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PROGRAM: WHERE THE FUN IS AT

Dear Adult Leader,

Summer Camp is the highlight for many young men as they progress through the Scouting program. It is an honor that your Troop has selected Camp Lakota/Camp Neil Armstrong to provide this opportunity for the Scouts of your unit. While at camp your Scouts will experience Scouting the "Lakota Way": with the Scout Oath and Scout Law as their guide, Lake Glengary as their scenery, and a staff fully committed to supporting your troop with a broad range of activities and programs.

We offer training and programming in all aspects of Scouting: advancement, adult association, Scouting ideals, leadership development, and true outdoor experiences in the lush forests and varied topography of Camp Lakota. We encourage individual, patrol, and troop programs for a well-rounded Scouting experience. We focus on the whole Scouting experience that immerses Scouts in Scouting for an entire week—the Lakota Experience.

We hope this Leader's Guide will answer many questions you have about the program we are scheduling for the summer of 2018. Please read this guide thoroughly, as it is the first step in having a successful experience at Lakota this summer.

On behalf of the Black Swamp Area Council Camping Committee and the staff, we wish to thank you for attending Camp Lakota this summer.

Welcome to the Lakota Experience!

Yours in Scouting,

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NEW IN 2018

What's New at Camp Lakota

We want you to know what is new and exciting this year at Camp Lakota, whether it is a Program change or a facility improvement. Below you'll find a quick summary of the newest and most exciting aspects of our camp:

Project C.O.P.E.

Now enrolling Scouts who want to discover a new world of ADVENTURE through team building and leadership!

Tuesday Outbounds See pages 19 thru 22 for new choices and descriptions!

Lakotafest Revamp

See page 23 for an update on this classic Lakota tradition.

Aquatics Program

NEW to Lake Glengary, the boat docks will be home to a new floating dock to enhance our boating programs and the Beach will be home to a new water adventure!

New Camp Facilities

Facility improvements are made each year at Camp Lakota to enhance not only the summer camp opportunity, but also to provide positive year-round experiences. The following projects have, or will be, completed by the summer camp season:

Bonnie Shook Nature Center

Our Ecology/Conservation Area now has a facility to house natural resources and specimens to better hands-on learning experiences.

Lakota-Side Central Shower House Project

Camp Lakota now has a brand new shower house similar to the facility that can be found on the Camp Armstrong side of the Reservation.

"Snake" Hammock Campsite

You can reserve "Snake" campsite, as you now sleep in the air!

"Tarhe" & "Pipe" Campsite Pavilions

You can now lounge around, out of the sun, in both "Tarhe" and "Pipe" campsites with our newly built sun-blockers!

Lakota Administration Air Conditioning

Added to the list of buildings that contain cooler air – the office, (but most importantly) the Scoutmaster Lounge can now be enjoyed by those who enter to conduct business.



GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

Summer Camp Orientation Meeting

Summer Camp Orientation Meetings will be held on Saturday, April 14th, 2018, at Camp Berry from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday April 21, 2018, at Camp Lakota from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Presentations by BOTH camps will be available at each meeting. Feel free to attend the date that works best for you! This meeting will provide you with updates on program opportunities and other enhancements. We consider this Leader's Guide to be your introduction and orientation to be your chance to meet administrators and directors, ask questions, clarify procedures, and look around camp. Please be sure that at least one representative of your unit attends, though we prefer that the Senior Patrol Leader and the Scoutmaster are both in attendance. An unbeatable Lakota experience starts with this meeting.

Ten-Day-Out Meeting

The final pre-camp meeting is the 10-Day-Out Meeting. This meeting is held at the Administration Pavilion, with the meal beginning at 6:30 p.m. We strongly encourage you to send your Senior Patrol Leader, Scoutmaster, and one Assistant Scoutmaster—they will eat for free.

Any additional leaders (beyond the first three) that wish to attend this meeting are welcome for \$7.00 each, to cover the cost of their meal. Two weeks prior to your 10– Day Out meeting, please notify the Camp director of the number of persons attending so that adequate amounts of food can be prepared.

At this meeting, the camp leadership will inform you of any last-minute changes, updates, service opportunities, and answer other questions you may have. We will hand out important documents and troop rosters, as well as updated and detailed schedules of your week at camp. But most importantly, your troop will be able to sign up for many of the activities that you will participate in at camp so that when you arrive on Sunday you can move through registration quickly. These sign-ups will include, but are not limited to:

- Time slots at the beach to do swim checks
- Troop Duties (mealtime grace, flag raising/lowering, shower house cleaning, etc)
- ✤ A day to participate in a camp service project
- ✤ Adult Leader "Scouter's Minute" during Morning Watch
- Adult Leader participation in Program Areas (Nicoteh, Eagle Trail, etc.)

| WEEK OF CAMP | MEETING DATE | RSVP BY |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Week 1: June 17 – June 23, 2018 | June 6, 2018 | May 30, 2018 |
| Week 2: June 24 – June 30, 2018 | June 13, 2018 | June 6, 2018 |
| Week 3: July 1 – July 7, 2018 | June 20, 2018 | June 13, 2018 |
| Week 4: July 8 – July 14, 2018 | June 27, 2018 | June 20, 2018 |
| Week 5: July 15 – July 21, 2018 | July 5, 2018 (Thursday) | June 27, 2018 |



GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

We strongly encourage adult leaders to sign-up to help with the activities, particularly when it involves transporting or chaperoning the Scouts. We are here for the Scouts, and without the aid of each and every adult, camp cannot operate efficiently.

This meeting is important for the troop as well as the camp. It facilitates a quicker check-in procedure on the Sunday your unit checks-in, and it allows us to better arrange for your week at camp. It is our goal to distribute and collect information from you in order to relieve some of the stress of Check-In day on Sunday. At this meeting, we expect all units to submit:

- Updated merit badge sign-ups, payment of fees (be sure to have all receipts with you) and an up-to-date roster including adults and youth attending summer camp.
- Early Dismissal Forms, Aviation Parental Consent Form.
- The number-count for guests for the Friday Night Dinner/Lakotafest and Saturday breakfast so we can prepare enough food.
- Dietary Concerns and Food Allergy Forms.

24 HOURS AFTER THIS MEETING, THE DOUBLEKNOT SYSTEM WILL LOCK DOWN. ALL ROSTER CHANGES MUST BE MADE BEFORE THIS LOCK DOWN. TROOPS WILL BE LIABLE FOR ANY RESERVATION THAT IS NOT REMOVED PRIOR TO LOCK DOWN. THIS INCLUDES UN-NAMED YOUTH OR ADULTS.

Express Check-In

Again this year, we will be providing troops with a faster check-in procedure. By completing a few steps by the 10 Day Out Meeting, your arrival at camp will be quick and easy. And, you will be able to arrive at Camp Lakota starting at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

All required steps must be completed by the close of the 10 Day Out Meeting for your week of camp in order to receive the Express Check-In pass. Only troops with an Express Check-In pass will be permitted in camp before 11:00 a.m.

Troop Guides will meet their assigned troops in the parking lot at 11:00 a.m. Starting at Noon, Express Check-In troops will be able to come to the office to complete the Check-In process. At this time, you will be asked to verify the troop's roster, turn in Medication Control Forms and any medications that are being administered by Lakota's Health Officer. You will also receive the troop's wristbands.

Remember, Sunday night dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. Express Check-In allows you to get your campsite situated sooner in the day.



CAMP POLICIES

Camp Policies & Fee Related Info

Bicycle Policy

Each Scout and Scouter is allowed to bring his/her own bicycle to Camp Lakota. Only "big tire" bikes are recommended.

- Industry approved bicycle helmets must be worn at all times. The owner's name, unit, and campsite must be marked in large, readable format on the bicycle and the helmet.
- Must dismount bike at the top of hill leading to road bridge and walk down to flat area
- Must dismount bike at the road bridge and walk bike to the top of the hill
- Must be cautious of walkers
- Notify walkers when riding past
- Must park bike in designated area
- If there is no designated area, park bike off roads
- Do not park bikes on boundaries of program areas
- Bike riders must follow all traffic regulations and may ride only on roads and approved road-like trails (and the approved Mountain Biking Trail).
- Do not ride on pegs of bike one person per bike
- Do not ride through grass
- Unless your bike is equipped with a light, you must walk your bike at night.
- 5 points of contact while riding
- No stunts

Failure to comply with these policies will result in the revocation of a Scout or Scouter's bicycle privileges for the remainder of the week – **NO EXCEPTIONS, NO APPEALS.** Like other personal gear, the camp and the Council are not responsible for lost, stolen, or broken bicycles.

Catch & Release

Fish in Lake Glengary are a renewable resource. Even so, due to fishing pressure, catch and release needs to be practiced to insure adequate numbers to reproduce and maintain the fishery. Exceptions will be made in specific circumstances, such as the fishing merit badge, but only after permission is granted by the Program Director or Camp Ranger.



FEES

Fee-Related Information

Special Program Fees

There will be an additional program fee for the following programs. These fees can be paid at the 10-Days-Out Meeting, but may be paid to the Business Manager on Friday of your camp week if there are changes in a Scout's schedule. With the best interest of the Scouts in mind, there is no fee for Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, and Climbing during the afternoon and evening program; however, there is still a fee for those particular merit badges.

| Archery | \$ 7.00 | Indian Lore | \$ 10.00 |
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| Art | \$ 7.00 | Leatherwork | \$ 10.00 |
| Aviation | \$ 25.00 | Pottery | \$ 10.00 |
| Basketry | \$ 10.00 | Pulp & Paper | \$ 5.00 |
| Chemistry | \$ 10.00 | Rifle | \$ 15.00 |
| Climbing | \$ 15.00 | Sculpture | \$ 30.00 |
| Cooking OB | \$ 7.00 | Shotgun | \$ 15.00 |
| C.O.P.E. | \$ 25.00 | Space Exploration | \$ 15.00 |
| Cycling OB | \$ 5.00 | Weather | \$ 10.00 |
| First Aid | \$ 5.00 | Welding | \$ 20.00 |
| Fly Fishing | \$ 5.00 | Woodcarving | \$ 10.00 |

PACKAGED PROGRAM DEALS

C.O.P.E. Program & Climbing Merit Badge: \$30.00

Rifle & Shotgun Merit Badges: \$20.00



CAMP PROCEDURES

Check-In Procedures

Sunday Camp Arrival

Plan to arrive as a unit at the camp parking lot between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. If you will be arriving later than 1:00 p.m., please contact the Camp Director to make other arrangements. **No arrivals will be permitted before 11 a.m.** A camp representative will greet you at the camp entrance to assist you in parking your vehicles and organizing your troop for Check-In. We ask that troops hike or bike into their campsites and remain in their campsites until 1:30 p.m. Vehicles carrying troop equipment are allowed into camp from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. only to quickly unload and return to the parking lot. Two vehicles per troop (displaying a temporary camp vehicle pass) are permitted in the camp at any one time. Your Troop Guide will meet you in the parking lot at 11 a.m.

After vehicles are unloaded, they **MUST** be returned to the parking lot. Exceptions will be made by the Camp Director only under extenuating circumstances. These vehicles will be identified by a pass that must be displayed in the front window of the vehicle.

At 1:15 p.m. your Troop Guide will help coordinate the following Check-In procedures:

One Adult Leader will be directed to the Camp Office for check-in.

Check-In will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 3:30 p.m. Please make every effort to check-in at the office before 3:30 p.m. If you complete the Fast Pass at the 10-Day-Out Meeting, your registration will move smoothly—a simple confirmation of fees paid, merit badge registration forms, and confirmation of swim check sign-ups.

If you submitted a copy of each camper's medical form at the 10-Day-Out Meeting, you also will be able to check in faster through Medical Re-Checks at the Camp Office.

If you attended the 10-Day-Out Meeting and signed up for a specific time for your troop to do swim checks, the adult leader can return to the campsite after registration until their scheduled time at the beach. If you did not attend or did not sign up for a time slot, you will sign up at registration. Troops that choose to take their swim checks on Sunday afternoon (as compared to the 10-Day-Out Meeting) will be led to the beach by their Troop Guide following a successful check-in. Troops that have previously completed their swim check will have more time for camp set up before embarking on a camp tour.

When your Troop arrives in your campsite, the Senior Patrol Leader and an adult leader will be asked to fill out a Campsite Check-In/Out Form which will list an inventory of equipment (and state of repair) in your campsite. This sheet will be signed by all parties to ensure the quality of your campsite when you checked-in, as well as to initiate any repairs or refinements as necessary. When you check out of your campsite on Saturday, this same form will need to be filled out to assess any changes in the status of equipment and its repair.



CAMP PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Swim Check Procedures

Scouts will be able to complete their swim checks in three different ways.

- At the 10-Day-Out Meeting Scouts can complete their swim checks at the 10-Day-Out Meeting. Sign-ups will be available at the Scoutmaster Orientation Meetings. This is a great opportunity to make campsite set-up less hectic on Sunday afternoon.
- Sunday Afternoon The traditional Sunday afternoon swim checks will be available for those troops not taking advantage of the swim checks at the 10-Day-Out Meeting. Signups will be at the 10-Day-Out Meeting.
- Pre-Camp Swim Checks Troops are more than welcome to do their swim checks as a troop, as long as it is done by someone who has a Lifeguard certification. We ask that you fill out the BSA Pre-Swim Check Form, and attach a copy of the Lifeguard's certification.

Identification Bracelets

Each Scout and adult leader will be issued a color-coded bracelet for identification purposes. These bracelets must be worn at all times and are to be worn around the wrist, no exceptions. Similarly, if anyone notices someone without a bracelet, they are to report the person to camp leadership as soon as possible. If the bracelet is lost, come to the Camp Office as soon as possible to get a replacement.

Campsite Duties

Troops are responsible for the cleanliness and sanitary maintenance of their campsite, latrine, and water supply during their stay at camp. Trash should be kept in a large plastic bag in a secure area to deter animals. There will be a trash pick-up every evening for those troops who choose to eat in their campsite, and a camp-wide trash pick-up on Wednesday evening. We ask that you wash down the latrine area as this will help keep odors to a minimum. Please do not leave the water faucets running and be sure to check them before leaving the campsite. We suggest troops check down inside their latrines for pop cans or other garbage daily. Such items clog camp cleaning equipment and must be removed from the pit area before your troop is cleared to check-out on Saturday.

Please report any problems as soon as possible to the Camp Commissioner at meal times or at the daily Leader's Meetings (following supper at the Commissioner's Area). Disinfectant, garbage bags, toilet paper, and other cleaning items can be requested from the Quartermaster.

Sunday Night Meetings

The first Senior Patrol Leader and Adult Leader meeting of the week will be held Sunday at 5:00 pm in the Commissioner's Area. There will also be a Chaplains Aid meeting at 5:00 pm at Meecheway Lodge.



DINING INFORMATION

Dining Information

Meal Times

Meals are served as follows: breakfast is served in Meecheway Lodge at 8:00 a.m.; lunch starts at 1:00 p.m. at the Armstrong Boathouse and/or the Administration Pavilion; and dinners are served at 6:00 p.m. at Meecheway Lodge. The following exceptions are:

- Friday dinner is a buffet-style picnic during Friday's "Lakotafest"
- Saturday breakfast (last meal) will be brought to your campsite between 7:45 am and 8:15 am

Meal Tickets

ALL youth and adults who are registered as attending camp, either by the week or by the day, have already paid for their meals for the time they are registered for. Any visitors who wish to eat a meal(s) will need to purchase a meal ticket(s) at the Administration Building. Meal tickets for visitors cannot be paid for thru the Troop's doubleknot account. The cost of a meal ticket is \$7.00 (children under 5 eat for free). Friday Family Night visitors will purchase their meal tickets at the Trading Post after 4:00 pm on Friday.

It is extremely important to inform the camp administration of any food-related issues (allergies, dietary restrictions, religious concerns, etc.). Although the kitchen staff will attempt to accommodate your needs, there may be situations where food will need to be provided by the individual with such concerns.

Lunch in Two Locations

At Lakota, we offer lunch at two locations starting at 1:00 p.m. daily. The side that your Unit campsite is on, is where your lunches will be delivered. – either at the Boat House (Camp Neil Armstrong) or at the Administrative Pavilion (Camp Lakota). It is important that your Adult Leader communicates with our Dining Hall Steward if your attendance number has changed from the number you provided our Business Manager on Sunday at Check-In.

Tuesday Dinner / Wednesday Breakfast

Every member in camp will eat their Tuesday dinner and their Wednesday breakfast while participating in their Outbound program. **Neither meal will be served at Meecheway Lodge.** Enough food will be provided to each of the Outbound programs, and programs may have a unique menu depending on the theme of the particular Outbound. If there are any food-related issues, please inform the camp administration so that appropriate food may be provided at the Outbound site.



CHECKOUT PROCEDURES

Check Out Procedures

The entire camp participates in an awards ceremony and a formal dismissal at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday morning at the Administration Building. This all-camp closing award ceremony allows your troop time to pack up and it allows our staff to properly prepare your closing packets. You may also review your closing packets and talk with staff members if you have any last minute concerns. It is our goal to make sure your departure from camp is safe, efficient, pleasurable, and reassuring.

In order to facilitate the check-out procedures on Saturday, we have developed the following procedures:

- Breakfast will be delivered between 7:45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. on Saturday morning to your campsite. Troop Guides will also be eating with your troop, and will remain with the troop until the Award Ceremony.
- Troop Guides will bring the Campsite Check-In/Out Form, which you filled out when you arrived on Sunday, to the Administration Building.
- This sheet is signed by all parties to ensure the quality of your campsite when you checked-out, as well as to initiate any repairs or refinements as necessary.
- Troops must remove any / all trash from campsite.
- When your troop has everything packed up and removed from the campsite, send one adult leader to accompany your Troop Guide into the Administration Building to check out. The administrative staff will be available starting at 8:30 a.m.
- IMPORTANT: Please see the Health Officer FIRST to pick up and sign for your Health Forms and medications. These items will not be shipped to you. All Health Forms and medications left at camp will be destroyed after 7 days.
- The departure packet will include troop advancement sheets, summer camp patches, and swim tags. We strongly suggest that you <u>review the contents</u> of your packet before you leave camp. It is very difficult to clear up discrepancies after you leave.
- Vehicles are allowed in camp after 7:00 a.m., but must be moved either to the parking lot or convoy line by 9:00 a.m.
- Awards Ceremony will begin at 9:15 a.m., with dismissal immediately following.



CAMP PROGRAM

Camp Lakota's program is based upon a particular philosophy of Scouting which we call "4-D Scouting" (or Four-Dimensional Scouting), whereby a Scout experiences Scouting in more than one dimension. Some camps provide one-dimensional Merit Badge Scouting. Some high adventure bases provide one-dimensional Adventure Scouting. At Camp Lakota we offer a Scout a merit badge program, a patrol program, a troop program, and camp-wide programs—all intertwined with advancement and adventure. The Camp Lakota schedule is open and flexible enough for Scouts and Scouters to make choices, but scheduled enough to provide structure to their options.

A typical day at Camp Lakota consists of mornings filled with merit badge advancement opportunities. The mornings are set aside for hands-on training, skill acquisition, and instruction. Afternoons at Camp Lakota are filled not with merit badge programs, but an assortment of other forms of Scouting activities. These afternoon programs will enrich your Scouts with unconventional skills, challenging group projects, and other opportunities you won't find in other camps. The evenings at Camp Lakota are filled with troop activities. In the evenings, your troop can spend some time together—as a unit—playing and working together through large-group tasks, meeting other Scouts from other troops, interacting, sharing, and enjoying the Lakota spirit. This is 4-D Scouting: meeting multiple sides of each Scout's personality, interests, and needs.

Daytime Program

Afternoon Activities

After a morning of hard work on merit badges, the afternoon explodes with a wide range of programs and innumerable opportunities. We mobilize all the staff that teach merit badges in the morning to offer programs other camps would never even try in the afternoon.

Our afternoon programs serve many different functions: you can fine-tune your Scouting skills, explore new and exciting outdoor activities, work on skills you're having problems completing, or have a fun Scouting afternoon getting a taste of all the program areas. Advanced training opportunities, long treks by land or by river, exploring the depths and widths of Lake Glengary, and discovering the nooks and crannies of Camp Lakota with a friend are all possible during our afternoons. Many themed programs will occur in program areas that are not listed here as well as all of the following:

| Waterslides | Tomahawk Throwing | Disc Golf |
|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Blobbing | Spar Pole & Climbing Wall | Shooting Sports |
| Beach Volleyball | Geocaching & Orienteering | Boating & Swimming |



CAMP PROGRAM

Back to Basics

This program is operated by the Nicoteh staff and runs from 2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. It allows Scouts that are not yet First Class to work on various First Class requirements. All Scouts are allowed to work on rank advancement, this is not limited to just Nicoteh Scouts. Back to Basics will take place in several areas of camp: Monday – Beach Front, Wednesday – Outdoor Skills, and Thursday - First Aid.

Order of the Arrow Day

Thursday is Order of the Arrow Day, culminating with the Calling-Out Ceremony that evening at 8:15 p.m. with a Dance Team pow-wow performing prior to the ceremony. From breakfast through the Calling-Out Ceremony, we ask that all Arrowmen wear their sashes in support and recognition of Scouting's Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. We also encourage every Arrowman in camp to get involved with the ceremony on Thursday evening by helping the Summer Camp Chief either prepare for or actually participate in the ceremony.

Order of the Arrow members who have been active for ten months or more as an Ordeal member are eligible for the next membership level, that of Brotherhood. Brotherhood membership signifies a deeper level of understanding of the customs and traditions of the Order of the Arrow. To become a Brotherhood member, an Arrowman need only to answer a few questions to establish their knowledge of the Order, and then take part in the Brotherhood Ceremony which seals their membership. Any Ordeal member meeting the requirements can get a "Brotherhood Information Sheet" from the Summer Camp Chief. All Brotherhood and Vigil Honor members are invited to the Brotherhood Ceremony held each Thursday evening 15-20 minutes after the Call-Out Ceremony.

Siesta / Unit Time

After lunch, from approximately 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., there is no scheduled program. This is time for troops to gather and do whatever they wish. It might be a good time to get hold a patrol leaders' council, or maybe even a chance to just lie around and have a relaxing moment where you don't have to be anywhere or do anything—a rare gift indeed. Feel free to do absolutely nothing, and feel equally as free to work on service projects, make improvements around your campsite, or prepare for your Friday night skit.



CAMP PROGRAM

Service Projects

Units and patrols are also strongly encouraged to complete a service project around camp during your week here at Lakota. The Ranger will provide our Commissioner with a list of necessary camp improvements throughout the summer. Have your Senior Patrol Leader ask the Commissioner for this list, and we will provide you with the tools needed to improve Lakota.

Morning Watch & Religious Service

At Camp Lakota, we strive to integrate reverence in our everyday experiences. On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7:30 a.m. we hold "Morning Watch" at the Hubbard Chapel. This is a short meditation to set you out on the right foot each morning before breakfast. Religious services, one Catholic, and one Non-Denominational, are held on **Wednesday Evening at 7:30 p.m.**

Adult Leader Programs

Adults are strongly encouraged to participate in our camp's program in a number of ways. Any adults may assist with our afternoon program, especially if he/she is knowledgeable about any of the programs we offer here at Lakota. Also, any Adult Leader may organize and instruct the camp on a skill of your choice in the afternoons or evenings while at camp. You may suggest any such programs to the camp leadership during your 10-Day-Out meeting.

More specifically, adults may assist the staff in areas like Nicoteh, COPE, the climbing wall, shooting sports, or with BSA Lifeguard. Scouters can also earn the Wawpawmawquwa Scouter Award while at camp for successfully completing tasks that help to improve the Scouts within your troop. Adults may also receive a variety of training that is described in the Advancement Programs section of this Leaders' Guide.



CAMP PROGRAM - EVENINGS

Evening Program

Sunday Night Gala

Immediately following the Sunday Night Campfire will be the Sunday Night Gala at the Trading Post. This will be a terrific opportunity for your Scouts to meet all of the Camp Staff after they have been introduced to them at the Opening Campfire. Light music, some sort of cold, sweet treat and ENTHUSIASM will be featured at this Cracker Barrel.

The Trading Post will also be open for anyone to purchase merchandise. We want the entire camp to feel welcome right from the start at Camp Lakota, and this will extend your first night experience with a friendly atmosphere of fellowship.

Wednesday Evening Activities & Troop Time

During the first SPL/adult leader meeting on Sunday, troop youth leaders will be given several choices to choose from for a camp wide activity on Wednesday. The majority of what youth leaders bring back from their units will be presented Wednesday evening following our chapel services. Some of the choices are based on the individual while other activities focus on building Patrol spirit. With a Lakota twist on the competition, some activities will focus on patrol building whereas other activities will be fundamental in patrol versus patrol games.

Following the Camp Wide Game, troops have the ability to host their own campfires or rent out select areas of camp. Feel free to invite other Troops and staff members to your campsites for a night of friends, fire, and fun.

Thursday Call-Out Ceremonies

Thursday evening is filled with many OA activities, including the OA American Indian Activities Dance Pow-wow, the Call-Out Ceremony and OA Fellowship.

Friday Night Lakotafest

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OUTBOUNDS

Tuesday Outbounds

Camping is one of the truly great aspects of being a Boy Scout. Not just week-long camping like your week at Summer Camp, but also traveling to new locations in rustic areas which will excite Scouts with a feeling of exploring something new. Each Scout and Scouter will participate in an outbound on Tuesday night.

Each of our Outbounds will lead Scouts into new areas on and off camp property. Some of the Outbounds extend the lessons of their merit badge programs, some of the Outbounds teach Scouts frontier skills and songs, while others occur only after a Scout has biked, canoed, or hiked a great distance to experience new surroundings.

At Camp Lakota, we strive to provide the best possible Outbound experience for the Scouts by offering a variety of programs. However, some Outbound programs have a maximum capacity. We encourage each Scout to have a backup Outbound in case of a full outbound. The Outbounds we will offer in 2018 are as follows:

Adult Leaders Retreat

Adults will come together to share tales, skills, and Scouting experiences. The Lakota BBQ grill will be provided for the leaders to prepare a delicious steak dinner (steaks, baked potatoes and salad provided). Troops Leaders will be asked to volunteer to cook dinner and/or breakfast for the adult leaders, so feel free to bring along your own extra food or recipes!

Backpacking Outbound

This Outbound is associated with the Backpacking Merit Badge; however, anyone may join in on the hike! The Buckeye Trail is a sustainable trail that provides a safe and unique experience throughout the state reflecting the diverse resources, people and stories of Ohio. Scouts will hike several miles to Independence Dam State Park and learn about the history associated with the trail and how it connects back to the history of Camp Lakota. In the morning, Scouts will then make their way back to Lakota.

Cooking Outbound

This Outbound will begin at lunch on Tuesday, and involve scouts learning and implementing some intense cooking methods! The scouts will be able to plan their own dinner and breakfast, go shopping for those ingredients, and cook at their leisure. There is a \$7 fee associated with this outbound. Scouts in the Cooking merit badge will take precedence.

C.O.P.E. Outbound

This Outbound is a continuation for those enrolled in Project C.O.P.E. On the outbound, both youth and adults C.O.P.E. participants will be spending the evening on our very own HIGH ROPES COURSE, using the knowledge gained from low C.O.P.E. to enhance team trust and overcome personal fears.



OUTBOUNDS

Cycling Outbound

This Outbound will leave after lunch on Tuesday to complete a 50-mile bike ride. Scouts must bring a multi-speed bike to camp, and be prepared to travel the above mileage. Requirement 7c #1 (Option A) will be completed for the Cycling Merit Badge. Bikes must be inspected by Lakota Staff prior to departure. A quick stop to a local ice-cream shop will be along the way, so a \$5 fee is added for some cold, sweet enjoyment!

En-Sa-Wac-Sa Outbound

This Outbound will travel out of camp on the Auglaize/Maumee Rivers and sleep in a site along their canoe trek. Must be a Swimmer and requires a paddling skills test. Over the course of their trip En-Sa-Wac-Sa will travel 4-8 miles, depending on the skill level of the group and participants will have the opportunity to earn the BSA Paddle Craft Safety: Basic Canoe certification.

Field Sports

This Outbound will combine Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, and Black Powder shooting. While there may not always be time for all of these activities, the scouts will be able to choose what they want to do the most. A \$5 Fee is associated with this outbound.

Frontiersman Outbound

This Outbound will allow scouts to earn the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge and complete their overnight requirement! Scouts will build their shelters, and then spend the night under it. While cooking like the frontiersman, participants will learn a few old-style cooking methods specific to their Outpost. Scouts will need to bring a sleeping bag, personal first-aid kit and mess kit.

Geology Outbound

This Outbound will allow scouts to expand on the knowledge that they may have learned throughout the Geology Merit Badge. Although you are not required to be enrolled in the Merit Badge class, this is a great opportunity to work with a local Geologist, visit a local quarry, and discuss natural science through experiments and explorative demonstrations!

Kayaking Outbound

This Outbound will travel 14 miles up and down the Auglaize/Maumee Rivers and experience river kayaking. Must be a Swimmer and requires a paddling skills test. This outbound requires a good amount of strength and perseverance. Recommended for older Scouts.

Nature Outbound

This Outbound will allow Scouts the opportunity to explore, get dirty, and pick apart various parts of Lakota that very few Scouts ever venture into, such as the slate-beds, the log jam, and Lakota's wetland. Be prepared to stay the night with some of Lakota's finest wildlife. Scouts will need a good pair of water boots and extra shoes/clothes for exploring the natural environment.



OUTBOUNDS

Nicoteh Scouts

This Outbound will work to enhance their Scout skills while participating in a historical trek that teaches the lessons of early Scouter's; like Daniel Beard's "The Sons of Daniel Boone," Lord Robert Baden-Powell's "Brownsea Island," and Ernest Seton's "Woodcraft Indians." Scouts in Nicoteh will rotate between these areas practicing skills learned for rank advancement.

Photojournalism Outbound

This Outbound is required for Scouts in the Photography/Journalism Merit Badge class. Scouts will be learning and practicing photo elements around Lakota in the evening on Tuesday, and touring one of the Defiance Newspapers on Wednesday morning.

Stand-Up Adventure

This Outbound will allow Scouts to enhance their balance while Stand Up Paddle Boarding and Board Sailing on Lake Glengary, as well as Mountain Boarding parts of the Powell-Creek trail (jeans are recommended). This outbound DOES NOT require a paddle skills test; however, <u>you **must**</u> <u>have successfully completed a BSA swimmers test.</u>

Survival: Lakota Edition

This is a new program, altered from 2017, offered this camping season to Scouts 14 and older who have a minimum rank of First Class. On this Outbound, Scouts will put in place practical skills used for survival with only the clothes on their back, what's in their pockets and a full water bottle. Each Scout will receive a box with one different item in it, to be used on the Outbound shortly after they depart. A decent hiking trip to a remote part of Lakota (or somewhere in Defiance County) will test Scouts to utilize their surroundings, and what is given to them, to survive **24 hours** in the open woods. Different from the Frontiersman Outbound, glorified meals will not be provided and the Outbound time is extended. A Scoutmaster description is available upon request for more information concerning the program for this Outbound.



OUTBOUNDS

The Outbound isn't over once you wake up. On Wednesday morning, Scouts and Scouters will dive into more Outbound learning and adventure. Then, traveling back into camp between 10:30 -11 a.m. after a hearty breakfast, the entire camp will get prepared for an afternoon of open programming fun.

What Scouts Need for Outbounds

- 1. Backpack (for personal gear)*
- 2. Sleeping Bag & Ground Cloth (sleeping pad recommended)
- 3. Water Bottle (multiple)
- 4. Mess Kit with Utensils
- 5. Long Pants (in regard to specific Outbounds)
- 6. Warm clothes for evening & morning
- 7. Rain Gear (depending on weather)
- 8. Pocket Knife

Additional for Water Based Outbounds

- 1. Swim suit
- 2. Extra pair of shoes that can get wet
- 3. Waterproof Pouch for personal items (Ziploc bags)
- 4. Sunscreen

*Scouts may rent a duffle bag backpack from the Trading Post for \$1. The money will be returned to the Scout if the duffle bag comes back clean and in the same condition. First come, first served. We have a limit of 30 bags.

Please Note - If a Scout has already participated in a specific Outbound in the past, we strongly encourage him to participate in a different one this summer. <u>All canoeing and kayaking</u> <u>Outbounds require a paddling skills screening. This screening will take place Monday evening at</u> 7:30 PM at the Boat Docks. Further, Scoutmasters and other adult leaders should review the maturity, skills, and equipment of each Scout to be sure that the Outbound is appropriate. It is extremely important that all Scouts have a positive Outbound experience. Equipment lists for each Outbound will be provided at the Scoutmasters Orientation.

AT LEAST 2 ADULT LEADERS FROM EACH UNIT MUST REMAIN ON CAMP DURING

OUTBOUNDS. If a concern arises with a Scout during an Outbound, adult leaders need to be available to assist with the problem.



LAKOTAFEST

Lakotafest

Friday Night Lakotafest

Friday Night is Family Night at Camp Lakota, and we want all your families to experience the excitement of camp. Plan for your families to arrive in camp any time after 4:00 p.m. All visitors must park their cars in the main parking lot, and <u>check in at the Trading Post Building</u>. Transportation will be provided for those with walking disabilities.

Lakotafest will kick-off around 5:30 p.m. between Meecheway Lodge and Shawnee Plains (the grassy area across from the Council Ring) so all Scouts can challenge their parents and friends in various carnival games, listen to music, dance, or just enjoy fellowship with others. Different activities include the Lakota slack line, tie-dye, Lakota branding and tug-of-war.

Dinner will be served at Meecheway starting at 6:00 P.M. <u>MEAL TICKETS MUST BE PRESENTED</u> <u>FOR GUESTS & SCOUTS TO RECEIVE FOOD.</u> Dutch oven desserts (provided by troops) will also be provided later in the evening.

The cost of the dinner is \$7 per guest (children under 5 eat free). <u>Tickets may be pre-</u>purchased at the Trading Post by the troop leadership or by guests during check-in. All Scouts and Scouters that have been in camp during the week will need to turn in the provided ticket as well to receive their meal. The Closing Campfire will begin in the Council Ring following Lakotafest around 8:15 p.m.

We also encourage troops to invite their families to stay the night at Camp Lakota in the troop campsite. Your troop will need to provide camping gear for their stay. Families can eat breakfast in the morning (\$3.50 per person) and leave with the troop in the morning. Please inform us of the numbers for breakfast at the 10-Day-Out Meeting.



CAMP PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Block Programs

We offer a number of Block Programs. These are programs that integrate skill-training from various merit badges, certifications, and programs into "blocks" that last longer than the average merit badge advancement program. They are more intensive than merit badge advancement programs, and offer participants a unique advancement opportunity where they:

- a. have the time to take on larger, more challenging learning opportunities
- b. have more time to interact and get to know Scouts from other troops
- c. have the time to develop skills rather than race through requirements.

Scouts typically complete difficult merit badge programs which have usually not been completed during a week at camp. Camp Lakota offers the following block programs:

Nicoteh

Nicoteh, meaning "first", is our first year camper program designed to acclimate new Scouts to Camp Lakota. The primary goal of this program is to introduce new Scouts to each of the areas in camp and to expose young Scouts to basic Scout skills. Scouts in Nicoteh spend a majority of their time completing requirements for Tenderfoot to Second Class; however Scouts will need to spend more time outside of Nicoteh to be able to advance through the ranks. Requirements will be covered but may need to be tested by the troop. Some requirements cannot be completed due to time restraints and class size. Nicoteh fills the entire morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, and from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, and Friday. This leaves Thursday and Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. for Scouts involved in Nicoteh to take a merit badge of their choice.

Project C.O.P.E.

The "Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience" is designed for older Scouts (14 years old by the time they arrive at camp) and challenges participants to become more aware of themselves and others, their strengths and limitations. For Scouts that already know each other well, COPE builds on this knowledge to improve communication and leadership skills. For newer groups -even complete strangers- COPE is a great mechanism for rapidly developing a strong sense of team membership.

An effective COPE program consists of 8-14 participants per group, and requires an additional fee of \$25. Participants will receive a COPE certificate and COPE patch. Space is limited, and extra forms must be filed for each participant.



MERIT BADGES

Merit Badge Programs

Lakota merit badge sessions are longer than most other camps, allowing uninterrupted instruction. Rather than splitting a class into five parts, for approximately 45 minutes a day, we have grouped our classes together so that a Scout works on a merit badge typically during two 1-hour and 45 minute sessions. During these sessions, a Scout will immerse himself in the subject matter which allows him to work on larger scale projects. These two-day sessions will be taught Monday-Tuesday, and then Thursday-Friday. A Scout may attend up to two merit badge sessions per morning.

This schedule is designed around the structure behind the Boy Scout advancement program itself: understanding the requirements and expectations, learning the necessary skills, and then proving that the Scout has retained this knowledge. Scouts will receive instruction during the mornings, practice their skills in the afternoons, and then show their counselor that they are fit to receive the badge. Friday afternoon we will offer a merit-badge review time to tie up any loose ends they might have from their week.

Merit Badge Schedule

At Camp Lakota, we have a three-year merit badge rotation. This summer, we are looking at offering the following merit badges:

| Archaeology | Disabilities Awareness | Mammal Study |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Archery | Electricity | Nature |
| Art | Emergency Prep | Photography |
| Astronomy | Environmental Science | Pioneering |
| Aviation | First Aid | Pottery |
| Backpacking | Fish & Wildlife Mgmt. | Rifle |
| Basketry | Fishing | Rowing |
| Camping | Fly-Fishing | Shotgun |
| Canoeing | Forestry | Signs, Signals & Codes |
| Chemistry | Geocaching | Small Boat Sailing |
| Citizenship in the Community | Geology | Soil & Water Conservation |
| Citizenship in the Nation | Home Repairs | Space Exploration |
| Climbing | Indian Lore | Swimming |
| Communications | Journalism | Welding |
| Cooking | Kayaking | Wilderness Survival |
| Cycling | Leatherwork | Woodcarving |
| Digital Technology | Lifesaving | |



MERIT BADGES

Merit Badge Notes

The following merit badges will be offered in the afternoons during Open Program ONLY:

- Art
- Communications
- Fly-Fishing
- Indian Lore

Fly-Fishing will meet on Monday at 2:00 pm under the Administration Pavilion.

Welding will be offered only if an instructor is available.

Each Scout should read through their merit badge requirements **BEFORE** showing up to camp. This will help mentally prepare them for the merit badge. A list of pre-requisites will be available in the Scoutmaster Orientation packets as well as upon request to the Program Director.



ADULT TRAINING

Adult Leader Training

The camp is just not for the kids; adults are going to have plenty of opportunities to have fun at Camp Lakota as well. From participating in our programs to some of our evening activities, there are a plethora of options out there to take advantage of during their stay at camp. However, many adults participate in our training program. We want your unit to leave camp stronger and more prepared than when they arrived.

Becoming a "Trained" Leader

Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters are considered trained, and able to wear the "Trained" patch, when they have completed: 1.) Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, 2.) Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills and are current on Youth Protection. Camp Lakota Staff is committed to helping your current and future unit leadership become properly trained while in camp.

Here are the trainings we will be offering:

Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training

Training for a specific Scouting position continues through Leader Specific Training. This training provides the specialized knowledge a new leader needs to assume a leadership role. This training is classroom-led and training areas include: the Aims and Methods of Scouting, planning troop meetings, advancement, recruiting youth and volunteer adults, planning camp outs, using the patrol method, managing membership, filing necessary paperwork, Unit finances, and proper uniform.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

An understanding of outdoor skills is critical to the success of the Scouting program, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills will provide leaders with the basic outdoor skills information needed to start a program right. Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills is the required outdoor training for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. The skills taught are based on the outdoor skills found in The Boy Scout Handbook. The course is also ideal for Venturing leaders because it focuses on skills that build confidence and competence in leaders conducting outdoor camping experiences.

Troop Committee Challenge

The mission of the Troop Committee Challenge training is to help each troop committee work as a team to improve the Scouting experience for adult and youth members. It helps build the commitment of individual members as well as cultivates a better troop committee team.



AWARDS / CERTIFICATIONS

Awards and Certifications

Board-Sailing BSA BSA Stand-Up Paddle-Boarding Camp Honors Program (for individual youth) Climb on Safely C.O.P.E. Cyber Chip Duty to God Award Finding Your Faith Award Firem'n Chit Honor Troop Award (for units) **Hornaday Award** Leave No Trace Award Leave No Trace Training **Messengers of Peace Award Mile Swim BSA** Nechochwen Paul Bunyan Woodsman Safe Swim Defense **Safety Afloat Totin'** Chip Wawpawmawquaw Scouter Award World Conservation Award

A description for each of the above awards and certifications will be available in your Scoutmaster Orientation packets, or upon request to the Program Director.