

The Greater St. Louis Area Council presents

# OUTDOOR FAMILY EXPERIENCE

SUMMER 2020

Spend a memorable time with your family or group safely this summer at your favorite camp

*This guide will be updated  
as the program evolves.*

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The Greater St. Louis Area Council is dedicated to providing a wonderful summer of outdoor programs. Outdoor Family Experience will offer you and your family or unit elements of the classic Scouting outdoor program while adhering to strict sanitizing and safety protocols.

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For a group, the cost is \$10 for a day pass, \$25 per night for a campsite, and cabin and program rentals vary.



# HOW IT WORKS

Outdoor Family Experience is our way of providing a classic scouting camp-out experience for you and your family or unit *safely* this summer. Groups of 10 people or less can camp together at a safe distance from other groups at our properties. Stay overnight or visit camp just for the day.

This camp will be self-reliant in style, meaning bring your own tent, camping gear, food, etc. similar to camping at a state park. There are both campsites and cabin rentals available.

There are also single day experiences without staying overnight, the Day Pass.

There should be minimal to no interaction with other groups during your stay, keeping you as safe as possible.

Please note that no camp stay can be longer than 72 hours, so please do not book four consecutive nights, or more.



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# WHAT'S INCLUDED



You bring the family or friends and supplies, we'll provide the fun:

- Camping space
- Picnic table and tablecloth (on campsites)
- Latrine and water source designated for only your family (for overnight guests)
- Shower facilities (for overnight guests)
- Activity guide (this guide)
- Contactless check-in
- See page 6 for a packing list
- *Canvas tents and cots (available in Missouri camps, if needed, please reserve them while making camping reservation on-line, under the campsite rentals)*

Please register  
two days  
prior to arrival!

# DAY VISITOR EXPERIENCE OPTION

Day Pass: \$10 per group (of up to 10 people), per day

Don't feel like staying overnight? Come out for just the day! Hiking, fishing, and enjoying camp are included in the \$10 fee.

For everyone's safety, if your group is larger than 10 people, you will need additional passes, and the various sub-groups should keep social distance (at least 6-feet) from one another.

See pages 8-10 for the list of activities by camp location, and where to find the designated day pass visitor restroom facilities.



## RV & CAMPER POLICY



Families wishing to bring a recreational vehicle (RV) to camp are welcome to do so by selecting this option during the registration process. There are very limited sites available. All power for the RV must be provided by the family through the use of either batteries and/or generators. Please note there are no dump stations available at any GSLAC camp.



# SANITIZING & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

To ensure a safe and fun experience



- 1 There will be only one family or group of up to 10 people per campsite or cabin. For everyone's safety, if your group is larger than 10 people, you will need additional sites, and the various sub-groups should keep social distance (at least 6-feet) from one another.
- 2 Families or groups will have their own designated latrine for their use only on their campsite (cabins have private toilets and showers).
- 3 Families or groups are not allowed to be within 6 feet of another group at all times.
- 4 Camp-wide shower facilities will be cleaned at least 3 times a day.
- 5 Check-in will be contactless, but if someone needs to interact with a camp staff member, the camp staff member will wear a mask.
- 6 We encourage those who are at-risk to stay home.
- 7 Hand washing stations will be available as well as hand sanitizer.
- 8 No one is allowed to enter camp if s/he is feeling unwell.
- 9 Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.



# WHAT TO PACK

The Outdoor Family Experience is a low-risk opportunity for families to enjoy our camps, the great outdoors, and have fun, educational experiences. All camping is self-reliant – each campsite has a latrine and water source. Central showers, cleaned thoroughly three times each day, are also available for your use. You will provide your own tents, cooking equipment, coolers, etc. Please note that electricity is not available at the campsites. A picnic table will be provided at each site.

## Family/Group Related Items

- Meals
- Tent
- Canopy or fly
- Cots or sleeping pads
- Chairs
- Propane Stove or other means of cooking
- Utensils for cooking & eating
- Pot to heat water for clean-up
- Washbasins or similar for safe sanitation of cooking and eating utensils
- Cooler for keeping food safe (ice is available at camp)
- First aid kit
- Wagon, for moving gear
- Recreational items – frisbee, fishing gear bikes, etc.

Don't forget the  
bug spray!

## Personal Items

- Sleeping bag or blankets & sheets
- Pillow
- Water bottle
- Sturdy closed-toed shoes for walking around
- Sandals (closed-toed suggested)
- Rain jacket
- Sweatshirt or jacket
- Underwear
- Socks
- T-shirts
- Shorts
- Pajamas
- Swimsuit
- Beach or bath towel
- Washcloth
- Toothbrush & paste
- Hand soap
- Hand sanitizer (also available at camp)
- Personal mask
- Shampoo
- Brush/comb
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Flashlight

Do not bring alcohol, drugs, weapons, illegal substances, etc.

# CONTACTLESS CHECK-IN

## **Overnight Experience**

Welcome! Please arrive at 3pm or later on your check-in day. Upon driving into camp, to check-in, call or text the head ranger to let him know you arrived. *See pages 8-9 for ranger's phone numbers.*

If you know where you are camping, go straight to your campsite or cabin. If you do not know where you are going, the ranger will meet you at the ranger station (the first building you see entering camp), and lead you to your site. *The ranger will maintain social distance when interacting with you, for everyone's safety.*

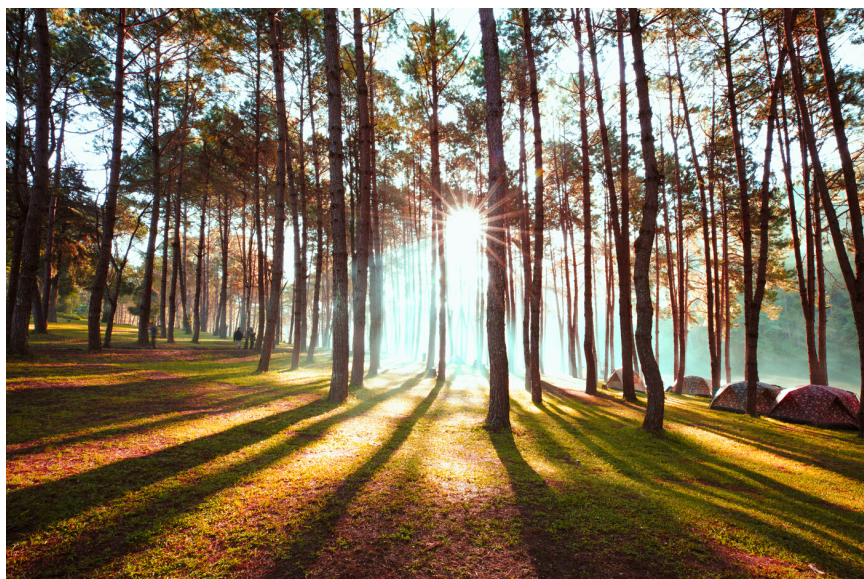
Please check out by 11am on your last day. To check-out, you will call the ranger right before you leave the property. If the ranger does not hear from you by noon, s/he will visit your site to check in on you. *Again, the ranger will maintain social distance when interacting with you, for everyone's safety.*

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## **Day Pass**

Welcome! The check-in and check-out procedures are the same as listed above, for the overnight experience, but the earliest you can arrive with a day pass is 9am, and you must check out no later than 8pm.

If you know where you are hiking, fishing, etc., go straight to that location. If you do not know where where to go, the ranger will meet you at the ranger station (the first building you see entering camp), and lead you to the appropriate parking area.





# PICK YOUR LOCATION

## S-F SCOUT RANCH

**Address:** Highway 67, Knob Lick, MO 63651 (South of Farmington/North of Fredericktown)

**Head Ranger:** Rich Panosh 573-330-8863, rich.panosh@scouting.org

**Campsites available for reservation:** Camporee field, Nims Overlook, Famous Eagle sites (Stark, Rottman, Hungerford, Backer, West, Simpson), Castle Rock, Tipi Area, Swift, Gamble sites (Knight, Francis, Kelso, Scoutcraft area, Greenbar area)

**Cabins open for weekend rentals:** Orthwein Cabins (\$175/night)

**Additional paid programs:** Swimming and Boating (canoes, kayaks, pedal boats, and stand up paddle boards) at Swift Base, \$20 per family for 1-hour rental, several day time sessions of each activity are available every day. Limited evening activities are available, as well, SUP Yoga and Paddle Craft Lake Tours, also \$20 a group, per session.

- *The BSA swim tests will be administered for boating activities by lifeguards.*
- *Boating and Swimming are only allowed at the Swift Base waterfront with a paid reservation.*
- *For everyone's safety, campers must wear masks when interacting with staff on shore.*

**Free activities with campsite rentals and day pass:** Fishing and hiking. Hiking trails are:

- Rand to Seton Hollow (1 mile, Easy). Park at the Webelo Pavilion/Rand Corral Parking Lot.
- Castle Rock to south cutoff and back (.8 miles, Easy) – Park in the Castle Rock Parking Lot
- West Loop to north cutoff, East Loop back to Castle Rock (3.75 miles, Moderate) – Castle Rock Parking Lot
- Castle Rock to Rand Corral on West Loop (5.1 miles, Moderate) – Castle Rock Parking Lot.
- Rand Corral through Seton Hollow to Castle Rock (4.6 miles, Moderate) – Webelo Pavilion/Rand Corral Parking Lot
- East Loop into back country (9+ miles, difficult) – Castle Rock Parking Lot
- *For all trails, follow the white blazes on trees. To view a map, [click here](#).*

**Latrines/water for Day Pass guests** are at the Nim's Lake Overlook, and at Swift Lodge.

**Showers/additional restrooms for overnight guests** are at Swift Lodge and the new Famous Eagle shower facility.

## CAMP LEWALLEN

**Address:** 1588 Wayne Route K, Silva, MO 63964

**Head Ranger:** Randy Graves 573-421-0576

**Campsites available for reservation:** Crow, Blackfoot, Pawnee, Chippewa, Buffalo Bill, Daniel Boone, Pine Forest, Spring Hollow

**Free activities with campsite rentals and day pass:** Fishing and hiking. Hiking trails are:

- Mount Logan Trail: (1 mile long with steep climb) follow the yellow markers.
- Nature Trail: (1 mile long) This trail goes from the lake to Daniel Boone Campsite.
  - Both trails are in camp. You can walk to the trailhead from your campsite.

For your safety, buildings, gaga ball pits, playgrounds, etc. will not be open for use at any camp.

# PICK YOUR LOCATION

## BEAUMONT SCOUT RESERVATION

**Address:** 6480 Beaumont Reservation Dr, High Ridge, MO 63049

**Head Ranger:** Charlie Griffy 636-671-2481, [charlie.griffy@scouting.org](mailto:charlie.griffy@scouting.org)

**Campsites available for reservation:** Cox, Dearmont, Cooley, Taylor, Orrick, McDonnell, Sverdurp, Wohl, and Vollmar.

**Cabins open for weekend rentals:** Cabin A (\$160), Cabin B (\$160), and Wohl Cabin (\$120)

**Additional paid programs:** Horseback rides, (Friday-Sunday) and the climbing tower (Tuesday and Saturday), both \$20 per family for an hour session, available at registration.

**Free activities with campsite rentals and day pass:** walking the creek, fishing at the pond, and hiking. Hiking trails include:

- Red Trail (5 ½ miles, intermediate, 4 hours) This hike to Blackberry Hollow and back. Park at the Climbing Tower and follow the signs to trail head.
- Blue Trail (9 miles, intermediate, 5 ½ hours) Park at the Sverdurp campsite parking and follow the signs up the pipeline to the trail head.
- Green Trail (4 ½ miles, Intermediate) This trail will take you to one of the highest points of Beaumont and offers mountain top views. Look out for Toad Hollow to see the valley that once was Fabick Lake. Park at Emerson, the trail head starts at the Chapel.
- Yellow Trail (2 ½ miles, beginner, 1½ hours ): This is the most popular trail, hiking by Mud Cave. Park at the Climbing Tower and follow the sign to the trail head.
- For additional, longer trails, contact the ranger.



## CAMP WARREN LEVIS

**Address:** 5500 Boy Scout Ln, Godfrey, IL 62035

**Head Ranger:** Jim Goeken 618-567-4407

**Campsites available for reservation:** Ouatoga, Illini, Optimist, Rotary, and Ranger

**Free activities with campsite rentals and day pass:** Fishing and hiking.

- The Rocky Fork Trail weaves through camp and is about 3-4 miles.

**Toilets/water/showers** for day and overnight guests are located by the pool.

For your safety, buildings, gaga ball pits, playgrounds, etc. will not be open for use at any camp.

## RHODES FRANCE SCOUT RESERVATION

**Address:** 815 North 500 East Road Pana, IL 62557

**Ranger Station:** Andy Brookman 217-294-2291

**Campsites available for reservation:** Ambucs, Eagles, Rest, Lonesome Ridge, Rustling Pines, Prairie Village, Timberhitch, Berg, and Pioneer Point

Free activities with campsite rentals and day pass: Fishing and hiking. Hiking trails are:

- The Nature Trail, 3/4 mile long
- The Bike Trail, 1 1/4 miles long

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## CAMP JOY

**Address:** 10700 Camp Joy Road, Carlyle, IL 62231

**Ranger Station:** 618-594-2345

**Campsites available for reservation:** New Hope, Ottawa, Kickapoo, Iroquois, Chippewa, Seneca, Algonquin, Cherokee, Neyati, and Blackfoot

**Free activities with campsite rentals and day pass:** Fishing and hiking. Hiking trails are:

- Illinois power trail (4/10th of a mile) with 1-10 tree identifications.
- West lake trail (4/10th of a mile) 11-20 tree identifications.
  - Each trail is numbered. Please park in the main parking lot

**Guest latrines/shower/water** located adjacent to the main parking lot.

## CAMP VANDEVENTER

**Address:** 3463 Trout Camp Rd, Waterloo, IL 62298

**Head Ranger:** Matt Branson 618-402-7800

**Campsites available for reservation:** Bear, Pinewood, Tiger, and Webelos (Flag hill, Wolf, and staff row available later in the summer)

**Free activities with campsite rentals and day pass:** limited fishing, creek walk, hiking.

- The eagle Trail (6.7 miles) wraos aroudn and through camp. Follow the yellow blazes. Trail starts at main parking lot.

**Latrines/water for day pass guests** are at the visitors latrine, by the the parking lot.

## PINE RIDGE

**Address:** 1139 Pine Ridge Lane Makanda, IL 62958

**Head Ranger:** Jaime Senn 618-660-7708

**Campsites available for reservation:** Boone, Bowie, Lewis, Shawnee, and Carson

**Free activities with campsite rentals and day pass:** hiking and fishing.

- Gischeleman Trail (4-5 miles long). Park in the main parking lot.
- Giant City State Park with countless miles of hiking is less than 10 minutes away and is a great additional outdoor opportunity for overnight campers.
- **Latrines/water/showers** for day pass and overnight guests at at the shower-house in center of camp.



For your safety, buildings, gaga ball pits, playgrounds, etc. will not be open for use at any camp.



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## Who can come to Outdoor Family Experience?

- Family groups, or Scout units in groups of 10 people or less per campsite/day pass/program reservation (*as long as this is permissible with the parents of the youth, and as long as the unit is following CDC recommendations*).

## Will there be any electric in the campsites?

- No there will be no electric available in the campsites.

## What amenities are included in the cabins?

- All cabins have air-conditioning, power, water, private restrooms, and kitchens.

## Will there be first aid available?

- You must provide basic first aid for your group; there is no camp medic on-site.

## Do we need to bring health forms?

- We will not collect or review them during your stay, but yes, BSA guidelines state that for all Scouting activities, all participants must have the [health form, parts A and B](#).

We reserve the right to ask any group to leave camp if they are not abiding by the scout oath, scout law, or social distancing requirements.

# ADDITIONAL PROGRAM IDEAS

*Click the links to find additional ideas:*

## Campsite Activities:

- [Geocaching](#)
- [Orienteering](#)
- [Scavenger hunts](#)
- [Fire building](#)
- [Star gazing](#)
- [Biking](#) (bring your bikes *and helmets!*)
- [Learn about nature and wildlife](#)
- Frisbee, catch, corn hole, kites, whatever other outdoor games you have at home



## Campsite Cooking Fun:

- [Make a solar oven and start baking!](#)
- [Foil packs](#) (get creative!)
- [Dump cake](#)
- [Cobbler](#)
- [S'mores](#) (Try swapping out the chocolate for peanut butter cups, peppermint patties, or your favorite candy!)



# HELP KEEP OUR CAMPS SAFE

## DO

- STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK
- MAINTAIN A DISTANCE OF 6 FEET OR MORE FROM OTHERS
- COVER YOUR SNEEZE OR COUGH WITH A TISSUE OR YOUR ELBOW
- AVOID GROUPS AND TRAVEL ONLY WITH THOSE FROM YOUR HOUSEHOLD
- BRING HAND SANITIZER, SOAP, WIPES, AND WATER
- SHARE THE TRAIL AND WARN OTHER TRAIL USERS OF YOUR PRESENCE AS YOU PASS
- BE PREPARED FOR LIMITED ACCESS TO RESTROOMS AND WATER FOUNTAINS
- BE KIND TO THOSE AROUND YOU

## DO NOT

- COME TO CAMP IF YOU ARE SICK OR HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO OTHERS WHO ARE SICK
- CONGREGATE IN GROUPS
- SHAKE HANDS, TOUCH OTHERS, OR TOUCH YOUR FACE



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