

**Policies and Procedures for
Year Round Camping
At**

Camp Frank S. Betz

Berrien Springs, Michigan



Calumet Council

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CAMP BETZ GUIDE

Introduction

The objective of Camp Frank S. Betz is to bring the program and benefits of scouting to as many youth as possible. To that end this guide has been prepared describing the facilities at the Camp Frank S. Betz and the associated fees and requirements. The intent of the fee structure is to provide for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the facilities.

Camp Frank S. Betz is a 57-acre preserve located in Berrien Springs, MI. The camp has been in continuous service since 1922 and contains a variety of terrain consisting of rugged topography. The camp provides great outdoor opportunities for individual units, district, council, and outsider groups. It is located on Lake Chapin and is within close proximity of Lake Michigan & Warren Dunes State Park.

Camp Authority

Camp Betz is operated by the Calumet Council, Boy Scouts of America under the leadership and authority of the Camp Caretaker. A group of interested volunteer scouters (Called Campmasters) assist with camp check in and check out. Council programs held at Camp Betz are under the leadership and authority of the event Directors.

Camp Betz Rules and Regulations

Supervision:

All units must be under constant adult supervision at all times. *The Guide to Safe Scouting* rule of a minimum of two leaders for any Scouting outing applies to all units and groups using our camp. Please inform the Campmaster on duty if any leader will need to leave the camp property during an activity.

Permit:

A camp use permit is required to be prepared and on file with the Calumet Council office 10 days prior to your arrival (Special requests and some activities require 30 days). Reservation and Equipment use request is based on a first come first serve basis (time of permit). Early reservations help to insure selection and preparation before your visit. For group events, a permit is required at least two months in advance, and a detailed event plan is requested.

Vehicles and Trailers:

Camp service roads are rugged in nature and use is limited. When conditions allow **one** vehicle per unit may be driven to the nearest gate to the campsite for loading and unloading gear. Check with the Caretaker or Campmaster upon arrival for permission. All other vehicles are restricted to the main or lower parking lot. Any vehicle used beyond the parking lot can be used to unload a trailer at the gate nearest the campsite. **ALL VEHICLES MUST REMAIN OUT OF THE CAMPSITES AND ACTIVITIY FIELDS.** The vehicle must be returned to the parking lot immediately after dropping off equipment. The camp speed is 5MPH.

Other motorized vehicles:

Personal all terrain vehicle (ATV), snowmobile or Jet Ski use is not permitted at Camp Betz. Use of personal camping trailers or motor homes is permitted, however they are restricted to the main parking lot area only.

Fee payments:

All fees must be paid to Calumet Council and are collected by the Council Office. Payment must be made at time of reservation. For site availability check the Council website in advance at <http://www.calumetcouncil.org>

Fires in camp:

Fires shall be tended at all times. Ground fires are permitted only in designated fire rings in the camp sites or at the Camp Fire circle. BSA liquid fuels policies prohibit use of fuel to start fires.

Firewood:

Only downed wood may be gathered as firewood.

Tree Cutting:

No standing trees are to be cut at any time without prior approval of the Camp Caretaker.

Chain saws:

The use of chain saws is only permitted for specific work projects with approval by the Camp Caretaker.

Prohibited Materials:

Absolutely NO alcoholic beverages, illicit materials illegal drugs, firearms, bows, arrows, sheath knives, chainsaws, fireworks, pets, or loud radios, are allowed.

Smoking:

It is the policy of the Boy Scouts to not smoke in front of Scouts, in any buildings or campsites. A designated smoking area is set aside at Camp Betz, please check with the Caretaker or Campmaster for current locations.

Arrival:

Check In time is between 6:00pm and 11:00pm Central Time. Upon arrival at camp, please check in briefly with the Caretaker or Campmaster at Anderson Lodge. The Caretaker or Campmaster will have a list of Service projects that can be done while your unit is in camp. Please call (269) 471-9429 if you will be delayed or must cancel your outing.

Check-out:

Weekend Check out time is by 11 AM Central Time on Sunday. If your unit needs an early check out of late checkout time check out with the Campmaster or the Caretaker. Before units leave they should stack wood, clean up litter, clean washroom facilities (near your site), and return camp equipment, for the next campers. Leave your campsite better than you found it.

Campsite Assignments:

Campsites are assigned based on availability, the size of your group, and work projects going on in camp. Request for specific campsites will be honored when ever possible.

Fishing:

Lake Chapin offers great fishing. All users must adhere to Michigan State fishing regulations.

Privacy and Quiet Time:

Each unit deserves privacy. Please stay out of other campsites unless invited. Quiet time is observed from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

911 for Police or Fire Department
Dave Bauer, Caretaker (269) 473-4332
Camp Office: (269) 471-9429
Council Office (219) 836-1720 or (800) 513-2343

Facilities:

Campsites

Capacity: 14 established sites on the main side of camp, capacity variable.

The campsites offer a wide variety in camping experiences for camping in a hard wood forest to open areas camping. Restroom Facilities are nearby most sites.

Water:

Water is available throughout the camp on a seasonal basis. During cold weather months (October to April) water can be obtained at the well houses located by the Dining Hall, at Gilwell Field, or by the Entrance Shelter.

Restrooms:

Two Winterized restrooms are operated for the campers to use. Our "Peace Pony" facility provides nice hot showers year round.

Dumpster:

A dumpster, for camp use, is located near the Maintenance barn.

Thunderbird Dining Hall (and Cabin)

Capacity: 175

This building is a great place to hold large meetings or training sessions. It can also be used in conjunction with the kitchen for meal service. The dining hall is available for day and evening use and may be rented for week end use. The kitchen is open year round. Running water is not available from October through April. Water is available from the well house outside of the building during this period. Sleeping capacity: 40

Pinetree Cabin

Summer camp office and health lodge offers a full kitchen and winterized facility sleeping capacity: 28

North Cabin

Troop cabin located at the north end of Camp Betz, with a full kitchen and lovely rustic latrine facility. Sleeping capacity: 24

South Cabin

Troop cabin located at the Southeast end of Camp Betz, with a full kitchen and lovely rustic latrine facility. Sleeping capacity: 24

Handicraft Shelter

Capacity: 75

An open-air shelter near Thunderbird that is great for any activity if you want to be under cover but still enjoy the outdoors. The shelter has electrical service.

OA Shelter

Capacity: 50

An open-air shelter near the entrance to camp that is great for any activity if you want to be under cover but still enjoy the outdoors. The shelter has electrical service.

Marty Kessler Chapel Area

A wilderness setting overlooking Lake Chapin, ideal for religious services and personal meditation

Rifle Range

Capacity: 8 shooting positions.

The range can be set up for both .22 caliber rifles and BB guns. Excellent for working on Shooting Sports merit badge or testing scouts shooting skills. It can also be used for Black Powder Shooting. A certified range instructor (N.R.A., Military or Law Enforcement) must be present at all times when range is in use. Proof of certification (Current Certification Card) is required at the time of your reservation. Guns and ammo are not included.

Camp Fire Ring

Capacity: 200

A traditional Boy Scout campfire ring is a great location to hold a unit or group campfire and bring any event to a wonderful close.

Waterfront

Camp is located on Lake Chapin for waterfront activities. Swimming, boating, kayaking, and canoeing activities are available. Canoes and rowboats are available for unit use. All use of the waterfront is done under the requirements of Safe Scouting. Units may conduct a unit swim under the requirements of Safe Swim Defense or a boating activity using Safety Afloat. A list of BSA lifeguards is available for your use through the council with 30 days notice.

Non-scouting groups can also use this area provided the requirements of Safe Scouting are fulfilled.

Canoes & Row Boats

All watercraft come equipped with paddles or oars and PFDs. Verification of Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense certification is required. The council can supply a list of certified BSA Lifeguards available to support activities. Swimming is not permitted without a certified BSA Lifeguard present accompanied by qualified support staff. A reservation for aquatic equipment is necessary 30 days in advance. A float plan must be supplied when equipment is picked up/checked out.

Camping Facility and Equipment Rental Fees – In Council

Facility Fees are per weekend

T-Bird Dining Hall (capacity 40)	\$150+ \$25 refundable cleaning & damage deposit
North Cabin (capacity 24)	\$75 + \$25 refundable cleaning & damage deposit
South Cabin (capacity 24)	\$75 + \$25 refundable cleaning & damage deposit
Pine Tree Cabin (capacity 28)	\$100 + \$25 refundable cleaning & damage deposit

Campsites:

Potawatomi Circle (Capacity 40)	\$10.00 per night (Includes shelter on site)
White Pine (Capacity 25)	\$10.00 per night
Small Ravine (Capacity 25)	\$10.00 per night
Hidden springs (Capacity 25)	\$10.00 per night
Wildwood Grove (Capacity 30)	\$10.00 per night
Blue Buckeye (Capacity 60)	\$10.00 per night
Donovan's Glen (Capacity 30)	\$10.00 per night
Tenderfoot View (Capacity 40)	\$10.00 per night (Includes shelter on site)
Chapin Ridge (Capacity 40)	\$20.00 per night (Includes shelter with electricity)
Pokagon Point (Capacity 30)	\$10.00 per night
Linden Shade (Capacity 25)	\$10.00 per night
Aspen Patch (Capacity 40)	\$10.00 per night (Includes shelter on site)
Eagle Perch (Capacity 40)	\$10.00 per night (Includes shelter on site)

Handicraft Shelter w/electricity	\$15.00 per day
OA Shelter w/electricity	\$15.00 per day
North Field Shelter	\$10.00 per day
Rifle Range ***	\$20.00 per day
Archery Range ***	\$15.00 per day
Fire Ring	Free
Chapel	Free

*** Requires certified instructor

Canoe Rental	\$10 each, includes paddles & PFD's
Boat Rental	\$10 each, includes oars & PFD's

Note: There is a \$50 damage deposit required for each unit renting canoes or boats. This deposit will be refunded in full if all canoes, boats; PFD's, paddles or oars are returned in good condition. The refund amount will be reduced for any equipment lost or damaged.

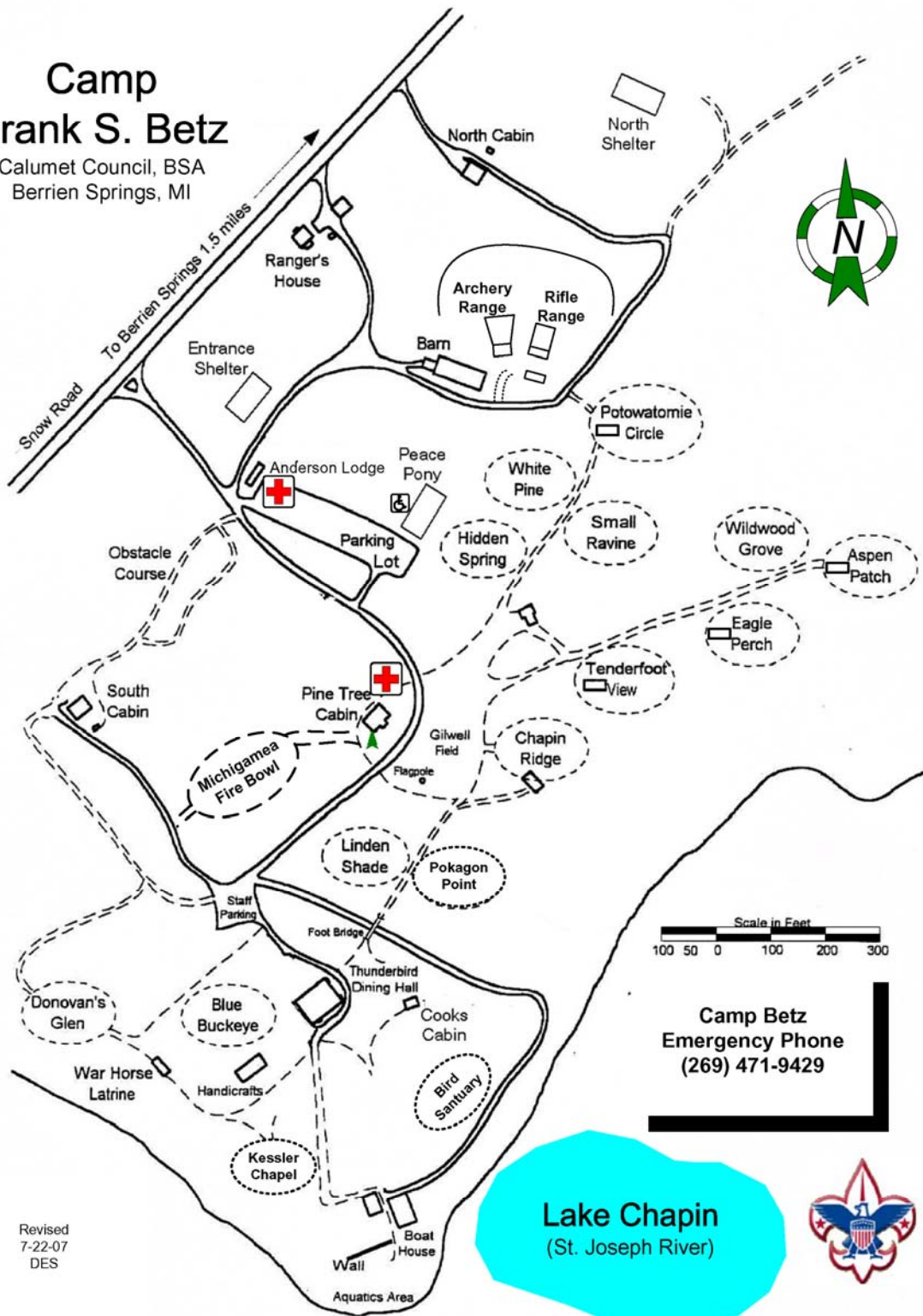
All deposits and building rentals are required to be paid prior to arrival. Day or weekend fees are required to be paid before use.

Group Activities

Group activities are always welcome at Camp Frank S. Betz. Large group activities may be required to make a deposit to reserve facilities. Contact the Council Office at 219-836-1720 IN or 800 513-2343 for more details. Council & District events will be charged \$.50 per person per night for camping in addition to building or campsite rental.

Camp Frank S. Betz

Calumet Council, BSA
Berrien Springs, MI



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Scale in Feet
100 50 0 100 200 300

Camp Betz
Emergency Phone
(269) 471-9429

Lake Chapin
(St. Joseph River)



Camp Betz Reservation Form

Return completed form to: Calumet Council
8751 Calumet Avenue
Munster, IN 46321
Phone (219) 836-1720
(800) 513-2343
Fax: (219) 836-7973
www.calumetcouncil.org

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Camp Understandings:

1. All activities will conform to **GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING** standings.
2. The Scout Oath & Law apply to all in this camp.
3. All vehicles will be parked in the designated parking areas. This is for safety. No violations will be tolerated or permitted unless in the case of an emergency or as designated by the Caretaker or Campmaster.
4. Liquor, Drugs, Pets, Firearms, and Fireworks are prohibited and under a Zero Tolerance Policy.
5. Smoking is not allowed around Scouts or in any buildings at camp.
6. Build fires in properly designated areas and NEVER leave unattended.
7. All camp property, building's, and trees are not to be damaged in any way.
8. Refuse will be placed in the camp dumpsters.
9. Service Projects are encouraged – contact the Caretaker or Campmaster for tools, ideas, and directions, at the Anderson Lodge.
10. Camp Frank S. Betz **Emergency** Phone number 269/471-9429.

Unit leader Signature _____

Waterfront Activities:

1. Swimming, Canoeing, & Boating will be conducted under proper adult supervision.
2. PFD's (personal floatation device) are to be worn by all using boats or canoes.
3. National Council – Boy Scouts of America requirements for waterfront activities will be observed.

Unit Leader Signature _____

Reservation Policy:

1. **Cancellations must be received in writing no less then thirty (30) days prior to arrival at Camp for a refund.**
2. Fees must accompany the application – Faxes & Credit cards accepted (Visa or MasterCard).
3. Phone reservations may be made only if there is money in the unit account or a faxed application & valid credit card.
4. Co-ed groups using the facility will have both male & female adult leadership.
5. Camping Unit Leader will accompany the Campmaster/Caretaker on CHECKOUT inspection before leaving camp.
6. Any damage or breakage will be charged out at cost of replacement to the Unit.

Unit Leader Signature _____

Camp Betz Application Information

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___ Calumet Council
___ Out-of-Council

Unit #: _____ District _____
 ___ Pack _____ Thunderbird District
 ___ Troop _____ Prairie Dunes District
 ___ Crew _____ Nishnabec District
 ___ Other Organization _____ Crossroads District

Date Camp Requested: _____

Leader: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ St: _____ ZIP: _____
 Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____
 Number of Youth: _____ Adults: _____

Property Rental Fees

<u>Cabin w/heat</u>	<u>Cost</u>
___ North Cabin (24)	\$75.00
___ South Cabin (24)	\$75.00
___ Pine Tree Cabin (28)	\$100.00
___ T-bird Lodge (40)	\$150.00

Camp Site = \$10.00 per Night (people)

___ Potawatomi Circle (40)	___ Tenderfoot View (40)
___ White Pine (25)	___ Pokagon Point (30)
___ Small Ravine (25)	___ Linden Shade (25)
___ Hidden Springs (25)	___ Aspen Patch (40)
___ Wildwood Grove (30)	___ Eagle Perch (40)
___ Blue Buckeye (60)	___ Three Squaws (25)
___ Donovan's Glen (30)	

Camp site w/electricity & shelter \$20.00 per night ___ Chapin Ridge (40)

1. Out of Council units add \$60.00 to cabin reservation fee.
2. Non-Scouting Units add \$100.00 to cabin reservation fee
3. Fees do not include Refundable Damage deposit - \$25.00

Equipment Rental (Limited Basis):

	<u>Rental Fee</u>	<u>Replacement Cost</u>
___ Canoes	\$10.00 each	\$470.00
___ Paddles	Included	\$15.00
___ PFD's	Included	\$15.00
___ \$50.00 damage deposit (per unit)		

Other Facilities on Camp

Handicraft shelter	\$15.00
Entrance shelter	\$15.00
North Field shelter	\$10.00
Rifle range***	\$20.00
Archery range***	\$15.00

***Certified instructor required

Check-In w/Camp Master/Caretaker

1. Check-in after 6:00 PM Central Time
2. Site inspection w/Camp Master/Caretaker
3. Equipment inspection
4. Car parking in Lot only

Check-out w/Camp Master/Caretaker

1. Checkout after 9:00 A.M. Central Time
2. Site inspection w/Camp Master/Caretaker
3. Equipment inspection
4. Sign checkout report

Camp Service Project: _____ Number of People: _____ Total Hours: _____
 *****BELOW FOR OFFICE USE ONLY*****

Fees

Damage Deposit	\$	25.00
Cabin fee	\$	_____
Camping fee	\$	_____
Equipment Fee (Canoes etc.)	\$	_____
Total	\$	_____

Receipt #: _____

Date Received: _____

___ Deposit paid ___ Site Fee paid ___ Service Project

___ Damage Deposit – Returned to; ___ Unit Account, ___ Council check, ___ Held, ___ Forfeited

___ Check – In w/Camp Master/Caretaker ___ Check – Out w/Camp Master/Caretaker

Visa / MasterCard # _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Exp. ____ / ____

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP BETZ

Camp Frank S. Betz is located on the St. Joseph River near Berrien Springs, Michigan and is approximately 80 miles from the Hammond-Munster Area.

Directions:

Take Interstate 94 East to Bridgman, Michigan, Exit 16. Turn Right and proceed into town (1 mile) Turn Right on Lake (Shawnee) Road [First Stoplight] Lake Street turns into Shawnee Road Proceed 14 miles. Turn Right onto Red Bud Trail [The intersection is a Four Way Stop] Proceed 1 mile. Turn Left onto Snow Road Proceed 3/4 mile. The Camp Entrance is clearly marked on the right side of the road.

OR

From Illinois/ Indiana take I-80/90 East to Indiana Toll Road. Take Toll Road East to the South Bend / Niles Mi. exit (Rt 31). Exit North on Rt 31 to Exit 13 (Snow Road) Exit Snow Road, turn right at end of exit ramp and go about ¼ mile to Camp entrance.