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## Camp Director Message

Greetings Leaders,

As you may know, in the interest of the health and safety of all volunteers and staff, he will not be conducting in-person Pre-Camp Leaders Meetings this spring. Rather, our team will host virtual pre-camp meeting on Wednesday, April 15th, at 7pm.

You can join the video stream by downloading RingCentral for free, and going to this link: <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/2873695459>

Or, join via telephone by calling +1(470)8692200 and using Meeting ID: 287 369 5459

Anyone unable to join us on April 15 will be able to view a recording of the conference call. Check our Facebook page for details.

Don't forget, the dates for Mix-Fix this year have been moved to May 30-31. See the flyer that follows for more details. We really need your help to get our camp prepared for this summer. There is a ton of work to do, and great volunteers like you are key to making it happen.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns about your summer camp program ([Gus.Chutorash@scouting.org](mailto:Gus.Chutorash@scouting.org)), and visit [michiganscouting.org](http://michiganscouting.org) any time for the latest information on council communications.

Welcome home.  
Gus Chutorash  
Camp Director



## Program Director Message

Hello!

I know with all of us stuck at home, we are looking forward to this summer camp more than ever. I for sure cannot wait to see you all this summer and I am ready to have some fun. However, before that can all happen we still have to prepare for camp. The staff and I are getting ready to meet up and get the camp ready for visitors, and if you want to join us in doing so, do not forget about looking into our Mix Fix weekend that is coming up at the end of May.

If you Scouts are looking for something to do, you can always start with looking forward to summer camp. With all this time you all can be working on Prerequisites needed for Merit Badges this summer. It can be as simple as asking for parent permission and visiting a few websites or getting started on the 13-week budget needed for Personal Management. There is always something that can be done. Also with having them done for when you come to camp, it just means more time for you all to experience our fun programs. Just do not forget to pack them along with the bug spray when it comes time to go camping.

When it also comes time for camp, do not forget about our Program Expo. It is going to be the place at camp where you sign up for "by appointment" Merit Badges. It is also going to be the place where you sign up for certain events offered at camp. It includes our Snork Hike, Troop Climbs, and River Trips that are offered at Cole Canoe Base. Check our weekly schedule for a full list of events that need to be signed up for during our Program Expo. There are only 66 days left until Summer Camp 2020. I am looking forward to Welcoming you all home very soon.

Welcome Home!  
Samantha Howell  
Program Director



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## Outdoor Skills

Welcome to Outdoor Skills! We teach the campcraft and scoutcraft merit badges as well as many of the physical activity Merit badges. From camping to wilderness survival, we have a wide range of unique and important required badges for Eagle. In addition to normal merit badge instruction we have a couple of events that are sure to be a lot of fun for the scouts that attend them.

One is the Outdoor Skills Extravaganza where we have foosball Blitz, an open Gaga ball pit, Troop versus Troop tug of war, ultimate frisbee, a football throwing and hoop shooting competition, knot identification, and new to the extravaganza there is a catapult firing demonstration that scouts can participate in in order to earn points and be recognized in the Cole Chronicle and earn awards at the end of camp.

There is also the monday night beast feast, the largest outdoor cooking demonstration in scouting. Every troop brings a dish or set of dishes and sets up in the outdoor skills area and may choose to submit a portion of their dish for judging in the competition. Troops send in portions to our wonderful First Year Camper director Victoria McGow, or Assistant Chris Harper, provide a recipe, and the volunteer judges will take it from there. Other than that you enjoy the food, the company, the music, and get inspired by all the creative methods used by the other troops.

New to outdoor skills there is also capture the flag which is available for sign up at the sunday night program expo. Troops compete in an area designated across the rifle river two days out of the week. Sign up fast as spots may be limited!

We at outdoor skills look forward to seeing all new and returning troops this summer!

Welcome Home Guys!  
Lucas Worden  
Outdoor Skills Director







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## First Year Camper

Hi all!

This year we are changing up our program a bit. We are now splitting our sessions to having Scout and Tenderfoot requirements done in our morning 10AM-12PM session and Second Class and First Class requirements in the afternoon 1:30PM-3:30 PM session.

We are expecting:

Monday AM: Basic Scout Knowledge

Monday PM: Second Class Knots; First Class Lashings, and Weather

Tuesday AM: Tenderfoot First Aid and Safe Hiking

Tuesday PM: Second Class Orienteering, Second and First Class First Aid

On Wednesday we are still doing our five mile hike over both sessions. This includes lunch and a few outdoor games

Thursday AM: Tenderfoot Knots and Edge Method

Thursday PM: Second and First Class Aquatic Requirements

On Wednesdays your scouts will have the opportunity to earn their Firem'n Chit and/or Totin' Chip starting around 3:30 PM after the hike.

Also on Wednesdays at 8 PM, we have our First Year Camper S'mores night, open to all first year campers including those not in the program.

On Thursday night during the Lumberjack Festival, your scouts will have another opportunity to earn their Firem'n Chit and/or Totin' Chip.

Adult leaders,

We are always looking for adult leaders to volunteer their time and help the scouts. If you are experienced in a topic and would like to add to our knowledge we will very much appreciate it! Also, if you are looking to join us for our five mile hike and have any food restrictions, please let us know the Tuesday before the hike.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Victoria McGow

First Year Camper Director

## Eco Con

Welcome back to Cole Canoe Base!

Eco-Con has some new opportunities available this summer, including a new Tuesday night event: The Nature Feature! Come join us for a short interactive hike on the other side of the river and compete at various stations along the way to earn points. Scouts will enter as small teams and attempt to gather the most points and claim the top prize!

Eco-Con will still be open for tours and a nature-themed movie night for scouts and leaders to also enjoy. During the week there will also now be opportunities for scouts looking to earn more service hours outside of their troop's conservation project; make sure to sign up with the Conservation team at the Sunday Night Program Expo if you are interested!





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## Aquatics

Greetings!

At the end of the week in the afternoon on Friday Aquatics hosts one of the most exciting events at camp — the Splashtacular Water Carnival! What makes this event so exciting is that there are activities for every swimming ability including swimmers, beginners, and non-swimmers.

Some of the events during the water carnival include the canoe tug-of-war where two swimmer scouts from your unit play a match of tug of war, but unlike traditional tug of war — with just a rope — scouts will paddle their way to victory in a canoe.

Another event is the pearl dive which is for non-swimmers to join in the fun. Scouts search and dive down for pearls (pop cans) in the non-swimmers area. The unit that collects the most “pearls” wins.

Then there is the Rump bump relay where you get four beginner swimmers from your troop. They compete in a relay race. One scout at a time races across the beginners area in a tube. The team that gets all four scouts across the beginners area wins.

These are just a few of the events in detail but there are many other fun activities that your troop can participate in during the Splashtacular Water Carnival. A few other contests are the scout master rump bump, match stick race, water balloon toss, canoe switch, kayak-less race and the cardboard boat race.

We look forward to seeing you all at camp this summer!

Gloria Cabadas

Aquatics Director







## Leave No Trace Skills: Hammock Camping

There's nothing quite like hanging tree side in your hammock for a bit of relaxation. And, the good news is that **hammocks generally leave a very small footprint** and are good examples of minimum impact shelters.

If you are new to hammock camping **here are a few tricks to help you lounge in the most Leave No Trace way:**

- Good campsites are found not made. Set up your hammock camp at least 200 feet from water, trails and other campsites when in the backcountry. Always use established campsites when possible.
- Set up your hammock on live and sturdy trees to avoid injury and impacts.
- Always set up the hammock on the thickest part of the tree trunk.
- Use straps that are at least 1-1.5" wide. These straps made of webbing will limit girdling and bark damage.
- Check the ground for vegetation. It's always best to set up your hammock above a durable surface such as rock, gravel, dirt, or dry grasses.
- Hammocks are best set up no higher than 18" off of the ground. This can help to prevent accidents, and will limit impacts on high branches and leaves.
- When not in use it is recommended to take your hammock down to prevent injury to other visitors and wildlife.
- Finally, check local land regulations to make sure hammock camping is permitted where you plan to visit.

## DHS Central Registry Clearance

EVERY adult 21 and over coming to camp must have a clearance form on file at one MCC camp. If you need to know who in your unit has a clearance form contact me at [linda.wallner@scouting.org](mailto:linda.wallner@scouting.org). As I maintain the database for all MCC camps. If you need to get clearance, the forms are available on the Michigan Scouting web site: [michiganscouting.org](http://michiganscouting.org). Click on Outdoor Adventure than scroll down to Forms and Resources. Under Scouts BSA Summer Camp there are 2 links. One is the Central Registry Clearance Request Instructions (for all Michigan residents) and the other is Central Registry Clearance Request Instructions – Non-Michigan Residents. Mail it to the address on the form along with a copy of your driver's license. Don't forget to include your social security number on the form.

Once you receive the clearance, make a copy of it and bring it with you to camp or email it to me.

Thank you,  
Linda Wallner  
Business Manager

## Adopt A Campsite

We have 5 campsites that would like a troop to adopt them. Bridgeview, Rifle River, Island Rapids, Rapid River and Tall Pine. If interested contact Gus Chutorash for more information.

New and improved this year will be new Pavilions and/or electricity for:

Buckhorn adopted by Troops 1662 and 110 building a Pavilion with electricity.

Broken Paddle adopted by Troop 1006 building a Pavilion.

Lucky Portage adopted by Troop 1710 building a Pavilion and upgrading the electricity.





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## Health Forms

Please check out the Health Form policy below:

Effective January 1, 2010 the only health form that we are allowed to accept is the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record.

Parts A, B (both sides), and C must be completed including ALL required signatures for anyone (youth or adult) staying in camp longer than 72 hours. Sports physicals and/or any other physical forms will not be accepted. Participants arriving without the proper health form will be expected to complete the proper form at their expense to be able to remain in camp.

Adults without Part C will not be permitted access to the waterfront or be allowed at camp longer than 72 hours. Adult leaders will also be required to go through a health check with the unit at check-in.

Any camper arriving to camp, who does not possess a valid BSA Health Form, will not be admitted onto camp property. There will be no refunds for anyone who is not admitted to camp due to an invalid health form.

All health forms must be renewed annually for both youth and adults. The BSA Health Form is valid until the last day of the month one year after it was issued (i.e. if your health form is dated June 6, 2017 - it is valid until June 30, 2018).

Per State of Michigan policy, all Health Forms must be kept on file at Camp - **HEALTH FORMS WILL NOT BE RETURNED** - please bring a photocopy to camp - we are not able to provide a copy of your Health Form to you.

Get everyone to get their physical soon.

### Part A: Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization

**A**

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

High-adventure base participants:  
Expedition/crew No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
or staff position: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization

I understand that participation in Scouting activities involves the risk of personal injury, including death, due to the physical, mental, and emotional challenges in the activities offered. Information about those activities may be obtained from the venue, activity coordinators, or your local council. I also understand that participation in these activities is entirely voluntary and requires participants to follow instructions and abide by all applicable rules and the standards of conduct.

In case of an emergency involving me or my child, I understand that efforts will be made to contact the individual listed as the emergency contact person by the medical provider and/or adult leader. In the event that this person cannot be reached, permission is hereby given to the medical provider selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery or injections of medication for me or my child. Medical providers are authorized to disclose protected health information to the adult in charge, camp medical staff, camp management, and/or any physician or health-care provider involved in providing medical care to the participant. Protected Health Information/Confidential Health Information (PHI/CHI) under the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 C.F.R. §§160.103, 164.501, etc. see, as amended from time to time, includes examination findings, test results, and treatment provided for purposes of medical evaluation of the participant, follow-up and communication with the participant's parents or guardian, and/or determination of the participant's ability to continue in the program activities.

(If applicable) I have carefully considered the risk involved and hereby give my informed consent for my child to participate in all activities offered in the program. I further authorize the sharing of the information on this form with any BSA volunteers or professionals who need to know of medical conditions that may require special consideration in conducting Scouting activities.

With appreciation of the dangers and risks associated with programs and activities, on my own behalf and on behalf of my child, I hereby fully and completely release and waive any and all claims for personal injury, death, or loss that may arise against the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with any program or activity.

I also hereby assign and grant to the local council and the Boy Scouts of America, as well as their authorized representatives, the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/ videoclips/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me or my child at all Scouting activities, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all liability from such use and publication. I further authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage, and/or distribution of said photographs/film/videoclips/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the BSA, and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

Every person who furnishes any BB device to any minor, without the express or implied permission of the parent or legal guardian of the minor, is guilty of a misdemeanor. (California Penal Code Section 18915(a)) My signature below on this form indicates my permission.

I give permission for my child to use a BB device. (Note: Not all events will include BB devices.)

Checking this box indicates you DO NOT want your child to use a BB device.

**NOTE:** Due to the nature of programs and activities, the Boy Scouts of America and local councils cannot continually monitor compliance of program participants or any limitations imposed upon them by parents or medical providers. However, so that leaders can be as familiar as possible with any limitations, list any restrictions imposed on a child participant in connection with programs or activities below.

List participant restrictions, if any:  None

I understand that, if any information I have provided is found to be inaccurate, it may limit and/or eliminate the opportunity for participation in any event or activity. If I am participating at Philmont Scout Ranch, Philmont Training Center, Northern Tier, Sea Base, or the Summit Bechtel Reserve, I have also read and understand the supplemental risk advisories, including height and weight requirements and restrictions, and understand that the participant will not be allowed to participate in applicable high-adventure programs if those requirements are not met. The participant has permission to engage in all high-adventure activities described, except as specifically noted by me or the health-care provider. If the participant is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian's signature is required.

Participant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/guardian signature for youth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If participant is under the age of 18)

#### Complete this section for youth participants only:

Adults Authorized to Take Youth to and From Events:

You must designate at least one adult. Please include a phone number.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults NOT Authorized to Take Youth to and From Events:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Mix-Fix

My name is Rick Funke, and I am a former Assistant Camp Director at Cole Canoe Base. I have had the pleasure to meet and work with many of you in the past, and I will be filling in for Bill Kamman as your 2020 Mix-Fix chief. Mix-Fix 2020 is shaping up to be one of the most interesting on record! The COVID-19 pandemic has postponed the 2020 Mix-Fix to at least May 30, 2020. However, rest assured that when the pandemic is over that Mix-Fix 2020 will proceed!

There are many exciting improvements planned for 2020, including several new pavilions, many new picnic tables, and LED light upgrades around camp. One thing that remains the same is the need for volunteers and in-kind donations for the many planned projects. I encourage everyone to join and share the Mix-Fix 2020 Facebook event to stay up to date with planned projects and event date changes. We are using the hashtag #mixfix2020 to consolidate digital information and provide a quick search function for all info and pictures. If you or your unit know of anyone that would like to make in-kind donations for proposed projects, volunteer for a particular project, or want to otherwise assist around camp, please feel free to email me at rickfunke@hotmail.com.

Stay healthy and safe, and I hope to see everyone at Mix-Fix 2020!

Rick Funke  
Mix-Fix Chief (Acting)  
Executive Vice President-CCB Alumni Foundation



## Aquatic Trainings

Adult and Older Scout Training at Aquatics:

One of the Lesser known features of Aquatics is our non-merit badge programs we offer. The Aquatics Supervision Course (Swim and Water Rescue & PaddleCraft Safety) teaches unit leaders and older scouts how to safely run a aquatics program of their own. From Swimming Rescues to Advanced Boating skills, this course runs the gambit on skills needed for In and On the water activites. Upon completion of this course, unit leaders will have the nescicary certifications to administer their units own Pre-Camp Swim Checks! Pre-Requisites for the Course are you must be at least 15 Years Old, able to complete the Swimmers Classification Test, and retrieve a 10 lb. Object from 10 feet of water. Course takes place from 1:30-3:30, Mon-Thurs.

We also provide American Red Cross CPR/First Aid/AED Course. Trained by a Red Cross Certified Instructor the Course provides an excellent foundation to Emergency First Aid for Unit Members of All Skill levels. On Successful completion of the course, participants will receive a Red Cross Certification for First Aid/CPR/AED valid for 2 Years. Course runs on Wednesday Night at 7pm, cost of \$25 (paid to instructor).

Come see us at the Sunday Night Expo for Sign Ups for either of these courses!

Matthew Grimble  
Assistant Aquatics Director





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## Mix-Fix 2020 Cole Canoe Base



**Saturday & Sunday, May 30 - 31, 2020**

*Friday Arrivals Encouraged – No camp provided meals that evening*

### Saturday Meals Times:

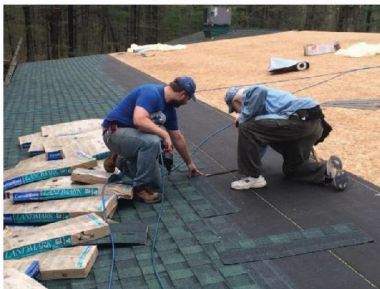
Breakfast 7:30am, Lunch 12:30pm, Dinner 7:00pm

### Sunday Brunch 10:30

**Bring Your Tools and Your Energy!**

***Sign up online at [michiganscouting.org](http://michiganscouting.org)***

***This is an Adult / Older Scout Function***



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To: All MCC Unit Leaders  
Date: February 26, 2020  
From: Brad Murray - Director of Outdoor Programs  
RE: Credit Card Payments

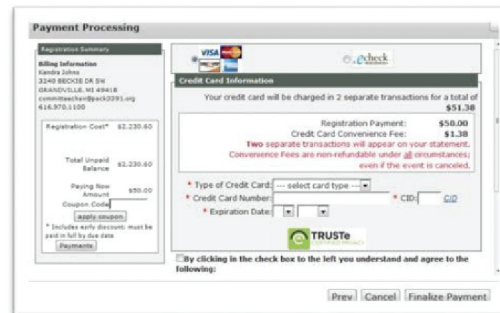
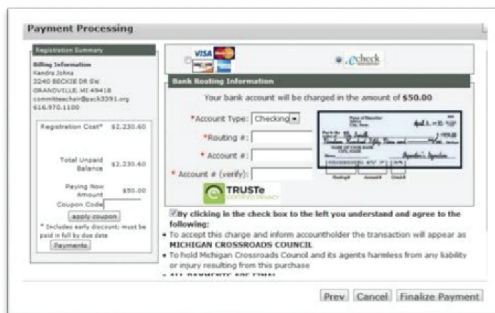
Based upon feedback from our units, we are pleased to announce that, effective March 1, 2020, in addition to electronic check [eCheck] payments, we will now accept credit card payments for all Scouts BSA & Cub Scout Summer Resident Camp, Outdoor Adventures events, and camp facility rental fees via the Black Pug online registration system.

Previously, credit cards could only be used for the unit deposit payment for Scouts BSA Resident Camp and event registration, and electronic check [eCheck] payments were required for all subsequent payments. Facility rental fees only allowed for check [eCheck] payments. Beginning on March 1, 2020, you will have the option to select either "eCheck" or "Credit Card" [VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or America Express] during the online check out process.

Please be advised that while eCheck payments will continue to be offered at no additional cost [no convenience fee], credit card payments will incur a convenience fee of 2.8%, based on the total amount of the transaction. The convenience fee will be clearly identified on the payment screen during the checkout process.

### eCheck Payment Screen

### Credit Card Payment Screen



Looking forward to seeing you at camp!

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## Cole Canoe Base High Adventure Program

Plan your units High Adventure trek!

### Still Available for 2020!

- Fox and Manistique 100 Miler
- Rifle River 25 and 50 Milers!
- Au Sable River 50 and 75 Milers!
- Grand Island Backpacking!



### Consider for Next year!

- Pictured Rocks Backpacking
- Great Lakes Sailing Adventure!

### Coming Soon!

- New Kayaking Opportunities at Pictured Rocks and Beyond
- New Grand Island out island Adventure
- Au Sable 100 Miler



Ask us about our provisional High Adventure opportunities!



For more information on these and other High Adventure Opportunities  
Contact: [HighAdventure@ColeCanoeBase.com](mailto:HighAdventure@ColeCanoeBase.com)

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## PROVISIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE

**4 Awesome Opportunities!**



All Treks are lead by professionally trained staff and open to both scouts and adults from any unit to attend. Food, Logistics and any specialized equipment is provided. Participants are expected to provide their own personal gear and basic camping equipment.

### Rifle River 50 Miler "Week 5" (July 12-18 2020)

- Minimum age 13
- Must be a "Swimmer"
- \$330 Youth, \$160 Adult



### Pictured Rocks Backpacking Adventure "Week 5" (July 12-18 2020)

- Minimum age 13
- \$365 per person
- Must provide backpack

### Great Lakes Kayak Adventure "Week 8" (August 2-8 2020)

- Minimum age 14, must be a "Swimmer"
- \$425 Per Person
- Paddle 5 awesome destinations in 5 days!



### Ogemaw Trails ATV Adventure "Week 8" (August 2-8 2020)

- Minimum Age 16
- ATV Safety Card Required
- \$550 Per person



For more information on these and other High Adventure Opportunities

Contact: [HighAdventure@ColeCanoeBase.com](mailto:HighAdventure@ColeCanoeBase.com)

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# Adventure

## Family Camp at Cole Canoe Base

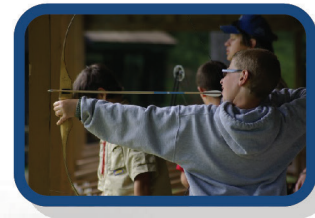
Join us for 3 days and 2 nights of fun at the Michigan's very own High Adventure Base.

**August 7th through 9th**

\$49.00 per person (\$20.00 for siblings under 5) covers all activities and meals.

Activities at both sessions include:

- \* Swimming, Kayaking, Fishing & Rifle River Tubing
- \* Crafts, Leather Projects, Face Painting & Tie-Dye
- \* B.B. Guns, Archery & Bouldering Wall
- \* Nature Exhibit, Hikes & Hay Rides
- \* Human Foosball, Sports & Contests
- \* Movie Night and Awesome Campfire
- \* Advancement, Patches, Pack Photos and more...



Participants are invited to arrive Thursday evening, Aug. 6th, for early registration. The full program begins Friday, Aug. 7th. If you are only able to join us for part of the weekend to check out the program that's OK! Please note that this is a family fun weekend — not a Resident Camp, and is not designed for advancement.

Don't have a tent? You can rent tents and camping equipment from us. For a small fee we offer tents, cots, and more.

Have an RV or Trailer you want to bring? For \$25.00 a night you can reserve a space at Elliott Turkey Run Family Camp with full hookups.

Register Online at <https://scoutingevent.com/272-CCBCubCamp>

Questions? Contact Gus Chutorash at [Gus.Chutorash@scouting.org](mailto:Gus.Chutorash@scouting.org)

