

Summer Camp at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan

July 10 – 16, 2011

A week of Summer Camp is for ALL Scouts:

Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan is NEIC's resident Scout camp, about 300 miles north of us, NE of Antigo, Wisconsin. This is one of the finest Scout Reservations in the United States, running a premier BSA summer program of activities and advancements. There are platform tent campsites for troop camping, camp-wide flag ceremonies, a dining hall (we act as our own table hoppers), a shower house, and Scouting Skills activity areas, such as Scoutcraft, Handicraft, Eco-Con, Waterfront, and Field Sports, etc.

Lasting only one week, from Sunday, 1 p.m., through the following Saturday morning, it's just right for the New Scouts. The Camp's [Trailblazer Program](#) offers them the activities to get signed-off on most of their [To First Class](#) rank requirements -- for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. In addition, they will work on some beginning [merit badges](#) at the Camp's Activity Areas.

A week at Summer Camp is probably the single most-important activity that makes a boy feel that he's now a 'real' Boy Scout and 'part of his Troop'

while continuing to learn to work within his own Patrol on personal growth and responsibility. The Older Scouts work on [merit badges](#) and [youth leadership skills](#). We try to keep a ratio of at least one Adult Leader for each eight Scouts in our campsite, to keep an eye on things -- that means 5 or more [Adult Volunteers](#) in Camp for the week.

The huge camp-wide bonfire Friday evening is the centerpiece of an [Order of the Arrow](#) Call-Out Ceremony. Parents and visitors are welcome, but they will probably need to find a place to stay, Friday night. Check it out at www.neic.org. The Scouts don't leave camp until Saturday morning, after breakfast, after their tent passes inspection and our campsite is clean.

The best *preparation* for a New Scout spending a week at Summer Camp is active participation in the weekly Troop Meetings (to make new friends) and the Troop's Spring Campouts (to look forward to the excitement of camping.) *Homesick? Sure, but see [homesick](#) here to put it in perspective.*

The Details of Getting it Together:

[Camp Fees / Dates](#)

[Bus-UP, Bus-BACK Schedule](#)

[In the Swim](#)

[Our Packing List](#)

[Camp Physical Forms](#)

Expected Behaviors

Final Check-list

Other Information for Parents