

Belk Summer Camp 2026

Day Camp

Pack Leader Guide

Day Camp: Monday, July 13th through Friday, July 17th

Mecklenburg County Council provides an accredited, organized, theme-related outdoor camping program for Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Scout leaders and parents.

For questions, please contact: Camp Director, Alan Keiger: alan.keiger@scouting.org



Hello Campers!

Welcome to Belk Summer Camp, home of Cub Scout Summer Day Camp. The natural location of the camp provides a perfect setting for camping and adventure for your Cub Scouts. The camp offers many program facilities including a lake for fishing, shooting sport areas for BB and archery, a 40-foot climbing tower, a 25-meter swimming pool, and a full lunch service dining hall (air conditioning and coffee!).

The biggest change for 2026 is the reversion of day camp to 5 exciting, fun-filled days! Webelos Adventure Camp has moved to Camp Grimes, July 12-16.

We will not have a youth staff at Belk, so we will NEED parent volunteers to run stations and walk with the Cubs. One adult is required to be registered and volunteer for every 4 Scouts attending.

We know that camp needs to be a safe and comfortable place for you and your Scouts, so we have many safety procedures in place and have consolidated the program stations as much as we can to the front of camp to reduce travel times but increased free time for the Trading Post! For the Scouts' safety, every volunteer must take Scouting America's Safeguarding Youth Training and the Hazardous Weather course.

We are committed to preparing and planning for another safe and successful summer camping season, and we look forward to watching the Scouts grow and learn again this summer.

Yours in Scouting,

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Unit Camp Coordinator

The Unit Camp Coordinator will be the camp's primary point of contact in advance of camp and will be the person camp staff contacts for any issues and to disseminate information to your unit about camp. (You CAN register individually.) If someone in your Pack attended Camp last year, they might be the ideal person to tell your Pack all about the upcoming Camp. Plan by:

- Recruiting volunteers to maintain the 1 to 4 necessary adult to scout ratio
- Collecting *Annual Health and Medical Record - Boy Scouts, 680-001_AB, 2019* form completed for each Youth and Adult attending camp. Note that forms prior to 2019 will not be accepted.
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>
- Front and back of insurance cards from all attendees.
- Youth protection certificates from adult volunteers.
- Coordinate carpool for the campers.

Registration

Unit registration is open!

For the first step of registration, you will:

- List all of the campers (adults and youth) including:
 - Gender
 - Age & rank for Scouts
 - T-shirt size; order additional shirts if desired
 - Special dietary needs

Full payment is due once your roster is complete. Late fees apply after **May 31**.

Day Camp is open to Cub Scouts Tiger through Arrow of Light, with activities heavily geared toward Tigers through Bears. Tigers **MUST** have a parent present at camp to attend. Registration should be their **rising rank** heading into the next program year. The Cub Scouts are likely Lion through Webelos when registered, but please indicate their rank when attending Day Camp so that they are included in appropriate dens.

Cub Scouts attending Day Camp will be placed into age/rank appropriate dens. They will likely be mixed with scouts from other units of the same age/rank and gender. This will be done at the discretion of camp administration based on Day Camp roster and program availability.

Activity schedules for each den will be determined by camp administration. Schedules will be set based on age/rank appropriateness and program availability.

Me Toos (Tot Lot)

Day Camp will offer a Me Too (Tot Lot) program for younger siblings of Scout-aged campers. Me Too campers must be the children of an adult volunteering on camp staff. A parent/guardian must be present at camp for the

Me Too camper to remain on camp. Me Too campers must be potty trained. Me Too campers will be registered separately from the unit’s other campers. Please refer to the camp website for additional details.

Youth Protection

All adults must be registered with Scouting unless attending as a parent/legal guardian of a Scout.

In order to maintain Safeguarding Youth guidelines, the minimum leadership requirements for any unit attending camp is a ratio of two adults to a maximum of eight Scouts and one additional adult for each four Scouts (or part thereof). (One **SYT trained** adult to 4 youth ratio, minimum two adults)

Youth (total)	Leaders (total)
1 to 8	2
9 to 12	3
13 to 16	4
17 to 20	5
21 to 24	6
25 to 28	7
And so on...	

Two Deep Leadership must always be observed.

Buddy System

The Buddy System should be used by all Scouts during camp. An adult / Scout pair is not a buddy pair. Buddies should be youth only and must be same gender. Camp staff does not know that an adult & Scout walking together may be parent/child. They are trained to watch for one-on-one contact between an adult and Scout. Help prepare your Scout for Scouting America summer camp and encourage them to find a Scout buddy.

Camp Cost

	Youth
In Council (MCC)	\$200
Payment made after May 31	
In Council (MCC)	\$215

Any registrations after the deadline will be accepted based on availability.

Cancellation Policy

Units are encouraged to replace a Scout or leader whenever possible instead of cancelling or dropping out. However, it does happen from time to time. If a Scout or adult is unable to attend, the unit coordinator should contact the camp director to explain the change. All cancellations will be accepted up until **May 31** for a

100% refund and to **July 1** for a 50% refund. After **July 1**, no refunds will be approved. The Scout Office will process all refunds after camp.

Camperships

No Scout will be denied the opportunity to attend camp due to financial hardship. Camperships are available up to half the registration fee. Applications are available; please contact the Council office or camp director for an application. LEADER APPROVAL is required to submit an application. Note: Council Deadline for Camperships is **May 1**.

Volunteer / Siblings Policy

Everyone on camp must bring a BSA health form with them. Volunteers, Me-Toos and Den Chiefs need to be registered in advance.

Check-In

On Day 1 of Day Camp everyone must stop at the Health Lodge for a review of medical forms. Once medical forms have been reviewed and accepted by camp staff, vehicles will be allowed to drive to the Dining Hall to drop off campers. If the driver is remaining on camp to serve on camp staff for the day, they will be allowed to park at the Dining Hall. Refer to the Vehicle Policy for additional details.

Check-Out

Each day at 4:30 p.m. the front gates of camp will be opened to allow vehicles to drive to the Dining Hall to begin picking up campers. NOTE: Scouts will still be moving around the property so you **MUST** adhere to the strict 10 mph speed limit. Be on the lookout for children.

Please make sure to take home swim clothes and towels to be brought back to camp the next day.

On the last day of Day Camp, medical forms can be returned to the unit coordinator.

Late Arrival / Early Departure

Campers arriving late or departing early must check in/out with camp staff. Parents will not be allowed to drive on camp. A staff member will meet the parent or guardian at the health office.

Swim Checks

Day Camp participants are not required to pass the swim test, as the Scouts are kept to the shallow end of the pool.

Vehicles in Camp

Safety is our goal. Vehicles are the number one cause of serious injuries to Scouts.

If you need your vehicle in camp outside of these times or there is a medical need for a vehicle, please contact the Camp Director for arrangements.

Only authorized camp staff may drive a golf cart.

Please Note: A campwide 10 mph speed limit is strictly enforced to minimize the possibly of incident or injury.

As of 9 a.m. each day, the front gate of camp will be closed to traffic. The gate will reopen at 4:30 p.m. for check-out. Parking will be allowed in the Dining Hall lot and the Health Lodge lot. Parking is not allowed in any other area of the camp without the express permission of the Camp Director.

Trading Post

Each camp will offer a Trading Post with a small inventory of emergency items, along with assorted snacks, refreshments including water, sodas, slushies and coffee as well as scout-themed souvenirs. The Day Camp trading post is open throughout the duration of camp. A best practice is that each Pack establish a banking system with an adult banker to help safeguard the money the scouts bring to camp. Mecklenburg County Council is not responsible for monies lost or misplaced. Cash, cards and many forms of electronic payment (Apple Pay, Google Pay, Cash App, etc.) will be accepted (no checks).

Dining Hall, Camp Kitchen, and Meals

Lunch will be provided each day in the dining hall. Snacks will also be available to the den leaders each morning.

Special Dietary Needs

Please note any special diets or restrictions in the “*Special Diet*” section during the online registration. Only campers who indicate a special dietary need at the time of registration will be accommodated at mealtimes. We are unable to accommodate special needs without prior notice ahead of camp. Personal food may only be stored in the dining hall with permission of the Kitchen Manager. Please contact the Camp Director before camp to make arrangements.

Kitchen & Dining Hall Facilities

The Camp Kitchen is a restricted area for your health and safety. Only authorized camp staff are allowed in the kitchen. Please do not enter the kitchen without permission from the Kitchen Manager.

The Dining Hall is a common area at camp and phones or other electronic devices may be charged there. Items left in the Dining Hall are done so at your own risk and are not the responsibility of Mecklenburg County Council.

Absolutely no food deliveries will be allowed through the gate.

Uniform Requirements

Keep it light, keep it fun! Activity uniforms (class B shirt) should be worn each day.

Each camper will be given two annual theme inspired camp shirts at check-in on day 1 of camp.

A Special Note about footwear: Closed-toed shoes such as tennis/running shoes or boots should be worn in camp at all times. No Crocs, flip-flops, Keens, or open toed/sided shoes in camp. For everyone's safety, this rule will be enforced for both campers and visitors.

Camp Etiquette

All Scouts and adults are expected to follow the guiding principles of the Scout Oath and Law. Principles of Outdoor Ethics should also be adhered to throughout your stay.

Gear

Keep it light! Day Campers do not need much in the way of gear. A day bag with a water bottle, a sun hat and sunscreen, maybe insect repellent is about all that is needed. Swim clothes and a pool towel should be placed in a separate bag (with your name on it) to be dropped off in the den bin on check-in each morning.

Medical & Medication Information

All medical forms are reviewed by the adult staff at check-in for completion. Allergies are noted with food allergies or dietary restrictions being sent to the kitchen staff. The camp health officer will also review medical forms for pertinent information.

An opportunity will be provided to turn in medical forms a week or more before camp begins. It is highly recommended that each unit try to collect the forms and turn them in early. This allows camp staff to review the forms before camp begins and report back to unit if there is any missing information. This process will greatly speed up the check-in process and save your unit time on check-in day.

Prescription medication should be in its original pharmacy container, properly identified and labeled. Self-administered medications are permitted to be administered by the Scouts themselves with the supervision of the pack leaders and adults. Medications that are routinely carried on your person, such as an inhaler or EpiPen (epinephrine autoinjector), should be carried with the camper at all times. Packs should consider a lock box to keep all prescription medications with them and secure.

Telephone Service

The use of cell phones/watches by youth campers is strongly discouraged. Youth attending camp with a mobile phone must inform the unit leader. The camp is not responsible for damage to or lost phones or watches. If you need to reach your Scout during camp hours, call or text one of the listed directors.

Access Statement

Day Camp is available to all persons with special needs and abilities. Every reasonable effort will be made to meet the needs of all campers. Advanced notice of special requirements is greatly appreciated. For further information or assistance, please contact the Camp Director.

Non-Discrimination Statement

Camping at Belk Scout Camp is available to all youth registered in the Scouting America regardless of race, creed, nationality, religious preference, or gender.