



Heart of America Council
SCOUTING “500”
FAQ’s - Frequently Asked Questions
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Scouts/Scouters with Disabilities

- **Question** - How do I provide information when registering about disabilities, limited mobility, or wheelchair needs for a Scout or Scouter attending the “500”?

Answer – When you go to www.Scouting500.org and click on the Unit Registration button, there is a text box to enter any special requests needed. If wheelchair transportation or other special needs are required, including special meals, food allergies etc., they would be input into this area.

- **Question** - Will transportation be provided from the parking/camping areas to the Infield Pit Stops (Program Area) for Scouts with disabilities, limited mobility, or in wheelchairs?

Answer – Yes. ADA transportation will be provided for Scouts with physical disabilities from a designated area outside the grandstand to the Special Needs Center inside the Infield Program Area. Pick up location, schedules and additional details will be provided in your registration packet. This service is available only for Scouts with physical disabilities and in wheelchairs. It is not a transportation service for adults.

- **Question** - Will transportation be provided between the Pit Stops for Scouts with disabilities, limited mobility, or in wheelchairs?

Answer - Transportation will be provided to and from the Infield Special Needs Center. The adult supervising the Scout will be responsible taking them to the Pit Stops and assisting with their activities.

- **Question** - Are any special accommodations available for Scouts with disabilities, limited mobility, or in wheelchairs?

Answer – Yes. There is a Special Needs Center located in the Infield where Scouts and their parents may go to relax, regroup and get away from the crowd and noise. This building is marked on the map and will serve as the Scouts with Disabilities headquarter location, and drop off and pick up point for transportation between the parking lot and Program Area.

- **Question** - What type of Staff support will be provided for Scouts and/or Scouters with disabilities, limited mobility, or in wheelchairs at the “500”?

Answer - Adult support from the Scouts with Disabilities Committee will be provided to help Scouts access and participate in various activities. Details will be communicated in your registration packets.

Special Requests for meals, etc.

- **Question** - When registering, how do I indicate a special dietary need, food allergy or other special need?

Answer – When you register on the Scouting 500 website, there is a place to list any special dietary needs. Fill in the request. There will be a special dietary needs meal ticket in the registration packet that will tell you where to pick up your meals.

- **Question** - If I have registered and requested a special meal due to dietary restriction, food allergy or other physical need, where will I go to get my special meal?

Answer – You will be notified of the location of your special meals both on the meal ticket that will be issued and on a sheet of paper listing meal pick up locations within the registration packet. Please make sure to list your e-mail address when you fill out the special needs request.

Registration

- **Question** - I am the parent of a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout. I realize Cub Scout Camping is under Family Camping Rules, but since I have a son who is also a Boy Scout, can my Cub Scout son and I camp with the Boy Scout troop?

Answer – Because of the added security required for Cub Scout age youth, we are asking that all Cub Scout Camping be conducted in the Cub Scout Area. This allows us to better identify youth that are required to be on a one-on-one with an adult. This does not include Webelos, who are encouraged to register and camp with their associated Boy Scout Troop. If your whole family wants to camp together, it must be in the Cub Scout Area if there are any non-BSA registered family members or any Cub Scout younger than Webelos rank.

- **Question** - Our Cub Scout Pack has a very small number of Cub Scouts planning on camping for the weekend at The “500”. I realize Cub Scout Camping is under Family Camping Rules, but since there are only a couple of Cubs camping, can we camp in the same location as the Boy Scout Troop we work with?

Answer - Because of the added security required for Cub Scout age youth, we are asking that all Cub Scout Camping be conducted in the Cub Scout Area. This allows us to better identify youth that are required to be on a one-on-one with an adult. This does not include Webelos, who are encouraged to register and camp with their associated Boy Scout Troop.

- **Question** - I am a Scouter (registered with HOAC) planning on attending The “500” only on Saturday, but do not see the registration option for a Day Pass on the website. How do I register for the day and receive credentials, parking and event instructions?

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Answer – Scouters may purchase a Day Pass (available until May 2) or a Visitors Pass (available after May 2) in order to attend the Scouting 500 on Saturday. Register at www.Scouting500.org and click on the appropriate Pass (either Day Pass – Adult or Visitor Pass). The Day pass includes lunch and dinner, while the Visitors pass does not. Both passes allow you to attend the Stage Show on Saturday evening.

- **Question** - Are you in need of Staff for “500”? If so, what areas do you need?

Answer – If you are interested in assisting with the Operation of the Scouting 500, send an e-mail to Mark Brayer at Mark.Brayer@Scouting.org. and express your interest in helping. Please indicate what area you are interested or qualified to assist with. The various areas include Camping, Risk Management, Stage Show, Infrastructure, Parking, or Program.

- **Question** - I would like to be on Staff at The “500”, how do I register?

Answer - When you go to www.Scouting500.org and click on the Staff Registration button, there are two (2) text boxes for Staff entry. In the first, Serving on staff for, enter the area you’d lie to serve in i.e. Program, Transportation, Camping, Infrastructure, Risk Management, Meal Distribution etc. In the second text box, Recruited By, enter the name of the individual who recruited you, of if you have not been recruited, enter None.

- **Question** - Do all Staff volunteers need to register on line at www.Scouting.500.org ?

Answer – Yes.

- **Question** - I am not a Scouter (not registered with HOAC), but volunteering for Staff. What is the process to register for the event and receive instructions on arrival times, parking, meals, etc.?

Answer – All non-Scouters volunteering for Staff must be recruited by one of the various committees of the Scouting 500. Please contact the chairman of the committee that recruited you. They will provide all the information and credentials.

- **Question** - I have registered on line at www.Scouting500.org for Staff. When will I be notified I have been accepted for a Staff position, what position I will have and instructions on arrival times, credentials, parking, meals, etc.?

Answer – You will be notified by one of the various committees of the Scouting 500 by e-mail. If you have not received a reply, please send an e-mail to Mark.Brayner@Scouting.org.

- **Question** - I am a Scouter (registered with HOAC) volunteering for Staff for the entire weekend, and DO plan to camp at The Speedway. Am I required to pay the \$30 registration fee?

Answer – Yes, all staff and participants will be paying the registration fee.

- **Question** - I am a Scouter (registered with HOAC) volunteering for Staff for the entire weekend, and DO NOT plan to camp at The Speedway. Am I required to pay the \$30 registration fee?

Answer – Yes, all staff and visitors will be paying the appropriate registration fee.

- **Question** - I am a Scouter (registered with HOAC) volunteering for Staff, working on Saturday only, and DO plan to camp at The Speedway. Am I required to pay the \$30 registration fee?

Answer – All participants are required to pay. Staff working just for the day may pay for a day pass only option.

- **Question** - Can Staff volunteers, registered and non-registered with HOAC, and not camping with a Unit, bring a camper, RV, etc. to The Speedway for weekend camping?

Answer – Yes. Staff will be allowed to bring a Camper or RV's The "500". RV camping location and instructions will be provided in your registration packet.

- **Question** – Can non-registered family members/siblings attend this event?

Answer – **Yes.** They may purchase a Visitor Pass for the day, which does not include food or a Day Pass that does include lunch and dinner. Youth Visitor Pass or Day Pass holders may participate in program as long as size/age requirements are met. In addition, per Cub Scout Family Camping rules: Families may purchase a Camping Pass and camp together in the Cub Scout Sub Camp under the supervision of an adult family member/Guardian. Cub Scout Family Camping Pass includes participation in program areas per size/age requirements, will receive four meals (Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast), and be able to watch the Stage Show and participate in Sunday Religious Services. The only camping area they will have access to is the Cub Scout Sub Camp.

- **Question** – Can food be brought in from the outside if we are buying a visitor's pass?

Answer – **No.** There will be many vendors selling food.

Miscellaneous

- **Question** – I will be attending The "500" on a Visitor Pass which does not include meals. Will there be concession stands open in the Infield Program Area to buy food and drinks?

Answer – Yes. Concession stands will be open in the Infield with a variety of food and drinks available for purchase on both Friday night and Saturday.

- **Question**—What programs will Cub Scouts be allowed to do and/or what programs will Cub Scouts be excluded from participation?

Answer – The program of the Scouting 500 has been developed to offer programming to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers. Most of the activities are designed to gain the interest of all the group. However, some of the activities are regulated because of age/weight/height requirements. Some of these activities are:

- Go Karts (14 years of age)
- Scuba – Venture Scouts
- ATV's (14 years of age)
- See Leaders Guide for a complete list

- **Question**—Will parents/siblings be able to watch Timmy Cub Scout do his programming options?

Answer – If they have a Day Pass or Visitor Pass, they will be able to watch their registered Cub Scout participate in the activity. In some cases, parents will be allowed to assist their Cub Scout in the activity he is doing. Non-registered youth may participate in the activities if they meet the age/size requirements.

- **Question**—Regarding Health Forms, does every participant need to have one? If so, which version will be accepted?

Answer—A Health Form (parts A and B) will be required for all Camping Pass and Cub Scout Family Camping participants, but not for Day Pass or Visitor Pass participants. We will accept either the 2012 or the 2014 version of the form as long as the form was filled out and signed within the past year. (These forms must be filled out annually).

- **Question**—Can guests go in and out of the Speedway as needed? If so, what is the procedure?

Answer—Yes. During the day guests may come and go through any open gate. Parking Lot Gates will be closed during the night and entry into the Kansas Speedway will be limited to a single access point at the Michigan Gate between 11:00 PM and 6:30 AM. Participants may leave at any time; however, all vehicles will be checked upon leaving for youth members. If a youth member is in the vehicle, a check out card must be obtained at the Sub-Camp Headquarter tent for presentation to the gate security officer upon exiting the Speedway.

- **Question**—My son is a registered Cub Scout and would like to attend The “500” for the day on Saturday. Is it necessary to have one adult to one Cub Scout to attain a Day Pass if the Cub Scout is only staying for the day and not camping, or can one adult supervise more than one Cub Scout for the day?

Answer—Yes. But be mindful that Cub Scouts may need assistance at some of the program areas. It is preferable that Cub Scouts attend with an adult family member/guardian.

- **Question**—Do vendors and volunteers participating on Staff at The “500” need Youth Protection training?

Answer—It is not required, but this training is always encouraged.

- **Question**—Can vendors and volunteers participating on Staff at The “500” bring their families and friends?

Answer—Yes. They can register for a Visitor Pass.