

Wawpawmawquaw Scouter Application

Who was Wawpawmawquaw?

Meecheway Lodge, the dining hall at Camp Lakota, is named after a man by the name of Oliver Spencer. During a battle, Oliver was captured by the Shawnee people. Two Shawnee natives, Wawpawmawquaw and another warrior, took Oliver from his home in Cincinnati, Ohio, and brought him to their village along the Auglaize River near Fort Defiance. There, a Shawnee woman by the name of Cooh-Coo-Cheeh gave him the name Meecheway. At Camp Lakota, Meecheway Lodge was named in memory of him.

Wawpawmawquaw was Oliver's capturer, but he also kept him safe from harm and brought him to his village to be raised into adulthood as a Shawnee.

At Camp Lakota, we want to commemorate the role this adult man played in the life of young Oliver Spencer. We are using Oliver Spencer's mentor name, Wawpawmawquaw, as the name of our program which recognizes and honors those Adult Leaders who invest themselves in helping Boy Scouts experience Scouting at its best at Camp Lakota.

Description of Program:

Each leader who comes to Camp Lakota will be issued a challenge to become a Wawpawmawquaw Scouter by completing a "ticket" much as one would do in Woodbadge training.

Each leader is encouraged to fill their ticket by completing requirements in four areas—Doing, Deciding, Reflecting, and Connecting. Leaders will be asked to do, decide, reflect, and connect with Camp Lakota in ways they have not previously been asked to do.

Those who complete their ticket will be recognized as a Wawpawmawquaw Scouter and presented with an award at the Friday night closing campfire.

Goals of Program:

Camp Lakota has developed this program for a number of reasons:

- To encourage adult leaders to interact more with one another so they will leave Camp Lakota with a few new tricks up their sleeves, with a few new program opportunities for their Units, and with a few new comrades to help them persevere as adult leaders in the Boy Scouts;
- To better utilize the resources (skills, tools, connections, and energy) adult leaders bring to Camp Lakota each week;
- To mobilize adult leaders to make lasting, significant impacts on Camp Lakota programs and facilities;
- To integrate adult leaders into the program, so staff and adult leaders are working together to enhance boys' experience of Scouting at Camp Lakota;
- To help boys experience Scouting at its best at Camp Lakota.

Instructions:

Please fill out the back of this form and return to the Senior Commissioner by Friday afternoon. You are asked to complete at least two (2) ticket items in each category: Doing, Deciding, Reflecting, and Connecting. If you choose "other," please discuss your proposal with the Senior Commissioner to ensure that it will fulfill the requirements.



Wawpawmawquaw Scouter

Name of Scouter: _____
Troop #: _____ Town: _____

Doing—Rather than take a “No Trace” Scouting mentality, we want to encourage adult leaders to leave their mark on Camp Lakota by maximizing their impact. We want you to do service and teaching projects which will enhance the program and facilities at Camp Lakota.

- _____ Lead your troop in a service project (2 hours of service to the camp)
- _____ Lead your troop on an overnight campout (besides Tuesday night’s Outbounds)
- _____ Lead your troop on a canoe trip
- _____ Offer a program to campers (adults, youth, or staff) which does not already exist
- _____ Other: _____

Deciding—Rather than just come out to Camp Lakota one week each summer and be passive recipients of the summer camp experience, we want adult leaders to be partners in deciding what that experience should and will be.

- _____ Attend daily Leader Meetings (after dinner Sun.-Thurs. at the Commissioner Area)
- _____ Attend the Cauldron Meeting (to discuss the future of Camp Lakota programs and facilities)—Friday morning
- _____ Host a conference with a Commissioner to discuss your troop’s concerns and suggestions for development of Camp Lakota programs and facilities
- _____ Other: _____

Reflecting—Rather than just talk the talk, we want adult leaders to be role models to all the Scouts at Camp Lakota. We want to provide you with opportunities to reflect back at the youth at what it means to have Scout spirit, to do a good turn daily, and to live the Oath and Law.

- _____ Attend and support Nicoteh (at least 2 hours)
- _____ Teach a staff member a skill or technique which will help them to become a better Scout and teacher of youth
- _____ Perform a skit, song, and/ or story in the Friday night closing campfire with other adult leaders.
- _____ Perform in mealtime programs (skit, story, Scoutmaster’s Minute, etc.)
- _____ Earn a BSA award or certification (Outdoor Leader Skills, Mile Swim, Youth Protection, etc.)
- _____ Other: _____

Connecting—Rather than be islands unto ourselves, we want to heavily encourage leaders, Scouts, Units, and Staff to live and work together, to learn and succeed together. We want adult leaders to help create connections between all these different groups of people at Camp Lakota.

- _____ Attend at least two Supplemental Training courses for Adult Leaders
- _____ Host another Unit in your campsite for a campfire or cracker barrel
- _____ Attend and support a Staff member in teaching a Merit Badge
- _____ Host another Unit at an evening troop activity (Troop Boat, Troop Swim, etc.).
- _____ Cook a dessert for the Friday Night Lakotafest
- _____ Other: _____

Accepted by: _____
Date: _____
Comments: _____
