

SCOUTING THE ZOO



2019 Event Guide

For Scouts BSA & Venturers

May 31 – June 2, 2019



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NEW FOR 2019

2019 Animal – The North American River Otter: This year's animals are Clover, Emerald, Larkey and Shamrock, the Milwaukee County Zoo's North American river otters. Their new exhibit named "Otter Passage" is located at the west end of the zoo near the caribou area. We are excited to showcase them on our 2019 event patch.



No trailers will be allowed to remain in the zoo: Beginning in 2019 we will **no longer allow trailers** to remain near campsites for any group. Trailers will be allowed to transport gear in and out of the zoo on both Friday night and Sunday morning but no trailers are allowed in the zoo between 9:00 p.m. Friday and 6:30 a.m. Sunday.

New Digital Tickets: We are discontinuing paper tickets and working on a new procedure where tickets and parking passes will be e-mailed to units prior to the event. This decision was made to help with logistics and allow units to move fully online with ticketing. This is a common occurrence with other venues; tickets will be allowed to be printed at home and/or scanned from a cell phone at the zoo gates. More details will follow later this spring.

Cub Scout Camping Pilot Program: We are continuing the opportunity for Cub Scout packs to camp at the event through an application process. Applications will be accepted between January 1 and February 5, 2019. The event leadership will make the selections the first week of February 2019. There is limited space for packs and those units chosen will be notified by February 8, 2019. Cub Scout packs will again be allowed to camp Saturday night only.

Legendary Fitness Returns: Returning for 2019, Legendary Fitness, a local obstacle course gym, will be adding several new age-appropriate competitions for youth participants. They will again be located in the green space near the aviary.



Rebranded "LumberScout" Competition: To better align with new Scouting program offerings, we are changing the Ax Man Competition name to "LumberScout" Competition but the team-based competition itself will remain mostly the same.

Program Changes: There are two significant program changes for the 2019 event. First, we will be moving the event carnival earlier in the evening and it will be held in the U.S. Bank Gathering Place just after dinner. This is in response to some feedback we received regarding the lateness of the activity and to avoid weather issues. Second, we will bring back the Saturday night movie following the closing ceremony. We will use Facebook voting to choose the movie in Spring 2019.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 2019	Event Guide & Registration (online & office) goes live
February 13, 2019	Campsite Lottery and Informational Meeting - Unit leaders will be allowed to select a campsite for the event and receive information on the event. Please see the camping section for details.
March/April 2019	Event Staff will visit roundtables to promote the event and answer questions.
May 16, 2019	Zoo Event Rally - Join us in person or online as we share up-to-the-minute information about the event and will answer any last-minute questions that any attendees have. This rally is open to all leaders attending the event and the location and/or log-in details will be shared later this spring via website and social media.
May 24, 2019	Registration closes
May 31 – June 2, 2019	Scouting the Zoo event

Event Description

Scouting the Zoo showcases the Scouting program of Three Harbors Council, Boy Scouts of America. This program is open to anyone registered in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing or Exploring, including adult leaders, family members and the general public. The program will provide hands-on experiences for youth members that are exciting for all ages.

Location: Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 West Bluemound Road, Milwaukee, WI 53226
For more information on the zoo, please visit: www.milwaukeezoo.org.

PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

Cub Scouts

Lion, Tiger, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts are invited to attend for the day on Saturday and can participate in all activities prior to and after regular zoo hours. Packs who are selected for the camping pilot program will be invited to camp Saturday night only.

Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts are encouraged to camp with a local troop during the weekend. This will help foster the Arrow of Light-to-Scout transition program. Coordination with a troop is required. Please arrange proper adult leadership with the troop you will accompany.

Scouts BSA, Venturers and Explorers

These Scouts are invited to camp Friday through Sunday or attend for the day on Saturday with their unit under the rules and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America.

Event Fees

Due to the variety of admission options to the zoo, ticket and program fees are now being offered separately. Patches and meal tickets are separate as well. **Participation fees do not include parking and parking fees may be paid online or at the zoo gate.**

PARTICIPATION FEES

	Fee	Description
Total number of people in attendance	N/A	ALL people coming to Scouting the Zoo associated with your unit should be accounted for; this would include anyone who has a zoo pass or other means of zoo admittance.
Zoo Admission	\$9.50	Zoo ticket for admission *Required if you don't have a zoo pass
Parking Pass	\$12.00	Required for all vehicles remaining in the zoo
Drop Off Only Vehicle Pass	N/A	While no fee will be assessed, all vehicles require a pass for drop off purposes or will be assessed a parking fee at the zoo gate
*Camping Participant	\$9.00	Camping Friday and Saturday nights and all programs. Patches sold separately.
*Day Only Participant	\$5.00	All programs Saturday. Patches sold separately.
Patches	\$1.00	Anyone can buy a patch

***Must choose one participation choice for Scouts and leaders**

Tickets will be e-mailed around the middle of May 2019

A roster will be required to receive participant wristbands at the event!

Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful Campaign (KGMB)

Adults and youth in your unit can get a free pass to admit them to the zoo by participating in the *Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful Campaign*. This is a great way to provide community service while saving the cost of admittance to the zoo, so get your reservation in early! For more details on how your unit can qualify, call (414) 272-5462 ext. 106 or visit the Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful website at www.kgmb.org. Zoo passes for Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful will be honored on the Scouting the Zoo weekend even though they state they are not valid until later.

MEAL FEES (Optional)

Pancake Breakfast: \$4.00

Held at the Briggs & Stratton Big Backyard at Zoo Terrace from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. The meal includes pancakes with butter and syrup, sausages, juice, milk and coffee.

Sloppy Joe Dinner: \$4.00

Held at the Briggs & Stratton Big Backyard at Zoo Terrace from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday. The meal includes a sloppy joe sandwich, chips, cookie and drink. Additional sandwiches will be available on site for \$0.50 each.

PARKING INFORMATION

Parking pass: All units attending the campsite lottery and informational meeting in March will be issued one free parking pass. All other vehicles will be required to pay for parking online or at the zoo gate.

All units must check-in/out at Gate A

Driving through the zoo is not permitted at any time on Saturday

Camping Information

Campsite selection will occur on **February 13, 2019 (6:30 p.m.) at Greendale High School, 6801 Southway, Greendale, WI 53129**. Please estimate the number of campers you will have prior to coming to the campsite lottery and informational meeting. Units will select their preferred camping location at that time. Event staff may adjust locations based on collected information. In preparation for that meeting, you can see the typical camping area listing below. Please visit www.milwaukeezoo.org for the current zoo map.

1. Family Farm
2. Lake Evinrude
 - a. Elephants
 - b. Harbor Seals
 - c. Black Bear
3. North America
 - a. Grizzly Bear
 - b. Caribou
4. Aquatic & Reptile Center (ARC)
5. Aviary
6. Parking Lot
7. Other Areas
 - a. Giraffes
 - b. Big Backyard



If a unit is unable to attend the campsite lottery, assignments will be made based on a first-come, first-served basis. Please e-mail Zoo@ThreeHarborsScouting.org with questions or to submit your campsite request. All campsite questions/requests will be handled by the event committee and not through the council offices.

The event committee will assign campsites to maximize the number of Scouts that can camp in the space available at the zoo. Substitutions may occur based on zoo policies and work zones.

Event Highlights

Secret Scouter Program: Throughout the event, Secret Scouter agents will be walking around looking for Scouts who are not only wearing their uniforms properly but are also helping keep the zoo clean and being friendly to zoo patrons. Agent observations will result in points towards The Zoo Cup, as well as individual items being handed out on the spot. Agents could be Scouters or public visitors.

The Zoo Cup: The Zoo Cup will be awarded as a culmination of all events at the zoo. Consideration for this award will be given for display quality, Scout behavior, activity participation and overall unit conduct. The winning unit will be awarded the Zoo Cup to be displayed at one of the council offices and will have first claim to a campsite at next year's campsite lottery meeting in February. The award-winning unit will be expected to lead the parade at next year's Scouting the Zoo event!

Event Closing Ceremony: This evening program will be held in the Brigg's & Stratton Big Backyard at Zoo Terrace beginning with an awards ceremony, the awarding of the Zoo Cup, Zero's Heroes and the beginning of the Saturday evening movie.

General Information

Physical Arrangements

Participating units must bring their own tables, chairs, cooking equipment, etc. These items will not be available at the zoo. In the event of severe weather, please follow the instructions of the event staff and/or zoo personnel. **Please note: electricity may be available for use at your campsite by request through the event committee and depending on location. Generators are not permitted on the zoo grounds.**

Prohibited Items

Frisbees, footballs, baseballs and games of catch (of any sort) are not allowed due to the possibility of a ball or frisbee landing in an animal enclosure. Skateboards, skates, heelys, drones and bicycles are also not allowed. Please discourage your Scouts from playing cards, dice or other games of chance. Consumption of alcohol is prohibited at all Scout events and smoking is not permitted on zoo property.

Uniforming

Scouts are expected to be in field uniform while walking around the zoo. Many units allow varying degrees of pants/shorts but athletic shorts are not appropriate for this event. Official pants/shorts, belt, socks, etc. are encouraged. Per National policies, uniforms are to be worn properly (tucked in). **While participating in zoo competitions, or after the zoo closes, Scouts may wear an activity uniform shirt.** Please remind your Scouts that they are representing the Scouting program when at the zoo. Their appearance and behavior will reflect upon their unit and the organization as a whole.

Re-Admittance Tickets

A very limited number will be available on Saturday to all display/exhibit participants and will be available upon request. Re-admittance tickets can be obtained from the Scouting information booth in the U.S. Bank Gathering Place.

Recognition

A commemorative patch can be purchased for an additional fee. Don't forget to give your Scouts credit for the numerous achievements, electives and merit badge requirements they will probably meet by participating in the event activities and service projects. Please take note of what your Scouts do; an advancement list will not be provided.

Safety and Security: Security for the event will be provided by Venturing Crew 96. The zoo and parking area will be patrolled from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. on Saturday night. The parking lot gates will be closed during the night but there is an entry option in case of emergency. The event emergency contact number is **(414) 209-4008** and will be monitored by event staff. Each unit should make note of this number in order to call for assistance. We will also ask for the unit emergency contact leader and their cell phone number in case we need to contact your unit during the event. Please distribute the Scouting the Zoo emergency number to parents and participants.

Minor first aid issues may be handled by the individual unit. Larger first aid issues must be documented by Scouting the Zoo leadership team members. For larger medical issues, find and/or call for Scouting the Zoo staff. During normal zoo hours, also contact zoo personnel to alert the on-site medical staff."

The show goes on, rain or shine, so units are encouraged to plan accordingly. Weather will be monitored by the event staff and zoo personnel. In the event of severe weather, please follow the instructions of the event staff and/or zoo personnel.

Scouting Displays

Troops and crews are expected to set up a Scouting display to showcase Scouting to the public. Each unit will select a Scouting skill or activity to show in their display. Some past displays have included Dutch oven cooking, first aid skills, knot games, box ovens, animal tracks, wilderness survival, fire starters, bird feeders, etc.

Reminder: No driving will be allowed in the zoo on Saturday for any reason.

Units will be asked to identify what they will be showcasing in their display as part of registration. Units are strongly encouraged to set up their display areas and campsites on Friday evening and add their final touches on Saturday, no later than 8:45 a.m.

Past experience has shown that booths that are more interactive with the public are much better received than static displays; plus, the Scouts and adults staffing them have a better time as well! Be sure to identify your display with your unit number and the name of your chartered organization.

For demonstration purposes, charcoal may be used provided that it is contained in a grill well off the ground and that all coals and ashes are removed from the zoo by the unit. There is no facility on zoo grounds for disposal of spent coals and ashes. Units are also asked to place a wooden board under their elevated grill to avoid scorching the grassy areas.

Dismantling of displays and exhibits shall not take place earlier than 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Please plan to actively display until the close of the zoo to the general public at 5:00 p.m.

No Selling/Solicitation Policy:

All units are reminded that the selling of products or soliciting of funds is not permitted at the zoo. Individuals who express interest in what your unit is producing at the zoo (e.g. birdhouses, plaster castings, etc.) may be given a name to contact for details of possible future purchase. Units may give out free samples.

Display/Exhibit Judging:

Your unit's display will be judged during the day on Saturday and awarded points based upon the following considerations. A special "Best in Show" award will be presented to the best unit display. Judges will consider the following:

- **Attendance:** Displays, demonstrations and exhibit areas are attended at all times by at least two youth. Proper adult supervision is required.
- **Personal Appearance:** All participants must wear a **clean, neat** and proper uniform or theme-appropriate costume.
- **Scout Spirit:** Participants convey a friendly attitude and are courteous to the public in all contacts, gracious to those attending and cooperative with those helping in the areas.
- **Enthusiasm:** Participants actively draw in passers-by, are enthusiastic about the subject matter and about being there.
- **Subject Knowledge:** Participants are fully knowledgeable about the topic of presentation.
- **Appearance:** The display, exhibit or demonstration shows general appeal and attractiveness. The area is free of safety hazards.
- **Live Action:** The display offers active participation to get the general public involved.
- **Identification:** The display, exhibit or demonstration is identified with a title or brief description, unit and American flags and the name of the unit and its chartering organization.
- **Traffic:** Is the exhibit bustling with traffic or no?
- **Bonus:** Bonus points can be awarded for unique and special features or for those displays that go well above and beyond expectations.

Program Activities – Scouts BSA and Venturers

Competition rosters are due by Friday, May 31 at the event leadership meeting

Scavenger Hunt: This is an event to get Scouts meeting other Scouts and leaders while learning about the animals at the zoo. You will receive copies at the Friday night leadership meeting. When the scavenger hunt is completed, the form can be turned in at the Scouting information booth at the zoo entrance for drawings of special prizes. All Scouts are encouraged to participate.

Event Parade: The event parade will begin near the Flamingo Café at 11:00 a.m. and will tour the zoo with the culmination at the event assembly. Please plan on attending with your unit and flags. All Scouts are expected to be in uniform for this and the previous year's Zoo Cup winner will lead the parade. Cub Scout participants will join the parade part way through.

“LumberScout” Competition: This is a team-based Scouts BSA and Venturing event that will challenge Scouts to a series of tasks involving woods tools. Scouts are encouraged to sign up in teams of four and awards will be presented at the event awards ceremony. Additional information will be shared regarding specific events throughout the spring.

“The Founder’s Feud” Game: This is a “Family Feud” type trivia game played with teams of five. The event committee will be surveying groups throughout the spring to create a game show that will be challenging to all. Pre-registration will be required for this event and more information will follow later this spring. The event will be held on Saturday evening during the event carnival and each participating unit will be allowed one youth and one adult to represent them.

Service Projects: Service project opportunities will be available at this year's event. Please take the opportunity to participate in service to the Milwaukee County Zoo in thanks for their continued support of this unique event. Stay tuned for more details this spring.

Zoo Train & Zoomobile Rides: As a special treat to Scout participants, free rides for the zoo train and Zoomobile will be offered after the zoo closes on Saturday evening. Scouts are expected to behave in a Scout-like manner for this privilege. **Wristband required and weather permitting.**

Team Challenge Course Competition: This is an evening, team-based, obstacle course beginning after the event closing ceremony and provides a fun addition for older Scouts and Venturers. This program will provide another opportunity for units to shine through teamwork. Participants must be 13 years of age or older.

Competition rosters are due by Friday, May 31 at the 9:00 p.m. event leadership meeting

2019 Event Schedule - DRAFT

Scouts BSA/Venturing Program

Please check for updates. Full schedule will be provided at event

Friday, May 31, 2019

- 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Display and campsite setup by participating units. Units **must** check in and check out with event staff at Gate A.
- 8:30 p.m. Removal of all vehicles and trailers from the camping and exhibit areas.
- 9:00 p.m. Unit Leadership Meeting (Adults & Youth Leaders)
Evening Program & Ice Cream Social
- 10:30 p.m. Lights Out

Saturday, June 1, 2019

Special Note: No vehicle access to campsite area will be permitted on Saturday for any reason. This is for the safety of the morning activities and evening programs. Please plan accordingly

- 6:30 a.m. Reveille & zoo gates open
- 6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Display and campsite setup by participating units.
- 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast (Ticket Required)
- 9:00 a.m. Zoo opens to the public
“LumberScout” & Legendary Fitness Competition Area Open (Closes at 11AM)
- 11:00 a.m. Event Parade
- 11:45 a.m. Event Assembly
- 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Sloppy Joe Dinner (Ticket Required)
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Zoo Train and Zoomobile Rides (Wristband Required)
- 6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Event Carnival & “The Founder’s Feud” Game
- 8:15 p.m. Event Closing Ceremony (Award Announcement & Closing Comments)
- 8:30 p.m. Outdoor Movie – TBD (Facebook Voting in April 2019)
Team Challenge Course Competition
- 10:30 p.m. Campers return to sites
- 10:45 p.m. Lights Out

Sunday, June 2, 2019

- 6:30 a.m. Reveille & Zoo Gates Open
- 6:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Dismantling of displays and campsites. Vehicle Access begins at 6:45 a.m.
- 8:45 a.m. Removal of all vehicles from camping and exhibit areas.
- 9:00 a.m. Zoo opens to the public
Have a safe trip home or stay and enjoy the zoo



Event Registration Form

Scouts BSA Troops and Venturing Crews

This form is due no later than May 24, 2019



ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE at www.ThreeHarborsScouting.org/ScoutingTheZoo

Unit type and number: _____ District: _____ Council: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

A roster on the back page must accompany all registrations.

For details on what each of the categories covers please see page 5 of the event guide

Admission	#	Cost	Total
Total number of people attending		N/A	
How many do not require an admission ticket?		N/A	
How many need zoo admission?		\$9.50	
How many drivers need parking passes?		\$12.00	
How many drivers are just dropping off?		N/A	

You must purchase a zoo ticket if you don't have a zoo pass and drop off drivers will also need a pass or will be charged for parking at the zoo gate.

Program	#	Cost	Total
How many Scouts and adults will be camping?		\$9.00	
How many Scouts will be coming just for the day?		\$5.00	
How many patches would you like?		\$1.00	
How many for Saturday morning pancake breakfast?		\$4.00	
How many for Saturday night Sloppy Joe dinner?		\$4.00	

Total: _____
Account #: 1-6801-768-20

Ticket Delivery

Tickets will be e-mailed to the person placing the order around the middle of May 2019. No physical tickets will be issued unless arranged by e-mailing Zoo@ThreeHarborsScouting.org.

Webelos Camping:

We will have _____ Webelos Scouts join us from Pack _____ and their fees are included.

We will have _____ Arrow of Light Scouts join us from Pack _____ and their fees are included.

We will have _____ Webelos Scouts join us from Pack _____ and their fees will be paid separately.

We will have _____ Arrow of Light Scouts join us from Pack _____ and their fees will be paid separately.

Please return this form and roster to:

Three Harbors Council, BSA
330 South 84th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53214-1468

OR

Three Harbors Council, BSA
7500 Green Bay Rd, Suite LL101
Kenosha, WI 53142

For Office Use Only:	Initials: _____	Date: _____
For Day Of Use Only:	Total Scouts: _____	Total Adults: _____ Total Other: _____

