



*Heart of America Council  
SCOUTING “500”  
Frequently Asked Questions  
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**Registration**

- **Question** - I am the parent of a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout. I realize Cub Scout Camping is under Family Camping Rules, but since I have a son who is also a Boy Scout, can my Cub Scout son and I camp with the Boy Scout troop?

**Answer** – Yes. We encourage Cub Packs to coordinate camping with their associated Boy Scout Troop or a Troop they are familiar with. In most cases, each youth member will be under the supervision of a parent or guardian. In all cases, each youth participant is responsible to a specific adult, and all the policies Cub Scout Camping and Youth Protection apply.

- **Question** - Our Cub Scout Pack has a very small number of Cub Scouts planning on camping for the weekend at the “500”. I realize Cub Scout Camping is under Family Camping Rules, but since there are only a couple of Cubs camping, can we camp in the same location as the Boy Scout Troop we work with?

**Answer** - Yes. We encourage Cub Packs to coordinate camping with their associated Boy Scout Troop or a Troop they are familiar with. In most cases, each youth member will be under the supervision of a parent or guardian. In all cases, each youth participant is responsible to a specific adult, and all the policies Cub Scout Camping and Youth Protection apply.

- **Question** - I am not able to camp the weekend of the “500”, but planning on attending Saturday only. Do I need to pay the full fee of \$37.50?

**Answer** – No. There is an option to purchase a Day Pass for \$20.00 and receive admission from 8:00 am – 10:00 pm on Saturday, September 23. DAY PASS participants will receive the official event patch, water bottle, access to the activity Pit Stops and dinner show. The DAY PASS **does not include camping or meals, but participants may purchase meals from Speedway vendors or bring their own.**

- **Question** – I am unable to register in advance. Can I still attend the “500”?

**Answer** – Yes. Walk in registrations will be accepted the weekend of the “500”. However, since meals are ordered well in advance, there may not be meals available as part of your registration. There will be concessions available for purchase, located throughout the speedway.

- **Question** – Do all children and siblings pay the \$37.50 for the full camping pass and \$20.00 for the Day Pass?

**Answer** – No. Children 5 and under will be admitted free. They must still be registered for either Camping or Day Pass with their parents.

- **Question** - I would like to be on Staff at The “500”, how do I register?

**Answer** - If you are interested in serving on Staff Operations for the Scouting “500” registration is required at [www.Scouting500.org](http://www.Scouting500.org) or [Text STAFF to 51555](text://51555). At the “Serving on Staff For” box, select the area you are interested in or qualified to assist with. The various areas include Program, Camping, Security, Infrastructure, Parking, or Program.

- **Question** - Do all BSA Staff volunteers need to register?

**Answer** - Yes, on line at [www.Scouting.500.org](http://www.Scouting.500.org). Cost is \$15.00 and includes a Staff T-shirt, event patch and 3 meals on Saturday.

- **Question** - I am not a Scouter (not registered with HOAC), but volunteering for Staff. What is the process to register for the event and receive instructions on arrival times, parking, meals, etc.?

**Answer** – All non-Scouters volunteering for Staff must be recruited by one of the various committees of the Scouting 500. Please contact the chairman of the committee that recruited you. They will request your contact information and provide information and credentials. There is no cost, but meals, shirts and patches are not included.

- **Question** - I have registered on line at [www.Scouting500.org](http://www.Scouting500.org) for Staff. When will I be notified I have been accepted for a Staff position, what position I will have and instructions on arrival times, credentials, parking, meals, etc.?

**Answer** – You will be notified by the Program or Area Director of the area you registered in

- **Question** - I am a Scouter (registered with HOAC) volunteering for Staff for the entire weekend, and DO plan to camp at The Speedway. Am I required to pay the \$37.50 registration fee?

**Answer** – No, all staff and participants, camping or not camping, will pay \$15.00 which includes 3 meals on Saturday, a Staff T-shirt and “500” Event Patch. You can register at [www.Scouting500.org](http://www.Scouting500.org) or [Text STAFF to 51555](text://51555)

- **Question** - I am a Scouter (registered with HOAC) volunteering for Staff for the entire weekend, and DO NOT plan to camp at The Speedway. Am I required to pay the \$37.50 registration fee?

**Answer** – No, all staff and participants, camping or not camping, will pay \$15.00 which includes 3 meals on Saturday, a Staff T-shirt and “500” Event Patch. You can register at [www.Scouting500.org](http://www.Scouting500.org) or [Text STAFF to 51555](tel:51555)

- **Question** - I am a Scouter (registered with HOAC) volunteering for Staff, working on Saturday only, and DO plan to camp at The Speedway. Am I required to pay the \$37.50 registration fee?

**Answer** – No, all staff and participants, camping or not camping, will pay \$15.00 which includes 3 meals on Saturday, a Staff T-shirt and “500” Event Patch. You can register at [www.Scouting500.org](http://www.Scouting500.org) or [Text STAFF to 51555](tel:51555)

- **Question** - Can Staff volunteers, registered and non-registered with HOAC, and not camping with a Unit, bring a camper, RV, etc. to The Speedway for weekend camping?

**Answer** – Yes. Staff will be allowed to bring a Camper or RV’s The “500”. RV camping location and instructions will be provided in your registration packet.

- **Question** – Can non-BSA registered family members/siblings attend this event?

**Answer** – Yes, They may purchase a Camping Pass if working and camping with a Troop or Crew or Day Pass to see the benefits Scouting has to offer their son.

- **Question** – Can food be brought in from the outside?

**Answer** – No.

- **Question** – Are there any additional costs for the activities in the Pit stops?

**Answer** – No. All activities are covered in your registration fee.

## Program/Safety

- **Question** – Do any activities require parental permission?

**Answer** – Yes. Certain activities not only have age and/or weight and height requirements, but require waivers to be signed as well. These waivers are available on the website [www.Scouting500.org](http://www.Scouting500.org) and will be included in your registration packets. Participants **MUST** have the waivers signed by a parent or guardian in order to participate in these activities.

- **Question** - What programs will Cub Scouts be allowed to do and/or what programs will Cub Scouts be excluded from participation?

**Answer** – New for 2017 is Cub World, developed with activities specific to Cub scouts. In addition, the majority of the program activities of the entire Scouting “500” have been developed to offer activities for ALL Scouts, including Cub Scouts. Most of the activities are designed to gain the interest across all age groups. However, some of the activities are regulated because of age, weight or height requirements. These activities are:

- Go Karts - 14 years of age + signed waiver
- Scuba – Boy Scouts + signed waiver
- Grandstand Zipline – 75 to 250 pounds + waiver
- Infield Zipline – 45 to 230 pounds + waiver
- Climbing Wall – 45 to 250 pounds
- Laporte Action Powderball & Top Shot Powderball – Boy Scouts Only
- Stunt Jump - 42” tall
- Toxic Drop - 48” tall
- Bungee Run – 36” tall
- Melt Down – 48” tall

- **Question** – Will “Fast Passes” be offered this year?

**Answer** – A Fast Pass for the ZipKC Zipline, located outside the Infield in the Grandstand entrance area, is being offered as an incentive for early registration. An allocated number of timed “Fast Passes” will be given to all Units registering by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

- **Question** – Will there be concession stands open in the Infield Program Area to buy food and drinks?

**Answer** – Yes. Concession stands will be open in the Infield with a variety of food and drinks available for purchase on both Friday night and Saturday. Menus, times and pricing are posted in Leader Resources on the web [www.Scouting500.org](http://www.Scouting500.org)

- **Question** – Are Drones allowed at the Scouting “500”?

- **Answer** – No. The Kansas Speedway does not allow any Drones on the property, either in the Camping or Infield Program Areas.

- **Question** - Will parents/siblings be able to watch their Scout do his programming activities even though they may not be participating?

**Answer** – Yes. Since everyone is paying the same price, they are welcome to participate/assist with their son or sibling. However, recognizing there will be large crowds at many of the activities, we ask that parents and visitors allow the Scouts to participate first.

- **Question** – The weather in September may still be hot. What provisions are being made to keep the participants safe from the heat?
- **Answer** – Each Scout who registers will receive a water bottle with a carabiner. Water “fill stations” will be plentiful throughout the infield and monitored regularly. In addition, each Pit Stop will have a tent with chairs and radio for communication to the medical staff which will be on site the entire weekend.

## **Scouts/Scouters with Disabilities**

- **Question** - How do I provide information when registering about disabilities, limited mobility, or wheelchair needs for a Scout or Scouter attending the “500”?

**Answer** – The Scouts with Disabilities Staff is prepared to provide and assist youth and leaders that may have a special need. When registering at [www.scouting500.org](http://www.scouting500.org) or [Text 500 to 51555](tel:50051555), click on the Special Request box and complete the Special Needs Event Care Plan.

- **Question** - Will transportation be provided from the parking/camping areas to the Infield Pit Stops (Program Area) for Scouts with disabilities, limited mobility, or in wheelchairs?

**Answer** – Yes. ADA Bus transportation will be provided for Scouts with physical disabilities from a designated bus stops outside the camping areas to the Special Needs Center inside the Infield. Pick up location, schedules and additional details will be provided in your registration packet. This service is first and foremost available for Scouts and Scouters with physical disabilities and in wheelchairs, and will accommodate others as space is available.

- **Question** - Will transportation be provided between the Pit Stops for Scouts with disabilities, limited mobility, or in wheelchairs?

**Answer** – No. Transportation will be provided to and from the Infield Special Needs Center. The adult supervising the Scout will be responsible taking them to the Pit Stops and assisting with their activities.

- **Question** - Are any special accommodations available for Scouts with disabilities, limited mobility, or in wheelchairs?

**Answer** – Yes. There is a Special Needs Center located in the Infield where Scouts and their parents may go to relax, regroup and get away from the crowd and noise. This building is marked on the map and will serve as the Scouts with Disabilities headquarter location, and drop off and pick up point for

transportation between the parking lot and Program Area.

- **Question** - What type of Staff support will be provided for Scouts and/or Scouters with disabilities, limited mobility, or in wheelchairs at the “500”?

**Answer** - Adult support from the Scouts with Disabilities Committee will be provided to help Scouts access and participate in various activities. In addition, specific activities for scouts with Special Needs will be offered at the Special Needs center.

- I am an adult Scouter with physical limitations. Will transportation to/from my campsite or parking area be available to/from the Infield Program Areas?

**Answer** - Adult support from the Scouts with Disabilities Committee will be provided to help Scouters access and observe the activities. Transportation will be provided from the parking areas to the Special Needs Center in the Infield. A map with bus stops and approximate times will be included in your registration packets.

### **Special Requests for meals, etc.**

- **Question** - When registering, how do I indicate a special dietary need, food allergy or other special need?

**Answer** – When registering at [www.scouting500.org](http://www.scouting500.org) or [Text 500 to 51555](tel:50051555), click on the Special Request box and complete the Special Needs Event Care Plan.

- **Question** - I have registered and requested a special meal due to dietary restriction, food allegory or other physical need, where will I go to get my special meal?

**Answer** – Please contact Kayla Moore with any special dietary needs questions at 816.569.4925 or [Kayla.Moore@scouting.org](mailto:Kayla.Moore@scouting.org)

