

# Spirit Lake – Lewis Bigfoot Search 2022

September 30<sup>th</sup> to October the 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Leader Guide

### Welcome Unit Leaders, Parents, and Scouts:

This year, Bigfoot Search will be at Camp Lewis, as it has been for many years. Webelos and Bears are welcome to come out on Friday night **after 6 pm**. We will have a short campfire program and hopefully, the weather will allow us some star gazing. **Please back into your parking spot.**

Remember it is required that each Bear or Webelos staying the night have a parent or adult (21+) attend with them as per BSA Guidelines to Safe Scouting. You are welcome to come for the day for the same cost (\$15). Overnight camping is not required for the event but it is for some rank requirements. Siblings that are **not registered** with BSA and not the **required rank of Bear or Webelos** may not attend this event. Feel free to email us if you have any questions about this.

This is a wilderness type of camp. All scouts & adults will be tent camping in the big meadow. There is potable water on site so you can bring containers to fill and carry to your campsite. Wheelbarrows or carts are suggested to help transport your camp items to and from the field. Bathrooms are pit toilets (kybos). There are no showers available on site.

Lovely, toasty fires are permitted in above-ground fire pits if you bring your own firewood. **(unless a burning ban is in effect)** Absolutely no fires on the ground. **As of right now there is a burn ban in effect so no fires will be allowed. We will keep you updated.**

Throughout the day on Saturday, each group, also known as patrols, will be going from station to station throughout the camp; some before lunch and some after lunch. Various Scout BSA troops will be conducting the 35 minutes long sessions, teaching special scout skills.

If you need to leave camp at any time, please let staff know and sign the notebook at the main shelter where you can check in and out. Staff members can be found most times at the main shelter, just off of the parking lot, wearing staff shirts.

We will have a medic on site at all times during the weekend. If you have any special needs, please let us know when you check-in. Medical forms are required at camp in case of emergency, but you can keep these at your campsite.

We hope that everyone will have a great time enjoying the Outing part of Scouting.

Sincerely,

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## Items to Bring

- 1) Bigfoot Search is in September. With that in mind, we could have fall-like weather during the day. This means it could be either sunny or it could rain. At night **jackets or sweatshirts** are a good thing to bring. Leave them in your car for easy access if you don't want to lug them to the campsite, but better safe than sorry. Also, it might be a good idea to have rain gear. Be Prepared! Bring an extra change of clothes and dress in layers to keep the cold out. We strongly recommend that you and your group wear pants, not shorts. Unfortunately, bugs, blackberry vines, stinging nettle, poison oak, etc. are prevalent, so please take these things into account when you are packing for the weekend. Also please make sure that the clothing is appropriate for a youth event. No beer or tobacco ads on caps or clothing or anything else that might be considered inappropriate.
- 2) **Good sturdy boots or shoes** are required. No open-toed shoes, sandals, etc. There are too many things in, on, and around the paths to injure unprotected toes and feet. This goes for adults as well as youth.
- 3) **Uniforms** are required for morning and evening flag ceremonies. If your Unit has a special uniform code, then please follow it. However, for this event, we ask that the uniform shirt be worn by both scouts and adults if you have them. There will be enough time to change in and out of the Class A uniform before and after the ceremonies.
- 4) **Hot dog lunch** will be provided on Saturday, but the other meals will be up to the individual units. **We do not have dietary substitutions. Please bring your own food if this is the case. Let us know at check-in.** Please bring the proper equipment to prepare those meals. Propane stoves on tables work the best. Make sure you have a wash station to clean up. Please, please, no dumping of food or scraps in the woods. We don't want to attract bears or other wonderfully exotic wildlife.
- 5) **Pop-ups canopy** or some sort of portable cover is advised. The meadow does not have a shelter that is available for camping or storing gear. Camping gear will solely be the responsibility of the groups at this event.

## Camping Gear List

1. **Tents with rain fly & a ground tarp** are a must. Scouts will probably assign Tent Buddies in the den before coming to Camp Lewis, but adults will need a separate tent. Adults are not permitted to share a tent with any scout other than their own.
2. **A popup canopy, a dining fly, tarps**, or any type of cover against the elements is extremely helpful but not required.
3. **Cooking gear** like pots, pans, serving spoons, foil, etc. are the individual scout's responsibility to provide. Propane stoves for preparing these meals are welcome. However, please be aware that the National Policy on the use of fuels must be followed by keeping all liquid fuel and spare propane tanks in your locked vehicle.
4. **Fire barrels, patio burners** or anything that will contain a fire at least 3" off the ground can keep fingers warm and toasty. Fires must be attended at all times or completely extinguished before leaving your campsite. You will have to provide your own firewood since there is absolutely no brush gathering or timber cutting permitted. You must also haul out your ashes. Do not throw them in the woods.  
**Again, as of right now there is a burn ban so fires are not allowed at camp. We will keep you updated if there is a change.**
5. **Water containers and water bottles** will be necessary throughout your stay. There is potable water on sight by the main parking lot and on path towards Ft. Simcoe in big meadow. Remember water is heavy so wheelbarrows or carts can help.
6. **Sleeping bags and pads/mattresses.**
7. **A cart(s) or wagon(s)** to transport your gear from the main parking lot to the big meadow.
8. This is a primitive camp with pit toilets (**kybos**). There are NO showers. Hand sanitizer and toilet paper will be provided in each kybo, but you may wish to bring your own just in case. We will do our best to keep the kybos stocked and clean, but please help us by reminding scouts to close the lid when they are finished and to only deposit toilet paper into the kybo.
9. **Headlamps are a MUST.** As we enter the Fall season, each of us really needs to walk around with a light source.

## Camp Rules

Please make sure that these rules are read to both the scouts and adults attending this event.

1. **All units must check in** at The Trading Post (located in the main parking lot) upon arrival. Upon check-in, you will receive information about your campsite and will be provided a name tag and assigned a patrol. Please have a roster with you and know your unit number.
2. **No younger siblings are allowed** in camp for program participation or overnight stay.
3. **Obey speed limits.** At this event, the speed is 10 mph.
4. **All vehicles must Back-in** to the parking space for safe emergency evacuation and must remain in designated parking areas during the weekend program. Cars are not permitted in the big meadow without proper clearance.
5. Roads must be kept clear for emergency vehicles.
6. **If you need to leave** the campground for any reason, you must check out at the CAMPMASTER Cabin. There will be a handy dandy notepad specifically for this. Please write your name(s) and the time you left. When you return, please check back in. Someone will be able to tell you where your patrol should be.
7. This is a tent camping weekend. Please, **no RV's, campers or tent trailers.**
8. Please Be Courteous. Don't cut through other people's campsites and stay on designated trails. NO SHORTCUTS!
9. Garbage will be your unit's responsibility. **All garbage must be hauled out.** Leave No Trace applies at all times.
10. **No dishwashing at water pumps.**
11. All off-limits areas will be designated with yellow caution tape, fluorescent surveyor's tape, or indicated in some other manner either physically or verbally.
12. **NO ONE is allowed to be near the river.** ANYONE found near the river will be asked to leave camp and will not be allowed to return. No REFUNDS!
13. No fixed blade knives or pocketknives longer than three inches are permitted, with the exception of Order of the Arrow in regalia. **Webelos or Bears that have earned their Whittlin' Chip may use them in their campsite only.** The scout must carry their whittlin' chip card on them any time they are using their pocket knife. If asked to show their card and they do not have it, they will be asked to give up their pocket knife and a leader can pick up the knife at the end of the event. They may NOT carry them around camp. Adults are responsible for maintaining possession of the knives during the remaining time. Knives will be confiscated and turned over to leaders if misused or used outside of your assigned campsite.

14. As stated in the BSA Guidelines, youth may not use tobacco in any form. **Adult smoking must be done in their vehicles only at the top of the hill.** Scouting is a smoke-free environment. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED AT BSA EVENTS!**
15. **NO FIREARMS** (including pellet, bb and paintball guns) or FIREWORKS of any type are allowed in camp. The BB gun range will provide the correct equipment for use at their station.
16. ABSOLUTELY **NO PETS** ARE ALLOWED.
17. "Do A Good Turn" by doing a service for the camp. For example, pick up garbage that you may see. Report any hazards you may see.
18. **ALL ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES MUST BE REPORTED** TO THE FIRST AID STATION AND/OR CAMPMASTER IMMEDIATELY!
19. **All units Must have their campsites inspected prior to check out** by the CAMPMASTER, or staff member prior to departing.
20. **Each unit will be responsible for managing any potential COVID exposures and sanitation of their equipment. Masks are not required and will not be provided, but they may be worn by anyone who wishes. Vaccination status does not affect attendance at this event.**

Any questions: [cgsasquatchsearch@gmail.com](mailto:cgsasquatchsearch@gmail.com)

The rules will be posted throughout camp.

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## Approximate Schedule

### **Friday:**

6:00pm – Check-in

7:45pm – Campfire

8:00pm – Star Gazing – weather permitted

10:00pm – Lights Out

### **Saturday:**

7:00am - Check-in / Camp Reveille / Breakfast

9:00am – Morning Flag/Announcements

9:10am – Move to 1<sup>st</sup> station

9:20am – 1:00pm – morning stations

1:15pm – Hot dog lunch – Main Shelter

2:00pm-5:40pm – Afternoon stations

5:50pm – Evening Flag/Announcements

6:00pm – 7:30pm – Dinner

7:45pm – Campfire/Flag Retirement/OA

8:15pm – The Search for Bigfoot!

10:00pm – Camp Lights outs

### **Sunday:**

7:30am – Camp Reveille/Breakfast/Camp Breakdown

9:00am – Morning Flag/Awards

9:30am – Scout's Own

10:00am Closing Flag/Announcements

10:15am – Camp Dismissal/Site inspection

We will have printed schedules at camp and schedules posted throughout camp.

Please remember to use Leave no Trace Guidelines as you are going through out camp.

Thank you for joining us.

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