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☛ *Mosquitoes often inhabit the outdoors; campers should use only a non-aerosol insect repellent. We recommend using products with non-deet or an effective non-toxic alternative. These should not be sprayed within the confines of a tent;*

☛ *The Black Swamp Area Council adheres to all youth protection provisions of the Boy Scouts of America. At least one adult leader, who has completed the BSA Youth Protection Training, must be present at all times when the pack is in camp. Two deep adult leadership is required at all times.*

☛ *The Camp Director has emergency plans for fire, severe weather, and accidents.*

☛ *Camp Directors have access to phone communications at all times. Review program information for each camp should you wish to attend;*

*While camp is in session, lost and found items are kept at the camp office. Afterward, items will be sent to the Black Swamp Area Council (Findlay) Service Center and will remain there for the next 60 days.*

**Notes**

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**2100 Broad Ave.**  
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**Black Swamp  
Area Council**



**Cub Scout Camping Guide**



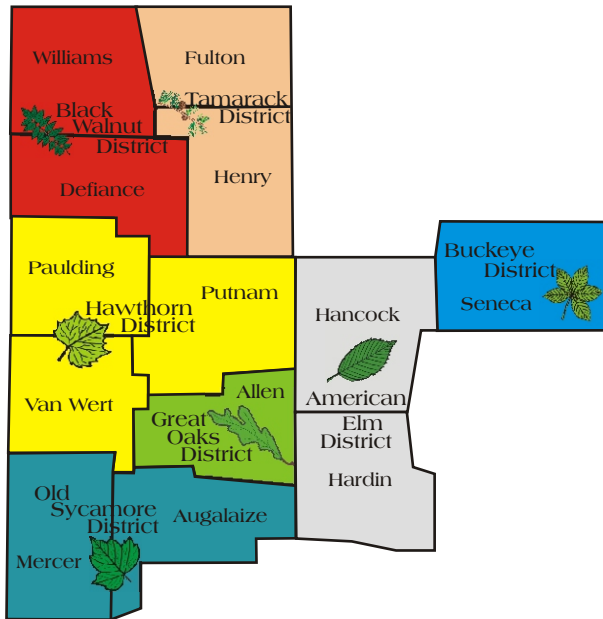
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***Interested in Cub Camping?***

- ☛ *History of Cub Camping?*
- ☛ *What is available in the Black Swamp Area Council?*
- ☛ *Pack Overnights – What rules apply?*
- ☛ *What to bring to camp?*
- ☛ *Tips to make your camping a success!*
- ☛ *Learn the Council Camping Policies and the policies of the different Cubs Camps in the Black Swamp Area.*
- ☛ *Where to go for more information?*

*If you are interested in learning more,  
Then this book is for you!*

**Black Swamp Area Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
Northwest Ohio**



**Camp Policies**

*Camp Policies vary from Camp to Camp, but those listed below are common to all camping experiences in the Black Swamp Area Council.*

*Although advancement is not the principle reason to attend camp, most camps offer opportunities to work towards rank advancement;*

*The cost of all meals, activities and projects are usually included in the camp fee. Often a patch and T-shirt are added at no cost. Some camps operate trading posts where souvenirs and snacks may be purchased. Cub Scouts should not bring large sums of cash to camp;*

*Please sign in and out at the camp office if coming or going at times other than the beginning and ending of the camp;*

*Visitors should check in with the camp director;*

*Camper release policy: Campers will only be released from camp to custodial parents. Release to others must be communicated in writing prior to the release of the camper;*

*All prescription and over-the-counter medication must be stored in its original container at the area established as a Health Lodge;*

*Vehicles are not permitted in campsites;*

*No pets in camp please;*

*No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs*

*No firearms or ammunition should be brought to camp;*

*Hazing is strictly prohibited;*

*Open toed shoes and flip-flops are not permitted for wear around council camps, except while in the showers. Close-toed shoes must be worn to and from the showers;*

*Smoking is prohibited except in designated areas. The goal is to keep smoking away from the Cub Scouts.*

*The camp is not responsible for lost or stolen items.*

*Please help to keep bathrooms, showers and latrines clean. If problems exist, please contact the camp director.*

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**Refunds:** Programs cancelled by the Council and/or districts will be refunded in full without penalty or need of applications. Postponed operations due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances will be refunded in full should the participant be unable to attend the make-up date. All other refunds will be considered on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the Black Swamp Area Council's program policies.

**Swim Checks:**

All Cub Scouts and adults who wish to participate in either swimming or boating will be require to take a swim check to identify their swimming ability. Often the swim check is one of the first events scheduled, so have your swim trunks and towel with in easy reach. Some swim checks can be done prior to camp and can be carried over to future camps.

**Weather:** Occasionally, our Ohio summers will produce a severe rainstorm, high winds or a tornado. Other times we might experience high (or even potentially dangerous) heat conditions. In either case, we will attempt to keep the camp going with the necessary schedule changes and other precautions to insure the health and safety of all participates. The Camp Director has written emergency procedures for potential emergencies and will advise all participates of the camps status as necessary.



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*Dear Cub Scout and Cub Scout Families,*

*Cub Scouting was formed by the Boy Scouts of America in 1930 for boys who were not old enough to join Boy Scouts. Today, Cub Scouting serves boys in the first through the fifth grade (7, 8, 9 or ten years of age) and is the largest division of the Scouting Program.*

*One of the tools used to accomplish the purposes of Cub Scouting is camping. Camping, by its very nature, has proven to be an excellent method to instill the high ideals and character Scouting encourages. Age-appropriate camping is a significant principle and it is what differentiates Cub Scout Camping from Boy Scout or Venture Camping. Camping programs combine fun and excitement with doing one's best, getting along with others and developing an appreciation for ecology and the great outdoors. Young boys have a natural desire for fun, excitement and adventure in the outdoors. Our camps are designed to take advantage of nature's beauty and to provide a setting for families to grow together.*

*The Black Swamp Area Council has put this pamphlet together to answer questions about Cub Scout camping in your area. We hope it is helpful to you but there are many other resources available ranging from your own Cubmaster to the Scouting Professionals who support your pack through the services offered at either of the two local B.S.A.C. Service Centers. Feel free to call upon any of them for general information or names of Camp Directors for specific cub camps. We're proud of our camping program and would like to share the fun and growth opportunities with you and your family.*

*Hope to see you on the Scouting trail,*

*Denny Baker  
Cub Camping Committee Chair*

*Black Swamp Area Council  
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## **Council Camping Policies**

***Health and Safety:*** *The Black Swamp Area Council (BSAC) camps are operated with the highest regard to health and safety. The National Boy Scout Council inspection each summer as well as local and state inspections help to ensure our camps are safe for Scouts and their adult partners.*

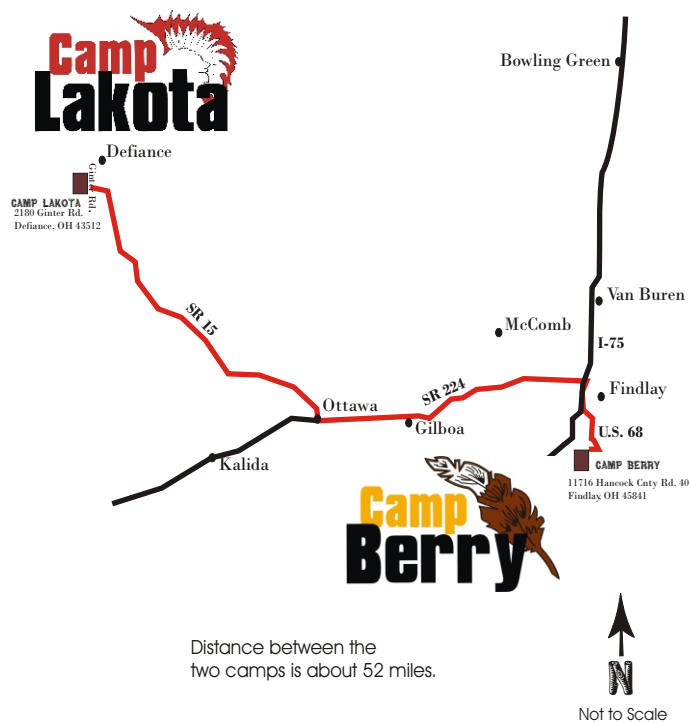
***Health history:*** *A completed health history form signed by a parent is due upon arrival. Every person in camp must turn in a health history form including adults and parents. The form will be returned to the unit leaders at check out.*

***Medical Considerations:*** *In accordance with the policies of the Boy Scouts of America, all medications for Cub Scouts and adult leaders (both prescription and over the counter) must be collected during check in and maintained by the health officer in a locked container. Medications that must be kept cold are kept within a locked refrigerated unit. Medications will be returned to the adult upon checkout. The only medications that may be retained by campers are those whose absence of which could place the camper in a life-threatening situation. Examples include bee sting kits, heart medications, or emergency asthma inhalers.*

***Health and Accident Insurance:*** *All camps have a staff member designated as the health officer. All accidents and illnesses must be reported to the health officer and recorded in the Camp Health Log. Scouts and their parents registered in the Black Swamp Area Council are covered by a B.S.A.C. insurance policy while attending an official Scout activity.*

Regardless of which camp property Cub Scouts choose to visit, the Black Swamp Area Council is sure the time spent putting the “outing into Scouting” will help to develop each scout’s respective love for the outdoors.

### How to get to the Black Swamp Area Council Camps



### Organization of the Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts group together to form a **Den**, usually about eight boys with a couple of parents who serve as Den Leaders. The Den is identified by a single digit number.

Dens group together to form a **Pack**, usually three or four dens. The Pack is identified by a three digit number like, 124, 222, 308 or 456.

Packs group together to form a **District**, Districts have geographical boundaries and usual follow county lines. In our council, districts are identified by a name of a tree, American Elm, Black Walnut, Buckeye, Great Oak, Hawthorn, Sycamore, or Tamarack.

Districts group together to form a **Council**. Our Council is named The Black Swamp Area Council (B.S.A.C.) and is made up of thirteen counties in northwestern Ohio.

Councils group together to form **The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America**. The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America is chartered by the United States.



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## ***Camping in the Black Swamp Area Council***

*The Cub Camping Committee is responsible to promote and coordinate the Cub Scout camping programs for the Council. It does this by establishing a calendar for Council and District camping events. This allows the Pack to make plans to attend these camps while adding its own campouts when desired. As part of the age appropriateness of Cub Camping, all camps encourage parent participation. Cub Camps are theme-oriented to help spark the imagination and enthusiasm of young boys.*

*There are a number of age-appropriateness guidelines which the National Council has established for its members' participation in camping activities:*

- ☛ *Overnight camping by Tiger, Wolf, and Bear Cub Scout dens as dens is not approved and certificates of liability insurance will not be provided by the Boys Scouts of America.*
- ☛ *Tiger Cubs may participate in boy-parent excursions, day camps, pack over-nighters, or council-organized family camping.*
- ☛ *Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts may participate in a resident overnight camping program operating under BSA National Camp School-trained leadership and managed by the council this includes family camps and resident camp.*

***It is important that early camping experiences be successful ones if we want boys to continue to have a desire to camp as they progress through Scouting. Proper equipment, age-appropriate activities, and careful planning are essential.***

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## ***Where To Go***

*Here are several areas within the Black Swamp Area Council 13 county region where cub scouts can go to experience all the outdoor world has to offer either in the form of a daytime outing or as an overnighter. It is important to remember only those areas meeting the stringent guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America and having been approved by the local council are acceptable for Cub Scout camping. Two of the most-beautiful properties in this region are owned, operated and supported by the volunteers of the Black Swamp Area Council and are approved for Cub Scout outings.*

### ***Camp Berry:***

*Though located just outside the city limits of Findlay, Ohio, campers cannot help but feel the stresses of city life escape the confines of day-to-day living will enjoy the rustic but comfortable accommodations offered in day of the camp's cozy cabins.*

*Cub Scouts, and their leaders and their families who take advantage of all Camp Berry has to offer will enjoy hiking the trail to Ti-Wo-Be-Web Cub Fort located on the western-most portion of camp property and watching the sun set over the Lake of the Pines.*

### ***Camp Lakota:***

*Located near Defiance, Ohio, Camp Lakota offer 600 plus acres of Scouting heaven in the form of beautiful campsites, peaceful trails and calming natural surroundings. This property, steeped in Native-American history, affords Cub Scouts the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of great Native-American leaders.*

*The Camp Lakota property is accentuated by Lake Glengary surrounded by the many program areas available to campers upon prior arrangements being made. The entire lake region is outlined by Camp Lakota's hike/bike trail.*

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### ***Tips for Success***

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- ☛ *Drink lots of water;*
- ☛ *Protect yourself from insects, sun and poison plants. Consider the DOD Insect repellent system, treat your clothing with permethrin and your exposed skin with non-DEET picaridin;*
- ☛ *Do not take valuables to the shower house;*
- ☛ *Please mark all items with Scout's full name and pack number;*
- ☛ *Try all the activities - learn from the staff members;*
- ☛ *practice the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack when in camp;*
- ☛ *Spend time with family members. Enjoy the program but make a special effort to get to know family members a little better. You won't have the interruptions you have at home;*
- ☛ *Remember, there is no such thing as bad weather - only bad clothing; borrow the Boy Scout slogan and Be Prepared;*
- ☛ *A Safety Issue: Open-toed shoes (sandals) are not allowed at Camp Berry or Camp Lakota. While sandals may be allowed at some other sites, you should consider footgear that offers more protection.*



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### ***Council-Organized Cub Camping***

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*The B.S.A.C. offers three different kinds of organized camping experiences: Day Camps, Family Camps, and Resident Camps:*

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#### ***District-Organized Day Camps***

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*Each of the seven Districts in the Council organizes a Day Camp. This camp is an organized, multiple-day, theme-oriented program for all Cub Scouts. Day Camps are conducted by Districts under trained leadership during daylight or early evening hours and do not include overnight activities. Each Cub Scout Day Camp offers their own array of program opportunities including (but not limited to) swimming, fishing, bb-gun range, archery, crafts, and much, much more.*

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#### ***Council-Organized Family Camps***

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*The Black Swamp Area Council -organized family camps are overnight events involving more than one pack and are open to families of all B.S.A.C. registered Cub Scouts. The B.S.A.C. provides all of the elements of the outdoor experiences, such as staffing, food service, housing, and a value-based program. Family camps are conducted by trained leaders at one of the two B.S.A.C. camp facilities - Camp Berry in Findlay, OH, or Camp Lakota in Defiance, OH. Youth members attending family camps are under the supervision of their respective parent or guardian. In all cases, each youth participant is responsible to a specific adult. B.S.A.C. family camps are conducted in accordance with established standards as given in National Standards for Council-Organized Family Camping, No. 13-408.*

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### ***Cub Scout (Summer) Resident Camp***

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*Cub Scout summer camping is an organized, theme-oriented overnight camping program of at least two night and three days. B.S.A.C. Cub Scout Resident Camp is conducted in accordance with National Standards for Cub Scouts/Boy Scout Resident Camps (19-108E) and Resident Camping for Cub Scouts (13-33814) and is supervised by national Camp School-trained leadership.*

*Cub Scout Resident Camp typically includes outdoor activities relating to showmanship, sportsmanship, craftsmanship, aquatics, fitness and ecology.*

***Notes on Shooting Sports:***  
***Archery and BB guns are restricted to Council or District events.***  
***Archery and BB guns are not to be used at the pack or den level.***



- 🐾 *Back pack;*
- 🐾 *Parent (don't forget to bring your parent).*

### ***Do not bring:***

*Electronic games, valuables, radios, candles, pets, fireworks, skateboards, knives (except as advised by your leader), alcoholic beverages, illegal or controlled substances.*



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## ***What to Bring to Camp***

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*Camp activities, location, and weather are factors that determine what to bring to camp. The list below will need to be modified depending on your unique situation. Cub Scout camping does NOT require that all equipment be back packed to the campsite.*

- ☛ *Wagon or wheel barrow or similar device to move equipment to your campsite;*
- ☛ *Sack lunch and beverage when applicable;*
- ☛ *Health form **signed by parent** (adults need health forms too);*
- ☛ *Rain gear*
- ☛ *Watch;*
- ☛ *Hat;*
- ☛ *Camera;*
- ☛ *Swim trunks;*
- ☛ *Sunglasses*
- ☛ *Insect repellent (non-aerosol only);*
- ☛ *Sun block;*
- ☛ *Water bottle;*
- ☛ *Spending money for trading post when applicable (optional);*
- ☛ *Leaders-lawn chairs;*
- ☛ *Fishing gear (some camps provide all the gear needed, some do not)*

*If staying overnight, add the following items:*

- ☛ *Toilet articles (Note: Cub Scouts shower separate from adults);*
- ☛ *Sleeping bag, pajamas, pillow and cot or air mattress;*
- ☛ *Change of clothes, extra socks;*
- ☛ *Athletic shoes or hiking boots;*
- ☛ *Flashlight;*

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## ***Pack Overnights***

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*Council-organized camps are not the only way for Cub Scouts to go camping. In fact, Cub Scout packs are encouraged to provide their own youth members with positive outdoor experiences. Pack overnights are pack-organized overnight events involving more than one family from a single pack, focused on age-appropriate Cub Scout activities and conducted at Council-approved locations.*

*The format under which an entire pack can camp is a pack-organized camping activity and must adhere to the following Guide to Safe Scouting requirements:*

- ☛ *Contact your local council for availability and approval. Permits for campouts are issued by the Council office. Packs use Local Tour Permit Application, No. 34436B*
- ☛ *Pack-organized family camping must be held in council approved camping facilities that meet certain standards (Pack Overnighter Site Approval Form, No. 13-508).*
- ☛ *Non-members (brothers and sisters) may participate if the event is specifically structured to accommodate them.*
- ☛ *B.S.A. health and safety and youth protection guidelines apply. In most cases, the youth member will be under the supervision of a parent or guardian. At least one adult or youth member of the family must be a registered member of the B.S.A.*
- ☛ *At least one pack leader on a pack overnighter must have completed Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (B.A.L.O.O., No. 34162A) to properly understand the importance of program intent, youth protection guidelines, health and safety, site selection, age-appropriate activities, and sufficient adult participation.*
- ☛ *Additional guidelines for planning a pack overnighter are found in Chapter 33 of the Cub Scout Leader Book.*

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## Webelos Den Overnight Camping

*Webelos Scout and parent overnighers introduce the boy and his parent or guardian to the Boy Scout camping program. A Webelos Scout may participate in overnight den camping when supervised by an adult. In most cases, the Webelos Scout will be under the supervision of his parent or guardian. It is essential that each Webelos Scout be under the supervision of a parent-approved adult. Combined Webelos den- Boy Scout troop campouts including the parents of the Webelos Scouts - are encouraged to strengthen ties between the pack and troop. Den leaders, pack leaders, and parents are expected to accompany the boys on approved trips. Webelos dens are encouraged to have several overnighers a year. Guidelines for planning the Webelos overnight campouts are found in the Cub Scout Leader Book, No. 33221.*



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## How to attend a Cub Scout Campout

- 1. Obtain a current Cub Camping Calendar (Found in "family issues of the Council newsletter, Smoke Signals, in February, May, August, and November); as well as on Blue & Gold Banquet Placemats; or by calling the either of the two B.S.A.C. Service Centers.*
- 2. Choose the Camp(s) you would like to attend, mark your family calendar and send the registration form -with payment - to the B.S.A.C. office. Day Camp registrations should be given to your Cubmaster.*
- 3. Obtain the equipment needed for your campout. See "What to Bring to Camp" list included in this booklet for the basics. Refer also to the camp-specific program information for a list of equipment or supplies recommended for that particular outing.*
- 4. Obtain and complete an approved personal health history form for all participates (Class 1 health forms only). Your Cubmaster should have access to these forms.*
- 5. Arrive at check in time. The staff is usually not able to accommodate early check-ins.*
- 6. Most camps require registration upon arrival. You will need the name payment was made in and signed health forms for all participates (including adults). It helps to know your pack number and your District name.*
- 7. Some camps require a swim check immediately after registration, so remember to pack your swim trunks and towel near the top of your pack.*