



THREE FIRES COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

2020

**Webelos Camp  
at Camp Big Timber**

July 23-25, 2020



**LEADER GUIDE & PARENT HANDBOOK**

**COVID-19 ADDENDUM**

## Contact Information

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### PHYSICAL ADDRESSES

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### EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

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Camp Big Timber does not have a monitored phone line during events. If you have an emergency, please contact a leader from your unit. If you are unable to contact a leader, you may reach out to anyone listed in the contact section above.

## COVID-19 Health and Safety

Your safety and the safety of all our campers and staff is the Three Fires Council's top priority. While there is still much uncertainty regarding COVID 19, we are monitoring the information provided by health experts and government agencies to help keep safe those who choose to come to camp this summer.

Our mitigation plan includes the following measures:

- Pre-attendance education (this addendum and a pre-camp meeting),
- Health screening conducted at home prior to travel to our camp, including a temperature check.
- Health screening upon your arrival at camp conducted by our camp health officers, which will also include a temperature check.
- Should anyone not pass the arrival screening, the entire vehicle will not be allowed to enter camp.

- Limitations on visitors in camp.
- All visitors will be screened upon arrival before entry to camp.
- Hygiene reminders while at camp.
- Extra handwashing /sanitizer stations throughout camp.
- Extra staff to clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and shared program equipment on a frequent and regular basis.
- An emergency response plan that includes an isolation and quarantine protocol should a person at camp develop symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable disease.
- Check-ins with each unit one week and two weeks after the unit leaves camp to determine if any participants have developed symptoms.

These precautions are important, but these efforts cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at camp. Experts have said that people with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of the illness but can still spread the virus. People may be contagious before their symptoms occur. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into camp. We also know the very nature of camp makes social distancing more difficult in many situations and impossible in others.

Information from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to attending camp.

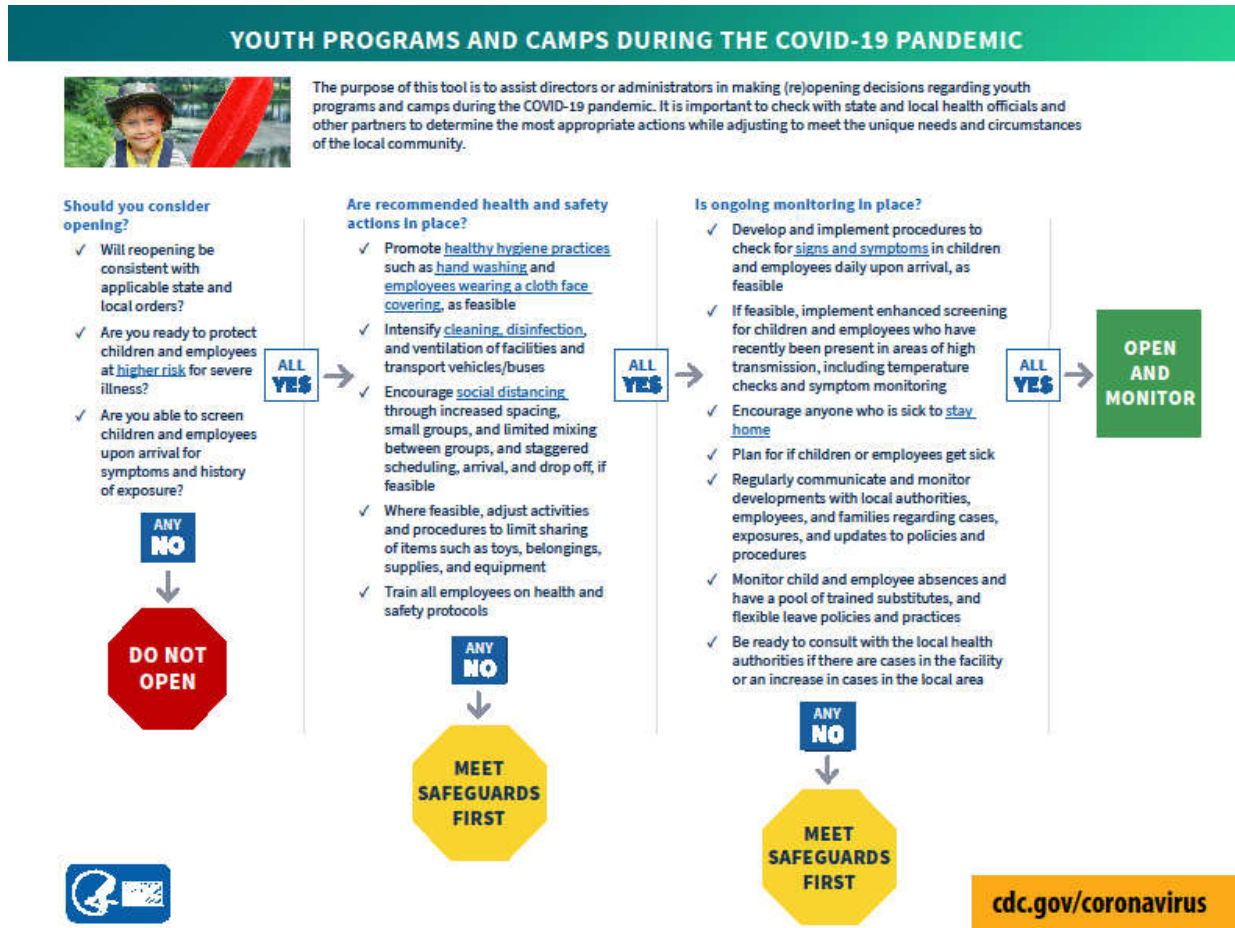
Every staff member, volunteer, and Scouting family has to evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending camp. We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.

### **Decision Making Resources**

The Three Fires Council assembled a team in March 2020 to monitor the COVID-19 situation, guide our decision making process, and make recommendations related to our summer operations. This team is comprised of individuals on our Risk Management Committee and Camping Committee. Any new information will be reviewed and evaluated by this team and provided to our camp staff as appropriate.

Here are some of the resources our staff and volunteers have reviewed and considered that you may find helpful.

### Youth Programs and Camps Decision Tree (Centers for Disease Control) <sup>1</sup>



### BSA National Council

- COVID-19 FAQs. <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/>
- National Camp Accreditation Program: National Camp Standards. (2020) Retrieved from <https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-NCAP-Standards-430-056-2.pdf>

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Youth Programs and Camps during the COVID-19 Pandemic. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/Camps-Decision-Tree.pdf>

- *Considerations for Youth and Summer Camps*. (May 19, 2020). Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>
- CDC Activities and Initiatives Supporting the COVID-19 Response and the President’s Plan for Opening America Up Again. (May 2020). Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/php/CDC-Activities-Initiatives-for-COVID-19-Response.pdf>

#### **American Camping Association**

- *Field Guide for Camps on Implementation of CDC Guidance*. (May 18, 2020) <https://www.acacamps.org/resource-library/coronavirus/camp-business/camp-operations-guide-summer-2020>

#### **Association of Camp Nursing**

- COVID Resources Page: <https://campnurse.org/education-and-resources/covid-19-considerations-for-camp/>

#### **State Responses**

- Illinois COVID-19 Website: <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/>
- [Wisconsin COVID-19 Website](#)
  - Marquette County Reopening Plan (Attached *Marquette County Reopening Recommendations 5\_15\_2020 Final & FAQ*)
- Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity. (May 24, 2020). *Day Camps Guidelines*. Retrieved from <https://dceocovid19resources.com/assets/Restore-Illinois/businessguidelines3/summerprograms.pdf>

#### **STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 AT CAMP**

Our camp will operate with the goal of mitigating the potential spread of COVID-19; however, we will not be able to eliminate all risk of virus transmission at our camps. The two goals we have are to create the safest environment we can and limit exposure in the case a camper, leader, or staff member displays symptoms of COVID-19. We will utilize a variety of tactics including concentric group circles, social distancing, facemasks, frequent disinfection of equipment and facilities, and symptom screening as part of our overall strategy.

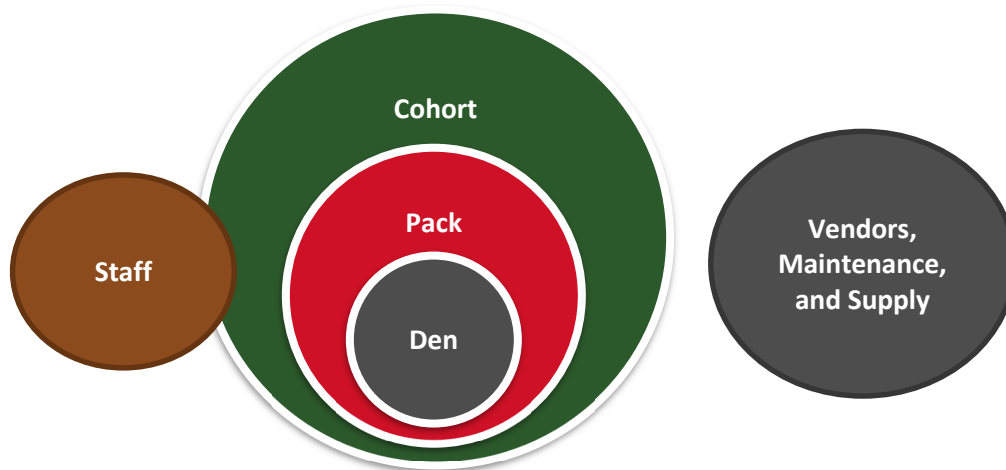
#### **Concentric Group Circles**

The American Camping Association’s Field Guide for Camps on Implementation of CDC Guidance states, “Consistent with experience from 2009-2010 H1N1 and in concert with guidance provided by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 2010 on April 16, 2020; and on May 14, 2020; and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP); policies to maintain small group sizes, limit mixing of groups, and restrict large gatherings at camps are recommended. Limiting mixing of groups can be combined with a public health approach of establishing and maintaining “concentric group circles” for infection prevention and control. Infection spread can be slowed and more easily contained in smaller groups; when larger groups are required, it is beneficial if they consistently are comprised of the same constituent smaller groups, thereby limiting the number of potential contacts for each camper.”

The Three Fires Council will operate camps this summer utilizing the method of concentric group circles or

“cohorts” to mitigate the spread COVID-19.

- Campers at this Webelos camp will be grouped together in cohorts that will stay together throughout camp. Scouts will be grouped by rank, first year Webelos and Arrow of Light, to enable them to work on the appropriate rank advancements while at camp. A cohort will include all Scouts and leaders. Social distancing should be practiced within each cohort to the extent possible.
- Scouts from multiple units may be placed in a single cohort.
- Cohorts do not overlap with other cohorts. The only exception to this is our staff cohort will need to cross into cohorts on a limited basis for instructional purposes. Staff will maintain physical distancing to the greatest extent possible. Activities and merit badges that would require prolonged exposure of staff to cohort members in close proximity have been eliminated from our program this summer.
- Each cohort will be assigned their own campsite and are expected to stay out of any other campsites.
- Each cohort will travel together to the various program activities and will not enter a space previously occupied by another cohort unless it has been sufficiently sanitized. Other than shooting sports and meals, cohorts will not do the same activities as other cohorts.



### Contact Tracing

Contact tracing is the method used by health professionals to determine who may have been exposed to a virus based on the previous interactions an infected individual had. By maintaining small concentric group circles, or cohorts, that do not overlap we are able to more quickly identify individuals who may have been exposed to a COVID-19 carrier. This allows us to isolate only a small group of individuals if a case were to present itself and allow the rest of our program to continue. If a positive case were to occur at our camp, the local health department would be contacted to conduct contact tracing.

### Social Distancing

Social distancing should be practiced at all times to the extent possible. Social distancing is defined by the

Centers for Disease Control as 6 feet between yourself and those around you<sup>2</sup>. In cases where social distancing is not possible a mask must be properly worn to cover the mouth and nose.

(Note: *The CDC defines a close contact as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 48 hours before illness onset until the time the patient is isolated*<sup>3</sup>.)

- While cohorts may engage in activities with social distancing in proximity of each other, the two concentric group circles should never overlap. Limited staff instruction and emergency situations would be the only exception to this policy.
- Staff will work with each cohort while respecting distancing protocols to the best of their ability.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

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Separate accommodations for adult males and females and youth males and females are required. All of the normal BSA standards for safe camping still apply and these were described in the Parent/Leader Guide for this Webelos Camp at CBT. In addition, the following provisions are also added due to COVID19.

### Tents

- Campers not in the same family sharing a tent must sleep head-to-toe with 6 feet of separation (so that no camper's head is closer than 6 feet from another).
- Single occupancy tents are allowed and are encouraged this season. There is no prohibition on tenting alone if logistics can accommodate that request.<sup>4</sup> As always, all BSA youth protection policies must be followed.

### Staff and Camper Interaction

- The staff will act as their own cohort. Their interaction with camper cohorts, while necessary, will be done utilizing physical distancing to the greatest extent possible. Face coverings will be used by staff in situations where 6 feet of distancing is not possible. Participants should also use face coverings in these situations.
- Staff will generally instruct from a distance maintaining a 6-foot space between themselves and Scouts. Leaders in the cohorts staff are working with will be asked to provide assistance with hands on instruction to limit close proximity staff and camper interaction.

### Showers and Restrooms

Cohorts will be assigned specific showers and restrooms to use. This is intended to limit exposure between cleanings.

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<sup>2</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (May 6, 2020). *Social Distancing, Quarantine, and Isolation*. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>

<sup>3</sup> Centers For Disease Control And Prevention. (April 29, 2020). *Contact Tracing : Part Of A Multipronged Approach To Fight The Covid-19 Pandemic*. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/principles-contact-tracing.html>

<sup>4</sup> Boy Scouts of America. (May 14, 2020). *COVID-19 FAQ*. Retrieved from <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/>



## ADDITIONAL Pre-Camp Checklist

### BEFORE ARRIVING AT CAMP

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- Have conducted your own pre-screening health check at home including a body temperature check.
- Parents and guardians must sign the *TFC Camper pre-camp screening Form* and provide it on the first day of camp. This form is a parent or guardian assurance that their Scout to the best of their knowledge has been symptom free for the 14 days leading up to camp and is a commitment to pick-up a symptomatic Scout within 3 hours.

## REVISED Arrival and Check-In Process

### ARRIVING AT CAMP

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Plan to arrive between 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 23. Please do not arrive before 1:00 p.m. The camp staff will not be prepared to check you in. Arriving later than 2:30 PM will not allow ample time for check-in and campsite setup.

Enter camp through the main gate at the north entrance on Big Timber Road. You will pass the Camp Ranger's house and toward the maintenance facilities on the left. All occupants in each vehicle will have their temperature taken using a no-contact thermometer. If no one has a fever, you will proceed to park your vehicle in the lot and unload your camping gear. If someone does have a fever, all occupants in that vehicle will not be allowed into camp. Once safely parked in the lot, please proceed toward the lodge where each camper will be given a wristband and their campsite/cohort name. Place your gear in the parking lot or on a trailer as directed by staff. Staff members will transport your gear from the parking lot to your campsite for you. Personal vehicles are not allowed in camp beyond the parking lot.

### CHECK-IN AND CAMPSITE SET-UP

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Proceed to the check-in station located just outside the Lodge (inside if raining). Please maintain social distancing while waiting your turn for check-in. Our administrative staff and medical officers will check everyone in as quickly as possible.

### ITEMS TO HAVE WITH YOU AT CHECK-IN

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- **Registration Confirmation** Your registration confirmation includes a QR code. Having that available for us to scan will expedite our check-in process. Also, there have been instances in the past where individuals have registered, but our check-in team doesn't have them on their roster. Having your paperwork will help clarify and clear up any issues.
- **Medication** The health officer on duty will log and verify all medication is current.
- **Health Form** The health officer will collect health forms for all adults and youth. Keep your original and make a copy to submit.



- **Insurance Card** Along with your health form, a copy of your insurance card must be submitted. If your family does not have an insurance provider, you will need to notify the health officer.
- **TFC Camper pre-screening form** completed and signed by a parent or guardian.

## Program Overview and Policy Highlights

### OVERVIEW OF WEBELOS CAMP

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Webelos Camp is designed for Scouts who will be registered in the Webelos program during the fall 2020 - spring 2021. Parents are welcome to attend and will have the opportunity to participate in activities alongside their Scouts; however, a ratio of only 1 adult per 5 youth is required for this camp. Youth fees cover a single Scout only. Adults pay separate because of the 1:5 leadership ratio. Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the programs will be organized differently to reduce the risk and maximize the safety of all of our campers and staff. You will be assigned to a group or cohort and will travel with this group to all of your activities. Groups will be 40 scouts or less and are expected to maintain social distancing within their group to the extent practical and will not interact directly with other cohorts.

This Webelos Camp at CBT relies on volunteer staff that are mostly highly experienced adult scout leaders. Most have decades of experience in the scouting program and many will be teaching or leading activities that reflect their personal interests, passions, and vocations.

## ACTIVITIES EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

### ADVENTURE PINS OFFERED

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While CBT's Webelos Camp will be offering up to 14 Adventure Pins from the newest Webelos Requirements, not all will be available to all scouts due to the need for the concentric circles or cohorts. The table on the next page lists the Webelos Adventure Pins that will be offered at camp. Some Adventure Pins can be fully completed at camp. For adventures that cannot be fully completed, the requirements able to be completed at camp are listed. The adventures that are not offered at camp, due to the spirit of their requirements, are best suited to be completed at home.

Please review the following daily schedule, and the program matrix or table that follows to learn the specifics of the planned programs and activities.

All programs have been modified to maximize health and safety considerations with COVID19. Program equipment will either be single use, or will be thoroughly sanitized following best available guidelines between uses by different scouts.

Washable cloth masks and a small bottle of hand sanitizer will be provided to each camper. Disposable

gloves may be used for some activities. Individual “Genius Kits” and other supplies will be provided to each scout for certain programs. Scouts must not “trade” items or supplies with each other.

## 2020 Camp Big Timber Webelos Camp – REVISED Daily Schedule

### DAILY SCHEDULE – REVISED 6/20/2020

THURSDAY July 23	
1:00 p.m.	Arrival
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Check-In and Medical Checks
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Campsite Setup in Cohort Groups
4:30 p.m.	Announcements & Evening Flag Ceremony – Remain in Your Campsite
5:00 p.m.	Dinner by Cohort Served in the Lodge
7:00 p.m.	Camp Tour/Leaders/Parents Meeting – by Cohort – depart from your campsite.
Directly after tours	Opening Campfires – in Campsite Area
10:30 p.m.	Lights Out
FRIDAY July 24	
7:30 a.m.	Morning Flag Ceremony in Campsites
7:45 a.m.	Breakfast by Cohort at Lodge
9:00 a.m.	Program Areas Open – see schedule below
11:30 a.m.	Program Areas Close
12:00 p.m.	Lunch by cohorts in Lodge
1:00 p.m.	Rest Hour/Camp Site Cleanup
2:00 p.m.	Program Areas Open – see schedule below
4:00 p.m.	Program Areas Close
4:30 p.m.	Start Cooking Dinner in the Campsites
6:45 p.m.	Evening Flag Ceremony in Campsites
7:00 p.m.	Chapel Service in Campsites
7:30 p.m.	Evening Activities – by cohort see schedule below
10:00 p.m.	Cracker Barrel in Campsites
10:30 p.m.	Lights Out
SATURDAY July 25	
7:30 a.m.	Morning Flag Ceremony in Campsites
7:45 a.m.	Breakfast by Cohort in Lodge
9:00 a.m.	Program Areas Open – see schedule below
11:30 a.m.	Program Areas Close
12:00 p.m.	Lunch by Cohort in Lodge
1:00 p.m.	Rest Hour/Break Camp
2:00 p.m.	Program Areas Open – see schedule below
4:30 p.m.	Program Areas Close

**Trading Post Hours**

Thursday 5-7 p.m.  
Friday 12-2 p.m.; 5-7 p.m.  
Saturday 12-2 p.m.; 5-7 p.m.



  
**Medical Office  
Open 24 Hours**

**Medication Times**  
**6:30 AM - 7:30 AM**  
**4:30 PM - 5:30 PM**  
**9:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

5:00 p.m.	Evening Flag Ceremony in Campsites
5:15 p.m.	Dinner by Cohort in Lodge
7:00 p.m.	Leave for Home

## 2020 Camp Big Timber Webelos Camp – REVISED Program Schedule

TIME	LOCATION	ADVENTURE/ACTIVITY
<b>MORNING ACTIVITIES (Friday July 24)</b>	<b>Ancient Targets (Range)</b>	Archery/BBs – Summit Cohort
	<b>Ecology/Conservation (Nature at Ansel Bldg)</b>	Adventures in Science (e) – N. Tier Cohort
	<b>Outdoor Skills (T-Lodge)</b>	Cast Iron Chef (w) – Philmont Cohort
	<b>Handicrafts at the Lodge</b>	Game Design (e) – SeaBase Cohort
<b>AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES (Friday July 24)</b>	<b>Ancient Targets (Range)</b>	Archery/BBs – Philmont Cohort
	<b>Ecology/Conservation (Nature at Ansel Bldg)</b>	Earth Rocks! (e) - Summit Cohort Creek Walk – N. Tier Cohort
	<b>Outdoor Skills (T-Lodge)</b>	Scouting Adventure (aol) – SeaBase Cohort
	<b>Handicrafts at the Lodge</b>	
<b>EVENING ACTIVITIES – (Friday July 24)</b>	Human Foosball or Climbing Wall– SeaBase Cohort Fishing/Webelos Walkabout – Philmont Cohort Nature Scavenger Hunt/Geocache – Summit Cohort Rocket Building – N. Tier Cohort	
<b>MORNING ACTIVITIES (Saturday July 25)</b>	<b>Ancient Targets (Range)</b>	Archery/BBs – SeaBase Cohort
	<b>Ecology/Conservation (Nature at Ansel Bldg)</b>	Into the Wild (e) - Summit Cohort
	<b>Outdoor Skills (T-Lodge)</b>	First Responders (w) – Philmont Cohort
	<b>Handicrafts at the Lodge</b>	Art Explosion (e) – N Tier Cohort
<b>AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES (Saturday July 25)</b>	<b>Shooting Sports (Range)</b>	Archery/BB Range
	<b>Ecology/Conservation (Nature at Ansel Building)</b>	Into the Woods (e) – Summit Cohort
	<b>Outdoor Skills (T-Lodge)</b>	Stronger, Faster, Higher (w)– Philmont Cohort Castaway (e) – SeaBase Cohort
	<b>Handicrafts at the Lodge</b>	Build It (e) – N Tier Cohort



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