



2017

Cub Camps

Promotion Schedule

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2017 Cub Camp Promotion Schedule

Your Cub Scouts want to go to camp. It has all the things that excited them about Cub Scouting when they first joined – BB guns, bows and arrows, slingshots, swimming, games, crafts, camping, and being outdoors. The parents are the people you have to convince about the value of Cub Camping. The keys to successfully promoting Cub Camping in your pack are providing parents with the information they need in a fun way that excites the boys, repetition, repetition, and repetition. Skits, games, crafts, and snacks can all be used to promote Cub Camping effectively to your pack over the next five months.

January/February

- **Recruit pack camp coordinator(s)**, (Cubmasters – if you don't recruit coordinator(s), this will probably end up being **your** job).
- **Pack Meeting:** Give main information sheet on all the camps to parents. (“Mark your calendars, save the date”). Pass the interest survey out to find out what camps your Scouts and their families are interested in. Can use a skit to introduce it. This is also the time to let parents know what your pack's adult leadership requirements are for the camp.
- **At the Blue and Gold Banquet:**
 - Use the Cub Camp placemats available from the Council
 - During the Friends of Scouting part of the night, after the District representative has spoken, mention the importance of FOS in supporting the facilities at Camp Drake and other Cub Camps.
 - Use a skit or song to lead into the Cub Camp announcement.
 - Have the main information sheet on all the camps available again and mention it during announcements.
 - Promote the Council Candy Bar sale (Feb. 24 – March 31) as a way to help pay for camp.

March

- **DEADLINE MARCH 25:** Have your list of pack camp coordinator(s) and estimated number of scouts at each camp (use the interest survey) to the scout office.
- March is the time to do your big promotional push on Cub Camping. Parents should already be aware of the dates, and now is when you work to get the boys really excited about going to the camps.
- **At the Den Meeting:**
 - Use one of the camp-themed games during the meeting.
 - Have the edible campfire for a snack. Hand out the camp flyers while the boys are eating it and talk about everything that goes on in each camp.
 - For Bear dens, stress that Adventure Camp will give them a great start on being Webelos by giving them the opportunity to earn several activity pins.
- **At the Pack Meeting:**
 - Have all the flyers, registration forms, and health forms for all the camps available either in one big packet (best) or individually on a table by the entrance to the meeting. Have an information sheet with each camp's pack coordinator information on it. If not doing a packet, be sure to have cards indicating which forms go with which camps.
 - Pitch a tent by the entrance to the meeting. Have a fake campfire going if you have one. Instructions for making a fake campfire can be found at: <http://my.dmci.net/~dmanchester/Props/Props12.htm> and elsewhere on the web.
 - Use one of the camp-themed skits to introduce the camp promotion event.
 - Plan on taking about 10 minutes at the pack meeting to cover everything about the camps. Use some of the camp-themed sparklers between topics to keep the boys having fun and not getting wiggly in their seats. Stress the importance of registering through the pack camp coordinator and not going to the scout office on their own.

March

- **DEADLINE MARCH 31:** Campership applications due at the Scout office
- At the Den Meeting:
 - Have the den leaders remind parents to get registration forms, payment, and health forms in to the pack camp coordinator(s).
 - Continue to use some of the camp-themed crafts or games in the den meeting.
- At the Pack Meeting:
 - Remind parents of upcoming deadlines.
 - Have all the forms and information available to parents.
- Promote Cub Camps, especially Day Camp, during your spring recruiting. By joining now, they can do the outdoor activities they're excited about right away.

April

- **DEADLINE Friday APRIL 28:** Registration information and payment due for either session of Adventure Camp. Registrations received after this date will be charged an additional \$10.00 late fee per person. An early fee discount of \$5.00 will be available for campers completing their payment for Adventure Camp before Friday, April 21, 2017. Health forms (parts A and B) should be brought to camp check-in at Camp Drake.

May

- **DEADLINE MAY 19:** Registration forms due at the Raymond Lee Scout Service Center for Day Camp at Camp Drake (except new recruits). Health forms (parts A and B) for Day Camp **MUST** be turned in with registration forms.
- **DEADLINE MAY 19:** Registration forms due at the Raymond Lee Scout Service Center for Day Camp for Tuscola Day Camp (except new recruits). Health forms (parts A and B) for Day Camp **MUST** be turned in with registration forms.
- **DEADLINE MAY 19:** Registration forms due at the Raymond Lee Scout Service Center for Urbana Day Camp (except new recruits). Health forms (parts A and B) for Day Camp **MUST** be turned in with registration forms.

LATE FEES:

For Adventure Camp (either session) – a late fee of \$10.00 per person will be charged for registrations received at the Raymond Lee Scout Shop AFTER Friday April 28.

For Day Camp (any session) – a late fee of \$10.00 per person will be charged for registrations received at the Raymond Lee Scout Shop AFTER Friday May 19.

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Cub Camping 2017**

To register for any camp, please contact your pack camp coordinator.

Day Camps

Locations:

Camp Drake (Oakwood)	June 2 - 3; 6pm check-in for overnight campers(Fri) 9am-4pm Saturday day activities Cost: \$40.00 (light dinner, bkfst and lunch Sat incl) \$10 meal ticket for parents and leaders
Wimple Park (Tuscola)	June 16 - 17; 4pm check-in for overnight campers(Fri) 7pm – 9:00pm Friday evening activities 9am-4pm Saturday day activities Cost: \$40.00 (light dinner, bkfst and lunch Sat incl) \$10 meal ticket for parents and leaders
Champaign Co. Fairgrounds (Urbana)	June 23 - 24; 6pm check-in for overnight campers(Fri) 7pm – 9:30pm Friday evening activities 9am-4pm Saturday day activities Cost: \$40.00 (breakfast and lunch Sat included) \$10 meal ticket for parents and leaders

Registration Deadline:

Friday, May 19, 2017 5:00pm with \$10.00 late fee for reg. after May 19

Adventure Camp

(Blue Session Wed. July 5 - Sat. July 8, Gold Session Sun. July 23 - Wed. July 26)

Location: Camp Drake Theme: Discovery Safari

Camp Drake Lantern for Adventure Camp is available at www.campdrake.com

Cost: The individual fee for the three-day session of Cub Scout Adventure Camp for Cub Scouts from Prairielands Council is \$135.00. For Cub Scouts from other councils, the fee is \$145.00 per boy. Complete the Attendance Registration Form and submit it with your camp payment. An early fee discount of \$5.00 will be available for campers completing their payment before Friday, April 21, 2017.

Total payment for both youth and adult campers for the *Cub Scout Adventure Camp* is due at the Council Service Center, P. O. Box 6267, Champaign, IL, 61826-6267, by Friday, April 28, 2016.

Registration payments received after the above dates will be charged an additional \$10.00 late fee per person.

Adult Leader Fees

As mandated by BSA policy, all packs attending summer camp MUST have at least 2 adults present at all times. One leader must be at least 21 years of age, and all additional leaders must be at least 18 years of age. Adult registration fees are due on the same schedule as the youth fees. The fees for adults who accompany a pack are :

1-5 boys 1 adult free;
additional adult leaders \$60.00 each
6-10 boys 2 adults free;
additional adult leaders \$60.00 each
11-20 boys 3 adults free;
additional adult leaders \$60.00 each
21-30 boys 4 adults free;
additional adult leaders \$60.00 each

Boys and leaders spend four days and three nights on the banks of the Salt Fork. Camp Drake will conduct two three-day programs for Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts (boys going into second, third, fourth and fifth grades at the end of this school year). Each session begins on an afternoon with check-in starting at 1:00pm. These sessions conclude on the following 3rd morning after a 9:00 am closing ceremony. Set morning programs give the boys opportunities to work on advancement, while the afternoon has an open schedule to allow boys to choose their favorite activities, including archery, BB guns, swimming, and boating. All meals are provided in the camp dining hall. Adventure Camp is the perfect opportunity for fourth-grade Webelos to begin earning activity pins and working towards the Arrow of Light.

Pack Camp Coordinator – Why You Need One (or More)

Murphy's Law: if something can go wrong, it will

Your pack is about to carpool to Day Camp, and you will find you had four boys sign up at the scout office without telling you and now you need another driver. A camp director has to change the schedule and can't find out who to contact for your pack to pass the information on to your campers. There is no central person who has all the information all your campers need.

Things go wrong sometimes, and having a central point of contact can make dealing with those challenges a lot easier. With a pack camp coordinator, parents know who collects registration forms and fees, the Council knows who to contact about missing payments and health forms, and Camp Directors know who to contact when there's a sudden schedule change.

Getting one person to handle all of the camps that your pack is attending can be a big job, so parceling each camp out for a different person to coordinate makes the job more manageable and makes it easier for you to find a volunteer. Your pack coordinator(s) should be the person in charge of collecting all of the paperwork (registration forms, health forms) and fees, signing everyone up at the scout office, and arranging adult campers (Overnight Day Camp and Adventure Camp).

If you simply announce at a pack meeting that you need a camp coordinator for the pack, you probably won't get any volunteers. To recruit a pack camp coordinator, try to identify the parent(s) in your pack who are engaged in the program (i.e., often stay through den meetings), are organized, and have (perhaps) been to one or more of the camps in years past. Make a personal pitch to this person face-to-face, not over the phone or with e-mail, in a relaxed setting (i.e., not after a meeting when everyone is looking to get home or has a Cub Scout bouncing off the walls). **Remember, Cubmasters, if you don't recruit one or more camp coordinators, the job is likely to end up being yours.**

In addition to contact information, the Council would like to know what camps your pack plans to attend and an estimated number of Cub Scouts who will be attending. Note that this estimate does not obligate you to sending a certain number of Scout to a camp, but is used to help with program planning and ordering supplies.

Please turn in the attached sheet to the Council by April 1st

2017 Cub Camp Interest Survey

Scout Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Prairielands Council provides a variety of camping opportunities during the summer for Cub Scouts. Please indicate your son's interest in the following camps.

Day Camp (Dates/Times/Locations vary)

Day Camp provides a wide range of outdoor activities for Cub Scouts, including archery, BBS, slingshots, crafts, sports, games, and more. Cost for each day camp is \$40.00.

Locations include Camp Drake June 2 & 3, Tuscola June 16 & 17, and Urbana Fairgrounds June 23 & 24. Lions and Tigers who plan to stay overnight must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Urbana

Tuscola

Camp Drake

My son is: _____ Definitely interested _____ Probably interested

_____ Maybe interested _____ Not interested

Adventure Camp (Two Sessions at Camp Drake)

Adventure Camp is geared towards Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts, but includes activities for Wolf and Bear Scouts as well. Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts can work on several activity pins, and all Scouts can earn adventure belt loops. In addition, packs can schedule extended time at the shooting ranges, Poncho Pond, or the swimming pool for their Scouts, and free time is available each day for Scouts to participate in activities that interest them and enjoy the woods of Camp Drake.

Blue Session (July 5 - 8, 2017)

Gold Session (July 23 - 26, 2017)

My son is: _____ Definitely interested _____ Probably interested

_____ Maybe interested _____ Not interested

2017 Pack Camp Coordinators

Due to the Council Office by April 1st, 2017

Check the box of each camp your pack will be attending and fill out the contact information and estimated number of Scouts for each of those camps.

Day Camp (Check camp(s) attending below)

Camp Drake (June 2 & 3) Estimated Number of Scouts Attending _____

Tuscola (June 16 & 17) Estimated Number of Scouts Attending _____

Urbana (June 23 & 24) Estimated Number of Scouts Attending _____

Adventure Camp (Check camp(s) attending below)

Blue Session (July 5 - 8) Estimated Number of Scouts Attending _____

Gold Session (July 23 - 26) Estimated Number of Scouts Attending _____

Pack Coordinator: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address _____