

SCOUTING THE ZOO



2018 Event Guide

For Boy Scouts and Venturers

June 1-3, 2018

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County
ZOO



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NEW FOR 2018

2018 Animal – The Fennec Fox: This year's animals are Bonnye and Clyde, The Milwaukee County Zoo's fennec foxes. Their exhibit is located in the Small Mammal Building and they are in the nocturnal wing. We are excited to showcase them on our 2018 event patch.



Cub Scout Camping Pilot Program: We are adding the opportunity for Cub Scout packs to camp at the event through an application process. Applications will be accepted between March 15 and March 30, 2018. The event leadership will make the selections the first week of April 2018. There is limited space for packs and those units chosen will be notified by April 6. Cub Scout packs will be allowed to camp Saturday night only.

Legendary Fitness: The Scouting the Zoo committee has partnered with an obstacle course racing and ninja training gym, Legendary Fitness, to offer a special new program feature. Located in the green space near the aviary, this local gym will provide several fun obstacles for event participants during the day program. They have also agreed to help sponsor the evening team challenge course.



Pinewood Derby: This year's race will include two divisions. The championship division will include any car who placed in the top three in their local pack race and the exhibition division will be for all other Cub Scout racers. The championship division participants will be verified through pack records.

Event Carnival: For 2018 we will be replacing the Saturday evening movie with a carnival. Join us for fun games and activities to cap off the weekend. The carnival will immediately follow the event awards ceremony.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 2018	Event Guide & Registration (online & office) goes live
March 14, 2018	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 2018	Event Staff will visit roundtables to promote the event and answer questions.
May 17, 2018	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.
May 25, 2018	Registration closes
May 31, 2018	Zoo ticket pick-up closes at 12:00 Noon
June 1-3, 2018	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 every Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturer, Explorer, Scout leader, their families 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 troop is required. Please arrange proper adult leadership with the troop you will accompany.

Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers

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

Registration Packet Information

Registration is due by **May 25, 2018**. As part of the online registration process, each pack, troop, crew and post that registers online will be given an option of mailing or picking up their registration packet.

The registration packet will include:

- Tickets for all paid participants
- Pancake breakfast tickets – if ordered
- Sloppy Joe dinner tickets – if ordered

All units are asked to check in at either Gate A or at the Unit Leadership Meeting to register and receive participation wristbands. Wristbands are required for all programs.

Registration forms can be found on the last few pages of this guide, picked up at either Scout service center or by visiting our website at www.ThreeHarborsScouting.org/Zoo.

Tickets can be mailed for a \$3.00 fee or picked up at either Scout service center by arrangement.

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 are paid at the main 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	\$9.00	Zoo ticket for admission *Required if you don't have a zoo pass
*Camping Participant	\$9.00	Camping Friday and Saturday nights and all programs
*Day Only Participant	\$5.00	All programs Saturday
Patches	\$1.00	Anyone can buy a patch

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

Tickets can be mailed for a \$3.00 fee or picked up at either Scout service center by arrangement.

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 Old Style Zoo Terrace from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. The meal includes juice, milk, coffee and pancakes with syrup, butter and sausages.

Sloppy Joe Dinner: \$4.00

Held at the Old Style 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 assessed a parking fee at the zoo gate.

Parking fees will not be assessed to vehicles dropping off/picking up youth, display materials, supplies, etc. during the following hours:

Friday: 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 Saturday: 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
 Saturday: 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 Sunday: 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

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 **March 14, 2018 (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. Zebra Parking Lot
2. Elephant Parking Lot
3. Children's Zoo
4. Giraffe Area
5. Lake Evinrude – Moose Yard
6. Lake Evinrude – Evinrude Landing Area
7. Caribou Area
8. Grizzly Bear Area
9. Elk Area
10. Black Bear Area
11. Flamingo Café
12. Reptile & Amphibian House Area
13. Monkey Island
14. Gorilla Area
15. Aviary area across from Monkey Island



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 ScoutingTheZoo@gmail.com 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.

PRO TIP! Experienced units bring leaf rakes and garbage bags for the removal of goose droppings.



General Information

Physical Arrangements & Weather

The show goes on, rain or shine, so units are encouraged to bring their own dining flies, canopies, overhead shelters, etc. Weather will be monitored by the event staff and zoo personnel. 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: no electricity will be available for use at your campsite and 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 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 type of 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.

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 both Friday and 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 staffed 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.

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 8:30 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 and an adult must be present.
- **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.

Event Highlights

Don't forget to find us on Facebook!

Secret Scouter Group: 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.

Event Closing Ceremony: This evening program will be held in the Old Style Zoo Terrace beginning with an awards ceremony, the awarding of The Zoo Cup, Zero's Heroes and the beginning of the event carnival.

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 (including religious events) and overall unit conduct. The winning unit will be awarded The Zoo Cup to be displayed at the one of the council offices and will have first claim to a campsite at next year's campsite lottery meeting in March. The award-winning unit will be expected to lead the parade at next year's Scouting the Zoo Show!

Program Activities – Boy Scout and Venturers

Competition rosters are due by Friday, June 1 at the event leadership meeting

Scavenger Hunt: This is an event to get Scouts meeting other Scouts and Scout 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.

“Ax Man” Competition: This is a team-based Boy Scout 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 youth. 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 afternoon and each participating unit will be allowed to send one team.

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.**

Event Closing Ceremony: This evening program will be held in the Old Style Zoo Terrace beginning with an awards ceremony, the awarding of The Zoo Cup and the beginning of the event carnival. Older Boy Scout and Venturing teams are encouraged to participate in the challenge course competition as this event is designed specifically for them.

Team Challenge Course Competition: In the spirit of friendly competition and unit cooperation, this event is an evening activity for Boy Scouts and Venturers. This is a team-based obstacle course beginning after the event closing ceremony and provides a fun addition for older Boy 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, June 1 at the event leadership meeting

Tentative Event Schedule

Boy Scout/Venturing Program

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

Friday, June 1, 2018

- 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Display and campsite set-up 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 (Youth & Adults)
Event “Campfire” Show
- 10:30 p.m. Lights Out

Saturday, June 2, 2018

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

- 6:00 a.m. Reveille & Zoo Gates Open
- 6:00 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
“Ax Man” Competition Area Open
- 11:00 a.m. Event Parade
- 11:45 a.m. Event Assembly
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. “The Founder’s Feud”
- 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)
- 8:15 p.m. Event Closing Ceremony (Award Announcement & Closing Comments)
- 8:30 p.m. Event Carnival
Challenge Course Competition
- 10:00 p.m. Campers return to sites
- 10:30 p.m. Lights Out

Sunday, June 3, 2018

- 6:00 a.m. Reveille & Zoo Gates Open
- 6:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m. Dismantling of displays and campsites. Vehicle Access begins at 6:30 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 enjoy the zoo



Event Registration Form

Boy Scout Troops and Venturing Crews

This form is due no later than May 25, 2018



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?		\$9.00	

You must purchase a zoo ticket if you don't have a zoo pass

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	

Ticket Options

Tickets will not be available before April 1, 2018 for pick-up. For delivery, tickets will not be mailed after May 25, 2018. All tickets must be picked up before 12:00 p.m. on May 31, 2018.

Choose one	Description	Cost
	Please mail my tickets for an additional fee	\$3.00
	I will pick up our tickets in the Kenosha Office	N/A
	I will pick up our tickets in the Milwaukee Office	N/A

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

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

Grand Total: _____

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

