

# Camp Independence

# 2014 Parent's Guide

Camp Independence is a camp set aside exclusively for Cub Scouts and Webelos at Heritage Reservation.

#### 2014 Theme:

A brand new research breakthrough by the world's leading scientists has discovered that the Galaxy Gateway housed at Independence Area 92 Research and Training Facility is capable of transporting human space travellers millions of light-years across the galaxy in the blink of an eye.

Recently, one of our expeditions through the gateway has crash-landed on Planet Belzagor. The Galaxy Rangers of Mission 1992 need help rebuilding their ship! With the help of Area 92's experienced trainers, you will complete Galaxy Ranger Training to activate the Galaxy Gateway!

After safely traveling to Planet Belzagor you will begin your search for missing space ship pieces. Be warned! This is not a mission for the weak-minded. You will need to utilize your strength, courage, agility, and knowledge to become the best Galaxy Ranger you can be!

Travel to Independence Area 92 Training and Research Facility to complete your Galaxy Ranger Training and experience a trip of a lifetime- your fellow Galaxy Ranger comrades are counting on you! Welcome to the Area 92 Training and Research Facilty!

Camp Independence continues its mission to improve your experience at our world class camping facility. Through superior programming, in depth theme experience, comfort oriented wilderness camping facilities and competent, experienced and enthusiastic staff, we plan to provide you and your son with the best camping experience. It will be the highlight of your Cub Scout journey.

## **Camp Dates:**

We are signed up as a group for:

Session and Dates	
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# What's Unique About Camp...

- Camp Independence utilizes a dining hall
- Camp cycles through themes, this year, we welcome you to Area 93 as we present Cubs in Space.
- Camp helps develop character, introduce new friends, teach valuable life skills and helps boys discover new interests.
- Campers are assigned to a campsite and stay in platform wall tents, with toilets and hot shower facilities nearby. Adults and youth sleep on cots.
- Homesickness is rare because the program is packed full of activities. If it does happen, the staff is trained and ready to give extra individual attention.
- If parents cannot take the entire time off from work, their son can still attend. Scouts want to come! Parents are encouraged to rotate their stay with other parents in the unit.
- For your swimming experience, we have beautiful Lake Courage (no pool).





# The Adventure of Camp...

There are many program areas at Camp Independence and we have built a schedule so you can see them all.

## **Aquatics Adventure**

The Aquatic Adventure Area is designed to test a Scout's "Endurance and Courage" as they focus on activities surrounding Lake Courage and in Independence Cove. Please note that most activities require taking the National Boy Scouts of America swimming ability test. This test will classify you at a particular swimming ability level. Certain activities in this area require specific swimming ability levels.

- Huck Finn Raft (Cubs only)
- Paddle Boats
- Swimming
- Swimming Belt Loop
- Row Boating
- · Fishing Piers
- Aquanaut (Webelos only)
- Canoeing (Webelos only)
- Funceing (Webelos only)
- Polar Bear Swim (Webelos only)





## **Ecology Adventure**

The Ecology Adventure Area is designed to test a Scout's "Knowledge and Honor" as they Participate in adventures in the outdoors.

- Nature
- Outstanding Acorn Award
- Leave No Trace (Webelos only)
- Sponge Wars
- BMX Bike Course (Webelos only)

#### **Outback Adventure**

The Outback Adventure Area is designed to test a Scout's "Survival and Energy" as they participate and learn the basics of camping in the outdoors and survival. The Scouts will also have their energy and enthusiasm tested as they take the physical challenges of the Outback.

- Sports
- Frisbee Golf (free time activity)
- Campcraft
- Mini Golf (free time activity)
- UPMC Fit Trail (free time activity)
- Pellet Gun (Webelos only)

## Climbing

The Climbing Area is designed to safely introduce Scouts to a new adventure while working on teamwork and physical challenges.

- Bouldering (Webelos only)
- 35-foot climbing rock wall (Webelos only)





# Field Sports

The Field Sports Area is designed to test a Scout's "Skill and Marksmanship" as they are introduced to range activities including safety, accuracy and positioning.

- BB Gun
- Archery
- Sling Shot Range
- Rock Throwing
- BB Sports Belt Loop
- BB Sports Pin (Webelos only)
- Action Archery (Webelos only)

#### **Advancement**

During each camp session, there will be opportunities for advancement. Staff members will lead Scouts in learning with a twist of fun.

# **Dietary Needs**

Please notify us of any special dietary needs or restrictions two weeks prior to your arrival using the form available online.

### **Medical Policies & Forms**

- Every participant must provide a copy of their annual health and medical form and a Supplemental Medical Form
- Parts A and B are required for 2 and 3 night sessions.
- Parts A, B and C are required for 4 night sessions.

# Can't join your unit but still want to go?

If you are not able to attend with your Den/Pack, camp welcomes you to attend on your own.
Register online at www.heritagereservation.org or call the Camping Department on (412) 325-7921.















### **Honor Necklaces**

On the first day in camp, each Scout and adult will make their own Honor Necklace. The rounder, beads and claws will take on special meaning. In addition, returning Scouts may transfer their beads and claws from previous years.

# **Boy Scout Camp Hike**

Second year Webelos have the option of hiking to one of the Boy Scout Camps. You may select either Freedom or Liberty, not both. You will be provided with a lunch at the Boy Scout camp and will receive a tour of the program that you will experience next year. The hike will take all morning and part of the afternoon, you must forfeit a few other scheduled programs.

# **Camp-wide Programs**

Join us as we enter into the Kingdom of Independence and start your adventure with King Arthur and his Court. Search for the lost Excalibur and clues to the location of the Rings of Power.

- Opening Campfire
- Theme Activities
- Campsite Cookout (Webelos only)
- Closing Campfire

## **What Campers Should Bring**

- Sneakers/Hiking Shoes
- T-Shirts
- Underwear & Socks
- Jeans
- Long-Sleeve Shirts
- Pajamas
- Shorts
- Sweatshirt or Jacket
- · Official Scout Uniform
- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Personal Hygiene items
- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Hat
- Watch
- First Aid Kit
- Pocket Knife
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- · Rain Gear
- Insect Repellent (non aerosol)
- Flashlight
- Spending Money
- Fishing Gear
- Camera/Film (optional)

# **More Camping Opportunities**

Visit www.heritagereservation.org to learn more about these exciting opportunities:

- · Winter Weekends
- Beaver Weekend
- Rookie Camp

**Pack Specific Information** 

Throughout our history, we have been providing the best quality programs, and have become a home for many units, Scouters, Scouts and staff. This year, we will maintain the commitment to excellence, Heritage is known for, while going above and beyond with several new programs and services.

Delighted that your unit has chosen to take part in this experience, the directors and key leaders are busy planning an incredible program. We have an exceptional group of staff and directors returning, along with some new faces, to ensure we exceed your unit's expectations.