

PACK 131 EVENT

Kiser Lake Camping & Ohio Caverns

A full weekend of camping, lakeside fun, and an underground adventure at the Ohio Caverns — June 19–21, 2026. Please sign up for Pack camping so we know how much food we'll need!

WHEN	WHERE	HIGHLIGHT
Fri, Jun 19 – Sun, Jun 21, 2026 Ohio Caverns tour Saturday morning.	Kiser Lake State Park 4889 N State Route 235, St. Paris, OH 43072	Guided tour of the Ohio Caverns in West Liberty (~25 min drive). The caverns stay at a cool 54°F year-round.

Pack camping sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044BABAC2EA0F94-62728334-kiser>
Ohio Caverns info: <https://ohiocaverns.com/>

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Weekend schedule

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

Friday, June 19 — Arrival & set-up

- 5:30 PM** **Arrive at Kiser Lake 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, June 20 — Caverns & lake day

- 7:30 AM** **Reveille & breakfast**
Pancakes, eggs, fruit, and coffee — fuel up for a full day of adventure.
- 9:00 AM** **Depart for the Ohio Caverns**
Caravan to West Liberty (~25 minute drive). Carpools coordinated at breakfast.
- 10:00 AM** **Ohio Caverns guided tour**
Walk through 'America's Most Colorful Caverns' — a 54° underground adventure. Bring a light jacket!
- 12:00 PM** **Picnic lunch at the caverns**
Sack lunches provided by the Pack — eat on the grounds before we head back.
- 1:30 PM** **Return to Kiser Lake**
Back to camp for free time at the lake.

- 2:00 PM** **Lake afternoon**
Fishing from the shore, hiking the trails, or exploring the shoreline with your buddy. Lifejackets required at the water.
- 6:00 PM** **Supper time**
Keeping it simple — sloppy joes, chips, and fruit.
- 9:00 PM** **Lakeside campfire & stargazing**
Weather permitting — leave your flashlights back at camp for the best view of the stars.

Sunday, June 21 — Pack out

- 7:00 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
- Warm fleece or hoodie (the caverns stay at 54°F)
- Rain jacket
- Sturdy hiking shoes + camp shoes
- Wool or wicking socks (3+ pairs)
- Swim trunks & towel (for splashing along the shore)

Lake & Outdoor Gear

- Lifejacket (required at the water)
- Fishing rod & small tackle box (optional)
- Daypack for the cavern tour
- Reusable water bottle (1 L+)
- Camera or notebook for the caverns

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.