

Ten Mile River Scout Camps



Camp Keowa Parent Guide 2026



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Welcome to Camp Keowa!

On behalf of the entire Camp Keowa staff, we extend a warm welcome to you and your Scout. We are thrilled that you have chosen Camp Keowa at Ten Mile River for your summer camping experience.

Research shows that summer camp provides incredible benefits for young people. Studies from *Scouting America* have found that:

- Campers gain independence and self-confidence.
- They develop leadership and teamwork skills.
- They learn valuable outdoor skills and a deeper appreciation for nature.
- Campers make lasting friendships and create cherished memories.
- You can find more statistics on the outcomes of camp at the end of this guide.

This Parent Guide is designed to help you and your Scout prepare for an unforgettable week at Camp Keowa.

We encourage you to read through this guide carefully. It will help answer many of your questions and ensure a smooth and enjoyable camp experience for everyone.

We look forward to welcoming your Scout to Camp Keowa!

Sincerely,

Scott Dellosso | Camp Director

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Camp Registration 2026

Early bird pricing requires:

\$70 deposit by March 1

Paid in full by May 1

For a list of current fees and deadlines, please check out tenmileriver.org/fees.

For parents sending a Scout with their Troop:

Contact your Scoutmaster or Summer Camp Registration Contact to ensure your Scout is signed up for camp.

For parents sending a Scout provisionally (without troop leadership):

Register your Scout by heading to the [registration page](#) and choosing the week they wish to attend. Be sure to add your Scout as a *Provisional Youth*.

Payments and Parent Portal

First, ask your Scoutmaster if the troop is using the Parent Portal for summer camp payments.

Not using the Parent Portal:

If your troop is not using the Parent Portal, your payments for camp will be made to the troop, and the troop will pay the entire balance of the unit.

Using the Parent Portal:

This feature allows parents to pay directly on the online portal, as well as select the merit badges your Scout will take at camp. Your unit leader will provide you with a login and password to access your account. Merit badge registration opens on April 1st.



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First Year Camper

Our first year camper program is called the Dan Beard Society. This program focuses on rank advancement for our youngest campers. To decide if the DBS program is right for your Scout, get more information by heading to tenmileriver.org/first-year-camper/

DBS is a half day program that is three periods long; participants choose either the 9-12 or the 2-5 session. This allows your Scout to take at least 3 merit badges during the AM or PM session they are not in the DBS program.

The next page lists the rank advancement requirements and awards that will be taught during these sessions.

After that, take a look at the merit badge schedule with your Scout and select either the AM or PM session of DBS, then choose the other 3 badges they wish to take.



Dan Beard Society

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Scouts participating in the Dan Beard Society program will also receive a patch to commemorate their achievements at the Closing Campfire ceremony.

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Early Check-Out

Any Scout checking out of camp before Saturday must have written permission from their parent(s).

This permission is granted by means of a parent signing the Scout's medical form. Parents must indicate on the medical form who their child may leave camp with.

This permission will be verified by the camp office staff before the Scout leaves and the person picking up the Scout will have to complete an early release form.

Please keep in mind that NO Scout will be permitted to leave camp without the knowledge of the Scoutmaster (or the adult in charge) and the Camp Director to avoid confusion and to ensure accountability is maintained. Any Scout leaving camp must be accompanied by their parent or by two adults, who are each at least 21 years old. This is a requirement of New York state law and national Scouting America policy.

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Extra Costs

Eagle Camp

The Merit Badge Schedule's last category lists badges only open to those Scouts enrolled in Eagle Camp. The Eagle Camp participant type has an extra cost. See all current [fees and deadlines here](#).

Some merit badges and programs have extra costs associated with materials needed to complete the badge. The cost will be attached when you register for that program.

Program	Description	Cost
Basketry	Three piece basket weaving kit	\$35
Leatherwork	All-in-one knife sheath kit	\$18
Red Cross Lifeguard	Official full certification from American Red Cross.	\$40
Red Cross CPR, AED, First Aid	Official full certification from American Red Cross	\$125
Sculpture	Modeling clay and sculpting materials	\$10
Space Exploration	Model rocket kit and engines	\$23
Whitewater	Delaware River whitewater trip	\$40
Wood Carving	Pre-designed wooden carving block	\$10



Trading Post

Each camp operates a Trading Post, which provides a full selection of advancement materials, craft items, T-shirts, patches, mugs, soda, snacks, ice cream, comfort items and some Scout supplies. **About \$50** per Scout should be enough to meet most Scouts' needs during the week. Additional money may be needed if extra supplies for merit badge work (such as craft kits) are needed.

We do accept all forms of tap-to-pay as well (debit cards, ApplePay, Google Pay, etc.)



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Medical

At Ten Mile River, we take safety as our highest priority. The mental, physical, and social health of our campers are of the utmost importance.

An annual medical examination and health record, completed within the past 12 months, is required and must be completed prior to arrival.

Please visit the below website to download the medical form and see the other information covered such as:

- OTC medication
- Prescribed medication
- Dietary Needs and allergies

tenmileriver.org/medical



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Questions?

If you have any further questions, please feel free to send an email to keowa@tenmileriver.org

