



Camp Betz, Berrien Springs, Michigan

Introduction:

Camp Frank S. Betz is owned and operated by Calumet Council Boy Scouts of America. Camp Betz is located in Berrien Springs Michigan, on the banks of the St. Joseph River, which affords a tremendous view. Camp Betz does not serve as a summer camp, but instead is used extensively for *leadership development* as well as weekend camping events. Camp Betz is open year round to Scouts and Scouters of the Calumet Council and out of council units.

Facilities

Camp Betz has four cabins that are available to rent. All cabins have new stoves, refrigerators, and furnaces that were purchased by Michigamea Lodge 110, Order of the Arrow, and have access to water. The camp is also equipped with a year round showers and washrooms that are separated for youth, men and women. There are large open fields for sporting activities and access to beautiful Lake Chapin for swimming and boating.

Tent camping areas are also available for units who wish to avail themselves of these facilities.

In order to use the waterfront area for swimming or boating at Camp Betz, your unit must conform to all standards of the Boy Scouts of America pertaining to aquatics. Please get special permission to use these facilities from the Camp Betz Professional Advisor before planning your event.

Directions to Camp Betz:

Camp Betz is located in Berrien Springs, Michigan and is about an hour and a half drive from the Chicagoland Area. Shortly after entering camp you will see a gray building on the left. This is the Campmaster's cabin. Please stop, check in, and get instructions from the Campmaster on duty.

To get to Camp Betz from Chicago take I-94 east to the Bridgman, Michigan exit (exit 16). Take

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a right onto Red Arrow Highway and proceed to the first traffic light. Turn right and go east about ten miles. At the fourth stop sign turn right onto Red Bud Trail and travel about 1/2 mile to Snow Road, which is at the bottom of a very steep hill. Turn left and proceed about 3/4 of a mile to the entrance to Camp Betz which will be on the right side of the road.

An alternate route to Betz is to get off of I-94 at Route 12 in Michigan and go east toward and thru the village of Three Oaks. Continue east to Route 31. At the junction, proceed north toward Holland, Michigan. After crossing the St. Joe River twice, get off at the Berrien Springs exit. This will be Snow Road. Turn right (away from Berrien Springs), crossing over Route 31, and the Camp entrance will be only a few hundred feet further.

Another option is to take the Indiana tollway from I-94 and proceed east to its intersection with Route 31. Go north on Route 31 and proceed as described above. The toll is approximately \$1.55 each way.

Functions of Camp Betz

Camp Betz is used for various activities throughout the year. Michigamea Lodge 110, Order of the Arrow, holds their lodge fellowships and other training sessions at camp. Camp Betz is also home to the Calumet Council National Youth Leader Training (NYLT) Course, Boy Scout Leader Training (BSLT) and Wood Badge. Camp Betz is also home to many other council wide programs such as African American Heritage Camp, Cub Weekend Camp, Religious Awards Camp, and Shooting Sports Camp.

2014 Camping Fees (Subject to change without notice)

Building/Property

North/ South Cabins (24 Bunks)

Council	\$80.00
Out of Council	\$140.00
Non-Scouting	\$180.00

Thunderbird (40 Bunks)

Council	\$160.00
Out of Council	\$220.00
Non-Scouting	\$260.00

Pine Tree (28 Bunks) –BEING RENOVATED, EXPECTED AVAILABLE SUMMER 2015

Council	\$110.00
Out of Council	\$170.00
Non-Scouting	\$210.00

Tent Camping (Per Site) Except Chapin Ridge

Council	\$10.00
Out of Council	\$10.00
Non-Scouting	\$15.00

*Council and District Events: \$0.50 in Council / \$1.00 out of Council per person per night plus cabin use.

Reservations

Reservations for Camp Frank S. Betz can be made by contacting:

Calumet Council B.S.A.
 8751 Calumet Avenue
 Munster, In. 46321
 (219) 228-4879 or (708) 251-4466

Go to the Council web site at www.calumetcouncil.org to check facility availability.

Camp Policies

Camp Understandings:

1. All activities will conform to BSA National Guidelines as set forth in the Guide to Safe Scouting
2. 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 allowed unless in the case of an emergency or as designated by the Campmaster.
4. Liquor, Drugs, Pets, Firearms, and Fireworks are prohibited and under a zero tolerance policy.
5. Build fires in properly designated areas and never leave unattended.
6. All camp property, building's, and trees are not to be damaged in any way.
7. Refuse will be placed in designated disposal areas.
8. Service Projects are encouraged - contact the Camp master for tools, ideas, and directions.
9. The Unit & Chartering Organization assumes full responsibility for any loss or damage to equipment or property.
10. No smoking near the youth and in any of the buildings.
11. **Camp Frank S. Betz Emergency Phone number (269) 471-9429 (Anderson) Ranger (269) 473-4332.**

Waterfront Activities:

1. Swimming, Canoeing, & Boating will be conducted under proper adult supervision; Cub Scouts **ARE NOT** allowed in Canoes except at Cub Camp.
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.

Rifle Range

1. Must have a certified instructor on site.
2. No 22's are to be used.

Reservation Policy:

1. Cancellations must be received in writing no less than 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. The Leader signing this application will be on site for the event or have designated an alternate on site.
5. Co-ed groups using the facility must have both male & female adult leadership.
6. The Unit Leader will accompany the Caretaker/Campmaster on checkout inspection before leaving camp.
7. Any damage or breakage will be charged out at cost of replacement to the Unit.



T-Bird Dining Hall/Cabin



South Cabin



Refrigerators and commercial grade Stoves.



Donovan's Glen camp site (typical).



Floating dock at water front.



The Firebowl, which includes lighting for night and P.A. System.

Camp Betz Reservation Form

Return completed form to: Calumet Council

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Munster, IN 46321

Phone (219) 228-4879 or (708) 251-4466

Fax: (219) 836-7973

www.calumetcouncil.org

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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. State and Federal Law Prohibits the removal of any fire wood from Camp Betz.
11. Camp Frank S. Betz Emergency Phone number 269/471-9429.

Unit leader Signature _____

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Unit Leader Signature _____

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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

1/1/2012
___ Calumet Council
___ Out-of-Council (add \$60 per cabin)
___ Non Scouting Unit (add \$100 per cabin)
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

Table with 2 columns: Cabin w/heat, Cost. Includes North Cabin (24) \$ 80.00, South Cabin (24) \$ 80.00, Pine Tree Cabin (28) \$110.00, T-bird Lodge (40) \$160.00.

Camp Site = \$10.00 per Night (people)

Table with 2 columns listing camp sites and their capacities: Potawatomi Circle (40), White Pine (25), Small Ravine (25), Hidden Springs (25), Wildwood Grove (30), Blue Buckeye (60), Donovan's Glen (30), Tenderfoot View (40), Pokagon Point (30), Linden Shade (25), Aspen Patch (40), Eagle Perch (40), Three Squaws (25).

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

- 1. Out of Council units add \$60.00 per cabin reservation fee.
2. Non-Scouting Units add \$100.00 per cabin reservation fee
3. Fees do not include Refundable Damage deposit - \$50.00

Equipment Rental (Limited Basis):

Table with 3 columns: Item, Rental Fee, Replacement Cost. Includes 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

Table with 2 columns: Facility, Cost. Includes 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 Check-out w/Camp Master/Caretaker

- 1. Check-in after 6:00 PM Central Time 1. Checkout after 9:00 A.M. Central Time
2. Site inspection w/Camp Master/Caretaker 2. Site inspection w/Camp Master/Caretaker
3. Equipment inspection 3. Equipment inspection
4. Car parking in Lot only 4. Sign checkout report

Camp Service Project: ___ Number of People: ___ Total Hours: ___

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Fees

Table with 2 columns: Fee, Amount. Includes Damage Deposit (\$ 50.00), 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. ___ / ___