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# CAMP BELZER

CROSSROADS OF AMERICA COUNCIL, BSA

## DAY CAMP

**PARENT GUIDE**





# WELCOME TO CAMP BELZER

Welcome to Camp,

Thank you for choosing Camp Belzer as your summer camp home. With hundreds of camps to choose from across the country, we are honored you put your trust in us. We believe that we have the best summer day camps in the country, and we will live up to your expectations.

Camp is an amazing place where the magic of a child’s imagination can come to life and the adventurous spirit unleashed in a safe and fun environment. We provide the information below to answer your questions about Camp Belzer and to earn your complete confidence when you put your child in our care.

At camp, our goal is to provide the highest quality customer service possible. That starts from the moment you decide to come to camp, all the way through your post-camp experience. We hope that for every youth and adult, your time at camp will be the highlight of your summer experience.

It is our hope that this guide will serve as a resource to help meet your needs for your time at camp. If you have any questions as you plan for summer camp, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely

Matthew Long

Camp Director



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# BUILD AN ADVENTURE

Children do stuff. They build things. Play with purpose. Make friends and work together. Set goals and clear them. They go places. Physically. Mentally. Spiritually. These life-changing experiences — and the confidence they provide — become bricks in the wall of childhood. Bricks that eventually form a foundation. One a Child can stand on to embrace opportunity and overcome obstacles. For the parents watching in awe, it's not a question of where their child will go, but where won't they go.

## DAY CAMP AT CAMP BELZER

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### EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Should you need our assistance to contact a person at camp please call the camp office phone number at 317.546.6031. Generally, this phone is answer during the hours of 8:00am to 6:00pm.



## BELZER DAY CAMP PARENT GUIDE



## PROGRAM TRACKS

### TIGER & WOLF CAMP TRACK

This track is for rising Tiger and Wolf Cub Scouts. Traditionally these Cub Scouts will be entering the first and second grades next school year and this may be their first day camp. While this track is designed for Cub Scouts and campers will work on Cub Scout Adventures, this track is open to youth who are not members of the Boy Scouts of America. Cub Scouts are encouraged to invite a friend.

Cub Scout camps have one universal theme that is incorporated into everything we do, and Scouts should be prepared to participate in a series of challenges throughout their time at camp.

**2021 TIGER & WOLF CAMP THEME: WEIRD SCIENCE**

### BELZER DAY CAMP TRACK

#### 3RD THROUGH 5TH GRADES

This track is fun, educational and open to all youth entering the third through fifth grades. Activities and programs vary from week to week based on rotating themes. Each week will focus on getting out of the classroom and learning by doing. Activities and program have been specially designed to be fun and interesting to this age group.

#### 6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADES

This track is fun, educational and open to all youth entering the sixth through eight grades. Activities and programs vary from week to week based on rotating themes. Each week will focus on getting out of the classroom and learning by doing and activities and program have been specially designed to be fun and interesting to this age group. Campers that are Scouts BSA members will be able to earn merit badges.

WILDERNESS WEEK	JUNE 7TH THRU 11TH
STEM WEEK	JUNE 14TH THRU 18TH
FUR, FEATHERS, AND FERNS WEEK	JUNE 21ST THRU 25TH
SHOOTING SPORTS WEEK	JUNE 28TH THRU JULY 2ND
AQUATICS WEEK	JULY 5TH THRU 9TH
ARTS & CRAFTS Week	JULY 12TH THRU 17TH





# TIGER & WOLF DAY CAMP

## ADVENTURE LOOPS

ADVENTURE LOOPS OFFERED AT TIGER & WOLF CAMP		
PROGRAM AREA	TIGER	WOLF
ARCHERY	<i>Archery</i>	<i>Archery</i>
BB GUNS	<i>BB Guns</i>	<i>BB Guns</i>
SLIDE FOR LIFE	<i>Slide for life</i>	<i>Slide for life</i>
MAZE	<i>Maze</i>	<i>Maze</i>
MONKEY BRIDGE	<i>Monkey Bridge</i>	<i>Monkey Bridge</i>
POOL	<i>Floats &amp; Boats Can be completed at Camp</i>	<i>Pool</i>
RELAY RACE	<i>Tiger Tag Can be completed at Camp</i>	<i>Running with the Pack* Can be completed at Camp</i>
COOKING	<i>Cooking</i>	<i>Cooking</i>
FITNESS	<i>Games Tigers Play* Can be completed at Camp</i>	<i>Paws of Skill Req. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6</i>
ECOLOGY	<i>My Tiger Jungle* Can be completed at Camp</i>	<i>Spirit of the Water Can be completed at Camp</i>
WOODCRAFT	<i>Woodcraft</i>	<i>Woodcraft</i>
ENGINEERING	<i>Engineering</i>	<i>Engineering</i>
TECHNOLOGY	<i>Technology</i>	<i>Technology</i>

*Bold activities are Adventure Loops - \*Required for Rank - All others are electives*

## DAILY SCHEDULE

### EXTENDED CARE -----

Precare and Aftercare are available for an additional charge

7:30 AM Early Drop Off  
4:00 PM Aftercare  
6:00 PM Last Pickup

### GENERAL SCHEDULE -----

8:30 AM Arrival  
8:55 AM Opening Ceremony  
9:00 AM Station 1  
10:00 AM Station 2  
11:00 AM Station 3  
12:00 PM Lunch  
1:00 PM Station 4  
2:00 PM Station 5  
3:00 PM Station 6  
4:00 PM Departure

### TRADING POST HOURS -----

8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

### MEDICAL OFFICE HOURS -----

7:30 AM to 6:00 PM







# BELZER DAY CAMP

## WILDERNESS WEEK - - - - -

This week will focus on outdoor survival skills that would be required when living in the outdoors. Experts will provide fun and exciting activities that help to teach skills useful for wilderness first aide, hiking, backpacking, outdoor survival, and much more. Experts will lead outdoor activities and classroom sessions on the importance of safety and training. Scouts BSA members will earn all or some of the requirements for Search and Rescue, Wilderness Survival, Emergency Preparedness, and First Aid Merit Badge.

## STEM WEEK - - - - -

This week will provide an exciting opportunity for participants to learn in an exciting experiment-based STEM program. The program will host STEM professionals and experts to lead exciting and educational opportunities focused in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Experts from many different fields will lead fun and educational experiments and activities that will leave participants wanting more. Scouts BSA members will earn all or some of the requirements for Chemistry, Electricity, Engineering, and Nuclear Science Merit Badge.

## FUR, FEATHERS, AND FERNS WEEK - - - - -

This week will be focused on outdoor conservation and science. Participants will learn and participate in expert lead conservation activities. Experts will lead participants on a learning journey that will focus on the environment and how it is affected by different aspects such as water, wing, wildlife, and humans. Scouts BSA members will earn all of some of the requirements for Fish and Wildlife Management, Forestry, Sustainability, and Reptile and Amphibian Study Merit Badge.

## SHOOTING SPORTS WEEK - - - - -

This week will be focused on shooting sports. Participants will learn how to safely use age appropriate firearms. Our younger participants will learn how to use BB Guns, Slingshots, and Bows and Arrows. Older participants will be able to shoot rifles, shotguns, and more. Experts and professionals will teach firearm safety and shooting skills. All shooting activities will occur at Camp Kikthawenund (7651 W 500 N, Frankton, IN 46044). Buses will transport participants to Camp K after check in and return prior to check out at Camp Belzer. Scouts BSA members will earn all or some of the requirements for Shotgun Shooting, Rifle Shooting, and Archery Merit Badge. Lunch is not provided during this week and participants will need to pack a lunch.

## AQUATICS WEEK - - - - -

This week will be focused on Aquatic Activities. Participants will have fun while learning swimming and boating techniques. Experts will be instructing swimming and boating to allow for fun, safe, and educational experiences in the water. Participants will learn safety and rescue procedures for aquatic activities while having plenty of time in the pool or on the lake. Aquatic activities will occur at Camp Kikthawenund (7651 W 500 N, Frankton, IN 46044). Buses will transport participants to Camp K after check in and return prior to check out at Camp Belzer. Scouts BSA members will earn all of some of the requirements for Swimming, Canoeing, and Fishing. Lunch is not provided during this week and participants will need to pack a lunch.

## ARTS & CRAFTS WEEK - - - - -

This week will focus on arts and crafts. Campers will learn and participate in different mediums and crafts conducted by highly trained instructors. Activities will include painting, coloring, wood crafts, bead work, and more. Youth will learn to express themselves and have fun while learning about art and working with their hands. Scouts BSA members will earn all or some of the requirements for Art, Woodwork, and Graphic Arts Merit Badge.

## CAMP WIDE EVENTS

### OPENING CEREMONY - - - - -

Every morning we hold an opening ceremony that is designed to get everyone excited about camp and includes a Flag ceremony and opening announcements.

### CLOSING CAMPFIRE - - - - -

Finish out your week at Camp Belzer by getting up on stage and performing. A great opportunity to let each youths spirit shine in front of the entire camp a true Camp Belzer tradition.

## SAMPLE SCHEDULE

### EXTENDED CARE - - - - -

Precare and Aftercare are available for an additional charge.

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4:00 PM	Aftercare
6:00 PM	Last Pickup

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### TRADING POST HOURS - - - - -

8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

### MEDICAL OFFICE HOURS - - - - -

7:30 AM to 6:00 PM







# CAMP SERVICES

## HEALTH LODGE

The Health Lodge is located near the main camp area. A qualified Health Officer is on duty during all program time. While camp is in session routine medical needs, and daily medical care are provided during the day. If necessary, two staff members will accompany patients to a nearby medical facility. Should a child, parent, or leader require hospitalization, the Camp Director will notify his or her parents or family. Upon check-in, please notify the Health Officer of any medical conditions or medications being taken by youth and adults.

## LOST AND FOUND

A lost and found is maintained at Camp Office. If you have lost an item, check there first. If you have found an item without an owner, bring it to the office so that we can try to find who it belongs to. Any unclaimed items are donated within a month after the end of the summer.

## TRADING POST SERVICES

Camp Belzer features a Trading Post fully stocked with a variety of camp supplies. Here, children can obtain products such as toiletries, water bottles, clothing, souvenirs, camping gear, and refreshments. The Trading Post will be open on a regular basis during program times.

## SPENDING MONEY

We recommend that spending money be brought for purchasing snacks and camp souvenirs. How much money to bring is a personal decision between the youth and their parents. To help determine how much money to bring to camp, a general price guide is below (prices may be different at camp).

CAMP SOUVENIRS \$1-\$50	CAMP HATS \$10-\$20	SNACKS \$1-\$5
CAMP T-SHIRTS \$12-\$25	CAMP WATER BOTTLES \$10-\$15	CANDY \$1-\$3
TOYS & GAMES \$5-\$25	CAMP EQUIPMENT \$1-\$50	ICE CREAM \$1-\$5
	DRINKS \$1-\$4	

We recommend that parents provides money each day rather than all at once. Cash and credit cards are accepted at the Trading Post.

## MEAL SERVICE

Camp Belzer is lucky to be an Indiana Department of Education Summer Food Program Site operated by MSD of Lawrence Township. This program through the USDA allows MSD of Lawrence Township to provide lunch to all youth participants for free. Youth participants will be receiving USDA approved lunches like those served in school. During morning check-in or at the office, Adults can purchase this same meal for \$4. Participants are welcome to still pack their own lunch if they choose. Many parents choose to pack snacks to eat before and after lunch throughout the day.



## PREPARING FOR CAMP

### MEDICAL FORMS

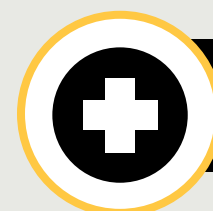
The safety of your child and all our campers is our top priority. The BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (form # 680-001) is required for each youth and adult participant. Part C is not required for day. We collect parts A&B at Camp Belzer

Upon arrival at camp, a copy of a current medical form for each youth and adult must be turned in to the medical staff. An attached photocopy of the camper's insurance card must also be provided as directed by Part A. Due to federal regulations (HIPAA), copies of these health forms should not be faxed to Camp. Copies should also be kept by the pack or parents.

### EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

The following list is provided as an aid, but certainly is not all encompassing. Children should ask parents to assist them.

- ☐ Swimsuit (One-piece swimsuit for females)
- ☐ Towel
- ☐ Athletic shoes or comfortable hiking boots
- ☐ Plastic bags for wet swimsuit to travel home
- ☐ Poncho or raincoat
- ☐ Backpack
- ☐ Canteen or water bottle
- ☐ Suntan lotion and non-aerosol insect repellent (with DEET)
- ☐ Spending money for souvenirs & snacks at the Trading Post
- ☐ Prescription medication in its original container



## COVID-19 MITIGATION

Our camps will continue to practice locally required COVID-19 and communicable disease mitigation strategies. Prior to your arrival, you will receive additional information about what precautions will be in place at camp. If local area restrictions do not allow a camp to be held, you will be contacted no less than 14 days in advance and given an alternative option or a full refund.

At the time of this publication anticipated mitigation strategies include

- Reduced capacity for each camp session and required registration prior to camp. No-walk ins.
- Upon arrival a COVID-19 screening will be performed in addition to traditional health checks.
- Daily COVID-19 screening and temperature check.
- All persons must have a mask with them upon entering camp and are required to wear a face covering to enter all buildings including restrooms. Masks are required to be worn in outdoor areas where social distancing of 6ft is not possible.
- Hand sanitizer is available at all program areas. Participant should use hand sanitizer before and after each program area.
- Increased social distancing during meals which may include multiple mealtimes or shifts.
- Increased frequency of sanitation of shared facilities, restrooms, and changing rooms.
- If needed, changes in program design to institute "cohorting" and reduce inter-group interactions.

These precautions are important but these efforts cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at camp. Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) state that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. *If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to attending camp.*







## ARRIVING AT CAMP

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Starting at 7:45am staff will be assisting in parking. Please see the parking map to the right for a basic description of parking. Plan to arrive between 8am and 8:30am each day. No drop offs are allowed. Please plan to park, walk in, and check in each morning.

Enter camp through the main gate at the east entrance off Boy Scout Rd. You will pass the Camp Ranger's house and continue to the parking lot. Staff will direct you into a parking spot and assist in directing you and your children to the Activity Center for check-in. Please see precare and aftercare section if you wish to utilize these programs.



### CHECK IN AT THE ACTIVITY CENTER

Once you arrive and park please proceed to the Activity Center. Check-in will occur in the Activity Center each day. During check-in we will inform you of any important information and ensure we have all necessary paperwork. Please do not arrive before 8am because the staff will not be available to assist you with check-in. Check in for anyone that arrives later than 9am must check in at the office. If you must check in earlier than 8am please see the precare section.

### CHECK IN AT THE TRIBE FIELD

After checking in at the activity center, your child will be assigned to a colored tribe (Red, Yellow, Green, or Blue). The tribe field located directly outside of the Activity Center is where the group leaders will be stationed waiting to receive your child for the day. Please take note of your child's group number which will hasten the check in and check out procedures the rest of the week.

### PARENT MEETING

On Monday at 8:30am, on the first day, is a parent meeting which will last till approximately 9am. Tuesday through Friday there is a parent meeting at 8:30am for any onsite parent participants.



## LEAVING CAMP

### CHECK OUT

Check out will occur in the Activity Center starting at 4pm. All parents and leaders must check out in the activity center before leaving Camp Belzer with a child. To ensure the safety of all children at Camp Belzer, all individuals who check out a child MUST be listed on part A of the BSA Medical Health Form as someone approved to take the Child out of Camp. In order to verify if an adult is approved to take a child out of camp the adult MUST provide a government issued photo ID. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. If an adult attempt to check out a child who is not listed on the medical form, we will contact those listed on the form to ensure he or she is approved to pick up the child. If you need to check out your child prior to 4pm please stop in the office and we will coordinate the checkout process. If you need to check out your child after 4:30pm please see the aftercare section.



## PRECARE AND AFTERCARE

### PRECARE

Precare will be available starting at 7am for those parents who are unable to check in their child during the regular check in times. Trained staff members will watch participants till the program begins in the morning. Parents are required to check in at the activity center each morning.

### AFTERCARE

Aftercare will be available from 4pm to 6pm for those parents who are unable to check out their child during the regular check out times. Trained staff members will watch the children till the parent arrives. Parents are required to be listed on the health form and present a government-issued photo ID.





## CAMPER FEES & PAYMENTS

### TIGER & WOLF DAY CAMP

WEEK	RATE	PAYMENT DATE	DEPOSIT (DUE AT REGISTRATION)	REMAINING BALANCE	TOTAL FEE
ALL	Early Bird	April 15, 2021	\$50	\$110	\$160
	Regular	Due after April 15, 2021	\$50	\$135	\$185

### 3RD - 8TH GRADE DAY CAMP

WEEK	RATE	PAYMENT DATE	DEPOSIT (DUE AT REGISTRATION)	REMAINING BALANCE	TOTAL FEE
WEEK 1-3, 6	Early Bird	April 15, 2021	\$50	\$110	\$160
	Regular	Due after April 15, 2021	\$50	\$135	\$185
WEEK 4-5	Early Bird	April 15, 2021	\$50	\$175	\$225
	Regular	Due after April 15, 2021	\$50	\$200	\$250

WEEK 4 AND 5 ARE THE AQUATICS AND SHOOTING SPORTS WEEKS.

## PAYMENT DEADLINES

December 1, 2020

- Registration opens and youth deposits are due at the time of registration (\$50). This deposit alone does not guarantee the Early Bird Rate for youth.

April 15, 2021

- This is the last day to receive the Early Bird Rate for youth campers. Payments must be made in full on or before this date to qualify for the Early Bird Rate.

May 1, 2021

- Youth fees increase to the Regular Rate.
- All unpaid balances and fees are due.

June 1, 2020

- All unpaid balances and fees are past due. New registrations will continue to be accepted with full payment due at registration.

### DEPOSIT

A non-refundable \$50 deposit for each youth camper is due at registration

- Payment of the deposit does not guarantee the Early Bird Discount. The full fee must be paid on or before April 15, 2021 to earn the Early Bird Rate.
- Deposits are applied to the overall camper fee. For example, a youth with the Early Bird Rate of \$200 owes \$150 after the \$50 deposit is paid.

### YOUTH FEE

- The full camper fee must be paid on or before April 15, 2021 for the Early Bird Rate to apply.
- Full payment can be made at the time of the deposit, separately, or in several payments.
- This fee includes all meals, standard programs, and a camp patch.



## SIGNING UP FOR CAMP

### REGISTRATION

Registration and payment for Camp Belzer is completed by a parent or a group coordinator online at [www.campbelezer.org](http://www.campbelezer.org). All payments for Camp Belzer should be made online with a credit card or e-check.

### CAMP BELZER DATES

WEEK 1 JUNE 8TH THRU 12TH

WEEK 2 JUNE 15TH THRU 19TH

WEEK 3 JUNE 22ND THRU 26TH

WEEK 4 JUNE THRU JULY 2ND

WEEK 5 JULY 6TH THRU 10TH

WEEK 6 JULY 13TH THRU 17TH

## ADULT PARTICIPATION

Group leaders and parents are welcome but not required to attend. Adults must check in each day and receive a wristband. Adult check-in occurs at the same time youth check-in or if arriving at different time an adult check in the camp office.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Finances should never be a reason for a child to not to attend camp. Crossroads of America Council offers a Campership program where recipients can be awarded up to 50% of the early summer camp fee.

Applications can be found at [www.crossroadsbsa.org/camping](http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/camping)

To be considered for the first round of camperships, applications must be received by March 30th. After which eligible camperships are first come first serve until funding is exhausted. Contact the council camping office by phone at (317) 813-7067 or by email at [camping@crossroadsbsa.org](mailto:camping@crossroadsbsa.org) for more information.





## REFUND POLICY

- The \$50 non-refundable deposit will be retained in all cases with exception to COVID-19 related refunds. Please see the refund policies for COVID-19.
- All fees, including the \$50 non-refundable deposit, are nontransferable. This includes between attendees within the same registration.
- Cancellations and refund request are only accepted due to medical reason and must be submitted within two weeks after the scheduled session of camp. A doctor's note is required for refund requests.
- Refunds are processed within six to eight weeks of receipt and are returned to the original payer and in the original form of payment.
- There are no refunds due to weather, unless an entire camp session is canceled by the council.
- All refund requests should be emailed to [camping@crossroadsbsa.org](mailto:camping@crossroadsbsa.org)

## REFUND POLICIES FOR COVID-19

- Should state officials ask us to reduce or not host larger gatherings, including summer camp, we will refund affected participants in full.
- Should a participant become ill prior to camp or other event, we will provide a full refund for the participant and any participating family members. The participant and participating family members will not be allowed to attend.
- We want to help you plan and minimize your risk. Should a person register for summer camp or a council event and later elect not to attend because of COVID-19 related concerns we will provide a full credit for future use.



## CAMP POLICIES

### MEDICAL INFORMATION

These policies are set by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the State of Indiana. Compliance with the policies, regarding the completion of the health forms, is mandatory and necessary to maintain the admirable safety record of the Boy Scouts of America. This can be particularly difficult to deal with as available options are limited once you have arrived at camp. Please help us avoid these awkward moments that can diminish the memories of an otherwise worthwhile experience.

The BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (form # 680-001) is required for each youth and adult participant. Part C is not required. Upon arrival at camp, a copy of a current medical form for each youth and adult must be turned in to the medical staff. An attached photocopy of the camper's insurance card must also be provided as directed by Part A. In accordance with state law, medical forms cannot be returned, as they must remain on file for two years. Due to federal regulations (HIPAA), copies of these health forms should not be faxed to Camp Belzer. Copies should also be kept by the pack or parents if onsite.

### MEDICATION POLICY

All medication brought to camp by a person under 18 years of age shall be kept in a locked unit or in the health lodge and shall be administered by a qualified adult leader designated by the camp health supervisor, EpiPen's, inhalers, an insulin syringe or other medication or device used in the event of life-threatening situations may be carried by a camper or staff member. Each camper 18 years of age or older may take responsibility for the security of his or her personal medication.

All medications brought to camp by a camper shall be in containers that are clearly labeled to include the name of the camper or staff member, the name of the medication, the dosage, the frequency of administration and the route of administration. All medication prescribed by a physician shall, in addition, be labeled to include the name of the prescribing physician, the prescription number, date prescribed, possible adverse reactions, the specific conditions when contact should be made with the physician and other special instructions as needed.

When a medication is administered to a camper, the qualified adult leader designated by the camp health supervisor shall make a record of the action in a bound book provided by Camp Belzer, indicating the following information: name of the person receiving the medication or treatment; ailment; name of the medication or treatment; quantity given; date and time administered; by whom administered; and comments.







## SERVICE ANIMALS

Camp Belzer allows service animals in accordance to the rules of the American Disability Act which states, "Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Examples of such work or tasks include guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, alerting and protecting a person who is having a seizure, reminding a person with mental illness to take prescribed medications, calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) during an anxiety attack, or performing other duties. Service animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person's disability. "Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA." (and are not allowed in camp). Please see the U.S Department of Justice, ADA website ([https://www.ada.gov/service\\_animals\\_2010.htm](https://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm)) for more information.

## VISITORS

Parents and families are always welcome at Camp Belzer. Please register in the camp office upon arrival. The campfire held on Friday afternoon is the best time for visitors.

## ADDITIONAL POLICIES

1. The Scout Oath and Law are the codes of conduct for behavior expected at Camp Belzer.
2. Youth Protection guidelines must always be followed by youth and adults. Please review Youth Protection guidelines before attending camp.
3. While at camp, all children, parents, and visitors must wear a wristband provided during check-in.
4. Visitors must check in at the Camp Office upon arrival and wear a visitor's wristband while in camp.
5. Everyone – campers, parents, and staff – must sign-in and sign-out of camp when leaving the property. The sign-in and sign-out list is located at the Camp Office.
6. Any camper who is a minor and is to leave Camp Belzer for any reason needs to be signed out by a parent or legal guardian. All other individuals with parental permission to take a minor away from camp, must be listed on the camper's medical form and must have a photo ID to verify their identity.
7. Closed toed and closed heeled shoes and socks must always be worn, except when, showering, or swimming.
8. Do not climb over, lean against, or sit on fences in camp. Respect camp boundaries. Do not cross fences or other obstacles on to private property.
9. Do not tamper with smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, or another emergency or lifesaving equipment.
10. Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, fireworks, or firearms are not permitted in camp. Vandalism, theft, personal injury or other illegal actions will not be tolerated. Local authorities will be called, and damages will be assessed.
11. Under no circumstances is an open flame to be used inside a tent. Lanterns (except those that are battery operated), candles, etc., are not allowed in any tent.
12. Pets are not permitted; service animals are welcomed (please see the service animal policy).
13. Swimwear requirements per BSA standards are: For males, brief tank suits, such as Speedos are inappropriate. If preferred, males may wear brief tank suits, but they must be worn underneath boxer or gym style swim trunks. For females, bikini suits are not suitable. One-piece competitive style suits are appropriate.
14. Camp Belzer is a NON-SMOKING facility. Smoking will be limited to SPECIFICALLY designated areas. Violators will be asked to leave the property.
15. Personal firearms may NOT be brought to camp. Personal firearms will be confiscated and secured by the Shooting Sports Director or Camp Ranger until the owner's departure. Personal shooting equipment may not be stored in campsites or vehicles.
16. Personal vehicles are not allowed on camp roads at any time without the specific permission of the Camp Director or Camp Ranger. They must be kept in the parking lot.
17. Report all injuries on camp property to the health lodge and any damage or breakage of camp facilities or equipment to the Camp office as soon as possible.
18. No standing tree, living or dead, may be cut down without the permission of the Camp Ranger.







## FAQS

Welcome to Camp Belzer and thank you for choosing us for your child's summer camp experience. Camp is an amazing place where the magic of a child's imagination can come to life and the adventurous spirit unleashed in a safe and fun environment. We know that sending your child to day camp on their own can be stressful and worrisome. We provide the information below to answer your questions about Camp Belzer to earn your complete confidence when you put your child in our care. We especially encourage parents to review the FAQ section that answer many questions about Camp Belzer and a commitment to safety. If we are unable to answer your questions below or if you have any hesitations, please contact us at 317-813-7125. We want to do whatever we can to earn your trust and ensure that your child does not miss out on the life changing experience of camp.

### WHO RUNS CAMP BELZER?

Camp Belzer operates year-round serving youth of all ages with dedicated professionals with the Boy Scouts of America. During the summer, Camp Belzer is focused on providing safe, age appropriate activities for our youngest Cub Scouts. With a combined total of over 60 years of youth development and camp experience, our summertime camp leadership team is prepared to look after your child. All members of our camp leadership team are trained at National Camping School. Camp Belzer's leadership team increases during the summer to include professional educators that care for and teach our communities youth during the school year.

### WHAT SORT OF ACTIVITIES WILL MY CHILD DO?

Your son or daughter will do all sorts of fun age appropriate activities, including archery, swimming, hiking, STEM activities, and making new friends. You should know that while we do all sorts of events at Camp Belzer the activities are not the most important part. The most important part is that your child will be able to challenge themselves in a safe and supportive environment surrounded by well trained staff. Sometimes that means your child will be uncomfortable meeting a new friend or trying a new activity. It is through camp that your child will grow and learn how to face new challenges on their own.

### WHAT IF MY CHILD GETS HOMESICK?

Even during day camp children get homesick. When this happens, our staff who are all trained in working with homesick youth will be there to support them. When needed our leadership team and medical team have further training and years of experience. In our years of service, we have found its best to not let your homesick child call home. While this might seem counterintuitive it is the right thing to do. In general, the best thing for a homesick camper is not to call home but to get the camper busy doing fun activities. A camper that calls home almost always goes home, and we do not want your son or daughter to miss out on the life changing experience camp can offer. Rest assured that in severe cases, we will call and consult with you about your child.

### DO YOU PROVIDE LUNCH?

Camp Belzer is lucky to be an Indiana Department of Education Summer Food Program Site operated by MSD of Lawrence Township. This program through the USDA allows MSD of Lawrence Township to provide lunch to all youth participants for free. Youth participants will be receiving USDA approved lunches like those served in school. During morning check-in or at the office, Adults can purchase this same meal for \$4. Should you not be satisfied with the provided food or elect to not participate, campers are welcome to pack their own lunch. Many parents choose to pack snacks to eat before and after lunch throughout the day.

### CAN YOU ACCOMMODATE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS?

Since Lunch is provided by a third-party provider, we are unable to accommodate dietary restrictions. We recommend packing a lunch for those who have dietary restrictions.

### WHAT IF I NEED TO GET IN CONTACT WITH MY CHILD?

Should you need to contact your child please call the camp office phone number at 317.546.6031. Generally, this phone is answered during the hours of 8:00am to 6:00pm. However, during peak arrival, departed, and other busy times answers can be delayed.

### CAN CAMP BELZER ACCOMMODATE MY CHILD'S MEDICATION OR OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS?

Camp Belzer employs a qualified and dedicated health officer who is on duty and on property during all program times. The Health Lodge is already prepared for routine medical needs including dispensing medications. Camp Belzer has golf carts available for participants who have mobility issues. If there are additional special needs, please call us to determine if we can host your child.

### WHAT IF MY CHILD GETS INJURED?

Camp Belzer employs a qualified and dedicated health officer who is on duty and on property during all program times. The Health Lodge is located near in downtown Belzer near the activity center for routine medical needs. While we strive to prevent all accidents, we recognize that injuries will occur, and our staff is trained and equipped to respond. Most injuries are simple scrapes and bruises and are cared for in the program areas by the trained program staff. However sometimes they need a bit more care and are treated in our health lodge. If this happens you will be notified. If an emergency occurs, please know that we are prepared. In addition to our health officer our staff is well trained in first aid, CPR and our camp ranger is an EMT. If necessary, two trained staff members will accompany your child to a nearby medical facility. When possible, the camp director will make every effort to contact you before transporting your child, though we will not delay care when immediate care is warranted.



### WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS BAD WEATHER?

Indiana summer weather can be very accommodating to day camp or very unaccommodating. The leadership team always tracks the weather for incoming dangers be that storms, rain, or high temperatures. Some programs can continue as normal during rain while others cannot. Your child should be prepared to continue during rain. In the cases of severe rain, we will close programs and move activities indoors as appropriate. In cases of Severe Thunderstorms or Tornadoes all participants and staff will be sheltered in strategically preapproved safe locations. In the case of severe heat, we activate our water drinking program which requires participants to drink water before, during, and after each activity. Depending on the heat indexes we may cancel or move activities indoors. We will take all necessary actions to ensure the safety of your child during severe weather.

### IS MY CHILD SAFE AT CAMP BELZER?

Camp Belzer is a BSA Nationally Accredited Camp with yearly inspections. Camp Belzer has always prioritized safety and has an incredible safety record. The highly trained staff is prepared to handle all situations that may arise.



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