

PACK 131 EVENT

Caesar Creek Campout & Meteor Shower

A full weekend of camping, lakeside fun, and front-row seats to the Perseid meteor shower at Caesar Creek State Park — August 7–9, 2026. Please sign up for Pack camping so we know how much food we'll need!

WHEN	WHERE	HIGHLIGHT
Fri, Aug 7 – Sun, Aug 9, 2026 Perseid meteor shower peak weekend.	Caesar Creek State Park 8570 OH-73, Waynesville, OH 45068	Perseid meteor shower stargazing Saturday night — up to 60 meteors per hour under dark rural skies.

Pack camping sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EABAF2CA3FDC07-62729551-caesar>
Book your campsite: <https://reserveohio.com/OhioCampWeb/#!/park/344>

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Weekend schedule

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

Friday, August 7 — Arrival & set-up

5:30 PM

Arrive at Caesar Creek State Park

Check in at our reserved campsite. Look for the Pack 131 banner near the site entrance.

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 is a big day!

Saturday, August 8 — Lake day & meteor shower

7:30 AM

Reveille & breakfast

Pancakes, eggs, fruit, and coffee — fuel up for a full day of adventure.

9:30 AM

Hike the Flat Fork Ridge trail

An easy-to-moderate loop through woods and meadow. Bring water and bug spray.

12:00 PM

Lunch at camp

Sandwiches, chips, and fruit back at the site.

1:30 PM

Beach & swim time

Head to the Caesar Creek swim beach. Lifejackets required at the water.

4:00 PM

Fossil hunting at the spillway

Free permits available at the visitor center — search for 450-million-year-old Ordovician fossils.

6:00 PM

Supper time

Keeping it simple — sloppy joes, chips, and fruit.

8:30 PM

Perseid meteor shower stargazing

Head to an open field away from the fire. Bring a blanket or camp chair and let your eyes adjust — the Perseids peak this weekend with up to 60 meteors per hour.

11:00 PM

Back to camp & lights out

A late one for the Scouts — the show is worth it.

Sunday, August 9 — Pack out

7:30 AM

Wakey-wakey

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

8:00 AM

Breakfast & Scouts' Own service

A simple breakfast and a short Scouts' Own reflection before we pack up.

9:00 AM

Break camp

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

10:00 AM

Departure

Final police call of the site 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
- Light long-sleeve layer for evening stargazing
- Rain jacket
- Sturdy hiking shoes + camp shoes
- Wool or wicking socks (3+ pairs)
- Swim trunks & towel (for the swim beach)

Stargazing & Outdoor Gear

- Lifejacket (required at the water)
- Blanket or camp chair for meteor watching
- Red-light headlamp (preserves night vision) if you have one
- Daypack for hiking
- Reusable water bottle (1 L+)
- Camera or notebook for the sky show

Food & Hydration

- Reusable water bottle (1 L+)
- Snacks and comfort items
- We'll have a large water jug to refill bottles, plus 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)
- ✗ Knives, hatchets, and axes (unless that Scout has the appropriate rank and training)
- ✗ 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.