

Cub Scout Adventure Camp

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Message from the Program Director

This Summer we are excited to be welcoming back our Packs to another fun-filled adventure at McNeil Scout Ranch. While we are offering a similar program to years past, a big change this summer will be the location. The Cub Scout Adventure Camp experience will be taking place at Camp Cris Dobbins. This will be a new and adventurous difference from past Summers that brings many benefits including a newly renovated Dining Hall, a larger lake, a pool, as well as a more centralized Camp all around. This means that things will be much more convenient in terms of location, and activities will be closer together, which means a shorter walking distance.

While the location of the Cub Scout program may have changed, the adventures that come with it will only get bigger. This means a larger campfire, a bigger lake, and more areas for Scouts to do activities, earn requirements, and have fun. Many things will be returning as well, including large Flag Ceremonies, various shooting sports (including Slingshots, BBs, and Archery), and the infamous Gaga ball.

Having started out at Magness Adventure Camp as a Tiger cub in 2008, I understand the importance of a program such as this one. A child's time at camp is one like no other, and I am committed to offering the best possible program that we can for our Scouts this Summer, as well as the parents.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out. I look forward to meeting everyone this June and July and getting back to the Summer Camp experience that we all know and love.



Yours in Scouting,

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Welcome to McNeil Scout Ranch at Peaceful Valley

McNeil Scout Ranch is located in central Colorado, 65 miles southeast of Denver, a few miles south of the town of Elbert. The Ranch consists of 3,316 acres of mountain park terrain, 7,000 feet in elevation, along the Palmer Divide in the Black Forest. Peaceful Valley also functions as a working ranch throughout the year, with over 1,000 acres devoted to farming and grazing.

Cub Scout Adventure at Camp Cris Dobbins

Facilities at Camp Cris Dobbins include: a newly renovated dining hall with outdoor patio seating, state of the art shooting ranges, the Gates Family Aquatics Center pool, latrines and showers in each campsite, and lodges that accommodate the learning of scouting skills.

Also, as you enter Camp Cris Dobbins you will pass Silver Lake, where camp participants can fish and observe local wildlife as well as use canoes, paddleboats, and rowboats, provided the campers have completed a **Denver Area Council swim test**. We strongly recommend completing your swim checks **prior to arriving at camp**, if possible. Swim tests can be conducted at local pools and with the supervision of a certified lifeguard.

Check out: <https://scoutsmarts.com/bsa-swim-test-guide/> for more information.

You can also take some time with your den or family to explore Ship Rock Mercantile, the camp trading post. We carry McNeil Scout Ranch at Peaceful Valley branded gear, scouting tools, and a variety of snacks.

For your comfort, we recommend that you bring your own camping supplies. If you do not have your own camping supplies, we can provide you with a traditional green canvas wall tent, a cot, and a cot pad for your stay with us. Please let us know ahead of time if you will need a tent provided.

Cub Scouts and their families can expect a theme and activity-filled three days. At check-in, each family will be provided a schedule of exciting activities across the camp, as well as a map, and directions to the campsite you will be staying in. After you have checked in and moved into your campsite, there will be open activities until the first day kicks off with a flag ceremony, dinner at the dining hall and a campfire. Days 2 and 3 are spent with the Scouts in “Color Groups” which are organized by the rank of the Cub Scout. Scouts will be led to different areas by their “Color Group Leader.” The staff have been expertly trained to teach Scouts about the subject matter at each location. Each “Color Group” will go through rank specific activities and requirements, ensuring all campers will be suitably challenged throughout their time at Cub Scout Adventure Camp. In the middle of Day 3 there will also be a camp-wide Lake Party where the Scouts will get to go out on the lake, play volleyball on the shore, and participate in many other fun activities. Further details of the rotations, color groups, and exact times will be found in a parents’ guide handed out at check-in.

Forms Needed for Camp

Youth:

- BSA Medical Form Parts A & B (**Medical Forms are online through CampDoc**)
- Special Diet Request Form *if Applicable* (Submitted through CampDoc)
- **A swimming certification for being a red swimmer (minimum) if the youth member would like to partake in aquatics activities.**

Adults:

- BSA Medical Form Parts A & B (**Medical Forms are online through CampDoc**)
- Special Diet Request Form *if Applicable* (Submitted through CampDoc)
- **Youth Protection Training verification (certificate from my.scouting.org submitted through CampDoc)**
- **A swimming certification for being a red swimmer (minimum) if the adult member would like to partake in aquatics activities.**

All Medical Forms, Special Diet Requests and Youth Protection certificates will be submitted to CampDoc.

NO PAPER COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!

You will be contacted on how to set up CampDoc for your family.

The Denver Area Council Swimming test instructions are posted to www.DenverBoyScouts.org/AdventureCamp under Camp Documents.

Check-In/ Check-Out Process

Check-In will take place from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM, with specific times for each campsite to reduce traffic. (These will be emailed in advance)

- **It is helpful if the entire pack checks in together.**
- **Please do not arrive before 1:00 P.M.**, as check-in will not begin until 1:00 and you will not be able to drive beyond HQ.
- **If you arrive after 4:30 P.M., you will be asked to complete check-in at HQ.**
- **Please make sure to follow your check-in time. It keeps the process running smoothly for everyone.**

When you arrive at camp, you will be checked in by the staff **in the parking lot near Headquarters** and directed to your assigned campsite.

- **Be Prepared** by knowing your pack number!
- Please have your Registration/ Payment information available!
- FYI: At the peak of Check-In, there may be a 15-20 minute wait, though we work hard to reduce this.

While at check-in, you will receive a **Participant Packet** and other pertinent information including a schedule, list of activities, and map.

- We will also verify that there is not a balance due on your account. **Any balances due must be paid at check-in.**
- Remember, every individual staying overnight is required to turn in a medical form (**FORMS A and B**) **through CampDoc**. If you do not bring a completed medical form, you will have to complete one before heading to your shelter or beginning activities.
- **Please verify any special dietary or other needs when you check-in!**

Stay Hydrated this Summer!

Participation at Cub Scout Adventure Camp involves a lot of walking, and the summers in Colorado can get hot! Keeping hydrated is 100% critical to ensure that you will have a fun time. Please start the hydration process at home! Drink adequate water for at least 2 days before your camp session! This will make it much easier to stay hydrated when you get here and minimize the symptoms of dehydration and altitude sickness.

Medications:

Any person under 18 without a parent or legal guardian at camp must turn in medications (both prescriptions and over-the-counter medications) to the Health Aide with their medical form. The Health Aide will fill out a Medication Administration form for the participant and administer the Medication from the Health Lodge based on the medication schedule indicated.

ALL MEDICATIONS MUST BE SECURED IN A VEHICLE OR LOCKABLE BOX WHILE AT CAMP. Per Colorado law, Youth cannot have access to medications as they must be dispensed by an adult. **Do NOT store medications in your tent.**

Campsite Hosts

Each campsite has a specific Campsite Host (or a couple, depending on the amount of people in the site for the session). They will be able to answer any questions you may have and assist you with anything you need to make your stay at camp a fantastic one. During your stay, your Campsite Host will pass along information, dictate the policies of camp, and be available for anything else that you or your pack may need.

Parking and Vehicles:

All vehicles will be parked at Headquarters and will be provided with a vehicle tag, so we know it belongs at camp.

While at camp, your vehicle must remain parked unless you are leaving camp. It is expected that all transportation around camp be done on foot. *If you need assistance getting around camp, let the Program Director know before arriving at camp. They will help coordinate with the Camp Director and Ranch Health Officer to provide accommodations if possible.*

Check-Out Process

At the end of your stay, please be sure to **check out at the Main Office in the Headquarters Building.**

Upon Checking Out you will receive:

- A **Camp Evaluation** Survey
 - Please complete this survey and let us know how we did.
- The **Cub Scout Adventure Camp 2022** patch.
- Any **medications** you checked in with the Health Aide.

Any paper medical forms will not be returned.

Lost-And-Found

If a valuable item such as a watch or wallet is discovered missing after you get home, call the Camp Headquarters at **720-722-7161** (or 303-455-5522 after August 15th) to see if it has been turned in.

- All unclaimed items are **donated to charity after September 1.**

What to Bring to Camp

- Label every item you bring to camp with at least your NAME and PACK NUMBER**
- Make a list of what you bring – bring the list to camp to check before you leave**
- Completed Medical Form for each person staying at camp overnight (through CampDoc)**
- Cub Scout 6 Essentials
- Day Pack
- Water Bottles (drink lots of water!)
- Rain suit, Raincoat or Poncho
- Sunscreen (with your name on it) and Hats**
- Plenty of Extra Clothing: Pants, Shirts, Sweaters/Fleece, Socks, Underwear, Shoes
- Cub Scout Uniform
- Tiger/Wolf/Bear/Webelos Book
- Swimsuit/ Towel/ Clothes for boating
- Toiletries: Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Comb, Shampoo, Soap, Chapstick
- Flashlight/Headlamp
- Money for Trading Post: Concessions and Souvenirs
- Medications in Original Container
- Camera
- Camp Chair (for adults)
- Tent
- Ground Cloth (e.g., waterproof plastic tarp)
- Sleeping Pad
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Face Mask*

*While we are working hard to fight against COVID-19 and make this summer as normal as possible, we do recommend having a mask just in case. It can also be useful on windy days when dirt/pollen are blowing around

What to Leave at Home

- ❖ Firearms, BB guns, ammunition, Archery equipment, and Sheath Knives
- ❖ Valuables or Irreplaceable Items
- ❖ Electronic Games or Personal Music Players (IPODs, Gameboys, CD Players, etc.)
- ❖ Items (including clothing) with inappropriate slogans or logos. (The camp reserves the right to define what is “inappropriate.”)
- ❖ **Pets (service animals allowed; therapy dogs or Emotional Support Animals prohibited)**
- ❖ Any Tobacco Products (and any Vaping products)
- ❖ Alcoholic beverages, Illegal drugs, and Fireworks
- ❖ Self-contained stoves and lanterns (No Open Flames!)

Join Our Camp Staff!

Do you know a teenager or young adult who needs a summer job? Do you know someone who is retired that wants to stay busy in Scouting? Look no further than McNeil Scout Ranch at Peaceful Valley. Positions are still available for the 2022 camping season!



Check out available positions and apply online:

www.DenverBoyScouts.org/CampStaff

