

**MANATEE DISTRICT  
CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP  
PARENT GUIDE  
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COUNCIL**

**JUNE 11 –15, 2018  
(Monday – Friday)**

**At**

**CAMP FLYING EAGLE**

**16009 Upper Manatee River Road, Bradenton, Florida 34212**

## **Welcome and Introduction**

Welcome friends to Manatee District's 2018 Cub Scout Day Camp! Thank you for registering your Scout to be a part of this year's program. I know your Scout will have a fun, rewarding and growing experience and so will you if you have also decided to join our team of fantastic leaders and volunteers. Toward that end, we have created this guide to help you and your Scout plan and prepare for this year's program, understand what to expect at camp and to understand what is expected of you and all the other campers during your time with us.

## **Objectives and Philosophy of Cub Scout Day Camp**

"Fun with a Purpose" is what strive for as we teach our campers Scouting values in a safe and exciting outdoor environment. We focus on teamwork, sportsmanship and respect for each other, the outdoors and for Scouting.

## **Goals**

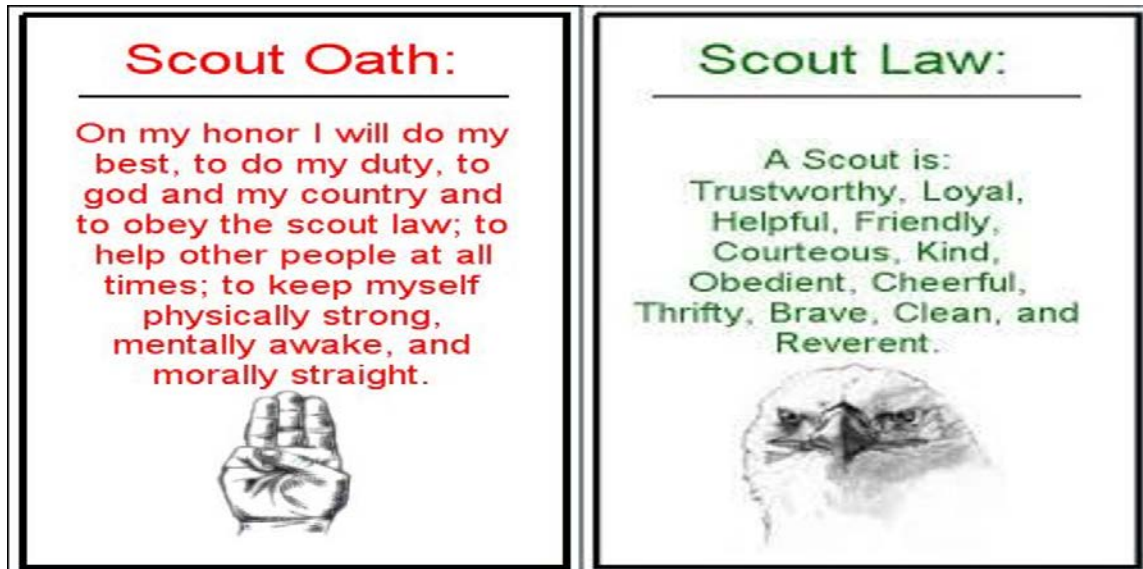
The goals of the Manatee District Cub Scout Day Camp program are to provide an exciting and adventurous outdoor opportunity for our Cub Scouts to experience personal growth, meet new friends, enhance their understanding of and learn to appreciate the outdoors, learn new skills and embrace the ideals and values of the Scouting experience, all while having an exorbitant amount of fun!

## **Behavioral Outcomes While at Camp**

Scouts will be able to demonstrate living the Scout Oath and Scout Law in an outdoor setting with the other members of their den for an entire week with the positive influences of other Scouts and leaders. Following the day camp experience, each Scout should be able to articulate to their parents and friends at least one new experience or apply a new skill for each program or activity that they attempted during camp.

## **Boy Scouts of America Mission Statement**

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### **Registration and Fees**

Registering your Scout for day camp and paying fees is done on the Southwest Florida Council's website at <http://www.swflcouncilbsa.org> under the "Calendar/Event Registration" tab. Find the day camp dates for Manatee District on the calendar and click the link to begin the process. This year's camp dates are **Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. When registering your Scout, remember he will be attending day camp in June at the next higher rank/grade level than he was the previous year. A Scout is not completely registered for day camp until all fees are paid. This year the fee is \$85 for all Cub Scouts.

For those boys who are just joining the Boy Scouts of America and they are attending camp the fee for membership and camp is \$116.25. Please contact Brandon Cicco at: 407-928-1009 or [www.BeAScout.org](http://www.BeAScout.org) to find your closest Cub Scout Pack.

Extra t-shirts made be pre-ordered for \$10 and hats for \$15.

A discount of \$25 is offered to the family of a Scout when an adult (over 21) volunteers to be on the day camp staff for ALL five days.

Registration will close on May 24<sup>th</sup> and all fees are due to the council service center by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Fees not paid by that time will be subject to and \$25 late fee per Scout.

The Southwest Florida Council Cancellation Policy: Once registration fees have been paid, an individual may become ill or otherwise be unable to attend an event. Since the event has already incurred expenses related to the activity such as program supplies, food, patches, etc, event fees are non-refundable & non-transferrable. An exception may be made if a request is received in writing or by email (not phone) and submitted to the Southwest Florida Council Office by the individual no less than 72 hours before the date of the event. In some cases, only a partial refund can be made. Refunds for inclement weather will be made only if the event is cancelled. No refunds will be given for credit card processing fees.

### **Check-In**

The next important administrative action is Check-in. This is when we collect campers required BSA Health Forms (Parts A & B), alternate adult pick up designation forms (who else do you authorize to sign your child out from day camp?), permission forms for Webelos use of pocket knives (if required) and any unpaid fees. We will confirm den assignments, issue camp t-shirts (a mandatory requirement to wear at camp each day) and answer any further questions you may have.

Early check-in schedule is as follows:

### **Thursday, June 7, 2018**

6:00pm - 8:00pm

First Presbyterian Church of Bradenton

1402 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, 34205

### **Saturday, June 9, 2018**

9:00am-2:00pm

Camp Flying Eagle

16009 Upper Manatee River Road, Bradenton, 34212

## **Swim Test Requirements**

The swimmer and beginner classification tests defined in Safe Swim Defense will be administered at the Saturday check-in event following the procedures specified in *Aquatics Supervision, No. 34346* at the Saturday check-in at Camp Flying Eagle.

Attending early check-in will be helpful to avoid lines and delays on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, the first day of camp. Families that do not complete early check-in, must do so before your Scout can join camp activities on day one of camp.

## **Sign-In and Sign-Out**

The third and perhaps most important administrative process for parents (or your designated representative) must be involved with is the daily sign-in and sign-out of your Scout with his den leader. Every morning, adults must park their cars in the parking lot and escort their Scout to his den table. Cub Scouts (Lions-Tigers-Wolves and Bears in Kindergarten-third grade) gather in the main dining hall facility and the Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade) gather at the Rotary Pavilion. You will need to remain at the table your Scout has been assigned to until your leader is present and then you will need to sign them in on the sheets provided handing the responsibility of your Scout over to the camp staff or sign them out when leaving for the day. You will follow this same procedure in the afternoon when you pick your Scout up at the end of the day at 4:30pm. Please be sure to pick up your Scout on time each day out of respect for the many volunteers that will be needing to get home to their families as well.

*This simple, five-minute procedure is so important to ensure the safety and security of all of our Scouts. Scouts can get lost between the parking lot and their den if not escorted to the den table and no parent wants to consider the idea of someone other than you or your designee taking your child away from camp.*

**PLEASE, DO NOT DROP YOUR SCOUT OFF AND LEAVE IF YOUR LEADER IS NOT THERE YET.**

## **Late Sign-In and Early Sign-Out**

If you must sign-in your Scout late or sign him out early, you will do so at the Health Lodge (please see the map for the location.) Camp staff at the Health

Lodge will complete the sign-in or sign-out process and escort your Scout to or from their den. Do not go to the den tables or try to find your scout on your own.

Before you may go to the Health Lodge you must check-in at the Camp Directors office just past the gate and get a pass permitting you to be on property. (This is a security measure that must be followed).

## **Absences**

Please call the camp if your child will not be in camp that day. Camp staff will call the parents of any absent campers to confirm the absence and avoid the possibility of a child lost between the parking lot and den tables. Absences should be phoned to: 941-448-3451.

## **Health Care at Day Camp**

The camp has a registered nurse as Health Officer at camp at all times. The camp health officer dispenses any medications your Scout requires during camp, provided it is in the original packaging with the label and your son's health record specifies the need. Please highlight medications, severe allergies or other medical conditions to camp staff when you turn-in the health forms at check-in. Parents must bring enough medications for the week to the health officer in the Health Lodge on the first day of camp. Excess medications will be returned on Friday at the close of camp. If your son requires an inhaler or epi-pen, discuss this with the health officer and den leader. The health officer also treats injuries and illnesses at camp, determines if further medical treatment is needed or an early return home are needed, and calls parents as needed.

## **Campers with Special Needs**

We strive to make accommodations to campers with special needs in physical, mental or emotional areas. Day camp leaders will coordinate with parents and caregivers to understand the limitations and needs of campers, place them in a suitable den and provide alternative transportation, activities, or treatment as needed. If appropriate, den leaders will be made aware of the special needs and will confirm their ability to support them. The most common examples of a special need is: a child who must report to the Health Lodge at a certain time each day for medication or awareness of extreme allergies and the use of inhalers or epi-pens. Other examples include: accommodating wheel chairs, sight or hearing

impairments, or mental or emotional conditions that may require a different way of interacting with the child to facilitate their enjoyment and learning.

## **What to Bring to Camp**

***Wear:*** Camp T-shirt (mandatory every day)

Swim Trunks (we recommend just wearing them all day)

Socks and comfortable, closed-toe shoes (no sandals, crocs or flip flops)

Sunscreen and insect repellent (parent-applied; volunteers may not apply sunscreen to your child)

***Bring:*** Sack lunch, labeled with name and den number.

A small backpack or bag for carrying his stuff and his take home projects.

Hat to protect from the sun

Water bottle or canteen

Towel

Medications (in original packaging to be turned in to the Camp Health Officer)

Inhalers, epi-pens or other emergency medical equipment (discuss w/ Health officer & den leader)

Rain coat or poncho

## **What Not to Bring to Camp**

Pocket knives or any weapons (real or toy)

Electronic devices, including games, phones, music players, or laser pointers

Gum

Tobacco

Matches, lighters or flammables

## **Rules and Policies at Camp**

The Buddy System is mandatory.

Fun is mandatory.

Campers must respect each other, their leaders, camp facilities and nature.

Stay with your den.

The Scout Oath and Scout Law guide us in our behavior.

Discipline: Campers having difficulty following the rules and not following leaders' instructions and corrective actions, may be sent to the Camp Director for some time out of the fun. Continued misbehavior may require parental involvement or dismissal from camp.

## **Important Rules and Policies for Adult Participants and Parents**

Please pick up only your own son and/or make written arrangements with the camp staff to designate someone else to pick up your child. Two deep leadership applies to all adults interacting with youth at day camp. There will be no smoking at camp; the designated smoking area is the camp entrance on Upper Manatee River Road. We welcome parents to visit camp and see how their Scout is doing, but please first check in with the camp staff at the Admin building next to the pedestrian path into camp to receive a guest pass to be on property.

Additionally, **CLOSE TOED SHOES ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON CAMP PROPERTY. PLEASE DO NOT WEAR FLIP FLOPS OR OPEN TOED SHOES OF ANY KIND WHEN DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP YOUR SCOUT.** Following this simple rule sets a good example to our Scouts and volunteers.

## **Theme and Activities**

Our theme this year is: "Scout Wars: May the Skills Be With You." Every activity, presentation, and event encompasses the highly popular galactic movie series Star Wars! Our opening ceremony begins at 8:20am on the first day of camp and 8:05am thereafter; each morning at the flagpole on the parade field, after which the dens rotate through a series of activity areas spread across Camp Flying Eagle. At midday, all campers have a 35-minute lunch period at their den table (sign in location) followed by a 30-minute rest period; listening to an interesting guest speaker. A closing ceremony concludes camp each day with the presentation of awards. The program of activities is essentially the same each day, but specific games, crafts and activities vary day to day. An important way to beat the heat is scheduling a wet activity (pool and water games) in both the morning and the afternoon. We also alternate between physically active and quiet activities.

## **Day Camp Staff**

Our day camp staff is comprised completely of volunteers who have generously donated their time and energy to help make a great experience for over 200 Cub Scouts. Many members of our staff have worked for six months or more to plan, organize, train, order, purchase, assemble, test and otherwise create a safe and exciting program of activities. Other staff members have volunteered to spend the entire week at camp, mostly as den leaders to help the campers have fun by keeping them safe, engaged, challenged and on schedule. All of our staff are



important and valued members of the team and deserve the gratitude and respect of campers and parents.

### **Dens and Den Leaders**

The fundamental element of all of Cub Scouting is the den. At our day camp, we organize our 200+ Scouts into 28 dens of 7 – 10 boys of the same age group (Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light). Adult volunteers act as Den leaders to ensure campers' safety, security and fun by accounting for all den members as they are signed in by their parents/designated adult. Den leaders help the Scouts understand the events and activities of camp and help them have fun at each activity area and particularly in between activities.

### **Advancement**

While advancement is not the primary purpose of day camp, we do offer opportunities for Scouts to earn awards and recognition that aid their progression through the Cub Scout ranks and enhance their enjoyment of the Scouting program. At the end of camp, the staff will provide a letter to parents and unit leaders describing the adventures entirely or partially completed.

### **Contact Information**

Camp Flying Eagle

16009 Upper Manatee River Road, Bradenton, 34212

Directions: Take Highway 64 (Manatee Ave) east of I-75 about 5 miles and turn north on Upper Manatee River Rd for about 2.5 miles.

Camp Flying Eagle is well marked on the north side of the road.

**Camp Director:** Lisa Van Beuren (cell phone) 941-448-3451

**Camp email:** Scoutwars2018@gmail.com