



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INFRASTRUCTURE

**ON-SITE RANGER:** Camp Belzer's Ranger, Kevin Hobbs resides in the house on the right as you enter Camp Belzer property off of Boy Scout Road. If you need assistance, you may either contact him by telephone (317-546-6031) or by knocking on the front door of his residence.

**OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS:** Camp Belzer is fully covered by Marion County outdoor severe weather warning sirens.

**CELLULAR PHONE COVERAGE:** All major cellular phone providers offer full service throughout Camp Belzer property.

**NEAREST HOSPITAL:** The nearest Emergency Room (and nearest Heart Hospital) is found at Community Hospital – North. It is about 3 miles north of Camp Belzer.

**NEAREST FIRE STATION:** Fire coverage for Camp Belzer is provided by the City of Lawrence Fire Department. The nearest Fire Station (Station 39) is approximately 3-miles away.

**POLICE JURISDICTION:** City of Lawrence has jurisdiction over Camp Belzer. For police emergencies, call 911; for a non-emergency, call Dispatch at 317-545-7575.

## EMERGENCY RESPONSES

**SEVERE WEATHER:** Participants at Camp Belzer events will be notified by the Marion County outdoor warning sirens in the event of approaching severe weather. When activated, the sirens will deliver a three-minute audible continuous alert. Groups staying at Camp Belzer are also encouraged to have and monitor a NOAA Weather Radio as a back-up to the Marion County outdoor warning sirens.

**Response:** A continuous siren indicates that you should seek shelter immediately. Please take cover in the **Activity Center Basement (19)**. Other buildings on Camp Belzer that have been identified as suitable for severe weather shelter include **Hunt Cabin (33)**, **Pioneer Cabin (34)**, **K-Hut (28)**, **Belzer Cabin (27)** and the **Shower House (3)** (see map for locations). If you are unable to reach a structure, go to the lowest point on the south side of a hill until you are given the all clear.

**FIRE EMERGENCY:** In the event that a fire gets out of control, evacuate the area and go to your Troop identified assembly point on Camp Belzer. Do not fight the fire unless it is small and you have appropriate firefighting equipment.

**Response:** Immediately call 911 for local Fire Department assistance in extinguishing the blaze, and notify the Camp Ranger at 317-546-6031. Remain out of the area near the wild fire until you are given the all clear.

**MEDICAL OR ACCIDENTS:** In the event of a medical incident or accident, provide appropriate first aid. If bodily fluid spills are present, keep individuals away from the area of the spill until it can be cleaned.

**Response:** If not life threatening, but the injury still requires immediate medical follow-up, transport to the nearest Emergency Room (see map and directions). If the injury is life threatening, call 911 for EMT response and ambulance for transport. Notify the Camp Ranger at 317-546-6031.

**LOST SCOUT:** It is possible that a member of your group may become lost or disconnected from the rest of the group while at Camp Belzer.

**Response:** Do not panic. All members of the Troop should go to your Troop identified assembly point on Camp Belzer. Notify the Camp Ranger at 317-546-6031, reporting all known information about the lost Scout. Assist in the search as directed. Follow directions.

**SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE:** If you become aware of suspected child abuse during your stay at Camp Belzer, immediately remove the child from the situation.

**Response:** Do not panic. Follow established Boy Scout policy and immediately notify the Crossroads of America Scout Executive, Patrick Sterrett at (317) 946-7003. Also notify Indiana Child Protective Services at 800-800-5556. Follow directions provided by the Scout Executive and Indiana Child Protective Services.

## SITE HAZARDS (spring, summer, fall)

**POISONOUS PLANTS:** Two poisonous plants (Poison Ivy and Poison Sumac) are relatively common at Camp Belzer. Contact with either plant can lead to a very itchy skin rash caused by urushiol oil or toxicodendrol which are produced by these plants. **Poison Ivy** (photo at left below) is characterized by its trifoliate leaf. The two opposite leaflets will have very little or no petiole and the terminal leaflet will be extended from the two opposite leaflets. Poison ivy can grow as a vine or low shrub. It will climb trees, power line poles, fences or just about anything available to climb.

A shrub or small tree, **poison sumac** (photo at right below) can be more toxic than poison ivy. Plants can grow from six to 20 feet tall. The compound leaves have seven to 13 leaflets with smooth margins and the leaflets are elliptic to oblong. Flowers are green and approximately 1/16 of an inch in diameter.



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**Response:** Immediately wash exposed skin with soap and warm water. Remove contaminated clothing. Apply cool compresses for 15 to 30 minutes at a time. Apply topical calamine lotion to reduce itching. Get medical help if rash covers a large part of the person's body, if the person develops blisters on the skin, or if the exposed person can't sleep.

## MOSQUITOES, SPIDERS AND TICKS :

Camp Belzer is also home to a number of species of mosquitoes and ticks, and is within the home range for both Brown Recluse and Black Widow spiders. The Brown Recluse spider (photo at left below) is marked by an upside down fiddle on its cephalothorax; the Black Widow spider (photo at right below) is marked with a red hourglass on the underside of its abdomen. Both spiders usually live in locations that are not frequently disturbed, such as wood piles, boxes inside shelters, etc.



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Both of these spiders can inject humans with toxic venom. Mosquitoes and ticks can potentially transmit a number of diseases to humans.

**Response:** If bitten by either a Brown Recluse or Black Widow spider, immediately seek medical assistance. Make it a habit to always check for attached ticks and remove them immediately as described in the Scout Handbook. If bitten by a mosquito do not scratch the bite.

**POISONOUS SNAKES:** There is one poisonous snake (Northern Copperhead) that is occasionally found in Marion County, Indiana. The **Northern Copperhead** is a moderately sized, stout-bodied, venomous snake that typically measures 24 to 36 inches in total length. Its head is reddish-brown in color and its body is tan. The body is marked with 15 to 19 mahogany lateral bands with darker edges that are wide on the sides and narrow on the back. Viewed from above, the patterning on the back appears hourglass shaped, though the blotches are occasionally interrupted along the midline. Additional, irregular brown spots are found between the "hourglasses." The copperhead has a wedge-shaped head, sensory pits, and vertically elliptical "cat-like" pupils.



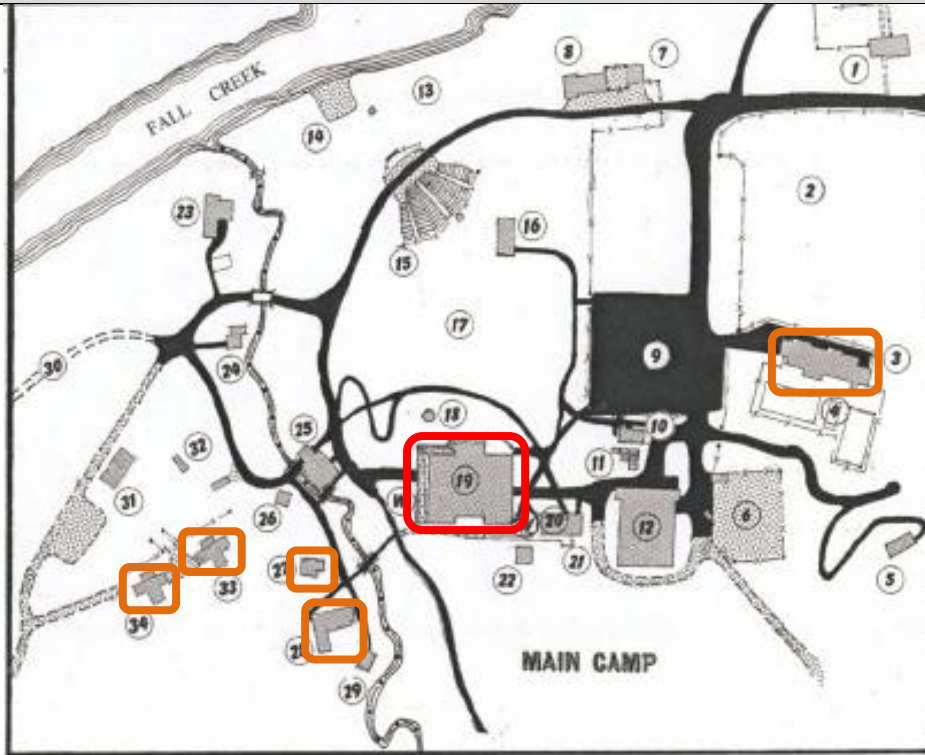
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**Response:** If bitten by a suspected Northern Copperhead, seek immediate medical attention.

The Boy Scout Motto: BE PREPARED!

## Map of Camp Belzer Showing Severe Weather Shelters

- Primary Severe Weather Shelter
- Additional Severe Weather Shelter



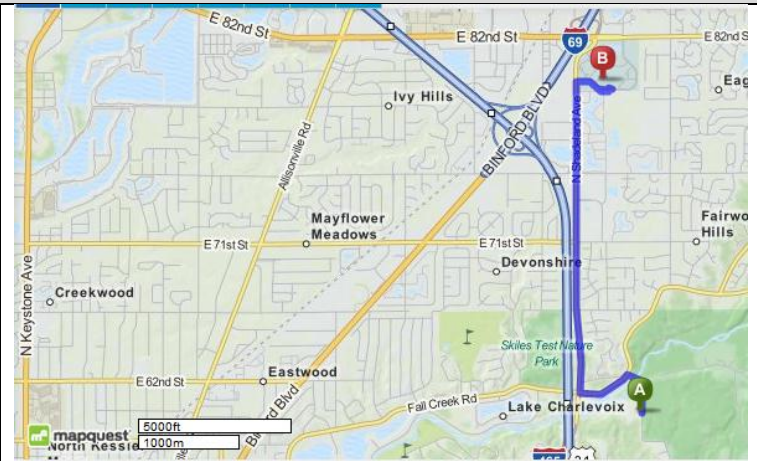
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Ranger's House</li> <li>2 Camporee Field</li> <li>3 Shower House</li> <li>4 Swimming Pools</li> <li>5 Pines Campsite &amp; Shelter</li> <li>6 Canoe Yard &amp; Trash Dumpster</li> <li>7 Band Building</li> <li>8 Voyageur Building &amp; Ross Shelter</li> <li>9 Parking Lot</li> <li>10 Camp Office/Pay Phone</li> <li>11 Equipment Cart Racks</li> <li>12 Field House</li> <li>13 Voyageur Tent Camping</li> <li>14 Canoe Landing</li> <li>15 Campfire Area</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16 Kiwanis Shelter</li> <li>17 Picnic Area</li> <li>18 Gazebo</li> <li>19 Activity Center</li> <li>20 Health Lodge &amp; Year-Round Restrooms</li> <li>21 Shirley Schwein Smoking Area</li> <li>22 Cook's Cabin</li> <li>23 Rotary Cabin/Shelter</li> <li>24 Kahn Cabin</li> <li>25 Gyro Trading Post</li> <li>26 Pump House</li> <li>27 Belzer's Cabin</li> <li>28 K-Hut</li> <li>29 Osterman Shelter</li> <li>30 Activity Field</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>31 Second Step Shelter</li> <li>32 Second Step Latrine</li> <li>33 Hunt Cabin</li> <li>34 Pioneer Cabin</li> <li>35 Pond</li> <li>36 Activity Field Restroom</li> <li>37 Rotary International Shelter</li> <li>38 Archery Range</li> <li>39 BB Range</li> <li>40 Trails End Fire Bowl</li> <li>41 Lucent Shelter &amp; Wiley Campsite</li> <li>42 Eagle's Nest Campsite</li> <li>W Water - Year Round</li> </ul> |
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## Driving Directions and Map from Camp Belzer to Nearest Hospital Emergency Room

**COMMUNITY HOSPITAL NORTH ER**  
 7150 Clearvista Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46256  
 PHONE: 317-621-5053

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1. Start out going north on Boy Scout Rd toward Shafter Rd (0.2 mi)
2. Turn left onto Shafter Rd (0.1 mi)
3. At Stop Sign, go straight across Fall Creek Rd (0.4 mi)
4. Turn right onto N Shadeland Ave. (2.3 mi)
5. Turn right onto E Clearvista Dr. (0.2 mi)
6. Community North Hospital ER is on your left.



**Camp Belzer, 6102 Boy Scout Road, Indianapolis IN 46250 (Lat: N039° 51.9189', Long: W086° 2.4811')**

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