



2012 Leader's Guide

Camp Buffalo Bill, Central Wyoming Council, BSA

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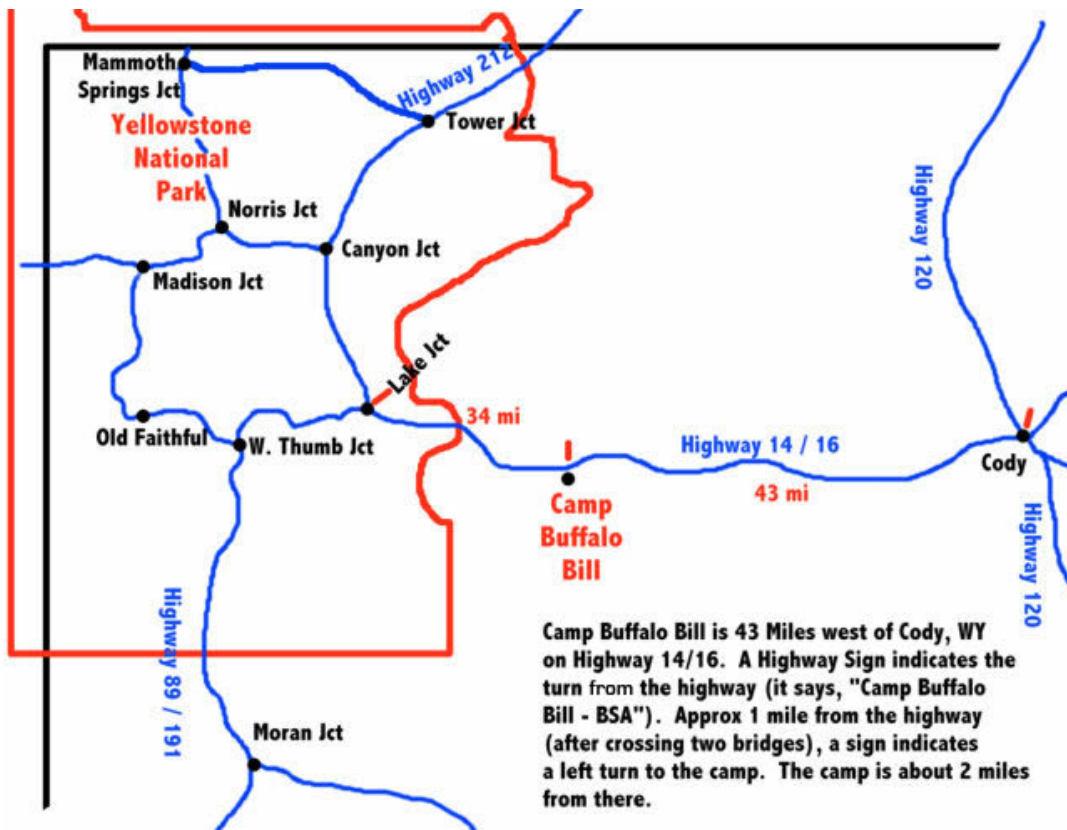
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Welcome!

The Central Wyoming Council would like to welcome you to Camp Buffalo Bill. We are busy preparing the camp for your arrival. This guide is designed to help you prepare also. In it, you will find the information you need to plan an outstanding summer experience.

Camp Buffalo Bill is located 43 miles west of Cody, Wyoming on US Highway 14/16/20 and just seven (7) miles east of Yellowstone National Park along the banks of the Shoshone River. The incredible Wapiti Valley between the North Absaroka and Washakie Wilderness areas provides a setting where beauty and wildlife abound. This was the playground for William “Buffalo Bill” Cody and now it’s ours to share with you.



2012 Camp Dates

Program	Start	End
Scout Camp – Session 1	June 17	June 23
Scout Camp – Session 2	June 24	June 30
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)	July 2	July 7
Cub Scout-Resident Camp, Family Camp	July 3	July 6
Scout Camp – Session 4	July 8	July 14
Scout Camp – Session 5	July 15	July 21
Scout Camp – Session 6	July 22	July 28
Scout Camp – Session 7	July 29	August 4

* Troops are requested to arrive and check in on Sunday afternoons between 1-5pm. If because of circumstances you cannot arrive on Sunday, please have your boys in camp and ready to start the camp program Monday morning at 9:00. If you arrive on Saturday afternoon, you must plan your own meals for that night and Sunday breakfast and lunch.

2012 Camp Fees

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BSA Scout Camp	
Youth In Council (Gold Card)	\$185 (\$129.50)
Youth Out of Council	\$275
Adults In Council (Gold Card)	\$100 (\$92.50)
Adults Out of Council	\$150
High Adventure*	
Youth & Adults In-Council	\$50
Youth & Adults Out of Council	\$75
Fly Fishing*	\$75
NYLT	\$125
Cub Scout Resident Camp	
Youth	\$75
Adults	\$50

*** In addition to Camp Fees. All High Adventure and Fly Fishing participants must pre-register!**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING DUE DATES

The non-refundable campsite reservation fee is \$50.00 per camper and will be applied toward your total camp fees. All high adventure and fly fishing fees are due with your reservation. All fees are due in the Council Service Center by **May 1, 2012** or an additional fee of \$25.00 per person will be charged. Make checks payable to Central Wyoming Council. For proper credit, please include Troop number, camp dates, city and state, and contact person information. For registration and payment questions, contact the Council Service Center at: lynn.neuberger@scouting.org.

Cancellation /Refund Policy

Because most of the camp fees are actually spent for staffing, program supplies and equipment before your troop arrives in camp, refunds can only be made under the following conditions:

100% minus campsite reservation fee is refundable before April 1.

75% minus campsite reservation fee is refundable between April 1 and April 15

50% minus campsite reservation fee is refundable between April 15 and May 1.

0% refundable after May 1. This includes any “no shows” or scouts who leave during the camp dates for any reason. At this point, monies have been expended for staffing, food and supplies to support your arrival at camp.

Any appeals due to extenuating circumstances must be received in writing at the council service center within 30 days. Appeals will be evaluated on a case by case basis by the council camping committee.

Proof of Insurance

All out-of-council units must present proof of current Troop insurance no later than **March 31, 2012**. Central Wyoming Council does not carry health or accident insurance on out-of-council youths or leaders. Contact your local Council Service Center for assistance with providing the required proof of insurance.

Physical Exam & Health Requirements

Camp Buffalo Bill abides by BSA policy regarding health requirements. Youth and Adults participating in camp programs must have a **completed** Annual Health and Medical Record no. 34605. If available, please include family health and accident insurance company information and policy number.

Please bring copies of your original medical forms with you to camp.

Upon arrival, all medical forms will be submitted to the camp medic and screened. This does not take the place of the medical examination required by the medical form. The purpose is to identify any conditions or situations that we need to know about to make camp a safe experience for all.

BSA policy requires all medications to be turned in to the camp medic during check-in. Please have the medications in the original containers with the person’s name and Troop number written on it without covering the prescribing information contained on the label.

Do not bring sick campers to camp. It infects the staff who then infects every other camper that comes for the rest of the summer.

Camp Standards

We expect leaders and Scouts to reflect the highest of Scouting standards and to:

- Behave in a Scout -like manner
- Wear the BSA uniform and wear it properly
- Be courteous to other Participants
- Strive to live the Scout Oath and Law.

Camp Policies

- Footwear must be worn at all times. No open toe shoes, except in the showers.
- Fireworks are not permitted in camp.
- Alcohol is not permitted in camp.
- Bicycles are not permitted in camp.
- Pets are not permitted in camp.
- Each Troop must make a visual check for attendance at all meals and lights out.
- Lights out is at 10:30PM. All Scouts should be in their campsite and quiet.
- Scouts and Scouters may not bring ammunition, rifles, and archery equipment into camp.
- Smoking is permitted only by adults and only in the designated area(s).
- Troops must follow all fire and safety rules by having water and sand by all tents and campfire areas. The camp provides cans, water, and sand.
- The camp's southern boundary is the "high trail." You will be shown where this trail is. South of the "high trail" is off limits.
- Staff quarters are off limits.
- Program areas are off limits/closed when not occupied by Camp Buffalo Staff.
- No food will be stored in campsites. See the section on wildlife for further explanation of this policy.
- Youth may not use the showers without adult supervision. Adults will supervise from just outside the shower room.
- All US Forest Service regulations regarding viewing and approaching wildlife are strictly enforced.
- The penalty for violations of these and all camp policies is at the discretion of the Camp Director and can include removal from camp at the Troop's expense.

Tents

Troops provide your own tents. To comply with BSA's mandatory standards, your tents must meet the following requirements:

- All tentage used in the camp meets or exceeds fire-retardant specifications by the manufacturer (CPAI-84) and "no flames in tent" is marked on, or adjacent to each tent. (This is usually a sewn in label or tag on most commercially produced tents)
- All campers have clean quarters reasonably safe from inclement weather and comfortable bedding.

Check-in and Check-out

Things needed at check in:

- Tour permit
- Medical forms (copies)
- Unit swim classification record

The camp facilities open at 1:00 pm on Sunday. Troops planning to arrive on Sunday are asked to check-in between 1-5pm. **We ask Troops to arrive no later than 9:00am on Monday morning. Camp program begins promptly Monday at 9:00am.** Upon arrival, all vehicles must park in the parking lot and remain there for the week. No vehicles or trailers are allowed in campsites after initial unloading. All vehicles must be backed into their spaces. No Exceptions.

Check-out begins after breakfast on Saturday and should be complete no later than 10:00am. You will be cleared to leave when your campsite has been inspected and found clean and in good order by your Troop Guides.

Early Arrival

If you are traveling a long distance and plan to arrive in the area on Saturday or Sunday preceding your camp week, notify the Council Service Center at least one month in advance.

- Camp Staff are off duty from 10am Saturday until 1:00pm on Sunday and will not be able to assist you.
- No food is allowed in campsites. The dining facility (meals) is closed during this time, so any meals will have to be obtained off camp. However, the kitchen is available for early arrival Troops to prepare their own food if arranged ahead of time.
- All USFS bear protection rules must be followed. They are posted the front gate and at each campsite.

Wildlife

Your stay at Camp Buffalo Bill will provide you with a great opportunity to see Wyoming wildlife. Enjoy the opportunity, but be aware of important safety precautions. This wildlife should be considered dangerous, so keep your distance:

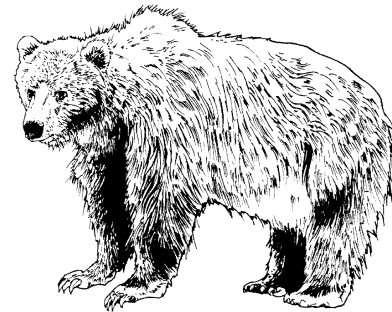
Bears. The Yellowstone ecosystem is home to the largest grizzly bear population in the lower 48 states. We have a mandatory bear lecture every Monday evening during the camp season. Bears can smell food, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, soda, or anything with a smell. We call these things “smellables” and restrict their use. **Food or**

beverages are never allowed in the campsite. We provide bear boxes in each campsite where other smellables can be stored or they can be stored in your vehicles. You may want to consider having your camping gear (to include tents and sleeping bags) cleaned to eliminate smells from past camp outs. The Forest Service can (and generally do) inspect the camp each week. If they find violations of the bear rules, they have the authority to issue a ticket to the offending camper or the Camp Director. Should a bear find a food reward in your campsite, we will be unable to get rid of the bear and have to close that site for the rest of the season.

It is a crime to knowingly approach a bear closer than 100 yards. The Forest Service will issue the offender a \$5000 fine and we will send them home at their unit’s expense.

Moose. We often see moose in and around camp. If you see a moose, consider yourself lucky and stay out of its area.

Buffalo. American Bison occasionally wander through camp. They are very unpredictable. Stay clear.



BSA Policy on Youth Protection

This policy is outlined in numerous publications. Here are Camp Buffalo Bill highlights:

- Every unit must have at least two registered adult leaders.
- Male and females must have separate sleeping facilities. (Married leaders may share quarters, if appropriate facilities are available.)
- No youth will stay in a tent with an adult other than his parent or legal guardian.
- Adult leaders will respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing or showering.
- Leaders must also protect their own privacy.
- Camp Buffalo Bill has separate shower facilities for male and female campers and staff. Times are scheduled for adults, youth, and youth staff.
- The “safety rule of four” requires that no fewer than four people (including two adults) go on any backcountry expedition or commute.

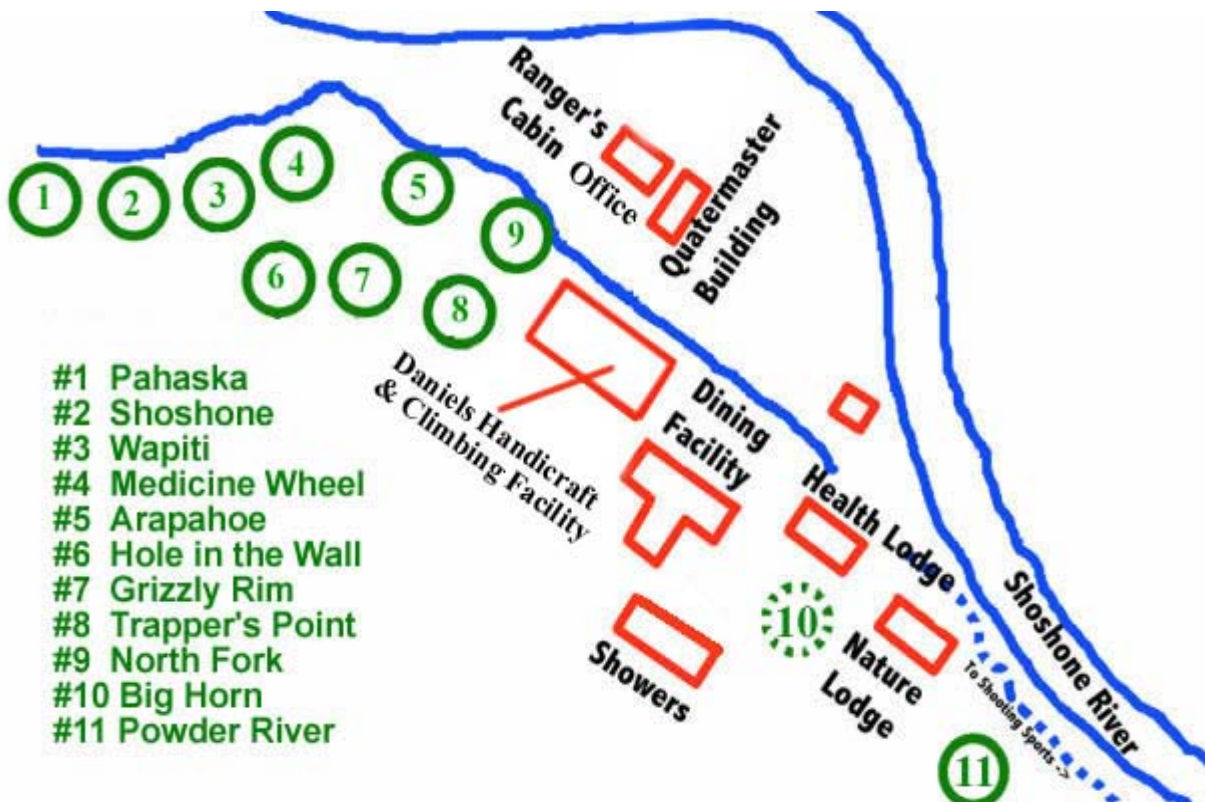
Uniforms

Scouts and leaders are encouraged to properly wear the Scout uniform while in camp. We do require your unit to be in official Scout uniform for morning and evening flag ceremonies.

Equal Opportunity Statement

The Central Wyoming Council provides programs and services to children without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. However, if you have concerns or complaints regarding discrimination issues, there is a system in place to do so. Your first point of contact is the Camp Director at (307) 587-5885 or 870 North Fork Hwy Cody, WY 82414. Should that fail to resolve the issue or if the issue is with the Camp Director, contact Mark Francis Scout Executive, at (307) 234-7329 or 3939 Casper Mtn. Road, Casper, Wyoming 82601.

Camp Map



Lost and Found

Lost and found items are kept in the camp office until the end of camp. They then brought to the Council Service Center. All items not claimed by October 15, 2012 will be donated to charity. Please encourage your boys to take home their gear and encourage parents to ensure their child's items are marked with his name and troop number.

Laundry Facilities

There are not laundry facilities available for campers at Camp Buffalo Bill.

Provisional Troop

We can make arrangements for Scouts who are unable to attend camp with their troop. Contact the Council Service Center for more information.

Family Camping

Given our location close to Yellowstone Park, we host a large number of non-Scout campers each year. To accommodate them, we have established a family camp. Family members of Scouts and Scouters can stay for one low price - \$300.00 per person (this price includes all meals during the week), or \$60 per day per person whichever is less. There is room for tents. All rules applicable to the troop campsites are applicable to the family camp, including no food. Families may use the shower facilities. We suggest you take advantage of the family camp area if you have family members joining you. For family members who would prefer to rough it with maid service, there are several lodges in the area that can accommodate them.

Visitors

Parents and families of Scouts are invited to visit the camp on Friday evenings for dinner and the closing campfire. Extra meals can be purchased from the Camp Clerk and must be purchased no later than Wednesday evening. Meals are \$5.00 per person. Visitors must park in the parking lot.

Mail

The address for campers is:

Name – Troop Number
Camp Buffalo Bill
870 North Fork Highway
Cody, WY 82414

Phones

Camp Buffalo Bill's phone is for business and emergency use only. The number for emergencies is (307) 587-5885. There is a pay phone available for campers to call home. This phone requires a calling card.

Wednesday is Troop Tour Day

Troops and Patrols are open to do their own activities or join in ours. Do a conservation project, take a hike, tour Yellowstone, work on merit badges or visit historic Cody, Wyoming. The Camp office has information on local points of interest. The program areas will open for those wishing to catch up or complete additional merit badges. Lunch kits are available for those Troops leaving camp on Wednesday. **Lunch arrangements for Wednesday must be made by Monday Dinner.**

Friday is Order of the Arrow Day

Those Order of the Arrow members of your troop may wear their OA sash Friday.

Trading Post

We operate a Trading Post for your convenience. Souvenirs, comfort items, personal items, and snacks are available. Any food purchased in the Trading Post must be eaten either at the Trading Post or in the dining facility. We no longer accept out-of-state checks however we do accept Visa, MasterCard, and Discover. It is suggested that the Scouts bring an additional \$50 for supplies and Trading Post items.

Conservation

The Boy Scout program stresses the conservation of our natural heritage. We have become more active in preserving the very lands we use and love so much. Camp Buffalo Bill encourages each troop to spend at least one hour on a conservation project. It will improve camp and reinforce in a Scout's mind the need to care for things, especially the environment. The nature director or Ranger will provide conservation projects and project direction.

Climate

The weather is characterized by large shifts in temperature. Mornings are generally chilly or cold ranging from 25 to 50 degrees. Afternoons may get as high as 90 degrees. The air is dry and many people experience dry skin and chapped lips. Afternoon thunderstorms are possible. Campers should be sure to stay hydrated and wear plenty of sunscreen!

Troop Check List

- ❑ Patrol Leader Council meets to determine camp date and location. Unit Committee approves the plans.
- ❑ Campsite reservation is made with the Central Wyoming Council. Deposit fee, High Adventure, and Fly Fishing program fees are paid.
- ❑ Parent's night program is conducted to inform parents of summer camp plans.
- ❑ At least one adult leader (over 21 years old) is schedule to be in charge of the troop at all times, and at least one assistant (18 year old or older) is scheduled.
- ❑ Scouts commit themselves to camp attendance and pay fee deposit. Those who cannot attend sign up for the provisional troop or plan to attend with another troop.
- ❑ Scouts are provided with a personal needs list.
- ❑ A BSA medical form is completed by each Scout and adult who plan to attend. It is required that BSA medical forms be used. (REMEMBER) Give us a copy. You should keep the originals.
- ❑ Side trips and excursions are planned, and transportation is arranged.
- ❑ Total camp fees are paid to the Central Wyoming Council by May 1, 2012 or a late fee will be added.
- ❑ Proof of insurance is sent to the Council Service Center by March 15, 2012.
- ❑ Swim checks are conducted prior to camp.
- ❑ Troop records for advancement are checked and each Scout arranges his schedule for the week.
- ❑ All Scouts and adults are officially registered as members of the Boy Scouts of America prior to camp.
- ❑ An approved BSA local or national tour permit is secured.
- ❑ Clean troop equipment to remove any food smells.
- ❑ Troop camping equipment is ready and packed for camp use.
- ❑ Special requests are communicated to the camp at least two weeks prior to arrival at camp.
- ❑ Hold a "shake down" meeting to check each Scout's equipment.
- ❑ Pack all equipment.

***This is not an all inclusive list and is provided only as a guide**

Individual Equipment*

Suggested Equipment

- Air Mattress or pad
- Canteens or water bottles (2 liters)
- Comb
- Flashlight
- Official class A Scout uniform
- Hat
- Hiking boots
- Insect repellent
- Jacket or sweater
- Annual Health & Medical Record
- Merit badge supplies
- Pack or duffel bag
- Pajamas
- Pants
- Pencil & notebook
- Pocket knife
- Scout Handbook
- Shirts
- Sleeping bag
- Soap
- Socks
- Spending money(\$30.00 suggested)
- Swimsuit
- T-shirts
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Towels and washcloth
- Underwear

Optional Gear

- Compass
- Fishing gear
- Laundry bag
- Photo gear
- Sewing kit
- Sharpening stone
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen

Leave at Home

- Sheath knives
- Fireworks
- Firearms/ammunition
- Wrist rockets
- Radios, Walkie-Talkies
- Tape/CD/MP3 Players
- Video games

***Mark all equipment and clothing with your name and troop number.**

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* High Adventure Participants should consult the packing list in the YHAO Guidebook (available on website)

Recreational Fishing

Even if you don't plan to participate in the fly fishing program at Camp Buffalo Bill, you should consider doing some fishing while here. Our canoe pond and the North Fork of the Shoshone River provide great fishing for bait and fly fishermen. Special arrangements are required to fish in the canoe pond, so see the aquatics director before fishing there. You must also observe the Wyoming fishing regulations.

- Fishing licenses are required for resident and nonresident anglers 14 years old or older.
- Resident youth under 14 do not need a license and their creel limit is the same as those requiring a license.
- Non-resident youth under 14 do not need a license, if accompanied by an adult possessing a valid Wyoming fishing license; however, the nonresident youth's creel limit shall be applied to and limited by the fishing license held by the adult person in his/her company. (Those boys under the age of 14, working on the Fishing merit badge will fish under the Nature Director's license.)

Because of bear restrictions at camp all fish caught will have to be released. We can make special arrangements for those boys taking the fishing merit badge, so they can keep and cook the required fish.

Note: We do not sell fishing licenses at camp. They may be purchased in Cody at WalMart or online at: <http://gf.state.wy.us/wildlife/hunting/formsapps/Fishing/index.asp>

Fishing License Fees for are 2011; if there are changes in 2012 we will update the fees.

- Resident Annual Fishing license.....\$24
- Resident Daily Fishing License*\$6
- Resident Youth Fishing License (between 14th & 18th birthdays).....\$3
- Nonresident Annual Fishing License.....\$92
- Nonresident Daily Fishing License*.....\$14
- Nonresident Youth Annual Fishing License (between 14th and 18th birthdays)\$15
- Conservation Stamp.....\$12.50

* A conservation stamp is not required for this license.

Fly Fishing Program

Now entering its 11th year, after being suggested by a camper in 2001, this program takes advantage of the vast fishing resources surrounding camp.

Participants in this program will spend the week learning the basics of fly fishing. This program is for beginners who will learn to tie flies, learn to cast, and earn the fly fishing merit badge. The fee includes a rod, reel, and tackle for each participant to take home. Boys and adults will leave the camp with their rod, reel and all the flies they tied. Extra equipment like, waders, vests, and nets are your responsibility. **Participants need to make sure that they have a fishing license.**

The instruction and fishing is scheduled during the blocks with the occasional special fishing excursion during off times. Just like the high adventure program, this program takes the whole week and doesn't leave room for other merit badges. Fly fishing Campers are in camp all week and will be with your troop each evening. They don't need any special equipment.

Local Information

Attractions and Entertainment

- Cody Chamber of Commerce (800) 393-2639. www.pctc.org
- Buffalo Bill Dam Visitor Center - Highway 14/16 at the east end of Buffalo Bill Reservoir. Open 8 am to 8 pm during the camping season. No admission charge. (307) 527-6076. www.BBDVC.org.
- Buffalo Bill Historical Center - 720 Sheridan Avenue. Open 8 am to 6 pm. Group rates by request. (307) 587-4771. bbhc@wavecom.net www.buffalobillhistoricalcenter.com
- Cody Nite Rodeo - Yellowstone highway in Cody. 8:30 nightly. cathy@trib.com
www.comp-unltd.com/~rodeo/rodeo.html

Lodges

Crossed Sabres Ranch
829 North Fork Highway, Cody, WY 82414
(Across the highway from Camp Buffalo Bill)
(888) 587-3750
info@crossedsabresranch.com

Elephant Head Lodge
1170 Yellowstone Highway, Wapiti, WY 82450 (it is about 5 miles east of camp). (307) 587-2666. vacation@elephantheadlodge.com

Creekside Lodge
995 E. Yellowstone Highway, Cody, WY (it is just across the river from camp). (307) 587-3753
<http://www.creeksidelodgeyellowstone.com/>

Pahaska Tepee
183-CCC E. Yellowstone Highway, Cody, WY (it is 5 miles west of camp). (307) 527-7701 or (800) 628-7791. pahaska@pahaska.com

Campgrounds

Elk Valley Inn - Yellowstone Highway (about 20 miles from camp). (307) 587-4149

Yellowstone Valley Inn - Yellowstone Highway (about 25 miles from camp). (307) 587-3961 or (888) 705-7703.

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Yellowstone National Park

National Park Service
Visitor Services Office
PO Box 168
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
(307) 344-7381, www.nps.gov/yell/index.htm



CENTRAL WYOMING COUNCIL

The Yellowstone High Adventure Outpost provides three, unique, five-day high adventure experiences each week for campers at Camp Buffalo Bill. Yellowstone High Adventure Outpost participants must be at least 13, and have completed the eighth grade prior to participation.

High Adventure Participants must have filled out parts A, B and C of their physical form. Each camper's physical condition will be reviewed by the High Adventure Director and Camp Medic using Philmont's hiking standards to insure all hikers are physically prepared. Please refer to the [Philmont webpage](#) if you have questions about the standards.

Participants will check into the Yellowstone High Adventure Outpost at the beginning of the week and will stay at YHAO basecamp for the entire week. YHAO is an exclusive program. Participants will not have time to take merit badge classes outside of those specifically offered through high adventure.

The Yellowstone High Adventure Outpost has three core areas: Rock Climbing, Whitewater Rafting and Wilderness Trekking. Participants will choose one of the three areas to participate in for the week.

YHAO participants must pre-register for the high adventure program of their choice before arriving at camp.

A full program description, gear lists, waiver form etc. is available in the YHAO Guidebook, available online

High Adventure participants should come equipped as noted in the YHAO Guidebook's gear checklist for all three activities in case their first choice is not available or is full.

Participants must read and return a signed risk advisory statement found in the YHAO Guidebook. Parent/guardian approval is required if the participant is under age 18.

Absaroka Backpacking

Our signature program. The Absaroka (Ab-zor-kuh) backpacking program was developed around Leave No Trace. Participants hike between 7-10 miles a day through the 704,529 acres of the Washakie Wilderness, some of the most remote territory in the Lower 48. This area ranges in elevation from 6400 to more than 13,000 feet. Our treks have a distinct wilderness flavor that is not found in other high adventure programs.

Come prepared with all the gear listed in the YHAO Guidebook. Our staff will conduct a shakedown on Sunday afternoon. Those who aren't properly equipped will not be allowed on the trek.

Scouts should bring a small personal first aid kit for minor cuts and scrapes. A large, crew first aid kit will be provided by YHAO. The weather on this hike can vary greatly. Morning can be below freezing and afternoons can be as high as 90 degrees. Rain, snow, and hail are possible. The air is quite dry and many hikers experience dry skin and chapped lips.

Each camper's physical condition will be reviewed by the High Adventure Director and Camp Medic using Philmont's hiking standards to insure all hikers are physically prepared. Please refer to the [Philmont webpage](#) if you have questions about the standards.

Rock Climbing

Climbers will participate in an intensive program that takes scouts on climbing routes and boulder problems ranging from 5.0 to 5.12 in difficulty on granite, limestone and dolomite throughout the Shoshone Canyon. Our indoor rock wall is also utilized in the beginning stages of the program or during inclement weather. Climbers will also have multiple chances to rappel down multiple descents.

Participants will complete the requirements for the Climbing Merit Badge and most of the requirements for the Venturing Ranger Mountaineering elective. In addition, participants will be introduced to anchor building and placing natural and artificial protection.

Climbers are most comfortable in loose fitting, athletic type clothing and must have rain gear, two-1 quart water bottles, a daypack, and sunscreen. Participants may bring their own climbing harness and shoes. YHAO supplies harnesses, shoes, helmets and all climbing hardware.

Whitewater Rafting*

Rafters will explore the entire 40 runnable miles of the North Fork of the Shoshone River including an overnight on the river. In addition, rafters will float the Red Canyon of the Shoshone below Buffalo Bill Dam. These rivers range from Class II to IV in difficulty. Topics covered will include raft rigging, whitewater paddling, water rescue, reading the water and scouting rapids, river camping and river Leave No Trace. This program covers most of the Whitewater Merit Badge and Venturing Ranger Watercraft elective.

Rafters will want to wear shoes or secure sandals (no flip-flops, closed toed sandals are preferred), shorts, and a T-shirt or swimwear and a brimmed hat for this activity. They will get very, very wet. Participants should also bring a second “dry” pair of shoes for time off the river. If you wear eyeglasses or sunglasses, a retainer strap is highly recommended. Rafters also need to come equipped for a night out on the river. YHAO provides splash jackets, PFD’s and helmets.

*Rafting is river flow dependent and may not be available after July 10. Participants in the rafting program must have passed their swim test and be classified as a “swimmer”

Unit Swim Classification Record

Swim tests are not available at Camp Buffalo Bill. In order for a Scout to participate in aquatics activities, he must have a swim test prior to camp. Although swim tests are conducted away from camp, the Aquatics Director shall at all times reserve the authority to review or retest all participants to assure the standards have been maintained.

This form must be in the Aquatic Director's possession before your Scouts will be allowed to participate in aquatics activities.

Unit Number: _____ Date of Swim Test: _____

	Full Name (please print)	Swim Classification		
		Non-swimmer	Beginner	Swimmer
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Name of Person Conducting the Test:	
Print Name	Signature

Unit Leader:	
Print Name	Signature

Unit Swim Classification Record

The swim classification of individuals participating in a Boy Scouts of America activity is a key element in Safety Afloat. The swim classification tests should be renewed annually, preferably at the beginning of each outdoor season.

All persons participating in BSA aquatics are classified according to swimming ability. The classification test and test procedure have been developed and structured to demonstrate a skill level consistent with the circumstances in which the individual will be in the water. The swimmer's test demonstrates the minimum level of swimming ability for recreational and instruction activity in a confined body of water with a maximum 12-foot depth and with shallow water footing or a pool or pier edge always within 25 feet of the swimmer.

The various components of each test evaluate the several skills essential to the minimum level of swimming ability. Each step of the test is important and should be followed as listed below.

Swimmer's Test

Jump in feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: side stroke, breast stroke, trudgen, or crawl, then swim 25 yards using an easy resting stroke. The 100 yards must be swam continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

Beginner's Test

Jump feet first into water over head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before, and return to the starting place.

The Aquatics Director shall at all times reserve the authority to review or retest all participants to ensure that standards have been maintained.

