

2024 LEADER GUIDEBOOK

Tesomas.Camp

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What's New

exciting changes for returning units

- Advancement instruction will be Monday - Thursday. Friday will consist of various campwide programs, area events, and other activities. Details will be shared as they become avaialble.
- Cooking competition on Tuesday Evening (see page 15).
- New and returning advancements (see page 16).
- Micro-Trek program changes (see page 19)
- ATV Program on Friday (see page 20).

Are you New to Tesomas

facts that would be useful for new leaders or units

- Please bring your own tents; we do not provide them.
- Units cook in their campsites Tuesday evening, so bring cooking equipment and personal mess kits.
- We encourage lots of enthusiasm in the Dining Hall during meals, so please join in on the fun!
- The health forms you turn in will remain at camp after you leave, so please provide us with copies and retain the originals.
- For your swimming experience, we have the beautiful spring-fed Crystal Lake (no pool).
- Units are encouraged to assist with camp-wide duties such as flag ceremonies, manning swim towers on the Waterfront, cleaning the shower building, and maintaining a respectable campsite.
- All Adults must be registered members of the BSA and Youth Protection Trained (page 5)
- Advancement instruction starts on the times given in this book and end 10 minutes prior to the listed ending time (see page 16). Unless otherwise noted, merit badges meet Monday - Thursday.
- If unfamiliar with the OA program or if you would like to participate, pay special attention to the OA section on page 20.

The Tesomas Experience

a message from the camp leadership



Thank you for choosing Tesomas as your destination for summer camp. Our traditions began over 85 years ago serving Scouts at Tesomas. With our rich tradition of excellence and dedicated staff, we have been proven to provide the highest quality program in the nation and have become a home for many Units, Scouters, Scouts, and Staff. This year, we will maintain the commitment to excellence Tesomas is known for while going above and beyond with several new programs and services.

Our staff is delighted that your unit has chosen to take part in this experience. We began this summer before last summer was even over. With hundreds of other camping options, we are glad you chose to spend your summer with us; it is our goal to provide you and your scouts with the experience of a life time. We have an exceptional group of staff and directors returning, along with some new faces, to ensure we exceed you and your unit's expectations.

This guide provides details about our programs, procedures, and services. Please use the guide to prepare your unit for your adventure at camp. We are excited and pleased to serve as your camp leadership. Our goal is to ensure every Scout and Leader that comes through our gates has their very own "Tesomas Experience."

Thank you for choosing Tesomas and we will see you at camp!

Zach Steinberger | Camp Director

Zach is returning for his six summer. He has previously served as the Waterfront Director, Dining Hall Director, Order of the Arrow Coordinator, and Assistant Camp Director. Zach is a Vigil honor member and past Lodge Chief of Tom Kita Chara Lodge. During the school year Zach serves as a history teacher at Wausau East High School. Zach has completed National Camping School in Aquatics and Camp Director.

Jack Vail | Program Director

Since 2012, Jack has been making the trek from Illinois to come to camp, and since 2018 has been honored to be on camp staff. Jack has served in many roles at Akela's World and earned the "On Wings of Excellence" award in 2022. In 2023 Jack served as the Tesomas Program Director and he is very excited to be returning in this role for 2024. Jack has completed the program director section of National Camp School.

Ryan Rasmussen | Business Manager

Ryan is starting his eighth summer as staff. He began this adventure at Akela's World where he had been the Crocketts Director, Webelo's Director, and Dining Hall/Trading Post Director. Every year Ryan has worked hard to make sure our campers leave with amazing memories! He is excited to work at Tesomas creating more memries.

Elvis Bauman | Facilities Director



Elvis has over 25 years experience as the Crystal Lake Scout Reservation ranger. In his role he is responsible for the maintenance and care of the entire camping operation. He has been involved in Scouting since he joined Cub Scouting. Elvis works hard to ensure the camps are in top working condition for the Scouts and Scouters who will be visiting throughout the year. He has also completed and teaches the ranger certification from National Camping School.

Preparation Timeline

a schedule for proper unit planning

Right Now

- Submit your unit reservation and deposit to secure space (see page 8).
- Inform all Scouts and their parents about the dates for summer camp.
- Recruit at least two adult Leaders (both 21 years of age or older) to be in camp at all times during your stay. Recruit more if you will have 20 or more Scouts.

March & April

- Encourage those in need to complete a camp scholarship request. Request can be made online (samoset.org/aid) and are due April 15.
- Work with each Scout in planning an advancement schedule and getting them started with the pre-camp work listed online. **Merit badge signup opens March 15.**
- Non-Samoset Council Units must submit a copy of their Sickness and Accident insurance policy. A copy of this policy can be emailed to camp@samoset.org. Most councils provide this insurance and can provide evidence of coverage.
- **Camper Deposits are due April 15. All remaining fees are due June 1 to the Samoset Office.**
- Pre-order t-shirts to ensure that everyone will have one to wear at camp. Shirts orders are due by May 10. Shirts can be customized with your unit number or other text (see page 5).
- If desired, complete a pre-camp swim test (see below).

May

- Send out final camp notices to all parents including a list of what to bring (see page 6).
- Have committee members visit parents of Scouts not registered to encourage their attendance with your unit, with another unit, or with the provisional unit.
- For Samoset Troops, send in your Adult OA Nomination by May 1.
- Ensure that all Scouts and Leaders will have their medical forms completed (see page 9). Also, have the medication form completed for those Scouts taking medication at camp.
- Complete special dietary requests for all Scouts requiring special meals (see page 10).
- Add any additional campers to your registration and submit your final unit payment (due June 1).

Two Weeks Before Camp

- Collect all medical forms (ensure that we will be able to keep a copy) and medication forms. You may send copies (NOT originals) of all these to camp two weeks prior to your arrival.
- Check up on each Scout's pre-camp advancement work.
- Make final advancement changes up until two weeks prior to camp.
- Hold an inspection of personal packs and equipment. Also, prepare unit equipment for camp.
- Remind the Scouts of the behavior standards necessary for a Scouting event.
- Prepare multiple copies of your unit roster for camp and other leaders.
- Plan to arrive between 2:00 and 3:00 PM.

Pre-Camp Swim Tests

information on taking your swim test before camp

Units have the option to complete a swim test prior to their arrival.

- Each unit schedules and completes the swim tests prior to camp on their own. A BSA Lifeguard, Red Cross Lifeguard, or equivalent must administer the tests and certify the results.
- Forms and procedures for unit run swim tests are available online.
- For questions contact Samoset Camping at (715) 365-3111 or camp@samoset.org

Preparation Suggestions

we strongly suggest you follow these in your planning

Leadership

- The safety of our youth is of greatest importance at camp. **Therefore, all adults accompanying a unit to camp must be registered as a leader, including completion of a criminal background check and youth protection training.** These steps should be completed with your local council.
- Have one additional leader, 21 or older (male or female) for every 10 Scouts.
- If your unit has any female youth, you must have at least one female adult (21 or older).
- All adults must follow the BSA Scouter Code of Conduct.

Arrival

- Complete an approved swim check before coming to camp (see page 7). Those individuals who plan to participate in waterfront activities will complete a swim test on Sunday if swim checks have not be copmleted prior to camp.
- Have all the heavy gear in one vehicle so that it can be taken to your campsite all at once.
- Have a copy of all medical forms in alphabetical order for camp to keep. If you mailed in the medical forms, they will be at the medical recheck station.

Advancement

- It is recommended that first year Scouts participate in the Eagle Quest Program and one or two merit badges.
- Second year Scouts who aren't First Class should sign up for Eagle Quest and merit badges.
- Be aware that OA candidates who are going through their Ordeal will miss all of their Thursday sessions. Talk with the staff for how to make these up.
- All Scouts should be given a copy of their advancement schedule. Leaders should also have copies for easy reference.
- Leaders should ensure each Scout has chosen programs according to their interests and ability.
- Schedule merit badges/activities carefully to allow travel time in between (i.e. avoid scheduling a shooting sports merit badge right before or after a COPE/climbing activity).
- All Scouts should be made aware of their prerequisites (see document on our website).
- All Scouts should review the merit badge pamphlet(s) before coming to camp.

Check out the advancement prerequisite information on our website.

Custom T-Shirts

a way to remember your camping experience

Pre-order custom t-shirts for everyone in your unit to wear at camp. Shirts cost $19.00 (additional charges for larger sizes) and can be customized with your unit number. Shirts are a 50/50 Poly-Cotton blend. **T-shirt orders will be added to your unit camp bill; and waiting for you at the camp Trading Post upon arrival.**

Imagine your entire Troop wearing a camp t-shirt. Now imagine the t-shirt customized with a Troop number! Think of the benefits: the t-shirt...

- Helps the Scouts look sharp
- Builds group spirit
- Is a quality garment that takes a beating



Orders Due May 10, 2024

What to Bring

a suggested packing list of items

What Campers Should Bring

- Sneakers/Hiking Shoes
- T-Shirts
- Underwear & Socks
- Jeans/Pants
- Shorts
- Long-Sleeve Shirts
- Pajamas
- Sweatshirt or Jacket
- Official Scout Uniform
- Scout Handbook
- Swimsuit
- Rain Gear
- Towel
- Personal Hygiene items
- Small Pillow
- Extra Blanket
- Backpack
- Watch
- First Aid Kit
- Pocket Knife
- Hat & Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent (non aerosol)
- Flashlight
- Spending Money
- Fishing Gear
- Camera
- Sleeping Bag
- Foam Pad or Cot
- Notebook and Pencils/Pens
- Mess kit
- Tent (unless unit supplied)

Label clothes & valuables with name and unit number. Scouts will be getting wet so please allow for extra clothing and footwear.

Materials We Provide in Your Campsite

- Dining Fly
- Picnic Tables
- Garbage Bags
- Flagpole
- Running Water
- Latrine
- Latrine Cleaning Materials
- Toilet Paper
- Fire Ring

What Your Unit Should Bring

- Lantern
- US Flag
- Troop/Crew & Patrol Flags
- First Aid Kit
- Patrol Dining Tarps
- Wood Tools
- Dutch Ovens
- Troop/Crew Library
- Tents
- Maps and Compasses
- Troop/Crew Kitchen
- Extra Sleeping Bag(s)

What Not to Bring

- Shooting Equipment
- Fireworks
- Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco
- Vape Products
- Inappropriate T-Shirts
- Pornography
- Excessive jewelry
- Knives with blades over 3.5”
- Aerosol cans
- Laser pointers
- Firewood (see page 12)

Forms and Resources

all the resources, forms and information to make your preparation easy

Below is a list of forms available online at CampingIsKing.com. All registration updates can be made online or through email (camp@samoset.org). You can request copies of any forms by calling the Samoset Scout Center at (715) 355-1450.

Information

- Camp Menus - detailed list for each meal.
- Camp Map - complete with campsites, program areas, and building locations.
- Family Camping - layout and available facilities.
- Promotional Video - show at a troop meeting to get everyone excited about the experience!
- Precamp Swim Test - record results and submit results online.
- T-shirt Pre-order - complete to pre-order camper T-shirts for your entire unit, submit by May 10.

Registration

- 2025 Unit Reservation - reserve unit space for Tesomas 2025!
- Campership Application - complete for campers with financial need and submit by April 1st.
- Online Registration Help File - provides details for registering and making changes online.
- Refund Request - must be completed to receive a refund, see guidelines on page 8.
- Scout Release Request - complete for Scouts leaving camp early and bring to camp.

Program & Advancement

- Advancement Schedule - provide to Scouts as they plan their advancement schedule.
- Advancement Prerequisites - provide to Scouts to prepare before camp.
- Advancement Prerequisite Approval - used to record requirements completed prior to camp.
- Eagle Quest Schedule - provide to new Scouts as they prepare for rank advancement.

Medical

- Annual Health and Medical Form - complete for all campers.
- Scout Medication - complete for campers with medication and bring to camp.
- Special Diet Request - complete for campers with dietary needs at least 2 weeks in advance.



Stay informed and prepared for camp with all these resources and more at CampingIsKing.com.

Registration & Fees

procedures and fees for registering campers

Unit Reservation Deposit

- A non-refundable fee of $10 per camper is due with your reservation. These fees will be applied toward your camp fees.
- If your unit attending Tesomas has less than 50% of the site capacity, the Council reserves the right to assign another unit to use the patrol areas in that site not used by your unit.

Scout/Leader Deposits

- The first $75 (due April 15) for each Scout/Leader is his/her reservation deposit and is non-refundable, but transferable to another Scout/Leader in the same unit as a new reservation.
- Remaining fees are due June 1.
- Campers registered after April 15 may be subject to a $25 late fee (excluding new Scouts).

How to Register & Pay

- Please register all Scouts and Adults online using our online registration portal. If you need help accessing this portal, please contact our Scout Office at 715-355-1450.
- Fees may be paid online but are subject to a 3% convienent fee. Units can avoid this fee by mailing a check to the Samoset Office (3511 Camp Phillips Road, Weston, WI 54476). Please include a copy of your registration with any mailed payments.

Camp Scholarships

- Camp scholarships are available for those in need. Please use the campership request form on our website to request help. (Samoset.org/aid).
- Campership application (per person) are due by April 15.

Registration Timeline

April 1, 2023 - Feb 1, 2024:
Reserve space, $10.00 per camper.

March 1 - April 15, 2024:
Register campers with a $75 non-refundable deposit.

March 15:
Merit Badge signup opens online.

2024 Camper Fees

Samoset Youth - $376
OC Youth - $396
Adult - $206
Adult Daily Rate - $34.50

Attending Tesomas with another Unit

- If a Scout is unable to attend with your unit, don't let them miss the summer camp experience. Register them with our provisional unit period 8 or with another unit any week (ask us for details).
- Scouts/leaders who want to experience a second week of summer camp may also register with our provisional unit or make arrangements to come to camp with another unit.

Refunds

- Camp fees are non-refundable as we encourage units to transfer fees to another Scout from the unit who is attending camp. However, the Samoset Council will consider each situation and endeavor to be as fair as possible. All refunds are calculated after the $75 non-refundable deposit.
- Refunds must be submitted using the refund request form available online. Refunds will be credited to the unit's camp bill and the unit will be responsible for refunding fees to the individual.



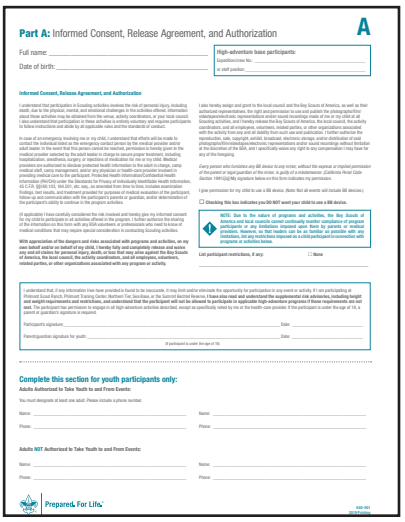
Contact Samoset Camping to connect your Scout with another unit or our provisional unit. Interested in being a provisional leader; contact us for details.

Policies and Procedures

things to help prepare your unit for camp

MEDICAL POLICIES

- Every participant must provide a copy of their health form to be kept on file after they leave. **Parts A, B, and C are required for all Scouts and Adults attending Tesomas.**
- Every participant (including adults) must provide a copy of their annual health and medical form to be kept on file after they leave.
- To speed up check-in, you may send copies (NOT originals) of all medical forms to camp two weeks prior to your arrival.
- Units can keep medication in a locked container at their site and distribute to their scouts. Units choosing to do so will be provided with a medication log sheet to fill out and turn in at the end of the week. Units are welcome to turn their medications into the health office for us to distribute.
- Bee sting medication, inhalers, an insulin syringe, or other medication or device used in the event of life-threatening situations may be carried by a camper.



Part A: Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization **A**

Full name: _____

Date of birth: _____

High-adventure base participants:
Expedition/crew No.: _____
or staff position: _____

Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization

I understand that participation in Scouting activities involves the risk of personal injury, including death, due to the physical, mental, and emotional challenges in the activities offered. Information about those activities may be obtained from the venue, activity coordinators, or your local council. I understand that it is my responsibility to inform myself and the other adult participants to follow instructions and abide by all applicable rules and the standards of safety.

In case of an emergency involving me or my child, I understand that efforts will be made to contact the individual listed as the emergency contact person by the medical provider and/or Boy Scouts of America. I authorize any physician or health-care provider involved in any medical provider selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for me or my child. Medical providers are authorized to disclose protected health information to the adult in charge, camp medical staff, camp management, and/or any physician or health-care provider involved in treatment. I authorize the release of my protected health information (Personally Identifiable Information (PII)/SSN) under the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 C.F.R. §§160.103, 164.501, etc., as amended from time to time, includes examination findings, test results, and treatment provided for purposes of medical evaluation of the participant, follow-up and communication with the participant's parents or guardian, and/or determination of the participant's ability to continue in the program's activities.

(If applicable) I have carefully considered the risk involved and hereby give my informed consent for my child to participate in activities offered by the program. I further authorize the training of my child's participation in activities with any BSA volunteers or professionals who meet the level of medical conditions that may require special consideration in conducting Scouting activities.

With appreciation of the dangers and risks associated with programs and activities, on my own behalf and on behalf of my child, I hereby release and discharge from any and all claims for personal injury, death, or loss that may arise against the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with any program or activity.

I also hereby assign and grant to the local council and the Boy Scouts of America, as well as their authorized representatives, the right and permission to use and publish the photographic/film/videotape/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me or my child at all Scouting activities, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with any program or activity from any claims arising out of any use, including but not limited to reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage, and/or distribution of said photographic/film/videotape/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation or reservation of the BSA, and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

Every person who furnishes any BB device to any minor, without the express or implied permission of the parent or legal guardian of the minor, is guilty of a misdemeanor. (California Penal Code Section 19910(g)) My signature below on this form indicates my permission.

I give permission for my child to use a BB device. (Note: Not all events will include BB devices.)

☐ Checking this box indicates you DO NOT want your child to use a BB device.

NOTE: Due to the nature of programs and activities, the Boy Scouts of America and local councils cannot continually monitor compliance of program participants or any limitations imposed upon them by parents or medical professionals. Therefore, if you have imposed any restrictions, limitations, or initiations, list any restrictions imposed on a child participant in connection with programs or activities below.

List participant restrictions, if any: ☐ None

I understand that, if any information I have provided is found to be inaccurate, it may limit and/or eliminate the opportunity for participation in any event or activity. If I am participating at Philmont Scout Ranch, Philmont Training Center, Northern Tier, Sea Base, or the Summit Bechtel Reserve, **I have also read and understood the supplemental risk activities, including height requirements, and I understand that my participation in these activities will not be allowed by participants in applicable high-adventure program if these requirements are not met.** The participant has permission to engage in all high-adventure activities listed here, except as specifically ruled by me or the health-care provider. If the participant is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian's signature is required.

Participant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian signature for youth: _____ Date: _____

(If participant is under the age of 18)

Complete this section for youth participants only:

Adults Authorized to Take Youth to and From Events:

You must designate at least one adult. Please include a phone number.

Name: _____ Name: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Adults NOT Authorized to Take Youth to and From Events:

Name: _____ Name: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Prepared. For Life.

Insurance

- When surgical treatment or hospital care is needed for Samoset Council Scouts/Scouters, benefits in excess of $300.00 will be paid only if they are unrecoverable from any other insurance policy or service contract (i.e. family insurance policy). Therefore, it is imperative that you come prepared with the pertinent insurance policy information for every Scout/Adult.
- Non-Samoset Council Units must provide insurance information or proof of Council insurance.

Inherent Dangers

Everyone should be prepared for potential problems that are out of the control of the camp. There are a lot of natural hazards like rocks, roots, and branches that may cause injury if not cautious. Campers can avoid visits from animals by not allowing any food, drinks, or scented items in or near their tents. To avoid lost or stolen items, leave your valuables at home or have them stored securely in vehicles.

YOUTH PROTECTION POLICIES

Nothing is more important to the BSA than the safety of our youth members. We believe that even one instance of child abuse is unacceptable. The BSA is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all. Youth protection requires sustained vigilance, and we work every day to protect children through mandatory policies.

- One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is prohibited.
- Privacy of youth is respected. Adult leaders and youth must respect each other's privacy, especially in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp.
- The use of smartphones, cameras, mirrors, drones, etc., in places or situations where privacy is expected is prohibited.
- Separate tenting must be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth. Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age. Spouses may share tents.
- The buddy system should be used at all times. The buddy system is a safety measure for all Scouting activities. Buddies should know and be comfortable with each other. Buddies should select each other, with no more than two years' age difference and the same level of maturity.
- Hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any Scouting activity.
- No bullying. Verbal, physical, and cyber bullying are prohibited in Scouting.
- Appropriate attire is required for all activities.

FACILITY POLICIES



Dining Hall Procedures

- Units are assigned table(s) during check-in.
- Meals consist of the main entrées, sides, cereal at breakfast, fruit or vegetables, peanut butter (or substitute) and jelly, and a salad bar at dinner.
- All meals will be served cafeteria style and seconds will be available when announced.
- Grace will be said prior to each meal. As a sign of respect, we ask that you enter the Dining Hall quietly and with arms folded.
- Everyone is asked to wear the official Scouts BSA Field Uniform to all evening meals.
- The youth restrooms are located in the basement of the Dining Hall and the adult restrooms are located in the lower level of the Program Center.
- Guest meal tickets may be purchased for $7 per meal in the Camp Office.

Please notify us of any special dietary needs or restrictions two weeks before your arrival using the "Special Diet Request" form available online.

Trading Post

- Here you will find all kinds of merchandise and collectibles. You will also be able to purchase additional toiletries, cooking supplies, and other camping necessities.
- You will be able to purchase candy, soda, slushies, and any other food items. The porch and picnic tables are there for you to enjoy your snacks. Please have your Scouts clean up after themselves!

Program Center

- Staff is generally available to answer questions in this building from 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM.
- The Program Center (PC) is open to all leaders 24 hours a day and serves as a leader's lounge.
- Adult restrooms are located in the lower level; youth restrooms are located in the Dining Hall.
- Check out a vehicle pass if you need a vehicle past the parking lot gate later than Sunday.
- Campsite garbage bags, toilet paper, and cleaning supplies are available from the upper level closet. Lost & found is located in the downstairs. Valuable items will be kept at the desk upstairs.
- Wireless Internet is available for leader use. Personal computers may be used by Leaders, but we ask that personal equipment not be set up for extended periods of time.
- Visit the Archives Room in the lower level of the Tesomas PC for an interesting look at the great history and traditions of Tesomas, Tom Kita Chara Lodge, and the Crystal Lake Scout Reservation.

Health Office

- Available 24 hours a day in the lower level of the Program Center.
- For medication disbursement, please schedule appointments with the Health Officer while at camp.
- If the Health Officer is not available, report to the upper level of the Program Center for assistance.
- For information on medical forms and medical policies, see page 9.

Showers

- Shower buildings are located on each side of camp. (Shower facilities in Hanna Venture Base are for staff use only).
- Campers need to bring all their own toiletries or purchase them at our Trading Post.

Laundry

- A washer and dryer are available for unit use at the east shower building.
- A key can be checked out in the Program Center by any unit leader.

Cell Phone Coverage

- Cell phone coverage is good for those with Verizon or AT&T service.
- Scouts and adults are encouraged to bring a battery power pack to charge their phones.

OTHER POLICIES



Vehicles

- For the safety of the Scouts and Scouters, the speed limit on all camp roads is 5 mph.
- After dinner on Sunday one vehicle is allowed in your campsite. All other vehicles must be in the parking lot until Saturday. Parking is not permitted along any camp road.
- A daily "Vehicle Pass" must be obtained from the Program Center if a vehicle is needed past the parking lot after Sunday.

Bicycles at Tesomas

- Bikes must stay on camp roads, not trails. All riders will maintain safe speeds, yield to pedestrians, wear a buckled helmet while riding, and obey any signs.
- No bikes are allowed in main camp, program areas, or in campsites. When not in use, bikes near main camp will be stored in designated bike corrals. When not in use, bikes near the unit campsite will be stored off the road.
- Absolutely no riding after dusk without a light.
- All riders will need to read and sign an agreement form available at the Program Center. Any rule infractions will result in the individual losing their privilege to ride on camp property.

Mail / Email

- Please have mail addressed in the manner to the right. You are encouraged to mail things several days early to ensure we receive it before checkout day.
- If there is an emergency family issue, please call (715) 365-3111 and the Camp Director will ensure that the camper receives the message.

Mailing Address

(Camper's Name), (Unit #)
Tesomas Scout Camp
5403 Spider Lake Road
Rhinelander, WI 54501

Leaving Camp Early

- Any Scouts leaving camp during their stay must have a release signed by their parent or guardian and approved by the Scout Leader.
- We recommend having this form (available online) completed before a Scout attends camp.
- When checking out, a member of the camp leadership must give the final approval signature.

Smoking

- Smoking is only allowed away from Scouts and other Leaders in the maintenance yard.
- This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking.

Privacy

By participating in Samoset Council activities, you agree to allow Samoset Council to use your image in camp and council promotional materials.

Pets

- No animals are allowed on camp properties except for guide dogs for the visually impaired or animals which are for a program/demonstration with the approval of the Reservation Director.
- Pets will be allowed in designated Family Camp areas but must be leashed at all times and the owner is responsible to clean up after the animal.

Visitors

- All visitors must check in and out at the camp office.
- Visitors are not allowed between the hours of 9:00 PM and 7:30 AM.
- Visitors are encouraged Wednesday evening. Activities begins at 4:00 PM with a picnic style meal served at 6:00 PM for $7 a plate. The highlight of the evening, the Order of the Arrow Calling Out Ceremony, begins at 8:00 PM.
- Visitors should not bring pets.
- Persons with disabilities should notify Tesomas prior to their arrival if accommodation is needed.

Emergencies

- In the event of a camp-wide emergency, the camp siren may sound. At which time, all campers should report immediately to their emergency area and await further instruction from the camp staff. The camp staff undergoes training in handling common types of emergencies.
- A camp-wide emergency situation will consist of any severe weather, wildfire, lost or missing campers, lost or missing swimmers, and any possible severe medical emergency. Anyone who becomes aware of an emergency situation or danger should notify the nearest staff member who will contact the appropriate camp leadership.
- Any information in regards to a bomb threat or unauthorized visitor should be reported to the Program Center immediately.

Damaged Camp Equipment

- Any damage to camp-owned equipment through abuse will be the responsibility of the unit
- Replacement costs will be assessed to the unit based on the retail costs of the damaged item. Units will be responsible for paying for damaged equipment before leaving camp.

Shoes

- Footwear is required everywhere in camp, except at the Waterfront.
- Closed toed shoes are required for Climbing and Shooting Sports.

Fires & Firewood

- Units are prohibited from bringing firewood into camp because it can harbor many different kinds of invasive pests and diseases harmful to our trees. Pests like gypsy moths and diseases like oak wilt are easily spread through infested firewood. Wisconsin is now faced with the very real threat of becoming the next state to discover the emerald ash borer within its borders.
- Units can gather downed wood or purchase firewood from camp.
- Fireguard charts are furnished for each campsite and must be filled out upon check-in.

Tents

- All units must provide their own tents.
- If you do not have a “No flames in tent” sign stenciled on your tents, you must display a “No flames in tent” sign in the campsite. We have a sign posted on each bulletin board.
- Separate tenting arrangements must be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth. Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age.

Arrival and Departure

how to check in and out of camp on your first and last days

With many Scouts and Leaders arriving and checking in at the same time, we need your help. We want to make this the easiest, fastest, and most efficient check in process you've ever experienced. Staff will be available in the parking lot and at various check-in points to assist wherever needed.

Check-In Process

1. Arrive between 2:00 and 3:00 PM on Sunday with your entire unit. A member of the staff will greet you in the parking lot Units that would like to arrive on Saturday, may do so by contacting us in advance.
2. Move to main camp for medical rechecks and Dining Hall orientation. Be prepared to present a copy of everyone's medical form for camp to keep in alphabetical order at the medical recheck station.
3. Move into your campsite with your gear. Only one vehicle per unit will be allowed to go to your campsite at a time. Unit trailers are allowed and can be parked within the confines of your site.
4. Between 3:00 and 5:00 units may complete a swim test at the waterfront. This is required for anyone to enter the Waterfront area during your stay. Each camper will receive a "buddy tag" which must be used to enter the Waterfront. (You can come to camp wearing your swimsuit to save time and complete this before going to your campsite.)
5. Flag lowering will be at 6:20. After dinner a staff member will lead you on a tour of camp. This is a great opportunity for new Scouts to become familiar with the layout of camp and returning Scouts to be introduced to changes from previous years.

If your unit needs to arrive early, please contact the camp office at (715) 365-3111 to get approval. Units that arrive early are on their own until check-in starts on Sunday.

Check-Out Process

1. Sweep the floors and wipe down walls in the campsite latrine. Scrub and clean urinal, toilet seats, and washbasin. Be sure to wear gloves and wash hands afterward.
2. Wash and rinse picnic tables.
3. Return shovel, rake, broom, and other campsite supplies to the latrine.
4. Leave a complimentary woodpile for the next unit.
5. Pick up all trash in and around your campsite. Sort your trash and leave it tied by the road. Rinse out the waste receptacles.
6. Return any equipment borrowed from camp to the appropriate location.
7. Settle your unit's balance, pick up patches, medication, and troop photos at the Program Center.
8. Signup for Tesomas Summer Camp 2025.



Any Scout leaving prior to Saturday morning must have a completed Scout release form on file (requires a parent's signature). This form is available online or at the camp office.

While at Tesomas

all the basics on the program for your stay at camp

DAILY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

6:30.....	Reveille
7:35.....	Camp Flag Raising Ceremony
7:45.....	Breakfast
8:30.....	SPL Meeting at the flag pole
9:00-11:50....	Advancement Instruction
9:30-10:00....	Leaders Meeting (see page 21 for locations)
12:30.....	Lunch
1:15.....	Chapel (Tuesday & Thursday)
2:00-3:20.....	Advancement Instruction
3:30-5:30.....	Open Area Time
6:20.....	Camp Flag Retreat Ceremony (except Tuesday, 5:50 Wednesday)
6:30.....	Dinner
7:30-9:00.....	Evening Program
10:30.....	Quiet Time

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

- Free time from 3:30-5:30 is great for activities like open shooting, boating, climbing, field sports, and swimming.
- Program areas will also have organized and themed events/competitions. The program supplement will list these various activities and will be given to you when you arrive at camp.
- Hiking trail maps are available in main camp.

CAMPWIDE COMPETITIONS

The Troop Tournament: Throughout this weeklong competition, scouts will be asked to participate in various free time events that will earn points for their troop. At the end of the week, the troop with the most points will be crowned Olympus' Best, and earn an exclusive reward.

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

Friday is set aside for any final advancement work and fun. Here are some of the many activities campers can choose to participate in. Many more will be added to this list before you arrive.

- ATV Riding - Limited space, see page 20 for details.
- Tesomas Backcountry Hike - Join us for a 5 Mile hike.

EVENING PROGRAMS

Sunday

Adult Leader Meeting, 7:15, Program Center: A first day orientation to prepare you for the rest of the week. Please send one adult leader from your unit and bring any advancement changes.

Camp-wide Tours, after dinner: An opportunity for new Scouts to become familiar with the layout of camp and returning Scouts to be introduced to changes from previous years.

Opening Camp Fire, 8:00-9:00, Grand Council Ring: Following camp tours sit back and enjoy the staff welcoming you home with skits, songs, and special messages.

Cracker Barrel, 9:00-9:30, Dining Hall: Following the campfire you will have a chance to meet the staff while enjoying some special treats.

Monday

The Labors of Zeus, 7:45- 9:00, Main Camp: In order for you to even apply to become ruler of the gods, Zeus needs to prove your worth. Navigate through tasks including scout skills, slacklining, and more in a campwide race against the clock with a twist. Be the first to reach Zeus with the fire Prometheus took from the gods and you may just be crowned ruler.

Tuesday

Unit Campsite Cookout, 6:00, Your Campsite: Each unit will select and cook their evening meal in their campsite. Tuesday afternoon, the staff will deliver a cooler full of your food to your site. This is your opportunity for your unit to run your own program. Have your garbage sorted and tied by the road by 8:00 PM for pick-up.

Bronze Age Chef: Using the secret ingredient given to you on Monday, you must make the best Mediterranean-themed meal possible.

Open Programs, 7:45-9:00: An assortment of evening activities will be availalbe incluidng blackpowder shooting, open boating, and more.

Star Hike, 10:00, Meet at the Flagpole: This is a mandatory hike for Astronomy merit badge, although all Scouts and Leaders can participate. Enjoy learning about the constellations, planets, and stars.

Wednesday

Picnic/Visitor Night, 3:30-7:30, Main Camp: Invite your friends and family to camp for a visit, tour, and meal. During the afternoon visit program areas. Then join us for our picnic style meal at 6:00. Tickets for this meal may be purchased in the Program Center for $7 a plate.

Future Staff Panel, 4:30-5:30, Ed Lund Shelter: Scouts interested in being on staff next summer (and their parents if they wish) can hear more about what being on staff means and ask any questions. Some of our staff will be leading a panel discussion and allow Scouts to fill out necessary paperwork to get an application.

OA Call Out Ceremony, 8:00-9:00, Grand Council Ring: Each Scoutmaster should talk with the OA Coordinator on Sunday to discuss your unit's involvement with the OA during your stay. Wednesday night, all guests should assemble outside the Grand Council Ring at 7:30. Your unit should assemble quietly in a single-file line at the same time and will be let in after the guests. Tom Kita Chara Lodge's Call Out Ceremony is one of the finest ceremonies in the country.

Thursday

OA Brotherhood Ceremony, 7:45-8:10, Ordeal Ceremony, 8:15-9:00, Arrow Bowl: All Order of the Arrow members are encouraged to attend these ceremonies.

Open Programs, 7:45-9:00: An assortment of evening activities will be availalbe incluidng open Climbing, open swimming, and more.



Friday

Closing Campfire, 7:45-8:30, Grand Council Ring: To finish off your last night with us, we will have some special entertainment and recognitions to share with you. Units will be asked (through their SPL) to perform skits or songs for the rest of camp to enjoy.

2024 Tesomas Scout Camp Advancement Schedule

	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	Lunch	2:00	2:30	3:00
Business & Technology	PERSONAL MANAGEMENT			PERSONAL MANAGEMENT				Photography		
	COMMUNICATION			COMMUNICATION				**Robotics**		
COPE & Climbing	Climbing			Climbing				COPE (Low and High) +		
	Exploration			****Adult Leader COPE****						
Eagle Quest	TENDERFOOT/SECOND CLASS/FIRST CLASS (See Eagle Quest Section for Details)							TENDERFOOT/SECOND CLASS/FIRST CLASS		
	****Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills****									
Ecology & Conservation	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE			ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE				ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE		
	Space Exploration		**Geology**		Astronomy			Space Exploration		
	Chemistry		Reptile & Amphibian Study		Forestry			Archaeology		
Handicraft	Basketry/Fingerprinting*		Wood Carving		Wood Carving			Basketry/Fingerprinting*		
	Leatherwork		Leatherwork		Leatherwork			Game Design		
	Animation		**Chess**		**Chess**			**Animation**		
Personal Wellness	FIRST AID			FIRST AID				FIRST AID		
	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS		EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS		EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS			**Fire Safety**		
	PERSONAL FITNESS		PERSONAL FITNESS		PERSONAL FITNESS			Sports		
Scoutcraft	CAMPING		CAMPING		**Geocaching**			CAMPING		
	Wilderness Survival		Wilderness Survival		Fishing			Fishing		
	COOKING			COOKING				COOKING		
Shooting Sports	Rifle Shooting			Rifle Shooting				Rifle Shooting		
	Shotgun Shooting			Shotgun Shooting				Shotgun Shooting		
	Archery			Archery				Archery		
Huck Finn's Waterfront	Snorkeling +			LIFESAVING				LIFESAVING		
				Small Boat Sailing				Small Boat Sailing		
Tesomas Waterfront	Canoeing			SWIMMING				SWIMMING		
	Stand Up Paddleboarding +			Stand Up Paddleboarding +				Instructional Swim		
	Kayaking			Kayaking				Kayaking		
	****Paddlecraft Safety****			****Swimming & Water Rescue****				****Safe Swim Defense & Safety Afloat (Wed)****		

BOLD: New and Returning Advancements | ALL CAPS: Required for Eagle | ****Adult Classes****

* Basketry is Mon & Tues, with project work time on Friday, Fingerprinting on Wed & Thurs. | + Not a Merit Badge

-All Sessions end 10 minutes prior to the listed ending time

Eagle Quest

superb first year camper program



Eagle Quest offers opportunities to help Scouts complete their Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks.

The schedules allow the Scouts to select the requirements they need. Many of the Scouts participating in the Eagle Quest program will need the guidance of their leaders to remind them of their schedule.

The Eagle Quest schedule runs all day long to ensure that Scouts have the possibility to advance a full rank during their stay at camp. However, Scouts who only need help on a few requirements, can sign up for merit badges and come to Eagle Quest during open instruction. Open instruction is a good way to make up missed requirements or to complete new ones, but it is not a replacement for attendance at Eagle Quest. Some requirements, such as the cooking, the 5-mile hike, and the 1-mile compass course, cannot be completed during open instruction. Most requirements need one day for instruction and another for evaluation.

Special Notes of Attention

- Register Scouts online using the procedures found in the online help file. If they will be working on multiple ranks, sign them up for each rank they will be working on. Be sure to sign them up separately for cooking if your Scouts will be cooking in the area for that rank.
- Certain requirements will require the Scouts to dress properly for the activity. Swimsuit, towel, and shoes are needed for swimming requirements. Long pants are recommended for hikes.
- Certain requirements meet at other locations besides Eagle Quest. These locations are noted on the schedule. Please have your Scouts arrive on time and be prepared.
- Second Class requirement 3d (finding direction at night) will take place on Tuesday evening at 10:00 PM and Scouts are asked to meet at the Activity Field. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the staff will reschedule this requirement and make an announcement about the change.

Other Advancements

- Totin' Chip is offered Monday & Thursday at 3:30 PM (only need to attend one of these).
- Firem'n Chit is offered Tuesday & Friday at 3:30 PM (only need to attend one of these).

Cooking Requirements

- If your Scouts are going to be cooking, please make sure they are signed up for the appropriate cooking requirement online.
- Cooking requirements take place outside the regular program schedule as listed below.
  Tenderfoot: Wednesday Lunch 11:30 – 1:45
  Second Class: Tuesday Lunch 11:00 – 1:45
  First Class: Tuesday Dinner (unit campsite); Thurs. Breakfast 7:00 – 8:45; Thurs. Lunch 11:30 – 1:45

Eagle Quest Schedule 2024

TENDERFOOT	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*
9:00-9:30	4a, c (I)	4a, c (E)	6a or 6c (I,E)	Open I & E	Open I & E
9:30-10:00					
10:00-10:30	4b, c (I)	4b, c (E)			
10:30-11:00			7a (I,E)		
11:00-11:30	3a-c, 8 (I)	3a-c, 8 (E)	Open I & E		
11:30-12:00			2a-c (I,E) Cooking		
12:00-2:00	Area Closed	Area Closed		Area Closed	Area Closed
2:00-2:30	3d (Totin' Chip) (I)	3d (Totin' Chip) (E)	6a or 6c (I,E)	Open I & E	Open I & E
2:30-3:00					
3:00-3:30	5a-c (I)	5a-c (E)			
3:30-4:00	Open I & E	Open I & E	Open I & E		
4:00-4:30					
4:30-5:00					
SECOND CLASS	***Monday***	***Tuesday***	***Wednesday***	***Thursday***	***Friday***
9:00-9:30	3a, d (I) + **Compass**	3a (E) + **Compass**	3b, c (I, E) 5 Mile Hike **Meet at Hobby Tables Bring Compass**	5a- d (I) ***Meet at Waterfront**	5a-d (E) ***Meet at Waterfront**
9:30-10:00					
10:00-10:30	6a-e (I)	6a-e (E)			
10:30-11:00				Open I & E	Open I & E
11:00-11:30	7c, 9a, b (I)	2a-e (I) Cooking			
11:30-12:00					
12:00-2:00	Area Closed		Area Closed	Area Closed	Area Closed
2:00-2:30	5a-d (I) ***Meet at Waterfront**	5a-d (E) ***Meet at Waterfront**	8b (1)	8b (E)	3b, c (I, E) 5 Mile Hike **Meet at Hobby Tables Bring Compass**
2:30-3:00			2f, g (I)	2f, g (E)	
3:00-3:30			4 (I)	4 (E)	
3:30-4:00	Open I & E	Open I & E			
4:00-4:30			Open I & E	Open I & E	
4:30-5:00					
10:00-10:30	Area Closed	3d (E) **Activity Field**	Area Closed	Area Closed	Area Closed
FIRST CLASS	***Monday***	***Tuesday***	***Wednesday***	***Thursday***	***Friday***
7:00-9:00	Area Closed	Area Closed	Area Closed	2 (I) Cooking	Area Closed
9:00-9:30	5b-d (I)	5b-d (E)	6b-e (I) ***Meet at Waterfront**	6b-e (E) ***Meet at Waterfront**	Open I & E
9:30-10:00					
10:00-10:30	7a-c (I)	7a-c (E)			
10:30-11:00			3a-d (I)	3a-d (E)	Open I & E
11:00-11:30					
11:30-12:00	Open I & E	Open I & E	4b (I,E)	2 (I) Cooking	
12:00-2:00	Area Closed	Area Closed	Area Closed		Area Closed
2:00-2:30	4a, 5a (E) **Compass**	4a, 5a (E) **Compass**	7d-f (I)	7d-f (E)	Open I & E
2:30-3:00					
3:00-3:30			9a (I,E)	Open I & E	Open I & E
3:30-4:00	Open I & E	Open I & E			
4:00-4:30			Open I & E		
4:30-5:00					

KEY: I= Instruction E=Evaluation * = Meet at the Waterfront prepared with swimsuit, towel, and shoes
+ = night part completed on Tuesday evening **Bold** = Special item to bring, or place to meet

Micro-Trek

adventure for your older scouts

Micro-Trek is perfect for those who have already done much of what Tesomas offers, but still want to experience camp and some high adventure. Both tracks are Monday - Thursday all day programs.

- MT200 is for Scouts who are 13 years of age or older and First Class rank. Scouts will explore the "hidden gems" and the heritage of North-central Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.
- MT300 is for Scouts 14 years of age or older and First Class rank. This include an overnight outpost experience on Tuesday.
- Units should register Scouts online. Each track is limited to 10 participants. Registration opens March 15 on a first come, first serve basis.
- There is an additional charge per person to participate (see amounts below). This amount is due at the time of registration in order to reserve a spot. This fee is refundable if the spot can be filled.

DAILY ACTIVITIES

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
MT200 ($75/person)	Porcupine Mountains	Bond Falls & Sylvania Wilderness	Lumberjack Camp & Horseback Riding	Sawmill Adventure Park
MT300 ($150/person)	Flambaue River Canoeing	Whitewater Rafting & Outpost Exp.	Natural Rock Climbing	Sawmill Adventure Park

Porcupine Mountains Hiking: Scouts will be heading to the Porcupine Mountains and hiking to the crash site of a World War II B17 bomber plane. In the afternoon scouts will explore an abandoned copper mine. Scouts should be prepared to hike 3-4 miles.

Bond Falls & Sylvania Wilderness: Just north of camp is the pristine Sylvania Wilderness. Scouts will spend the day exploring waterfalls and the lakes of the "Boundary Waters" of Michigan. Scouts should be prepared to hike 3-4 miles.

Laona Lumberjack Camp & Horseback Riding: Scouts will take a ride on a steam locomotive to the Laona Lumberjack Camp where they will be able to immerse themselves in the rich logging camp's history. In the afternoon scouts will head to Holiday Stables in Rhinelader to go horseback riding.

Sawmill Adventure Park*: Both MicoTrek 200 & 300 will spend the day going to the Sawmill Adventure Park in Wausau, WI. The adventure park houses an indoor trampoline park and mini golf.

Flambeau River Canoeing: Scouts will travel to Flambeau Canoe Base to spend the day paddling the flambeau river in Northern Wisconsin.

Outpost Overnight Adventure*: Participants will travel to Norway, Michigan where we will spend the next two days at True North Outpost. Tuesday will consist of Whitewater Rafting followed by setting up camp for the night. On Wednesday participants will experience natural rock climbing that is sure to get their adrenaline going.

Daily activities are subject to change. All equipment is supplied by camp.
*** denotes a waiver form required, available online.**

Order of the Arrow

a brotherhood of cheerful service

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. Tom Kita Chara (TKC) Lodge provides service to Samoset Council, especially through its summer program, by offering opportunities for Scouts to experience fellowship, service, and personal growth.

OA Summer Program

- An adult leader must verify Ordeal candidates with the OA Coordinator on Sunday at the Leaders Meeting. Even units not having anyone called-out must still touch base.
- Those Arrowmen under 21 years of age may participate in OA ceremonies with permission from the OA Coordinator, whose discretion determines final role assignments.
- Those interested in serving as Ordeal Masters on Thursday should see the OA Coordinator.
- TKC Arrowmen interested in becoming Brotherhood members are invited to complete their interviews on Thursday. $20.00 will cover the cost of a Brotherhood sash.

Ordeal Packet Includes

Ordeal Sash
OA Handbook
TKC Lodge Totem
TKC Lodge Flap Patch
1.5 Years of Lodge Dues
Free 2024 Fall Conference

Packet Price: $65.00; Automatically added to your units bill upon checkout.

Non-Samoset Council Units

- Non-Samoset Council Ordeal candidates who wish to be called-out at Tesomas need to provide a verification letter. One letter per unit will suffice as long as it includes a unit number, names of candidates along with youth/adult designation, and the unit's period at camp. The letter must be signed by a member of the lodge key-3 or council Scout Executive. The letter should be sbumitted to Tesomas by June 1.
- Non-Samoset Council members cannot go through the Ordeal or earn Brotherhood at Tesomas.
- Non-Samoset Council Arrowmen are welcome to attend the OA ceremonies.

ATV Program

adventure for your older scouts

Our ATV program allows Scouts 14 and older the opportunity to ride in the beautiful northwoods! Riders will take part in an instructional class designed to teach them how to properly handle their ATV in all sorts of riding conditions. After ground school and riding drills, riders will take part in a trail ride. This course will result in ASI ATV rider certification.



Space is limited. Proper dress is required including long pants (preferably jeans or another rugged material), long sleeves (shirt, jacket, etc), and boots. There is a $50 fee to participate.

- Everyone must complete the online safety e-course offered by the ATV Safety Institute (https://cbt.svia.org) and bring Proof of Completion to the course. The course is free. Completing this ATV E-Course is required before you can participate in the ATV program at camp.
- Please fill out the ATV Participation and Hold Harmless Agreement and bring it to camp.

Offered Friday at 9:00 AM and again at 1:30 PM. Participants must pre-register using our online registration system. Only 8 spots are available each session.

Leader Programs

even something for the "big kids" to have fun

With everything in store for the "big kid" campers, there should be no reason why you shouldn't have even more fun than the Scouts!

Leader Meetings

These daily meetings will consist of the camp leadership providing program details and other information to help your week run smooth. Only one leader is required to attend these meetings.

Help Us Help You

We understand that your own unit's interests are the number one priority, but we welcome your assistance. Help is always appreciated within program areas, guarding on the Waterfront, and service projects.

Meeting Locations

Sunday: 7:15 PM, Program Center
Monday: 9:30 AM, Eagle Quest
Tuesday: 9:30 AM, COPE/Climbing
Wednesday: 9:30 AM, Eco/Con
Thursday: 9:30 AM, Personal Wellness
Friday: 9:30 AM, Hobby Tables

Geezer Merit Badge

Have you always wanted to earn your own merit badge? Pick up a list of the requirements in the Program Center to get started exploring camp, participating in activities, and helping Scouts have a great camping experience. This program takes place throughout the week and will be an explosion of fun.

Tesomas Experience Merit Badge

Our camp's mission statement describes our purpose as to share the Tesomas Experience, but in reality without you coming to camp there wouldn't be much to the Tesomas Experience. This program is designed to help share the Tesomas Expereince with you, and help you to share your Tesomas Experience with others.

Projects

We have a large group of volunteers who work on projects around camp throughout the summer and year. If you might be looking to help, please talk with Elvis. Some tasks are as simple as painting to general construction. Ask about joining our Camp Construction Crew.

Training

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Eagle Quest): The course prepares leaders to teach the outdoor skills that Scouts need for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. This course is required for new Scoutmasters/ Assistant Scoutmasters to be considered "Trained" and recommended for Troop Comittee members or Webelos leaders.

Paddle Craft Safety (Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM, Tesomas Waterfront): This BSA training expands *Safety Afloat*, as well as the knowledge, needed for a unit leader to confidently supervise canoeing or kayaking excursions on flat water.

Swimming and Water Rescue (Monday - Thursday, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Tesomas Waterfront): Going beyond *Safe Swim Defense*, this training will provide leaders with information and skills to prevent, recognize, and respond to swimming emergencies during unit swimming activities.

Adult COPE (Monday - Thursday, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, COPE & Climbing): Learn fun games an activities that you can share with your scouts or use to run a more engaging and entertaining troop meeting. Don't be confused by having an intense amount of fun with adults from different troops. This Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience is not all fun and games; it's fun, games, and social.

Safe Swim Defense & Safety Afloat (Wednesday, 2:00 - 3:30 PM, Tesomas Waterfront): Learn what it takes to safely operate aquatic programs within your troop.

Help Make The Reservation Better

opportunities to leave your mark on the best camps out there

Spring Work Trek

On May 3-5, 2024, the Crystal Lake Scout Reservation invites everyone to camp for a weekend of projects to help get camp ready for the upcoming summer. Each year there are a variety of new projects from construction and maintenance to landscaping. Entire units are welcome to stay in any campsite for free. Anyone who participates in the service will be served three meals on Saturday and one meal on Sunday for free. This is a great weekend of fellowship and service and also allows you to take part and pride in the great place the Crystal Lake Scout Reservation is.

Materials and Equipment Needs

The best camp needs the best equipment. However this is often out of our price range so we rely on assistance. Check out the online needs list and contact the Reservation Director to help.

Crystal Lake Construction Crew

Since the early 1930's Samoset Council has prided itself in maintaining our properties using volunteer laborers for many different projects. Did you know the Dining Hall located at Tesomas was built by our very first construction crew? Don't worry, we have projects as simple as painting a door or installing a light. The Crew does everything from simple maintenance to completely building a new cabin. Whatever it takes to make our Council camps the best. Interested in helping out? Talk with Elvis while you are at camp!

Reservation Prose

words that express the energy of the experience

Akela's World Hymn

When Akela holds his council
And the campfire's all aglow,
We will form our friendship circle
As we sing so sweet and low.
Oh Akela, brave Akela,
True and fair Cub Scouts we'll be,
To our Promise and the Pack Law,
We will pledge our loyalty.

Tesomas Hymn

High above Lake Crystal's Waters,
In among the trees,
Flows the banner of Tesomas,
Waving in the breeze,
Hail Tesomas, Hail Tesomas,
With your Scouts so true,
With the spirit of good Scouting,
Hail, O Hail to you!

Tesomas Rally Song

(to the tune of the Army Rally Song)
Crystal Lake never fails as the Scouts hit the trails,
For Tesomas is the best camp of all,
Swimming hole, not too cold,
Diving fine in every line,
For Tesomas is the best camp of all,
For it's Hi Hi Hee, that's the camp for me,
Makes me want to shout out really loud, Camp Tesomas!
For everywhere we will go, Scouts will always know,
That Tesomas is the best camp of all!

Tesomas Grace

Thank you Lord for this special place,
Where we can make new friends and old ones embrace,
A chance to share a dream, an experience too,
Lord, for Tesomas we thank you.

Crystal Lake Scout Reservation

Home to Akela's World Cub Scout Camp, Tesomas Scout Camp and Hanna Venture Base

Map of Tesomas
showing the way around your woodland haven

Akela's World Campsites
1. Blue Den (40)
2. Gold Den (40)
4. Green Den (40)*
5. Orange Den (40)
3. Red Den (40)

Tesomas Campsites
18. Arapaho (35)
12. Blackhawk (25)
20. Cherokee (45)
17. Chippewa (30)
6. Choctaw (25)
28. Dakota (30)*
21. Deacon's Crest (20)*
13. Delaware (45)
9. Eagle's Nest (50)
27. Fox (40)
11. Hopi (75)
26. Iroquois (40)*
22. Menominee (40)
24. Mohican (50)*
16. Oneida (25)
8. Ottawa (35)
19. Potawatomi (35)
25. Sauk (30)*
10. Seneca (45)
7. Shoshoni (35)
29. Stockbridge (25)
15. Strong (25)
14. Tower Ridge (60)
23. Winnebago (50)*

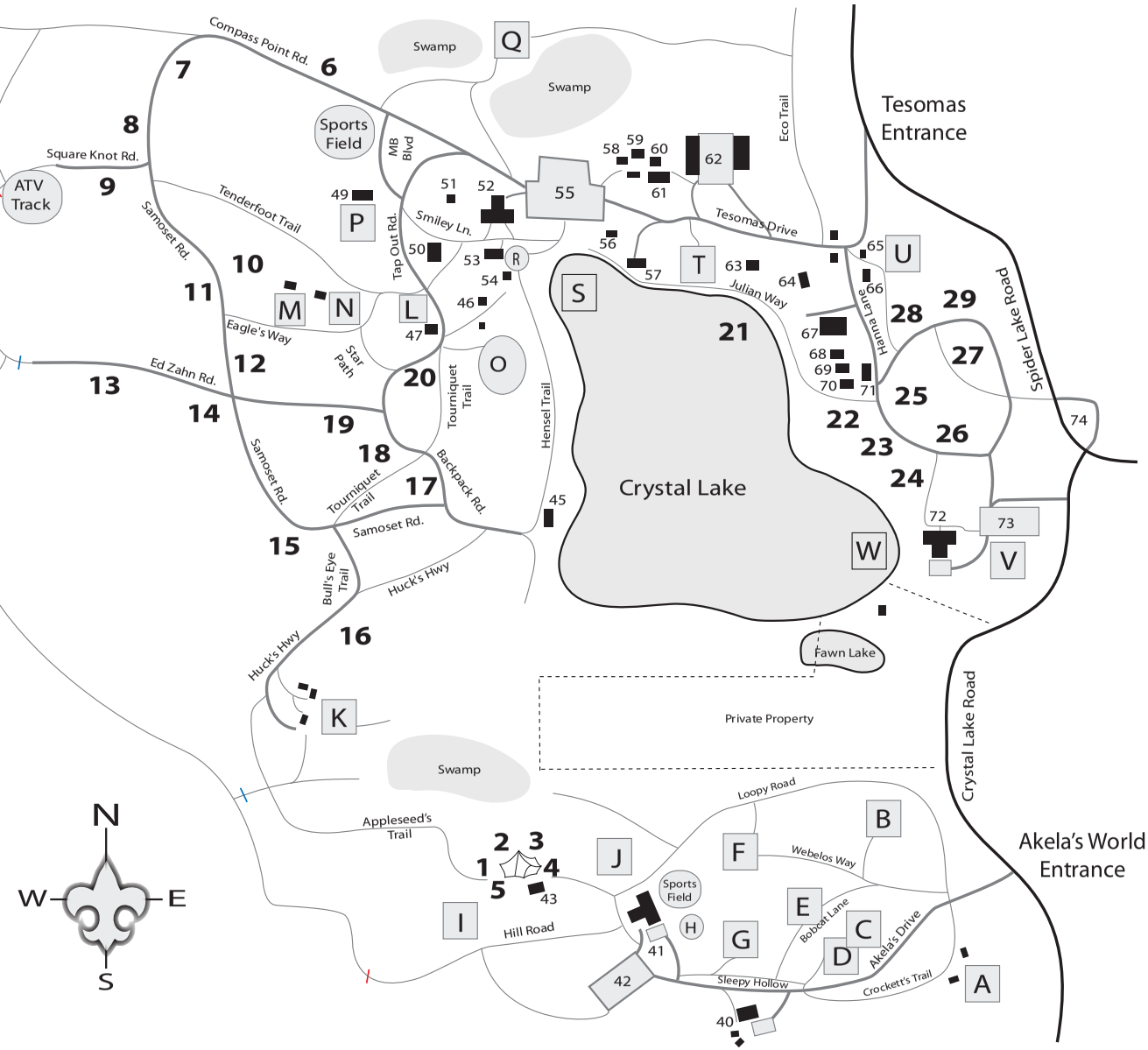
Buildings/Other
58. Ahdawagam Cabin (16)
42. Akela's World Parking Lot
66. Basketball Court
68. Bixby Cabin (10)
67. Buffalo Bill Cabin (24)
64. Sunrise/Sunset Cabin
70. Dosier Cabin (10)
51. Ed Lund Shelter
74. Family Camping
54. Fox Den Cabin
40. Gabriel House (30)
73. Hanna Parking Lot

Akela's World Program Areas
E. Adventure Alley
C. Babe the Blue Ox
G. Baloo's Cave
A. Crockett's Glen
H. Flag Pole
D. Fort Akela
F. Lost Ship
J. Khan's Kabin
I. Reflection Hill
B. Treehouses

Tesomas Program Areas
L. Business & Technology
V. COPE/Climbing
M. Eagle Quest
Q. Ecology/Conservation
R. Flag Pole
O. Grand Council Ring
P. Handicraft
W. Hanna Waterfront
T. Kiwanis Chapel
U. Personal Wellness
N. Scoutcraft
K. Shooting Sports
S. Tesomas Waterfront

72. Hanna Venture Base (26)
60. Heinrichs Cabin (16)
65. Koskelin Cabin
69. Ledbetter Cabin (10)
49. Lions Skill Center
62. Maintenance
41. Mark Program Center
46. Mohawk Cabin
53. Program Center
57. Ranger House
52. Dining Hall
45. Schooley Lodge (16)
59. Schult Cabin (16)
43. Shower Building
47. Shower Building
61. Shower Building
71. Shower Building
56. Souix Cabin
63. Dan Boone Cabin
55. Tesomas Parking Lot
50. Trading Post

*Asterisk denotes handicap accessible
Capacities are listed next to the site or building in parentheses.



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