

Winter Campout Camp Tecumseh – Brookston, IN

The winter campout is just around the corner. We have a new location at the YMCA Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, IN. From others telling their story, this is a phenomenal campsite with lots to do and a great place to be outdoors. Here are some details on the camp.

You are allowed to arrive anytime after 4:30 on Friday. The trading post will be open for checking people in on Friday night from 4:30-9:00pm. Keep in mind that we are one hour ahead of you as well. If guests arrive after 9:00pm on Friday, we will have the cabin assignments posted outside of our Trading Post and guests are welcome to go directly to their cabins and check in on Saturday morning after breakfast. We do not have any of our staffed program areas open on Friday night, but we still have many activities that guests can take part in on Friday. We have outdoor basketball and tennis courts, an outdoor obstacle course, hiking trails to Wolves Den and Ghost Cabin, etc. No meals are scheduled for Friday night.

The meals on Saturday are at 8:00, 12:00 and 5:30. We will ring a bell 15 minutes prior to each meal to remind hoppers to come in and prepare the tables. We will need about 2 hoppers (table preparers) for each table. Each table will hold about 10 people at each. Once the hoppers get into the dining hall we will have one of our staff on the microphone that will give them instructions on preparing the tables. We will ring the bell again once the tables are ready. All meals are served family style. We will give instructions for the dining hall once everyone arrives.

Our various staffed program areas will be open on Saturday from 9-12 & 1-5, and on Sunday from 9-12. These areas include our bullet and black hole sledding tubes, our climbing walls (we have an indoor wall if the weather is bad), .22 rifle range, horse trail rides, archery, and a nature center. We have about 20+ staff (most of them college students from nearby) that will operate the program areas. All that you need to do is show up at the various areas and wait in line. The lines typically are not all that long.

Aside from the rifle range and the horse trail rides, all of the activities are free of charge. The rifle range is \$.75 per ticket (10 shots) and can be purchased at the Trading Post (camp store). Once you have your rifle tickets you can use them at the range any time the staffed program areas are open. The horse trail rides are \$8.00/each and must be purchased at the Trading Post as well. We will start signing people up for trail rides on Friday night. The first trail ride that they can sign up for is the 9:00am ride on Saturday. Once that ride is filled we will move on to the 9:45. After the 9:45 ride is filled, we will move on to the 10:30, and so on. We have to fill the rides up in order on a first come first serve basis. People cannot just come in and decide to sign up for the 2:30pm ride if we have not filled up the previous rides first. We sign people up this way so that we are able to let as many guests as possible take advantage of the trail rides on the weekend. Riders must be 7 or older to ride a horse own their own. If they are not 7, then the dad will need to walk along beside the rider with a lead rope. There is no charge for the dad in this case. If the child is 7 or older, then both the dad and the child can ride on their own horse. We do not put more than one person on each horse.

Sign-up sheets for the campout will be available to you through the website, www.bigtp.org, and at the next Longhouse Meeting on the 7th. Each tribe will be assigned a cabin so please register early so that we can have a smooth transition into the cabins.