



Camp Lakota/ Camp Neil Armstrong **Outbound Program**

INTRODUCTION







Camp Lakota's Outbound Program began in 2004 with four "historic" programs:

Voyageurs – set in 1704 when the French dominated the Great Lakes region and beyond from Montreal;

Rendezvous – set in 1804, just a year after Ohio was granted statehood but while this region was still "Indian Territory" with British presence at the Confluence, French voyageurs still traveling throughout the region, and frontiersmen moving through the area to trade with the Native Americans; and, finally,

The Sons of Daniel Boone and Woodcraft – arbitrarily set in 1904 – two of the precursors to the Boy Scouts of America.

The purposes of the Outbounds include:

-  Exploring the trails and waterways of the area
-  Exposure to the rich history of the locale – The Legend of Lakota
-  A "break" from the routine of working on advancement requirements to experience another aspect of Boy Scout Resident Camp
-  Opportunities to carry on some Merit Badge activity in a different arena
-  An opportunity to meet Scouts from other areas of Black Swamp Area Council, as well as Scouts from out of Council
-  An opportunity to get to know Staff members in a venue other than the program areas where they are normally seen

In 2005 the Outbound Program was expanded into a Camp program feature that every Scout, Adult Leader, and Staff Member is expected to participate in as part of the Lakota Experience. Experimentation has led to some programs becoming regular features while others change from year to year.

2018 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

Adult Leaders Retreat usually is when the adults come together to share tales, skills, and Scouting experiences with one another. The famous Lakota Grill will be provided for the leaders to prepare a delicious steak dinner (steaks, baked potatoes, and salad provided). Troop leaders will be asked to volunteer to cook dinner and breakfast for all adult leaders, so feel free to bring along your own extra food or special recipes!

Backpacking Outbound is associated with the Backpacking Merit Badge; however, anyone may join in on the hike! The Buckeye Trail is a sustainable trail that provides a safe and unique experience throughout the state reflecting the diverse resources, people and stories of Ohio. Scouts will hike several miles to Independence Dam State Park and learn about the history associated with the trail and how it connects back to the history of Camp Lakota. In the morning, Scouts will then make their way back to Lakota.

Cooking Outbound will begin shortly after lunch on Tuesday, and involve Scouts on learning and implementing some intense outdoor cooking methods! The Scouts will be able to plan their own dinner and breakfast, go shopping for those ingredients, and cook at their leisure. Scouts in the Cooking Merit Badge take precedence on this Outbound list and there is a \$7 fee associated with this Outbound.

C.O.P.E. Outbound is a continuation for those enrolled in Project C.O.P.E. On the Outbound, both youth and adult C.O.P.E. participants will be spending the evening on our very own HIGH ROPES COURSE using the knowledge gained from low C.O.P.E. to enhance team trust and overcome personal fears.

Cycling Outbound will leave after lunch on Tuesday to complete a 50-mile bike ride. Scouts must bring a multi-speed bike to camp and be prepared to travel the above mileage. Requirement 7c #1 (Option A) will be completed for the Cycling Merit Badge. Bikes must be inspected by Lakota Staff prior to departure. A quick stop to a local ice-cream shop will be along the way, so a \$5 fee is added for some cold, sweet enjoyment!

En-Sa-Wac-Sa Outbound will travel out of camp on the Auglaize/Maumee Rivers and sleep in a site along their canoe trek. **Must be a Swimmer and requires a Paddling Skills Test.** Over the course of their trip, En-Sa-Wac-Sa will travel between 4-8 miles depending on the skill level of the group and participants will have the opportunity to earn the BSA Paddle Craft Safety: Basic Canoe certification.

Field Sports will combine Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, and Black Powder shooting. While there may not always be time for all of these activities, the Scouts will be able to choose what they want to do the most. A \$5 fee is associated with this Outbound.

Frontiersman Outbound will allow scouts to earn the *Wilderness Survival Merit Badge* and complete their overnight requirement! Scouts will build their shelters, and then spend the night under them. While cooking like the frontiersman, participants will learn a few old-style cooking methods specific to their Outpost. Scouts will need to bring a sleeping bag, personal first-aid/ survival kit and mess kit.

Kayaking Outbound will travel 14 miles up and down the Auglaize/Maumee Rivers and experience river kayaking. **Must be a Swimmer and requires a Paddling Skills Test.** This Outbound requires a good amount of strength and perseverance, for BSA Paddle Craft Safety: Basic Kayaking can be earned on this trip. Recommended for older Scouts.

Nature Outbound will allow Scouts the opportunity to explore, get dirty, and pick apart various parts of Lakota that very few Scouts ever venture into, such as the slate-beds, the log jam, and Lakota's own wetland. Be prepared to stay the night with some of Lakota's finest wildlife. Scouts will need a good pair of water boots, extra shoes, and extra clothes for exploring the natural environment.









Nicotah Scouts will work to enhance their Scout skills while participating in a historical trek that teaches the lessons of early Scouter's, including: Daniel Beard's "The Sons of Daniel Boone," Lord Robert Baden-Powell's "Brownsea Island," and Ernest Seton's "Woodcraft Indians." Scouts in Nicotah will rotate between these areas practicing the many skills learned in class for rank advancement.

Photojournalism Outbound is required for Scouts in the Photography/ Journalism Merit Badge class. Scouts will be learning and practicing photo elements around Lakota in the evening on Tuesday, and touring one of the Defiance Newspapers on Wednesday morning.





Stand-Up Adventure will allow Scouts to enhance their balance while Stand Up Paddle Boarding and Board Sailing on Lake Glengary, as well as Mountain Boarding parts of the Powell-Creek trail (jeans are recommended). *This outbound DOES NOT require a paddle skills test; however, you **must** have successfully completed a BSA swimmers test.*

Survival: Lakota Edition is a new outbound, altered from 2017, offered this camping season to Scouts 14 and older who have a minimum rank of First Class. On this Outbound, Scouts will put in place practical skills used for survival with only the clothes on their back, what's in their pockets and a full water bottle. Each Scout will receive a box with one different item in it, to be used on the Outbound shortly after they depart. A decent hiking trip to a remote part of Lakota (or somewhere in Defiance County) will test Scouts to utilize their surroundings and what was given to them to survive 24 hours in the open woods. Different from the Frontiersman Outbound, glorified meals will not be provided and the Outbound time is extended. A Scoutmaster description is available upon request for more information concerning this Outbound.

GENERAL EQUIPMENT LIST

-  Sleeping Bag & Ground Cloth
-  Mess Kit with Utensils
-  Water Bottle (*full, preferably multiple*)
-  Long Pants
-  Warm Clothes for Evening & Morning (*Maybe an Extra Set*)
-  Rain Gear
-  Backpack --to transport
-  Pocket Knife

Additional for Water Based Outbounds

-  Swim Suit
-  Extra Pair of Shoes --that can get wet
-  Waterproof Pouch for Personal Items (*Ziploc Bags*)
-  Sunscreen

NOTE:

Some Outbounds may have additional items that are required for the Outbound, while other Outbound programs may require less equipment. Additional information will be stated Sunday Evening following dinner at the Program Meetings.