BGC Treasures Of Scouting-Action! Boy Scouts Series at Camp McKee for Scouts and Scouters

Geocaching is an entertaining adventure game for GPS users, with hundreds of thousands of active members in over 222 countries. It is a modified treasure hunt using GPS coordinates to locate the "prize" or cache. There are numerous public geocaches hidden around your community, probably very close to where you live. Many of these involve beautiful hikes and/or fun puzzles to solve to find the treasure. For its 100th anniversary, Boy Scouts of America has organized a number of activities to get Scouts and Scouters interested in geocaching. More information can be found at www.geoscouting.com or at www.geocaching.com .

This series of caches at Camp McKee is just for Scouts and Scouts attending an event at the camp. The caches are spread throughout the camp and will require a fair amount of walking to find them all. The caches are ranked by terrain and difficulty with 1 being easy and 5 being really hard.

There are also currently two public access caches that are on McKee grounds GC215VP Camp McKee Series—A Scout Is Tall and GCXAM1 Camp McKee Geocache #1. There will be at least two additional public access caches added in the near future. Log onto geocaching.com for more information about these current two.

1. BGC Treasures of Scouting-Action! Boy Scouts Series-Order of the Arrow Multi Cache

Start N 37° 56.256 W 083° 56.125

Terrain 2 ***Difficulty*** 2 ***Size*** Medium ***Type*** Multistep

The Order of the Arrow is an Honor Camper Organization founded in 1915 at the Treasure Island Pennsylvania Scout Camp by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson. The purposes of the Order of the Arrow is to: recognize those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, develop and maintain camping within the unit, and to crystallize the scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others. Kawida is the name of the local Order of the Arrow Lodge and it serves the Blue Grass Council.

This is a two-stage cache. At the posted coordinates you will find a marker indicating the distances to other Order of the Arrow Lodges in the area. Use the numbers on the marker to calculate the coordinates of the final stage where this cache is hidden

Final Coordinates N 37° 56.ABC W 083° 56.XYZ

ABC = Wapiti + Zit-Kala-Sha

XYZ = Talidandaganu + Wa-Hi-Nasa - Pellissippi - 30

2. BGC Treasures of Scouting-Action! Boy Scouts Series -Pioneer Mountain Trail

N 37° 56.039 W 083° 55.638

Terrain 1.5 ***Difficulty*** 1.5 ***Size*** Medium ***Type*** Traditional

The Pioneer Mountain Trail was hiked and laid out by Scouts in late 1960 and early 1961. The trail was officially opened on May 30, 1964 and has recently been restored with new trail markers and bridges. The trail is around 7.5 miles long and can be hiked in about 4 hours. The high point (1384 ft) is Grape Knob, which was once a stone quarry. Parts of the trail run along Pilot Knob Road (at

the eastern camp boundary). For 80 years this was the main road between what is now Ky 11 and Ky 15, until its closure in the 1940s. The Pioneer Mountain Trail makes for a great day hike for Scouts of all ages. Maps are available on the Camp McKee website.

3. BGC Treasures of Scouting-Action! Boy Scouts Series -Concrete Troll Cache

N 37° 56.147 W 083° 56.107

Terrain 1.5 ***Difficulty*** 2.5 ***Size*** Medium ***Type*** Traditional

This pedestrian bridge was built in 1976 by the "OA Construction Company" of Kawida Lodge. This is a simple magnetic cache which will require a great deal of stealth if camp is in session. Other times of the year, get dirty and enjoy the hunt.

4. BGC Treasures of Scouting-Action! Boy Scouts Series -Adirondacks

N 37° 55.624 W 083° 56.435

Terrain 2 ***Difficulty*** 1.5 ***Size*** Large ***Type*** Traditional

The Adirondack Shelters and Offutt Shelters are great destinations for short hiking/camping trips to introduce new Scouts to backpacking. There are three Offutt Shelters and two Adirondack Shelters that can be used for sleeping. Both sites have plenty of area for tents but you will need to make arrangements for water (either pack it in or purify). The sites are intended as backpacking destinations, not as drive-in campsites. Reservations for these sites can be made through the council office or the camp ranger.

5. BGC Treasures of Scouting-Action! Boy Scouts Series -Camp McKee's Master Plan

N 37° 55.979 W 083° 56.416

Terrain 1.5 ***Difficulty*** 2.5 ***Size*** Medium ***Type*** Puzzle

Mrs. Gertrude P. McKee began piecing together the land that became known as McKee Scout Reservation in the twenties. In the forties, seven tracts of land totaling more than three hundred acres were deeded over to the Blue Grass Council of the Boy Scouts of America. This land is well situated on the borders of Montgomery and Powell counties, and now consists of more than six hundred attractive acres.

A capital campaign was held in the late fifties to finance development of the property. In early April 1959 clearing and lumbering for the nearly seventeen acre lake began. The construction was done largely with donated time, materials and equipment. Work on the waterfront, activity areas, campsites, administration lodge, health lodge, trading post, and Keeneland dining hall preceded concurrently.

6. BGC Treasures of Scouting-Action! Boy Scouts Series -Picture Perfect Parking

N 37° 56.307 W 083° 55.932

Terrain 1.5 ***Difficulty*** 1.5 ***Size*** Small ***Type*** Traditional

During Summer Camp, including NYLT and Webelos Resident camp, cars are not allowed beyond the automatic gates located at the entrance of each parking lot. During the "off season" cars are allowed throughout the camp for unit camping, but not during large events, such as the Cub Scout Spring or Fall events, or district camporees.

7. BGC Treasures of Scouting-Action! Boy Scouts Series -Great Men Went Here

N 37° 55.991 W 083° 56.024

Terrain 1.5 ***Difficulty*** 2.5 ***Size*** Medium ***Type*** Traditional

Originally, Camp McKee was laid out as two camps, Camp Bishop and Camp Lee. Each had 10 campsites that housed at total of 200 Scouts. Some of the old "facilities" can still be found around camp. This old site is the "Druschel Campsite." Mr. Druschel was an engineer at IBM and was appointed vice president of camp development in 1961. He was so dedicated to this job, that he took a leave from IBM until his service to the camp was completed.

Camp McKee Caching Series for Scouts and Scouters

Hints:
1. Thank you Mr. Pine Beetle
2. It's where you think.
3. What's in a name?
4. Don't even think about it.
5. Read the text carefully!
6. Do you really need a hint?
7. No need to sit and think.