

The Parent's Guide
To
Surviving
the wild west



Camp Wakpominee
Cub Scout Resident Camp



MESSAGE:

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Resident Camp at Camp Wakpominee! Resident Camp is the one of the first steps in the Scouting Outdoor Program. It's a time of fun, advancement, and adventure all in one. Each day's program is filled with a variety of exciting activities including water sports, archery, nature, crafts, games, and sports all designed to enhance the boy's experience.

Why Wakpominee Resident Camp??

A youth joins Scouting because somewhere they saw or heard that Scouting provides excitement and adventure in the great outdoors. The youth wants to share that excitement with the members of his den and make new friends along the way.

At Camp Wakpominee you receive the benefit of a fully trained, responsible and professional staff led by an administrative team that is focused on one goal: *Providing your child with a SAFE, ORGANIZED, and TOP-NOTCH experience that they will remember for many years to come!*

This guide for parents has been provided to help you learn more about the camp experience, plan accordingly, and gain some knowledge of Camp Wakpominee itself. We all have our own expectations for what a summer camp experience should be, but the camp staff is are prepared to make each camper's experience one to remember! We have done a great job molding both advancements and "just for fun" activities into the entire camp experience.

Looking forward to seeing you this summer!!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie VanAmburgh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Julie VanAmburgh
Camp Director



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2018 Resident Camp Dates & Fees

SESSION:	DATES:	Regular Fee	Late Fee (starts June 15th)
All Cub Scouts Session 1	July 22nd – 25 th (Sun. thru Wed.)	\$240	\$300
Arrow of Light Session 2	July 25 th – 28 th (Wed. thru Sat.)	\$240	\$300

*To register your son(s) for Resident Camp at Camp Wakpominee, please visit the website and complete an online registration:

<http://www.trcscouting.org/Events/cubsummer2018>

Don't have all the money for camp now? That's okay!

A \$50 deposit is all you need in order to register online!!

Just pay the remainder of the fee before June 15th to avoid the late fee.



About Camp Wakpominee

With one of the greatest locations available in the country, Camp Wakpominee is the place to be for summer camp. Located on over 1,000 acres in the Adirondack Park of Upstate NY, Camp Wakpominee has overlook views of Lake George and boasts its own lake for boating and swimming. This year marks the 96th year of Scout camping at Camp Wakpominee. In addition to Cub Scout Resident Camp, Camp Wakpominee also hosts Cub Scout Day Camp (July 10 – July 14), Boy Scout Resident Camp, and a National Youth Leadership Training Course for older scouts. It is also home to the Twin Rivers Council Trekking Program, featuring opportunities for Boy Scouts to explore the Adirondacks by canoe or hiking.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

From the Northwest, take exit 21 of the Northway. Follow Rte 9. South until it intersects with Rte 149 east. Turn left onto Rte 149 east, travel 5.9 miles. Turn left onto Buttermilk Falls Road. (Look for Black Rooster on the Left) Travel 4 miles on Buttermilk Falls road, The entrance to camp is located on the left side of Buttermilk Falls Road.

From the Southwest, Take exit 20 of the Northway. Follow Rte 9. north ½ mile to Rte 149 east. Turn right onto Rte 149 east, travel 5.9 miles. Turn left onto Buttermilk Falls Road. (Look for Black Rooster on the Left) Travel 6.1 miles on Buttermilk Falls road, The entrance to camp is located on the left side of Buttermilk Falls Road.

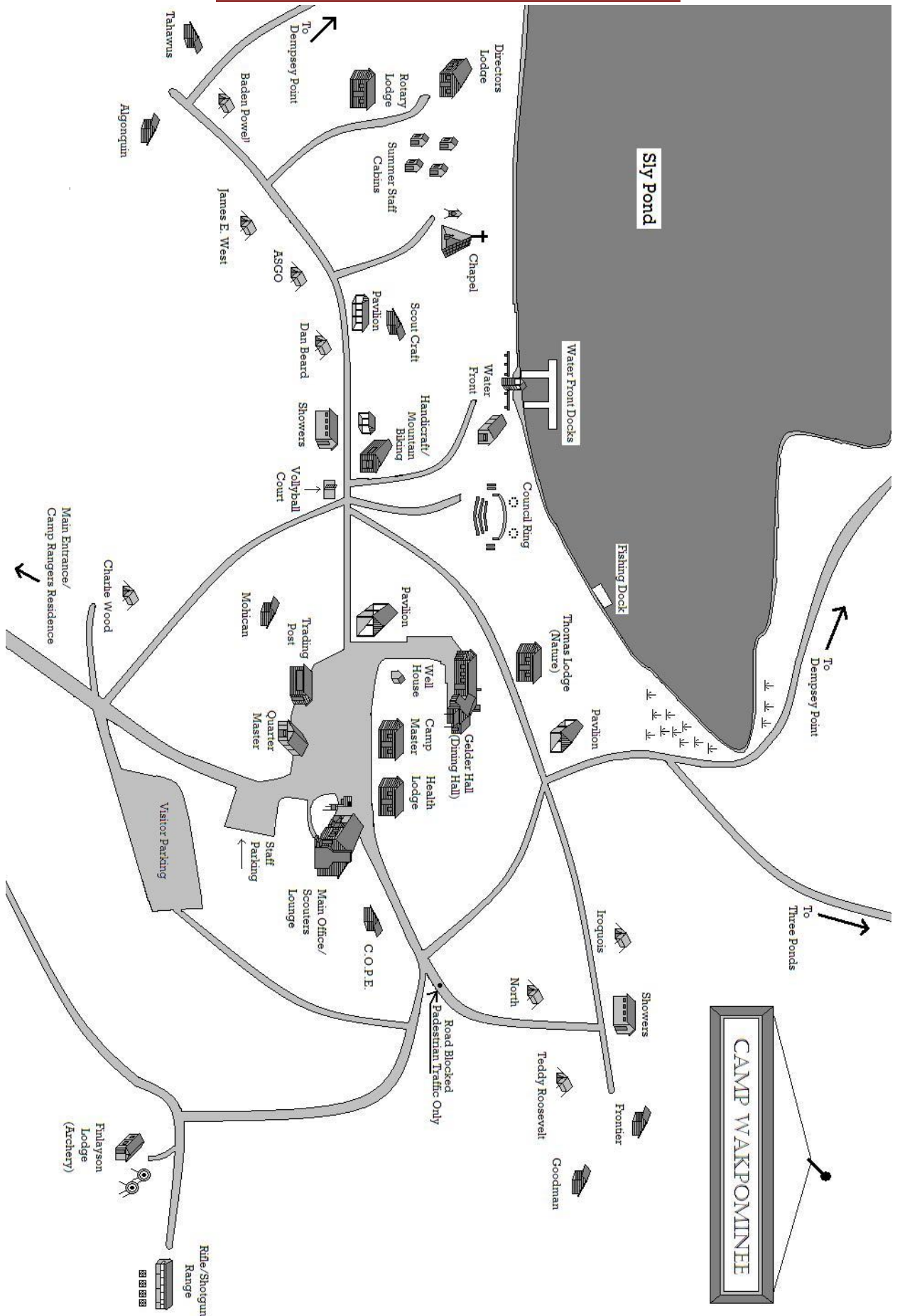
From the east, go to the intersection of Routes 4 and 149. Proceed west on Rte 149 Travel 5.7 miles turn right on to Buttermilk Falls Road. Follow Buttermilk Falls Road 4 miles. The main entrance to camp is located on the left side of the road about one mile north of the merger of Buttermilk Falls Road and Sly Pond Road.

From your GPS, type the following into your GPS unit:

Camp Wakpominee
185 Sly Pond Road
Fort Ann, NY 12827



Map of Camp Wakpominee



Our Camp Opportunities:

Cub & Webelos Resident Camp:

WHEN DO I ARRIVE?

- Please plan to arrive July 22nd at 1:00 PM

WHO CAN ATTEND?

- This camping opportunity is available to ALL Cub Scouts, including Webelos Scouts.

WHEN DO I CHECK-OUT?

- Please plan to check-out on July 25th at 10:00 AM

WHAT ARE SOME PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS?

- We have a schedule full of games and adventure as scouts become their own superheroes and bring their superhero powers to life!
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Arrow of Light (AOL) Resident Camp

WHEN DO I ARRIVE?

- Please plan to arrive July 25th at 1:00 PM

WHO CAN ATTEND?

- This camping opportunity is specifically designed for Arrow of Light Scouts.

WHEN DO I CHECK-OUT?

- Please plan to check-out on July 28th at 10:00 AM

WHAT ARE SOME PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS?

- Participants will be able to discover their scout skills and put them to the test as they learn to camp like a Boy Scout.

Check-in Procedures

Please review this section carefully prior to arriving at camp in order to ensure a smooth check-in process.

When you arrive at camp you will be greeted by a friendly member of our staff. Please follow their instructions as to where to park your vehicle. There is only one road leading through the campsite area so please be careful when traveling to drop off and pick up any gear.

All members from a Pack will be asked to check-in together. Please plan to car pool and/ or caravan accordingly.

When everyone from your Pack is at camp, a registered leader will report to the **Main Office** where they will be provided with a Staff member as a guide as well as a packet of useful information.

Your Staff Guide will show you to your campsite where you will have your Medical Checks. This will give you an opportunity get camp setup get. When your medical Check is complete you and your guide will then be directed to the waterfront where you will do your swim tests. Along with you tour of camp. **Please make sure everyone has the following at Camp:**

1. Completed and Signed Health Forms for every Youth and Adult
 - a. We Will Need Parts A,B and C
 - b. (A leader should hold onto these for everyone).
2. Medications (if applicable) in their original containers.
3. Water Bottle (never go anywhere without one!)
4. Swimsuit and Towel

The check-in procedure includes:

1. Medical re-check of forms and individuals by our Medical Staff
2. Swimmer checks at the Waterfront
3. Tour of camp by your friendly staff guide
4. Check of your campsite to ensure cots or tents do not need replacing, etc...

We will have the evening Flag ceremony at 5:45 PM in front of the Main Office before going directly to dinner. Please make sure everyone from your Pack is on time!

What do you need for camp?

What to bring/wear to camp: *Please mark all personal belongings with the child's name in permanent marker*

1. **WATER BOTTLE**
2. Sneakers (enclosed footwear is required at camp)
3. Hat
4. Clothes for each day at camp
5. Sleeping Bag, Pillow, and Sleeping Clothes
6. Swimsuit and Towel for swimming
7. Day Pack
8. Bug repellent
9. Raingear (We are open rain or shine!)
10. Sun Block
11. Flashlight
12. Toothpaste, Toothbrush, and other Sundries
13. Money for the Trading Post (optional)
 - i. (Please see the Trading Post paragraph for more information)

What NOT to bring to camp:

Game boys, DS, iPods, or anything similar – you will not have time to use them anyway! Also, do not bring personal sports equipment, roller blades, or skateboards.

Trading Post:

A Trading Post is located in Main Camp. We will have various items available for purchase including; snacks, Juices, Slush Puppies©, candy, postcards, theme related souvenirs, Camp Gear and Official BSA gear. Boys will be allowed to visit the Trading Post during their Den Time and Lunch/Free period.

HEALTH FoRMS

- REQUIRED:** 1) Parts A, B and C of official BSA Health Form
(downloadable from our website, www.trcscouting.org/cubsummer2016)
- 2) Parent/Guardian signatures on that Health Form
- 3) Immunization Record (either filled in on the BSA health form, or personal record stapled to the BSA health form.)

Parts A , B & C **MUST** be filled out and a copy of immunization records have to be attached or dates filled in on part A, for ALL Scouts, Siblings and Adult Leaders attending camp.

Medications:

Prescribed Medications:

- **MUST** be in a prescription bottle with a pharmacy label containing all directions, dosages, and prescribing doctor's name. They must also be accompanied by a physician's note when you have your child's prescription filled; ask for a second bottle. All pharmacies are willing to provide these.
- All prescription medication will be collected by our camp Health Officer with the exception of epi pens and inhalers. At the appropriate time, your child will be brought to the health lodge for dispensing of medication.

Epi pens and inhalers will remain in the child's possession at all times!

Non-prescription Medications:

- **MUST** be accompanied by a physician's note detailing the medication and its use. All OTC medications must be in their original container, all medications will be collected by the camp Health Officer. Your child will be brought to the health lodge at the appropriate time for dispensing of medication.

Important:

The above policies must be strictly adhered to as per the NY State Board of Health. Please do not send medication to camp unless the above directions are followed.

Note to Parents regarding camper safety:

We are operating as part of the Boy Scouts of America and will adhere to all safety regulations and BSA practices including Youth Protection Guidelines. All children attending are registered cub scouts and will be expected to act in a good Cub Scout manner. Name calling, and overbearing or disruptive behavior will not be allowed.

*****All Adults must provide their Youth protection date. If it is not current you will need to take the Youth protection training prior to attending. If you do not have your youth protection training you will be asked to leave.**

Children who have problems following courteous behavior rules will be asked initially to sit out. If the behavior persists, they will have to leave the activity areas and remain in the administration building for a time. If the behavior continues, the child may be asked to leave the camp.

Your cooperation with all rules and guidelines will ensure that everyone involved has a safe and fun time at camp.

RESIDENT CAMP at WAKPOMINEE **PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

The Camp Wakpominee program is designed to teach skills and develop attitudes that make our campers more self-reliant and appreciative of nature. Your son will have fun with a purpose. We strive to build character while providing a memorable experience in the life of a young scout. Our Camp program is designed to reflect the purposes and objectives of the Cub Scout Program.

- To influence the Scout's character development and spiritual growth
- To develop habits and attitudes of good citizenship
- To encourage good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body
- To improve understanding within the family
- To strengthen a Scout's ability to get along with others
- To foster a sense of personal achievement by developing new interest and skills
- To provide fun and exciting new things to do
- To show a boy how to be helpful and do his best
- To prepare him to be a Boy Scout

Our program stresses Fun, Adventure, and Exploring, all within the outdoor environment. Through these avenues advancement occurs. Advancement for the sake of advancement is not the objective of a Scouting camp program. Intangible goals are stressed, such as Sportsmanship, Responsibility, Helpfulness, Cooperation, Citizenship, Problem Solving, and Understanding of oneself and others.

Camp Rules

The Big Three –

- 1. Always have a Buddy.** Everyone needs a buddy – Cub Scouts, youth staff, everyone who is under 18 must have a buddy by their side at all time.
- 2. Stay on the trails.** Wildlife is all around us. We're only here for a week, but they live here. Let's leave their homes undisturbed as much as we can.
- 3. If you find yourself lost, stand still and call for help.** Hug A Tree. Don't keep wandering. We'll know in a few minutes that you are lost, and we will be looking for you. Don't make it hard to find you!

5. No profanity is allowed in Camp. This includes shirts with rude or suggestive designs.
6. The "camp uniform" is the current camp T-shirt or Pack shirt. If you are only here for the day you will need to wear a wristband.
7. Report **ALL** injuries to the Health Office
8. All areas must be kept clean and in good condition- *Leave no Trace*
9. Cars are not permitted to travel while camp is in session.
10. No radio headphones, toys, water guns, etc.
11. No climbing of rocks or trees. Stay on paths at all times.
12. Alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are **NOT ALLOWED** on the camp property.
13. Report all vandalism to the Camp Director immediately. Vandalism will not be tolerated.

14. Last and the most important rule: HAVE FUN!!!!!!

TWIN RIVERS COUNCIL SUMMER CAMP

REFUND POLICY

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Months before camp opens, we do extensive planning, pre-camp purchasing, and staff contractual agreements, among other things. Due to these types of commitments, it is not practical to give full refunds. All refunds will be assessed a minimum **\$50.00** for fixed costs already incurred. Refunds ***will be considered*** for the following cases only:(NO EXCEPTIONS)

Summer School

- Documentation from the school must be provided with the request in writing, and MUST be submitted before but no later than July 1. Scouts should be encouraged to make up in a later week.

Medical

- Documentation from the Physician must be provided with the request in writing, and MUST be submitted at least one week prior to the Scout's scheduled arrival at camp.

Death in the Immediate Family

- A letter with the request in writing from the parent/guardian.

Non-qualifying refund requests are not limited to but include:

- sports (of all kinds), vacation, homesickness, failure to show, Scout changes their mind, travel events, etc.
- All requests must be in writing and include the required documentation. Please advise whether check should be made out the Family or to the Unit.
- A camper removed from camp for disciplining reasons forfeits all fees.

Checks will be issued after September 15th.

