

Scouting Outing

Dear Scout Leader:

This letter is to inform you about registration for the 24th Annual Scouting Outing to be held at Burr Oak State Park on September 19, 20, and 21, 2008.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY.

Arrival/Parking:

Upon your arrival at the Scouting Outing please stop at the information tent at the entry point. You will be issued a color coded parking pass. This color code will correspond with your assigned camping area. Please be sure that each vehicle in your group knows your color code. Registration will officially begin at 4:00 pm on Friday, Sept. 19 and will continue until midnight Friday night. Registration will reopen on Saturday morning.

Vehicles transporting people will be directed to the parking area or unloading zones. Only the cargo vehicles with a permit will be allowed in the camp areas. You will need to display the pass on the front windshield of the cargo vehicle. Please write the license plate number of that vehicle on the front of your pass in permanent marker to validate it. After unloading all vehicles must be moved to the parking area. No vehicles will be permitted in the campsites overnight.

If your troop wishes to camp in a slightly more remote section without vehicle admittance, please write "WALK-IN" in magic marker across the face of your vehicle permit and display it in your front window. Also, write "WALK-IN" beside the color code on the registration portion of the permit. As you pitch camp, please keep lanes clear for cargo vehicles to pass.

Registration:

After parking and getting situated at your site, please walk back to the registration tent and bring the completed registration form and your Tour Permit slip and present payment at this time. **The fee for each person is \$5.00 which will include the 2008 year tab.** Please collect money ahead of time in order to pay for the whole group at once. Make all checks payable to "SCOUTING OUTING".

The large Scouting Outing patch will be available at the event for an additional \$4.00. Scouting Outing T-shirts will also be available for purchase.

Once you register, please remember to mark your campsite location on the locator map at the registration tent. This will help us greatly if we need to locate your unit for any reason during the weekend. This will be the only means for late arrivals to locate your unit.

General Information:

There will be a Leaders' meeting on Friday evening. The meeting will be held at 10:00 pm beside the registration tent.

The area in which you camp is primitive. Latrines will be provided as well as drinking and cooking water. We will not provide picnic tables. There will be a few tables in the area, but these have been placed at specific sites for Saturday programs. Please be sure your Scouts do not move the tables.

Please help to keep your troop safe and involved in the organized programming. Any activities away from your campsite that are not part of the planned program should have adult supervision. We also ask your help in keeping Scouts in the designated area. Please let them know that anyone who trespasses on adjacent private property or “off-limits” areas may be sent home. Should the need arise, there is an emergency phone located in the staff tent. The number is (740) 767-3797. If someone is calling in and there is no answer on this number, a message can be left on the park office phone number at (740) 767-3570.

If your unit plans on having a campfire please keep the following information in mind. Wood collecting is prohibited within the park. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources advises not to move firewood due to the Emerald Ash Borer. It is illegal to move ash trees, ash logs, ash branches, ash wood chips, ash bark, and all hardwood firewood out of Ohio's quarantined areas. For more information or to see a map of Ohio's quarantined areas please refer to the following web site, <http://www.ohioagriculture.gov/plant/ppc/eab/plnt-eab-index.stm>. Also, we ask that you limit your fire building to one per troop. In general, please practice low impact camping.

A list of what to bring should include all camping equipment, food, fishing gear, plenty of warm clothing, and of course rain gear. Scouts that wish to participate in the fishing should bring their own bait and tackle. Anyone 16 years of age and older who fishes must have a valid Ohio fishing license. Patrols wishing to participate in the “Patrol Challenge” will need to bring their own Dutch oven, utensils, and ingredients for Dutch Oven Cook-off event. Firewood will be provided for this event.

Patch trading is a sanctioned Scouting activity and is permitted at the Scouting Outing. However, Ohio law strictly prohibits the selling of patches, other memorabilia, or any other goods or services. A special permit waiver is required for any commercial activity.

About the Program:

When you register, you will receive a more detailed schedule for the weekend. It is a good idea to post one at your site for easy reference. A few programs on the schedule are designated as general group sessions. There are sessions such as the opening on Saturday morning and the stage program after lunch when we make general announcements or have keynote presentations, etc. Please help to assure that all of your scouts are in attendance at these times.

All event awards will be handed out at the closing ceremony only.

The Scouting Outing site is located at the Group Camp near Dock Area #3 just off State Route 78 between Glouster and McConnelville. Watch for signs on State Route 78 for Morgan County Road #14. More specific directions are available on our website at www.scoutingouting.org.

Whether you are an old friend or a newcomer to the Scouting Outing, we are looking forward to seeing you at the Burr Oak State Park. If you have any questions or special needs, please contact:

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