

Wilderness Rendezvous Scout Camp

June 28th to July 06th, 2025



The Purpose:

Wilderness Rendezvous contributes to the growth and development of Scouting Members. Through a progressive program, opportunities are provided for participants to be exposed to the knowledge and experiences of outdoor living and recreation. Teaching and development of outdoor skills is the main focus. **Wilderness Rendezvous** creates a challenging and rewarding experience for all those attending.



The Goals:

To teach, on an ongoing basis, over an eight-year program:

1. Camping and Backpacking skills
2. Map and Compass
3. Leadership training

The Programs:

Kit (Cubs) – Director John deGraauw

This one-week program will build the youth's knowledge base for the outdoors. Our well-trained and caring staff will ensure the youth receive the best we offer through a fun-filled and great outdoor adventure. Youth will spend their week living outdoors and learning while having fun! It is designed for first and second year cubs ages 8 and 9.

Pioneer - Director Allison Israels

This program will introduce the skills needed to complete the 1st—to 4th-year programs at WR in a fun outdoor environment. It is for 3rd-year Cubs or Scouts who are not 11 years of age or who have not spent one full year in the scout section.

First Year - Director Michel Belanger

Teaches basic camping skills, including trail camp setup, backpacking, and trail foods. Instruction is given on compass use, magnetic bearings, and following a bearing on the trail. Interaction with other Scouting Youth and Leaders is provided.

Second Year - Director Brent White

Expand on the basic skills taught in the first year by enhancing camping demands, e.g., longer hikes, different cooking methods, declination with map & compass, etc.

Third Year - Director Chris Bur

Personal challenges and accomplishments through skills developed in the first two years. Opportunity for youth to strive to reach goals through an overnight solo, more challenging hikes, and an expanded trail menu.

Fourth Year - Directors Matt Fauser

Utilize all camping and orienteering skills. Create confidence by testing with self-made challenges and striving to reach set goals. Future benefits from this program are self-reliance and self-confidence.

Wilderness Rovers - Director Gillian deGraauw

For those who have completed the four-year youth program, it involves personal development, leadership, and life skills training to help develop responsible and self-confident young adults.

Sting - Director TBA

The new Sting program continues to be taught over the previous eight years and promises companionship, adventure, emergency preparedness, and knowledge of the hills. Leadership, exploration, and challenge await the young adults who wish to take this program on.

Outdoor Adventure Skills Badges

Youth earn badge requirements under the Scouts Canada program - The Canadian Path.

Activities:

- Using a map & compass to travel in the hills.
- Exploring Saskatchewan's most unique historical area is an opportunity for both participants and their leaders
- Learning outdoor trail skills and rope-making like our pioneering ancestors
- Using our ancestors' traditional methods of creating bridges, towers, and other projects
- Accomplishing requirements towards earning achievement awards
- Leaders can improve their Scouting skills by further developing their knowledge and ideas.
- Leaders learn new ways of integrating these skills into their troop or company environments

The Adventure:

A chance to rendezvous with nature in an area of our country rich with plants, animals, and birds. You may see deer, moose, elk, and wild turkeys living in this beautiful wooded area. Some of the plants found here are unique to this area of Saskatchewan. As you hike, camp, and live in this protected area, you will be exposed to ideas and techniques that will help preserve this land for the future and those yet to come.

We recommend Wilderness Rendezvous for your youth because a lot of learning occurs during the nine-day camp. They all improve their outdoor skills. They can cook a meal, make a rope, read a map and use a compass, build a bridge, backpack all day, and find food where there isn't supposed to be any. They learn to cope with loneliness and fear of a duo or solo camping experience, **and more ... much more**. They learn to communicate with each other. Though their personalities aren't always compatible, they communicate trust, opinions, respect, honesty, happiness, and sometimes sadness. They're challenged and learn to live in harmony with the wilderness and each other.

The Location:

Wilderness Rendezvous occurs in the Beautiful West Block of Cypress Hills, Saskatchewan, approximately 30 square miles of rolling hills and dark forests. We are here because of our unique and close cooperation with **Saskatchewan Parks, Culture, and Sports**.

<https://wrscoutcamp.ca/information-for-scouters/>

For further information, equipment advice, or to arrange for a WR. Staff member to attend one of your meetings, contact us

All Leaders will supervise their youth when they are not in the program. It is strongly recommended that any troops bringing female youth to camp have a female leader who will be involved with the program. Participants attending camp must be currently registered as members of **Scouts Canada**.

All leaders attending WR for the first time will receive an exceptional instructional program. Leaders will also require gear to hike with the Participants.

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