

SCOUTS BSA SUMMER CAMP PARENT'S GUIDE

GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COUNCIL

IN 2020, YOUR SCOUT WILL...



BUILD FRIENDSHIPS

According to a survey by the American Camp Association, 96% of youth that attend camp in the US say that their camp experience has helped them make new friends. Camp is a great place to not only meet new people, but learn how to work together and be part of a team.



TRY NEW THINGS

One of the greatest benefits of camp is the way youth build their self-confidence by doing things they've never done before. Whether it is climbing a rock face, leading a campfire skit, or riding a horse, camp always offers exciting new challenges that allow youth to grow, not to mention make everlasting memories!



FIND THEIR STYLE

Camp is a great place for your child's individual personality to shine. Our diverse mix of activities and many specialty camp opportunities ensure there is something for everyone. Our camp staff are experts at engaging all youth to be active and have fun!

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“A WEEK OF CAMP LIFE IS WORTH SIX MONTHS OF THEORETICAL TEACHING IN THE MEETING ROOM.”

— ROBERT BADEN-POWELL, FOUNDER OF THE SCOUTING MOVEMENT

It is the goal of Greater St. Louis Area Council summer camps to provide the finest quality programs, food, and facilities that support and augment troops in their efforts to deliver the aims of Scouting to their youth —character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

Each Scout leaves with increased confidence in themselves, learns the benefits of teamwork, faces new physical and mental challenges, and participates in ceremonies that increase their awareness of their responsibilities as a citizen. This Parent’s Guide is intended to help you and your scout(s) prepare for the adventure that awaits them at summer camp. You may also find the individual camp Leader Guides found at <https://stlbsa.org/activities/camping/summer-camp/scouts-bsa-summer-camp/> to be helpful

If you have any questions about camp, please call our camping department at 314-361-0600 or email camping@stlbsa.org.

What will my Scout do at camp?

This summer, your Scout will have an active, challenging, and educational week or more at summer camp. Unless otherwise specified, Scouts will be living in a two-person canvas tent and sleeping on a provided cot. Members of the same troop will share a campsite. Depending on their age and which camp your scout attends, activities may include mountain biking, rock climbing, rappelling, horseback riding, water skiing, low and high ropes challenge courses, and many more. In addition, they will be working on Scouting advancement.

Scouts attending camp for the first time often enroll in our First Year Camper program. There are sessions designed to help new scouts learn and work toward earning their Tenderfoot, Second Class, or First Class ranks. Over forty merit badges that challenge Scouts of any experience level are offered. Scouts start each day at 7:00 AM and lights-out is at 10:00 PM. During their days at camp, scouts will have the time of their life in a tremendous setting with our caring, qualified staff.





PROGRAM!!

"A highlight of the year for many Scout Troops is a week at a BSA Summer Camp. It is rare for a Scout to come home without having gained more knowledge about living in the out-of-doors and great enthusiasm for doing more of it as soon as possible."
- Excerpt from the Camping Merit Badge pamphlet

MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

Unit leaders should guide Scouts to set achievable goals. Some subjects require a greater length of time for instruction than others, and this should be considered when scheduling them. Unless otherwise noted, merit badge classes are Monday through Friday. One successful technique for retaining information is for Scouts to take instruction from the camp staff member in a given subject, then for an adult troop leader to review the knowledge gained with the Scouts. Scouts should obtain, read, and study the current pamphlet for each merit badge they wish to pursue prior to attending classes. Partial completion of a merit badge is not a failure, it is what the name indicates: partial success. Many Scouts will complete only sections of badges with prerequisites or that are very difficult. They then can complete them with another counselor at home or back at camp the following summer. Partial completions are valid until a Scout turns 18. Be sure to provide the required documentation for Scouts who have completed requirements for merit badges before they come to camp.

REGISTERING FOR ADVANCEMENT SESSIONS

Our summer camps operate an internet-based system for merit badge registration. Your Scout will select their advancement opportunities and communicate them with their adult leader. Once you have paid half of the camp fee, your unit leader will input your Scout's advancement preferences. Parents have the ability to make payments, register their Scout(s) for merit badges, and apply for camperships using the Parent Portal. This feature can be activated by the Unit Leader at the time of registration.

FIRST YEAR CAMPER PROGRAMS

The First-Year Program is designed for Scouts who have recently joined a troop or have just crossed over from Webelos. Scouts are immersed in the Scouting program and will learn the patrol method and basic Scouting skills, and experience some of the many programs available at summer camp. The program is not intended for Scouts to advance to First Class rank during one week at camp; it is intended to bolster a troop's advancement program.



Discount Information

Second-week discount: Attend a week of Scouts BSA or Venturer summer camp and get \$100 off a second week of camp (excludes National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and Horse camp). Or, get \$50 off a GSLAC camp if you spend a week at another council's camp or high-adventure base.

Family discount: A \$100 family discount is available for siblings who also attend a GSLAC Scout camp (excludes National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and Horse camp).

Camperships: Camperships are direct financial assistance available for families with financial need. Applications can be found at <https://stlbsa.org/activities/camping/summer-camp/scouts-bsa-summer-camp/> and must be submitted by May 1, 2020.

Discounts cannot be combined. One participant must be paid in-full for either the second-week or family discount to apply.

Refund Policy

Refunds may be issued in circumstances involving medical or family emergencies and must be requested using the Refund Request Form (available at camping.stlbsa.org) before August 31, 2020.

2020 CAMP FEES

Camp	Early Bird Fee if paid by April 8th	Fee if paid by June 1st
Camp Famous Eagle	\$300	\$320
Camp Gamble	\$300	\$320
Camp Lewallen	\$300	\$320
Swift High Adventure Base	\$300	\$320
Camp Joy	\$315	\$335
Rhodes France Scout Reservation	\$315	\$335
S-F Ranger Program	\$300	\$320
Eagle Trail Camp	\$300	\$320
Catholic Adventure Week	\$300	\$320
National Youth Leadership Training	\$265	\$280
Horse Camp	\$300	\$320
STEM Week	\$300	\$320



GENERAL INFORMATION



MAIL

Scouts love getting mail at camp! Mail takes several days to arrive, so you may wish to send mail prior to your Scout's departure for camp. We will attempt to return items received after a Scout leaves camp. To ensure proper delivery to your Scout, use the complete address below along with their troop number and campsite:

S bar F Scout Ranch	Camp Lewallen	Camp Joy	Rhodes France Scout Reservation
120 US Hwy 67	HCR 1 Box 1955	10700 Camp Joy Rd	815 N East Rd
Knob Lick, MO 63651	Silva, MO 63954	Carlyle, IL 62231	Pana, IL 62557

TELEPHONE

S-F Scout Ranch - 573-756-5738

Camp Lewallen - 573-224-3420

Camp Joy - 618-594-2345

Rhodes France Scout Reservation - 217-562-5223

VISITORS/ PARENTS NIGHT

Parents are welcome to visit their scout(s) at camp. Upon arrival, please check-in at the camp office. Those planning to stay 72 hours or longer must be registered with the BSA and be current on Youth Protection Training (taken within the last two years).

Parents are invited to visit camp on family night (see below for your camp). Families may bring a picnic dinner, tour camp, visit Gateway Traders (trading post) and attend the Order of the Arrow call-out ceremony. Visitors need to plan on parking in the main parking lot and walking to their campsite and the OA ceremony area. Transportation is available for those needing assistance.

S-F - Thursday @ 5:00 PM

**Camp Lewallen -
Wednesday @ 2:00 PM**

**Camp Joy - Wednesday @
3:30 PM**

**Rhodes France Scout
Reservation - Wednesday @
5:00 PM**



LEAVING CAMP

Anyone leaving camp during the scheduled camp session must sign out in their respective Camp Office. A Scout may not leave camp with anyone other than the unit leader or their parent or guardian, unless written permission is provided by the parent/ guardian.

MEDICAL

Our camps are staffed 24 hours a day by qualified health personnel. All injuries and illnesses –no matter how minor –should be reported to your camp office. Persons with serious injuries or illnesses requiring hospitalization are transported to either:

- Parkland Health Center in Farmington, Missouri (S bar F),
- St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese, Illinois (Camp Joy),
- Black River Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri (Camp Lewallen), or
- Pana Community Hospital (Rhodes France).

Parents of Scouts are responsible for the cost of any treatment that cannot be done in camp. Non-emergency transportation of a Scout or leader to a hospital is the responsibility of the troop. In case of an emergency, transportation is provided by local authorities. Parents of the Scout are responsible for any costs incurred for emergency transportation.



MEDICATION

Medications should be kept secure and dispensed by the unit leader. Unit leaders should keep track of when, how much, the type, and by whom the medication was dispensed. When requested, the camp holds medications requiring refrigeration or those that the camper and their leaders feel uncomfortable holding.

BSA ANNUAL HEALTH & MEDICAL RECORD

Every Scout and leader attending camp must –upon arrival –present a completed health record: Parts A, B, and C of the current Annual Health and Medical Record. Part C must be signed by licensed medical personnel (limited to a doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, physician’s assistant, or nurse practitioner). The Annual Health and Medical Record requires a yearly medical exam by licensed medical personnel for all Scouts and adults attending camp. Due to liability considerations, the BSA requires the Annual Health and Medical record. Scouts requiring school or sports physicals are encouraged to complete both at the same time. **A sport, school, or any other type of physical cannot be substituted for the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record.**

SPECIAL DIETS

Scouts or leaders who need special diets due to medical or religious requirements will be accommodated if possible. Submit the Special Diet Request form (available on our website, stlbsa.org) for each individual at least two weeks prior to your camp stay. Depending on the severity of some food allergies, a participant’s safety may not be guaranteed. Those with severe nut allergies should make the food service aware of the allergy immediately by completing the food allergy form.



GATEWAY TRADERS

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We have excellent camp stores at all our camps. Each trading post is stocked with an assortment of patches, cups, merit badge pamphlets, Scouting supplies, camp T-shirts, toiletries, and snacks. There is no specific amount of money a Scout should bring to camp, but on average, Scouts spend at least \$40. All Gateway Traders locations are open during program hours and in the evenings. Credit cards are accepted. To shop online for selected merchandise, please visit www.gatewaytraders.org.



PERSONAL EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

- Water bottle
- Completed & signed medical form
- Medications with directions
- Duffelbag or pack
- Swimsuit (pack on top)
- Towels (pack on top)
- Summer uniform
- Sturdy shoes/boots suitable for hiking
- Raincoat or poncho
- Sweatshirt or jacket
- Sunscreen
- Shower shoes/sandals
- Camp T-shirts
- Underwear
- Socks (6+ pair)
- Washcloth
- Soap in container
- Toothbrush & paste
- Shampoo
- Hairbrush or comb
- Fork, knife, and spoon (Camp Gamble)
- Flashlight & batteries
- Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- Pocketknife
- Personal first aid kit
- Sleeping bag or sheets & blankets
- Pillow_Pajamas
- Camp stool/chair
- Merit badge pamphlets & advance work
- Writing & drawing materials
- Scout BSA Handbook
- CPR certification (or GSLAC "Red Card")
- Spending money
- Hawaiian shirt for Beach Party
- Bandanas

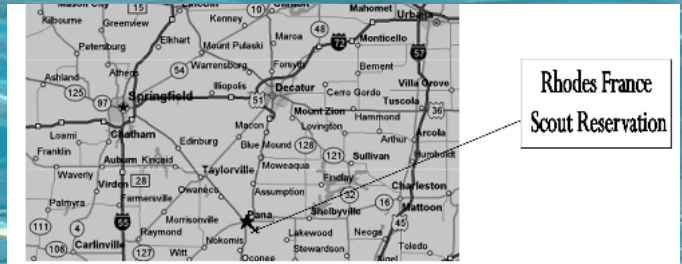
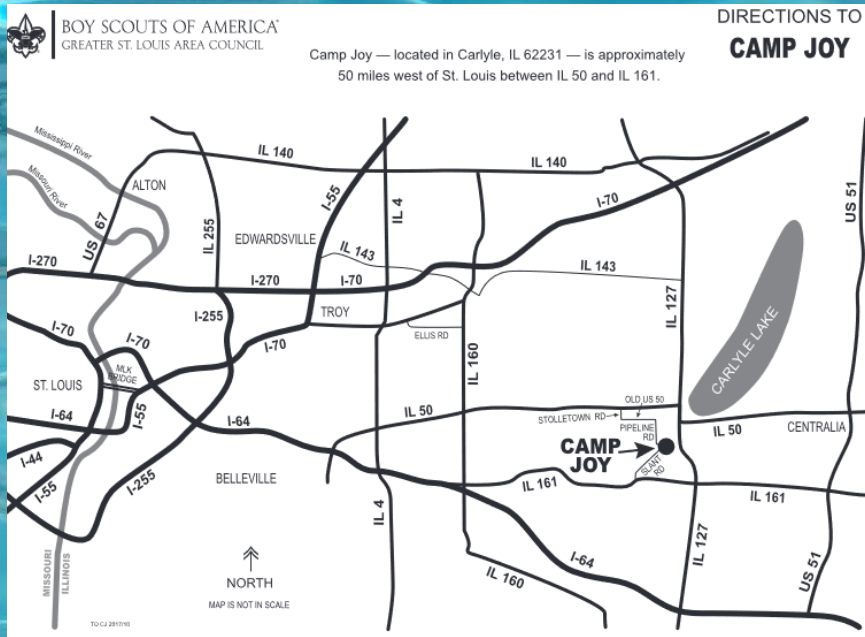
Items prohibited are firearms or ammunition, fireworks, alcoholic beverages, sheath knives, and aerosol products. Items not recommended are electronic devices (such as Nintendo DS, iPods, radios, cell phones), items of value, and extra food that might attract animals. Campers should mark all of their equipment and clothing with their names.

A Scout is welcome in any Scout camp, whether or not they own a Scout uniform.

HOW TO GET TO CAMP

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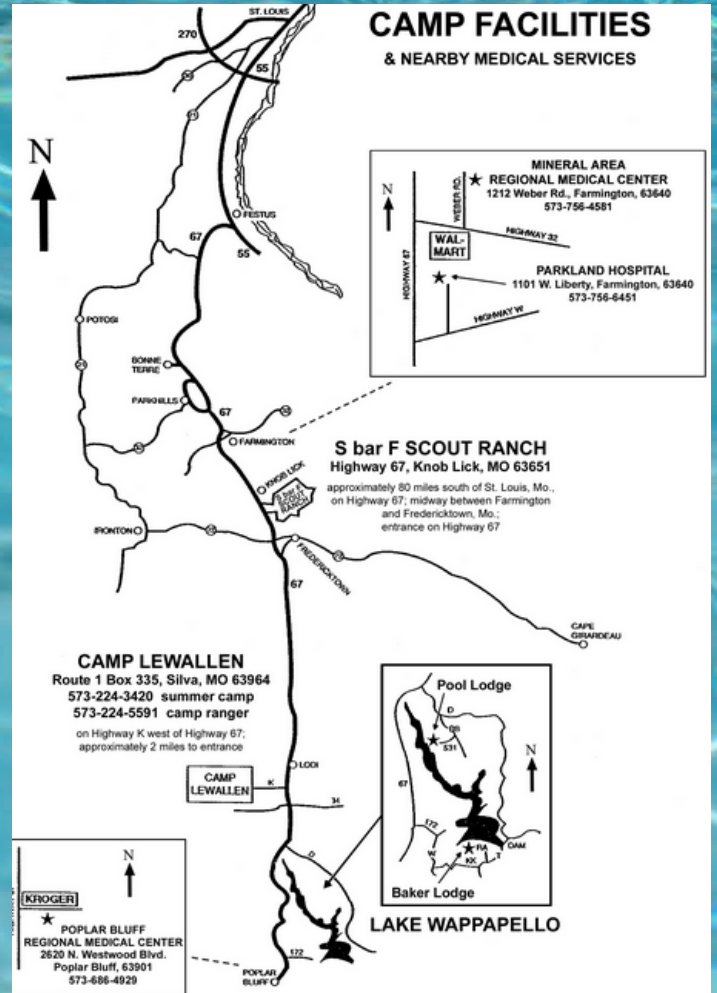
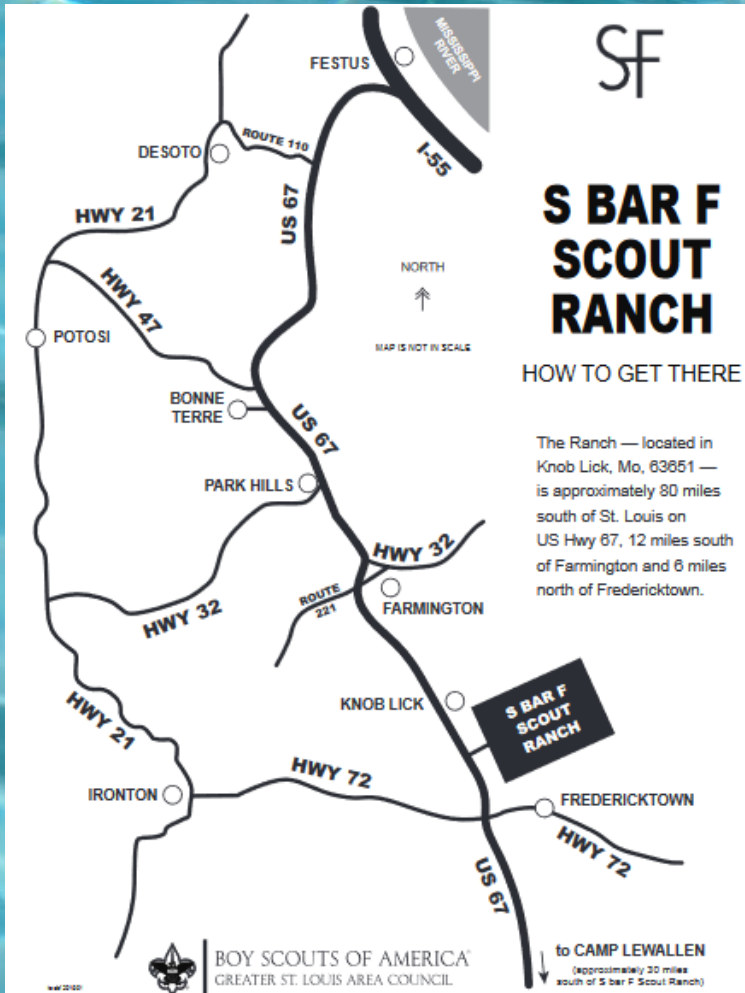
From the West - Take Route 29 from Springfield toward Taylorville. Continue through Taylorville to Pana. Turn south onto Route 51 and travel to E 000 North Rd. Turn east on E 000 North Rd. Take the first right off of E 000 North Rd. and follow to Rhodes-France.

From the East - Take Route 16 to Pana. Turn south at the intersection of Route 51 and Route 16. This road will end at the camp gate.

From the North - Take Route 51 south to Route 16. Continue straight across Route 16. This road will end

S-F

CAMP LEWALLEN



CHECK OUT ALL OF OUR CAMPS AND PROPERTIES

Camp Joy | Camp Lewallen | S bar F Scout Ranch | Rhodes-France Scout Reservation

Activities vary by camp.



Aquatics

- Water Skiing
- Huck's Cove Water Park
- Stand-Up Paddle Boards
- Motor Boating
- Kayaking
- Floating Iceberg Climbing Wall
- Water Slides
- Zip Line
- Sailing

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Family Discount*

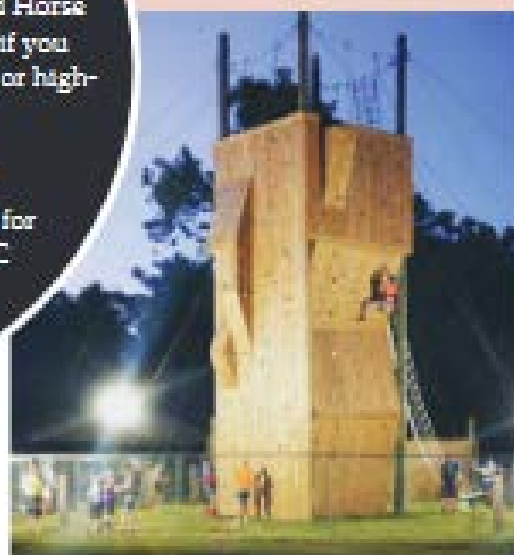
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Shooting Sports

- Shotgun Shooting
- Archery
- Rifle Shooting
- Top Shot Competition
- Black Powder Rifle
- Skeet Shooting
- Chalkball

High Adventure

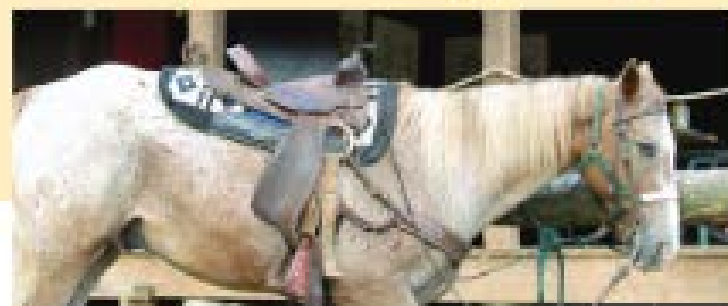
- Rock Climbing
 - Rappelling
 - Climbing Tower
 - High and Low Rope Courses
 - All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)
- (Camp Lewallen only)*



Check out our Specialty Camps!

(leadership provided)

Ranger Outpost Program	June-July
Catholic Adventure Week	June 21-27
Eagle Trail	July 19-25
STEM Camp	July 19-25
Horse Camp	July 26 - Aug. 1



National Youth Leadership Training

June 14-20	July 5-11
June 21-27	July 12-18
June 26-Aug. 1	(Camp Warren Lewis)



**Discounts cannot be combined. One participant must be paid in full for either the Second Week or Family Discount to apply. To apply for discounts, you must contact the Council program department at 314-256-3122. Discounts must be applied for before paying in full.*

SEE YOU AT CAMP!!



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