

"CSI: CUB SCOUTS INVESTIGATING"

Camp McKinley * May 20-22, 2011 * Rain OR Shine!

LAD & ME 2011 - BUCKEYE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL

CUB SCOUT CAMPING WEEKEND

The most important part of any camping adventure is the planning. Please take a few minutes to read these Guidelines to make the most of your weekend experience. THANK YOU!

OUR MISSION: To strengthen participants (both youth and adults), to provide physical, mental and spiritual challenges to all who attend, in a setting of fun and adventure while giving participants an opportunity to practice Scouting in the outdoors.

FORENSICS (WHAT IS LAD & ME?): Lad & Me is an annual Council overnight family camping event for you and your Cub Scout guaranteed to be one of the "highlights" of your Scouting year! It's designed to encourage a parent/guardian and their Cub to spend some quality time in the great outdoors while having a whole lot of fun! Lad & Me activities can only be experienced by those Cubs and their Adult Partners possessing a willingness to be a good sport and a desire to have a great time with fellow Scouters, Cubs and their families.

ROOKIES (WHO CAN ATTEND?): A Registered Cub Scout, the "Lad" (Tiger/Wolf/Bear/Webelos) AND a Parent/Guardian or other Adult, the "Me". Each Cub Scout must currently be registered with the BSA - the Adult attending does not have to be registered with the BSA. Additional Adults or Cubs may attend for an added fee. As this is considered a Family Camp by BSA Standards, siblings (Tag-Alongs) are welcome. An additional fee will be charged for siblings to attend to cover meals (no patch or shirt). No Cub is permitted to attend without an Adult.

CRIME SCENE (LOCATION): Lad & Me will be held at beautiful Camp McKinley, 37748 Furnace Rd., Lisbon, Ohio 44432. A Map & Directions to Camp McKinley can be found on the Buckeye Council website: www.buckeyecouncil.org

PETS: For everyone's safety and comfort, pets are NOT allowed to attend Lad & Me.

DOCUMENTATION (PERSONAL HEALTH & MEDICAL RECORD): Each Cub, Adult or Sibling attending Lad & Me (either for the weekend or for the day) must bring an up-to-date Health & Medical form - *Parts A & B only (*new form this year). This information is needed in case of an emergency only and will remain in the hands of the Camp Director during the weekend. Please pick them up as you leave camp. They can be used at any other Scout event (of 72 hours or less) within the current year.

THE FINE (COST): Prior to May 6th, the cost is \$30 for each Lad & Me (1 Cub Scout & 1 Adult). For each additional Cub and/or Adult, please add \$15. (So, 2 Cubs & 1 Adult = \$45, 2 Cubs & 2 Adults, = \$60, etc.) After May 6th, an additional \$10 late fee will be charged. The Registration Fee entitles you to enjoy Lad & Me from 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 20, until Noon Sunday, May 22. Each paid Lad & Me Registration will receive: 2 Patches (1 for Cub & 1 for Adult), 1 limited edition Lad & Me T-shirt (for Cub) and all meals Sat. and Sun. breakfast. Please add \$12 for each Tag-Along Sibling you bring (for meals only). Registrations may be limited to the first 150 received.

***PLEASE NOTE:** Those who wish to attend for the day only are welcome to do so. However, there is NO discount for those choosing not to camp. With your paid registration, you will still receive 2 patches, cub T-shirt, all program activities and may also join us at the Dining Hall for all meals Saturday. Please simply mark on your registration that you will not be camping. Please stop by Registration Area Saturday morning to check-in and pick up your patches, shirt and meal wristbands.

REFUND POLICY: Any refund request must be handled through Buckeye Council Office according to policy.

ARRIVAL: Please arrive at Camp McKinley on Friday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. to begin your weekend of activities. If you are unable to arrive Friday evening, please arrive on Saturday morning in sufficient time to attend Flag Raising at 8:30 a.m. so as not to interrupt camp activities for others. Time will be available later in the day to set up your campsite. ****Please arrive at camp prepared to transport your gear to your campsite either by small wagon, cart, dollie or carried by hand. NO vehicles will be permitted to drive into the central camp area, with the exception of pre-designated camp staff vehicles and emergency vehicles. If you bring firewood, however, we can make arrangements to have it transported into campsites.**

CHECK-IN & SET UP: When you arrive at Camp McKinley, park your vehicle in the Parking Lot and stop by the Registration Area to Check-In and let us know you have arrived, as well as drop off your Health Forms. At that time, you will receive your patches, Cub T-shirt(s) and meal wristbands. You will be directed to a campsite area for setup. Packs may camp in the same area, however campsites will be filled on a "first come basis". No worries - IF you are new to camping and would like some guidance setting up your tent, there will be Boy Scout Troops ready and willing to assist. Camping is an important part of the Scouting program and no one should miss out due to inexperience!

INVESTIGATION TEAMS (PATROLS): At check-in, you will be assigned to a Patrol and given a Code Name. You will be given a Schedule of activities for the weekend. You will participate in activities and eat meals throughout the weekend by Patrol. Each Patrol will be given background information on their new identity.

THE CRIME SCENE (ACTIVITIES)

- The weekend begins on Friday at 6:00 p.m. - arrival/check-in/setup. Be ready at 9:00 p.m. Fri. to enjoy an outdoor movie (Cub appropriate) under the stars (to be shown on the end of the pool house). Should the weather not cooperate, we'll move into the Dining Hall.
- Saturday will begin at 7 a.m. with breakfast at the Dining Hall followed by Flag Raising at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Dining Hall. Throughout the day, Cubs will participate in activities such as: BB Shooting, Archery, Fishing, Science, Mini Crime Labs, learning techniques used by police to solve crimes - Tracking, Fingerprinting, Dusting for Prints, Lifting Prints, Cracking Secret Codes, Observation Techniques, etc. After dinner and Flag Retreat, we will end the day with a Campfire program around 7pm.
- Sunday begins at 8 a.m. with Breakfast (held in two shifts) at the Dining Hall, followed by a short closing. We will then gather at the Chapel beside the lake at 10a.m. for a short non-denominational Scout's Own Service where we can reflect and give thanks for a great weekend before leaving. Remember, a Scout is Reverend!

RESOURCES (LIST OF WHAT TO BRING)

- Completed Health Forms for everyone in your family attending Lad & Me
- A Good Attitude and your best Cub Scout Spirit! A lot of patience would be encouraged as well!
- Tent
- Sleeping Bags (or lots of blankets)
- Sleeping Pads for under sleeping bags (foam pad -makes it much more comfortable - and warmer)
- Flashlights & extra batteries
- Rain Gear (such as: raincoats, ponchos, umbrellas, waterproof boots)
- A Tarp or extra garbage bags - will help keep your stuff dry if it's a rainy day
- Comfortable, supportive shoes. FOR YOUR COMFORT & SAFETY - ABSOLUTELY NO SANDALS OR OPEN-TOED SHOES, PLEASE! Outside of tents, shoes must be worn at all times in camp to prevent injuries.
- Extra socks to keep feet dry and comfortable
- Jackets/Sweatshirts for cool weather
- Toiletries - Soap, deodorant, comb, toothbrush, etc.
- Drinking Water (suggested 1 gallon per person)
- Water bottles or canteen that can be carried throughout the day's activities
- Camp chairs
- Any medications/prescriptions required - Parents are asked to hold for safe keeping please!
- Sun Block and/or Bug Repellent
- A Song and/or Skit for the Campfire Program
- Fishing poles/Bait (Camp McKinley has a "Catch & Release" Policy!)
- Camera
- Snacks (Optional - but kids are always hungry) - Place in a secure cooler or container so as to not attract unwanted visitors through the night. Raccoons and skunks are always hungry too!
- Lantern for your campsite - while optional, it makes your campsite more comfortable and eases fears of young campers on their first campout. Only battery-operated lanterns may be used inside tents.
- Firewood - Optional - But IF you have the ability to bring, it will be greatly appreciated by Camp. We would encourage families and/or packs to join together for a campfire instead of everyone trying to build their own. Grab your chair and go find a fire to sit beside. It's a great time to fellowship and share snacks!

ITEMS OF CONCERN - OR - ITEMS "NOT" TO BRING

- Electronics - such as radios, handheld video game systems, iPods, MP3 players etc. can really disrupt the peaceful camp environment that we've all come love at Camp McKinley. Please leave them at home.
- Cell Phones - Adults are asked to be respectful with the use of cell phones. During activities, please put phones on vibrate or low ring so as not to distract the Cubs or Instructors. Please keep cell phone rings, beeps, and/or alarms quiet during evening/overnight hours so as not to disturb fellow campers.
- Knives - Adults may carry a pocketknife. There are no activities during the weekend for which Cubs will have need of a pocketknife. IF a Cub wishes to carry a pocketknife, he may only do so if he has earned his Whittling Chip card (Bear & Webelos Ranks) and IF his parent supervises to ensure safety to other Cubs and Campers.
- Language - Please promote the ideals of Scouting by not using offensive language.
- Alcoholic beverages - Use or possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal substances are NOT permitted at any scout activities or on property owned by the BSA.
- Smoking - Only Campfires may smoke on the property of Camp McKinley. We wish to promote a healthy environment for everyone and set a good example. If you feel that you must smoke, you may do so inside your vehicle in the parking lot.
- Valuables - Neither the Staff at Camp McKinley nor representatives of Buckeye Council, BSA are responsible for any lost or stolen items. Money or other items of value should be given extra care.

CAMPFIRE PROGRAM: There will be a Campfire Program on Saturday evening. Immediately following Flag Retreat (approximately 7pm), we will assemble behind the Dining Hall to walk the short trail to the Campfire. Everyone is encouraged to join in the fun by bringing a song or skit to share! All skits/songs must be scout appropriate and in good taste so as not to offend anyone. Acts may be done by individuals or by groups.

TRADING POST: A Trading Post will be available Saturday afternoon offering a miscellaneous selection of items for sale.

WEATHER: Rain will NOT stop Lad & Me - so come prepared for the weather! However, severe weather (lightning, tornados, flash floods, etc.) could and Emergency Procedures will be followed.

DEPARTURE: Please plan on being packed out of camp by Noon on Sunday. Leave No Trace! Remember, a Scout is Clean and always leaves a campsite cleaner than how it was found. Please thoroughly police each of your campsite areas for trash before leaving. All campfires must be cold to the touch when you are ready to leave.

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