

Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee

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Campers Handbook



34th Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee (DIBC)

Camp BEL, Dorchester, Ontario, Canada

May 8-10th, 2026



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Welcome from the Camp Chiefs

*Dear Campers,
Please join us for the 34th Annual
Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee!*

Ahoy, Scouting friends!

Dorchester Scouting is excited to invite **Scouts, Scouters, Guides, Pathfinders, and Guiders** to the **Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee (DIBC)**!

The **34th DIBC** sets sail **May 8–10, 2026**, at **Camp BEL** in Dorchester, Ontario, Canada. Join nearly **3000 Scouters from across Canada and the United States** for a weekend packed with adventure, friendship, and unforgettable Scouting spirit—making DIBC the **largest annual Scout-age camp in Canada!**

DIBC is open to **Scout age youth (ages 11–14)** who are active members of **Scouts Canada**, the **Boy Scouts of America**, or the **Girl Guides of Canada**. We also welcome **3rd year Cub Scouts** who are ready for their first big camp experience (Cub Scouts must attend with their Troop).

The theme for **DIBC 2026** is **Pirates!**

So grab your tricorn hats, hoist the Jolly Roger, and decorate your campsite—**awesome costumes and creative campsites could WIN AMAZING PRIZES!**

Get ready for a legendary weekend of Scouting, adventure, and brotherhood on the high seas!

Yours in Scouting,

Michelle Sherman, Co Camp Chief
Joel Desrosiers, Co Camp Chief

DIBC Leadership Team



Michelle Sherman Co-Camp Chief



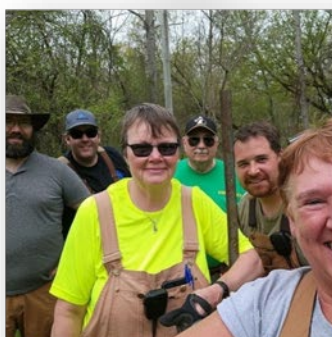
Joel Desrosiers Co-Camp Chief



Ron Patterson - Camp Ambassador/Mentor



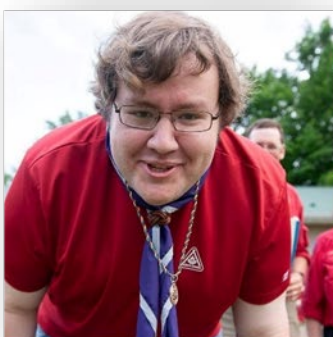
Austin Pitman - Emergency Services Director



Jill Ormsbee - Operation Services Director



Lisa Burroughs-Walters - Program Director



Doug Henry - Communications Sub-Camp Director



Courtney Laird - Registration Director



Brenda Laird - Finance Director

Troop Registration Fees

2026 Participant Registration: \$41.60 (+13% HST) = \$47.00 per participant (Youth & Adult).
2026 Group Registration fee: there will no longer be a non-refundable group fee collected.

2026 Crest: To be guaranteed a 2026 Crest, Amilia registration (on-line) must be submitted no later than March 1, 2026.

Please register early through our website at **dibccamp.com**, as early registration helps us plan accommodations and subcamp arrangements in advance.

Troops that do not register early are **not guaranteed placement in their preferred subcamp**. Subcamp assignments are made on a **first-come, first-served basis**, and some subcamps fill quickly. Please note that troops may be reassigned to a different subcamp at any time to help balance numbers or for emergency reasons.

Important for American Scouters: Please do not write “**Canadian funds**” on the front of your cheque. Banks return these cheques, which delays processing and requires us to contact you for a replacement.

Pay online or make cheques payable to "DIBC"

Mail to:

Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee

224 Chittick Cres

Dorchester, Ontario N0L 1G3

ELIGIBLE CAMPERS

Over the years, we have received a lot of calls asking if youth other than Scout/Pathfinder age youth can come. The following are eligible for Camp:

- **Canadian Scouting:** 3rd year Cubs who are going into Scouts in the fall of **2026**.
- **American Scouting:** Webelos and up to 17-year-olds in your troop.
- **Canadian Guiding and American Girl Scouts:** Second year Guides who are going into their 3rd year in the fall of **2026** and Pathfinders.

TO ALL U.S. PARTICIPANTS

DIBC has always made every effort to keep advisors and youth informed of any concerns related to the Camporee. Due to recent changes in Ontario's provincial health care system, we want to advise all **American units** that **out of country medical insurance is required for every member of the unit.**

Please contact your local council office for the specific steps or procedures needed to ensure appropriate insurance coverage is in place. In recent years, we have been advised that some councils carry coverage through providers such as **Mutual of Omaha** or **Blue Cross** for this purpose.

Proof of insurance must be submitted at registration.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

PASSPORTS

As of **June 1, 2009**, all **land and water entries into the United States require a valid passport.**

Please check with your local council for the specific procedures they require your unit to follow to ensure all travel documentation is in order.



REGISTRATION FORMS

Please ensure all required documentation is completed and submitted at Registration on Friday of camp.

Medical Form Requirement

All campers (youth, adults, parent helpers, Offer of Service participants, etc.) must provide a Medical Form. This may be the **Physical Fitness Form** (available on the DIBC Website), a printed copy from **MyScouts**, or a medical form from your home organization.

The Physical Fitness (Medical/Health) Form must be printed and brought with you to camp for submission at Registration.

Please place **all printed medical forms for your entire group in a single envelope**. Clearly label the front of the envelope with your **Group Name/Number, Subcamp, and the contact information for the Contact Scouter(s) at camp**. After camp, all medical forms can be picked up at the Emergency Services Building. All forms that are not picked up will be destroyed.

Adventure Application Forms (AAFs)

Scouts Canada troops are required to provide a copy of their **Adventure Application Form (AAF)**. This may be a copy from **Scouts Tracker** or the form linked here. All AAFs must be approved by your **Group Commissioner (GC)** or **Section Registrar Manager (SRM)** prior to submission.

Patrol List

All groups are required to provide a **Patrol List** indicating which youth are assigned to each patrol. Patrols represent how your group will be divided when rotating through program and event stations. Patrols may range in size from the entire group to smaller patrols (typically **6–8 youth**). Please complete the entire form, including Patrol Name, Leader Name and totals.

Additional Forms & Documentation

Groups may have organization-specific forms or documentation requirements. Please ensure you bring copies to submit at Registration. Examples include:

- **International Letter of Introduction & Event Verification Form** – (Scouting America, BSA Only)
www.scouting.org/international/events/#Resources
- **Groups Application 3 Form** – (Girl Guides of Canada Only)
- **Acknowledgement Letter** – (Girl Guides of Canada Only)

All forms must be completed and submitted according to the directions on the DIBC website. All **registration and medical/fitness forms must be completed prior to arrival.**

COMPUTER RECORDS

For members of Scouts Canada, pertinent information (training, screening, emergency contact info, medical, etc.) recorded in MyScouts for Participants, Scouters and OOS will be utilized by DIBC staff. Ensure all information in MyScouts is accurate and up to date.

SCREENING and TRAINING for SCOUTS CANADA MEMBERS

Screening and training requirements are listed on the DIBC website. All requirements must be complete before you arrive at camp.



Camp Bel OOS Screening Policy



	Scouts Canada		Other WOSM or WAGGS Organizations		Non Member Not Staying Overnight	Non Member Staying Overnight
	Volunteer, Employee or Rover Scout	Youth Member (Not Rover Scout)	BSA Scouts	Girl Guides of Canada	Canadian Vendors, Adult Helpers Other 3rd Parties	Canadian Vendors, Adult Helpers Other 3rd Parties
Be listed as Active in Myscouts	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Ensure Member in Good Standing	No	No	*International Event Verification or Current BSA Membership Card	**Safe Guide Acknowledgment or Member Zone Screen Print or IMIS check with GGC Provincial Assessor	No	No
Submit Clean Police Record Check (PRC) with Volunteer Sector Screening (VSS)	No	No	No	No	No	YES
Complete Safe Scouting for Parents	No	No	No	No	No	YES
Signed Hold Harmless	No	No	No	No	YES	YES
Code of Conduct (Age Appropriate)	No	YES	No	No	YES	YES
Letter of Reference from Scouter	No	YES	No	No	No	No
Complete Scouting Fundamentals Training includes Respect in Sport Training	No	YES	No	No	No	No
*2 Scouter rule applies at all times Presence explained to Youth Present	No	No	No	No	YES	YES
*** Medical Insurance	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below
****Liability Insurance	Covered by Scouts Canada	Covered by Scouts Canada	Covered by Scouts Canada /BSA Agreement	Covered by Scouts Canada /GGC Agreement	Not Provided	Not Provided

***From the BSA Scouts Website :**
 "When Scouts or Scout Units travel internationally specifically to participate in a Scouting Event The Host of their event may require participants to verify their Membership and Good Standing in BSA (International Event Verification) This can be obtained from the BSA International Department "

****Safe Guide Acknowledgment :**
 A Guider submits their paper work for approval to GGC to attend an event. An Event Assessor checks their standing status against the GGC database. This verification checks their screening, PRC clearance and expiry, external qualifications with relevant expiry dates –(first aid, Paddle Canada/ORCKA, etc.). If cleared, the Guider asking for approval will receive an email (Safe Guide Acknowledgement) confirming they are able to attend the activity/event

***** Medical Insurance**
 For Out of Country Attendees we strongly recommend Medical insurance that is valid in Canada For Out of Province Attendees we strongly recommend Out of Province Medical Insurance

******Liability Insurance**
 Non-members and vendors are not covered for liability insurance. While having liability insurance is not a requirement, non-member attending DIBC may wish to purchase their own coverage.

Address

Camp Bel Location, 4926 Hamilton Road, RR#3 Dorchester, Ontario. 401 to Hwy 73 (Elgin Rd.) 73 North (Elgin Rd) turn left onto Hwy 29 (Hamilton Rd). Turn right into Camp BEL.



TRAFFIC PLAN

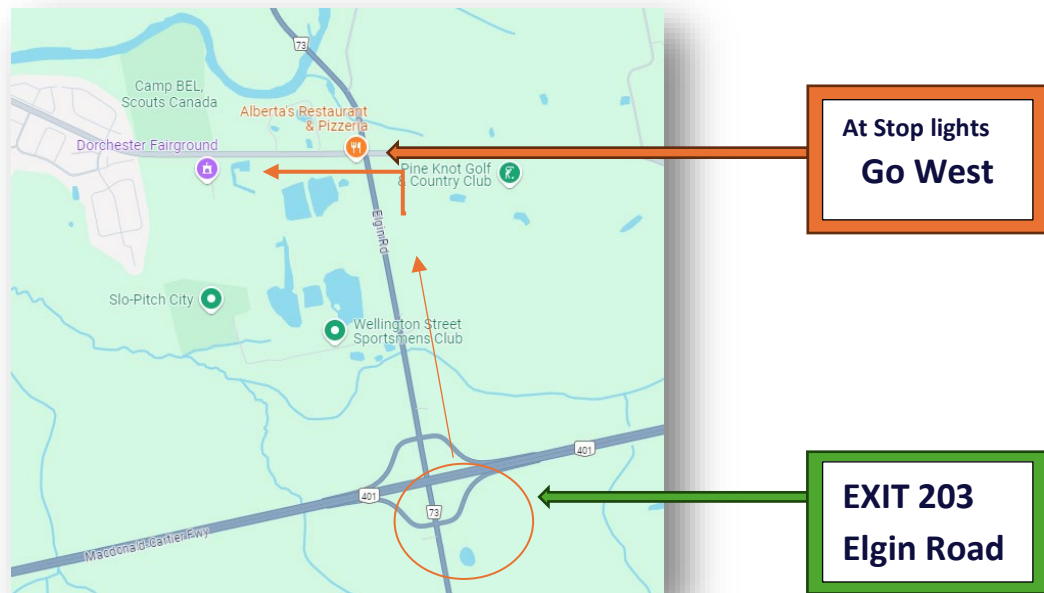
Entering Camp BEL: At the request of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), all campers traveling via Highway 401 are asked to exit at Exit 203 and proceed north on Elgin Road (Highway 73).

Campers not traveling via Highway 401 should access the camp using Elgin Road (north of Hamilton Road) or Hamilton Road east of the camp. Please avoid traveling through the Village of Dorchester.

When you reach the traffic lights at Hamilton Road and Elgin Road, continue west on Hamilton Road. Having all campers approach the site from the same direction, with **NO LEFT-HAND TURNS** entering camp will improve overall traffic flow.

Upon arrival, please pull over to the right shoulder before turning into Camp BEL.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep traffic moving safely and smoothly.



Once in camp please follow the one-way traffic in camp on the site map on page 27. There will be multiple lanes set up in the campground to allow for more traffic into camp.

*****Speed limit through camp is 10km/hr or 5mph*****

Exiting Camp BEL: Vehicles not staying for the weekend will only be permitted to turn right out of the camp entrance. **NO LEFT-HAND TURNS** exiting camp. These vehicles may return to Highway 401 via Dorchester Road.

For those staying for the weekend (staff or participants), all parking will be located at the fairgrounds. Vehicles must cross Hamilton Road and enter through the rear gate of the

fairgrounds, park, then exit on foot through the front gate of the fairgrounds. Camp access is on foot only through the middle gate at Camp BEL.

Once parked, no vehicles will be permitted to cross back over the road until Sunday morning.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and efficient traffic flow throughout the weekend.



ON-SITE

If possible, arriving before 6:00 p.m. on Friday helps reduce congestion and allows for a smoother check in process.

Space is limited and carpooling is strongly encouraged whenever possible. All parking is located at the fairgrounds on the opposite side of Hamilton Road.

For everyone's safety, no vehicles will be permitted on site during the camp

NO LEFT HAND TURNS ENTERING OR EXITING CAMP (FRIDAY & SUNDAY)

DROPPING OFF YOUTH

Ensure that the adults who are dropping off youth know the following information upon arrival:

- 1) Name of your group (i.e. 1st Dorchester or Troop 1300 Michigan)
- 2) Name of your subcamp (i.e. Raccoon)
- 3) Name of the Contact Scouter or Leader in Charge (NOT Scouter Mike)
- 4) Please make sure all vehicles coming on to the property have a Subcamp Vehicle Pass located in Appendix A or on the front page of the website.

This will help reduce confusion at the gate upon arrival and make for a smoother entry onto site.

*****DO NOT DROP YOUTH OFF ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD*****

PARKING

All cars will be parked in “DEAD PARKING” after you unload at your site. Please note that youth are not allowed in the “DEAD PARKING” area. **NO Troop Trailers on camp sites. No Exceptions.**

UNLOADING INSTRUCTIONS

Equipment trailers are not allowed to stay on site; they will be parked across the road on the fairgrounds side. Upon arrival staff will direct you to your Subcamp or registration office. Subcamp staff will give you instructions for unloading and setting up. Please unload as quickly as possible then move your car to the parking area. This will allow other groups to unload their gear.

TENTS

All participants will be camping in tents. Boys and girls may not share the same tent, and youth and adults may not share a tent.

When planning accommodations for Scouts, please subtract one person from the tent's stated capacity. For example, a 4-person tent should be shared by 3 Scouts. This allows adequate space for personal gear while helping to manage overall campsite size. With approximately 3000 campers, there is not enough space for everyone to have an individual tent; except under specific circumstances, multiple youth should expect to share a tent.

We strongly recommend using ground sheets, as they protect tent floors from damage and help keep tents clean and dry.

Please note that large, tall tents are not recommended at Camp BEL. The campsite is primarily open with little to no natural windbreak, so lower-profile tents, properly secured using all guy lines, perform best in these conditions.

Finally, please clearly separate Scouters'/Leaders' tents from youth tents to ensure quick identification and access in the event of a nighttime emergency.

SHELTERS

Shelters are an important part of your campsite for cooking, cleaning, and eating. They also provide shade and protection from rain and wind.

When planning shelter space, allow approximately 9 square feet per person. A 10×10 pop-up shelter can comfortably accommodate 11–12 people with bag chairs. If your unit is bringing picnic tables or other tables, additional space may be required.

Most average-sized units can comfortably use one 10×20 garage-style shelter for up to 15 Scouts plus Scouters. Please be mindful of your overall campsite footprint, as camping areas are limited and must accommodate many groups.

For safety reasons, Camp BEL requires all shelters to be securely staked down. Each leg must be anchored **using dog-screw style anchors with rope or straps.**

Proper planning and setup will help ensure a safe, comfortable, and well-organized campsite for everyone.

CO DETECTORS

In Ontario, enclosed dining shelters fall under the expanded **Ontario Fire Code** requirements for carbon monoxide (CO) alarms, if they contain a fuel-burning appliance (e.g., propane stoves). (effective **January 1, 2026**)

Therefore, if you are **cooking or storing fuel** within a fully enclosed dining shelter, a **CO alarm will be required**.

Example: In a rectangular dining shelter, at least, one of the longer sides should remain open or both short sides should be open to ensure adequate ventilation and eliminate the requirement for a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm.

COOKING

Each Troop is responsible for preparing all its own meals. **Open fires, gas fire pits, ground fires, and charcoal pits are not permitted in group campsites.** All cooking must be done using controlled-flame appliances, typically propane or white gas.

Given the time of year (spring), propane is by far the most popular and easiest option. While naphtha (white gas) performs well in colder conditions, it requires additional care when handling, storing, and refuelling.

A group of 15 Scouts plus Scouters can prepare excellent meals using two 2-burner propane stoves. Some units prefer a large, free-standing 3-burner stove, which can accommodate full size griddles—perfect for bacon and eggs, pancakes and sausage, grilled cheese, or hamburgers. Many groups also bring a camp oven, propane BBQ, and/or coffee maker.

Most units will arrive with a tote of cooking equipment, including:

- Pots, pans, bowls, lids
- Utensils such as flippers, tongs, ladles, serving spoons, and a bread knife

Be sure to include at least one large pot with a lid for heating dishwater. Once your menu is planned, confirm any additional needs such as a cheese grater, measuring cups, or a whisk. For safety, **each group must provide a minimum 5-pound ABC fire extinguisher**, clearly visible and always located near the cooking area. **A First Aid kit must also be available at the campsite and always stored in plain sight. A CO detector within fully enclosed dining shelters.**

CLEANING

There are two main areas to consider for cleaning at camp: people and dishes. Each unit must set up separate stations for hand washing and dish washing.

Hand Washing

Hand sanitizer is helpful before food handling, but it does not remove dirt and grime from hands—especially after activities like obstacle courses. A proper hand wash station can be very simple:

- One 15-litre plastic tub, half full of water
- Liquid hand soap

Please note that Camp BEL also provides hand-wash stations at the washrooms.

Dish Washing

A proper dish-washing station includes three dishpans and a drying area or rack:

1. Wash pan: Warm/hot water with dish soap
2. Rinse pan: Warm, clean water
3. Sanitize pan: A capful of bleach mixed with 5 litres or more of warm water

Dishpans are typically 18–20 litres, and most units use a stacking set of three or four.

Additional recommended supplies include:

- Dish soap and bleach
- Dishcloths and scrubbies
- Rubber gloves (optional)

- Dishtowels

Some units also use mesh bags for each person's mess kit, which can be hung from the shelter to allow items to air-dry.

Proper cleaning setups help keep everyone healthy and ensure a safe and enjoyable Camporee for all.

FOOD STORAGE

There is plenty of information available on reputable websites, including scouts.ca, on how to properly store and protect meats and other refrigerated foods.

All food must be transported and stored in coolers or large containers with secure lids. Please note that **DIBC does not allow gear trailers on site**, which can make food storage more challenging. All vehicles and trailers must be parked across the road at the fairgrounds.

Anytime food is left outdoors, local wildlife will notice—and help themselves if given the opportunity. Coolers with locking or secure closures work best, as do totes with latching lids. Overnight, ensure all food is properly stored in secured coolers or containers, and stack totes where possible to make access more difficult for raccoons and other woodland animals.

Garbage must be removed from your campsite nightly and placed in the dumpster near the main stage.

To keep food cold, use freezer packs or repurpose 2 litre pop bottles or plastic jugs filled with water and frozen ahead of time. As they melt, they help keep your cooler dry—because nobody enjoys cheese slices or bologna floating in the bottom of a cooler.

The bottom line: all food and food waste must be stored in a cooler or secure container with a lid. Clearly label each lid with its contents to make items easy to find and reduce how long coolers are left open.

DECORATING

We encourage all groups to **embrace both your Subcamp identity and the annual Camp theme!** Each Subcamp has an easy to recognize **animal identity**, and every year DIBC also features a fun overall theme.

Many groups bring **stuffed animals or props** that represent their Subcamp, and others dress in **Subcamp or theme related attire** for opening ceremonies. In most cases, this is worn over the uniform—for example, a themed hat, bandana, or pull over shirt with a graphic.

Decorating your campsite to match the theme is also a great way to build excitement and unit spirit. It can make for a fun and creative project during meetings in April and May, and it adds to the overall atmosphere of the Camporee.

Show your colours, get creative, and help make DIBC an unforgettable experience for everyone!



OTHER

Typically, groups use **5 gallon plastic water jugs**, with most units bringing **three to four jugs or more**. Bringing a **wagon or cart** can make transporting gear and water to your campsite much easier, though it is not required. **Insulated cooler jugs** are also useful if you plan to serve juice.

Please note that **Camp BEL does not provide tables**. Units should decide in advance whether they want tables for eating, as well as tables or stands for cooking and cleaning stations. Most

groups bring **5 foot plastic folding tables**, while some also use **folding or easy to assemble picnic tables**.

Most units bring **bag chairs for everyone**, which work well around shelters and eating areas. Your Scout flag can be strapped to a shelter pole or secured in a **flagpole holder** at your campsite.

Garbage must be collected and managed as outlined in the food handling section and stored in a **secure container with a lid**. Some units use **pails with lids**, while others bring **full size plastic garbage cans with locking lids**. A garbage bag alone is not sufficient—*Rocky Raccoon* can defeat that in seconds and leave an impressive mess for someone to clean up in the morning. Planning for water, seating, tables, and waste management will help keep your campsite organized, comfortable, and critter-free.



EMERGENCY PLAN

The program list is included in the Emergency Plan. It contains all possible program options that may be offered at DIBC in any given year. For more information, the Emergency Plan is available on our website.

(READ THIS TO ALL YOUR CAMPERS)

The Emergency Service crew at DIBC is made up entirely of Scouting and Guiding volunteers. They are here to help ensure a safe and enjoyable camp, not to give anyone a hard time. Please be courteous and respectful to all staff and volunteers; without their dedication, this event would not be possible.

Lights out and quiet time is at 11:00 p.m. Please respect your neighbours' need for rest. Tent raiding or damaging property will result in immediate removal from camp.

Driving in camp: Always drive slowly—**the speed limit is 10 km/h (5 mph)**. Safety is everyone's priority.

Important rules: destruction of event setups will not be tolerated, and **the river (Event Area #3) is off limits except during scheduled events on Saturday.**

Please leave the following at home: weapons, radios (especially FRS-type), drugs, alcohol, fireworks, AC/DC TVs, pets, and small children. Anyone found with weapons, non-prescription drugs, or alcohol will be turned over to the Police. Youth are not allowed to have cigarettes, as Canadian law prohibits the sale of tobacco to minors.

FRS radios are reserved for staff communication, so please leave yours at home. Adults who wish to **smoke may do so only off the property along Hamilton Road**, and smoking should never occur around youth.

By following these guidelines, we can ensure that DIBC remains safe, legal, and enjoyable for everyone.

ONSITE EMERGENCIES

All emergencies and injuries, **no matter how minor**, must be reported to the Emergency Services Team. **This includes injuries treated at your campsite by your own Scouter or Leader, or at any offsite event.** Tracking all incidents helps ensure the safety and well being of everyone at DIBC.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Anyone who is sent off site to a local hospital **must** check back in at the First Aid Building **upon returning to camp.** This ensures that all documentation is properly recorded in accordance with Scouts Canada National requirements.

SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

As a **Scouter or Adult Leader** attending DIBC, it is your responsibility to **always practice safe Scouting.** If you observe an unsafe activity or situation, **stop it immediately** and then report the incident to the **Onsite Emergency Service Team**, who will take the necessary steps to address it.

LEAVING THE PROPERTY

Leaving and returning to camp during DIBC: All participants must check in with the Emergency Service Team before leaving the property and again upon returning. This ensures we maintain an accurate record of who is onsite in case of an emergency.

WATER SUPPLY & GREY WATER

No washing of any kind is permitted at the water stations. Although Camp BEL has town water, everyone is asked to **practice water conservation.**

All **grey water must be disposed of in the designated leaching pits** located at the back of campsites, as directed by your **Subcamp Chief.**

SANITATION, GARBAGE

Porta-johns will be available on site. Please **use them only for their intended purpose** and do not use them as garbage containers. **Special Needs porta-johns** must be kept available for those who require them.

Anyone caught misusing the facilities may have the joyful opportunity to help clean them.

Please place garbage in the bins provided after each meal. The **garbage dumpster** is located near the **parking lot by the Main Stage.**

LOST AND FOUND

A Lost and Found box will be located at the Registration Building. If you have lost an item or found something, please check in with Registration and we will assist you as best we can.

PICNIC TABLES

Picnic tables for campers will not be provided. Make sure you bring your own collapsible table.

OFFSITE ROD AND GUN CLUB EVENTS

All offsite events are worth ten points on the event cards. This year we will have two buses to reduce the waiting time for the youth.

SILK SCREEN EVENT

We will be offering silk screening again this year! Youth are welcome to bring their own shirt or purchase one of ours and have their subcamp screened onto it. We will also have headbands available again this year.

In addition, a selection of t-shirts from previous years will be available for purchase at BEL's Outfitters (Camp Store).

SPL AND PATROL LEADERS

It has been noted that senior youth are not always receiving enough information on the day of camp. To help address this, leaders attending registration on camp day are asked to bring their Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) or a Patrol Leader with them.

Senior Patrol Leaders and Youth Patrol Leaders are also welcome and encouraged to attend the Friday night Scouters' Meeting. (See camp schedule for time and location).

UNIFORMS, FLAGS AND CEREMONIES

Please bring **Scouting/Guiding flags only** to the Opening Ceremony. The **entire camp will assemble at 8:30 a.m.** for a **9:00 a.m. start**.

Participants are asked to attend Opening either in full uniform or dressed in their Subcamp or camp theme costumes—we love the spirit and creativity you bring!

CAMPERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

It is our goal to make this Camporee **open and accessible to all youth in Scouting and Guiding**. If any youth in your unit have **special needs or require accommodations**, please let us know so we can support them appropriately.

We have wheelchair-accessible toilets on site and are committed to doing everything possible to ensure that youth with physical or cognitive challenges can attend and fully participate. We kindly ask that you contact us as early as possible so arrangements can be made in advance.

We are also hoping to have golf carts available again this year to assist with transporting youth with special needs around the camp, as this worked very well in past years. Your early communication helps us ensure a safe, inclusive, and positive experience for everyone.

INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING EFFORTS

We are pleased to share that Skip Locke has agreed to attend DIBC-34. His primary focus will be supporting the international initiatives DIBC has championed over the years, including our silent auctions (located at the pavilion at the centre of camp), with proceeds benefiting worthwhile World Scouting projects.

If you have items you would like to donate to the silent auction, please direct all inquiries or donations to:

Skip Locke
84 Maplestone Ave
Sarnia, ON N7S 4X2
Canada
Phone: 1-519-339-6085

Thank you for your continued support of international Scouting through DIBC.

ARRIVING EARLY

Troops and units travelling long distances who plan to arrive on Thursday, **must** communicate in advance with your Subcamp Chief. This will allow them to ensure a designated area is available for your campsite.

Do not set up your site without clear direction from your Subcamp Chief.

PROPER CLOTHING

All campers and Offer of Service participants must wear sleeved shirts. Spaghetti straps, tank tops, and muscle shirts are not permitted.

Campers must also wear clothing appropriate for the weather. Failure to do so will result in the camper being asked to return to their site to dress appropriately.

BEL's BACKYARD BBQ & BEL's OUTFITTERS

Cash is accepted in Canadian funds only. American currency will be accepted at par with Canadian currency; however, no American change or exchange will be provided at camp. Please exchange currency prior to arrival.

Hours of Operation:

Friday: 3:00 PM – 10:30 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM – 10:30 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

BEL's Backyard BBQ will be available for lunch, dinner, and everything in between—camping made easy! This year, BEL's Backyard BBQ will be offering **debit and credit** as a payment option.

BEL's Outfitters, the Camp BEL and DIBC premium camping store, will be open for all your merchandise needs. Pre-orders can be placed online at <https://sc-bels-outfitters.square.site/>.

Any remaining camp crests from registration will be available for purchase at the camp store on Saturday afternoon. BEL's Outfitters accepts debit and credit cards.

SCOUTER HOSPITALITY CENTRE

Operated by Scouters for Scouters

A welcoming place where you can enjoy a **hot beverage, a cookie, a smile, and a whole lot more!**

We proudly serve **Muskoka Roastery Coffee**, always fresh ground, along with an assortment of teas and hot chocolate.

Location: Entrance to Armadillo Sub-Camp

Hours of Operation:

Friday: Open until 9:00 PM

Saturday: 6:30 AM – 9:00 PM

Sunday: 6:30 AM – Closing

Drop by and say hi to Scouter Doreen, Scouter Steve, Scouter Ted, and Scouter Scott!

BADGE TRADING

One very popular activity at DIBC is badge trading, which allows youth to experience and learn about one of Scouting's long-standing traditions. Badge trading brings together participants of all ages. Please bring along Scouting badges from your group activities, area, or council.

Badge trading is located in the area behind BEL's Backyard BBQ, the Emergency Services Compound, and the Main Building. This is the **ONLY** area designated for badge trading, and it will take place on **Friday evening** and again **after the program ends on Saturday**.

Unfortunately, we have experienced ongoing issues with unacceptable trading practices and theft, which go against the Scout Promise and Law. In some cases, older Scouts—and occasionally Scouters (leaders)—have taken advantage of younger or less experienced youth. Stealing badges will not be tolerated. Anyone caught stealing will be asked to leave the camp immediately, and no refund will be issued.

The following “swapping code” applies to all participants during badge trading:

1. No trade is complete until both parties are satisfied that a fair trade has taken place and have signified this with a Scout handshake.
2. The Scout Promise and Law must always be followed during badge trading.
3. Badges must not be removed from uniforms for trading.
4. No one may profit financially from badge trading; the sale of badges is permitted at BEL’s Outfitters and at the Belleville Scout-Guide Museum (located in the Main Building) only.

Members of the Badgers Club will be present in the Badge Trading Area to ensure fair trading practises are being adhere too. Badgers Club members have the authority to ask anyone who isn’t following fair trading practises to leave the badge trading area. Club members will be available to oversee trades and assist anyone seeking help, information or advice about badges.

Please bring your Scouting badges, label your packages with your name and group, and take care to protect them.

Departure

EARLY DEPARTURE

If you need to depart early on Sunday morning, pre-arrangements **must** be made with Emergency Services and your Subcamp Chief no later than **Saturday at 5:00 p.m.**

Groups approved for early departure must be off their campsite and leaving the property by **8:00 a.m. on Sunday**. For safety reasons during closing ceremonies, vehicle movement on the property is not permitted after this time.

Please note that only a limited number of vehicles will be authorized for early departure.

NORMAL DEPARTURE

1. Tear down your group site to a level acceptable for inspection by your Subcamp staff. It is recommended that your group's dining tent remain set up to provide shelter for youth in the event of inclement weather.
2. During Closing Ceremonies, all teardown activities at group sites must cease, and all groups are expected to attend the Closing Ceremonies.
3. No group vehicles are permitted to move around the property before or during the Closing Ceremonies.
4. Once your site inspection has been completed by Subcamp staff and the site is deemed acceptable, your Subcamp will issue loading passes. These passes will allow your vehicles to enter the site from the fairgrounds parking lot after the Closing Ceremonies have concluded.
5. You will not be able to get your vehicles until you receive your loading passes from your subcamp.
6. All vehicles must exit through the back gate (one-way traffic through the camp). Please refer to the Site Map on Page 29.

Appendix A - Tags

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Pink Flamingo

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Porcupine

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Snow Owl

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