

HOWARD H. CHERRY SCOUT RESERVATION

Camp Wakonda
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The Howard H. Cherry Scout Reservation, run by the Hawkeye Area Boy Scout Council, is comprised of two camps. The first camp, Camp Waubeek, was opened in 1931 thanks to a donation of \$1,000 from Howard H. Cherry, and the efforts of American Legion Post #5. This camp was originally only 18 acres, but in 1957, Cherry donated an additional \$14,000 to purchase another 125 acres. Finally, in 1965, Cherry donated an additional \$25,000 to purchase an adjoining 265 acres to open a second camp, Camp Wakonda. Camp Wakonda contains a COPE course, and is the operating summer camp of HHCSR. Summer camp is in session for 4 weeks from mid-June to mid-July, but youth groups can reserve campsites in the off-season.

Camping Availability: Camp Wakonda is an operating summer camp for 4 weeks each summer, but other weeks are available for campsite or activity reservation. Many other groups come to this camp, including a Children's Hospital group and corporate groups to experience the high and low COPE courses.

Activities Inside the Camp: As a functioning Boy Scout Camp, HHCSR has a plethora of activities for scouts of all ages. Amenities include an in-ground swimming pool, high and low COPE courses, dining hall, cabins, climbing wall, bouldering wall, and much, much more.

The COPE course at HHCSR is one of its most well known attractions. The course consists first of low course activities designed on building teamwork and cooperation in a noncompetitive manner. Upon graduating the low course, individuals advance to the high COPE course, designed to enhance the individual, especially in the areas of self-confidence and self-actualization.

Interesting fact about the camp:

The Allin B. Dakin Dining Hall is named after the Administrative Dean of the University of Iowa. He was also the first scout to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout in the state of Iowa.

Must do before you Leave:

Experience the COPE course! The course takes place on specially designed and built structures, including the Burma Bridge, Balance Beam, Two Wire Traverse, Multi Line, Skywalk, HeeBee GeeBee, Vertical Playground, Cargo Net, Centipede, Giant's Ladder, Rappelling Wall, Confidence Pole, and a 300 ft zip line!



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