

**Middle Tennessee Council
Spring Cub and Family Weekend
2024 Parent/Leader Guide**



Latimer Cub and Family

334 Plantation Road

Spencer, TN 38585

April 19 - 21, 2024

Howdy, Cub Scout and Families of Middle Tennessee,

We hope this message finds y'all well and ready to rustle up some excitement for the upcoming adventure that awaits you! On behalf of the Latimer Cub and Family Camp Committee, we extend a warm welcome to our annual Spring Cub and Family Weekend for your Cub Scout unit.

Cub and Family Camping is a cornerstone of the Cub Scout experience, offering a unique opportunity for new Cub Scouts and their parents to kick off their boots and immerse themselves in the wonders of the outdoors. From camping and hiking to BB Guns, activities, and fishing, this weekend promises to be filled with fun and unforgettable memories.

We encourage each Cub Scout and parent in your posse to join us in celebrating the joy of the outdoors. It's not just a camping experience; it's a chance to forge lasting connections, explore nature, and set the stage for the exciting adventures that lie ahead in Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA.

Event Details:

Date: April 19 - 21, 2024

Location: Latimer Reservation

This year's shindig is open to all Packs. If your Pack is busy wrangling other commitments, you are more than welcome to mosey on down with your family. But hold your horses, as participation is limited to the first 110 Cub Scouts and their families who register, so be sure to secure your spot faster than a tumbleweed in a prairie breeze.

To help you round up all the info you need for this rootin' tootin' Cub and Family adventure, we've put together a comprehensive guidebook. It covers details, packing lists and safety guidelines, we encourage you to review it thoroughly.

We are truly blessed in the Middle Tennessee Council to have exceptional camping properties like Latimer Reservation and a wide range of programs for both young guns and seasoned cowboys and cowgirls. We reckon this event will be a highlight of your Cub Scout journey, creating cherished memories that will last longer than a campfire tale.

Thank you for saddlin' up with us in the world of scouting, and we look forward to sharing this exciting weekend with you and your Cub Scouts.

Yours in Scouting,

Ron Turpin

Latimer Cub and Family Camp Committee

and Family Staff Advisor

General Information and Registration

Who May Attend?

Registered Cub Scouts and their families may attend. We encourage the whole family to attend. A responsible adult who will remain there with them during the event must accompany youth to the Cub and Family Camp. Activities are appropriate for Cub Scouts of all ages - Lions - AOL.

When

Friday, April 19 through Sunday, April 21, 2024.

Registration

Online registration is available at www.mtcbsa.org under "Camping and Outdoor Programs". Select "Cub Scouts" and finally "Additional Opportunities." Registration can be made by the Pack or individually.

Packs that have several attendees are welcome to register as a Pack. This allows the Pack to organize as a group to provide a sense of community. Cub Scout Packs who are registering as a group are to submit ONE registration for the entire group.

Families may also attend even if your pack is not attending. Simply complete a registration for your family.

Everyone should be aware that pre-registration is REQUIRED,

Packs are assigned campsites at check-in; everyone registered in your pack will camp together in the same campsite.

Cost

The registration fee for the Cub and Family will be \$25.00 per Scout. There is no cost for Guests (Leaders, Parents/Adults, and non-Scout Siblings.)

Food

Meals are to be provided by Pack, Den, or Family. You decide! We also have lunch and dinner options available for purchase.

Camping

Camping will be in the base camp area of Latimer. The number of Scouts and family members that are pre-registered will determine the size of each Pack campsite. Fire pits may not be constructed in campsites. Campfires will need to be off the ground or in a fire barrel (we have a very limited number of barrels available at Latimer). Please limit fire pits to 1 per pack. Larger packs may need two, please bring your own. Use containers and follow the rules of Leave No Trace.

Sleeping Facilities

Everyone will need to provide tents, sleeping bags and personal gear. **We can not guarantee the use of electricity in your tent for sleeping devices, please be sure to plan accordingly with a portable battery for your needs.**

Participants may stay in tent city for a fee of \$10 per tent (2 persons per tent). Tent city capacity is limited so be sure to reserve at registration. (The fee for tent city is in addition to Scout registration).

General Store @ Latimer

There will be a fully stocked General Store located in the rear of the Latimer Dining Hall. The General Store will offer Latimer items like tee shirts, hats, patches, stickers and hoodies, as well as cold drinks, candy, snacks and ice. The store accepts cash and major credit cards. Be sure to pop into the General Store throughout the day on Saturday. Store hours will be posted in various locations throughout camp.

Arrival and Check-in

Directions to Latimer Reservation

Located on the Cumberland Plateau at:
334 Plantation Road
Spencer, TN 37138 (Van Buren County)

N 35° 47.554 / W 85° 17.016

423-881-5376

423-881-5513

www.latimerbsa.org

- From the north, take I-24 E to Nashville to I-40 E to Exit 288, turn south onto Highway 111. Follow Highway 111 for 28.3 miles (Spencer), turn left onto spur for .1 mile, turn right onto Highway 30, follow Highway 30 East for 7.8 miles, turn left onto Highway 285 East, follow Highway 285 East for 7.1 miles, turn left onto Van Winkle Road (Lonewood Church on your left), follow Van Winkle Road for .8 mile, turn left onto Wilson Road for .4 mile, turn right onto Lewis Road for .6 mile to entrance.
- From the east or west, take Interstate 40 East or Interstate 40 West to Exit 288 (Cookeville/Sparta), turn south onto Highway 111. Follow Highway 111 for 28.3 miles (Spencer), turn left onto spur for .1 mile, turn right onto Highway 30, follow Highway 30 East for 7.8 miles, turn left onto Highway 285 East, follow Highway 285 East for 7.1 miles, turn left onto Van Winkle Road (Lonewood Church on your left), follow Van Winkle Road for .8 mile, turn left onto Wilson Road for .4 mile, turn right onto Lewis Road for .6 mile to entrance.
- From the south (Chattanooga), follow Highway 27 N to Highway 111 N to Highway 30 E. follow Highway 30 East for 7.8 miles, turn left onto Highway 285 East, follow Highway 285 East for 7.1 miles, turn left onto Van Winkle Road (Lonewood Church on your left), follow Van Winkle Road for .8 mile, turn left onto Wilson Road for .4 mile, turn right onto Lewis Road for .6 mile to entrance.

- From the east (Option B), take I-40 W to exit 322. Take Highway 101 (Peavine Road). Follow signs to Highway 70/101 (Lantana Road). Travel from I-40 approximately 24 miles to Highway 285 W. turn right for 4.9 miles onto Van Winkle Road (at the Lonewood Baptist Church of Christ on your right forward), follow Van Winkle Road for .8 mile, turn left onto Wilson Road for .4 mile, turn right onto Lewis Road for .6 mile to entrance.

Check-in

The Cub and Family check-in location will be on Latimer Reservation as you enter. Our Camp Staff will greet you, check you in, and direct you to your campsite and assist you in finding your campsite.

If arriving on Friday, please plan your arrival between 3:00 pm and 9:00 pm. Gate will not be open to check in campers prior to 3:00 pm Friday afternoon. This gives our camp staff time to prepare camp prior to your arrival. Saturday activities will start at 9:00 am.

Vehicles in Camp

NO RVs or Pop-up camp trailers allowed on the Reservation, no exceptions.

Due to the number of attendees at the Latimer Cub and Family Camp, attendees are requested to carpool as much as possible.

Since there will be a lot of foot traffic within the camping areas, **we ask that you unload your vehicle and move it to the parking area then return and set up your camp. This helps keep camping areas open and free of cars in the campsites. Once a vehicle is parked that vehicle must remain parked throughout the Cub and Family weekend. Driving from camping areas to program areas will be strictly forbidden.** No one under 18 will be allowed to drive on the reservation.

If you will be leaving Latimer and coming back during the Cub and Family weekend, we ask that you sign out and sign back in with Camp Staff. This will help in emergency situations.

It is PROHIBITED to drive a truck or trailer on camp property with youths or adults in the back or on the sides. This means NO RIDING IN TRUCK BEDS!

Health & Safety

Safety is of the utmost importance at Latimer.

- Everyone attending Scout, Adult, or Sibling is required by BSA to provide a completed BSA medical form (Parts A & B). Additional copies of the BSA Health and Medical Record will be available at check-in.

These forms should remain with the Pack Leader or Parents (if attending as a family).

Should you need to visit the First Aid Station, please be prepared to present this form to the staff. If necessary, Van Buren County Emergency Management will be contacted for serious conditions.

All attendees will receive a wristband. These bands must always be worn during the camp session.

Leaders are asked to write the youth's Pack Number and a contact phone number on the wristband in indelible ink in the event the child gets separated from their Pack or family member. Immediately report any missing person to the Camp Staff.

Emergencies

To notify the Camp Office of an emergency, send a runner to the Latimer Cub and Family Office Headquarters in the Dining Hall/General Store or notify a member of our key Camp Staff.

When calling 911 for an emergency, it is important that an adult clearly describe the nature of the emergency to the 911 operators to initiate an appropriate response. If asked which county, please tell them Van Buren County.

The Camp Office monitors the National Weather Service Radio and Internet weather sources for information concerning severe weather conditions.

First Aid

Trained first aid responders will be located in the Tolbert Center Health Lodge during Saturday's events.

Injuries requiring minor first aid should be handled by the Pack. If first aid is required for a serious emergency, dial 911 and notify the Camp Office.

Fire: Evacuate the tent, or area immediately. All camp buildings are equipped with fire extinguishers for use on small fires by qualified adults. Analyze the situation, and if appropriate, utilize the fire extinguisher or call 911. Notify the Camp Staff.

Severe Thunderstorm: In the event of a severe thunderstorm seek shelter inside one of the camp buildings, or personal vehicle.

Personal Hygiene

Water and shower house/restrooms are located near tent city.

Port-O-Potties will be strategically placed around the camping area.



Personal Equipment List

All Cub Scouts

- Cub Scout Uniform (optional)
- Cub Scout T-Shirts
- Raincoat/Poncho
- Jacket, coat, or sweatshirt, suitable for expected fall weather conditions
- Change of pants, shirt, socks, underwear
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap)
- Closed toed shoes, sneakers, or hiking boots
- Water Bottle
- Sleeping Bag or warm blankets
- Pillow
- Flashlight

Optional:

- Snacks
- Spending money for Trading Post
- Compass

Tent and additional items:

- Tent, waterproof, in good repair
- Sleeping pad, air mattress, or blankets to insulate under your sleeping bag
- Tarp, to place under the tent to limit ground moisture, tuck edges under the tent to prevent rainwater from running under the tent floor.
- Stocking cap to wear while sleeping, 30% of heat loss is through the head



Tent Camping Tips

Properly prepared Scouts stay warm, dry, and comfortable in their tents in all kinds of weather conditions. Here's a few tips gathered over the years to stay warm, dry, and comfortable. It is not necessary to invest in expensive camping gear to camp in the moderate weather conditions found in middle Tennessee in April. As Webelos transition to Boy Scouts, they encounter more challenging weather conditions; consult with your Cubmaster, Den Leader, or Scoutmaster before purchasing gear to understand if it will be appropriate for Boy Scout use. A great resource for camping gear and preparation is the Boy Scout Handbook.

1. Site selection. Find a level place with good drainage, free of sticks and rocks. Assume that it will rain and verify that your tent will not be sitting in a puddle if it does rain.
2. Place a tarp under your tent to prevent ground moisture from being drawn up into your tent. Tuck the edges of the tarp under the tent so that rainwater does not run under your tent.
3. Pitch your tent, staking it to the ground, and attaching the guy ropes as necessary for your tent.
4. Use a sleeping pad, air mattress, blankets, or other material to insulate your sleeping bag from the cold ground.
5. Use a sleeping bag, several warm blankets, or a combination of blankets and your sleeping bag.
6. In cool or cold weather, the best thing to wear at night is synthetic long john tops and bottoms and synthetic socks. In moderate weather, tee shirts, sweatshirts, and sweatpants will work. There is a saying amongst backcountry campers, and that is, "cotton kills". Cotton materials absorb sweat and moisture and dry very slowly and contribute to heat loss. Change into fresh, dry clothes and socks just before crawling into your sleeping bag.
7. When it is cold, wear a knit stocking cap at night. 30% of body heat is lost through your head, and that is the most exposed portion of your body while in a sleeping bag.
8. Do not take food into your tent. Many critters love the easy meal of your snacks and can rip holes into your tent while you are away. Bugs and ants also love a tasty snack.
9. Do not use any fire or flames in your tent. Tents and sleeping bags are very flammable.
10. The guy ropes from tents are of hazard to young Cub Scouts who seem to run everywhere. During daylight, they dodge most, but not all the guy ropes. During the night, they seem to trip over most of them. Be alert to Cub Scouts running the dark and have them avoid the tent areas in the daytime while they play.
11. When it is raining, avoid touching the inside of the tent. This can be a source of condensation and in some tents, this facilitates leaks.

Prohibited and Restricted Items

Tobacco: The use of tobacco products by anyone under the age of 18 will not be tolerated. Adults may use tobacco products only in areas away from all participants. Council properties are tobacco-free zones, including all buildings, campsites, trails, and program areas. Smoking in tents and campsites, or in view of any Scout is strictly prohibited. If you must smoke make sure you are out of sight of anyone.

Chemical Fuels: Gas-fueled lanterns and stoves (canister type fuels are recommended over liquid) may be used for outdoor lighting and cooking. The use of gas-fueled lanterns and stoves in any tent is strictly prohibited. A responsible adult, who is knowledgeable in safety precautions, must do lighting and refueling; fuel is never handled by youth. The use of liquid fuels as a fire-starter is strictly prohibited.

Alcohol and Drugs: **It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are not permitted on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members.**

Weapons: **No weapons of any kind are permitted at camp. This includes personal archery and rifle/BB equipment. Weapons are not permitted to be stored in vehicles in camp parking lots.**

Chainsaws: Chainsaws are not permitted.

Pets: **Pets are not permitted at any camp at any time – no exceptions. Please advise all parents to leave pets at home.**

Rest: Sleep, or lack thereof, can be one of the greatest causes of a fantastic or poor week. The unit leader should see that from 10:00 pm until 6:00 am each night the campsite is quiet.

Natural Wildlife

Latimer abounds with natural wildlife, including deer, birds, wild hogs, and other creatures. For this reason, we do not allow any pets from home to be brought into camp. We also ask that you not take any wildlife home with you. While most rattlesnakes and reptiles are anxious to elude people that come into their territory, great caution and care should be taken to avoid them while in camp. If you find any rattlesnakes or other reptiles in camp, please leave them alone and notify a Camp Staff Member immediately.

Leave No Trace

Please review with your Pack the LNT Front Country Guidelines prior to the Cub and Family Camp, these are available on [Scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org)

Plan: Watch for hazards and follow all the rules of the park or outdoor facility. Remember proper clothing, sunscreen, hats, first aid kits, and plenty of drinking water. Use the buddy system. Make sure you carry your family's name, phone number, and address.

Stick to Trails: Stay on marked trails whenever possible. Short-cutting trails causes the soil to wear away or to be packed, which eventually kills trees and other vegetation. Trampled wildflowers and vegetation take years to recover. Stick to trails!

Leave What You Find: When visiting any outdoor area, try to leave it the same as you find it. The less impact we each make, the longer we will enjoy what we have. Even picking flowers denies others the opportunity to see them and reduces seeds, which means fewer plants next year.

Use established restrooms. Graffiti and vandalism have no place anywhere, and they spoil the experience for others. Leave your mark by doing an approved conservation project.

Respect Other Visitors: Expect to meet other visitors. Be courteous and make room for others. Control your speed when biking or running. Pass with care and let others know before you pass. Avoid disturbing others by making noise or playing loud music, and abide by the scheduled Quiet Time (10:00 pm to 6:00 am)

Respect "No Trespassing" signs. If property boundaries are unclear, do not enter the area.

Trash Your Trash: Make sure all trash is put in a trash bag. Trash is unsightly and ruins everyone's outdoor experience. Your trash can kill wildlife. Even materials, such as orange peels, apple cores and food scraps, take years to break down and may attract unwanted pests that could become a problem. There are dumpsters near the LaRoche Dining Hall, or you can pack your garbage to go home with you. Leave No Trace.

Let's have Some Fun

The Latimer Cub and Family staff have planned an exciting weekend for all to enjoy. We are excited to offer something different to Cub Scout camping. We want everyone to come out and enjoy this opportunity to spend time with your family and friends while enjoying the setting only Latimer can offer. There will be some activities provided in an open schedule format so that you can enjoy them at your own convenience such as fishing, gaga ball, basketball, and human foosball. Times have been set aside in the schedule to allow you to take advantage of the opportunities that Latimer Reservation has to offer.

Because scheduled activities generally take more time to get through, we will be assigning scheduled times and locations, by campsite and age groups.

The activity schedules will be handed out at Friday night's adult meeting.

Schedule

In general, Friday evening will be set aside for campsite set up and the adult meeting. Saturday will start off with a flag raising ceremony at the Tolbert Center flagpole, followed by the activities. A Scout's Own service will be offered on Sunday morning in the dining hall.

Friday

3:00 pm to 9:00 p.m. - Arrival and check-in

9:15 pm - Adults Meet at LaRoche Dining Hall (at least 1 adult from each pack/family)

10:00 pm - Lights out (Quiet time)

Saturday

7:30 am or before: Breakfast at your campsite

8:30 am - Assembly, flag ceremony at TOLBERT CENTER Flag

9:00 am to 12:30 – Activities

12:30 - Lunch at your campsite or dining hall if purchased (Free time till 2:00)

2:00 to 4:30 pm - Activities

4:30 - 5:30 - Free time

5:30 pm - Dinner at campsite or dining hall if purchased

7:15 pm - Assembly, Flag ceremony

7:30 pm -Campfire Immediately following flag ceremony

10:00 pm - Lights out

Sunday

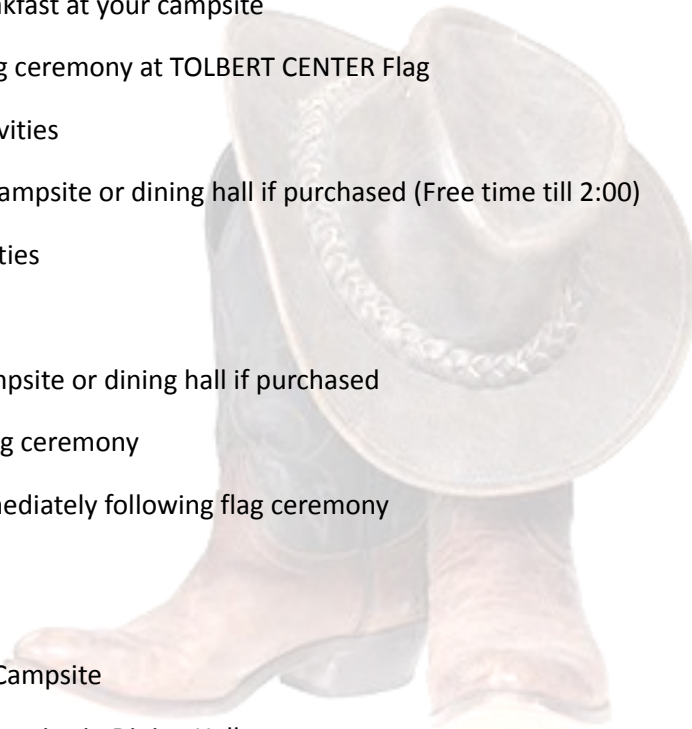
7:30 am – Breakfast in Campsite

8:15 am - Scout's Own service in Dining Hall

9:00 am to 9:30 am - Checkout

Due to time, supplies and restrictions, all activities are reserved for registered Cub Scouts.

Parents, please do not expect siblings to participate.



Volunteers

Volunteers are what make Scouting events great. If you would like to volunteer yourself, your Pack, or your Troop to help with the Cub and Family Camp, please contact Ron.

2022 Staff Advisor: Ron Turpin

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Checkout

Please see a staff member for a checkout. Once your Pack/Family has checked out, your unit will be ready to leave.

