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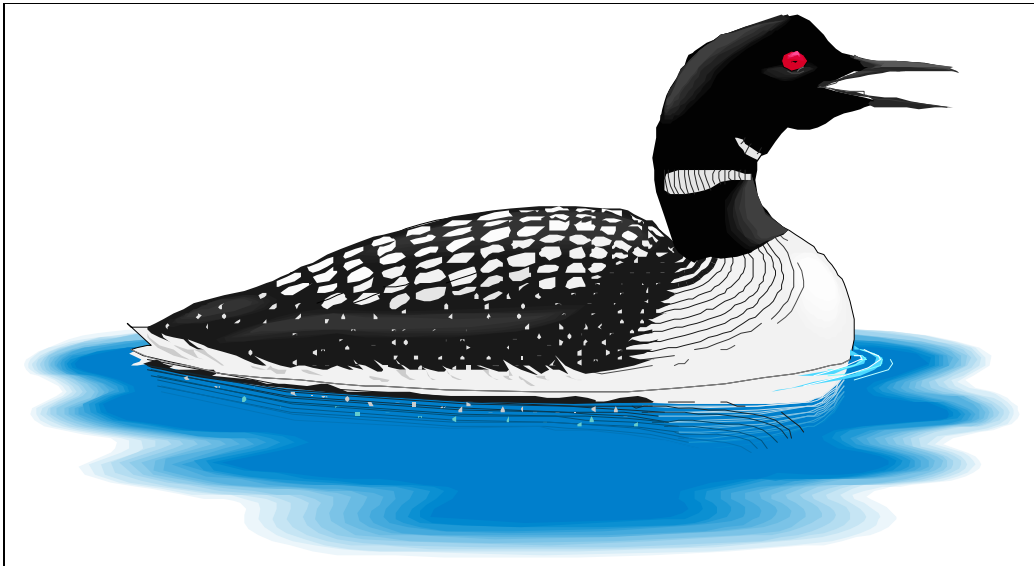
***HOLIDAY FAMILY CAMP***

**AT**

***NORTHWOODS SCOUT RESERVATION***

**Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends**

**[www.chiefokemosbsa.org](http://www.chiefokemosbsa.org)**



Welcome,

Scouting Families often ask – “Where can I take my family and get away on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends that isn’t too overcrowded or expensive, and has outdoor-oriented possibilities for the whole family?”

We may have your answer. *Holiday Family Camp* at Northwoods Scout Reservation is designed to do just that. Our camp is made available to families with registered Scouts and/or Scout Leaders to camp, explore, hike, fish, swim, use the canoes and rowboats, see wildlife, and many other things. The cost is very reasonable, in part because there is no paid staff, only a Campmaster to help you check in and keep an eye on things.



This brochure is designed to explain the program and orient families the best way to take advantage of the camp within the rules established by the Chief Okemos Council and the Boy Scouts of America to keep you SAFE while you are here.

The Chief Okemos Council Camp Promotion and Outdoor Activities Committee is happy to provide this opportunity for you.

Please take the time to read the material, ask any questions you may have, and then join us for a fun weekend away from the crowds. And remember that the guiding principals for the use of the camp are found in the Scout Oath and Law.

You may direct your questions to:

Holiday Family camp Program  
c/o Camp Staff Advisor  
4000 West Michigan Ave.  
Lansing, Mi. 48917  
(517) 321-9400 ext. 110

# WELCOME TO HOLIDAY FAMILY CAMP!

## **What is Holiday Family Camp?**

Holiday Family Camp is an opportunity to use Northwoods Scout Reservation for camping and outdoor activities by Scouts, Scouters, and their entire families on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. There is no schedule, staff, food, advancement opportunity (although you are welcome to help your Scout work on advancements while you are there if you wish), or any scheduled program activity. Just as if you were at a state campground, you are on your own to provide those things. We want your stay to be safe so we have some rules and guidelines for you to follow.

## **Who can register and attend this camp?**

Adult Scouters registered in the Chief Okemos Council are eligible to come and may bring their families if they wish.

If you have a Scout registered in the Chief Okemos Council in your family you are eligible to come and bring your family if you wish.

## **Are there any Rules?**

There is a set of the camp rules for Holiday Family Camp in this brochure. You agree to abide by them when you register. In addition, we ask you to remember that this is a Boy Scout Camp. The rules and guidelines established in the publication "*A Guide to Safe Scouting*" (available at the Council Service Center or online) are in effect.

## **How do I Register?**

You call or visit with our Registrar, at the Chief Okemos Council Service Center, (517) 321-9400 ext. 103. She will help you register and will know which campsites and/or buildings are available. Reservations are on a first come-first served basis. When you register and pay your deposit and use fees you will receive a

### **Site permit.**

1. **You must have your permit with you when you check in. It is your receipt.**
2. **We ask you to display the permit in your vehicle at all times while on the camp property.**
3. **Your site is not actually reserved until a permit is issued.**

## **Is anyone in charge at the camp?**

YES! There is a CAMPMASTER and his or her assistants on the property and in charge. You must check in and check out with the Campmaster. You must check out equipment such as boats with the Campmaster. The Campmaster is responsible for operating the camp at this time.

The Campmaster will be available on Friday evening from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday morning from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. for check-in. If you cannot check in at one of those times, you must leave a message on the sign-in sheet at the Campmaster's cabin that you have arrived. The Campmaster may not be available at all times. It is your responsibility to make arrangements for checkout with the Campmaster.

## **Must we check in once we get to the camp?**

YES! For safety considerations we need to know that you are there. Check-in will take place at the Welcome Station by family camp. The entrance by the Ranger's house will be blocked during Family Camp weekends. Campers staying in outpost sites will travel to their sites along the in-camp roads. Remember that, like all Boy Scout camps, Northwoods Scout Reservation is private property. We can and do control who has permission to be on the property.

### **Check-out?**

Since there is not a multi-person staff on site this time of the year, campers will be held responsible for cleaning their site, returning equipment, and for trash removal. Any camp equipment needs to be put away. This includes lifejackets, paddles, oars and anchors put in the proper storage buildings at the waterfront. Boats need to be cleaned, brought on shore, and turned over in the proper storage areas. If you want the Campmaster to check you out before you leave he or she can do so. Buildings should definitely be checked out by the Campmaster. To make it easier to check out, schedule a time for the Campmaster to meet you at your campsite or facility. Camp users will be held responsible for damage or messes left behind which could include forfeiture of the security deposit or charges for damage.

### **May we swim?**

You may swim at your own risk. There are no lifeguards posted. If you swim you must follow the buddy system, and **have had one person in your party attend a “Safe Swim Defense” course or have taken it online at (<http://olc.scouting.org/>)** and has a trained card attesting to the completion of that training. Swimmers not following the buddy system or involved in rough horseplay or using unsafe swimming practices will be required to leave the water and will not be allowed to return.

### **May we use boats, canoes, kayaks, etc?**

Yes. There will be a sign-out clipboard for checking out equipment at the waterfront. You will be held personally responsible for loss or damage of any items checked out to you. You use these items at your own risk. There are no lifeguards or water patrol posted. **You must have in your party someone who has a current “Safety Afloat” card.**

These rules and guidelines govern the use of all watercraft. Users of canoes and kayaks must have swimming ability.

- ❑ **You are not allowed to bring in boats from the outside.** This rule is effect so as not to bring in invasive aquatic plants and organisms.
- ❑ **Users must wear approved PFD’s (life jackets) at all times while on the water.** This is a policy of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America and there will be NO exceptions.
- ❑ No fishing in the swimming and boat docking areas.
- ❑ No fishing tackle on the beach (no lost hooks that a bare foot might find). Walk with your tackle to the boating area via the lake service road if you are using a boat.
- ❑ **Groups must have someone who has attended the “Safety Afloat” course or taken the course on line and have a current card or certificate attesting to the completion of that training. You can take the course on line at (<http://olc.scouting.org/>).** Please print out your certificate and bring it with you.
- ❑ Boaters who violate the above rules will be required to leave the water and will not be granted permission to return during their stay at camp.



### **What about the other activity area like shooting sports, nature, and scoutcraft?**

These activity areas are not open and there is no staff available. No one may practice the shooting sports unless a BSA National Camp School certified instructor holding a current certification is in attendance and in charge. This includes Archery. Leave your firearms, bows, slingshots, BB guns, etc., at home.

### **Are there other things that I should not bring to camp?**

YES! Possession in camp of any of these items will result in your being required to leave the property immediately, forfeiture of your security deposit, and possibly your arrest:

*Alcoholic Beverages*

*Illegal drugs*

*Fireworks not legal in the State of Michigan*

*Firearms* (Individuals holding a valid CCW permit are exempted from this restriction if carrying a personal protection firearm). Potato cannons and paintball guns are not considered firearms by the state of Michigan and are subject to this rule.

Possession of any of these items is strongly discouraged:

*Fireworks of any kind*

*Boom Boxes and other loud devices*

*Sheath knives*

*Axes or hatchets – no cutting of standing timber, alive or dead.*

### **General Rules for the camp:**

- Tobacco use should be out of the view of youth.
- There is NO SMOKING in any of the buildings.
- Build fires in approved containers or areas Fires must be attended. Tools and water need to be on hand to extinguish the fire.
- Camp in your assigned camping area unless the Ranger/Campmaster approves a change.
- If you need camp equipment it must be checked out by the Campmaster.
- No feeding, harming or catching wildlife for any reason.
- Vehicles are to remain in your campsite or parking lot unless you are leaving camp. Do not park on the roads. Do not use vehicles as an in-camp taxi service. Walking is healthier and not as destructive of the roads.
- There is a 10-mph speed limit within the camp property.
- Cabins; no open flames or fires inside unless it has a stove or fireplace and only in the stove or fireplace.
- Tents; no flame in tents of any kind at any time.
- An adult member of each family will be responsible for their site and the supervision of their youth.
- Report any problem, hazard, misconduct, and/or any unusual situation to the Ranger/Campmaster.
- Report any damage immediately.
- Do not move camp property from one place to another without permission. Sites are set for Summer Camp.

- ❑ You are responsible for placing your trash in proper containers and in the camp dumpster before you leave.
- ❑ While you are hiking, do not cross over any fences, use the buddy system, and wear proper clothing.
- ❑ Excessive noise will not be tolerated. Please use common courtesy.

**Violations of any of the rules in this brochure are subject to the following:**

1. *Using this camp is a privilege. We expect cooperation in following the rules of the camp, respecting the property, and respecting others.*
2. *If there is a problem, bring the matter to the Campmaster. The Campmaster will address the problem with the campers involved.*
3. *The Campmaster is given discretion in dealing with violations and problems at camp. Depending on the nature of the problem or problems the Campmaster may give a verbal explanation and ask to correct the situation or the Campmaster may take further action including asking an uncooperative individual or group to leave camp.*



**Can we bring our pet?**

Pets may accompany families under these conditions:

- ❑ Pets must be on a leash at all times.
- ❑ You are responsible for cleaning up after them.
- ❑ Pets are not permitted near any swimming area or in any building.
- ❑ You will be held personally responsible for any damage done by your pet.

**What Facilities are available for us to rent?**

Any building or campsite normally available for rent during the “Year-round camp season” is available. This list is extensive and you should consult the registrar for buildings or campsite availability. You may wish to consult the camp rates sheet as well.

**How do we find Northwoods Scout reservation? How do we find our site in camp?**

Directions to get to Northwoods can be found on the Council Web Site [www.chiefokemosbsa.org](http://www.chiefokemosbsa.org). Upon arrival the Campmaster or Ranger can direct you to your site.



## Rates for Holiday Family Camp at Northwoods Scout Reservation

Rates charged are based on the following basic principals:

- A family is defined as the residents of one address.
- A security deposit of \$25.00 per family is required.
- If only one family is occupying a site, up to three other non-family minors may also stay at that site for no additional charge.
- Troops registered within the Council territory are considered to be the same as a family.
- Permits will be issued only upon payment of the security deposit and full payment for the use of the site.
- No one may occupy a site without a permit. No one will be allowed in camp without a permit.

Category cost per unit	# of units	Group Sleeping Space (#)	Private Sleeping Space	Kitchen Facility	Indoor Bathroom (Person)	Indoor Shower (Person)	nearby bth-shwr (Person)	rate
Small Cabins (1 bed)	1		1				1	\$12.00
Small Cabins (2 beds)	12		2				2	\$22.50
Small Cabins (3 beds)	3		3				3	\$34.50
Small Cabins (4 beds w/bathroom)	2		4		4	4		\$39.00
Waterfront Condos	4		4				4	\$60.00
Log Cabin	1	18		1				\$165.00
Director's Cabin	1		6	1	6	6		\$127.50
Memorial Building 1/2		17						\$36.00
Memorial Building (whole building)	1	34						\$75.00
Campsite	14							\$22.50
Dining Hall (no Kitchen)	1							\$270.00
Dining Hall (with Kitchen)#	1			1				\$375.00
Dining Hall Health Lodge	1		6		6	6		\$120.00

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**Holiday Family Camp**  
Northwoods Scout Reservation  
Ph. 989-473-2305  
Fax. 989-473-4601  
Ranger: Robert Schmidt

Holiday Weekend Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial Day \_\_\_\_\_ Labor Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Issued \_\_\_\_\_  
Time of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Departure \_\_\_\_\_  
Site(s) Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Affiliation:

Pack# \_\_\_\_\_ Troop# \_\_\_\_\_ Varsity# \_\_\_\_\_ Crew# \_\_\_\_\_ LFL# \_\_\_\_\_ Post# \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Adult Making Request \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Hm. Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Wk. Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Adult Attending Camp Facility \_\_\_\_\_

(Write "same" if you are the same person making request)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Hm. Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Wk. Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

ALL Number of Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

- GROUPS MUST BE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF TWO (2) ADULTS AT ALL TIMES (ONE MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE) AND WILL ABIDE BY ALL CAMP RULES AND REGULATIONS
- ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT CAMP FACILITIES. YOU MUST CANCEL AT LEAST 15 DAYS BEFORE YOUR REQUESTED DATE OR ALL FEES APPLY.
- DEPOSIT WILL BE FORFEITED IF ALL BUILDINGS/GROUNDS ARE NOT CLEANED PROPERLY. ANY DAMAGES WILL BE BILLED FOR THE AMOUNT NEEDED FOR REPAIRS.

FEES:

Name of Site: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Site Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Heat: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit: \$ 25.00 900276

Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 900075

Received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment: Check \_\_\_\_\_ Charge Unit Account \_\_\_\_\_ Permission by: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Visa or \_\_\_\_\_ MC Acc# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(The \$25 deposit must be paid with this form in order to secure your site reservation.)

For Office Use Only
Deposit Refunded; _____ yes _____ no
Date _____