



## **Gardner Dam Scout Camp - Bay Lakes Council, BSA**

Dear Unit Leaders and Campers:

One of the newest programs, being offered at Camp Gardner Dam is an ATV (All-Terrain Vehicle) Training/Riding program.

The planning for the program started over a year ago with approval from the Executive Board, formation of a Council ATV Committee and solicitation to Honda for the leasing of several ATV's to operate the program. I'm glad to say that it's all in place with ATV's prepped and ready to ride under the guidance of an experienced riding staff having recently returned from the ATV Safety Institute Training program.

The program will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis up to possibly 20 Scouts each week who meet all of the criteria outlined below. Up to two sessions of ten Scouts each can occur weekly Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday/Thursday. The first day will be spent covering safety and riding proficiency followed by a second day of trail riding offsite. All riding will be completed under the supervision of qualified/trained staff using Council leased ATV's which are the only approved ATV's allowed on camp property. Upon completion of the course, each participant will receive their American Safety Institute Certification Card.

The criteria for acceptance and participation in the ATV program are as follows:

- Sign up in advance to reserve your space by emailing Michael Alberts at Michael.Alberts@Scouting.org.
- Signed "All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Program Participation and Hold-Harmless Agreement" (Attached)
- Successful completion the Wisconsin DNR online safety course and show proof of completion (printed certificate). The course cost of \$29.50 is the responsibility of the Scout and his family and takes approximately 3-4 hours to complete. The URL is <http://www.offroad-ed.com/wisconsin> or a local Wisconsin DNR safety course may be taken if available in your area.
- Be age 14 or older prior to arrival at summer camp.
- Provide the following riding equipment/clothing: long pants, long sleeve shirt, work/riding gloves, skull cap (available in Camp Trading Post), boots, and water bottle. Boots must be sturdy and be "over the ankle"; helmets and goggles will be provided by the camp. No personal helmets or sunglasses will be accepted.
- Pay a \$60.00 participation fee at camp check-in.

To sign up interested Scouts, e-mail adult leader name, phone #, dates attending camp, Scout(s) name and DOB to Michael Alberts at Michael.Alberts@Scouting.org. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Unit leaders will be notified, by the camp administration, as to the Scouts who were accepted into the program so that they can begin preparations. It is highly encouraged and recommended that you send the Hold-Harmless Agreement and your ATV certificate of completion to in advance to ensure your Scout(s) have met all requirements and secure their spots. Those Scouts who are approved and don't meet the criteria listed above upon check-in at camp will be bumped from the program and those on the waiting list will be moved up. Due to the nature of the program and limited spaces, refunds for the participation fee or any additional cost associated with participation will not be offered to participants accepted into the program.

Should you have any questions about the program contact the ATV Coordinator Michael Alberts at (920) 920-734-5705 ext. 116 or Michael.Alberts@Scouting.org.

We are looking forward to positive results that may allow for the expansion of the ATV program as well as additional programs in the future.

Yours in Scouting,

**Gardner Dam Camp Staff**

## ATV SIGN UP FORM

Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ Week: \_\_\_\_\_ Camp: \_\_\_\_\_ Site: \_\_\_\_\_  
Troop Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please read the information letter and the Hold Harmless Agreement on the following pages. The ATV Program is a half day training program and a half day trail ride on area trails. This program is based out of Gardner Dam Scout Camp. Classes are offer Monday/Tuesday afternoons or Wednesday/Thursday afternoon. The camp schedules the classes based on registration. The program has limited space and is filled based on receipt of completed paperwork and fees. If your scouts/adults are interested in participating in this program, please complete this form and send it with each participants Hold Harmless Agreement, Copy of current DNR ATV online training certificate, the \$60.00 fee to cover each participant's registration for the course. Upon receipt of all information, you will be contacted regarding the status of your registration. Each class is limited to no more than six participants. Single registrations will be combined to fill classes.

	NAME	AGE	CONTACT NUMBER	PAID
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
			TOTAL INCLUDED	

**Complete this form and forward with paperwork and fees to:  
Gardner Dam Scout Camp  
N2940 Gardner Dam Road  
White Lake, WI 54491**

Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ Week: \_\_\_\_\_ Camp: \_\_\_\_\_ Site: \_\_\_\_\_

**All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Program  
Participation and Hold-Harmless Agreement**

Gardner Dam Scout Camp as part of the Bay-Lakes Council, will be conducting an ATV program at camp. Scouts will be instructed how to ride on and drive an ATV. Scouts will be taught ATV safety and will drive on a training course, then on approved trails only. Scouts will be on the unit individually and in control of the power and brakes. This is a training course designed to teach safety.

Scouts will be required to wear a helmet, goggles, gloves, over-the-ankle boots, long-sleeve shirts, and long pants. Scouts are expected to abide by all safety rules and the instructions of the camp instructor(s).

I, the undersigned & give my child, permission to participate in this program. I understand that participation in the activity involves a certain degree of risk. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for my child to participate in the activity. I understand that participation in the activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by the rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

**For safety, my child and I agree that he/she will do the following or he/she will be removed from the program.**

Because space is limited, any additional cost associated with participation in this program will not be refunded.

1. Complete the ATV safety class taught at Gardner Dam Scout Camp.
2. Wear all required safety gear at all times on or around the equipment.
3. Follow all safety rules provided in the training class.
4. Follow the instructions of the camp staff instructor(s).
5. Maintain control of the ATV at all times and remain within the speed determined to be safe by the camp instructor(s). Cost of damaged equipment may be passed on to parents.
6. Be in full compliance with all local, state, and federal guidelines, including age restrictions and original equipment manufacturer standards.
7. Respond to the camp satisfaction survey from the Boy Scouts of America as it evaluates the ATV program.

Participant's printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (required): \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Received by GDC:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Accepted or waitlisted:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DNR Certificate Completed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Payment Received/Receipt #** \_\_\_\_\_