



The Boy Scout Motto: BE PREPARED!

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INFRASTRUCTURE

ON-SITE CARETAKER: Camp Bear Creek's Caretaker, Pat Smith resides in the house on the left as you enter Camp Bear Creek property off of South Scout Road. If you need assistance, you may either contact him by telephone (765-825-6144) or by knocking on the front door of his residence.

OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS: Camp Bear Creek is **NOT COVERED** by county outdoor severe weather warning sirens.

CELLULAR PHONE COVERAGE: Cellular coverage at Camp Bear Creek is spotty at best. A landline is available in the Dining Hall for emergency use.

NEAREST HOSPITAL: The nearest Emergency Room is at Fayette Memorial Hospital - Connersville. It is about 13-miles from Camp Bear Creek.

NEAREST FIRE STATION: Fire coverage for Camp Bear Creek is provided by the Everton Fire Department. The nearest Fire Station is approximately 5-miles away.

POLICE JURISDICTION: Fayette County Sheriff's Department has jurisdiction over Camp Bear Creek. For police emergencies, call 911; for a non-emergency, call Dispatch at 765-825-1110.

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

SEVERE WEATHER: Participants at Camp Bear Creek events are encouraged to have and monitor a NOAA Weather Radio. If available, the Caretaker will also notify groups of approaching severe weather.

Response: When indicated, you should seek shelter immediately. In the event of approaching thundershowers, take shelter in the Dining Hall or other covered shelters. In the event of approaching tornadoes, go to the lowest point in camp. Remain there 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 Bear Creek. 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 Caretaker at 765-646-9290. Remain out of the area near the 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 Caretaker at 765-825-6144.

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 Bear Creek.

Response: Do not panic. All members of the Troop should go to your Troop identified assembly point on Camp Bear Creek. Notify the Camp Caretaker at 765-825-6144, 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 Bear Creek, 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 Bear Creek. 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 Bear Creek 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 are two poisonous snakes (Northern Copperhead and Timber Rattlesnake) that are occasionally found in Fayette County, Indiana. The **Northern Copperhead** (left below) 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. The color pattern of the **Timber Rattlesnake** (right below) is highly variable, with ground coloration ranging from yellow and brown, to gray or black. All Tiber Rattlesnakes do, however, possess dark, often chevron shaped, cross bands along the dorsal surface. This venomous snake is a large stout-bodied snake that can reach lengths of 50 to 60 inches. They also possess a rattle on their tail.



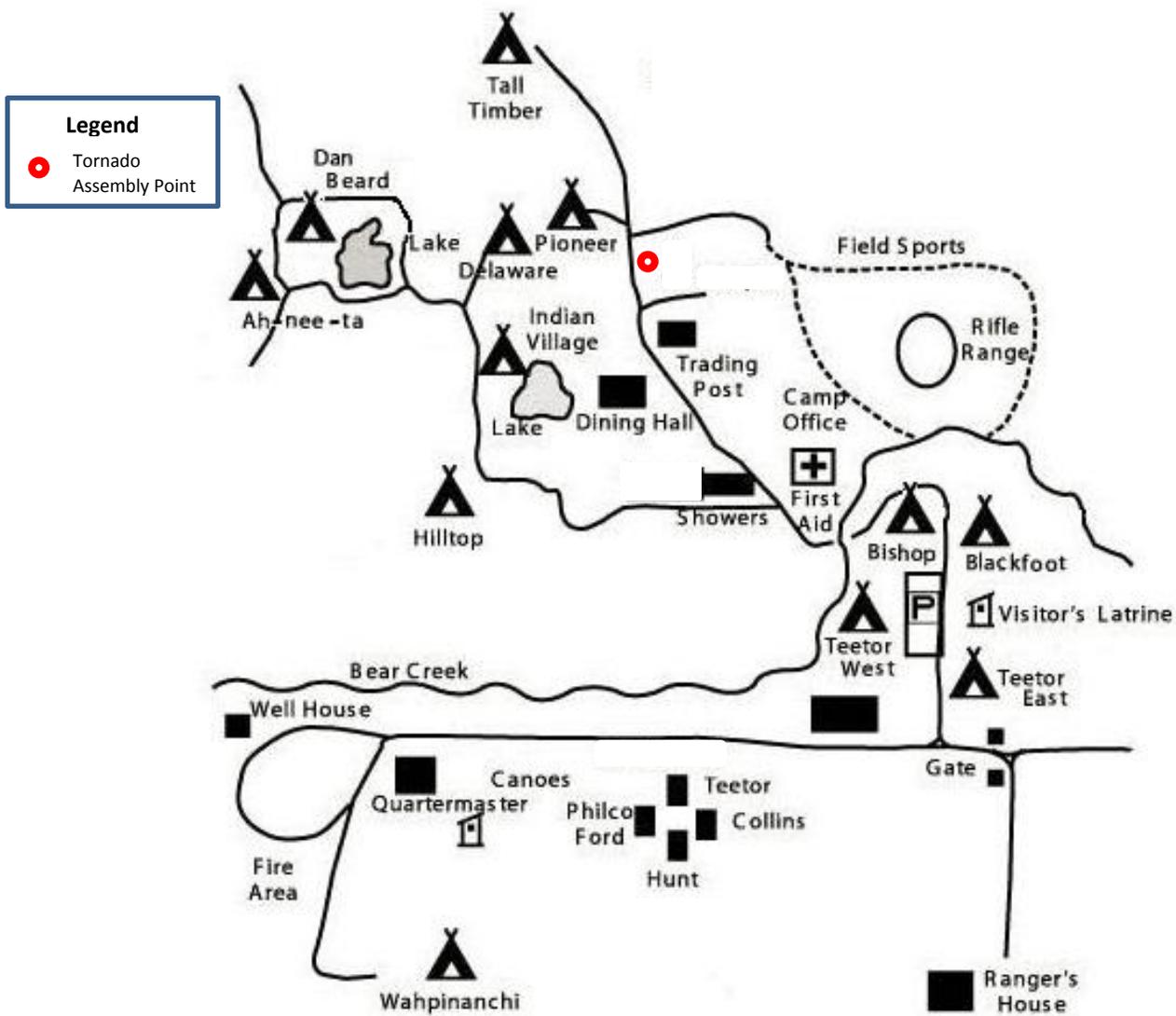
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Response: If bitten by a suspected Northern Copperhead or Timber Rattler, seek immediate medical attention.

Map of Camp Bear Creek Showing Tornado Assembly Points



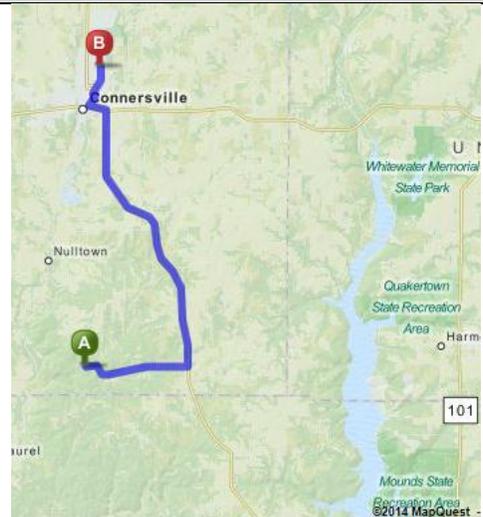
Driving Directions and Map from Camp Bear Creek to Nearest Hospital Emergency Room

FAYETTE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – CONNERSVILLE

1941 Virginia Avenue, Connorsville, IN 47331

PHONE: 765-825-5131

1. Start out going north on S Scout Rd (0.02 mi).
2. Turn right onto County Road 720 (0.3 mi).
3. Turn right onto E Big Bear Rd (2.7 mi).
4. Turn left onto State Road 1/IN-1 (7.9 mi).
5. Turn left onto E 5th St/IN-1/IN-44 (0.5 mi).
6. Take the 2nd right onto N Eastern Ave (0.3 mi).
7. Turn left onto E 9th St (0.08 mi).
8. Take the 1st right onto N Central Ave/IN-1 (0.4 mi).
9. Turn slight left onto Virginia Ave (0.4 mi).
10. 1941 VIRGINIA AVE is on the left.



Camp Bear Creek, 7417 South Scout Road, Connorsville, IN 47331 (Lat: N039° 32.12246", Long: W085° 08.38025")

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