

Camp Woods Summer Camps - Summer 2020

Camper & Parent Information



Welcome

Thank you for choosing Scouts Canada – Camp Woods as your summer camping experience! As we speak, our staff are preparing a robust program, which aligned directly with traditional Scouting principles, to offer all youth the ability to create life-long memories. Over the course of the week at Camp Woods, youth will be exposed to a “learn by doing” philosophy that encourages them to take on any challenge that camp may have for them – turning them into exuberant young leaders.

Camp Woods

Camp Woods is one of Canada’s premier Scout Camps. It is located right on the shore of sunny Sylvan Lake, Alberta – approximately 12km West of the Sylvan Lake Towne Center. With countless opportunities for youth to experience water activities, hiking opportunities and/or traditional camp activities, Camp Woods has just about everything!

Woods is just over 103 acres of pristine residential camp, with vast forested areas.

The Camp Woods office and emergency contact numbers are as follows:

Camp Woods camp office: 403-887-5650

Debbie Sahara, Camp Director:

Northern Lights Council Scout Office (Edmonton): 780-454-8561 x221

Chinook Council Scout Office (Calgary): 403-283-4993 x1

If you would like to contact your camper, please **ONLY** do so for emergency purposes. We encourage parents to not reach out to their camper over the duration of their stay at camp. This is to ensure that all campers are experiencing the independence of being away from home. If there are any issues, and a camper requests to call home, we will ensure that this contact is made. Don’t hesitate to reach out to the camp if you have any questions or have information to get to us that you think may have been missed.

Expectations and Activities

A week at summer camp is an experience of a lifetime and with that comes expectations from the camper, their parents, and the camp. We strive to provide a wide variety of program opportunities at Camp Woods, so it is important to discuss as campers and parents, the key goals you want to achieve at summer camp and what you expect your session to be like. Each camper will have a different and individual experience from another and we recommend having an open mind and being flexible.

With a wide number of activities available, campers can expect to participate in a select number and will likely not be able to try all during their 5 day session. Certain activities have participant restrictions based on a number of factors which could include age, weight, equipment availability, time, and adverse weather conditions. For a number of our programs, campers will decide as a cabin group which activities they will participate in together. Please refer to the schedule below to gain some insights into the adventures that Camp Woods can provide anyone – both big and small!

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7:30 AM

Rise & Shine, Polar Dip!

8:00 AM

Breakfast

8:30 AM

Cabin Clean Up & Morning
Chores

9:00 AM

Morning Activities



12:00 PM

Lunch

1:00 PM

Low Activity Period

2:00 PM

Afternoon Activities



6:00 PM

Dinner

7:00 PM

Evening Program & Wide Games

9:00 PM

Campfire

10:30 PM

Bedtime & Lights Out

We know that campers of all levels want to experience all that camp has to offer and we want campers to return excited to try new things each summer. Throughout the week, we see our camper's progress and build experiences that not only promote their personal development, but focus on living a healthy lifestyle, experiencing adventures and instilling protective environmental ethics. All these outcomes are designed to further develop young individuals into capable, confident, well-rounded individuals better prepared for success in the world.

Please take a look at our camp webpage where you can find detailed information regarding any specific activity in our Trail Cards section. (CampWoods.ca)

Transportation

For the 2020 summer season, registered campers are responsible for their own transportation to and from Camp Woods. Please note that the below times are for camper arrival and departure purposes, and provide the optimal time for a smooth arrival/departure at Camp Woods.

Drop Off Time: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Monday Morning of Session

Pick Up Time: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Friday Afternoon of Session

Procedure: Upon arrival at Camp Woods, you will be greeted by our team in our main parking lot where you will be directed to the registration table. Camper forms (dietary and personal needs) should have been emailed in advance of your child arriving at camp. Email camp forms to Debbie.sahara@scouts.ca.

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Directions to Camp Woods:

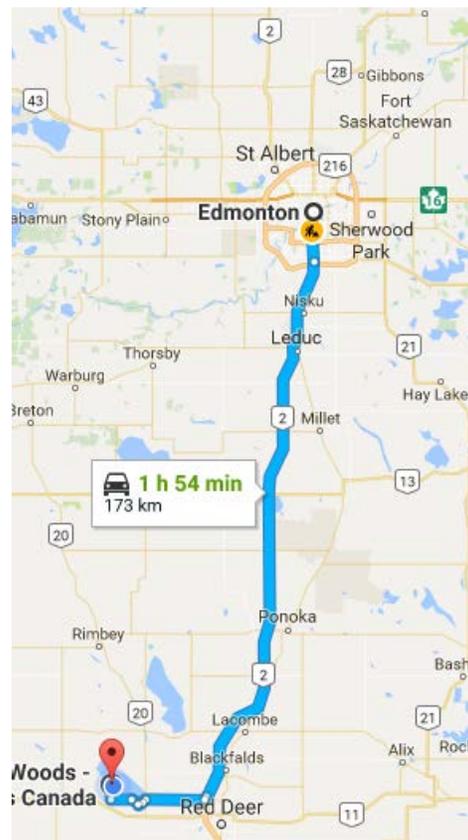
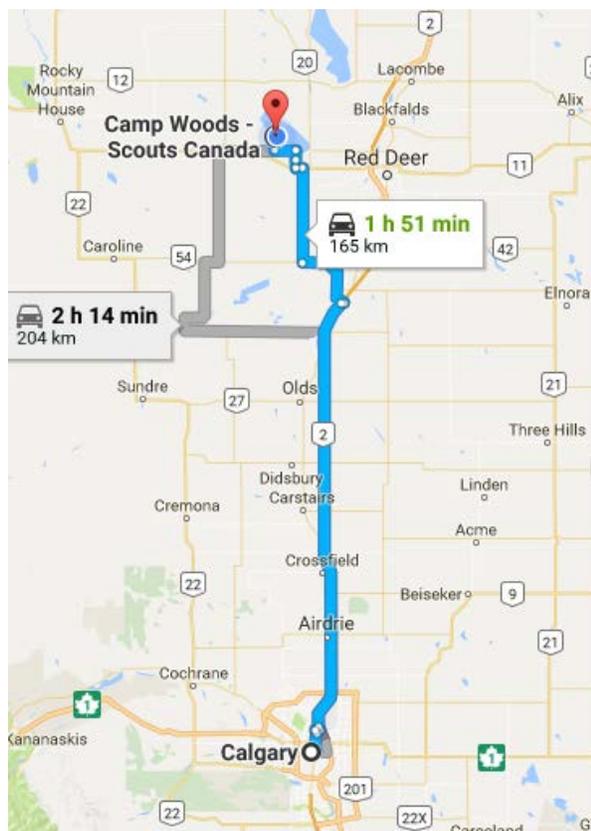
Camp Woods Address: 2124 Township Road 392, Lacombe County, AB, T4E 2W6

From Calgary: Highway 2 (Queen Elizabeth Highway) North until Innisfail. Take Exit 365 onto Highway 54 West. Turn right onto Highway 781 North. Turn left onto Highway 11 West...

From Edmonton: Highway 2 (Queen Elizabeth Highway) South until Red Deer. Take Exit 401 onto Highway 11 West...

Both continued: Turn right onto Range Road 15/60th St. Turn Left onto Highway 11A West. Take a right on Range Road 22. Turn right onto Township Road 392 East and proceed to the main entrance on your left.

Map to Camp Woods



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Camper Emotional Well Being

At summer camp it is normal for campers to experience times of homesickness and other emotional stresses. We know that having feelings of sadness from being away from home is a common and recognized emotion at camp. Our staff will work with campers through those times to encourage them to continue to enjoy the summer camp experience. If a camper is experiencing an ongoing stress we are happy to contact the parent to discuss the situation so they are aware. We encourage campers to stay at camp for the duration of the week and only have them leave camp early as a last resort. Our Camp Director would speak with parents to make that final decision.

Camper Behaviour

All of the rules, regulations and procedures of camp will be discussed with all campers on the first morning of camp. Expectations for the week will be set out for campers to understand how we can make their stay at camp an enjoyable and safe one. Appropriate behaviours are always encouraged at all times and reminders of our scouting mottos will be emphasised. Bullying and any other ongoing, inappropriate or unsafe behaviour will not be tolerated at camp. These types of actions do not encourage a safe and positive environment for campers. If this were to occur, parents would be called to be made aware of the behaviour and we would work together to resolve the issue. The Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss any camper who continually displays disruptive, unsafe or harmful behaviour. It is the parent's full responsibility to arrange transportation and pick up from camp for a camper who has been dismissed.

For Camper Personal Needs, you will receive access to our online form to provide us with any details that you believe will help us ensure they will have the best time they can while here at camp. If your child does require any additional attention by our camp staff (i.e Anxiety), please let us know! This form acts as a supporting document to the information you have already filled out in our online registration form. Be sure to submit this form as soon as you receive it, we will then take measures to ensure that this information is used so that your child has a safe and enjoyable week. Upon arrival, you will be asked to confirm and sign the forms once we have printed them. This information does remain confidential and will only be shared with staff members who are directly affected. With that being said, the more information you provide to us, as the Camp Woods Team, ensures that your camper will have a safe, fun-filled and memorable week.

Camper Dietary Requirements

Meal time at camp is one of our favorite parts of the day. We serve home cooked, buffet style meals throughout the summer from our dining hall. Campers can expect a variety of meal options, especially at breakfast with both hot and cold options available. If your camper requires any specific dietary needs we are happy to try to accommodate as long as we have prior notice. If your camper has special dietary restrictions, please be sure to indicate on the online registration form. This should also be completed and submitted before your arrival at Camp Woods. If you have not filled out any of the online forms before your time of arrival, your child may not be accepted at camp if our kitchen staff determine any special needs are too difficult to accommodate on such short notice. From there, we will do everything in our power to accommodate your child's dietary needs.

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Camper Photography

During the week of summer camp we will capture memories of your camper through photographs. If you do not wish for your child's photograph to be taken please let our registration office know prior to the start of camp. This is also indicated on your child's registration form, please take the time to read this. We will try our very best to post photos of the summer camp experience daily on our Facebook page. If you do not see your child in a photo do not panic, it may be that we just did not get the best opportunity to capture them in action. Internet at camp can be slow at times so it may take us a few days to upload, please be patient. You can find the Camp Woods summer camp photos by going to the following address: <https://www.facebook.com/ScoutsCanadaCampWoods/>

Lost & Found Items

Any camper items left at camp will be collected and sorted. If items are labelled with camper full names we will call parents to let them know about the lost item. Any unclaimed items remaining at camp by September 4 will be donated or kept for camp supply. We will not keep lost socks or under garments.

Canteen and Personal Snacks

There is no canteen at camp. Please **DO NOT** send any candy, chips, gum or the like. Camp Woods is in a vast wildlife area and these only invite forest critters to visit the campsites. Nutritious snacks are also provided at appropriate times during the day.

Equipment

The Camp Woods staff would like your child to be prepared for their camp experience! We recommend that each youth limit their baggage to one large duffel bag (or similar) and a small day pack. See *attached equipment packing list*.

Equipment Packing List

ALL baggage and personal items should be marked with the camper's name. Do not pack equipment in plastic garbage bags; it will not make it to camp intact and will not work for transporting baggage. We recommend that campers bring **old clothes** to camp.

Parent/guardians please do a pre-camp pack check with your youth to ensure all items from the equipment list are included. This list is the minimum required. It is very important to bring a raincoat, waterproof footwear, and a warm sweater or windbreaker.

We are not responsible for any equipment that goes missing or gets broken at camp. Any lost and found items will be collected on the last day of camp to be held until an item is claimed or we reach the end of the summer. Please call the camp directly to inquire about any lost and found items.

Parent communication with the camp is best done via our camp office phone **(403)887-5650** or email debbie.sahara@scouts.ca.

For Scouting youth, uniforms may be worn to/from camp.

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Equipment Packing List for Summer Camp Campers

- Do NOT send equipment in garbage bags
- All articles are to be labelled with camper's full name.

2020 Camp Woods Equipment List		
Packed		Returned
Bedding		
	Sleeping Bag - Summer/Mid-Season Bag Recommended	
	Campfire Blanket (Optional)	
	Sleeping Pad – preferably no open foam, bunks are wooden	
	Pillow (Optional)	
Clothing – Please send old clothing to camp		
	4 pairs of shorts	
	1 pair of long pants	
	2 warm sweatshirts and/or windbreaker	
	5 t-shirts	
	5 pairs of socks	
	5 underwear	
	1 PJ	
	1 Swim Suit	
	1 Raincoat and Pants (NO PONCHOS)	
	Waterproof footwear (i.e. Rubber Boots)	
	1 pair old running shoes	
	1 pair of water shoes	
	2 hats or caps – wide rimmed is preferred	
Hygiene Articles		
	Beach towel, hand towel, face cloth, wash cloth	
	Toothbrush and toothpaste	
	Soap and shampoo in container (bio friendly preferred)	
	Comb or hairbrush	
Miscellaneous		
	Duffel Bag	
	Day Pack – Camper should be able to carry comfortably	
	Water bottle – 1L Nalgene preferred	
	Flashlight (With extra batteries)	
	Sunscreen/Bug Spray, Sunglasses, Lip Balm	
	2 Garbage Bags	
	1 excited youth ☺	