

INFORMATION SHEET

FOR MERCER AREA DISTRICT'S

SCOUTS TO THE SKIES Cub-A-Rama

at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JBMDL) in LAKEHURST, NJ
9:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday, April 5, 2014
<http://mad-bsa.org/skies/index.html>

Summary: The Scouts to the Skies Cub-A-Rama is an aviation themed event in which cub scouts will participate in activity stations and displays. A full list of these activities and displays can be found on the events web page. This theme also includes the history of the former naval air base and the mission of its military tenants. Most of these stations and displays will be located inside historic Hanger 1, where the Hindenburg was held.

Eligibility: This Cub-A-Rama is for Cub Scouts and their family members, Cub Scout Adult Leaders, Pack Adults and Webelos Scouts who are not camping overnight with a Boy Scout Troop. All participants must register and pay the full Cub-A-Rama fee, regardless of the amount of time they plan on attending.

Webelos Overnight Camping: Webelos Scouts who wish to camp overnight with a troop must be registered with that troop and not with their own Pack. Webelos Scouts must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, who must also register with the Troop. If a parent or guardian cannot attend, they must sign a note indicating that another parent, who is not a cub leader and who will be attending, will be accompanying their child.

Registration: The regular registration fee for this cubarama is \$12 per person. The deadline for regular registration is March 21, 2014. All registrations made after this date will be charged a late fee of \$15 per person. Registration for this event is online – there are no paper registrations forms to fill out. To register as a Pack, visit the Mercer Area District Web Page shown above and click on the registration link for this event. The late registration deadline is March 28th - sorry, no registrations will be accepted after this date.

Pack Rosters:

In order to gain admittance onto the JBMDL, a full roster from every pack will be required one week prior to this event. Each pack's point of contact for this event will be receiving a request for this roster once they register. This roster must include the name and personal information for every person they are registering. This roster must be on an Excel spreadsheet and emailed to commissioner@mad-bsa.org. Sorry, but no other format will be accepted. This personal information is required for base security purposes only. For youth, only the first and last names are required. For adults, this information may also include their Age, Gender, Street or P.O. Box, City, State, Zip Code, Phone Number and position in scouting.

Changes and Additions:

Additional participants can be added up until March 28th. Just go online and register only the additional people, then resend the spreadsheet with the new names added. You can swap one participant for another, as long as you send an updated spreadsheet.

Foreign Nationals: Additional information will be required for all non-U.S. Citizens wishing to participate in this event. Contact the Camporee Chair at commissioner@mad-bsa.org if you wish to register non-U.S. Citizen and they will be required to fill out an additional form, prior to attending. All information submitted will be kept confidential.

Location: The Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JBMDL) is a Military Base managed by the U.S. Air Force. This event takes place on the Lakehurst area of this base located in Ocean County, NJ and is in the Pine Barrens, a unique ecological area unlike any other place on earth. It borders on the Collingswood Wildlife Management Area to the North, the township of Manchester and Borough of Lakehurst to the east and south and "Fort Dix" area to the west. The main gate is located on the eastern end of the base along route 547 and is controlled by a traffic light. There are two other gates located along route 547, the commercial gate, which is north of the main gate and the old commercial gate that is south of the main gate.

Driving Directions: From the Mercer area, take Interstate 195 east to exit 16B (Freehold, route 537 East). Continue on Route 537 east for one mile through two traffic lights. At the third traffic light turn right onto Route 571 South – Trenton Lakewood Road (gas stations on corners). Continue on Route 571 South for 11 miles (note: you will pass through a light at Cassville where the speed limit is 40 mph). Turn right at the light onto Route 547 - Hope Chapel Road (Liquor store at corner). Continue on Route 547 for one mile, go past the commercial gate and enter the main gate on your right at the traffic light. After you clear gate security, proceed on Lansdowne Road and then turn left onto Hancock Road, the second left turn just past Hanger One (the very large structure on your left). Then follow the signs and make the first right into the parking lot off of Hancock road. Go into Hanger One (there will be signs posted) to the check-in table. Do not make the first left turn onto Severyns Road and do not park in the parking lot on the left next to the ball field.

Security: The JBMDL is an active military base and must maintain a certain level of security based on current threat conditions. Permission to enter the base in a vehicle will only be granted to those individuals whose names are on the Cub-A-Rama participant's roster. A Mercer Area Unit Commissioner will be at the gate to greet you. Be prepared to have your vehicle searched at the gate. This search would involve security personal and possibly K-9 dogs. All drivers must be prepared to present their license, registration and insurance card at the gate. **Warning: any vehicles with expired or missing registration or insurance cards may be impounded and the driver may have to pay a fine.** All other adults must be prepared to present valid photo identification. All drivers may be issued a vehicle dashboard pass for the duration of the Cub-A-Rama. This pass will allow re-entry onto the base for drivers who need to go off-base for whatever reason. Foreign nationals and resident aliens will be required to provide additional information. Failure to be pre-approved will cause these individuals to be denied entry to the base. While on base, all participants are required to stay within the areas designated unless given specific authorization. All Cub Scouts must be accompanied by an adult when outside the designated Cub-A-Rama area.

Emergency Phone Numbers: For serious emergencies and fires: dial 911 and then notify an event staff member. For other than serious emergencies, notify a staff member.

Cub-A-Rama Check in: Participants may arrive no earlier than 8:00 am on Saturday. The activities in Hanger 1 are scheduled to begin at 9:00 am and end at 4:00 pm. Each group must check in at the Cub-A-Rama check-in table. You will receive your schedules, participation materials and patches then.

Off-Limit Areas: Within Hanger 1, there will be yellow caution tape marking all the off-limit areas. Please use the portajohns located outside of Hanger 1 instead of the bathrooms inside. Outside of Hanger 1, the following areas are generally off limits unless specific permission for access has been granted: all buildings, structures, sheds, equipment – recreational or otherwise, material; storage areas, government vehicles, utilities, hydrants, water retention basins and towers. Participants are not allowed to touch, stand on, climb on or into, throw objects at or otherwise damage or deface objects in these off-limit areas. Participants must keep away from and not climb into any fenced-in area. The following is a list of specific off limit areas: fitness stations, railhead; Freedom Park and the area northwest, the area between Hancock road and the Motorcycle Course/RC airfield, which contains green fire hydrants and large sprinkler heads used for soil remediation; the area north of Lansdowne Road; the industrial area which is comprised of Hangers 2 and 3 and all outlying buildings and structures. Participants may visit the Hindenburg crash site and the exterior of the Engineering complex.

Prohibited Items: The following items are strictly prohibited: real or toy firearms; sling shots; B-B guns; bows and arrows; “paint ball” guns; crossbows; real or toy throwing or stabbing weapons (except for pocket knives) or items which could be used as such; explosives; sheath knives; fireworks;; narcotics; hazardous materials; liquid fuel (except for model airplane fuel) and equipment that uses it. Scouts will not be allowed to bring electronic entertainment games devices such as: game-boys, CD players, Mpeg players, Ipods, radios, tape players (unless needed to participate in a Cub-A-Rama activity). No playing cards of any type are allowed. Leaders may restrict the use of cell phones by the scouts in their individual troops.

Warning: Do not bring nor consume alcoholic beverages while on base. It is against BSA Guide to Safe Scouting and JBMDL military regulations. Anyone caught with alcoholic beverages on base will be subject to arrest by the military police and your Council Scout Executive will be notified.

Saturday Activities: Activities will take place in and around the historical Hanger One. Maps will be provided to all adult and youth leaders showing the location of all the stations. The following stations have been proposed and will be open to all Cub and Boy Scouts: History Hike, Aircraft Communication, Gyroscope Fun, Human Wind Tunnel, Aircraft Model Display, Computer Flight Simulation, Flying Models, Paper Airplanes, Balsa Gliders, Wright Brothers Display, Wright Relay, Weather, Pilot Interviews, Flight Attendant School, Aircraft Mechanic Demonstration, Home Builders Hanger, Control Line Model Aircraft Demonstration, Indoor flying model demonstration, History of Navy Lakehurst, History of Flight, Tours of the Aircraft Carrier Trainer.

Model Rocket Launching: Weather permitting, a model rocket launching station will be located in the open area west of Hanger 1. Cub scouts may bring their own rocket and engines needed to launch, provided it is built from a kit. Rocket engines will be limited to “C” size and below. Please bring your own launch pad if you have one. The National Association of Rocketry Model Rocket Safety Code will be followed for this activity.

Trading Post: Candy, snacks and soda will be available at the Trading Post inside Hanger 1 from 10:00 am until 3:00. Hot dogs will be available at lunchtime.

Participation Awards: Cub Scouts who participate in at least 8 activities will have “earned their wings” and will get a pin. All participants will get a patch for this event.

Photography: Participants are allowed to take pictures on base in and around the Cub-A-Rama area. The areas where photography is banned are not near this event and are clearly marked.

Off-base restaurants and retail stores: Go right at light at main gate and continue south on route 547 until you reach the traffic light at route 70. Then continue as follows:

Lakehurst Diner – make left just before light at route 547 and route 70

Chevron Gas Station – make right just before light at route 547 and route 70

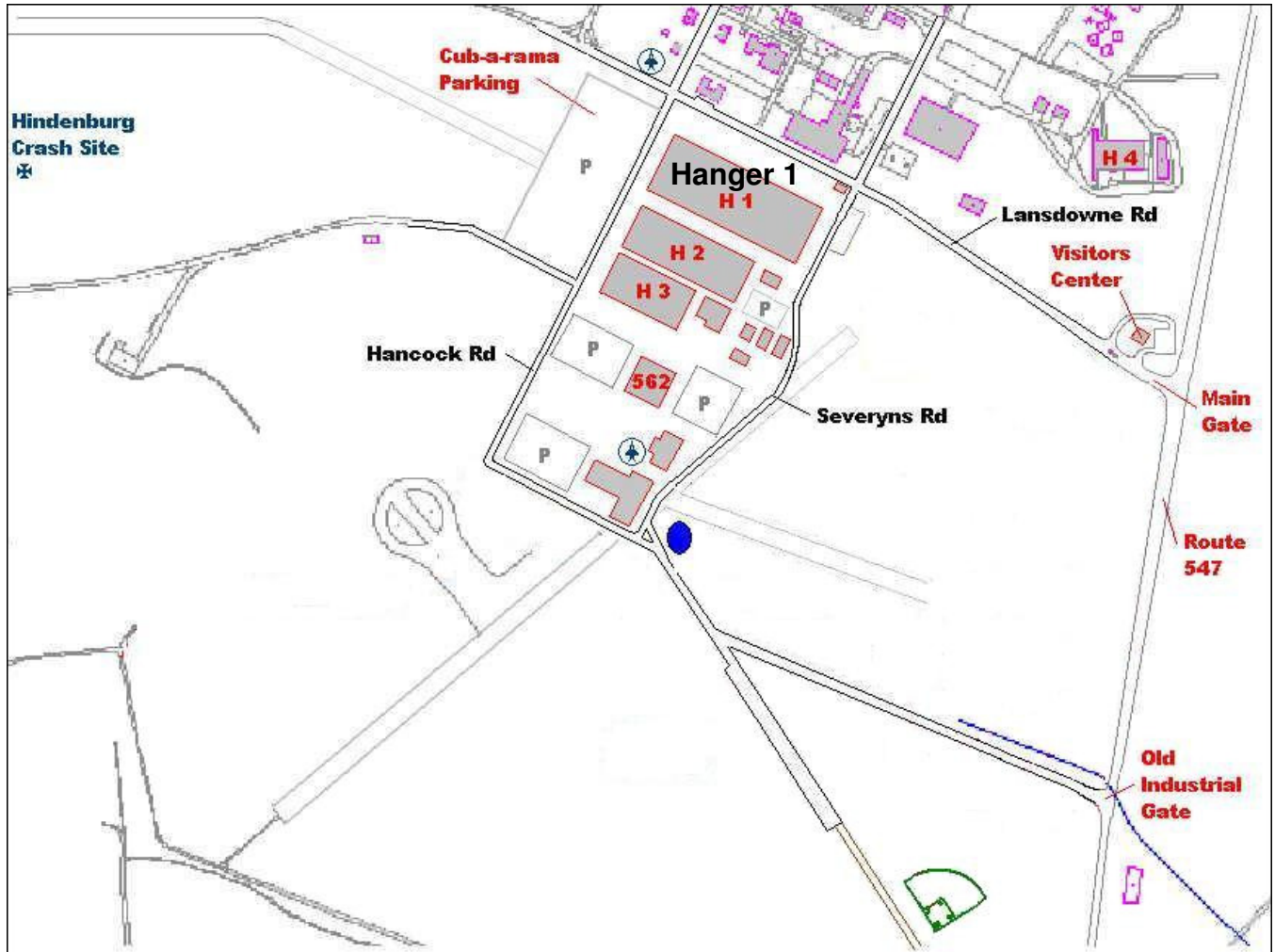
McDonald's – make left just after light on corner at route 547 and route 70

Burger King – go right onto route 70 west - restaurant is not far on the right.

Seven Eleven – just past the Burger King on the right.

Shop Rite – go left onto route 70 east. At traffic circle, stay on route 70 east by keeping left and then taking the first right off the circle. Make left at next light into the shopping plaza.

WalMart – go left onto route 70 east. At traffic circle, keep right and go straight onto route 37 east. Continue on route 37 east for 4.7 miles. Shopping plaza is on left.



Map of Southeast Area of NAES Lakehurst