



Three Harbors Council Scouting the Zoo Cub Scout Camping Pilot Program



Program Introduction

In an effort to expand the Cub Scout program, we are offering an opportunity for Cub Scout camping to return to Scouting the Zoo. This is the result of many hours of discussion and analysis with Cub Scout leaders and event planning specialists. The history of Scouting the Zoo is a very long one and we are hoping this program will continue to grow not only participation, but the overall culture of the event. The event leadership would like to welcome you to this opportunity.

Due to the complex nature of Scouting the Zoo, we offer the application process to be sure those interested in camping are from both active and program-minded packs. If the pilot program goes well, we are hoping the Cub Scout camping program will expand and become a fixture (and no longer an application-based option) of the event.

The Application

The application includes questions to gauge a unit's outdoor program and previous participation at Scouting the Zoo. There are no "right" or "wrong" answers and each has been chosen for a reason. You will find a few questions about expected participation. These questions will help us understand the potential footprint of your pack in activities and camping. A summer camp promotion is also required so we know your unit supports the summer camp program or is interested in hearing more about it.

We also want to give you an opportunity to share your thoughts. The entire leadership team cares deeply for the event and can understand all sorts of concerns and we want to hear yours.

The last portion of the application outlines several agreements that we are asking of all packs accepted to the pilot program. We hope all packs will attend the informational meeting on April 10, 2018 but it is required for all units selected for the camping pilot program. We will discuss the camping rules and explain the timing of the weekend as it pertains to campsite setup. It is also required of each unit to have properly trained leadership in outdoor activities. This will ensure that someone is focusing on outdoor health and safety and ensuring all camping and Youth Protection guidelines. Lastly, we want to make sure that all packs understand that overnight camping is for registered Scouts and parents only. Siblings and non-Scouts are encouraged to come for the day.

The Selection Process

We will be accepting applications between March 15 and March 31. Please contact the event leadership if there are issues meeting the submission timeframe. The leadership team will be meeting on April 3 to make the selections and we will be following up with units within the few days following. We will contact you regardless of selection so that you are aware and can plan to attend accordingly.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the pilot program or Scouting the Zoo event at all, please feel free to e-mail us at ScoutingTheZoo@gmail.com. We are here to help and are excited for your unit to join us at Scouting the Zoo.



2018 SCOUTING THE ZOO
 Cub Scout Camping
PILOT PROGRAM APPLICATION

This form is due no later than **March 31, 2018**



In an effort to build a platform for Cub Scout camping at Scouting the Zoo, we present the Cub Scout Camping Pilot Program. Due to space constraints and historical camping experience, the pilot program will help us study the capabilities of Cub Scout camping for packs outside of the typical offerings for Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts. Please complete this application in its entirety and e-mail to ScoutingTheZoo@gmail.com. Please feel free to e-mail us with questions as well. Units will be notified about selection on or before April 6, 2018.

Pack Number: _____ District: _____ Council: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please estimate total the number of people you think will attend the event from your unit.	
How many do you think will camp	
Has your pack participated in Scouting the Zoo in the past? If so, how many years?	
Please list the date that your pack has scheduled a summer camp promotion. (required)	

Why does your pack want to participate in the camping pilot program at Scouting the Zoo?

Why should the leadership team select your unit for this pilot program?

PILOT PROGRAM ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

#	Agreement	Initial
1	We will attend all relevant information meetings specifically the Cub Scout Informational meeting on April 10, 2018 and the event rally on May 17, 2018 either in person or online.	
2	At least one person from our pack will be in attendance for the entire duration of the event who is properly trained in Cub Scout overnight camping leadership (i.e. BALOO, OWL)	
3	Only registered Scouts and parents will be allowed to camp. While the day program is open to all family members, we understand that camping is reserved only for registered Scouts and parents and not siblings.	
4	Prior to the event we will provide a full roster of attendees listing the overnight campers and identifying the onsite BALOO trained leader by May 25, 2018.	

Cubmaster Signature: _____

Pack Event Coordinator or Committee Chair: _____