Light snack
9:00 p.m.	Scouter/Parent Get-Together
10:00 p.m.	Lights Out

Saturday, Oct 9, 2022

7:00 – 10 a.m.	Check-in/registration
7:22 a.m.	Sunrise
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast; break camp, pack
8:45 a.m.	Opening ceremony, welcome
9:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Activity Stations open
11:45 a.m.	Closing ceremony
Noon	Campground closes; departure

**OPENING NIGHT ACTIVITIES**

Campfire: Join all campers and their families for a fun evening program and an American Flag Retirement Ceremony (more below).

Evening Snack: A light snack will be available following the Flag Retirement Ceremony at the conclusion of the campfire.

Parent/Scouter Get-Together: Parents and Leaders are invited to Campout Headquarters to meet other parents and Pack leaders and district Scouters. Have questions about Scouting in the Heart of America Council? Stop by and ask!

**FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY**

Many Americans proudly fly the U.S. flag at their homes and places of work, but what do you do with it when it's old and ratty and you're ready for a new one? Don't just throw it in the trash like any other old item. That is considered disrespectful.

The Cub Family Campout campfire the evening of Oct. 7 will conclude with an American flag retirement ceremony. Packs and families are welcome to collect and bring worn U.S. flags to this campout. Cub Scouts will be invited to participate.

**SATURDAY ACTIVITIES**

Scouting is Fun! Cubs, leaders and families are welcome to go from station to station at their own pace. Activities at each station take varying times. If there is a line, try another station! We encourage visiting every station, although feel free to return to any station.

Follow directions of Station volunteers. Strict safety guidelines will be enforced. Take your turn. Respect others. Remember the Scout Law, especially Friendly, Courteous, Obedient and Cheerful.

Robin Hood Archery Challenge: Bows and arrows provided. Range safety strictly enforced.

Stockyards Branding Iron: Burn a design or letter on leather (provided).

Zap a Zombie Slingshot Challenge: Slingshots provided. Range safety strictly enforced.

Amerigo Vespucci Compass Game: Learn where you are on the globe, on a map, and in the field.

Annie Oakley Marksmanship Challenge: BB rifles provided. Range safety strictly enforced.

Neil Armstrong Rocket Launch: Make and launch a paper rocket.

String-Me-Along Beadwork: Pick your favorite colors for a bracelet or charm. Supplies provided.

Surprise: STEM activity stations may be added. Attend and enjoy.

## **HEALTH, SAFETY AND SPECIAL NEEDS**

The Heart of America Council wants everyone to stay safe. Pandemic health and safety guidelines of Jackson County, Missouri in effect at the time of the campout will be followed. We encourage use of masks, social distancing, frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer.

All participants must have a completed BSA Annual Health and Medical Record. Parents and/or Packs must retain these forms on site throughout Campout. The form can found at [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr) (use the “All Scouting Events” form).

All activities will be conducted in strict accordance with the Guide to Safe Scouting posted at [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss). Staff and volunteers specifically trained to supervise specific activities, especially shooting sports, will be present.

Each family or Pack/Den should bring a first aid kit. For urgent situations, trained first aid and medical personnel will be on site at Cub Family Campout Headquarters throughout the event.

Special needs? Call or email a district professional listed in this Guidebook.

## **WEATHER OR NOT**

The Cub Family Campout will be conducted rain or shine. In case of an inclement weather forecast after Monday, Oct. 3, visit [www.hoac-bsa.org/three-trails-activities-and-camping](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/three-trails-activities-and-camping) for the latest information. In case of inclement weather during the campout, announcements will be made at the campground, or call or email Campout Staff listed in this Guidebook.

## **WHAT TO BRING**

- Bring sufficient personal drinking water for overnight and Saturday morning.
- Masks and hand sanitizer are recommended for health and safety.

A useful form suitable for use as a handout for all your Pack’s Cubs and their families can be found at <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34-49.pdf>

A good resource with several additional links can be found <https://scoutlife.org/outdoors/outdoorarticles/6976/scout-outdoor-essentials-checklist>. However,

these do not include a sleeping bag/blanket/pillow or tent, so be sure to bring those items for the overnight.

### **QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? VOLUNTEER? HERE IS THE CAMPOUT STAFF CONTACT LIST**

If you have questions or comments about registration, fees, or other arrangements, contact your district's director or executive.

Want to help out? Friendly, willing registered Scouters and older Scouts USA youth are welcome to join the Cub Family Campout Staff. Contact your district's Activities Chair.

Not sure which district to contact? Contact a Blue Elk district professional.

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### **CAMPGROUND MAP**



## **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**

TRUSTWORTHY. Tell the truth and keep promises. People can depend on you.

LOYAL. Show that you care about your family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and country.

HELPFUL. Volunteer to help others without expecting a reward.

FRIENDLY. Be a friend to everyone, even people who are very different from you.

COURTEOUS. Be polite to everyone and always use good manners.

KIND. Treat others as you want to be treated. Never harm or kill any living thing without good reason.

**OBEDIENT.** Follow the rules of your family, school, and pack. Obey the laws of your community and country.

**CHEERFUL.** Look for the bright side of life. Cheerfully do tasks that come your way. Try to help others be happy.

**THRIFTY.** Work to pay your own way. Try not to be wasteful. Use time, food, supplies, and natural resources wisely.

**BRAVE.** Face difficult situations even when you feel afraid. Do what you think is right despite what others might be doing or saying.

**CLEAN.** Keep your body and mind fit. Help keep your home and community clean.

**REVERENT.** Be reverent toward God. Be faithful in your religious duties. Respect the beliefs of others.

### **OUTDOOR CODE**

As an American, I will do my best to—

Be clean in my outdoor manners.

Be careful with fire.

Be considerate in the outdoors.

Be conservation minded.

Leave No Trace: Choose the right path, trash your trash, leave what you find, and respect wildlife.