

# TROOP 33 SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION 2022

CAMP BUFFALO  
9400 N Boy Scout Rd  
Monticello, Indiana 47960  
Session 3 – June 26-July 1, 2022  
[www.troop33bsa.us](http://www.troop33bsa.us)

## COST

Cost for the entire week of Camp is \$300.00 if paid in full by May 1st. Payment Schedule is as follows:

\$100.00 Deposit due March 20

\$100.00 Payment due April 10

\$100.00 Final Payment due May 1

Leader fees are \$100.00.

Youth AND Leader fees include a Camp Buffalo 2022 t-shirt and patch.

Please indicate shirt size with your final payment.

## CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

Summer Camp check-in will be on Saturday, June 25 from 3:00-5:00pm at Mr Wells' house. Scouts are to bring **all** gear and packs to this check-in. All medications must also be brought to check-in, **in their original prescription containers**, in a ziplock bag with the Scout's Name and Troop number on the outside of the bag. Only put enough medication in the container for the week, plus 1 day. **Emergency inhalers and epi-pens are to remain with Scouts.** If your Scout uses an inhaler or epi-pen, you need to send 2 to camp; 1 will be kept locked in the medication box as a backup. If you cannot make this check-in, prior arrangements must be made with Mr. Wells prior to June 25<sup>th</sup>. Check-in is done this way to expedite departure on Sunday morning. It also gives the Scout a chance to remember the last minute items they will invariably forget.

## ARRIVAL AT CAMP

We plan on arriving at Camp Buffalo around 1:00pm on Sunday, June 26<sup>nd</sup>, which means we will meet at the AWAC Scout Office on Sunday at 10:30am. We will need parents to help drive Scouts to camp. If you cannot make the 10:30am meeting, it is **YOUR** responsibility to have your Scout to Camp Buffalo by 1:00pm. If they arrive late, they may not be able to get their swim test verified, which could mean exclusion from all waterfront elective activity. Address for camp is above. Drive time is just under 2 hours from the Scout office.

## DEPARTURE FOR HOME

We will be released as a group after Campsite inspection on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be after the at the check-in meeting on June 26. Plan on arriving at camp by 7:00PM. All Scouts WILL be attending closing campfire; Parents are welcome to attend. Scouts NOT picked up by departure time will be returning to the Scout Office Parking lot. We will send a Remind message with our ETA when we depart from Camp Buffalo.

**NO SCOUT MAY DEPART UNTIL AFTER CLOSING CAMPFIRE AND MR. WELLS or MR. MERRIMAN DISMISSES THEM**

## MAIL SERVICE

Mail is sent and received daily at Camp Office. Do not mail anything to Scouts after Tuesday, as it will not arrive before we depart. Stamps and writing materials should be brought to camp if a Scout wishes to write home. The Camp Address is:

<Scout Name> Troop 33  
Camp Buffalo  
9400 N Boy Scout Road  
Monticello, IN 47960

## TELEPHONE SERVICE

Camp **Emergency** phone number is: 574-278-7114. All parents must try to reach Troop adult leaders before calling the emergency number. Please know that cell reception is unreliable at Camp Buffalo. The Camp Office is a business office. Routine hours are between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM; however there will be times when Staff is away from the office. The Office is also closed during meal times. Camp Administrators are available 24 hours a day in case of an emergency. After hours, please go to the Camp Rangers home, which is located on the entrance drive into camp.

**Do NOT send cell phones to camp with your Scout! Scouts found in possession of a cell phone or other prohibited items will be sent home and no refunds will be issued.**

"Homesick" calls are not allowed as they will actually intensify the problem.

## **TROOP LEADERSHIP**

BSA's two-deep leadership policy will be adhered to while at camp. Adult leaders are expected to attend the daily leader's meetings to receive any schedule changes and other important information. ALL adults attending camp or staying overnight must be currently registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and must be current in Youth Protection Training. All adults staying with the Troop are considered Assistant Scoutmasters. It is responsibility of adult leadership to maintain the organization and discipline of the Troop at all times. Only activities that adhere to the 12 points of the Scout Law will be permitted.

## **TRADING POST**

The Trading Post (Camp store) is open at designated times throughout the day. It would be a good idea to send some spending money to camp with your Scout to use at the Trading Post. Camp souvenirs, soft drinks, ice cream and other items are available for purchase. **Craft kits required for Merit Badge Sessions should be purchased from the AWAC Scout Store before leaving for camp.**

## **UNIFORMS**

Field Uniform consists of Tan Boy Scout Shirt, BSA shorts, BSA web belt, as well as official BSA socks. ALL Scouts and Leaders will wear the *required* official "Class A" uniform to evening meals, Flag ceremonies, assemblies, and any other time as required by camp Policy. Make sure to bring a PLASTIC HANGER for the Field Uniform shirt; it will be kept hung up in the Troop trailer. Activity uniform is generally acceptable at all other times. Activity Uniform consists of official shorts or pants, and ANY scouting-related shirt, including Troop t-shirts. Shorts that closely resemble official BSA shorts will also be acceptable for activity uniform.

## **CAMP HOUSING**

Each Scout will need to provide their own equipment as outlined in the attached gear checklist. Troop tents will be available for us to use. Star rank Scouts and above should bring their own tent to use. Each campsite has latrine facilities and a washstand. We may be sharing this site with another Troop.

## **CAMP SHOWERS**

Individual stall-type showers are available in several of the Camp buildings including Ivey, Pool House and Multipurpose Buildings. Showers are available from 6:00am to 10:00 pm daily. Adult showers are available in these buildings as well as 24 hours in Shideler Hall. (adults only) Adults AND Scouts are responsible for keeping the shower house and restrooms in good order. It is the **Scout's** responsibility for maintaining their own proper personal hygiene. The buddy system must be used at all times when travelling to/from the showers.

## **MEAL TICKETS / FAMILY NIGHT**

Wednesday evening is the ideal evening to visit your Scout at Camp Buffalo. This evening includes the Order of the Arrow Call-out ceremony and Troop Campfire. Meal tickets are \$7.00 each and must be purchased prior to our departure on Sunday morning. When you arrive at camp you will need to check-in at the Commissioner's building; they will give you a wristband that must be worn at all times while at camp. You will then proceed to the Trading Post where youth/adult leadership will escort you to our campsite.

## **HEALTH FORMS**

**ALL PERSONS ATTENDING CAMP, INCLUDING ADULTS, MUST HAVE A COMPLETED HEALTH HISTORY. This is a National BSA Policy. Scouts and Scouters will not be permitted at camp without this form.**

Summer Camp requires Scouts and leaders to complete and turn in Parts A, B, and C of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record. This is the ONLY acceptable form per BSA regulations. Parts A and B must be attested to by the Scout's parent or guardian by signature on the form (unless over 18 years of age). **Tetanus shot must have a date within the last 10 years.** Additionally, the Scout or leader must have received a medical evaluation (Part C), completed within the last 12 months (1 year) and signed by a person licensed to practice medicine.

**All Scouts must have medical forms must be turned by May 1, 2022.**

**School athletic physicals are NOT accepted.**

**The physical MUST be on an official BSA Annual Health and Medical Record form.**

## **FIRST AID**

The Camp provides a fully trained first aid person on call 24 hours a day. BSA Policy provides that any injury, no matter how slight, MUST BE REPORTED TO CAMP HEALTH OFFICER. **Boy Scout Camp Staff DOES NOT advise the use of personal first aid kits.** If you wish to bring your first aid kit, use it sparingly as all injuries must be treated by the medical staff. BSA Medical insurance is supplementary to your own medical/health insurance.

In the event medical care is necessary, any bills will be submitted first to the Scout's family health insurance carrier. Any portion not covered by the Scout's family policy may be submitted to the Council for consideration.

## **MEDICINES**

All medicines need to be sealed in a Ziploc bag with Scout's name and Troop number on the outside and turned in at the Saturday pre-departure meeting. All medicines must be in their original, pharmacy-labeled container. Include only enough for the week, plus 1 dose. ***Your Scout is responsible for making certain they take their medications at the correct time(s) each day. Scouts are to keep inhalers and Epi-pens with them at ALL times!*** A copy of your Health Insurance card, front AND back is also required prior to departure.

## **PERSONAL GEAR**

A list of "suggested" gear to take to camp is also enclosed in this packet; please help make sure your Scout brings only necessary items to camp.

***Do NOT send cell phones to camp with your Scout - they are prohibited by Camp Buffalo!***

Scouts found in possession of a cell phone or other prohibited items will be sent home and no refunds will be issued. This list includes phones, electronic games, music players, all Bluetooth devices, speakers, and just about anything else that is powered by batteries. (exceptions are small digital cameras that do not have a phone attached to them...)

## **CAMP SECURITY**

All campers, leaders, and visitors must check in and out at the Camp office. NO Scout will be allowed to leave the camp property without written consent from parent/guardian. This must include the reason for leaving camp, all persons authorized to take Scout from Camp, and time/date of departure. All camp residents are required to wear their wristband at all times. If you are planning on your Scout leaving camp at any point during our stay, you must notify Mr Wells no later than the Saturday gear drop off date.

## **CAMP ORIENTATION (Done on Sunday after Troop Guide arrival)**

Shortly after arrival at camp, a Troop Guide assigned to us for the week will arrive to begin our orientation of Camp Buffalo as well as its program areas.

**SHOOTING SPORTS SAFETY INSTRUCTION:** Each group will be given instructions about shooting and safety procedures for the rifle, shotgun and archery ranges.

**SWIM CHECKS:** All Scouts and Adults wishing to swim or boat during their stay at camp are required to pass a BSA Swim Test. This test verifies swimming ability. This will be done in Camp Buffalo's swimming pool!

**CAMP TOUR:** A detailed map of Camp with program areas, buildings, and merit badge locations will be provided to each Scout at check-in..

**DINING HALL:** 2022 Food Service is still being developed as they continue to get guidance from the Health Department, various Council Committees, BSA National, and input from Registered Troops. The current plan is to have a blend of Dining Hall Meals and Outpost Meals. The final guide to Dining Operations to be published around 6/1/22.

**OUTPOST MEALS:** Some meals will be cooked in our campsite. For our designated Outpost Meals, supplies will be picked up from the kitchen. Units are expected to supply their own cooking equipment. Troops may cook the suggested meal but are welcome to augment the meal with their own supplies. Pick-up times for outpost meals will be determined at the Sunday Leaders' Meeting.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

A lost and found area is located inside the camp office. LaSalle Council is not responsible for any Troop or personal items that may be lost, stolen, or damaged. Lost and found items not claimed will be sent to the Council Service Center in South Bend at the close of each week. It will be your responsibility to retrieve it.

## **PROVISIONAL CAMPERS**

Scouts that are unable to attend with our Troop may attend any session of their choosing. Scouts will be assigned to another Troop upon their arrival at camp. Scouts are responsible for adhering to that Troop's schedule and responsibilities for the week, as they are part of that Troop during their stay at camp.

## **VEHICLES IN CAMP**

Upon arrival at camp, ONE Troop vehicle will be permitted to drive to the campsite to unload and drop a trailer; Troop trailers may remain in the campsite. All other vehicles must remain in the parking lot; NO vehicles are allowed to remain in campsite. Visitors will need to park in the parking lot and walk back to the campsite.

## **DIRECTIONS TO CAMP**

Please refer to your favorite navigation device using the address at the top of page 1 of this information.

*(The following pages are taken from the Camp Buffalo Leader's Guide)*

## **SAGAMORE COUNCIL SUMMER CAMP RULES**

The principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law are the guiding principles of Sagamore Council Summer Camps. The following rules have been established for the health, safety, and protection of all persons attending camp:

- 1. Closed-toed shoes must be worn at all times. NO flip-flops, bare feet, or sandals!**
2. Only Scouts and leaders who are registered as summer camp participants may stay at camp and participate in activities.
3. Adults may not share a tent with any Scout. See Guide to Safe Scouting.
4. Each tent should be clearly marked identifying the names of the campers inside. "No Flames in Tents" must be displayed on or in front of each tent.
5. Scouts are to be in their campsites by 10:00 PM, unless they are involved in a night class or night observation for a merit badge. Quiet time is from 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM.
6. No pets are allowed in camp. This rule applies to visitors as well.
7. Outside of check-in time and check-out time, vehicles are not to be in camp without prior permission of the Camp Director or Camp Ranger. Parking is available in the grass along Boy Scout Road and in the power lane behind Handicraft.
- 8. Camouflage gear and clothing is not permitted.** This is in accordance with the Boy Scouts' Congressional charter and Article X, Section 4, Clause 4(b) of the BSA Rules and Regulations.
9. All bulk liquid fuel will be stored in the camp's flammable materials storage area.
10. Fireworks are prohibited.
11. Firearms are not allowed in camp.
12. Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, tobacco, and vaping are not permitted on council property.

## **SCOUT CELL PHONE USAGE AT SUMMER CAMP**

Unit Leaders are responsible for establishing youth cell phone rules for their Unit.

To avoid any confusion, here it is simply stated:

**SCOUT CELL PHONES ARE PROHIBITED AT CAMP. PERIOD.**

Because of the *repeated* violations and almost *universal lack of respect* for this Troop policy, **ANY Scout found to be in violation of Troop (and Camp) policy will be sent home and no refunds will be issued.**

If you need clarification of this rule or feel you need to send a cell phone to Camp with your Scout, please discuss your situation with Mr Wells prior to the gear drop-off meeting. Scout Camp is the perfect opportunity for our youth to unplug for a few days...don't they deserve it? (Of course they do!)

## **SUGGESTED PERSONAL EQUIPMENT LIST**

Through 100 years of camping experience, we have learned that a Scout's stay is much more enjoyable when they **put their name on everything** and bring:

- Complete Scout uniform: shirt, pants, belt, socks (must be worn at all evening meals)
- Clothing: pants, shorts, t-shirts, underwear, socks, light jacket, sweatshirt (all t-shirts must be Scout appropriate)
- Swimsuit/towel
- Hiking boots/shoes or tennis shoes – at least two pairs; **open-toed shoes are NOT allowed at Camp Buffalo**
- Rain gear
- Pillow/sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Toiletries
- Scout Handbook (In a plastic bag)
- Sunscreen and bug repellent (non-aerosol)
- Headlamp (Flashlight)/batteries
- Canteen/water bottle
- Mess Kit (Including cup)
- Pocket knife (Scouts must have AND carry their Totin' Chip card)
- Notebook/pencils
- Merit Badge books
- Watch
- Change for soda machine/snacks
- Spending money (Trading Post will be open!)
- Hand sanitizer
- All electronics and valuables must stay at home.**

*Make sure to pack any Merit Badge special clothing or equipment !*

The official Boy Scout uniform supports the mission of Scouting. Be proud of your uniform! Everyone being in full field uniform (Class "A") has a huge impact on our Troop's performance, morale, identity, and spirit. Scouts are expected to properly wear the complete Field Uniform for all evening meals, vespers, and campfires.

At all other times, Scouts are expected to properly wear their Activity Uniform (Class "B"). The Activity Uniform is the same as the Field Uniform, except the shirt can be a Scouting related t-shirt, such as our purple Troop shirt. Basketball shorts, sports team t-shirts and similar are NOT acceptable for Activity Uniform wear unless needed as part of a Merit Badge or Troop Choice activity. (i.e. bathing suit for swimming)