

Reopening Camp Miakonda for Outdoor Adventures

A Stairstep Approach for Summer 2020

Objective: to incrementally reopen Camp Miakonda for camping and outdoor adventures in a manner which is safe and which allows us to support – as best we can within health and safety guidelines – the many and varied events which are normally hosted each summer in Camp Miakonda.

Summer is a very busy time for Camp Miakonda! Outdoor adventures start in early June and continue through September. Many people think only to Cub Scout Day Camp, but there is so much more to experience! Among the Outdoor Adventures which normally occur each summer, Camp Miakonda serves as host to:

- Cub Scout Tiger Overnighter & Webelos Overnighter
- Cub Scout Day Camp
- National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)
- Single day events such as Scouts BSA Troops teaching outdoor skills
- COPE for Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews, and local organizations such as high school sports teams & college leadership groups from UT and BGSU
- Weekend Camping for Scouts BSA Troops (monthly campouts, base camp for visiting local attractions, traveling to PSR or other camps from a distance, etc.)
- Service projects & volunteer work
- Full facility rentals such as the faith-based Camp NOAH & an annual Masonic retreat

With safety as our first priority, our plan to incrementally reopen Camp Miakonda utilizes this four-step approach:

- Step 1 Single Day Events (begins June 3)
- Step 2 Overnight Camping for Scouting Units &
Council Organized Advancement Events (begins July 7)
- Step 3 Select Outside Rentals (begins July 18)
- Step 4 Normal Operations (date to be determined)

It is important to note that these Camp Miakonda opportunities are designed to be secondary to the Erie Shores Council virtual Cub Scout “Camp-To-Go!” summer program and the Scouts BSA Troop Camping Program at Camp Frontier / PSR. Erie Shores Council will continue to promote those events as our primary program offerings. This plan provides for the incremental opening of Camp Miakonda for supplemental program offerings where appropriate and needed.

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With each step of implementation, each element of this plan will be in full compliance with the then-current guidelines from the following entities:

- Center for Disease Controls (CDC) for Youth Programs and Camps
 - [\(Specific Guidelines here\)](#)
- Ohio Department of Health “Responsible RestartOhio” for Camping & Campgrounds
 - [\(Specific Guidelines here\)](#)
- Boy Scouts of America Covid-19 Resources
 - [\(Specific Guidelines here\)](#)

Step 1 Single Day Events (begins June 3)

- Formal safety protocol for entry to camp, activity while in camp, and periodic cleaning throughout the day.
- Unit Supervised Single Day Events
 - Registration will be through the Council Program Assistant, and fees may apply.
 - Restricted hours 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Maximum number of people in each group is limited to ten (10), including leaders. This may increase based on Department of Health guidance.
 - Maximum number of groups on camp at one time is limited to seven (7).
 - Sample activities a units might host:
 - Nature hikes, compass course, fishing
 - Rank requirements & Totin’ Chip
 - Service projects approved by Camp Miakonda Rangers
- Council Organized Single Day Events
 - These will be limited to families registered for the Erie Shores Council virtual Cub Scout “Camp-To-Go!” summer program.

Step 2 Overnight Camping for Scouting Units & Council Organized Advancement Events (begins July 7)

- Overnight camping for Scouts BSA Troops and Venturing Crews. These may be unit-supervised or council-supervised.
 - Limited to two consecutive nights.
 - Limited to tents and Adirondack shelters, and possibly cabins & Fort Miakonda.
 - These events will not be open to Cub Scout youth.
- Advancement events which Erie Shores Council might host:
 - Merit badge classes which can meet social distancing requirements and do not lend themselves to online sessions.
 - Cub Scout belt loop classes which can meet social distancing requirements and do not lend themselves to online sessions.

Step 3 Select Outside Rentals (begins July 18)

- Pending permission from Ohio Department of Health
- Overnight camping for outside group rentals
- Anticipated organizations include the faith-based Camp NOAH (July) & annual Masonic retreat (August).

Step 4 Normal Operations (date to be determined)

- Pending permission from Ohio Department of Health
- Reopening for regularly scheduled events
- The first tentatively scheduled event is the Cub Scout “Parent & Pal” overnigher on August 15-16. There is no available later date in 2020 for this event. Should the event need to be rescheduled, the next available date will be in Spring 2021.

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