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PROGRAM: WHERE THE FUN IS AT

Dear Adult Leader,

Summer Camp continues to be a highlight in the childhoods of millions of youth across the country. We are honored that you have chosen Camp Lakota to be the highlight of your summer. Our staff and I are anxiously awaiting and preparing for your stay, so that you can fully experience our rich traditions and programs.

A few short years ago, 13 to be exact, I stepped foot onto Camp Lakota for the first time, not fully knowing how much it would change my life. After my first summer camp experience, I fell in love with the forests, trails, traditions, and staff that made my summer so amazing. I truly looked forward to attending Camp Lakota every summer. We continuously strive to provide that same experience for other scouts, one in which the aims and methods of Scouting are met through a well-rounded and rigorous summer camp experience.

This guide serves to answer your questions and provide a template from which to build your own Lakota Experience. We ask that you read it thoroughly, as it provides the first step in having the greatest experience possible.

On behalf of the Black Swamp Area Council Camping Committee and our incredible staff, we thank you for attending Camp Lakota this summer!

Yours in Scouting,

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NEW IN 2020

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:

Administration

We have new leadership! Adam Wehrman will be Camp Director, and Justin Moyer will be the Program Director. They are excited to continue the tradition and bring new ideas to Camp Lakota!

Handicraft/Outdoor Skills

We heard your feedback loud and clear! We are splitting Handicraft and Outdoor Skills back into their respective areas. Outdoor skills will remain in the areas near Lang Chapel on the Armstrong side of camp, while Handicraft will return to its previous location near the Trading Post.

TLE – True Lakota Experience

TLE will be making a return this year and absorbing the Eagle Trail Area. This is to consolidate our staff resources and provide the best possible program for our scouts.

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:

Staff Shower House

The Staff Shower House has received a complete makeover. While not directly affecting program, be on the lookout for this updated facility.

Storm Shelter

Expect a possible groundbreaking for a new storm shelter on the Camp Lakota property, so that we can continue to live out the scout motto, "Be Prepared!"

Campsite and Program Area Improvements

Campers and leaders can expect a plethora of campsite and program area improvements, to make your stay as enjoyable as possible. Follow us on our Facebook page to keep up with the improvements being made.



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GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

Summer Camp Orientation Meeting

Summer Camp Orientation Meetings will be held on Saturday, **March 14, 2020, at Camp Berry at 9:00 am and on Saturday April 11, 2020, at Camp Lakota at 9:00 a.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 14 – June 20, 2020 | June 3, 2020 | May 27, 2020 |
| Week 2: June 21 – June 27, 2020 | June 10, 2020 | June 3, 2020 |
| Week 3: June 28 – July 4, 2020 | June 17, 2020 | June 10, 2020 |
| Week 4: July 5 – July 11, 2020 | June 24, 2020 | June 17, 2020 |
| Week 5: July 12 – July 18, 2020 | July 1, 2020 | June 24, 2020 |



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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 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

The express check-in of years past will no longer be used. Turning in as much paperwork at the 10 day out meeting as possible will speed up the process for your troop. However, gates of camp will be closed and no troops permitted into camp until 11:30 am on Sunday of check-in day. Every effort will be made to make the check-in process as smooth and quick as possible.



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CAMP POLICIES

Camp Policies & Fee Related Info

Bicycle Policy

Each Scout and Scouter can bring his/her own bicycle to Camp Lakota. Only “big tire” bikes are recommended (no thin-tire road bikes).

- ❖ Industry approved bicycle helmets **must always be worn**. 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 ensure 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.



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FEES

Fee-Related Information

Special Program Fees

Significant effort is being made to eliminate as many extra fees as possible, but some programs have extra required supplies that a scout takes home. 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.

| Merit Badge | Program Fee |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Archery | \$7.00 |
| Art | \$7.00 |
| ATV | \$35.00 |
| Aviation | \$25.00 |
| Basketry | \$8.00 |
| Cooking OB | \$7.00 |
| Indian Lore | \$10.00 |
| Leatherwork | \$10.00 |
| Pottery | \$10.00 |
| Space Exploration | \$15.00 |
| Welding | \$20.00 |
| Woodcarving | \$8.00 |



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CAMP PROCEDURES

Check-In Procedures

Sunday Camp Arrival

Plan to arrive as a unit at the camp parking lot between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 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 11:30 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. Vehicles carrying troop equipment are allowed into camp from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 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 11:30 a.m. Please have the remainder of your paperwork (medicals, swim checks, early departure, waivers, etc.) ready to hand to the staff members greeting in the parking lot. This will ensure a speedy check-in.

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 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.



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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. Sign-ups 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 Meechway Lodge.



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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 Trading Post. 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. There will be opportunity at breakfast for a unit to determine how many campers will eat at the Armstrong Pavilion or the Boat Docks. It is important to eat at the location that is determined at breakfast so that accurate meal numbers can be delivered to their respective locations.



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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 review the contents 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.



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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 the following:

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| Waterslides | Tomahawk Throwing | Disc Golf |
| Blobbering | Climbing Wall | Shooting Sports |
| Beach Volleyball | Geocaching & Orienteering | Boating & Swimming |



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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 can 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. This schedule is subject to change, with proper communication from the Nicoteh director.

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 six 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.



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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.** The night that chapel services occurs is subject to change. Further communication will be put forth by the camp administration if this schedule changes.

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, 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.



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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. The night of the campwide game is subject to change. Any schedule changes will be communicated with units in advance of camp.

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

Friday Night is Family Night at Camp Lakota, and we want all of 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 check in at the Trading Post Building.

Transportation will be provided for those with walking disabilities. For more information about Lakotafest, see the Lakotafest page further in this guide.



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OUTBOUNDS

Tuesday Outbounds

The 2020 outbound program is currently under construction. New leadership requirements and other challenges are requiring further planning. Additional material and information will be released soon.



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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 check in at the Trading Post Building.** *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. **MEAL TICKETS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR GUESTS & SCOUTS TO RECEIVE FOOD.** 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). Tickets may be pre-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.



2020 PROGRAM SECTION

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.



2020 PROGRAM SECTION

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, scouts will immerse themselves in the subject matter which allows them 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 Scouts BSA 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:

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| Art Aviation Basketry Camping Canoeing Chess Citizenship in the World Climbing Communications Emergency Preparedness Environmental Science Fingerprinting | Fire Safety First Aid Fishing Forestry Geocaching Indian Lore Journalism Kayaking Leatherwork Lifesaving Mammal Study Nature | Photography Pioneering Pottery Pulp and Paper Rowing Signs, Signals, and Codes Small Boat Sailing Soil and Water Conservation Space Exploration Swimming Weather Wilderness Survival Woodcarving |
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MERIT BADGES

Merit Badge Notes

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

- ❖ Fingerprinting
- ❖ Pulp and Paper

As resources become available, some merit badges may be able to be added to this list. Further communication with adult leaders will occur in this instance.

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.

Advancement Tracking Sheets / Records

At the end of the week, you will receive tracking sheets in your Check-Out packet. These sheets will list all of the Scouts in your unit, as well as the Merit Badges they were scheduled for. Next to each merit badge, we will list if the scout received a Complete or a Partial (remaining requirements will be listed). For Black Swamp Area Council units, this advancement record replaces the blue card system and is recognized as a valid form for advancement by the Council Advancement Committee.

Blue Cards

Camp Lakota recognizes that some Troops prefer the use of Blue Cards. If your Troop will need Blue Cards filled out, please plan to provide the necessary Blue Cards. In order for them to be filled out, please make sure the Program Director has them by Wednesday of your week of camp.



2020 PROGRAM SECTION

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 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.



2020 PROGRAM SECTION

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 Camp Director.