



Howdy Camp Family,

We are very excited to welcome you to the Camp Yaw Paw Family. Whether your child is a returning camper or is joining us for the first time, we are pleased to offer them a unique and memorable summer experience. We know that finding the right summer camp can be a difficult decision, but we can assure you that your child will have an amazing summer experience and we thank you for choosing to send them to Camp Yaw Paw.

Our camp is all about YOUR child. Lord Baden Powell, once said, “My belief is that we were put into this world of wonders and beauty with a special ability to appreciate them, in some cases to have fun of taking a hand in developing them, and also in being able to help other people instead of overreaching them and, through it all, to enjoy life—that is, to be happy.” At Yaw Paw our goal is to provide a fun, entertaining summer experience for your scout while we introduce them to a variety of new activities, challenges and friends. We only have our children for so long and during that time it is our responsibility to ensure that we give them the opportunity to learn about the world around them and to learn about the ability inside each of them to accomplish things they never thought possible. Beyond this, the Scouts BSA program provides opportunities for leadership as well as morals and ethics you will find in no other program!

Our staff takes great pride in the camp and the program we have put together. As the premier Cub Day Camp of Northern New Jersey, we have a lot to offer. Your Scout will spend their day boating, swimming, fishing and hiking. They'll spend time playing a variety of sports, and of course shooting BBs and archery with our certified staff. All activities will be themed around our camp theme which is The Wild West!

We also know that summer is about one very important thing and that's being a kid. Here at Yaw Paw we strive to instill community and foster camp spirit. In addition, our regular program, campers will have the opportunity to take part in camp-wide activities and theme days – all the things that make summer...well, summer!

The following information will help you understand the procedures and policies regarding your child's time at Yaw Paw Day Camp. A careful reading will answer many questions and help you prepare for your child's time at camp this summer. Together we can work to give your camper a positive growing experience that will last a lifetime.

Please call me or e-mail me with any questions you have about camp.

Yours in Scouting,

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# **2022 Camp Yaw Paw Cub Scout Day**

## **Camp General Information sheet**

**Northern New Jersey Council, B.S.A.**

### **About the 2022 Staff**

- All staff is registered members of the B.S.A.
- All staff have current Youth Protection and Hazardous Weather Training
- All staff have gone through Criminal Background Checks
- All staff have gone through Personal Interviews and Training

### **General History Information**

Camp Yaw Paw has been in operation since 1922 as a Boy Scout Camp and Webelo overnight camp for the Ridgewood – Glen Rock Council. With the merger of those two councils and the Bergen Council, Camp Yaw Paw began operating as a Cub Scout Day Camp. In 2022, Camp Yaw Paw will operate Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm, for 5 weeks beginning Monday, July 11, 2022 and will be ending on Friday, August 12, 2022. Scouts will not only have fun but will begin working on advancements for their next year's rank. All Scouts attending Camp Yaw Paw are members of the Boy Scouts of America. Those Scouts that will be attending camp for multiple weeks will experience some different and advanced activities to keep them excited and interested in the program.

### **Lost and Found Policy**

Camp Yaw Paw will hold items in camp when it is in session, except for food/perishables, which will be disposed of properly. Articles may be retrieved by claiming the item in person at the office during the day. After camp is over, the items will be dispensed in an appropriate manner. Northern New Jersey Council is NOT responsible for anything left or forgotten at camp. Please label all items that your child is bringing to camp including backpacks and clothing.

### **Security**

All Cub Scouts are given colored wrist bands that must be worn during the entire week. Each bus has its own color to assist scouts when getting on the buses. All staff members are required to wear name tags that are always visible. If you are picking up your scout early, please plan on arriving by 2:45pm. You can pick up your scout from the office. We need for you to exit the road by 3:15pm, prior to the buses coming up the road. If someone other than the scout's parent is picking up his or her child, we must have this in writing to release the scout

from camp. If your scout is unable to attend camp on a certain day, please call the camp by 8:30am so we are not looking for them. The Camp phone number is (201) 760-0143.

### **Gate Code**

The gate code will be given to you in your weekly packet. Please lock the gate after you open it, making sure to push the red latch back in and scramble the numbers on the padlock. Camp Yaw Paw is located on Bear Swamp Road, in Mahwah, New Jersey, 07430. Bear Swap Road is off Route 202. If using a GPS, use 100 Bear Swamp Rd. as the address.

### **Visitors**

All visitors to Camp Yaw Paw are required to stop at the office and sign in. Visitor(s) will be issued a Day Pass for that day but are not permitted to participate in hands on activities. At no time may a visitor proceed to any area of the camp without first signing in and receiving a visitor pass. **\*\*\*Visitors must always be accompanied by a staff member while at camp\*\*\***

### **Lunch**

All staff, adult volunteers and campers bring their own lunch. Scouts and staff will be required to carry their lunches with them in their day packs during the camp day. Please label your scout's bags, bottles, and containers. Scouts should bring a beverage for lunch and a separate water bottle that they will carry with them in their day pack. There are water stations located throughout camp that your scout may use to refill their water bottle.

### **Dens**

Scouts are placed in Dens by the grade they are entering in September. Scouts going into First Grade in the fall are put in Tiger Dens. Scouts going into Second Grade in the fall are put in Wolf Dens. Scouts going into Third Grade in the fall are put in Bear Dens. Scouts going into Fourth and Fifth grade in the fall are put in Webelos Dens. Scouts from the same pack and entering the same grade will be in the same den. Additional requests for den placement will be considered if possible. Each Den has staff members who act as Den Chiefs who will work with the scouts and bring them to each program area. Scouts will begin to work on advancement for their next rank in Cub Scouts.

### **Programs at Camp Yaw Paw**

Camp Yaw Paw begins at 9:00am with the opening ceremony where the Cub Scouts will participate in raising the American Flag and the Northern New Jersey Council Flag.

Scouts will recite the Pledge of Allegiance, Cub Scout Oath, Law, and the Cub Scout Motto DO YOUR BEST!

During each day, the Cub Scouts will participate in Swimming, Boating, Cub Skills and Nature, Sports, BB Shooting, Archery, Scout Crafts and Fishing.

The day ends with the lowering of the American Flag. The buses leave Camp Yaw Paw at approximately 4:00 pm.

**Swimming:** All scouts and staff are given swim tests at Camp Yaw Paw. Everyone is classified into three ability groups, Swimmer, Beginner and Learner. Everyone is required to use the buddy system in their own group. Each ability group has their own separate swimming area. Swimming lessons are offered during all swimming periods. The Waterfront Director is trained and certified by the Boy Scouts of America in Aquatics Administration. There are private changing rooms for the scouts.

**Boating:** All scouts are permitted to use the paddle boats. The Boy Scouts of America requires all youth, staff and adults to wear Personal Flotation Devices (life jackets) at all times. Scouts that are classified as Swimmers are permitted to use the rowboats. There must always be a buddy in all boats.

**Nature/Fishing:** Cub Scouts will enjoy a blend of Nature and Fishing on alternating days throughout the week. Your Scout will learn about nature and how we interact with nature. Special emphasis is placed on how we can properly interact with concerns specific to the local environment of Yaw Paw. Our lake is great for fishing. The camp has fishing poles, so scouts should NOT bring their fishing poles. The scouts will be able to fish once they've demonstrated the ability to cast and not catch another scout. Since we follow the catch and release policy, we will provide the boys with barbless hooks and fishing poles

**Sports:** Everyone is encouraged to participate in the sports program to the best of his ability. Cub Scouts will learn about team building and supporting each other as well as the need for proper physical fitness.

**BB's:** Our BB range is operated by a trained staff member certified in operating a BB range. The Range Director teaches proper BB gun safety. After the lesson, scouts will be given the opportunity to shoot at targets. Scouts can earn their Shooting Sports Award in BB Shooting with us (which is not available anywhere else outside of a Boy Scout Camp).

**Archery:** At Archery, our certified instructor teaches proper archery safety and proper shooting technique. Scouts can earn their Shooting Sports Award in Archery (which is also not anywhere else outside of a Boy Scout Camp).

**Cub Skills:** At Scout Craft, the Cub Scouts will learn about fires, cooking and some map and compass, along with knots.

### **First Aid/Medical**

A licensed E.M.T. (Emergency Medical Technician) is on staff to treat any injuries and administer any medication. All scouts are required to bring to a completed medical form. **It is imperative that you send your scout's medical form with them on the first day.** Immunization records must be filled out. Since the scouts are not staying overnight, you do not need to have a doctor's signature. Scouts that arrive at camp without a completed medical cannot participate in any activity. If a scout needs to be given medicine, it must be turned in to the E.M.T. and only the E.M.T. may administer any medicine. Please do not let your scout wear open toe footwear. Please no sandals or flip flops. Since the scouts walk on trails during the day they need proper footwear.

### **Bus Safety**

Scouts are transported to Camp Yaw Paw on licensed, insured inspected school buses. All drivers have been licensed by the state of New Jersey cleared by a background check. Please review with your scout proper bus procedures including keeping hands and arms inside the bus, never throwing anything out of an open window, refraining from causing a distraction or other dangerous situation, and remaining seated any time the bus is in motion. All buses are equipped with seat belts, and it is required that they are always worn.

### **Campfire**

Thursday evening is our family Campfire. Scouts will return home on the bus as usual, and you are invited to join us at 6:30pm for food followed by the popular campfire. There is no fee for the camper. Adults and siblings fee is \$15. Boxed meals will be provided. There will be an email sent on Monday evening to make your reservation and to pre-order your meal. Please reserve early so we can properly plan for the Campfire.

### **Trading Post**

There is a trading post where soda and snacks are sold along with small accessories. Knives, if available, are only sold on Thursday evenings to parents.

### **Phone**

The Camp Phone number is (201) 760-0143.

### **Weather**

Scouts should be prepared for the possibility of rain and have a rain poncho with them in their backpack. Camp operates every day, but there will be different activities in inclement weather.

## **First Day of Camp**

The first day of camp requires a lot of special attention. Throughout their week with us, the scouts will be working in age appropriate activities swimming, boating, fishing, using BB guns, using bows, and possibly using knives and working with fire (where age-appropriate deemed by the Guide to Safe Scouting). These items can be very dangerous if used improperly. Although our focus is “fun with a purpose”, our main concern is everyone’s safety. Therefore, the first day tends to be a round robin where the scouts learn the safe methods in each station, and have their medical forms evaluated one on one with our health officer. They do participate in some activities that first day, but again this is limited based on the program area and the number of scouts in the den. That out of the way, the rest of the week is action-packed!

### **Things to Wear to Camp:**

1. Sneaker or work boots (NO Open Toed Shoes)
2. T-Shirt (Although we would love to see the boys in the camp shirts every day, scout shirts and camp shirts are strictly optional – never required.)
3. Shorts or long pants

### **Things to Bring to Camp:**

1. CURRENT COMPLETED MEDICAL FORM (We do not need a Doctor’s signature since Day Camp is a non-overnight activity) for 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Camp to Participate in Waterfront Activities
  - a. You Will Need the “General Information” Sheet & the “Informed Consent & Hold Harmless/Release Agreement” Sheet. NO DOCTOR VISIT/SIGNATURE NECESSARY!
  - b. Medication in Original Container
  - c. SEE ATTACHED FORM
2. Lunch (EVERY DAY) with name
3. Refillable Water Bottle
4. Towel
5. Bathing Suit
6. Possible change of clothes
7. Pocket Money for Trading Post

8. Rain Jacket or Poncho

9. Day Pack (backpack)

**Optional Things to Bring:**

1. Bug Spray (Cream Instead of Aerosol)

2. Sunscreen (Cream Instead of Aerosol)

3. Hat

4. Water Shoes

5. Extra Pair of Socks

6. Sunglasses

7. Snacks

**Things NOT to Bring:**

1. iPods or other Music Players

2. Cell Phones

3. Electronic Games

4. Fishing Poles

5. Pocket Knives

6. Archery or BB Equipment

**BUS SCHEDULE WILL FOLLOW!**

**2022 Yaw Paw Bus Schedule**

<b>Bus</b>	<b>Stop</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Pick-Up Time</b>	<b>Drop-Off Time</b>
<b>Bus A</b>	<b>A1</b>	<b>Teaneck</b>	<b>Teaneck High School</b> - 100 Elizabeth Ave	7:30 AM	5:30 PM
	<b>A2</b>	<b>Tenafly</b>	<b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b> - 430 Knickerbocker Rd	7:45 AM	5:15 PM
	<b>A3</b>	<b>Demerest</b>	<b>Northern Valley High School</b> - 162 Knickerbocker Rd	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
	<b>A4</b>	<b>Westwood</b>	<b>Westwood Elks</b> - 532 Kinderkamack Rd	8:15 AM	4:50 PM
<b>Bus B</b>	<b>B1</b>	<b>E. Rutherford</b>	<b>Lowes Store</b> - 150 Rt 17 North	7:10 AM	5:30 PM
	<b>B2</b>		<b>St. Leo's School</b> - 300 Market St	7:40 AM	5:10 PM
	<b>B3</b>	<b>Saddle Brook</b>	<b>First Reformed Church</b> - Saddle River Rd & Ackerman Ave	7:55 AM	5:05 PM
	<b>B4</b>	<b>Glen Rock</b>	<b>Glen Rock Central Elementry School</b> - 600 Maple Ave	8:15 AM	4:45 PM
<b>Bus C</b>	<b>C1</b>	<b>South Orange</b>	<b>South Orange Middle School</b> - 70 North Ridgewood Rd	7:15 AM	6:00 PM
	<b>C2</b>	<b>West Orange</b>	<b>Essex Green Shopping Center</b> (Panera Bread) - Mt Prospect Ave & Route 280	7:30 AM	5:45 PM
	<b>C3</b>	<b>Verona</b>	<b>Kings Supermarket</b> - Pomton Ave	7:45 AM	5:15 PM
	<b>C4</b>	<b>Wayne</b>	<b>Lowes Theater</b> - 67 Willow Brook Blvd	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
	<b>C5</b>	<b>Oakland</b>	<b>Copper Tree Mall (Valley Bank)</b> - Route 202 (Ramapo Valley Rd)	8:20 AM	4:30 PM
<b>Bus D</b>	<b>D1</b>	<b>West Milford</b>	<b>Our Lady Queen of Peace</b> - 1911 Union Valley Rd	7:15 AM	5:30 PM
	<b>D2</b>	<b>Wanaque</b>	<b>Wanaque Community Church</b> - 705 Ringwood Ave	7:45 AM	5:15 PM
	<b>D3</b>	<b>Allendale</b>	<b>Archer United Methodist Church</b> - 37 E Allendale Ave.	8:15 AM	4:40 PM
	<b>D4</b>	<b>Upper Saddle River</b>	<b>Cavailini Middle School</b> - 392 West Saddle River Rd	8:35 AM	4:30 PM
<b>Bus E</b>	<b>E1</b>	<b>Clifton</b>	<b>Clifton Commons</b> - AMC Theater, Rt 3 East	7:40 AM	5:30 PM
	<b>E2</b>	<b>Wayne</b>	<b>Our Lady of Consolation</b> - 1799 Hamburg Turnpike	8:10 AM	5:00 PM

	<b>E3</b>	<b>Mahwah</b>	<b>Continental Park</b> - Route 202 (Ramapo Valley Rd)	8:35 AM	4:30 PM
<b>Bus E Paterson will be offered week 1 and 2 only</b>					
<b>Bus E</b>	<b>E4</b>	<b>Paterson</b>	<b>Wendy's</b> -145 Broadway	8:00 AM	5:10PM
<b>Bus F will be offered week 1 and 2 only</b>					
<b>Bus F</b>	<b>F1</b>	<b>Jersey City</b>	<b>Boyd-McGuinness Park</b> - Duncan Ave	7:00 AM	5:45 PM
<b>Bus F</b>	<b>F2</b>	<b>Jersey City</b>	<b>Hudson Community College</b> - 70 Sip Ave	7:20 AM	6:05 PM
<b>Bus F</b>	<b>F3</b>	<b>Union City</b>	<b>CVS</b> - 714 Summit Ave	7:40 AM	6:25 PM