

SETTLERS CAMP PIONEER SURVIVAL CAMP GUIDE

Cost: \$250

When: July 28th-31st

What is Pioneer Survival Camp? It's a chance for Scouts to learn survival skills, and put their outdoor skills to the test out here in the elements at Camp. Scouts will form Survival teams, build their shelters, forage, compete in daily challenges, explore, and learn to thrive in survival situations. This program is great for Scouts who want something new at Camp. Scouts who are looking for a cheaper alternative to the full weeklong summer camp program. Scouts who would like ANOTHER summer camp adventure at Trexler Scout Reservation. Sign up as a Troop or individually! *Each Survivor will receive a Pioneer Survival Camp Shirt!* [Sign Up Today!](#)

Arrival/Departure

Pioneer Survival Camp is from **July 28th to July 31st**. This Program is 4 days of Survival Adventure. While it is shorter than a normal week of Camp, we've packed a TON of experiences into this program. Check in will be 1pm on Sunday July 28th. Pickup/Departure will be the evening of Wednesday July 31st at 7pm. If you have any dropoff/pickup concerns or needs, feel free to let us know, we're pretty flexible, and would love to help out if it means making your schedule work with ours!

Survival Teams

Each team will work together to survive. Teams will find food, cook, gather resources, setup camp, explore, and compete in challenges. Teams can be set up in a few ways. Scouts can form teams with members of their troop. Each team will need at LEAST 5 members. If your team does not have enough members, we will provide more team members with scouts who register individually. For Scouts who are signing up independently of their troop, they can talk to friends also attending, or form teams with other individuals going. Each Scout will be assigned a team, so no worries if you're signing up alone!

Teams will also be assigned staff, and leaders. Staff and leaders will accompany Survival Teams to assist, guide, and teach outdoor/survival skills.

Campsites

Each team will get a campsite in which they can make their own. As we start the week, scouts will be given a handful of potential areas to setup camp. Once you find a Campsite you like, plant your flag there, so that you lay claim to your home for your stay. Survivors will learn the

basics of building survival shelters, and be given time to create their home for this adventure. Throughout the program, Survivors will have a chance to earn supplies and materials to make their survival shelters even more robust/comfortable.

Challenges

Throughout your time here at Pioneer Survival Camp, not only will you learn to survive, you'll compete in challenges. Each day, you'll come across different challenges. Sometimes these challenges will be against other teams, and at times they'll be for your team individually. Winning challenges will net you some perks. Maybe you'll win a special meal, maybe you'll earn tools to help you survive, you could get new materials to make your campsite more comfortable.

What might challenges entail? Daily Challenges could be anything from Shooting Competitions, team puzzles, climbing challenges, scavenger hunts, obstacle courses, to waterfront challenges. Some challenges will involve your whole team, some will only require a few members, and some may need only one Survivor. There will be something for everyone to excel at. So make sure when you send your team representatives, you pick the best Survivor for the challenge!

Experiences

While you're here at Pioneer Survival Camp, you'll have a chance to experience a lot while you're surviving. Back in the day, Scouts used to take part in a program called Pioneer Camp. During this, they would explore and camp out in areas past modern day Akelaland. With this new program, you'll explore acreage of Camp not often seen. ***You'll also have the chance to shoot rifle/shotgun, and take on Whitewater, at no extra cost!***

Food

At Pioneer Survival Camp, you'll learn to forage for food. We've got over 900 acres to explore and find edible items! Food will be provided, but we're also going to teach you what's safe to eat in the woods, fishing tips, how to cook in survival situations, and how to be prepared for staying well fed while surviving. For those with dietary needs, don't worry, we're going to work with everyone to make sure it's a fun experience for all! Just make sure you bring your filled out Dietary Needs sheet for check in.

Trexler Rangers (Pioneer Survival Style)

That's right, our premier program, Trexler Rangers is getting a Pioneer Survival Week overhaul. Even for those of you who have been through our TR course, this will prove to be a different challenge in and of its own. Wednesday, close out the week with an amazing run throughout our Trexler Rangers Course as you never have before. Not sure what Trexler Rangers is? It's a teamwork building obstacle course throughout the forest near Lake Trexler. Expect to get dirty, muddy, and work as a team to complete the course!

Leaders

Are Leaders allowed to join in the survival fun? Of course! Come on out, join your scouts, and survive! We'll also need experienced Leaders who would like to help us out, volunteer and guide scouts on their survival journey.

Merit Badges

While Merit Badges are not the focus of the Pioneer Survival Camp Program, you will have the opportunity to earn a few badges if you would like. Wilderness Survival will be earned, as well as Exploration. More Badges could potentially be earned/offered.

What to bring/What not to bring

At Pioneer Survival Camp, we want you to learn to survive with only the basics. Please take a look at the list below of what to bring, and what you should leave at home. You'll be receiving certain items here at Camp, finding things to use in the wild, and learning to create what you need to survive! Some items on the "Do not Bring" list may seem like obvious items to take with you while camping, but don't worry we've got things planned, and have reasons not to bring them! Any questions on what you should or should not bring? Send us an email at settlerscamp@minsitrails.org

What to Bring:

- Knife
- Clothes-Make sure that they're clothes you don't mind getting dirty/wearing outside.
- Boots/Outdoor shoes-Don't wear your brand new sneakers.
- Any Needed Medications
- Water bottle/Canteen
- Sleeping Bag

- Compass
- Med Forms
- Mess Kit

What NOT to Bring:

- Matches/Lighters/Fire Starters
- Tents
- Tarps
- Flashlight
- Water Filter

Important Forms

Take a look below at the forms needed for Check In at the start of Pioneer Survival Camp.

- [Dietary Needs Form](#)
- [Medical Forms](#)
- [Register for Pioneer Survival Camp](#)

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