

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT MAKAJAWAN SCOUT RESERVATION



New Scout families might wonder why they should send their son into the North Woods to attend Camp MaKaJaWan. Perhaps he is already involved with a summer sports camp, or has special diet concerns. Or, he might be unsure about the wild life or mosquitoes.

For generations, attending Boy Scout Camp has been an important right of passage... a first step towards personal independence and manhood. A Scout has many opportunities at camp he cannot realize during regular Troop activities locally, and he can learn many new things and make many new friends along the trail.

The Trailblazer Program:

The Trailblazer program helps a Scout work in a structured environment towards rank advancement. Qualified Camp Counselors help build valuable life skills such as fire building or safety on the water. And it is not uncommon for a Scout to advance one or even two ranks during a week at camp.

Medical Attention:

There are always at least two licensed Emergency Medical Technicians in camp. All medications are managed by these adults at mealtime to insure compliance with prescriptions. Any injuries can usually be handled at the medical lodge, but if necessary, the camp is only about a 25 minute drive from the local hospital.

Shooting Sports:

One of the strengths of Scouting is learning respect, not only for other people and the environment, but also for devices such as a bow & arrow, or a target rifle. NRA-trained instructors carefully supervise all activities involving bladed tools or projectiles. The result is a Scout who is more confident in his skills, and respectfully handles such devices.

Nutrition & Exercise:

At camp you hike everywhere unless you're swimming. So boys build up a healthy appetite which is satisfied at Camp MaKaJaWan by hearty meals prepared by professional cooks. This year, new menu items have been added in the dining halls. Scouts and adult leaders with any special diet requirements can request foods that meet their specific needs including vegetarian, gluten-free, and kosher. A Special Diet Request form is available at www.neic.org/makajawan or from your unit's Camp Coordinator.

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Critters:

Mosquitoes can be bothersome, but if a Scout is prepared with insect repellent they will be much less annoying. The north woods are full of critters, most of whom want nothing to do with a bunch of noisy, smelly boys. Rest assured, Camp MaKaJaWan takes every precaution necessary to insure a safe environment for both campers and wildlife.

Cleanliness:

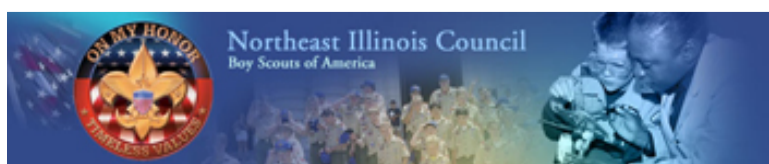
There are shower facilities and latrines for each campsite and boys are encouraged to maintain regular hygiene while at camp, including brushing their teeth. They are also reminded to shower after swimming. Some boys do this, others, not so much. We will do our best, but chances are your son will return home looking much dirtier than when he left.

No Child Left Indoors:

Part of the Boy Scout tradition is a love of the outdoors. We encourage campers to respect the environment and each other, and to experience this special place. We expect all campers to practice "Leave No Trace."

The Milky Way can be seen on a clear night and it is not uncommon to watch bald eagles circling in the morning, or to hear the soulful sound of the loons. The camp is situated on a beautiful lake and the fishing can be both exciting and rewarding. Electronic games cannot be used while in camp. There is plenty of time for that at home, or during their trip to and from camp.

Best of all, sending your son to camp will energize his interest and ability to continue in Scouting. At camp he will be making memories and friendships that can last a lifetime. So we hope your Boy Scout will join us for exciting unplugged fun at Camp MaKaJaWan this summer.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, download the 2011 MaKaJaWan Parent's Guide found on the Northeast Illinois Council website at <http://neic.org/makajawan>