

Lost Lake Summer Camp Leader's Guide

2026

Dates



July 5-11, 2026	Scouts BSA Resident Camp
May 1, 2026	FOS discount deadline
May 15, 2026	Early bird deadline
May 31, 2026	Campership deadline



Dear Scouts and Scouters,

Thank you for choosing Lost Lake Scout Camp as your summer camp destination. Our traditions began long before anyone ever dreamed of a multi-purpose Scout Camp.

Throughout our history, we have been providing the best quality programs and have become a home for many Scouts, Scouters, Units, and Staff. This year, we continue the commitment to excellence that Lost Lake Scout Camp is known for, while going above and beyond the several new programs and services.

We are delighted that you and/or your unit has chosen to take part in our experience. The directors and key leaders are busy planning an incredible program. We have an exceptional group of returning staff along with some new faces to ensure that we exceed you and/or your unit's expectations.

All units participating at Lost Lake Summer Camp are required to HAVE FUN! Programs offered during camp are designed to support troop programs. No scout or scouter should feel compelled to participate in all activities offered. In fact, each troop is encouraged to plan and carry out at least one troop or inter-patrol activity. Lost Lake Scout Camp provides ample opportunities for everyone to have a great experience year after year. If you missed some activities this year - there is always next year.

This guidebook provides you with details about our programs, procedures, and services. Please read this guidebook thoroughly to prepare you and/or your unit to make the most of your adventure at Lost Lake.

I am excited, pleased, and honored to serve as the Midnight Sun Council Director of Camping. My goal is to ensure every Scout and Scouter who comes through our gates has his/her own "Lost Lake Scout Camp Experience." If you have any questions, concerns, and/or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Again, thank you for choosing Lost Lake Scout Camp as your summer destination. See you at camp!

Yours in Scouting,

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Camp Information

Camp Location - Lost Lake Scout Camp is situated on over 625 acres and lies between the Tanana River and Birch Lake on the beautiful 90-acre Lost Lake (Chisholm Lake) Lost Lake Scout Camp is located approximately 60 miles south of Fairbanks on the Richardson Highway.

Highway 2 Milepost 306 GPS 64° 18' N 146° 41' W

Camp Mail - Scout's Name
Troop Number
% Lost Lake Scout Camp
Mile 58.5 Richardson Hwy, HCR 10
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Phone Use - Lost Lake is not close to any cell tower. AT&T has the best reception but is not reliable. There are also dead zones all over camp. Because of connection issues, camp Wi-Fi is limited to camp operations. The Honor Lodge has a land-line phone for emergencies only.

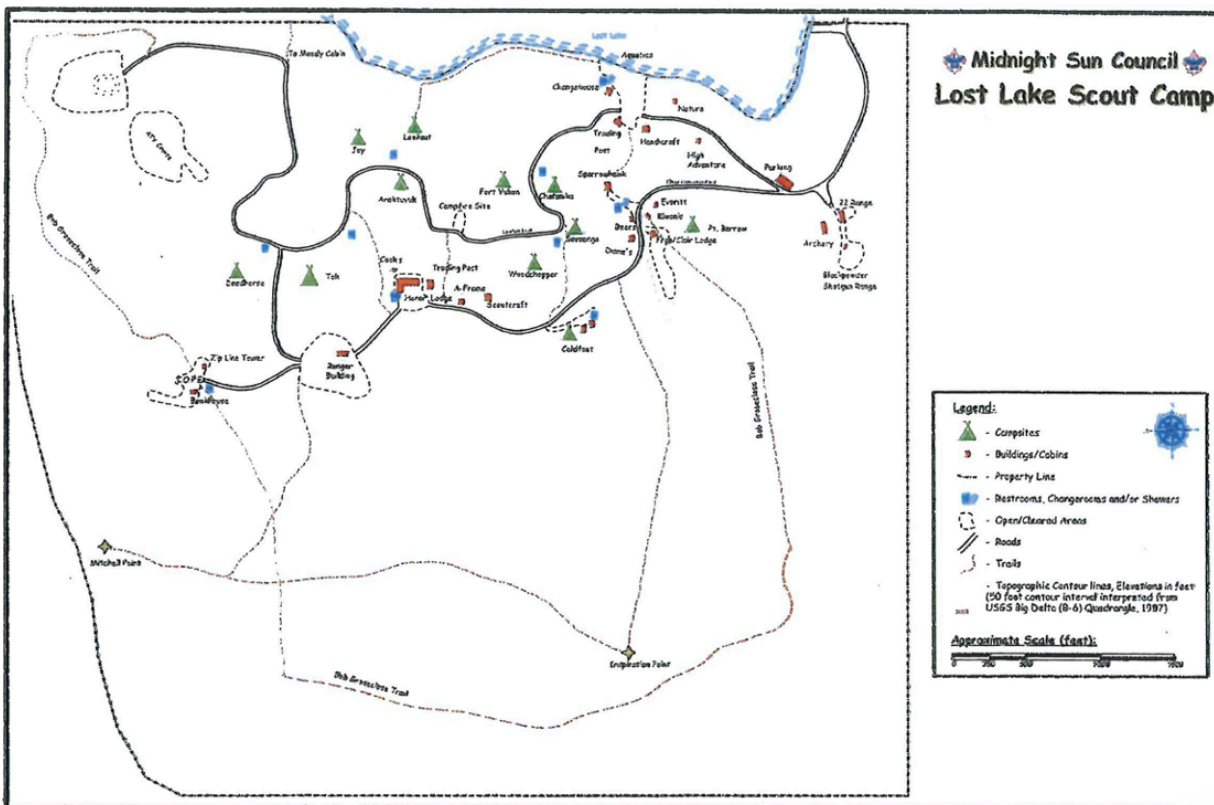
Camp Amenities

The Midnight Sun Council keeps improving the camp facilities to keep up with the changing times.

- * Year-round dining facility w/ classrooms
- * Summertime ADA accessible campsite
- * Cabins with wood stoves & new bunkbeds in 2026

Midnight Sun Council Office - Phone number 907.452.1976

Camp Map



Camp Fees

First, collect the name, age, gender, t-shirt size, allergies, food restrictions, and emergency contact information for each participant. Next, go to <https://scoutingevent.com/696-ScoutsBSAResident> and fill out the online registration form. If you need assistance, please contact the scout office at 907.452.1976. You may request a campsite, but we will assign campsites by the size of the troops. All fees must be paid no later than the arrival to camp.

Midnight Sun Council Troop Fees			
	Early Bird Rate*	Regular Rate	New Scout Rate***
Regular Price	\$425	\$475	\$425
FOS Discount Price**	\$400	\$450	\$400

Out-of-Council Troop Fees			
	Early Bird Rate*	Regular Rate	New Scout Rate***
Regular Price	\$450	\$500	\$450

* Early Bird discount ends **May 15th**

** Friends of Scouting (FOS) discounts are available for Midnight Sun Council scouts in recognition for meeting their FOS goal by **May 1st**

*** Transferring Webelos or New Scouts who join Scouts BSA can use the Early Bird rate

Adult Fee - Each adult will be charged \$200. Any adult who attends on a daily basis will be prorated to \$50 per day. The first adult fee will be waived for the first 8 scouts attending camp as a thank you for accompanying your troop to camp.

Camperships - Available only for Midnight Sun Council scouts. There is a limited amount of money to help scouts in need of financial assistance. Applications are available at the Scout Office. Deadline is before the end of business day on **May 31st**.

Refund Policy - All fees are refundable, with the exception of the unit's initial non-refundable deposit of \$100 until **June 1st**. After June 1st, fees are non-refundable and cannot be transferred to another unit. No refund will be given if a Scout or Scouter is sent home for disciplinary action or inattention to Safe Scouting standards. In addition, if a Scout or Scouter chooses to leave camp early, no refund will be given. Refunds for extenuation circumstances must be requested in writing to the Midnight Sun Council and received no later than one week following the departure from camp.

Program Fees

Some merit badges have additional fees to pay for supplies (kits), ammo, or other expenses to complete the merit badge. All fees must be paid for no later than camp check-in. Fees may also be paid at the trading post.

Climbing	\$30	C.O.P.E.	\$30
Motorboating	\$10	Water Sports	\$25
All Shooting Sports	\$15		
		Zipline	
Shooting Sports Free Shoot	\$5		\$5
Visitor Meal (ages 11+)	\$10		
(ages 3-10)	\$5		

Camp Rules & Regulations

It is the primary goal of the Midnight Sun Council to provide a safe, quality program for all scouts and scouters. The following policies are in effect for the Midnight Sun Council and for Lost Lake Scout Camp. If any person or persons violates any of the policies, the scout executive will be notified. The person or persons will also be removed from scout property.

The scout executive, district executive, camp director, and/or camp ranger may at their sole discretion direct an individual or group to leave camp property for other serious misconduct not covered in the guide.

Forbidden Activities

- * Hunting
- * Snow machining
- * ATV riding
- * Smoking (may go to the public boat launch)
- * Riding in truck beds or on trailers
- * Towing on sleds, skateboards, etc.
- * Starting fires w/ any type of fuel

Forbidden Items

- * Fireworks
- * Personal firearms or ammunition
- * Personal animals (service animals allowed)
- * Illegal Drugs
- * Alcohol

Camp Attendance

National policy is to keep track of attendance of everyone on property during camp week(s). You are signed in when check-in is done. If anyone, scout or scouter, is leaving camp, each person needs to **sign out** at the Honor Lodge. Upon returning to camp, each person needs to **sign in** at the Honor Lodge.

Restricted Areas

Scouts and scouters are **always** restricted from all staff areas. Campsites of other troops are off limits, but may be visited with prior permission. Passing through other campsites is also off limits. **Raids** of any kind will be grounds for removal from camp. No refunds for removal from camp for disciplinary actions.

Visitors

All visitors to camp must **sign in** upon arriving at camp and **sign out** upon leaving camp. All visitors must have a visitor pass visible. Visitor access may be limited to certain areas of camp.

Parents/visitors are invited to visit on Wednesday evening starting at 5pm. Parents/visitors may dine with the campers, however, reservations are requested to make sure that we have enough food for extra people. Parents/visitors wishing to eat must purchase a ticket. Tickets are available at the scout office or the trading post. Tickets will also be available at the Honor Lodge at dinner time on Wednesday.

Personal Animals

No personal animals of any kind may be brought to Lost Lake Scout Camp. Service animals are allowed.

Firearms

Firearms and ammo are available at camp to be used only at the rifle or shotgun range. **No personal firearms or personal ammo** may be on Lost Lake Scout Camp property.

Vehicle Policy

Troops may drive to their campsite using Loveless Loop Road (which is one way starting at the Honor Lodge) and unload their equipment. Trailers may be parked in a designated area near their campsite. All vehicles must be parked in designated areas; some campsites have space to park a vehicle. Loveless Loop Road must stay clear so that necessary camp/emergency vehicles may be able to drive through. There is a parking lot at the fork as you enter camp. To keep out camp in compliance with the National Camp Accreditation Program standards, **there will be no driving of vehicles during camp week unless authorized by the camp director.**

- * Seat belts are required for all vehicle occupants
- * Driver must be at least 18 and currently licensed
- * Camp speed limit is 10 miles per hour

Alcohol & Illegal Drugs

Alcohol and illegal drugs are not permitted on camp property.

Tobacco

Adults should not use tobacco products around young people. Under 21 by State of Alaska law are not permitted to use tobacco. Lost Lake Scout Camp is a smoke/vape/chew free facility. The public boat launch is the closest designated smoking area to camp.

Prescription Drugs

All prescription drugs must be checked in with the Health Officer upon arrival to camp. The Health Officer is required by National to keep all prescription drugs locked up at the Honor Lodge at all times. Medication will be distributed by the Health Officer as prescribed. All prescription drugs must be in the original containers. EpiPens and inhalers may be kept with the user as long as the Health Officer is aware that they have them.

Immunizations

All attendees are required to have immunizations that meet the State of Alaska school attendance requirements before attending camp. All immunizations must be listed on the BSA medical form.

Health & Medical Forms

All scouts and scouters must have completed parts **A, B, and C** of the Annual Health and Medical Record before coming to camp. A physical examination with a **doctor's signature** must be within the last 12 months of the end of camp date. It is the scout's or scouter's responsibility to check-in for camp with a current and completed Health Form parts A, B, C. Failure to have all necessary paperwork will prevent camp participation, **No Exceptions**.

Registration/Insurance

In accordance with National policy, every scout and scouter that attends summer camp must be registered with Scouting America. Midnight Sun Council provides accident and illness insurance for all registered members of the Midnight Sun Council.

Emergency Procedures

Emergency procedures will be posted on camp bulletin boards. As a rule, scouts and scouters hearing the siren must report immediately to the parade grounds at the front of the Honor Lodge without delay. Instructions will then be given as to what needs to happen. Leaders must take attendance to make sure that all are accounted for.

Health and Safety

All precautions for the safety of scouts and scouters will be taken. The first aid room in the Honor Lodge is available with a qualified Health Officer on duty 24 hours a day. In addition, Lost Lake Scout Camp has an agreement with a local physician and Fairbanks Memorial Hospital if additional medical treatment is deemed necessary. In the case of a non-threatening emergency, the troop leader may be asked to provide transportation as directed. Emergency services will be called for transportation of critical situations.

Troop Leadership

Each troop must always have two registered adults in camp. Both Leaders must be at least 21 by the first day of camp. Additionally, at least one adult must be female if the troop has female youth in camp. If there is a substitution of troop leaders, then there must be an overlapping period to ensure that there are two leaders for that troop.

Uniforms

BSA field uniform is to be worn by scouts and scouters for morning and evening flags, at the Scout's Own service, and all campfire productions. There may be additional times where field uniforms may be suggested. Activity uniforms are acceptable for all other times.

Footwear

All scouts and scouters should have proper footwear. Only closed toe shoes (sneakers, hiking boots, water boots, etc.) are allowed outside of the waterfront. Sandals may be worn at the waterfront. Having more than one pair of footwear is suggested just in case something happens or the weather changes.

Dining Hall

Meals are served at the Honor Lodge cafeteria style. Special dietary needs can be met by informing the Midnight Sun Council office **at least 1 month in advance** to ensure that special items can be attained. Any scout or scouter may also bring any special dietary food to camp as long as it is given to the Camp Cook **labeled in a container**.

Wildlife at Camp

Notify an adult or staff member if you see any wildlife other than squirrels, ermines, or birds.

Lost Lake has many different types of wildlife on property at different times. During summer camp, most wildlife leave camp due to human activity and noise. Be aware of your surroundings and create some noise to reduce startling wildlife. Do not approach any wild animal. Enjoy watching the wildlife from a safe distance. Keep all areas picked up and put away properly. Be cautious with all wild animals and please **do not** feed them. We do not want wild animals to realize that humans mean food. If wild animals become accustomed to human food, they will have to be removed. **Making noise will help prevent surprising them. Travel in groups.**

Porcupines, wolves, coyotes, foxes, and lynx do not usually pose a threat to humans. However, those infected with rabies or those who have been fed by people, can be dangerous. Some animals have been seen in the water.

Squirrels, ermines (weasel family), and birds also do not pose a threat to humans. They can be a camp nuisance. They have been known to chew through most anything to get food and other smellables. They have been known to steal small items so do not leave out your possessions.

Moose have been seen at Lost Lake during summer camp. **Making noise will help prevent surprising them.** Moose can be very dangerous if they think you are a threat to them. Cows with a calf are some of the most dangerous wild animals. Usually a moose will either freeze or run to avoid encounters. If a moose's ears go back, it is a warning that you are in imminent danger. If you see a calf, quickly find where the mother moose is; **never get between the mother and the calf.** If you get charged by a moose, get behind a large obstacle (tree, vehicle, etc.) or inside a building. If there is nothing for you to protect yourself with, then curl up into a ball to protect your vital organs to the best of your ability; the moose stomps to protect itself.

Bears have been seen at Lost Lake during summer camp. **Making noise will help prevent surprising them.** The bears are usually black bears, but brown bears (grizzly bears) could also appear. Most bear attacks occur where bears have been "food conditioned" which means they have associated humans with food. Remote area attacks occur due to sudden close encounters where a bear was surprised at close range. Attacks are to neutralize the threat on the bear's part.

Bicycles at Camp

All scouts and scouters must abide by Lost Lake's bicycle policies. All bicycles must be inspected by a designated staff member to insure that the bicycle is in good working condition. All bicycles must have a current year visible inspection tag.

- * Must wear a properly fitted helmet
- * Must ride on the road, not on walking/hiking paths
- * Must yield to pedestrians
- * Must park in designated areas only
- * Riders must always ride at a controllable speed watching for pedestrians, traffic, and wildlife

Camp Staff

It is our desire to provide the best quality instructors. Staff arrives before camp opens to prepare for their program activities. Scouts, at least 15 years old by June 30th, are eligible to apply for a camp staff paid position. Scouts, who are 14 years old, may apply to be a counselor in training (CIT). Room and board are provided for all camp staff. Pay is based on educational/certification requirements, prior experience, and State of Alaska laws for employment.

Staff application can be accessed at <https://forms.gle/DnyK7PWd7GveDNvW9>

Campsite Responsibilities

All food and odorous materials (smellables) at the campsite must be stored properly so as to not attract wildlife. No food or smellables should ever be stored in tents.

Hand soap for the latrines (kybos) may be refilled at the Honor Lodge (do not throw the container away). Toilet paper, paper towels, trash bags, etc. can be obtained at the Honor Lodge.

All trash from campsites and latrines (kybos) must be bagged and put out at the road **no later than 8pm nightly**.

Waterlines

If you see the waterline leaking, please report it to the Camp Ranger or the Camp Director.

Quiet Hours

Scouts are asked to be in their assigned campsite and observe quiet hours between 10pm and 6:30am.

Camp Facilities

Campsites are located throughout the wooded area along Loveless Loop Road (one way from the Honor Lodge). Campsites have a faucet for running water. Some campsites have tent platforms and permanent shelters. There is one campsite that is ADA accessible.

Troops are expected to provide their own tents. If your troop is unable to provide tents, please contact the Midnight Sun Council Office.

Latrines (kybos) are shared with neighboring campsites. They have individual stalls.

Showers are located in High Adventure and near Sparrowhawk. Showers are private with individual stalls and hot water.

The waterfront has a dock for swimming and boating. There is a separate dock for fishing. All waterfront activities except fishing from the fishing dock require Lifeguards being on duty.

Separate shooting ranges for rifle, shotgun, and archery.

Other areas include Honor Lodge, trading post, climbing tower with zipline, C.O.P.E., program area pavilions, shooting ranges, and maintenance buildings,

Check in Procedures

The troop leader must bring the following to the Honor Lodge for check-in

- * Roster of all scouts and scouters attending camp
- * Proof of accident insurance coverage (only for out-of-council units)
- * Health forms for all participants. Parts A, B, and C must be within 12 months from the last day of camp.
- * Any scout/scouter with medication that the Health Officer needs to be given.
- * Any scout/scouter with special dietary needs that the Camp Cook needs to be aware of.

Check in schedule:

1:00 - 3:00 Only the troop leader will check in at the Honor Lodge with all paperwork and any person with medication or special dietary needs.

- Stations
- 1) Attendance confirmation roster with the Camp Director
 - 2) Health form checks with the Health Officer
 - 3) Receive scout merit badge schedules with the Program Director
 - 4) Receive camp shirts with the Camp Commissioner
 - 5) Any unpaid fees will be paid with the trading post staff.

1:00-5:00 You will be assigned a troop host at the Honor Lodge. Your troop host will guide the troop to your assigned campsite. The troop will unload equipment. Those doing the swim test will change into swimwear. The troop guide will give you a tour of the camp and leave you at the waterfront to complete all swim tests.

5:45 Evening flags (in field uniform)

6:00 Dinner

7:30 Scoutmaster & SPL meeting

8:30 Opening campfire

10:00 Campsite lights out (Quiet hours until 6:30am)

Early Arrivals/Late Departures approved only by the Camp Director. These meals are on your own.

Check Out Procedures

Check out can start after the Closing Campfire on Friday night.

Campsite - The Camp Commissioner or designated staff member will inspect the campsites once troops have cleared out their gear.

Honor Lodge - The troop leader will collect the blue cards and/or control sheets.
The troop's Health forms are collected from the Health Officer.

Lost Lake Scout Camp Program

One of the best reasons to attend summer camp is the wide variety of program opportunities for all Scouts. We make every effort to offer several programs that meet the needs of all Scouts. Here are some suggestions to take into consideration when choosing your camp program.

- * Merit badges are one component of camp and should not be the only focus.
- * Some programs require more physical skill, coordination, stamina, and/or more maturity for a deeper understanding of the subject.
- * Some merit badges cannot complete all requirements at camp. These merit badges have listed prerequisites listed to be done before arrival to camp. Experience shows that camp is not the ideal place to do written work. The smart scout will have the written work done before camp so that he/she can have fun outdoors.
- * Some merit badges are better to earn at summer camp due to availability. Range and waterfront programs may want to be chosen first. Environmental Science is a good one for camp too.
- * Some programs have age restrictions, minimum participant requirements, or maximum participant requirements.
- * Your campsite is your home away from home for the week. Make it comfortable. Make it your own.
- * Don't forget to schedule rest. Take time to sit and enjoy the beauty of camp, nature in general, and breathe the fresh air.
- * Make sure that you are getting rest at night. Take advantage of the quiet hour times.
- * Bring your spirited ideas and troop cheer to camp.
- * If you have a special need or want something, we will try our best to see how we can accommodate it.
- * Camp also needs everyone's help to be successful. There will be sign-up sheets in the Honor Lodge for troops to do Flags, Grace, Bathroom/Shower cleaning, Dining Hall cleaning, etc.
- * Be flexible. Our staff will do their best to help you and make camp a wonderful experience, but sometimes things happen that are beyond anyone's control.
- * Try something new. Meet new scouts. HAVE FUN!

Special Programs

Lost Lake Youth Recognition - The Falcon trail program is for scouts who take full advantage of the full Lost Lake Camp experience. The awards are progressive, so that returning scouts have additional challenges each year. Scouts who earn the award will be recognized during the Closing Campfire on Friday night. Requirements sheets are located at the Honor Lodge.

1st year = Kestrel

2nd year = Merlin

3rd year = Peregrine

Lost Lake Adult Recognition - This is like the Falcon trail program only for scouters to take full advantage of the full Lost Lake Camp experience. The awards are progressive, so returning scouters have additional challenges each year. Scouters who earn the award will be recognized during the Closing Campfire on Friday night. Requirements sheets are located at the Honor Lodge.

1st year = Ptarmigan

2nd year = Raven

3rd year = Great Gray Owl

Monday - Scout's Own is a chapel-like service at the Fire Bowl exploring the reverence of nature through many theologies and beliefs.

Wednesday - Order of the Arrow Day. If you are an OA member, please wear your sash to flags. Order of the Arrow is Scouting's version of a national honor society. OA is built around the lore of native Americans and the ideal of scouting (brotherhood, cheerful service to others, and nature). OA's purpose is to recognize scouts and scouters that exemplify the Scout Oath and Law.

Membership requirements include:

* Youth 1st Class or above

* 15 nights of camping (must have 5+ consecutive nights)

* Elected by your troop's peers

* Unit leader approval

Wednesday - Family Night Dinner is available for families to come out and see what is happening at camp. Prior knowledge of numbers would be helpful to make sure that we have enough food. Tickets are for purchase ahead of time at the trading post or that night at the Honor Lodge door. Flags are at 5:45pm; dinner is at 6pm.

Wednesday - Honor Trail is after dinner hosted by the Order Of the Arrow staff members. This is a short hike around Loveless Loop starting at the Honor Lodge and ending at the Fire Bowl. This explores a deeper meaning of the 12 points of the Scout Law.

2026 Theme - Party Like it's 1776 is this year's theme. Let's help celebrate the 250th Anniversary of America. Bring your party hats and your excitement to have fun.

COMING SOON

* Camping list

* Honor Troop form

* Daily schedule

* Offered programs

* Campsite Inspection form

* Merit Badge schedule