

May 10, 2024



Dear Cub Scout Parent/Guardian:

Welcome Explorers! We are so glad that you have entrusted us with your scout for Cub Scout Day Camp at East Fork State Park! I am Nicole Henderson-Johns, your Program Director for the week. Along with our staff of volunteer parents and leaders just like you, I want to welcome you and your scout to Day Camp 2024...Outdoor Adventure!

We are readying the campsite to have a great time at camp June 10-14, 2024, but before we get there we want to share some important information with you. So grab your gear and come along for the adventure of a lifetime!

- We will have **Pre-Check-in** on **Saturday, June 8 from 9am-11am** at East Fork State Park, 3294 Elklick Rd, Bethel, OH 45106. Pre-Check-in will be where you turn in health forms, permission forms, approved check-out forms (all attached for you to print and bring with you), and, most importantly, where your scout gets their camp shirt! If you have all forms filled out prior to arrival, this should only take a few minutes. Scouts are welcome to come see where we will be, or you may leave them at home and simply drop off forms and pick-up shirts.
- A few notes on health forms...**Health forms** must be filled out for every participant (youth and adult) including Tiger partners. Do not forget to attach a copy of your **health insurance card** to each participant's form. These forms will be returned to you at the end of camp.
- NOTE: The **3294 Elklick Rd address** will get you to the Park Administration Office, NOT to our Day Camp site. In order to get to our Camp, pass the park administration office (on your right) continue straight, following the park signs to the Beach. Turn left onto Park Road #2 (the third left on Elklick Rd.), once on Park Rd #2, take your first right into the parking lot. Camp is going to be held on the grounds around Indian Mound Shelter. Staff Parking will be in the first parking spots you come to also known as the "Hitching Post." For Scout Check-in, please follow the road around the bathhouse to the "Trailhead" Parking.
- **Monday - Friday, Check-in** for scouts is from **7:45am-8am**. Scouts will report directly to their den walker ("Trail Boss") at their den tent ("Campsites"). Parents/guardians are expected to get their scouts out of the car and to their designated den tent. Campsites will be directly off of the "Trailhead" Parking, clearly marked with their den name and color.
- At **check-in**, parent/guardian must speak with the den walker to clearly state that they are dropping off their scout. If the scout is to be picked up early that day, the parent/guardian must tell the den walker what time the scout will be picked up.
- All **Tiger scouts** must remain with their adult partners ("Trail Guides") for the entire day but are still required to check-in with their den walker.
- **Late arrival:** If a scout arrives after 8am, the parent/guardian must check the scout in at the "Ranger Station" Tent (First Aid/Camp Headquarters) located next to the Restrooms. Scouts arriving late will be escorted to their dens by their parent/guardian AND a camp staff member. Once the scout is at the den, the den-walker must acknowledge that the scout has arrived and write the time that they are dropped off.
- **Camp starts promptly at 8am** with opening flag ceremony every morning on the "Base Camp" (Parade Grounds). Parents are welcome to stay for this ceremony, or leave immediately after check-in.
- What to Bring to Camp:
 - **Water bottle** - we will have refill stations readily available.
 - **Lunch** - packed in a thermal lunchbox. Lunches will be put into coolers, but there is no guarantee that they will stay cold in a paper bag.
 - **Snack(s)** - Please note snacks should be 'trail snacks' that can be eaten on the go, nothing that requires utensils or refrigeration.

- **Extra change of clothes** - Each day we may have water activities and we do not want to send your child home wet.
- **Towel**
- **Sun Screen & Bug Spray**
- **Hat**
- **Hiking stick**, if they have one they prefer to use. (Each camper will get a hiking decal for their hiking stick, if they do not have a hiking stick, one will be available at Base Camp during camp hours.)
- **What to Leave Home** *These items will not be tolerated at camp and will be grounds for immediate dismissal of scout with no refund.*
 - Weapons of any kind including BB guns, bows/arrows, knives, pocket knives, etc. We will provide council approved BB guns, bows, arrows, slingshots, and ammunition for the Ranges, please leave personal items of this nature at home.
 - Tobacco products, drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcohol
- **Monday -Thursday scouts will be picked up between 4pm and 4:15pm** and will be picked up at their den tents. Parent/guardian must sign each scout out with the time, printed name and signature of person picking up. Den walkers will check photo-id of person picking up scout in order to ensure that that person is on the scout's approved Check-out list. Approved Check-out list must be completed prior to MONDAY Check-out or ONLY the parent/guardian who signed the initial camp registration forms will be allowed to Check-out the scout.
- All **Tiger scouts** must remain with their adult partners for the entire day but are still required to check-out with their den walker to ensure that Camp Staff are aware that a scout has left camp.
- **Late Pickup:** Scouts that are not picked up by 4:15pm will wait at the Charging Station tent with camp staff until an approved parent/guardian arrives to check-out the scout. If an approved parent/guardian does not come to check-out the scout by 5pm, the scout will be considered abandoned and the camp staff will contact Clermont County Sheriff's Department to collect the scout. Camp Staff will NOT release a scout to a person who is not on the approved check-out list for any reason.
- **Friday**, we invite parents/guardians/siblings to join us for a fun afternoon at camp. Our Family Fun Expedition will begin at 12:45pm (after lunch) and will run through 4pm. There will be open programming from 12:45-2:45, where our scouts will show you around camp and share some of our camping activities (including Archery and BB Ranges). At 3pm, we will have our Family Campfire Program where our scouts will perform skits and songs, and certificates and recognitions will be handed out. We hope you can join us for all or part of the Family Fun Expedition, we know the scouts would like to show you everything they learned this week!
- Scouts will be completing several **awards/recognitions** during camp, your child will receive a camp certificate with all of this information from us at the end of the week to give to your Cub Master. Packs will be able to log and purchase these items at the Scout Shop after camp. ****Please note, there are some awards/recognitions that we will begin at camp that have requirements to be completed at home/with family/with your pack...these requirements will be clearly marked on your child's camp certificate.****

Should you have any questions regarding camp, or need clarification on anything, please do not hesitate to call or text Nicole at 740-505-4897. We cannot wait for an amazing week at camp and are so very excited to have an amazing "Outdoor Adventure" with each of your scouts!

Blessings,

Nicole Henderson-Johns
Camp Program Director