CAMP MAY

BEAUMONT SCOUT RESERVATION CAMP MANUAL

SUMMER CAMP 2024

Cub Scout Overnight Camp Webelos & Arrow of Light Overnight Camp LAST UPDATED 12/13/23

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Welcome to Camp May!

Camp May is located in the Beaumont Scout Reservation, 2,400 acres of wooded, rolling hills and adventure in southwestern St. Louis County.

What's inside this manual:

- registration information
- programming
- packing list
- camp rules
- check-in
- advancement
- camp map

Contact us:

- Email the Camping
 Department
 <u>camping@stlbsa.org</u>
- Call us at 314-361-0600
- Suzie Voss, Director of Cub Scout Camping & Activities: 314-256-3058, or <u>suzie.voss@scouting.org</u>

Summertime at Camp May

Camp Activities



Instructional Swim



BB Guns

Free Swim



Archery

STEM Experiments



Nature

Outdoor Skills



Advancement in the Scout Program

Evening Program

Evening programs will vary by length of camp, but will include a campfire show by the camp staff and an evening where Scouts can participate in their own campfire skits on their campsite.

Enjoy all of Beaumont

During your camp you will get to enjoy

- mud cave
- the trading post
- gaga ball pit
- Cub World playgrounds
- the climbing tower
- the creek

All participants get a camp patch!



Scouts get more than just a fun summer camp

Friends

Parents report that their kids learned new skills, grew confident in activities they were first scared to do, and made new, lasting friendships.



Camp Registration

Register at stlbsa.org

Questions while going through the registration process? Contact us at 314-361-0600 or camping@stlbsa.org

Parent Portal

This is an optional tool for your Pack that allows one parent or leader to sign up the whole group of Scouts without paying for everyone, giving that person log-ins for parents to go in and pay for their Scouts individually. You will see this feature while registering. If you have questions about activating the Parent Portal, please reach out to the program department at 314-361-0600, or camping@stlbsa.org

Camperships

Also known as financial assistance, camperships are available for registered scouting families who otherwise would not be able to send their Scouts to camp. Please find the application at cubcamping.stlbsa.org

What camps are at Camp May?

Cub Scout Overnight Camp

3 nights, 4 days overnight camp for all Cub Scout ages and levels - Scouts will be split into age groups for program during the day

Webelos/ Arrow of Light Overnight Camp

4 nights, 5 days overnight camp for Webelos & Arrow of Light age Cub Scouts (entering 4th & 5th grade) participate in Webelos/AOL age activities and earn scout advancements - YOU PICK the adventure! Webelos/AOL will select which Webelos/AOL electives they achieve at camp during registration

What to do before camp

- 1. Every Camper (youth and adult) must bring a BSA annual Health and Medical Record, parts A and B.
 - a. <u>Campers & Adults at Webelos/AOL</u> <u>Overnight Camp must have part C as well.</u>
- 2. If any campers have food allergies or other dietary restrictions, please complete the Special Diet Request Form found on the registration page.



What to Pack?

- a personal tent (if you prefer to use your own)
- sleeping bag or sheets and blankets
- pillow
- day pack
- reusable water bottle(s) (we suggest 3)
- sturdy walking shoes or preferably boots
- sandals (closed-toe are ideal for creek activities)
- raincoat or poncho
- sweatshirt or jacket
- Scout uniform (if you have one)
- swim suits
- t-shirts (one per day plus 2-3 extra)
- shorts (one per day plus 2-3 extra)
- underwear (one per day plus 2-3 extra)
- socks (one per day plus 2-3 extra)
- extra pair of clothes to get dirty in mud cave

- pajamas
- towel
- washcloth
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- shampoo and conditioner
- shower soap
- hairbrush or comb
- sunscreen
- insect repellent (non-aerosol recommended)
- personal first aid kit
- grocery bags or zip lock bags for dirty clothes
- flashlight and batteries
- wristwatch
- camp chair
- spending money for snacks and souvenirs
- goggles
- small wagon to carry gear to campsite

<u>Adults should also bring charcoal, tongs, and a serving spoon for the one campsite cooking meal, (ONLY FOR</u> <u>WEBELOS/AOL OVERNIGHT CAMP), s'mores supplies, a cooler to keep snacks, and fire starters.</u>

Please note that pets, fireworks, alcohol, sheath knives, nonprescription drugs, and personal firearms are not allowed in camp. We also do not recommend bringing any items of value and unsecured food that may attract animals.

Send your scout some mail!

If parents want to send Scouts mail at camp, please mail it early so that it arrives when the Scouts are in camp, or have the adult or unit leader bring it with them to camp to load into the mailbox. The address is:



[Your Scout's Name] [Pack Number] [Their campsite (if you know it)] 6480 Beaumont Scout Reservation Dr. High Ridge, MO 63049





Emergency Procedures

Emergency procedures will be posted in the campsite and reviewed the first day of camp during check-in and before campfire.

Know before you go:

Adult supervision at Cub Scout Overnight and Webelos/AOL

Overnight Camps:

- For all Scouting events, including summer camp, there must be two adults acting as the adult supervision for the Scouts in your Pack or Den.
- If your unit does not have two adults at camp, the camp office will "pair" your unit with other units so that there are always multiple adults on campsites and while in program areas with the scouts.
 - There is no maximum number of adults, but there is a minimum of at least one adult for up to every four Scouts.
- If there are adults sharing leadership by being at camp for parts of the session, they are welcome to switch in and out, as needed, but must check in at the camp office.
- Adults at camp who are present for 72 total hours or more must be registered as leaders with the BSA. This includes completing a criminal background check and Youth Protection training. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.
- If you have extra adults at meal times, they will need to pay \$6 for a guest meal.
- If your Scout or your Den is not able to have any adults attend with the Scouts, there is an option to attend with paid camp staff leadership. There is a "Cub Scout Youth, Provisional" option at registration. This is a higher fee option because this pays for the supervising adult leader's time and meals.
- Den Chiefs are welcome to attend, you will see that option at registration.

General Camp Rules

- While walking around camp, Scouts should be with a buddy, always.
- Fires must be put out completely before leaving a campsite.
- Please do not feed or catch wildlife.
- Passengers of cars must be in seats with seat belts when driving on camp
- Adults who smoke must do so away from
 Scouts' view.
- If there are any unauthorized or questionable persons in camp that you or your Scouts notice, please speak with the Camp Director to ensure unauthorized persons are escorted out of camp.

Scout Discipline

Please share this information with all participants before arriving at camp:

- The Scout Oath and Law are the rules and expectation at camp.
- In the event of inter-Pack conflict, the Pack adult(s) are responsible for discipline.
- The Camp administration will send a Scout home immediately who steals, vandalizes, or intentionally places him/herself or others in danger.
- Scouts are expected to be in the campsite by 10 p.m. each night. Scouts out later than that must be accompanied by an adult.

Youth Protection

The safety and security of our youth in camp is of paramount importance. Anyone who suspects, knows of, or witnesses a camper being mistreated must notify the Camp Director immediately. Anyone mistreating a camper, in any way, will be escorted out of camp immediately.

- We recommend all adults in camp, at all of the types of camps, have completed youth protection training, but it is only *required* of adults staying in camp for 72 hours or more at our Webelos Overnight Camp.
- In line with that, adults are not permitted to tent with a Scout unless they are the Scout's parents/guardians.

Camp Check-In

In the week leading up to your camp session, your registration contact will receive an email from the camp staff with your specific check-in time and process.

At check-in, please be prepared to have someone from your group confirm everyone is there or on the way, and if you have any balances, please come prepared to settle them with credit, check, or cash.

As part of check in at Cub Scout Overnight Camp and Webelos/AOL Overnight, all campers will go through a brief medical review of their BSA health form.

NOTE: Part C of the health form is *required* at Webelos/AOL Overnight Camp for all youth and adults.



Swim Tests

Everyone will be encouraged to take a swim test at camp, in order to be able to swim in the deeper parts of the pool.

Please ensure your group is wearing swimsuits, sunscreen, and has their towels ready when you arrive at camp as the swim test will be one of the first things you do.



Camp Meals

A team of registered dieticians creates the menu for Camp May. You can look forward to items such as:

Breakfast is often items such as pancakes, cereal, eggs, sausage links, fruit, French toast, etc.

Lunch is typically items such as sandwiches, hot dogs, pizza, chicken strips, etc. served with various sides such as mac n cheese, fruit salad, veggie sticks, etc. and always has a dessert option too – yum!

Dinner normally consists of items such as bbq chicken, hamburgers, pasta, etc. served with sides such as salad, green beans, potatoes, rolls, etc. and as always – dessert!!!

Food allergies? Be sure to fill out a food allergy form during the registration process.



Types of Swim Tests:

- 1. Non-swimmer: get in the water, splash around and cool off (this is optional).
- 2. Beginners: swim 50 feet, including one sharp turn and submerging completely underwater.
- 3. Swimmers: swim 75 yards, unbroken, with a strong forward stroke, swim 25 yards in a resting backstroke, and then float in the water for several seconds.

At Camp

Daily parents/leaders meetings:

Once a day, there will be a 15 minute parents/leaders meeting at the gazebo outside the Emerson Center where you can ask questions, receive updates on the schedule, get reminders, etc. On check-in day, the meeting is at 7:15 p.m. The other days it will be at 8:45am.

Camp Office:

The Camp Office, located just past the lobby in Emerson, will be open everyday.

Trading Post:

This is a great place to pick up miscellaneous supplies you may need at camp such as sunscreen, toothpaste and snacks, and an excellent place to get your camp souvenirs like t-shirts, hoodies, mugs, etc.

First Aid:

Camp May is staffed 24 hours a day by an emergency medical responder who has a first aid area in the lower level of Emerson. All injuries and illnesses should be reported to the health officer.

• Participants with serious injuries requiring hospitalization will be transported to St. Clare Health Center or Mercy South. If an emergency occurs that requires you to call 911, please call immediately then send a messenger to the camp office or call us at 636-587-8717.

Medications should be kept secure and dispensed by the parent or unit leader at camp. When needed, the health officer will hold medications requiring refrigeration or that the adults feel uncomfortable holding.

More questions? Visit our Frequently Asked Questions on our website at: <u>https://stlbsa.org/camps/cub-scout-day-camps/cub-overnight-camp-faq/</u>







Cub Scout Overnight Camp Advancements

Scouts will complete all or parts of:

- various Cub Scout electives
- summer camp is designed to allow cub scouts to earn their CS elective advancements, while reserving the required advancements for the pack to do together during the school year
- an emailed list of advacements will be sent out to all attendees after summer camp
- all campers will get their shooting sports electives for bb guns and archery

Webelos /Arrow of Light Overnight Camp Advancement Examples Scouts will complete all or parts of:

- Scouts CHOOSE their Webelos or Arrow of Light electives during the registration process:
- They will choose 4 electives out of 6 different options.
- Regardless of which electives they choose, each camper will also receive the BB gun elective and archery elective.
- Attending summer camp also counts towards the summer time fun elective.

