

# 2011 MA-KA-JA-WAN PARENT'S GUIDE



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# INTRODUCTION

## NOTE TO PARENTS

Now that you've decided to send your scout to camp, you probably have a lot of questions and concerns. This guide is designed to address at least some of these, and to help you find resources to prepare for the summer. The most important of these resources is your Scout's unit leadership. Each unit receives a leader's guide which outlines all of Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan's programs, policies, and key personnel. Be sure to talk to your son's leaders for information about the troop's plans for the summer, or visit [www.neic.org/makajawan](http://www.neic.org/makajawan) to download the leader's guide yourself. If there are concerns these resources can't address, please do not hesitate to contact me—my contact information is below.

We at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan are eager to provide yet another safe and fun scouting experience for Scouts of all ages. We have a staff of over 120 dedicated individuals trained and ready to provide a certified program for your Scout. I personally look forward to this opportunity to show you and your son just how exciting and rewarding summer camp at MaKaJaWan Scout Reservation can be.

Jim Neubaum  
Council Program & MaKaJaWan Reservation Director

## YOUR UNIT'S MA-KA-JA-WAN CONTACT INFORMATION

The most critical step in getting ready for camp is to talk to the Scoutmaster or MaKaJaWan Camp Coordinator of your son's unit (troop, crew, etc), to find out the "who, what, where, when, and how" regarding the troop's camp preparation. Please take a moment to fill in the information below:

Troop Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Campsite: \_\_\_\_\_ Camp: East or West

Attending Camp: Week #(s) \_\_\_\_\_ & Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Adult Camp Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

(\*PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR SCOUTS'S REGISTRATION WITH THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA IS UP-TO-DATE. IT SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED WHEN THE UNIT RECHARTERED. IF HE IS A NEW SCOUT, MAKE SURE HIS REGISTRATION FORM & FEE HAVE BEEN PROCESSED WITH YOUR DISTRICT/COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE BEFORE ARRIVING AT CAMP.)

## MA-KA-JA-WAN CONTACT INFORMATION

MaKaJaWan Scout Reservation  
W6500 Spring Lake Road  
Pearson, WI 54462-8133

Phone: 1-715-484-2346  
Fax: 1-715-484-3019  
Email: [msrbsa@wildblue.net](mailto:msrbsa@wildblue.net)

(This email address is active  
ONLY FROM JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> TO  
AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2011.)

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Boy Scouts of America  
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Highland Park, IL 60035

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Fax: 1-847-433-2036

Website: [www.neic.org](http://www.neic.org) or  
[www.neic.org/makajawan](http://www.neic.org/makajawan)  
(For more information about camp)

## COUNCIL KEY CONTACTS

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## WHILE YOUR SCOUT IS AT CAMP

### MAIL

#### Q: Can I send letters to camp?

Letters should be addressed to: Scout's Name, Troop #\_\_\_\_\_, Camp (East or West), Campsite Name, Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation, W6500 Spring Lake Rd., Pearson WI 54462-8133. Please note that receiving letters at camp can sometimes make a Scout long for home—try to keep your letters positive and focused on what your son is doing at camp, not what he is missing at home. It's best to mail early: letters often take 3-5 days to reach camp. You may even want to mail some of your letters before your Scout heads off to camp. The same address can be used to contact MaKaJaWan staff. Include their job title and name.

#### Q: What about care packages?

Again, packages should be addressed as above and mailed early. It is often difficult to get packages returned to sender if they arrive after a Scout has left. Be sure to pack your Scout's favorite things, but go light on food—food stored in the tents at night will attract critters. Homemade cookies or other goodies he can share with his friends are a great camp tradition.

## TELEPHONE & E-MAIL

### Q: Can my son call home from camp?

Yes, there are phones located at each of the two camp offices. However, please do not ask your son to call at a specific time. These phones are often busy, and your son may not be able to use it at a set time. Also, we recommend that it is best if Scouts only call home if there is a need—calling home often encourages homesickness. Finally, please be aware that camp policy is that Scouts must be accompanied by an adult leader when using the phone—this ensures that leaders in the unit will know if a Scout is homesick.

### Q: What if there's an emergency?

Should you need to reach your son quickly, it's best to call 715-484-2346. This is the main camp administration number and is answered nearly 24 hours a day (during the rare times it is unattended, it is possible to leave a message). We will attempt to get emergency messages to your Scout or leader as quickly as possible, but be aware that since camp is 1600 acres, this may take a fair amount of time. Be sure when you call to include name, troop number, and campsite. State your phone number clearly, two times.

### Q: Can I send email to camp?

Camp has very limited internet service and this is used primarily for camp business. It's best to stick to the tried and true—letters and post-cards. (We are working on possible email message systems for the future.)

## TRANSPORTATION TO & FROM CAMP

### Q: How does my scout get to and from camp?

Again, the unit is the best source to answer this question. Some Scouts arrive by private transportation (you can bring him up), others with their troop (your unit may be arranging some form of carpool), and many others choose a council-provided bus. Maps to camp are available at [www.neic.org](http://www.neic.org) or from the unit leader. If your Scout is arriving by private transportation, please plan to arrive NO EARLIER than 1pm on the day his session starts.

### Q: Can you tell me more about the bus?

Units that use the bus have a "bus coordinator"—find out who this is if you wish to use the bus. Scouts should also pack a lunch—the bus will stop at a rest stop for this meal. All Scouts are supervised at all times. All council charter buses will depart from and return to Northbrook Court located on Lake Cook Road between Waukegan Road and Skokie Boulevard in Northbrook (South East end of parking lot by Neiman-Marcus store). All buses depart sharply at 8:00am, so it's best to be early—Scouts should be present one hour prior to departure time. Each Scout must have his completed medical form with him in order to board the bus and should be in Scout uniform. His uniform shirt pocket is a good place to carry the medical form, as he will need the form again upon arrival at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation.

- These buses will run provided we have adequate number of riders that have made their reservations with payment before the deadline. This service is provided for the convenience of Scouts, their parents, and the unit, but these buses will be canceled if ridership is not adequate to cover the costs.

## BUS DEPARTURES

Buses will depart from the South-East parking lot of Northbrook Court near Neiman-Marcus each Sunday morning at 8:00 A.M. sharp on those dates where sufficient enrollment has occurred. Please note buses to and from camp are NOT available for all weeks, so be sure to communicate with your unit's bus coordinator for details.

## BUS ARRIVALS

Buses will return to the East parking lot of Northbrook Court near Neiman-Marcus each Saturday afternoon at approximately 3:30 P.M. on those dates where buses are available.

# MA-KA-JA-WAN TRADITIONAL CAMP FEES

## SCOUT CAMPING FEES

Q: How much will it cost to send my son to camp and whom do I pay? All traditional camping at MaKaJaWan Scout Reservation fees are per Scout, per week. **Discount date** for all periods is **May 27<sup>th</sup>**.

Fees if the balance is paid by discount date: **\$260.00**      If Balance if paid after discount date: **\$300.00**

Please note additional costs may be incurred at camp depending on the merit badges and activities your Scout chooses to participate in, as well as unit specific fees (transportation, food to/from camp, etc).

- 1) A \$50 deposit (per week) must be turned in to the council office **by April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Scout fees are paid to the unit, who will then pay the council. Your unit will have a deadline before that, to ensure they get all deposits to us on time.
- 2) The \$210 balance is due **by May 27<sup>th</sup>**. Again, your unit's deadline will be sooner, to ensure all scouts fees are turned in to the council office on time.
- 3) Bus fees are usually collected and turned in to council by the May 27<sup>th</sup> deadline, to ensure your unit has seats on the buses. Check to see what your unit's deadline is.

\* If your son is a newly transferred Webelos, or brand new scout, he will be charged the discount fee. Check with your unit's leader to see if they have a different deadline for new scouts. We cannot guarantee bus seats after May 27<sup>th</sup>, so try to get that fee paid on time. See below for more bus information.

Q: What about spending money and these "other fees" you mentioned?

HERE'S A FAIRLY COMPLETE LIST OF FEES AT CAMP. SOME UNITS PAY SOME OF THE FEES BELOW. Most Scouts will also spend between \$30 and \$50 per week in the trading post on soda, souvenirs for the family and himself, kits for handicraft badges, worms for fishing, etc. Please plan accordingly; your unit leader can give you a good idea of what is "average" spending for Scouts from the unit.

### HIGH ADVENTURE TREK FEES

(Trips subject to availability/safety considerations.) **Deposit deadline w/scout roster is April 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

**We now have SIX High Adventure Treks to choose from!** GO TO page 20 & [www.neic.org/highadventure](http://www.neic.org/highadventure) for more exciting information! **IMPORTANT:** ALL 3-5 Day High Adventure Trek Fees WILL BE KEPT SEPARATE from fees for Traditional Camping at MaKaJaWan Scout Reservation, instead of being an "additional fee".

Trek Transportation Costs (Optional) .....	\$25 (per person)
Wolf River Rafting - 1 Day .....	\$20 (a popular choice done by most Scouts)
Wolf River Canoeing - ½ Day .....	\$10
Buckskin Overnight - 1 Night .....	\$10

### TRIANGLE M RANCH FEES

Horsemanship Merit Badge .....	\$30 (for Scouts taking this badge)
Trail Rides .....	\$15 (for those that choose to go to the Ranch)

### SHOOTING SPORTS FEES

Archery .....	No Cost
Archery Merit Badge .....	\$4.00 (Approx. cost of an arrow kit)
Shotgun/Black Powder ticket .....	\$0.50 (two shots)
Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge.....	\$6.00 (minimum cost - 24 shots)
Rifle ticket .....	\$0.50 (one ticket per 10 shots)

Shooting Sports tickets will be sold for 50 cents each at the Trading Posts (NOT at the ranges). Unused tickets may be exchanged for cash value on any purchase at any camp Trading Post. They **CANNOT** be used at the Council Service Center in Highland Park.

## BUS TRANSPORTATION FEE

Fees are per person/each way: **\$50 if paid at least 3 weeks** before your session, then **\$65 if paid** from: **less than 3 weeks up to the Wednesday** before your session, but **ONLY** if space is available. Verify room with the camping secretary first. NO refunds. NO reservations will be accepted after the deadline dates indicated.

**\*These fees may go up, depending on actual transportation charges including possible fuel surcharges. No refunds.** Units sending eight or more Scouts on the bus must also have at least one adult, with the first 2 adults free. The name of the adult riding the bus must be provided with the reservation in order for it to be accepted. Buses are limited to weeks 3, 4, 5, and 6 and **are subject to cancellation if demand is low.**

## EARLY ARRIVAL - LATE DEPARTURE FEES

Units arriving early will need to provide their own food and tents—these units will be camped in Wabaningo unless otherwise directed. Persons staying late may be able to purchase meal tickets & stay in their site until the next unit arrives—however, MaKaJaWan reserves the right to move these persons if needed.

**An additional charge of \$5 per person camping fees will be assessed for each additional day in camp** (in keeping with the camp's general overnight visitor fee).

## REFUND POLICY

Scout deposits (\$50 per scout, per week), site fees, and high adventure fees are non-refundable. The balance of the scout fees is refundable **only** for extenuating circumstances. Requests for refunds must be made in writing to Debi Lesniak, Camping Secretary—and must be received **by Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Documentation of the extenuating circumstances may be requested. Please be prepared to provide receipts, doctor's statements, or any other pertinent information. **Refunds are not provided during the camp season, and are ONLY made payable to the unit (not to the family).**

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE- CAMPERSHIP PROGRAM

Q: What if my son can't afford this fee?

Under certain circumstances, financial assistance is available for those Scouts in Northeast Illinois Council who qualify. Interested Scouts should complete the campership application form. All campership applications must be reviewed by unit leaders and returned to the Scout Service Center by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Payment of final fees may be withheld only if a campership form is filed before May 1<sup>st</sup>. Applicants will be notified of campership awards no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>. The only exceptions to these deadlines are NEW scouts. Call the Camping Secretary with questions.

## ORDER OF THE ARROW FEES:

Ordeal Fees (lodge flap, sash, handbook, Feed, and dues for new members)	\$42
OA Feed (OA celebration on Saturday evening open to all OA members)	\$ 6
OA Dues (provides OA* membership for balance of the year for any Lodge member)	\$ 11
Brotherhood Fee (sash and Feed)	\$ 21

**See pages 21 & 22 of the LEADERS GUIDE for more information about Order of the Arrow.**

## VISITOR CAMPING AND MEAL FEES

**Meal tickets are available for purchase at the Reservation Office prior to dining.**

Guest breakfast.....	\$4.00
Guest lunch.....	\$5.00
Guest dinner .....	\$6.00
Children under 3 years of age .....	FREE
Overnight Stay in campsite or Family Camp Tent Site.....	\$5.00 per person, per night
Overnight Stay using RV or Pop-up Trailer .....	\$7.00 per person, per night
<u>RV/Trailer Electrical hook-ups</u> - additional cost .....	\$20 per night ( <i>limited number</i> )

**Bring your own tent & RV/Trailer to use in Family Camp sites**

# WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

## Q: What should my Scout pack for camp?

Here's a fairly complete list, but of course you should tailor it to meet your Scout's needs. **IMPORTANT: WRITE YOUR SCOUT'S NAME (AND UNIT # IF POSSIBLE) ON AS MANY OF HIS ITEMS AS YOU CAN!**

1. BSA Medical form completed and signed by the physician, and signed by the parent/guardian (within one year) - bring at least 2 copies. Include prescription medication information (complete & accurate descriptions of directions for use), if taking while at camp. Medication must be in original prescription containers.
2. Scout uniform: Summer uniform of shorts and Scout short sleeve shirt
3. T-shirts are good for day time activities
4. Sweater and/or jacket
5. Jeans or other long pants
6. At least five pairs of socks (include some Scout socks for use with summer uniform.)
7. Neckerchief (If required by unit)
8. Towels (2) and washcloth
9. At least five changes of underwear
10. Swimming trunks
11. Pajamas or other sleeping clothes
12. Sleeping bag or several wool blankets (it can get chilly at night)
13. Ground cloth
14. Poncho or raincoat - A must!
15. Extra pair of shoes (for wet weather): A must!
16. Backpack for daily use
17. Soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, and comb
18. Flashlight with extra batteries
19. Scout Handbook, pencil, pen, and paper (use pre-addressed, stamped envelopes/cards if you expect letters!)
20. Mosquito netting: A must for all campers!
21. Mosquito repellent (no aerosol cans) - A must!
22. Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses—be prepared for hot weather!
23. Canteen or water bottle
24. Units doing patrol cooking or Cooking merit badge - personal mess gear including fork, knife and spoon
25. Spending money

## OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT:

1. Camera
2. Compass
3. Pocket knife (Sheath knives not allowed in camp)
4. Fishing equipment

**Check out the Scout Shop to purchase items you need!**

## WHAT NOT TO BRING:

1. Electronic items (consult your troop policy for specifics)
2. Items of significant monetary or sentimental value (Leave it at home if you be upset if it got lost or broken)
3. Items prohibited by BSA policy (fireworks, sheath knives, firearms of any kind, pets, etc.)
4. Items prohibited by your unit's leadership
5. If you are unsure whether something is appropriate to take to camp, please ask.

## SECURITY OF PERSONAL POSSESSIONS:

The security of personal possessions at camp is the responsibility of the individual. Personal possessions such as stereos, iPods, etc. have no place in camp. It is virtually impossible to provide security in camp for valuables (watches, jewelry, or money). Please keep these items out of sight or on your person. MaKaJaWan Scout Reservation cannot be responsible for the loss of personal possessions. **If an item has significant monetary or sentimental value, camp is probably not the place for it.**

# HEALTH AND INSURANCE

## MEDICAL FORMS

To ensure a safe and healthy camping experience, the National Council, B.S.A requires **The BSA Medical Form**: All Scouts attending MaKaJaWan, whether or not they participate in program activities, must bring an approved medical form with them to camp - **by Wisconsin Law, this physical must be kept by the Health Lodge**. Make several copies prior to camp. Keep one for your records, and give at least two copies to the unit leader. Parts A, B (physical), & C of the **BSA Medical form** are required. A school or state physical can be substituted ONLY IF it is as comprehensive. (You may have to attach Parts A & C to this form.) ALL High Adventure participants must use our form. **Exception:** The Philmont & Jamboree Medical forms are more extensive and can be substituted (IF attending camp within 12 months of physical). **The BSA Medical Form must be completed and signed every 12 months** by the parent/legal guardian, & the physician. **Failure to present a valid medical form will prevent participation in any activity on the reservation—this includes Order of the Arrow activities.**

**NOTE:** Scouts traveling by council bus must have their medical form in their own possession prior to embarking.

## INDIVIDUAL INSURANCE

The following insurance information must be attached to the completed Medical Form **for each participant** attending (A legible copy of the insurance card):

1. Year round policy provider's company name
2. Policy number

## MEDICAL, HEALTH & DIETARY SERVICES

Q: What health facilities are available at camp?

The Camp Health Lodge is fully stocked with all emergency and first aid equipment necessary, including beds, bandages, oxygen, defibrillators, and other supplies. Camp staff includes a full-time EMT Health Officer and several additional EMTs are on staff. The local rescue squad provides service if needed, and a clinic is available 20 minutes from camp. For serious injuries, the local hospital's emergency room is only 25 minutes away. Parents will be notified immediately of any serious health situations.

Q: My son takes several medications—will he get these at camp?

The State of Wisconsin and the Boy Scouts of America require all medications brought to camp by campers (under 18) be secured and locked in the camp health lodge (except for those a Scout needs on his person for life-threatening situations. They are to be turned in to the Camp Health Officer and listed on page 1 of the BSA Medical Form (or pre-approved alternate form). A supervising adult will administer all medication according to instructions on the BSA Medical Form. Please make sure both your Scout and the unit leader are clear on medication requirements and understand the importance of taking all medications. Your scout leader is your best resource to make sure your son gets his medication in a timely fashion.

Q: How should I pack my son's medications?

**Important:** The medication must be in the ORIGINAL prescription bottle and include the following information:

- |                                  |                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Camper's Name                 | 4. Date prescribed    |
| 2. Name of prescribing physician | 5. Name of medication |
| 3. Prescription number           | 6. Directions for use |

No exceptions to any of these policies are possible.

**Please remember:** MaKaJaWan Scout Reservation is not responsible for Scouts arriving at camp with any pre-existing illnesses or injuries.

Q: What if my son needs a special diet?

A special diet request form is available from your unit leader or the website for scouts with medical or religious restrictions on their diet—we can accommodate most special needs. However, we do ask that you turn in this form as soon as possible so we can try to prepare appropriate alternatives. Please note there may be some cost associated with special diets, although most can be accommodated without special purchases. Our regular camp menu is approved by a dietician and is healthy, tasty, and filling for most Scouts. Please do not use the special diet request form for scout preferences, but only for true needs.

# VISITING CAMP

## Q: Can we visit our son at camp?

Visitors are always welcome at camp, but you must sign in at the Reservation Office. Visitors must have an appropriate physical form (see page 9 for type required).

Additional information about the area surrounding camp (including additional lodging, campgrounds, businesses, and attractions) can be found at [www.antigochamber.com](http://www.antigochamber.com) or [www.pickerel-pearson.com](http://www.pickerel-pearson.com)

## Q: Can I stay in my son's campsite?

We prefer to only have Scouts and leaders stay in the campsites—however, if you would like to volunteer as a leader for your unit for a few days, you may work something out with the troop to that effect. Do keep in mind that for most of his time in camp, your Scout will be busy doing various activities and an extended visit may not turn out to be what either of you wants. Leaders can pay either the leader fee of \$130 per week, or the visitor and meal fees. **NO siblings are allowed in the campsites, only in Family Camp.**

## Q: How do I get to camp?

A map to camp is available on the website, [www.neic.org](http://www.neic.org) or [www.neic.org/makajawan](http://www.neic.org/makajawan)

## Q: If I visit camp, are there other activities to do in the surrounding area?

The region around camp offers a variety of activities for a visiting family. There are numerous horse stables, fishing spots, and scenic drives near camp. In Laona, there is an excellent logging and ecology museum (and another in Rhinelander). Downtown Antigo, the closest town, features shopping (Fleet Farm, antique stores, and of course Wal-mart), a movie theater, laundry, and several nice restaurants.

## FAMILY CAMP INFORMATION

Family Camp at MaKaJaWan Scout Reservation offers a unique camping experience for the families of unit leaders and scouts. There are many things to see and do within a short distance of Family Camp. Some activities in camp are open to families, and there are several points of interest in the local area.

Our facilities for overnight guests are limited, so contact the Camping Secretary before the summer season to make your reservation. Contact camp directly after June 15<sup>th</sup>. Tents will only be allowed in areas designated by the Reservation Director (usually Family Camp or Wabaningo); RV and camper pop-up sites are available in Wabaningo. Visitors **must read and abide by** all the policies of camp, covered in pages 26-30.

**Check-in Procedure:** When you arrive at MaKaJaWan, check in at the Reservation Office—a health form is required, regardless of length of stay. You will be directed to Family Camp where a staff member will meet you and direct you to your cabin, tent or RV site. Check in is on Sunday, after 1:00 PM only! If you find that you must cancel your reservation, notify the council office or campground as soon as possible. You must provide your estimated time of arrival, especially if arriving mid-week or later in the evening.

**Family Camp Cabin Reservation Policy:** Cabins are available for rental only by families of leaders or scouts that have paid and are on their unit's roster for camp. All cabins are rented for the full week only, from Sunday 1 PM to Saturday 10:30 AM. **Cabins cost \$250 per week.** If available, single nights can be reserved, at a cost of \$45 per night. However, daily reservations will only be made through the MaKaJaWan Reservation Office, and **ONLY** after June 15<sup>th</sup>. Reservation requests will be accepted via email or phone. There is no per person fee for those staying in the cabin.

**Cabins:** Most of the cabins are two bedroom buildings, built around 1959, and are equipped with sleeping facilities to accommodate six or seven people. Mattresses are provided, but bedding is not included. Each cabin is equipped with a minimum of cooking and eating utensils. Heating is by gas space heater or wood stove. All cabins have a small refrigerator and kitchen sink. Toilet facilities are in each cabin with central shower houses for men and women. Be aware that "rustic" is the term most often used to describe these cabins.

Cabin #1	3 rooms, sleeps 6	Cabin #2	3 rooms, sleeps 7
Cabin #4	3 rooms, sleeps 6	Cabin #5	2 rooms, sleeps 6

**Campers/Pop-Ups:** There are four spaces available in Wabanningo ONLY- Gilwell Field for campers/pop-ups (**this is the only location for recreational vehicles.**) Reservations for these sites must be made through the Council office (contact Debi Lesniak) **by June 15<sup>th</sup>**. After that, you must call MaKaJaWan directly.

**Tent sites:** There are sites in the Family Camp area, as well as Wabanningo. Make your reservations through the Council office **by June 15<sup>th</sup>**. After that, you must call MaKaJaWan directly.

**Pets:** Pets are NOT allowed!

**Leaders and Family Camp:** The adult leader's primary responsibility at camp is to the unit he/she leads. While the leader will be able to schedule time to spend with his/her family, it is important that the family understand that the Scouts and the unit are the leader's main concern while attending camp.

**Scout Camp Restrictions:** With the exception of regularly scheduled visiting periods, residents of Family Camp are not permitted in the campsites or program areas. Families may attend special events such as the Order of the Arrow callouts, campfires, retreats, water carnivals, etc. Arrangements should be made with the appropriate camp director for visits to campsites or program areas.

**Meals at Scout Camp:** Family Camp residents may eat meals in the East or West Camp Dining Halls. Families must make reservations and prepay for meals at the reservation office.

**Helpful Hints:** For all its charm and comfort, Family Camp is not the Holiday Inn. Be prepared! Include warm clothing, rain gear, AND your swimsuit, since the odds say "warm and sunny". If small children are part of your family, sand and water toys would be appropriate. Small appliances, such as electric coffee makers, hot plates, irons, radios, portable televisions etc. are not necessary, but convenient. Guests/overnight visitors are not permitted in Family Camp unless prior reservations have been made and space is available.

**Check-out Procedure:** A staff member will assist you in checking out. Any bills payable to MaKaJaWan Scout Reservation shall be paid at the reservation office prior to departure. Check out time is 10:30 AM.

**Program Activities:** MaKaJaWan Scout Reservation offers Family Camp residents a varied program from session to session depending on the attendance and interests. Many activities such as nature hikes, Order of the Arrow callouts, camp retreats, campfires, cooking demonstrations and handicraft instruction can be arranged. Also available may be cookouts, horseback riding, raft trips, and other special trips arranged through the camp. However, it is best to plan your own week, as available camp activities will be dependent on family camp occupancy. Off-camp family activities may include antique shopping in Antigo, rafting or tubing on the Wolf River, or a visit to the Camp Five Logging Museum in Laona. Family Camp events and programs will not occur in conflict with events/programs offered for Scout participants.

**Waterfront:** Provided they meet all BSA requirements and follow all camp policies, Family camp residents may use the waterfront facilities located in West Camp. The dock in Family Camp is reserved for fishing activities and as such, is unsafe for swimming use.

**Swim Checks:** Swim checks are required for all residents of Family camp who plan to use any aquatic facility.

**Boating:** Family camp residents may use boats in accordance with the camp and BSA policy—boats are available at the West Camp Aquatics area, primarily in the afternoon and evening. Rowboats are limited to 3 people. Electric or gas motors are not allowed.

All use of canoes, rowboats, motorboats, sailboats, kayaks, rafts and other watercraft by registered youth and adults shall be in conformance with National Scouting Safety Afloat rules, except that youth who are not registered Scouts (or Cub Scouts, Tigers, Varsity Scouts or Venturers) shall be required to follow the same restrictions as Scouts of the same age or grade. Cub Scouts are prohibited from canoeing and rafting on running water; no Cub Scout age Scout or non-Scout may use canoes or rafts associated with camp programs off the reservation. Unregistered adults must follow the same applicable Safety Afloat rules as registered adults.

Unregistered youth who cannot meet minimum age or grade requirements of youth membership in the B.S.A., regardless of their sex, must be in the company and under the direct supervision of their parent or guardian at all times when in or on canoes, rowboats, motorboats, sailboats, kayaks, rafts or other watercraft. Because supervision of Scouts is the primary responsibility of Scouters or other adults in the company of Scouts, underage youth may not accompany their parents or guardian if the parent or guardian is at the same time supervising Scouts.

**\*\*\*\*WISCONSIN LAW REQUIRES EVERYONE TO HAVE A PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE\*\*\*\***

**Medical Information for Family Camp:** All visitors are required to have a complete BSA Medical Form (parts A & C only if the stay is less than 72 hours) for each member of the family at camp. ALL parts are required if camping MORE than 72 consecutive hours. These forms will be turned over to the Health Lodge upon arrival.

**See page 9 for more information.**

**The Country Store:** The Country Store is the Family Camp trading post. A variety of snacks and souvenirs, including t-shirts, sweatshirts, & caps (for all sizes) are in stock. For your convenience, Master Card, VISA, Discover and American Express are accepted. Many other items are available in the town of Pickerel.

## ACCOMMODATIONS - HOTELS NEAR MAKAJAWAN

<p><b><u>Bear Paw - 29 Miles From Camp</u></b>                  N3494 Hwy 55/ White Lake WI 54491                  1-715-882-3502  <a href="http://www.bearpawoutdoors.com">www.bearpawoutdoors.com</a></p>	<p><b><u>Best Western Crandon Inn and Suites - 16 miles</u></b>                  9075 E Pioneer Street, Hwy 8 East/Crandon WI 54520                  1-715-478-4000 or 1-800-478-1428  <a href="http://www.bestwestern.com/crandoninnandsuites">www.bestwestern.com/crandoninnandsuites</a></p>
<p><b><u>Buettner's Motel on the Wolf - 28 Miles from Camp</u></b>                  N4530 Hwy 55/White Lake WI 54491                  1-715-882-2186</p>	<p><b><u>Buettner's Wild Wolf Inn - 28 Miles from Camp</u></b>                  N2580 Hwy 55/White Lake WI 54491                  1-715-882-8611 or 1-715-882-8612  <a href="http://www.wildwolfinn.com">www.wildwolfinn.com</a></p>
<p><b><u>Chet &amp; Emil's Motel - 42 Miles from Camp</u></b>                  Railroad/Birnamwood WI 54414                  1-715-449-2297</p>	<p><b><u>Day's Inn - 22 Miles from Camp</u></b>                  525 Memory Lane/Antigo WI 54409                  1-715-623-0506</p>
<p><b><u>Holiday Inn Express Hotel &amp; Suites - 22 Miles</u></b>                  2407 Neva Road/P.O. Box 73/Antigo WI 54409                  1-715-627-7500 or 1-800-HOLIDAY  <a href="http://www.hiexpress.com/antigowi">www.hiexpress.com/antigowi</a></p>	<p><b><u>Jardine's Trailside Inn - 2 Miles from Camp</u></b>                  N9881 Hwy 55/Pickerel WI 54465                  1-715-484-3045  <a href="http://www.Trailside-Inn.com">www.Trailside-Inn.com</a></p>
<p><b><u>Mole Lake Casino/Lodge/Conf. Center - 7 Miles</u></b>                  3084 Hwy 55/Crandon WI 54520                  1-877-478-5772  <a href="http://www.molelake.com">www.molelake.com</a></p>	<p><b><u>Super 8 - 22 Miles from Camp</u></b>                  535 Century Avenue/Antigo WI 54409                  1-715-623-4188 or 1-800-800-8000  <a href="http://www.super8.com">www.super8.com</a></p>

## ACCOMMODATIONS-CAMPGROUNDS NEAR MAKAJAWAN

<p><b><u>Antigo Lake RV Park</u></b>                  Third Avenue &amp; Hudson St./Antigo WI 54409                  1-715-623-3633 x150</p>	<p><b><u>Pelican Lake Campground</u></b>                  2060 County Road Q/Pelican lake WI 54463                  1-715-487-4600  <a href="http://www.pelicanlakec.com">www.pelicanlakec.com</a></p>
<p><b><u>Bear Paw Outdoor Adventure Resort</u></b>                  N3494 Hwy 55/White Lake WI 54491                  1-715-882-3502  <a href="http://www.bearpawoutdoors.com">www.bearpawoutdoors.com</a></p>	<p><b><u>Raft 'n Rest Campground</u></b>                  N4327 Hwy 55/White Lake WI 54491                  1-715-882-5613  <a href="http://www.raftnrest.com">www.raftnrest.com</a></p>
<p><b><u>Christian's Campground</u></b>                  472 Eagle Lake Road/Pelican Lake WI 54463                  1-715-487-5957</p>	<p><b><u>River Forest Campgrounds</u></b>                  W510 County Road WW/White Lake WI 54491                  1-715-882-3351  <a href="http://www.wolfrivercamping.com">www.wolfrivercamping.com</a></p>
<p><b><u>Lil' Hummer's Wolf's Den Campground</u></b>                  W6902 County Road A/Deerbrook WI 54424                  1-715-484-4413</p>	<p><b><u>Walleye Lodge Campground</u></b>                  Pearson WI 54462                  1-715-484-3333</p>
<p><b><u>Lily River Lodge &amp; Campgrounds</u></b>                  7790 Jones Lane/Pickerel WI 54465                  1-715-484-2062</p>	<p><b><u>Weaver's Resort &amp; Campground</u></b>                  1001 Weaver Road/Pelican Lake WI 54463                  1-715-487-5217  <a href="http://www.weaversresort.com">www.weaversresort.com</a></p>
<p><b><u>9 Mile All-Sport Resort</u></b>                  N5751 State Road 55/White Lake WI 54491                  1-715-610-2579 or 1-715-484-8908</p>	<p><b><u>Wildlife Campground</u></b>                  N4602 Willow Lane/Birnamwood WI 54414                  1-715-449-3617</p>
<p><b><u>Northern Hideaway RV Park &amp; Campground</u></b>                  N10692 East Shore Road/Pearson WI 54462                  1-715-484-3373</p>	<p><b><u>Wolf River-Nicolet Forest</u></b>                  N3116 State Road 55/White Lake WI 54491                  1-715-882-4002</p>

# TRADITIONAL CAMPING AT MA-KA-JA-WAN - CAMP SCHEDULE

## Q: What will my son do at camp?

Again, this is best addressed with the unit leader. Most Scouts will participate in a variety of activities at camp. Some of these he will do with his friends and patrol—hikes, afternoon swims, games of Frisbee, etc. Others will be coordinated at the troop level—flag ceremonies, campfires, raft trips, and so on. Some activities are done camp wide—meals, opening and closing ceremonies, as well as other events. Finally, some activities the Scout will choose entirely on his own. If he is a first or second year Scout, he may participate in our Trailblazer Program, designed to help these Scouts achieve First Class while at camp. Older Scouts (as well as younger ones that wish to) work on merit badges—Scouts can choose topics that interest them and work on earning a badge in that area. A complete list of available merit badges (and tentative schedules for when they are offered) is available on the website [www.neic.org](http://www.neic.org), and more information about these badges can be found at [www.meritbadge.com](http://www.meritbadge.com). Most Scouts find there is far more they want to do than can be accomplished in a week or two at camp—make sure your son sets some personal goals and desired activities before arrival in camp.

## Q: What is the typical day at camp like?

<b>7:50 AM</b>	Flag Raising
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Breakfast (followed by Mug Club for Adult Leaders)
<b>9AM-Noon</b>	Program areas open and advancement work begins. Most scheduled merit badge sessions occur during the morning. Trading post is also open at this time.
<b>12:30 PM</b>	Lunch
<b>1 - 2 PM</b>	Scouts in campsite (Siesta). Scouts may have free time or may be working on troop projects.
<b>2 - 5 PM</b>	Afternoon program: This is generally advancement and/or free time. Many Scouts use this time for swimming, hiking, archery, or other "exploration" of what camp has to offer.
<b>5:50 PM</b>	Retreat: Flag-Lowering
<b>6:00 PM</b>	Dinner
<b>7 - 8 PM</b>	Evening program—a good time for troop and patrol activities
<b>9:00 PM</b>	Night hikes, astronomy, campfires, and other evening activities, overnight camping trips
<b>10:00 PM</b>	Lights Out

## ADVANCEMENT

### TRAILBLAZER PROGRAM

This program provides first year campers and new Scouts the opportunity to work on requirements for advancement to First Class. This is a great way for Scouts new to MaKaJaWan to get involved and decide what they want in their camping experience, at the same time working on rank advancement. Scouts still on the trail to First Class are encouraged stop by the Trailblazer area on Monday morning to learn more about this advancement opportunity!

### EARNING MERIT BADGES AT CAMP

Merit badge opportunities, while not the entire camp program, are an integral part of the MaKaJaWan experience. It is the recommendation of the Northeast Illinois Council Boy Scout Outdoor Committee that no Scout come to camp exclusively to earn merit badges. For this reason and past experience, we recommend that Scouts should pursue no more than four merit badges during a one-week period. For some Scouts, two merit badges will be a challenge. Scouts who are not able to complete a merit badge at camp may complete the remaining portion of a merit badge at home through the usual unit advancement program.

### MERIT BADGE PREPARATION

Each Scout, in consultation with his unit leader, should determine what merit badges he wants to work on **before** he goes to camp. Many merit badges cannot be completed at camp without prior work or preparation. The Scout should bring a signed note from his home Merit Badge Counselor or Scoutmaster as evidence of work completed. Since many merit badges occur at scheduled times, a tentative schedule is included on the web to help Scouts avoid scheduling conflicts.

### MERIT BADGES AVAILABLE AT CAMP

Visit <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/boyscouts/youth/awards/noa.aspx> for more about outdoor merit badges.

## **MA-KA-JA-WAN POLICIES DISCIPLINE IN CAMP**

**Proper behavior is the responsibility of the unit leadership.** If the unit needs help, they should consult with their Camp Commissioner or the Camp Director. **Vandalism or injury to others will not be tolerated.** Scouts who misbehave in activity areas will be asked to leave the area for the remainder of the day. More serious behavior problems in an activity area will be referred to the unit leadership and the Camp Director. In serious cases, the Reservation Director will notify local authorities as needed.

The Boy Scouts of America and MaKaJaWan Scout Reservation policy is - No staff member, leader or other camper shall punish a Scout by: withholding food and/or water, imposing isolation, enforcing abusive physical exercise, or using corporal punishment.

### **NON-DISCRIMINATION**

Rules for acceptance and participation in any program at MaKaJaWan Scout Reservation are the same for everyone regardless of race, color, national origin, disability or gender. Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against in this program should write to: Administrator, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302-1500.

### **AQUATICS QUALIFICATIONS**

Anyone using the camp aquatics facilities (including boats and canoes) is required to take the aquatics swim test. This policy includes all youth, adults, and all Family Camp residents and guests. Each person will be tested according to the standard B.S.A. requirements as outlined below. Beginners and learners can ask to be re-tested. **NOTE: All MaKaJaWan aquatics activities take place in a lake, not a pool.**

**Swimmer:** Swim 100 yards as follows: Swim 75 yards (using side, breast, or crawl), then turn and swim 25 yards using elementary back stroke - float for one minute

**Beginner:** Swim 50 feet (including at least one turn)

**Learner:** Anyone who cannot qualify for beginner or swimmer

Instruction is offered. In all cases the aquatics staff has the right and authority to disqualify an individual from use of the waterfront facilities. This is necessary to maintain health and safety standards.

**CHECK OUT THE 2011 LEADERS GUIDE FOR MORE IMPORTANT POLICIES!**

### **AFTER CAMP IS OVER**

Don't forget to pick your son up! Camp ends on Saturday—most troops leave camp early, usually between 7 am and 9:30 am. Make sure you know the troop's arrangements on where to meet your son and how he is getting home, whether riding with an adult leader or on the camp bus.

Once he's home, there will be plenty of laundry (and other things) to clean and lots of stories to listen to—let him talk, because he'll have a lot to tell you. Be sure to ask what he liked about camp, what he did, and what he thought of the staff.

Later, be sure to check your son's recollections of what advancement he did with the unit leader's records—be sure to report any discrepancies early, to your unit leader. It is very difficult to verify advancement record mistakes if significant time has passed, and your son will want to proudly accept all his awards at the troop Court of Honor.

Start thinking about Boy Scout Summer Camp 2012! If your son will be 14 or older, perhaps he'd like to consider joining the MaKaJaWan staff: an application is available at [www.neic.org](http://www.neic.org) or [www.neic.org/makajawan](http://www.neic.org/makajawan)

## MAKAJAWAN NEEDS LIST

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	QUANTITY
diving masks	15
ecology-conservation books/posters/DVDs	any
fishing poles w/reels (Zebco 202 preferred); light fishing tackle	any
fly-fishing equipment (esp. rods, reels, flies, and fly-tying material	any
canvas tarps (BSA dining flies and/or trail tarps; others fine too)	any
rubber cement	6 bottles
cotton balls	12 bags
shop rags	any
WD 40	any
metal die stamps (for stamping metal)	any
toothbrushes (for shooting sports gun cleaning)	10
PSE bows	12
Remington oil (for gun cleaning)	1 case
gun scrubber (in aerosol can)	6 large cans
20 gauge bore snake	2
22 caliber bore snake	4
safety glasses and ear protection (especially youth models)	any
lens cleaner	6 bottles
28 inch arrows (fiberglass preferred)	3 gross
Knot-tying rope (low memory, high flexibility)	600'
band-aids (especially latex-free)--standard sizes preferred	any
field guides--especially for trees, mammals, birds, reptiles/amphibians	any
bandanas, neckerchiefs, or cravats--for first aid practice	any
magnifying sheets (Fresnel lens) (large surface and at least 6x power)	8
block and tackle (with or without rope--should be rated 750# or more)	2
come-along winch	2
push brooms (wider is better)	10
helmets for rafting (can be bike, baseball, or other type of helmet)	50
Glucometer strips	any
junior epi-pens	2
double antibiotic cream	3 tubes
1% hydrocortisone cream	2 tubes
Benadryl - liquid ( or generic antihistamine)	3 bottles
latex-free gloves in medium and large sizes	any
1" X 3" bandages	500
3" elastic bandages	12
4" elastic bandages	12
window-mounted AC unit (must be modern and energy-efficient)	1
visual aids for Animal Science (biology posters for example)	any
saddle pads	10

**Contact Jim Neubaum at the Council Office if you think you can help with any of the above!**

## MAKAJAWAN NEEDS LIST (CONTINUED)

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	QUANTITY
girths for horses	4
horse bridles	4
horse halters	2
saddles	4
traffic cones (3 foot)	6
plastic pitch fork	1
gore-tex aprons	6
3' X 5' U.S. flag (nylon preferred)	15
volleyball	4
volleyball net (high quality preferred, without breaks or tears)	2
frisbees	12
fire gloves	10 pr.
leather gloves (for belaying at the climbing wall)	6 pr.
star charts (appropriate to summer in Northern Wisconsin)	6
tube or flat webbing (with 22.2 kN rating)--must be new with receipt	100 ft.
backpacking cooking equipment (lightweight aluminum pots, pans, utensils)	any
GPS units (durable grade preferred--does not require many "extras")	8
backpacking water filters (quality units with replacement filters)	6
18" X 24" sheets of 28 gauge metal	300
leather scraps (any kind, any size--leather items taken as well)	any
sketching paper (for Art merit badge)	any
paints for Art merit badge--tempera, watercolor, or acrylic	any
archery bows suitable for cub scouts (must be capable of sustained use)	16
shooting sports targets (master provided--printing service needed)	20,000
steel wool (0000 grade)	8 packages
6 volt batteries	6
BSA utensil kits	6
plastic Rubbermaid tubs for high adventure food storage	any
wagon wheels (large enough for an "authentic" chuck-wagon)	4
large softballs	4
cash registers (for trading posts)--high quality a must	3
duluth sacks (for high adventure canoeing treks)	6
high quality barometer	2
large projector screen (for East Dining Hall Movie Night)	1
strike-anywhere matches	50 boxes
ATC's (for the climbing wall--must be new with receipt)	2
metal shears	6
leather shears (high quality scissors capable of cutting leather will do)	8
dry erase supplies (markers and boards especially)	any

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