

Parent and Leader Guidebook



Oct 9 & 10, 2026
American Legion Farm, Blue Springs, Mo.

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Cub Scout Family Camp Out! The Blue Elk District of the Heart of America Council is eager to show you how much FUN Scouting can be. **Please eat dinner before you come.** We will only be handing out snacks on Friday night.

REGISTRATION

All Cub Scouts and their families, including siblings, are invited to attend. Camp overnight on Friday, or attend Saturday only and enjoy a fun day of Cub Scout activities. A schedule is included below. **This is a 1 night campout.**

Packs and Dens are encouraged to attend as a group; families also are welcome to attend independently. A parent or guardian must accompany and be responsible for each Cub Scout and other family members for the entire event. Scouts are encouraged to invite a friend who is not a scout to share in the fun for free.

Register as Dens, Packs, or individual families at
<https://app.mobilecause.com/form/FWVodQ?vid=ptek4>.

\$14 per person includes Friday night snack, Saturday breakfast, and campground amenities.

The Cub Family Campout will be conducted rain or shine. In case of inclement weather forecast before Oct. 9th, visit www.hoac-bsa.org/blue-elk-activities-and-camping for information. In case of inclement weather during the campout, announcements will be made at the campground. Staff contact information appears below.

WHAT TO BRING

Download a list from <https://scoutlife.org/outdoors/outdoorarticles/6976/scout-outdoor-essentials-checklist/> or <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34-49.pdf>.

Be sure to bring:

- Sufficient water for overnight and all day Saturday.
- Hand sanitizer for health and safety.

LOCATION

American Legion Farm is located at 499 Legion Drive, Blue Springs, MO 64014. On Interstate 70 about

13 miles east of Truman Sports Complex or nine miles west of Oak Grove, take the Adams Dairy Parkway exit; then south about 1.5 miles to US 40 Highway; then east on U.S. 40 about 1.5 miles to the campground. Watch for signs. GPS coordinates from Google Maps: 39.013542, -94.247308.

ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN

A Scouting commissioner will greet you and direct you to a parking area. After you are parked, check in at Cub Family Campout Headquarters. You will be directed from there to the camping area.

FACILITIES

Portable restroom and handwashing facilities are provided in the camping and program areas. Any campfires at campsites must be contained in a fire barrel or pit off the ground. Campfires may be subject to a burn ban, issued by the City of Blue Springs, Jackson County, or the Central Jackson County Fire Protection District. Check at the Registration table to see if you can have a fire.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCEDURES

The Heart of America Council wants everyone to stay safe. We encourage frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer.

All in attendance must have a completed Parts A & B the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record. Parents and/or Packs must retain these forms on site throughout Campout. The form is an appendix to this guidebook and can be found at www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr (use the "All Scouting Events" form).

All activities will be conducted in strict accordance with the Guide to Safe Scouting posted at www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss. Staff and volunteers specifically trained to supervise specific activities, especially shooting sports, will be present.

Each family or Pack/Den should bring a first aid kit. For urgent situations, trained first aid and medical personnel will be on site at Cub Family Campout Headquarters throughout the event.

Emergency Procedures:

Listen for 3 horn blasts. It will signal an emergency. Specific directions will follow.

Severe Weather

- Electrical Storm: Stay away from trees and buildings, take shelter in a low area. Take scouts quickly to cars or vans.
- Severe Rain or Hail: Take cover using the best and nearest shelter available.
- Severe Winds: Stay away from trees and get into an open area.
- If your Camp cannot take place because of severe weather Camp Staff will do their best to contact you with a change of date or location. This is one reason it is important to have accurate and legible information on your Pack Registration Form.

Lost Scout

- Send an Adult to contact the Camp Director.
- Search in the most likely places: restrooms, vehicles, favorite stations.....
- Ask others in the Pack if they know where he/she could be.
- Follow Directions of the Camp Director.

Health Emergencies

- Stop life-threatening dangers to keep victims from further harm.
- Notify the Camp Health Officer and the Camp Director.
- Get proper medical help.
- Contact parents/guardians

Fire

- Clear area of campers.
- Suppress fire, if able.
- Notify the Camp Director and follow their directions.

Child Abuse

- Separate victim from abuser.
- Notify the Camp Director immediately.

SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct 9, 2026

5:00 – 8:00 PM Campground opens, check-in/registration, set up tents

8:15 PM Flag Retirement program

Following Campfire will be a Light snack and
Scouter/Parent Get-Together

10:00 PM Lights Out

Saturday, Oct 10, 2026

7:00 AM- Check-in/registration

7:00 – 8:30 AM- Breakfast; break camp, pack

8:45 AM- Opening ceremony, welcome

9:00 - 12:00 AM- All Day Activity Stations Open

12:00 AM – 12:30 PM- break camp, pack

1:00 PM- Campground closes; departure

OPENING NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Flag Retirement Ceremony: come join and learn about flag retirement and watch a ceremony.

Evening Snack/Parent/Scouter Get-Together: : A light, portable snack will be available after the campfire. Parents and Leaders are invited to Campout Headquarters to meet other parents and Pack leaders and district Scouters. Have questions about Scouting in the Blue Elk district or the Heart of America Council? Stop by and ask!

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Scouting is Fun! Cubs, leaders and families are welcome to go from station to station at their own pace. Activities at each station take varying times. If there is a line, try another station! We encourage visiting every station, although feel free to return to any station.

Follow directions of Station Volunteers. Strict safety guidelines will be enforced. Take your turn. Respect others. Remember the Scout Law, especially Friendly, Courteous, Obedient and Cheerful.

Archery Challenge: Bows and arrows provided. Range safety is strictly enforced.

Stockyards Branding Iron: Burn a design on wood or leather (provided).

Slingshot Challenge: Slingshots provided. Range safety is strictly enforced.

Art Explosion: water gun painting

Scout Law Jenga: Giant Jenga with a scout law twist.

Granny Pants-get the ball into the pants

Comet Bucket Ball-get the comets in the correct bucket

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? VOLUNTEER?

Let us know if you have any questions about the Blue Elk Cub Family Camporee. Want to help out? We can always find something for friendly, willing registered Scouters to do.

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HEALTH FORM

www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr. Download form for "All Scouting Events" for form without requirement for physical examination. Form is included at the end of this section.

WHAT TO BRING

