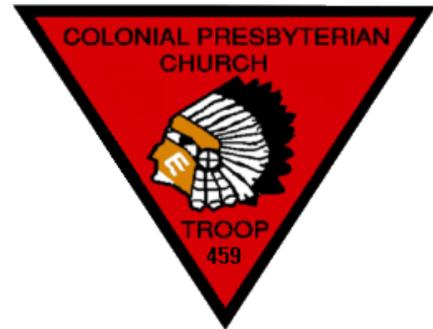


# TROOP 459



## 2018 Summer Camp Guide

Dear Parents,

The H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, located near Osceola, Missouri, is home to more than 6,600 Boy Scouts and 3,000 leaders each summer. The reservation covers 3,600 acres and consists of three camps: Lone Star (8 Campsites), Sawmill (12 Campsites), and Piercing Arrow (13 Campsites). The H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation has been a summer home to Scouting and its honor camping program, the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, since 1929.

Participating in Boy Scout summer camp at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation is an experience that all Scouts and Scouters look forward to throughout the year. It is the highlight of the troop's outdoor program. Your son will enjoy fun and fellowship in the outdoors with his fellow troop members. He will also have the opportunity to dedicate much of his day to increasing his scouting skills and work on projects leading to his advancement in rank.

In order to make the time your Scout spends at camp as enjoyable and productive as possible, and to ensure you know what is planned, we have organized and prepared this booklet for you.

This year, we will be at Camp Piercing Arrow, campsite Ft. Union. Troop 459 has stayed at Union many times before, and it was our preferred choice. We will be in first session from June 7-16, with more than 20 full-time leaders also going to camp. It takes the assistance of all of them and Ben Brown, our Senior Patrol Leader, to ensure things run smoothly.

Like the scouts, the adult leaders in the troop also look forward to summer camp each year. We will spend many hours preparing and working to make Bartle summer camp an experience your son will enjoy and remember for years to come.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding either the information in this handbook or any other details involving summer camp, we as your Camp Scoutmasters are here to help. Do not hesitate to give us a call, send us an email, or see us at a troop meeting. We can be reached at:

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Summer camp is a lot of fun. It will be a more enjoyable and productive experience for both you and your son if each of you are prepared. As the Boy Scout motto says, the purpose of this information booklet is to help you to **"Be Prepared."**

Shawn Beane and Scott Valler  
Summer Camp Scoutmasters

# TRAVEL TO AND FROM CAMP

## ***Departure***

The troop bus will depart from the parking lot of Colonial Presbyterian Church at 9:30 AM on Friday, June 15th. Check-in, gear checks, group photo, and other final preparations will be held in the parking lot before leaving. This is a very critical and busy hour, so **please have your Scout at the church no later than 8:30 AM!**

## ***Return***

We will return to Colonial Presbyterian Church at approximately Noon on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Camp Location***

The H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation is located approximately 100 miles southeast of Kansas City on Truman Lake near Osceola, Missouri. Driving directions are included later in this document. Bartle is divided into three separate camps: Lone Star, Sawmill, and Piercing Arrow. **Troop 459 will be camping in Camp Piercing Arrow at Campsite Fort Long.** A map of the Bartle Scout reservation is also included later in this booklet.

## ***Transportation to Camp***

Troop 459 hires a charter bus to transport the scouts and their gear to camp. All scouts attending camp are expected to ride the bus; this is part of the experience. There will be a couple of adult chaperones on the bus, but most adults attending camp should plan to drive their own vehicles separately.

## ***Travel Attire***

As with our monthly campouts, scouts are expected to show up and travel in **full Class A uniforms**. Since we'll be performing our swim test soon after arrival, scouts are encouraged to wear their swim trunks under their uniform for a quick change.

## ***Lunch En-route to Camp***

The bus will stop in Clinton, MO for lunch on the way to camp. Each scout will need to bring pocket money to purchase their lunch.

## ***Late Arrivals***

Adults that arrive on a day other than the first day need to stop by the Health Lodge next to the Camp Headquarters and get a release paper. They then go to the office at Piercing Arrow located inside the trading post. You will be issued a color-coded wristband that will identify the days that you have paid for. You will need this to enter the mess hall. Please contact Brian Castle or Caren Howes upon arrival at campsite Union to arrange lodging.

## FIRST DAY AT CAMP

Upon arrival the leaders and a camp representative will inspect the campsite, and then the boys will move into their tents. Each scout will share a tent with a buddy from their own patrol. The Senior Patrol Leader will pre-assign a tent “pod” to each patrol, but scouts can pick their own tent-mate within their patrol. The SPL will handle any exceptions.

Once the campsite is set up, the troop’s first event is to head to the pool for our swim test. Lifeguards will pair up individually with each scout and put them thru tasks designed to determine their ability level, either swimmer, beginner or non-swimmer. It’s OK if your scout is a non-swimmer, he will have a chance to work on that skill while at camp. Campers must have a blue “swimmer” wristband to be allowed into the deep end of the pool.

We will eat the evening meal in the mess hall. Class B scout-related t-shirts should be worn to meals in the mess hall, and hats may not be worn inside.

To wrap up the first day at camp, we will attend the opening night campfire in the council ring. The Camp Staff will officially welcome everyone to camp, and First-Year campers will get their first introduction to Mic-O-Say, the honor camping program which is the spirit of the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation.

## LIFE AT CAMP

### *Sleeping Accommodations*

Bartle uses the same two-man canvas tents and folding cots that you may be familiar with from Bear Camp and Webelos Camp as Cub Scouts. The tents sit on top of wooden pallets. There are spaces between the boards in the pallets, so many campers bring throw rugs, tarps or pieces of carpeting to pad their feet and avoid losing things between the cracks.

There are two leader cabins at Campsite Union, each with eight plywood bunks. Adults should bring a sleeping pad for comfort. For privacy, we will either split male and female Scouters between the two cabins or house the women in tents, depending on how many are there.

The weather at camp can range from cool to very hot. Most campers bring either a lightweight sleeping bag or sheet and blankets to sleep on at night. A battery powered fan can be helpful in hot weather. Don’t forget a pillow.

Remember, we are only borrowing the tents and are responsible for any damage done to them while we are there. **Absolutely no fire or flames are permitted in or near the tents.**

## **Daily Schedule**

Days at camp are full of activities. A First Year scout will attend up to four merit badge sessions per day. He will also participate in the Trail to First Class program, which takes the place of a merit badge session on certain days. This will provide an opportunity for your scout to get a jump start on rank advancements.

Scouts will also participate in troop level and camp-wide activities. They will share camp chores such as lolly and KP duty as well. But don't worry, it's not all work. They still have time to swim, and to explore the camp with their buddies every day.

Here's what a typical day looks like:

7:00 am	First Call – Reveille
7:15 am	To the Colors – Flag is raised – KP Call
7:30 am	Breakfast
7:50 am	Lifesaving participants leave after 60-second KP
8:30 am	Merit Badges and Scouting Skills
9:30 am	Merit Badges and Scouting Skills
10:30 am	Camp Scoutmaster Meeting
10:30 am	Lunch Outpost Programs – Troop Swim – Patrol Activities
11:40 am	KP Call
12:00 Noon	Lunch
After Lunch	Senior Patrol Leaders Council
12:45-1:45 pm	Rest Period
2:00 pm	Merit Badges and Scouting Skills
3:00 pm	Merit Badges and Scouting Skills
4:00 pm	Troop Swim – Patrol Activities
4:30 pm	Dinner Outpost Program
5:00 pm	Staff and Leaders Swim
5:40 pm	KP Call (no KP on Day 4)
5:45 pm	Flag Retreat
6:00 pm	Evening Meal (Day 4 at 5:30 PM)
7:00 pm	Troop Activities
8:00 pm	Evening Programs
8:30 pm	Warrior and Brave Ceremonies (Days 6 & 8)
9:45 pm	Call to Quarters (All Scouts in Campsite)
10:00 pm	Taps – Lights Out, All Scouts in Tents

## ***Meals***

In the mess hall, the troop will be assigned a number of eight person tables. We will need one person on KP duty per table at each meal. This will be a rotating responsibility, and each scout will participate in KP more than once during the week. The KP's arrive early to set the table, bring food to the table, drop the dirty dishes off at the kitchen, and clean the table after the meal.

The staff tries to make meals fun with events like "useless information of the day," birthday parties, advancement recognition, group songs, etc. The food is usually decent, and varies each meal. Peanut butter and jelly are always available for picky eaters, but you'll be surprised at how big the appetites get at camp. Usually scouts don't stay picky for very long. **If your Scout has dietary restrictions, please notify Mr. Beane or Mr. Valler ASAP** so that the camp staff can accommodate your scout's particular restrictions. You will need to fill out a special dietary needs form to be turned in to camp a few weeks in advance.

Prayers are also led by the camp staff before meals. All campers are expected to show quiet respect during prayer.

## ***Mic-O-Say***

The H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation is home to the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, a BSA honor camping program unique to the Kansas City area councils. Scouts attending summer camp at Bartle for the first time will be introduced to tribal lore and ceremonies throughout their stay. There are certain buildings and areas of the reservation that are marked with white rocks. These areas are off limits to all non-tribesmen. These rules will be explained to the scouts in more detail while at camp.

## ***Church Services***

Camp Bartle maintains chaplains of multiple faith denominations, including Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, and others. Church services are conducted by the chaplains at announced times, and campers and adult leaders are encouraged to attend in their Class A uniforms.

## ***Merit Badges and Advancement***

Summer camp is an excellent opportunity to earn merit badges, however it is not intended to be a merit badge mill. If a scout has been to Boy Scout summer camp before, then he will plan out his own merit badge program to suit his needs, interest and abilities while paying close attention to scheduling. But for their first trip to Bartle, Troop 459 establishes a pre-set merit badge schedule for our First Year campers. A few of the merit badge sessions will be filled with the Trail to First Class program as well.

In addition to the structured program, our troop's older scouts and adult leaders will also offer a constant opportunity to work on rank requirements while back at the campsite. Scouts can earn multiple ranks while at camp if they are ambitious enough to do so, but everyone is free to go at their own pace. Camp is just a great place to knock out the skills-based requirements of Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class while there are captive audiences available as teachers.

Along with various others, First Year campers will be taking the Swimming merit badge. ***They will need a long-sleeved button down shirt, trousers and a belt to fulfill one of the swimming merit badge requirements.*** Swimming is an important foundational merit badge that later years at camp will build upon as a prerequisite. It is also Eagle required. But if your scout cannot swim, that's OK - he can sign up for the beginner's swim class, and there are alternate paths to achieve Eagle. Please let us know now if your scout is not a strong swimmer so we can plan for it in advance.

Some merit badges have pre-work that must be done beforehand in order to earn the badge at camp, but we've selected the First Year program to avoid these. Other badges have prerequisites, age restrictions, rank requirements, etc. A few badges have a nominal fee for materials as well. A full list of these details can be found on the Troop 459 website.

## ***Outpost Programs***

In addition to merit badges, Camp Bartle also offers what they call Outpost programs. These offer scouts the opportunity to get out of their campsite routine and into fun and exciting activities, including things like disc golf, archery, and ropes courses. Bartle prefers that we sign groups up for these in advance, although room is sometimes available to sign up during camp as well.

Most Outposts are free, but have limited capacity. The Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader Council will make decisions about which Outposts if any we will participate in, depending on the troop's schedule.

## ***Spending Money***

As previously mentioned, Scouts will need pocket money for lunch on the bus trip to camp. Scouts will also need some spending money at camp for souvenirs, merit badge materials, and treats at the trading post. A slushie tastes pretty good after a day in the sun.

As with prior years, there will be a designated adult leader who will operate the Troop 459 "Bank". This is a lockbox in which we'll store the scouts' money for safekeeping. Please put your scout's spending money into an unsealed envelope, write their name and the amount on the outside, and turn that in to the bank at the church parking lot when you check in. We do not encourage scouts to keep money in their camp boxes. If they choose to do so, please realize that it's at their own risk. Scouts almost never take things from each other, but when you're young, anything misplaced is automatically "stolen". The Bank makes this topic a non-issue for spending money. While at camp, the banker will be available to the boys for withdrawals on a regular basis.

In addition to lunch money for the trips down and back, we recommend that each scout should have about \$30.00 to spend on a camp T-shirt, merit badge supplies, refreshments, and "necessities" from the trading post and Iconium. Please bring only 1's, 5's, or 10's, as the trading post cannot easily make change for \$20 bills or larger.

## ***Iconium***

"ICO" is the tiny town right outside camp. Don't blink or you'll miss it. The main attraction is Scott's General Store, which serves a fantastic Peach Nehi float. Each summer the Troop organizes a hike up to Scott's so the younger scouts can accomplish the 5-mile hike requirement for Second Class rank. The Troop will then buy each hiker an ice cream float to celebrate the halfway point on the trip.

Scouts love to find other excuses to try to go to Ico. Please note that other trips to Ico are not sanctioned by or funded by the Troop or by Bartle staff.

## ***Visitor Sunday***

Visitor's day is Sunday, June 9th, from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Parents, not only will your Scout be looking forward to seeing you, whom he has missed very much for the last few days, but he will also be trying to talk you into replenishing his bank account!

Your Scout will be eager to show you around camp. The paths are rough and the camp is spread out over a large area. Please wear appropriate footwear if you plan on venturing out of our campsite.

The highlight for the campers is the potluck lunch provided by our families. While the food at camp is actually pretty good, the food you bring with you will be extremely appreciated. The mess hall is closed for lunch and dinner on Visitor's Day, so we will also be providing food for some of the members of the camp staff in addition to troop members. Please keep this in mind when preparing your addition to our potluck dinner. We typically assign out side dishes and desserts to families alphabetically. Look for an email with more details about this when the event gets closer.

Please note, pets are not allowed at camp under any circumstance.

If for some reason you can't attend Visitor Sunday, please send a relative or close friend or consider asking another Scout's family to adopt your son for the day. Scouts without a family member present can feel left out otherwise.

## ***Homesickness***

For many boys this age, the first year at summer camp could be among the longest periods of time they've ever spent away from family. We regard homesickness as a normal, healthy occurrence for new Scouts, and the adult leaders and Bartle staff will be very watchful of campers' moods and emotional adjustment. We will try to help each Scout understand the emotion he is feeling, and will keep them engaged in camp activities. Experience tells us that within a few days every camper will be so busy having fun with friends and feel so secure with the staff and leaders that their homesickness will fade. The key is that we will KEEP HIM BUSY.

While at Visitor Sunday, your Scout may try to talk you into taking him home with you when you leave. For your Scout's sake in the Boy Scout program, ***please don't do it!*** Long term camping helps Scouts mature and become more self-sufficient, and we as parents of our own Scouts have gone thru the exact same thing with our sons. We can vouch for the value of this experience. Homesickness on the second and later trips to camp is almost non-existent.

# HEALTH AND SAFETY

## ***Health Forms***

A fully completed BSA Annual Health and Medical Record form is required in order for any Scout or adult to attend Bartle summer camp. Part C involves a physical, and is to be completed by a certified and licensed health care provider. Unfortunately, the BSA will not accept other similar forms, such as those you might have on hand from a sports team.

The official health form is available at the Heart of America Council website, at <http://www.hoac-bsa.org/bartle>. Note that the form requires a **photocopy of both front and back of your insurance card** to be attached.

## ***First Aid***

The Troop maintains a stocked First Aid kit on hand at camp to deal with cuts and scrapes. All other non-emergency situations will be taken to the central Health Lodge, at which many physicians and nurses donate their time during camp sessions. The Health Lodge staff will coordinate outside medical assistance in the event of an emergency situation.

## ***Prescription Medication***

The troop will dispense prescription medication at the campsite if properly labeled with frequency and dosage by the pharmacy. If not properly labeled, the Health Lodge must administer the medication. We will lock all medicine up with restricted access and records will be kept detailing dispensing activity. All drugs needing refrigeration will be locked in either the camp commissioner's cabin or the Health Lodge.

Please make sure your Scout knows what his medicine is, when he should take it and that it is his responsibility to seek out the designated adult leader that is handling medications at the appropriate time. Although we will remember too, not having to track him down is always appreciated.

## ***Fluid Intake***

Proper amounts of water are very important during hot weather. Your Scout should bring a water bottle with his name and "Troop 459" on it to use during his stay at summer camp. We recommend Nalgene (hard plastic) bottles for their durability. The Troop will keep water dispensers on hand at all times, and there are refilling stations all around camp. Although the trading post does sell soda, please discourage your Scout from purchasing soda beverages because they are not good for him in hot weather.

## ***Personal Hygiene***

Bartle provides separate shower facilities for younger scouts, older scouts, adult men, and adult women. BSA Youth Protection guidelines will be strictly followed.

Your Scout should bring his own sunscreen and non-aerosol insect repellent. We also highly recommend Gold Bond Powder for treatment of chapping. Scouts that wear wet swim trunks too long and contract what we call the "first year shuffle" will appreciate it!

# CONTACTING YOUR CAMPER

## ***Mail and Care Packages***

Every camper loves to receive cards, letters, and care packages from home. Please recognize how important this is to ALL the boys, regardless of their age. In fact, your first letter, card or care package should be mailed the morning we leave for camp. Avoid saying things like “We Miss You!” because that often triggers homesickness. “I’m sure you are enjoying camp!” is a much better approach.

Our camp address is:

**Your Scout’s Name  
Troop 459  
Camp Piercing Arrow, Campsite Long  
H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation  
5525 N.E. Scout Camp Road  
Osceola, Missouri 64776**

Parents, if you want your Scout to write back to you, please send several self-addressed, stamped envelopes or postcards with him. He can mail them at the Camp Trading Post.

## ***Telephone Information***

There is only one public telephone available at camp, which means there can be a line. Scouts may use it to place collect calls or use phone cards. It does not accept coins. We *strongly* discourage collect calls due to extremely high rates by the carrier.

Cellular coverage at Bartle is almost non-existent, and Scouts are not allowed to bring their cell phones. Adult leaders will have cell phones, but without ready access to electricity they rarely stay charged for long. Adults will discourage Scouts from borrowing cell phones other than in emergency situations. Do not feel slighted if your son doesn’t call home, it just means he’s busy having fun with friends.

In case of a real emergency only, the camp emergency telephone number is:

**(417) 646-8115**

Camp offices are open from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM to handle incoming calls. Emergency messages after 10:00 PM will be handled on an individual basis.

# PREPARING FOR CAMP

Each Scout should have a combination lock for their camp box. Be sure to give a copy of the combination to the adult leaders, or else all we can do is cut off the lock if they forget. You can consider storing clothing in Zip-Lock bags to ensure his clothing does not get wet should it rain, which also helps keep him a little organized.

All clothing and other items should be clearly marked with your Scout's name and troop number on them. Also, please do not let your Scout bring items to camp that are too valuable. If lost, we will try to help find it; however, we can offer no guarantee we will be able to locate missing items.

## ***What To Bring***

Every camper should have the following items:

- Completed Annual Health Form
- Copy of Insurance Card (front&back)
- Camp box
- Combination lock
- Class A Scout uniform
- Neckerchief and slide
- Scouting T-shirts (can buy more at trading post)
- Boy Scout Handbook
- Hat or cap
- Sunblock
- Sweatshirt or jacket
- Swim trunks
- Raincoat or poncho
- Underwear
- Socks
- Shorts
- Blue jeans
- Belt
- Hiking boots
- Tennis shoes
- Water bottle or canteen
- Flashlight (+ extra batteries)
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Bath towel
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Notebook and pen/pencil

Optional Equipment:

- Sunglasses
- Small rug or mat for tent floor
- Folding chair
- Tent fan (battery powered)
- Tent light (battery powered)
- Nylon rope, clothespins & hangers
- Pocket knife
- Compass
- Pajamas
- Bible or prayer book
- Non-aerosol mosquito repellent
- Mess kit
- Merit badge materials
- Backpack
- Work gloves
- Musical instrument
- Chess or checkers set
- Tarp
- Camera and film

## ***What Not To Bring***

There will be no electronic devices (iPods, cell phones, handheld video games, etc.) allowed in camp. If found, they will be confiscated by our adult leaders and returned when we get back from camp. The Senior Patrol Leader organizes gear checks in the parking lot at the church to look for “contraband” like cell phones.

Other prohibited items include the following:

- Open-toed shoes (crocs, flip flops, sandals)
- Lighters
- Sheath knives
- Fireworks
- Aerosol sprays

**DO NOT BRING AEROSOL CANS TO CAMP.** Aerosol spray will remove the waterproofing from the camp’s tents. If waterproofing is destroyed, the cost is determined by individual case.

## ***Camp Boxes***

Every scout should have a camp box, and Jim Forson is kind enough to be crafting them for our new scouts again this year. These are hinged wooden boxes at just the right height to fit under the cots at Bartle, and just the right size to hold everything he needs (but not everything he may want!). If you would like to request one from Jim, he charges a nominal fee for materials. You will need to make arrangements with him to pick it up before camp. After that, it’s yours! Feel free to let your Scout paint and decorate his box as he sees fit.

# SAFETY

## ***Youth Protection***

All adults attending camp, whether full time or part time, must be BSA Youth Protection trained. This is a 30 minute online course, and must be repeated every two years. See a Camp Scoutmaster for more information if you still need to complete yours.

We will be following the principles of Two-Deep Leadership while at camp, which means no Scout should ever be alone with an adult. When a single Scout needs an adult's help, such as if they should need to go to the Health Lodge, TWO adult leaders will participate.

## ***Safety and Security Rules***

The camp staff and the troop have a number of safety rules in place for the Scouts and adults.

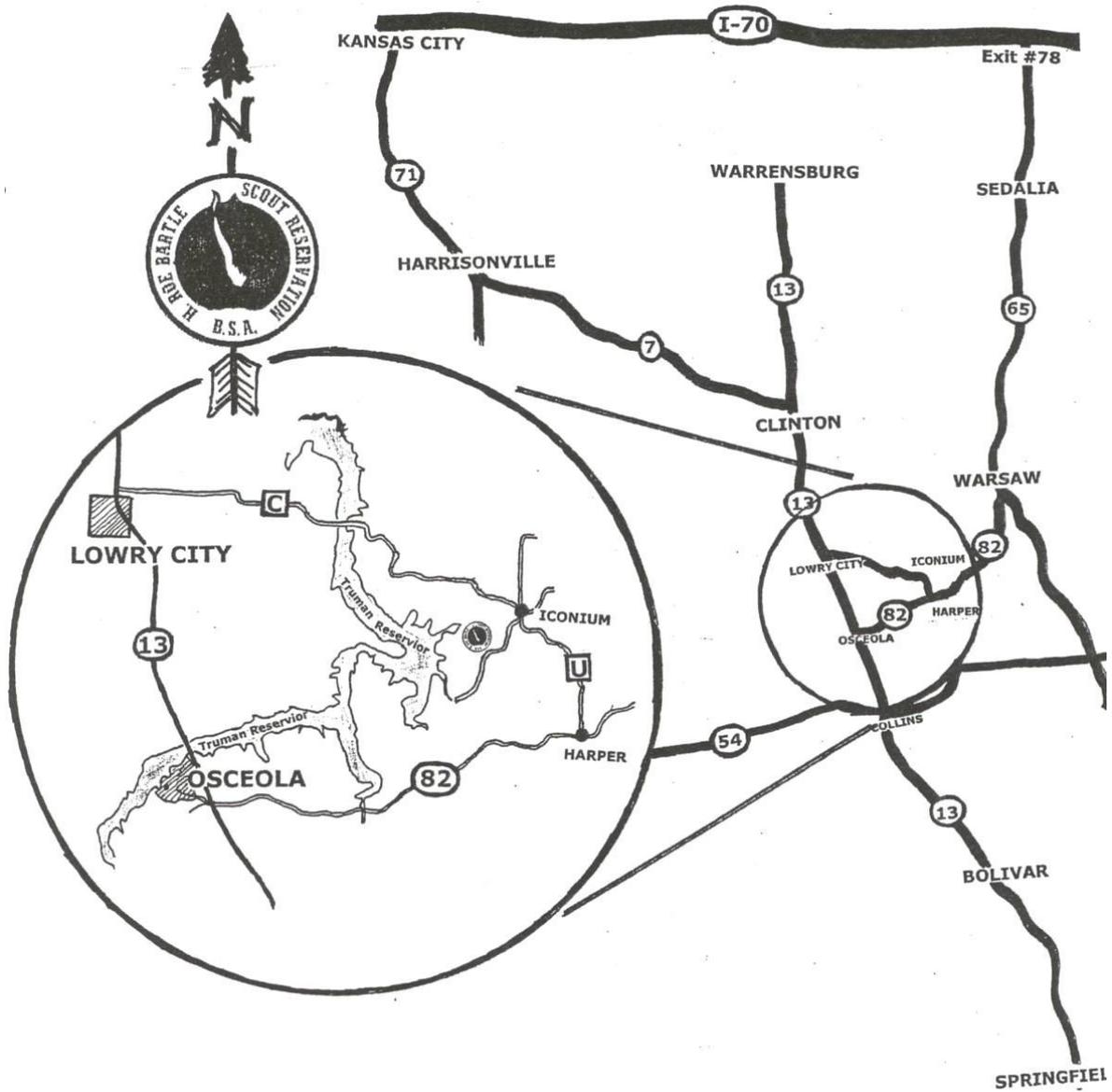
1. No running in camp.
2. Scouts will use the buddy system when traveling around the reservation.
3. Adults will practice two-deep leadership.
4. Scouts must check out with an adult leader if leaving the campsite, except for routine daily activities such as merit badge classes, meals, or troop swim.
5. Scouts are not permitted outside of the campsite after Taps without Scoutmaster permission.
6. No fires, flames, candles, etc. in the tent pods. Fires are only allowed in the campfire ring, and should only be built with Scoutmaster permission.
7. Do not enter another person's tent unless you are invited to enter.
8. Scouts are not allowed in the leader cabins.
9. Tents and pod areas must be kept clean. Food waste will attract skunks and raccoons into your tent, especially in the middle of the night.

## ***Behavior and Consequences***

The Scout Oath and Law govern how we live at camp. Serious violations of the Oath or Law could result in the scout's parents being called to pick him up and take him home.

Minor behavior or discipline issues will be dealt with by the Senior Patrol Leader and the Camp Scoutmasters.

Tents are inspected before and after occupancy. The occupants are financially responsible for any damage done to their tent or cots.



### ***Directions from Kansas City***

Highway 71 south to Harrisonville.

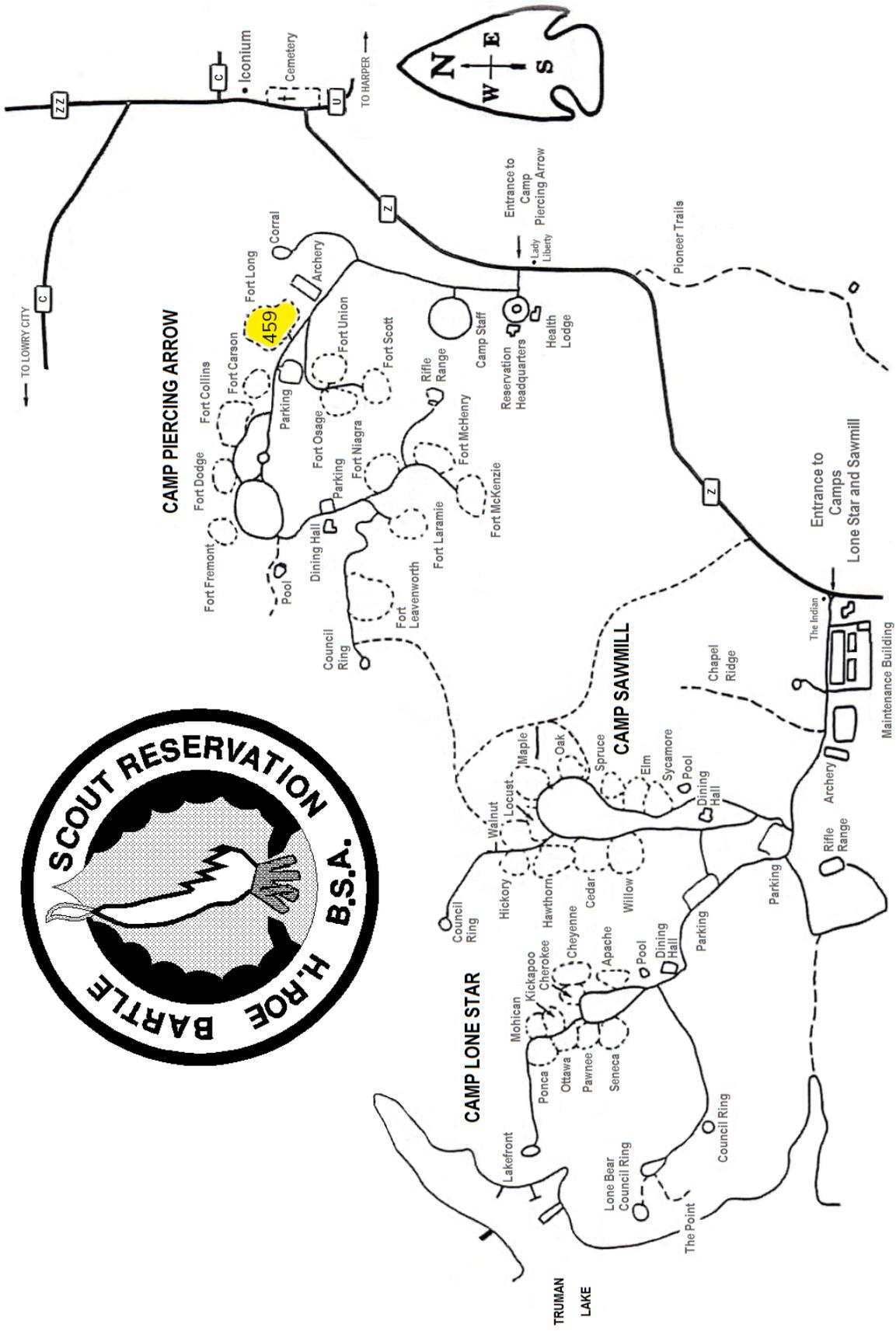
Highway 7 from Harrisonville south to Clinton.

Highway 13 from Clinton to St. Clair County Highway C.

Stay on Highway C approximately 12 miles to a stop sign.

Turn right (south) through the town of Iconium, Missouri.

The camp entrance is less than a mile from Iconium on County Z. Signs will point the way.



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