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# **2025 LEADER GUIDEBOOK**

**AKELASWORLD.CAMP**

# WELCOME TO AKELA'S WORLD

## akela's world 2025 guidebook



Scouting is an exciting program full of exciting adventures. It is our honor and privilege to provide the best experience for you and your Scouts. This guidebook has been compiled to convey the details about our programs, procedures, and services that will be most important for the success of your camping experience. Please take the time to read this document and familiarize yourself with Akela's World and its features.

We know our audience! If it's a safe activity that Cub Scouts will enjoy, then it's going to be a welcome part of the program at Akela's World. The staff thinks of summer camp as a controlled adventure. Campers play and grow, all the while learning from a team of dedicated experts at the program we call Cub Scouting.

Not just the premier camping destination for Cub Scouts, Akela's World is a place where adventure, fun, and the values of Scouting all come together. We look forward to seeing you at camp this summer!

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## WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT CAMP?

### information for new parents & leaders

- Camp helps develop character, introduce new friends, teaches valuable life skills, and helps Scouts discover new interests.
- Homesickness is rare because the program is packed full. If it does happen, the staff is trained and ready to give extra individual attention.
- If parents cannot take the entire time off from work, their child can still attend. Scouts want to come! Parents are encouraged to rotate their stay with other Den parents in this case.
- We encourage lots of enthusiasm in the Dining Hall during meals, so please join in on the fun!
- The health forms you will turn in at camp will remain at camp after you leave, so please provide us with copies and retain the originals.
- Camp scholarships are available for those in need. In fact, first time campers are eligible for a \$75 scholarship just for attending. Use the online request form ([samaset.org/aid](https://samaset.org/aid)).
- For your swimming experience we have the beautiful spring fed Crystal Lake (no pool).

# PREPARATION TIMELINE

## a schedule for proper unit planning

### Right Now

- Submit your unit reservation to secure space (see page 5).
- Inform all Scouts and their parents about the dates for summer camp.
- Recruit at least two adult leaders (both 21 years of age or older) to be in camp at all times during your stay. Have one additional leader, 18 or older, for every five Scouts.

### March & April

- Schedule a promotional presentation for your Pack or Den with the Samoset Office.
- Turn in all Campership Applications by April 15 ([samoset.org/aid](http://samoset.org/aid)).
- **Camper deposits are due by May 1. When registering campers, you will be required to pay the deposit. All remaining fees are due June 1; please use the online portal to submit payments.**
- Pre-order t-shirts to ensure that everyone will have one to wear at camp. Shirts orders are due by May 15. Shirts can be customized with your unit number or other text (see page 4).

### May

- Send out final camp notices to all parents including a list of what to bring.
- Ensure that all Scouts and adults will have a medical form (Parts A & B) completed with all signatures before coming to camp.
- Submit special dietary requests at least two weeks before your arrival.
- Add any additional campers to your registration and pay your final unit balance (due June 1).

### Two Weeks Before Camp

- Collect all Scout & Adult medical forms (ensure that we will be able to keep a copy of each) and Scout medication forms. You should bring copies (not originals) to camp.
- Prepare multiple copies of your unit roster for camp and other leaders.
- Remind the Scouts of the behavior standards necessary for a Scouting trip.
- Plan to arrive at 10:00 AM with your entire Pack or Den ready to check in (see page 9).

# WHAT TO BRING

## a suggested packing list of items

### What Campers Should Bring

Sneakers/Hiking Shoes	Sweatshirt and/or Jacket	Backpack
Extra Pair of Shoes	Official Scout Uniform	Hat
T-Shirts	Swimsuit	Pocket Knife
Underwear & Socks	Rain Gear	Sunglasses / Sunscreen
Jeans or pants	Towel	Insect Repellent (non-aerosol)
Shorts	Personal Hygiene items	Flashlight
Long-Sleeve Shirts	Sleeping Bag/Blankets	Spending Money
Pajamas	Small Pillow	Fishing Gear

### What Not to Bring

Shooting Equipment	Other Valuables	Aerosol cans
Fireworks	Inappropriate T-Shirts	Laser pointers
Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco	Knives larger than 3.5"	Firewood

### Materials We Provide in Your Village

Picnic Shelter & Tables	Running Water	Shower facilities
Garbage Bags	Flush Toilets	Fire Ring

# FORMS AND RESOURCES

all the resources, forms, and information you need

These resources are available online (AkelaWorld.Camp).

## Registration

- 2026 Unit Reservation - reserve unit space for Akela's World 2026!
- Campership Application - complete for campers with financial need and submit by April 15.
- Refund Request - must be completed to receive a refund, see page 5.
- T-shirt Pre-order - complete to pre-order camper t-shirts for your entire unit, submit by May 15.

## Medical

- Annual Health and Medical Form - complete for all campers.
- Special Diet Request - complete for campers with dietary needs at least 2 weeks in advance.

## Maps & More

- Camp Map - complete with campsites, program areas, and building locations (see page 12).
- Family Camping - layout and available facilities for families who want to stay nearby.

# PRE-CAMP SWIM TESTS

information on taking your swim test before camp

Units have the option to complete a swim test prior to their arrival.

- Each unit schedules and completes the swim tests prior to camp on their own. A BSA Lifeguard, Red Cross Lifeguard, or equivalent must administer the tests and certify the results.
- Forms and procedures for unit run swim tests are available online.
- For questions contact Samoset Camping at (715) 365-3111 or [camp@samoset.org](mailto:camp@samoset.org)

# CUSTOM T-SHIRTS

a way to remember your camping experience

Pre-order custom t-shirts for everyone in your unit to wear at camp. Shirts cost \$18.00 (additional charges for larger sizes) and can be customized with your unit number. Shirts are a 50/50 Poly-Cotton blend. **T-shirt orders will be added to your unit camp bill; and waiting for you at the camp Trading Post upon arrival.**

Imagine your entire Pack wearing a t-shirt from Akela's World. Now imagine the t-shirt customized your Pack number! Think of the benefits:

- Helps the Scouts look sharp
- Builds group spirit
- Is a quality garment that takes a beating



Orders Due May 15, 2025



# REGISTRATION

## procedures for registering campers

### How to Register Campers for Akela's World

- Select the session you or your pack wants to attend.
- Register names online or email a camp roster and return it with the **camper deposits of \$75 (due May 1)**.
- Registrations will be limited to 150 campers per session and are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Therefore, we encourage you to register early.
- **Full fees are due by June 1.**

### Attending Akela's World with another Unit

- If a Scout is unable to attend with your unit, don't let them miss the summer camp experience. Contact Samoset Camping (camp@samoset.org or 715-365-3111) to connect them with another unit.

### Registration Timeline

Sep 1, 2024 - March 1, 2025:  
Reserve space, \$10.00 per camper.

March 1 - May 1:  
Register campers with a \$75 non-refundable deposit.

June 1:  
Final balance due.

# PAYMENTS AND FEES

## how to ensure your spot at camp

### Unit Reservation Deposit

- A non-refundable fee of \$10 per camper is due with your reservation. These fees will be applied toward your camp fees.

### Scout/Leader Deposits

- The first \$75 (due May 1) for each Scout/Leader is his/her reservation deposit and is non-refundable, but transferable to another Scout/Leader in the same unit as a new reservation. This fee is paid upon registering a Scout or Leader to attend.
- Remaining fees are due June 1.

### 2025 Camper Fees

Youth - \$226  
Den Chief - \$125  
Adult - \$150

Day Only Youth: \$150  
Day Only Adult: \$75

### How to Pay

- Please register all Scouts and Adults online through the MyCouncil portal. If you need help accessing this portal, please contact our Camp Office at 715-365-3111.
- Please note there is no fee for processing an electronic check but there is a 3% fee for using a credit card.

### Camp Scholarships

- Camp scholarships are available for those in need. Please use the campership request form on our website to request help. (Samoset.org/aid).
- Requests must be made using the campership application for each person by April 15.
- Each first time Scout to Akela's World is eligible for a \$75 scholarship.

### Refunds

- Camp fees are non-refundable as we encourage units to transfer fees to another Scout from the unit who is attending camp. However, the Samoset Council will consider each situation and endeavor to be as fair as possible. All refunds are calculated after the \$75 non-refundable deposit.
- Refunds must be submitted using the refund request form available online. Refunds will be credited to the unit's camp bill and the unit will be responsible for refunding fees to the individual.

## things to help you in your preparation for camp

- Every participant must provide a copy of their health form to be kept on file after they leave. **Parts A & B are required for all Scouts and Adults.**
- Parents can keep medication in a secure location if they would like to administer to their child. Those units choosing to do so will be provided with a medication log sheet to fill out and turn in at the end of the weekend. Units are welcome to turn their medications into the health office for the camp to distribute.
- Please ask your Scouts not to bring over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol or cough syrup. The camp stocks these medications.
- Bee sting medication, inhalers, an insulin syringe, or other medication or device used in the event of life-threatening situations may be carried by a camper but should be brought to medical checks.

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- When surgical treatment or hospital care is needed for Samoset Council Scouts/Scouters, benefits in excess of \$300.00 will be paid only if they are unrecoverable from any other insurance policy or service contract (i.e. family insurance policy). Therefore, it is imperative that you come prepared with the pertinent insurance policy information for every Scout/Adult.
- Non-Samoset Council Units must provide insurance information or proof of Council insurance.

Everyone should be prepared for potential dangers that are out of the control of the camp. There are a lot of natural hazards like rocks, roots, and branches that may cause injury if not cautious. Campers can avoid visits from animals by not allowing any food, drinks, or scented items in or near their tents. To avoid lost or stolen items, leave your valuables at home or have them stored securely in vehicles.

In Scouting, we will not compromise the safety of our youth, volunteers, and employees.. We believe that even one instance of child abuse is unacceptable. We are committed to providing a safe environment for all. The BSA has adopted the following policies for the safety and well-being of its members.

- One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is prohibited.
- Privacy of youth is respected. Adult leaders and youth must respect each other's privacy, especially in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp.
- Separate tenting must be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth. Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age. Spouses may share tents.
- The buddy system should be used at all times. Buddies should know and be comfortable with each other. Buddies are encouraged to select each other, with no more than two years' age difference and the same level of maturity.
- Hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any Scouting activity.
- No bullying. Verbal, physical, and cyber bullying are prohibited in Scouting.
- Appropriate attire is required for all activities.

## FACILITY POLICIES

### Dining Hall Procedures

- Members of each Super Den will rotate as “waiters” to clean up tables after each meal.
- Meals are served cafeteria style and will conclude with necessary announcements and a song.
- All meals have main entrées, sides, cereal at breakfast, fruit or vegetables, and pb&j and a salad bar at dinner.
- Everyone in camp will gather in front of the dining hall behind their Village flag before entering the Dining Hall. Please remain off of the porch at that time. The camp staff will greet you there and grace will be said.



**Please notify us of any special dietary needs or restrictions two weeks before your arrival using the “Special Diet Request” form available online.**

### Program Center

- All visitors must check in and out at the Program Center (camp office) upon arrival.
- The Program Center houses the camp office, health office, leader lounge, bathrooms & showers. This building is open to all Leaders 24 hours a day.
- Wireless internet is available for Leader use.

### Trading Post

- The Trading Post will be open at various times throughout the day (specific hours will be posted). It will be closed for all meals, flag ceremonies, and during chapel.
- Here you will find all the merchandise you need including everything from hats and shirts to collectibles. You will be able to purchase candy, soda, slushies, and many other food items.

### Health Office

- Available 24 hours a day in the lower level of the Mark Program Center.
- For medication disbursement, please schedule appointments with the Health Officer while at camp.
- If the Health Officer is not in the Health Office, report to the camp office for assistance during the day or the evening assistance room down the hall at night.

### Showers

- A shower house is located in the campsite area. There are separate facilities for men, women, and youth. Additional showers for adults are available in the Program Center.
- You need to bring all your own toiletries. All of the campers will be responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of these facilities during their stay at camp.

### Cell Phone Coverage

- Cell phone coverage around camp is good for those with Verizon or AT&T service. Other providers may work in certain areas of camp.



## OTHER POLICIES

### Smoking

Smoking is only allowed in the parking lot at Akela's World, away from Scouts and other Leaders. For the health of all Scouts and Scouters, please respect the rights of all others and refrain from smoking in your village or any place other than the parking lot. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking.

### Pets

- No animals are allowed on camp properties except for guide dogs for the visually impaired or animals which are for a program/demonstration with the approval of the Camp Director.
- Pets will be allowed in designated Family Camp areas but must be leashed at all times and the owner is responsible to clean up after the animal.

### Emergencies

- In the event of a camp-wide emergency, the camp siren may sound. At which time, all campers should report immediately to the Dining Hall and await further instruction from the camp staff. The camp staff undergoes training in handling common types of emergencies.
- A camp-wide emergency situation may consist of any severe weather, wildfire, missing campers, missing swimmers, and any possible severe medical emergency. Anyone who becomes aware of an emergency situation or danger should notify a staff member who will contact the camp leadership.
- Information in regards to a bomb threat or unauthorized visitor should be reported to the Program Center immediately.

### Shoes

- Closed-toe footwear is required every where at camp, especially Climbing and Crocket's Glenn. While at the waterfront, Scouts may use sandals, barefoot, or water shoes.

### Firewood

- Units are prohibited from bringing firewood into camp because it can harbor many different kinds of invasive pests and diseases harmful to our trees. Pests like the gypsy moth and diseases like oak wilt are easily spread through infested firewood.
- Each campsite is provided a crate of firewood, additional firewood is available for purchase. Packs can also gather downed wood.



### Privacy

By participating in Samoset Council activities, you agree to allow Samoset Council to use your image in camp and council promotional materials.



# WHILE AT AKELA'S WORLD

all the basics on the program for your stay at camp

## CHECK-IN PROCESS

1. **Arrive at 10:00 AM with your entire group.** A staff member will greet you in the parking lot and guide you through the check-in process. You will receive a packet including a roster listing everyone we expected. Review and make any necessary changes.
2. Your group will be assigned a village; move items into camp and setup tents. Please turn in your health forms to the staff member in your village.
3. Each village will have a meeting to go over important information for the day (about 10:45 AM).
4. Each village will get a tour of camp at 11:00 AM. The tour will visit the shower house, trading post, health office, and Dining Hall. It will end at the flag pole.
5. Be ready for your first program at 11:30; adult leader meeting at 12:00 PM; and Lunch at 12:30 PM.



**Scouts leaving prior to checkout must have a Scout release form on file (requires a parent's signature). This form is available online or in the camp office.**

## DAILY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Scouts are split up by their rank into an Activity Den where they spend their time being lead by a staff member (Super Den Chief) to different program areas, each with a unique program for that rank. Each Activity Den follows a unique schedule rotating through program areas.

Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
		7:50	Flag Raising	7:50	Flag Raising
		8:00	Breakfast	8:00	Breakfast
		9:10	Chapel	9:00	Advancements & Program Rotations
10:00	Arrival & Camp Setup	9:30	Advancements & Program Rotations	10:00	
11:00	Camp Tour	10:30	Free Time	11:00	
11:30	Team Building Games	11:30	Lunch	12:00	Lunch
12:30	Lunch	12:30	Program rotations & Webelos Choose Your Own Adventure	1:00	Closing Event
1:45	Program rotations (Unique for Each Rank)	1:45	Free time	2:15	Slideshow
2:45		2:45	Flag Lowering	2:45	Departure
3:45		3:45	Picnic Dinner		
4:45		4:45	Campfire		
5:45	Free time	5:45	Village Campfires		
6:20	Flag Lowering	6:20	Lights Out		
6:30	Dinner	6:30			
7:45	Evening Event	7:45			
8:45	Village Campfires	8:30			
10:00	Lights Out	10:00			

**A detailed program schedule will be made available at camp. Scouts will divide into super dens for daily activities based on their current rank and age.**

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**Crocketts Glenn:** Experience the fun of our 4 ranges: Rock Throwing, BB Gun, Slingshot, & Archery!

**Huck Finn's Waterfront:** Go swimming in the beautiful Crystal Lake, climb the iceberg, go down the slide or go boating!

**Webelos Choose Your Own Adventure:** On Saturday afternoon, Webelos and Arrow of Light scouts get to choose from a variety of different programs and participate in the activity they are most excited about. A full schedule will be published at camp.

**The Lost Ship:** A Classic area at Akela's World, work as a team to launch 3-person slingshots and explore the ship. On Saturday evening the Ship provides the perfect backdrop to the campfire!

**Khan's Kabin:** The perfect place for scouts to show their creativity! Khan's Kabin turns into a makerspace for cub scouts who get to work on art and craft projects!

**Climbing:** Webelos get to adventure up our 60 ft. Climbing Tour!

**The Treehouses:** Learn about the world of Science in fun experiments and challenges.

**And so much more:** These are only just a few of our fun events. Scouts and Parents are set for a fun-filled weekend!



## EVENING PROGRAMS

**Friday Evening Event:** Scouts will participate in a campwide game, split by age level. Tiger, Wolf, and Bear Scouts will play a team game in the activity field with the staff. Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts will play a camp-wide game of capture the flag, supervised by the staff.

**Saturday Evening Campfire:** Sit back and enjoy a show put on by the staff. Campfires at Akela's World are fun and engaging with several skits and songs. At the end of the campfire, Chief Akela arrives to deliver an important message to Arrow of Light Scouts and their parents.

**Sunday Afternoon Event:** One last camp-wide game for all the scouts to participate in. This is followed by our closing skit, sessions awards, and session slideshow.



## ADULT LEADER PROGRAMS

**Bocce Ball:** While you scouts are working on advancements have some fun and play a game of Bocce Ball with the camp staff.

**Adult Leader Challenge:** Compete a series of challenges designed to help camp, your scout, and have a fun weekend! Turn in a completed challenge and earn a cool prize! (All weekend program).

Adventures are collections of themed, multidisciplinary activities. All adventure time blocks start in front of the Dining Hall. At that time Scouts will choose the adventure(s) they wish to complete. There is no need to sign-up ahead of time. Each pack will receive a list of completed adventures upon check-out.

### Tiger (1st Grade)

- **Good Knight:** Learn about the Scout Law and being a chivalrous knight.
- **Designed by Tiger:** Design and build your own project.
- **Floats and Boats:** Learn about boats and then build one to float through several challenges.
- **Champions for Nature:** Learn about the conservation of natural resources.

### Wolf (2nd Grade)

- **Air of the Wolf:** Learn about the Scout Law and being a chivalrous knight. Finish by making your own knight shield.
- **Champions of Nature:** Learn about recyclables, nature, water conservation, and pollution.
- **Germes Alive:** Learn about how germs work and spread through a series of fun games.
- **Adventure in Coins:** Learn about the history of coins, play a coin game, and make a coin rubbing.

### Bear (3rd Grade)

- **Champions for Nature:** Discover more about the resources of water, soil, and air in this adventure.
- **Roaring Laughter:** Learn about comedy and perform in some skits.
- **Forensics:** Learn about how detectives work and complete investigations.
- **Salmon Run:** Learn some swimming and lifesaving skills. (Takes 2 sessions; held at the Waterfront).
- **Super Science:** Think of questions, make hypotheses, and then test those hypotheses.

### Webelos (4th Grade)

- **Champions for Nature:** Learn more about the wildlife we share our planet with.
- **Paddle Onward:** Get out on the water and paddle around in this adventure.
- **Earth Rocks:** Learn about the different types of rocks and grow a crystal.
- **Modular Design:** Work with different modular pieces and build a model.
- **Aquanaut:** Learn some swimming and lifesaving skills like the reach and throw rescue method. (Takes 2 sessions; held at the Waterfront).
- **Yo-Yo:** Learn the concepts that make a yo-yo work and the basic physics of a pendulum.

### Arrow of Light (5th Grade)

- **Engineer:** Learn about civil, electrical, and mechanical engineer and design your own blueprints and make a project.
- **High Tech Outdoors & Into the Woods:** Learn about plants and trees, then use technology to learn about nature and other outdoor skills.
- **Knife Safety:** Learn about knife safety, how to sharpen a knife (using a wet stone) and safety with using cooking knives.
- **Swimming:** Learn safe swim defense and some lifeguarding skills. (Takes 2 sessions; held at the Waterfront).
- **Champions for Nature:** Learn how your food choices impact the environment.



**Scouts will have a chance to complete their ranks version of BB Gun, Archery, and Slingshot when they go to Crocketts Glenn. Other advancements are mixed into the program.**

# CAMP MAP

showing the way around your woodland haven



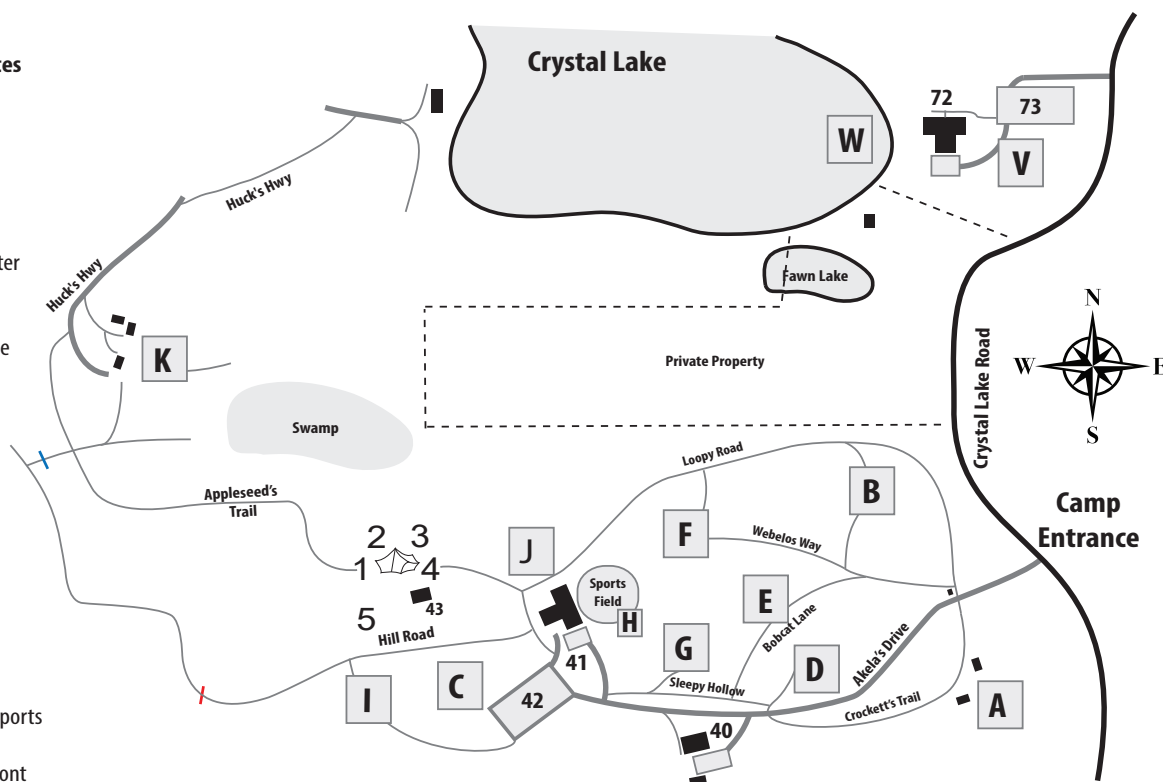
## Akela's World Cub Scout Camp

### Buildings & Campsites

- 1. Blue Village
- 2. Gold Village
- 3. Red Village
- 4. Green Village
- 5. Orange Village
- 40. Gabriel House
- 41. Mark Program Center
- 42. Parking Lot
- 43. Shower Building
- 72. Hanna Venture Base

### Program Areas

- A. Crockett's Glen
- B. Treehouses
- C. Adventure Alley
- D. Fort Akela
- E. Frontier
- F. Lost Ship
- G. Baloo's Cave
- H. Flag Pole
- I. Survival
- J. Khan's Kabin
- K. Tesomas Shooting Sports
- V. Climbing Tower
- W. Huck Finn's Waterfront



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## AKELA'S WORLD PROSE

words that express the energy of the experience

### Akela's World Hymn

(tune of "Oh my Darlin', Clementine")

When Akela holds his council  
And the campfire's all aglow,  
We will form our friendship circle  
As we sing so sweet and low.  
Oh Akela, brave Akela,  
True and fair Cub Scouts we'll be,  
To our Promise and the Pack Law,  
We will pledge our loyalty.

### Akela's World Grace

(tune of "Alma Mater")

Thank you lord for seeing old friends  
For new ones we make  
Thank you for the fun we have  
Bless the food we take  
Please watch us, guide us, help us  
We know we are blessed  
Thank you lord for Akela  
Help us do our best



# Scouting America™

## Samoset Council

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## **Crystal Lake Scout Reservation**

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### **A Nationally Accredited Program**

The Samoset Council Camping Committee is committed to camps that meet high standards for health and safety, food service, program, maintenance, conservation, staffing, and administration. All of our camps are inspected and accredited on an annual basis.

This Emblem is one of your assurances of a quality camp!