

Wilderness Rendezvous – July 04th to July 12th, 2026

(Our 54th year)



The Purpose:

Wilderness Rendezvous contributes to the growth and development of Scouting Members. Opportunities are provided through a progressive program that exposes participants to the knowledge and experiences of outdoor living and recreation. The primary focus is teaching and developing outdoor skills.

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, utilizing the cumulative skills in the 4th year experience
- 3) Leadership training

The Programs:

Kit (Cubs) – Director Greg Korpan

This new one-week program will build the youth's knowledge base for the outdoors. Our well-trained and caring staff will ensure that the youth receive the best we offer through a fun-filled & great outdoor adventure. Youth will spend their week living outdoors, learning, and having fun! It is designed for 1st & 2nd year cubs ages 8 & 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 Robin Hubert

Teaches basic camping skills, such as Trail camp setup, backpacking skills, and trail foods. Instruction is given on compass use, magnetic bearings, and how to follow a bearing on the trail. An opportunity to interact with other Scouting Youth and Leaders is provided.

Second Year - Director Cindy Murdoch

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 Rodney Berg

Personal challenges and accomplishments through the use of 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 - Director 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. 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 all that has been 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 choose to take on this program.



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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, the fear of duo or solo camping, and **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 they learn to live in harmony with the wilderness and each other.

The Location:

Wilderness Rendezvous takes place in the Beautiful West Block of Cypress Hills, Saskatchewan, an area of 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**.

Equipment:

Campers, please use the Personal Equipment list for your program. Your leader has been sent the troop equipment list. Particular attention should be paid to these lists. The climate in the Cypress Hills is varied. In the nine days that camp runs, we have experienced everything from frost and a week of rain to sunstroke.

The four key pieces of everyone's equipment are a good sleeping bag, sturdy hiking boots or good runners, good rain gear, and varied outerwear. Please get in touch with an experienced staff member for any additional information you require.

If this is your **first year** at Wilderness Rendezvous, then you **must register** in the **First Year Program** or the **Pioneer Program** if the youth is not **11** years of age, or has not had **one full year** in Scouting, or is enrolling in the Kit (Cub) Program. **Every** six to eight youths **must** be accompanied by **Two Registered Adult Members** of Scouts Canada, who will remain at camp for **the week**.

All Leaders will be responsible for supervising their youth outside the program. For any Troops bringing Female Youth to Camp, it is strongly recommended that they have a female leader involved in the program. Participants attending camp must be currently registered as members of **Scouts Canada**.

All first-time Leaders participate in a special Overnight Instructional Hike and then hike with the first-year youth later in the week. Leaders will require gear to hike and camp with the youth.



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The Fees:

The Early Bird camp registration fee for Wilderness Rendezvous is \$125.00 per person if submitted and paid in full, and postmarked on or before May 1st, 2026. This fee includes the program, crest, T-shirt, hat, and all administrative costs. Park fees are \$25.00 per person. For an additional \$240.00, we offer a Participant Meal Plan that provides all meals during the camp.* *We strongly suggest this option. *If not opting in, the entire troop must come completely self-contained!

The digital WR Signup Form, including medical information, an *updated* Scouts Canada Membership Application form, (Please make sure medical info is current.) The Parent/Guardian Consent Form, T-shirt / Hat form, Signed Code of Conduct form, and Adventure Application form must all be submitted with your Payment in Full. **After May 1st, an extra \$25 late registration fee applies.** Your group will not be considered registered if any forms are incomplete.

For further information, equipment advice, or to arrange for a W.R. Staff member to attend one of your meetings, please reach out to the contact listed below.

More information and forms required:

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

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