

PACK 131 EVENT

Cub Scout Fishing Derby

A full weekend of camping, fishing, and outdoor adventure at Camp Birch — May 15–17, 2026. Please remember to register with the Council (admission to the event) AND sign up for Pack camping (so we know how much food we will need).

WHEN	WHERE	COST
Fri, May 15 – Sun, May 17, 2026 Derby fishing begins Saturday at 8:00 AM Eastern.	Camp Birch 4057 Swimming Pool Road, Yellow Springs, OH 45387	FREE for Tecumseh Council Scouts \$10 late fee after May 8 Lunch provided by Tecumseh Council

Register: <https://tecumsehscoutscouncil.org/cubscoutfishingderby/>

Pack camping sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044BABAC2EA0F94-49120055-pack>

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Weekend schedule

Times are approximate — flexibility is part of the adventure. Listen for announcements at the fire ring.

Friday, May 15 — Arrival & set-up

- 5:30 PM Arrive at Camp Birch**
Check in for camping at the Turner Building (A-Frame in the parking lot). We'll take turns with the vehicle pass to move our gear to Bluejacket Campsite.

- 6:00 PM Set up tents**
Buddy up — older Scouts help younger families get pitched.

- 7:30 PM Cracker Barrel**
Hot dogs and s'mores around the fire.

- 8:30 PM Campfire program**
Skits, songs, and the Cubmaster's Minute.

- 10:00 PM Lights out**
Quiet hours begin — tomorrow comes early!

Saturday, May 16 — Derby day!

7:00 AM

Reveille & breakfast

Pancakes and waffles, eggs, fruit, and coffee. Everything you need to start your day.

8:30 AM

Walk to the Bud Martin Lake

Bring chairs, rods, tackle, and your buddy.

8:00 AM

Fishing Derby begins!

Council event — prizes for biggest fish, strangest non-fish, and most fish.

12:00 PM

Lunch at the pond

Sack lunches provided by the Council in the Dining Hall.

1:00 PM

Afternoon activities

Feel free to keep fishing, explore Camp Birch, meet other Scouts in the gaga ball pit, or hang back at camp.

6:00 PM

Supper Time

We're keeping it simple with sloppy joes this time.

9:00 PM

Night hike & stargazing

Weather permitting — leave your flashlights back at camp.

Sunday, May 17 — Pack out

7:00 AM

Wakey-wakey

Time to wake our snoozing slugs from their sleeping bag slumber.

9:00 AM

Break camp

Leave No Trace — pack it in, pack it out.

9:00 AM

Departure

We'll do one final police call of Bluejacket before we go.

PACKING LIST

What to bring

Label everything with your Scout's name. Pack in one duffel + one daypack if possible — it makes set-up faster (stackable Home Depot boxes are a go-to as well). If this is your first time camping, we can help you find options that meet your needs.

Sleeping & Shelter

- Tent
- Sleeping bag with an appropriate temperature rating
- Sleeping pad, cot, or air mattress
- Pillow
- Ground tarp / footprint

Clothing (layers!)

- Ball cap
- Class B / activity shirt
- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Warm fleece or hoodie
- Rain jacket
- Sturdy hiking shoes + camp shoes
- Wool or wicking socks (3+ pairs)
- Hat and gloves (if needed)

Fishing Gear

- Fishing rod & reel
- Tackle box: hooks, bobbers, sinkers
- Bait (only if you want to fish longer — the council will have worms)
- Needle-nose pliers
- Small towel for hands

Food & Hydration

- Reusable water bottle (1 L+)
- Snacks and comfort items
- We will have a large water jug to refill bottles, and drinks for the Scouts in our cooler (Hugs are usually pretty popular)

Personal Essentials

- Headlamp or flashlight + extra batteries
- Sunscreen & bug spray
- Shower items and shower shoes
- Any prescription medications
- Small notebook & pencil
- **Medical forms (parts A and B for all in attendance)**

Prohibited Items

- × All tobacco (must be used in the parking lot only)
- × Alcohol (strictly prohibited)

- X Knives, hatchets, and axes (unless that Scout has the appropriate rank and training)
- X Fires in tents

Questions before the trip? Contact a Pack 131 leader through springfieldscouting.com/contact — we'll make sure your family is ready for a great weekend.