



## Leader and Parent Guide

Swan Creek District, Erie Shores Council, Winter Weekend

### Fire & Ice!

February 10-12, 2023

Camp Miakonda, Sylvania, OH

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## Welcome

We welcome Swan Creek Units to join us for a fun weekend of camping and adventure, at the Swan Creek District Winter Weekend!

Our theme is Fire & Ice! Each unit attending has been asked to run a program station related to Fire related to Scouting Skills. A list of the stations has been posted on the event website. New this year, Scouts will vote for their favorite station, and that unit will win the coveted Great Swan Creek District Spirit Drum, to be awarded immediately after Vespers.

## Registration

The Swan Creek District Winter Weekend is open to Scouts BSA troops, Venture Crews, and Webelos/AOL Scouts that are hosted by and camp with a troop. Webelos/AOL Scouts will be able to participate fully in all the hands-on sessions. If a Webelos/AOL Scout would like to attend, but isn't affiliated with a troop, contact Winter Weekend Event Chair Chris Jackson 567-408-6393 [cijackson@bex.net](mailto:cijackson@bex.net) and they will be paired with a Scouts BSA troop.

Registration cost is \$8 per person, for both youth and adults and includes a patch, program activities, and lunch.

Pre-Registration is to be done through your Troop or Crew using the online registration form by Friday February 3, 2023. Please give your best estimate of how many will attend. Units will only pay for those that attend, based on the roster that they turn in at the Friday evening Leader's meeting.

## Cabin Reservations

Units are to make reservations for cabins, Adirondacks, or tent camping by contacting Field Director Vicki Rosengarten 419-889-8373 (cell) [Vicki.rosengarten@scouting.org](mailto:Vicki.rosengarten@scouting.org) The cost for rentals is in addition to the event registration costs.

## Meals

Units are responsible for their own food which would include Friday night snacks, Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast.

## Medical Information

### Camp Health Officer

Camp Health Officer: Clifton Vaughan  
Contact by cell phone at 419-344-8581.

When staff are present, first aid supplies will be available in Memorial Cabin.

### AED Locations

Memorial Cabin  
Ford Center

## Medical Emergencies

In the event of a serious or life-threatening medical emergency, call 911. Sylvania EMS will respond. Emergency crews have the information to open the gate at the east end of the camp Miakonda Parking Lot. One challenge is getting the EMS crews to the correct location within camp.

If you call 911, also call Ranger Brady Kohlenberg 419-467-8528 and Campmaster Clif Vaughan 419-344-8581 and they will help direct emergency crews to correct location within camp.

### Closest Hospital

ProMedica Flower Hospital  
5200 Haroun Road  
Sylvania, OH 43560  
24 hour emergency room

## Unit Responsibilities

Units are responsible to have a BSA medical form parts A and B for each participant with them at camp. Units review of these forms in advance for medical concerns, allergies, or other conditions that may affect them while at camp and for planning appropriately based on this review.

Units are responsible for administering prescription and non-prescription medications for youth. Units are expected to have an appropriate first aid kit in camp and to be able to handle minor medical issues.

## Schedule

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#### Friday February 10

6:00-8:30pm Check in at Memorial Cabin

9:00pm SPL and Adult Leader's Meeting Memorial Cabin

#### Saturday February 11:

8:45am Opening Flags Parade Field

9:00am-Noon Program Activities

Noon-1:30pm Lunch at Cabins

1:30-4:30pm Program Activities

4:30-7:00pm Dinner in Cabins

7:00pm Vespers/Closing Campfire - Council Lodge

8:00-10pm Indoor Beach Ball Tournament - Council Lodge

#### Sunday February 12:

8:00-10:00am Checkout and cabin inspections

10:00am All units and youth out of camp

## Cold Weather Camping

Units are reminded that participants should dress for the weather to be outside most of the day on Saturday.

For most Scouts, appropriate clothing would include a waterproof/windproof outer layer, thermal insulation, and inner wicking layer. The ability to regulate body heat by ventilating or adding or removing layers is essential. Overheating during periods of increased activity causes perspiration which can make one cold during periods of lesser activity. A spare pair gloves or mittens is highly recommended, as is changing socks at lunchtime to keep feet dry. Staying properly hydrated helps individuals stay warm as well. It is best to avoid cotton as cotton absorbs and retains moisture.

Typical daytime wear would include:

- Waterproof/windproof coat
- Long john top
- Fleece pullover
- Stocking cap
- Facemask or scarf
- 2 pairs gloves or mittens
- Waterproof insulated snow pants

- Long john bottoms
- 2 pairs socks (merino wool preferred)
- Waterproof insulated boots (no tennis shoes)

Additional clothes and personal equipment will be required for those camping overnight.

## Camp Guidelines and Procedures

Please note that Failure to comply with any of these policies and guidelines is cause for dismissal from camp .

### Buddy System

The buddy system should be used while at camp.

### Unit Trailers In Camp

Pending favorable weather conditions, units may drive their trailers to their cabin or campsite, unhook the tow vehicle, and return the tow vehicle to the parking lot. The camp gate will be open from Noon Friday until 6:30pm Friday evening. Units may retrieve their trailers from camp after the last Scout has departed camp or after 10:00am Sunday morning.

If times outside the standard times are required, it will be necessary to contact Miakonda Ranger Brady Khoenberg 419-467-8528 to make arrangements.

When driving off road with a vehicle it is imperative that drivers monitor the ground conditions and only drive in areas where the ground is frozen or dry to avoid leaving ruts or getting a vehicle stuck.

In the event that the camp roads (particularly the hills) are icy or the snow is too deep to park a trailer at the campsite, then units will need to park their trailers in the Miakonda Parking lot. Hand carts are available just across the bridge for units to use to transport their gear.

### Potable Water and Gray Water

Potable water is available via frost free hydrants located near the Royal Flush, Southern Shower House, and Northern Shower House. While the Southern Shower House is undergoing renovations, the frost free hydrant there is usable. Gray water may be dispersed into wooded areas adjacent to the cabins, Adirondacks, and tent camping sites.

### Campfires

Campfires are permitted in the Sacred Heart Fire Ring and the Wernert Fire Ring as well as the Adirondacks and tent camping sites.

### Scout Oath and Law

The Scout Oath and Law are the codes of conduct and behavior at Camp Frontier.

### No Smoking

The Boy Scouts of America strongly discourages smoking during Scouting events. Smoking, **VAPING**, and use of smokeless tobacco is not permitted by anyone under the age of 21. For adults who choose to use any of the products listed above, we request that you do not use these products in front of Scouts and

away from buildings and tents. **Smoking in any building or tent or within 50 feet of the door of one of these structures is prohibited.**

### Closed Areas

The COPE Course area, ravines, pool, and Lake Sawyer are off limits. Program areas are off limits when closed including the BB and Archery ranges.

### Archery and Firearms

Scouts and Leaders may not bring personal bows or firearms.

### No Pets

No pets are permitted on property at any time. This includes picking up/dropping off Scouts. **Please remind your parents to leave their pets at home.**

### Uniforms

Full uniforms are to be tucked in and worn for vespers service and campfire. Closed toed shoes must be worn in camp at all times. Open-toed shoes are **not** permitted in camp.

### Restrooms

The Royal Flush and Northern Shower House restrooms are available 24x7. The Southern shower house is currently being renovated and is not usable at this time.

The restrooms in the Ford Center and Council lodge are available when those facilities are open.

### Severe Weather

Units are expected to have one or more adult leaders on site that are current with the BSA Hazardous Weather Training. Units should monitor with weather forecasts and take appropriate precautions when hazardous weather is forecast.

In the event of severe weather, units may shelter in any of the cabins, the Ford Center, or the Council Lodge.

### Checkin

#### Scouts BSA/Venture Crews

Camping units Check in Friday evening from 7:00-9:00pm at Memorial Cabin.

Units coming for the Day can checkin Saturday morning from 7:30-8:00am at Memorial Cabin.

Fees and Unit Rosters are due at checkin time.

A list of the program activities, schedule, and a map will be available at checkin.

### Checkout

Units must depart by 10:00am Sunday morning.

Units are responsible tracking the arrival and departure of their youth and other participants.

Units are responsible for policing and inspecting their own campsite before departure. Garbage may be disposed of in the dumpsters adjacent to the Ford Center.

Cabin checkout procedures will be issued when checking in.

## Great Swan Creek District Spirit Drum

It is tradition to award the Great Swan Creek District Spirit drum to the unit that shows the most Scouting Spirit during the camporee at the Saturday evening campfire, immediately following Vespers.

Typically, rather than a particular formula or rubric to decide which unit has demonstrated the most Scouting Spirit, members of the Swan Creek District Camping Committee observe the Scouts as they participate in the activities for the camporee, be it by patrol or by troop. Members of the committee also interview those individuals that are running activities or stations seek out examples of exemplary Scouting Spirit. Sometimes the Scouting Spirit is the way that the older Scouts in a patrol or troop help and encourage the younger Scouts, perhaps it is especially spirited competition based on fair play, and sometimes it is related to service above and beyond what is normally expected.

However, at the Winter Weekend 2023, Troops have been asked to run stations for the Winter Weekend, and Scouts will vote for their favorite station. The winner of that vote will receive the Great Swan Creek District Spirit Drum.

Upon earning the Spirit Drum, the unit takes it home with them, and adorns it with a patch from the camporee and adds their unit number and perhaps a short phrase to encompass the camporee. They then bring it to the next camporee, and deliver it to the winning unit at that camporee.

Once the Great Swan Creek Spirit Drum has been covered with patches and there is no more room, it is promoted to the Scouting Museum at Camp Miakonda where it is placed on display as a portion of the history of Swan Creek District.

## Contact Information

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**Camp Miakonda Ranger**  
Brady Kohlenberg 419-467-8528

**Website Links**

Event Information

<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/SCWinterweekend>

Camp Miakonda

<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/miakonda>

Camp Miakonda Map

<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/files/6639/Miakonda-Map>