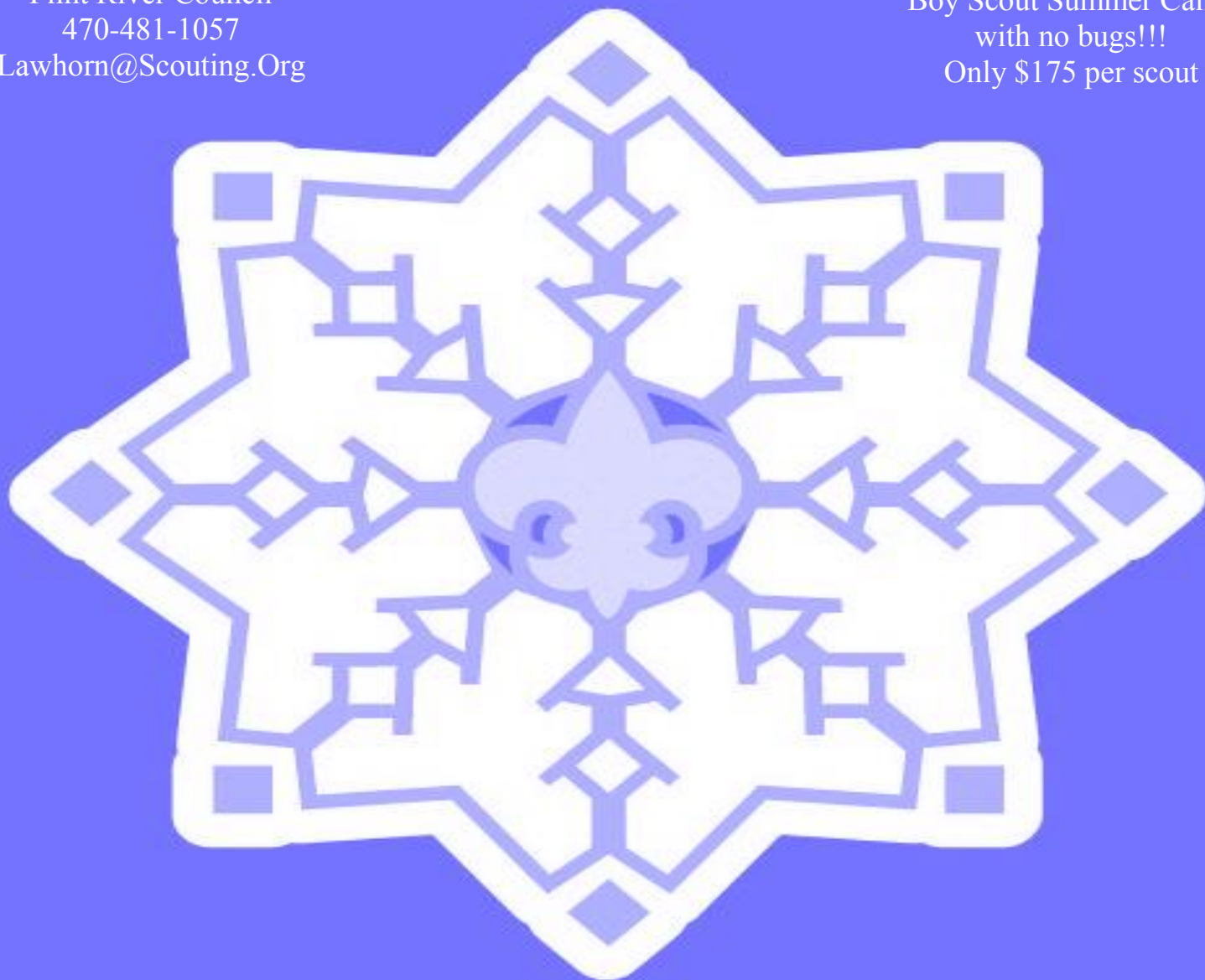


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Boy Scout Summer Camp
with no bugs!!!
Only \$175 per scout



POLARIS

LAWHORN SCOUTING BASE

Polaris Winter Adventure December 27—31st, 2019





Dear Scouts and Scouters:

Welcome to Polaris, the winter adventure at the Lawhorn Scouting Base. We are excited to have you as a part of the Polaris program and have a tremendous facility available for you and your troop.

Many activities await you and your Scouts at Polaris! The thrill of experiencing Georgia's natural beauty, finding yourself a new hobby, and immersing yourself in the fellowship of Scouting are just a few of the adventures you'll find.

The camp staff are committed to providing the best possible experience. Our priority is to exceed your expectations on program, facilities, and service. The staff has been carefully selected and trained to assist you. They are ready to help at any time.

Polaris is a true winter camp experience. Please take time to read this guide from cover to cover, absorb all of the information in it, and share it with your adult and junior leaders. Our program is the premier winter camp in the South. Please take time to prepare for your winter adventure.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our camping team. We will be happy to work with your troop in any way we can.

The Flint River Council Camping Team





Our Philosophy

We believe that all youth have the right to learn leadership, personal health, environmental stewardship, and social life skills through outdoor challenge in a fun and inclusive environment.

Our Mission

Provide eye-opening, awe-inspiring, and life-changing outdoor experiences.

Above all else, we will:

1. Ensure that each and every Scout has an enjoyable experience, which will develop into fond memories of camp and Scouting.
2. Ensure that, unconditionally, each and every Scout, Scouter, guest, and employee experiences Scouting as a safe haven. Camp will provide inclusive services and demand an atmosphere of non-degradation and celebration from all who participate.
3. Teach fundamental skills to each Scout and Scouter which relate to leadership, citizenship, personal well-being, and career development.
4. Seek to establish and maintain a unique environment where youth are socially outgoing and interact unselfishly with both peers and adults; foster new friendships through fellowship and joviality.

Directions to the Lawhorn Scouting Base



PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

506 Thundering Springs Road, Molena, Georgia, 30258

FROM GRIFFIN: (approximately 45 minutes) US 19 South to first light in Zebulon. Turn right on Georgia Highway 18 West through Concord and Molena to Georgia Highway 74. Turn left on GA 74 to travel east for 2 miles toward Thomaston. Turn right on Lawrence Road and make an immediate right onto Thundering Springs Road. Travel straight for 1/2 mile into the Lawhorn Scouting Base.

FROM NEWNAN: (approximately 1 hour) Georgia Highway 16 east to Senoia traffic light, then turn right onto Georgia Highway 85 South. Travel through Gay to Woodbury, turn left at stop light for Georgia Highways 74/18/109 and travel for ~4 miles. Continue to follow Georgia Highway 74 (stay right toward Thomaston) for 2 miles. Turn right on Lawrence Road and make an immediate right onto Thundering Springs Road. Travel straight for 1/2 mile into the Lawhorn Scouting Base.

FROM FAYETTEVILLE: (approximately 1 hour) Take Georgia Highway 85 South through Senoia and Gay to Woodbury, turn left at stop light for Georgia Highways 74/18/109 and travel for ~4 miles. Continue to follow Georgia Highway 74 (stay right toward Thomaston) for 2 miles. Turn right on Lawrence Road and make an immediate right onto Thundering Springs Road. Travel straight for 1/2 mile into the Lawhorn Scouting Base.

FROM THOMASTON: (approximately 15 minutes) Take Georgia Highway 74 West for ~14 miles. Turn left on Lawrence Road and make an immediate right onto Thundering Springs Road. Travel straight for 1/2 mile into the Lawhorn Scouting Base.

FROM I-75 SOUTH (traveling north): I-75 north to Macon, Georgia at exit 156 for I-475 bypass west. Take exit 5 for Georgia Highway 74 West / Thomaston Road. Follow Georgia Highway 74 West to Thomaston (~32 miles). Continue on Georgia Highway 74 West for ~14 miles. Turn left on Lawrence Road and make an immediate right onto Thundering Springs Road. Travel straight for 1/2 mile into the Lawhorn Scouting Base.

FROM I-75 NORTH (traveling south): I-75 south to McDonough, Georgia at exit 216 for Georgia Highway 155 West to Griffin. Take US 19 South to first light in Zebulon. Turn right on Georgia Highway 18 West through Concord and Molena to Georgia Highway 74. Turn left on GA 74 to travel east for 2 miles toward Thomaston. Turn right on Lawrence Road and make an immediate right onto Thundering Springs Road. Travel straight for 1/2 mile into the Lawhorn Scouting Base.

FROM I-85 SOUTH (traveling north): I-85 north to LaGrange, Georgia at exit 18 for Georgia Highway 109 East to Woodbury. Continue on Georgia Highways 74/18/109 and travel for ~4 miles. Stay to the right to follow Georgia Highway 74 (toward Thomaston) for 2 miles. Turn right on Lawrence Road and make an immediate right onto Thundering Springs Road. Travel straight for 1/2 mile into the Lawhorn Scouting Base.

For custom directions, please contact our camping staff.

Estimated Travel Times From Common Departures

Atlanta Airport: 1 hour, 15 minutes
Macon: 1 hour, 35 minutes
Savannah: 4 hours, 20 minutes
Valdosta: 3 hours, 40 minutes

Birmingham: 3 hours, 30 minutes
Orlando: 7 hours, 15 minutes
Miami: 10 hours, 55 minutes
Nashville: 5 hours, 40 minutes





PLANNING INFORMATION

Winter Camp Details:

DATE: December 27 - December 31, 2019

LOCATION:

Camp Thunder
506 Thundering Springs Road
Molena, Georgia 30258

RESERVATION DEPOSIT: \$50 per Unit

CAMP FEES: The basic camp fee includes campsite with platform tents and cots, toilet & shower facilities, eleven meals, program supplies & activities

| Participant Type | Camp Fees |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Youth paid in full by December 15 | \$175 |
| Adult paid in full by December 15 | \$75 |

(excluding handicraft kits and adventure fees).



*The deposit will be counted toward fees.

100% of fees are due by December 15.

The following fee schedule is required for all troops:

- \$50.00 Deposit due at time of registration
- \$75.00 per Scout & \$25.00 per additional adult (over 2 free) due November 1.
- Balance due by December 15
- After December 15th a \$5.00 per Scout late fee applies

Each unit receives 2 adult registrations for free! (with a minimum of 5 Scouts)

\$5 per Scout late fee for payments made after December 15.

Reservation Information:

Visit www.FlintRiverCouncil.org to complete the online registration form and make your deposit of \$50. Reservations must also include a projected number of male adults, female adults, male youth, and female youth attending.

Reservation deposits are non-refundable, but are applied 100% to camping fees. Individual cancellations made by November 1 will be refunded 75%. Individual cancellations made between November 1– December 1 will be refunded 50%. Individual cancellations made between December 2 and December 15 will be refunded 25%. **No refunds will be made for cancellations after December 15.**

Specific requests for campsites will be accepted, but cannot be guaranteed. Units that are paid in full first will receive priority campsite assignments. If bringing more individuals than your December 15th count, please bring tents to accommodate them. Campsites may have more than one unit assigned to them.



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When You Arrive

Check-in will be held on December 27th from 1:00-3:00pm.

All camp facilities will be closed until 1:00pm; the camp gate will be unlocked at 12:00pm.

1. Your unit will be greeted upon arrival at Howard Lodge and met by the Troop Guide.
Two (2) completed copies of your unit roster are required for check-in.
2. Pre-camp health screening forms must be turned in immediately.
3. One adult leader will remain to complete the check-in process. Your camp troop guide, youth, and all other adult leaders will begin their camp tour and proceed to the campsite. Before entering the campsite, an inspection will be completed. The camp tour includes a brief visit to program areas, and a dining hall orientation. We ask that adult leaders participate in this tour with the youth.
4. The adult completing check-in will meet with the medical officer to turn-in and review medical forms and medications. The unit's insurance information will be required at this time. Before being cleared to officially enter camp this leader will receive a program packet and other check-in information. Merit Badge Class Changes will be offered after opening campfire on the evening of the 27th.
5. An adult leader orientation will be held following dinner in Howard Lodge. A Senior Patrol Leader orientation will be held following dinner in the dining hall (check schedule for times). These sessions will include a review of the schedule and program areas. One representative from every unit is required to attend each session.

Checking-Out

Check-Out is on December 31st. All camp facilities will be closed at 10:30am.

1. Staff guides will be dispatched to your campsite immediately following breakfast to assist with check-out. They will inspect campsites in preparation for departure.
2. All trash must be removed from the campsite to the dumpster.
3. After campsite inspection is complete, an adult leader must report to the camp office to check-out and pick-up all medical forms. Medical forms left at camp will be transported to the Council Service Center and held for 7 days. It is the responsibility of the troop/parent to pick-up Health Forms left behind.

Camp Registration & Class Schedule Registration

All camp registration, payments, and class scheduling will be completed online through the link at www.flintrivercouncil.org. Additional assistance with any portion of camp registration is available at 470-481-1057 or Lawhorn@scouting.org.

Merit Badge Session registrations will be opened on November 18th.

Provisional Scouts

Scouts may attend Polaris on an individual basis as Provisional Scouts. Provisional Scouts will be provided with experienced adult leadership so that they can participate fully in the camp experience. Provisional Scouts must provide certification that they have accident/sickness insurance coverage. Provisional father/son groups are also common. Sign-up for provisional Scouts must be done by contacting the camping department at 470-481-1057.

If your troop is willing to host provisional Scouts during camp, please let us know.

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Refunds

Any overpayment of camp fees will be documented at check-in to camp. A check for the overpayment will be mailed from the council service center. We are not permitted to issue refunds from camp. Please note our refund policy and inform us in a timely manner when your numbers change for camp, as to not forfeit any funds paid for campers that are unable to attend.

Reservation deposits are non-refundable but are applied 100% to camping fees. Individual cancellations made by November 1 will be refunded 75%. Individual cancellations made between November 1 and December 1 will be refunded 50%. Individual cancellations made between December 2 and December 15 will be refunded 25%. No refunds will be made for cancellations after December 15.

Registration and Insurance

Out of Council Troops must provide proof that they have troop and/or council accident/sickness insurance coverage. Accident/Sickness insurance is not provided by the Gerald I. Lawhorn Scouting Base nor Flint River Council to units not registered in the Flint River Council.

Per National BSA Policy all adults (18+) staying in camp 72-hours or more must provide a copy of their BSA Membership ID.

Failure to provide documentation will result in the inability to camp.





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Medical Information

Every person who attends camp must submit a completed and signed BSA medical form, including a physical examination according to the standards on the form. Forms must be current and complete. These forms are due at time of arrival at camp; do not mail medical forms to camp in advance. All medical forms must be turned in on the Annual Health & Medical Record (34605).

Any person with an incorrect or out-of-date form will be required to visit a physician before entering camp, at the person's own expense.

Review your youth and adult medical forms in advance of leaving for camp. Give special attention to dietary restrictions and prescribed medications, family history, and emergency contact information.

Dietary restrictions must be submitted by December 1, 2019.

Pre-Camp Screenings:

All units are required to complete a pre-camp health screening using our form within 72 hours of their departure to camp. The screening can be completed by any adult who is 21 years old or older; it may be done via phone through the parents. This form must be turned in immediately upon check-in and participants as indicated must be left at home.

Arrival Screenings:

Upon arrival one adult leader will be required to complete a brief health screening with their unit and sign the arrival screening form. Individuals who are symptomatic, will be quarantined.

Outbreak Procedure:

In the event of an outbreak, participants with an illness will receive care in a quarantined environment. All others in their campsite will be immediately re-screened for fever and other symptoms.

Hospital or Doctor Visit:

In the event that a Scout requires medical attention from a physician or the hospital the following procedure will be followed:

1. It is the responsibility of the unit leadership to provide transportation for members of their unit requiring non-emergency attention.
2. At least one adult leader from the unit will accompany the Scout requiring medical services and must obtain the Scout's medical form before leaving camp property. Two-deep supervision is required at all times.
3. Parents or guardians will be notified immediately by the Camp Director or unit leader of any serious illness or injury. Parents not at home while Scout is at camp must advise adult leaders of contact information in the case of emergency.



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Pre-Camp Checklist

- _____ Review the Leader's Guide with the Patrol Leader's Council, Troop Committee, and Scoutmasters. Make notes and record any questions, then contact our camping representatives at 470-481-1057.
- _____ Ensure that all youth and adults complete the appropriate medical forms, collect them and review them. Do not mail medical forms to camp; bring them with you for check-in.
- _____ **Communication with Parents:**
 - * Collect all camp fees.
 - * Communicate time, place, and date of departure for camp and arrival home.
 - * Communicate the camp's mailing address:
506 Thundering Springs Rd., Molena, GA 30258.
 - * Communicate the camp's emergency contact number: 706-647-9539.
 - * Give blank copy of medical form and deadline for them to be complete and returned.
 - * Communicate directions to camp (or direct to website: www.flintrivercouncil.org)
- _____ **\$75 per Scout payment & \$25 per additional adult due by November 1.**
- _____ **100% of Camp Fees due by December 15. (\$5 late fee if paid after Dec. 15th).**
- _____ **Troop Committee:**
 - * Arrange for necessary adult leadership, minimum 2 adults at all times.
 - * Arrange for necessary transportation to and from camp.
- _____ **Patrol Leader's Council:**
 - * Develop a list of troop and patrol equipment to take to camp.
- _____ **Individual Registration:**
 - * Register each individual (Scout and adult) online at www.flintrivercouncil.org.
 - * Discuss class schedules with Scouts and preparations required prior to camp.
 - * Register for classes online (opens on November 18 for those paid in full).
- _____ **Going to Camp:**
 - * Final review of checklist.
 - * Collect and review medical forms for signatures and insurance information.
 - * Complete troop roster (2 copies) for check-in with unit insurance policy number.
 - * Conduct pre-camp health screening within 72 hours of departure.





PLANNING INFORMATION

What To Bring To Camp

Personal Gear

- ☐ Complete Scout Uniform
- ☐ Sweater and/or Jacket
- ☐ Swim Suit (Polar Bear Swim)
- ☐ Long pants and long sleeved shirts
- ☐ Scout related T-shirt (3 minimum)
- ☐ Raincoat or Poncho
- ☐ Hiking boots
- ☐ 3 Season Sleeping Bag and pillow
- ☐ Sweat pants
- ☐ Belt
- ☐ Socks (4 pair)
- ☐ Extra footwear
- ☐ Underwear/Long Underwear
- ☐ Gloves
- ☐ Hat

Toilet Articles

- ☐ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ☐ Wash Cloth/Towels
- ☐ Soap and Shampoo
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Comb/Brush
- ☐ Sunscreen

Patrol Gear

- ☐ Flags
- ☐ Patrol Leader's Handbook
- ☐ Patrol First Aid Kit
- ☐ Patrol Cook Kit

Advancement Materials

- ☐ Scout Handbook
- ☐ Notebook w/pens or pencils
- ☐ Merit Badge pamphlets

Other Items

- ☐ Flashlight w/new batteries
- ☐ Pocketknife
- ☐ Spending money (\$60 average)
- ☐ Personal first aid kit
- ☐ Fishing gear
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Compass
- ☐ Camera and film
- ☐ OA Sash
- ☐ Canteen/water bottles
- ☐ Day pack
- ☐ Alarm clock

Troop Gear

- ☐ Firewood
- ☐ Portable Shelter with sides
- ☐ Water cooler
- ☐ Propane stove
- ☐ Silverware
- ☐ American and Troop flags
- ☐ Troop library
- ☐ Troop first aid kit
- ☐ Rope
- ☐ Shovel and other tools
- ☐ Coolers
- ☐ Lanterns

Leave At Home:

Hunting & sheath knives

Fireworks

Firearms and ammunition

Personal electronics (iPods, game systems, etc.)

***Lawhorn Scouting Base and Flint River Council
will NOT be liable for damages, theft, and/or loss
of personal items and belongings.***





GENERAL INFORMATION

As a Scouting facility, the rules for personal and group behavior are the ideals found in Scouting.

SCOUT OATH

On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
And to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

SCOUT LAW

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly
Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty,

LAWHORN OUTDOORS PLEDGE

As a conservation-minded individual I vow
to safeguard the Lawhorn outdoors. I am
dedicated in actions and education to:

- ♦ Conserving and protecting water as a valuable resource.
- ♦ Respecting all plant and animal life.
- ♦ Proper use of trails and campsites.
- ♦ A place free from litter and graffiti.
- ♦ Treating each step with thought for the impact it makes.
- ♦ Leaving what should be left and taking

OUTDOOR CODE

As an American, I will do my best to
Be clean in my outdoor manners,
Be careful with fire,
Be considerate in the outdoors, and



Beyond these ideals, the following rules are enforced at the Lawhorn Scouting Base:

- Fireworks are prohibited.
- Throwing rocks is forbidden.
- All cars must be parked in one of the camp parking lots.
- Alcoholic beverages and illicit substances are prohibited.
- Closed-toed shoes must be worn at all times. Sandals may only be worn at the waterfront and at the showers.
- All campers and visitors must sign-in/sign-out at the camp office.
- Two-deep leadership is required at all times for youth. BSA Youth Protection guidelines must be practiced.
- No thru traffic in program areas.
- No running on trails, hills, or stairways.
- Bicycles are not permitted (unless enrolled in the mountain biking program).
- No one may ride in the back of a truck or trailer; seat belts must be worn by anyone in a moving vehicle.



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Adult Leader & Senior Patrol Leader Meetings

An orientation meeting for Scoutmasters will be held after dinner the first night in the Howard Lodge. Special announcements concerning the camp, its policies and procedures, or any specific needs or questions about the camp operation will be covered at this meeting. It is important that every unit is represented.

A Senior Patrol Leader meeting will be held each day after lunch in the dining hall. A brief meeting concerning check-out will be held on the final evening of camp, directly following closing campfire, in Howard Lodge; this is for Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders.

Transportation

Each troop is responsible for safe transportation to and from camp and must meet the insurance requirements of the Boy Scouts of America found on the appropriate tour permit. Members of the Boy Scouts of America may not be transported at any time in the back of pickup trucks; members must wear seat belts at all times.

Vehicles in Camp

No personal vehicles are allowed past the parking lot. Troop trailers may be dropped in troop campsites. Vehicles driving in camp must turn on headlights and hazard lights. The speed limit in camp is 9 mph. Violation of this speed limit will result in dismissal from the camp property.

Parking

Parking lots are provided at the front and back entrances. Vehicles are not permitted past these lots without the appropriate permit.

Leaving During Camp

Scouts and adults should have no reason to leave camp except for an emergency. If a Scout must leave camp for an emergency, they must be under the supervision of appropriate adult leadership. Please sign out at the camp office prior to leaving and upon return.

Mail Service

Mail service to camp generally takes 2-5 days. Be sure to register and insure all packages. Leaders may pick up mail at the office just before dinner.

To write a Scout at camp, the address is:

Troop # "Scout's Name"
Lawhorn Scouting Base
506 Thundering Springs Rd
Molena, Georgia 30258





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Cell Phone Service

Cell phone service at camp is very limited and most carriers do not receive service. The most reliable provider is Verizon. Scout cell phone use is not permitted during merit badge classes.

Phone Messages

Messages will be delivered to the troop's mailbox. In the event of an emergency, we will attempt to hand deliver the message to an adult leader.

Litter

"A Scout is Clean". Trash must be taken to the dumpster at the parking lot; there is no campsite trash service.

Pets

All pets are to be left at home. Pets of any type are not permitted; including those brought by parents or visitors. Registered service animals are the only animals allowed.

Chemical Fuels Policy

For safety, knowledgeable adult supervision must be present when Scouts are involved in the use, handling, lighting, or storage of chemical fuels (liquids, jellies, or gas). All fuels must be stored in a locked container. Battery operated lanterns and flashlights should be used by all Scouts in camping activities. No fuel, lanterns, stoves, or candles are to be used in or near tents and camp structures.

Emergency Procedures

The camp has its own alarm system. It is important that everyone in camp be aware of the camp system. Some emergency equipment is in each site. At the emergency signal, all personnel will assemble in their campsites and the troop guide will be dispatched to verify the headcount and provide detailed instructions.

Uniform

The BSA field uniform is worn for evening flag ceremonies, dinner, and campfires. Activity uniforms are appropriate for the remainder of the day. Uniforms must always be worn buttoned up and tucked in.



GENERAL INFORMATION



Ammunition, Firearms, and Related Items

Personal weapons and ammunition are not allowed on the Lawhorn Scouting Base. No hunting arrows, ammunition, or rocket engines may be brought on the property.

Fishing

Fishing in the river requires a license.

Lost and Found

Lost and found items will be turned into the camp office. Leaders should encourage Scouts to mark their belongings with name and troop number. Lost and found items will be kept for 1 week after collected, then donated to a local charity.

Smoking

The Lawhorn Scouting Base is a tobacco-free facility. Adults with tobacco habits may use tobacco in the secluded area behind the dining hall. Use of tobacco in any other area will result in dismissal from the property.

Quartermaster

Units may pick up latrine supplies and cleaning equipment as needed. Scout leaders may also pick up tools for special camp projects. The troop is responsible for the return of all items checked out in clean, working order. All items checked out are to be returned prior to check out. Please arrange check out of tools and cleaning supplies through the Commissioner Staff.

Damage to Camp Facilities

All campsites and equipment will be inspected upon check-in and check-out. Any damages will be assessed by the Camp Director and will be paid in full upon leaving camp. Damages may include lost or damaged equipment, defacing tents or buildings, or ecological damage. Please conduct a thorough check-in inspection.

Sample charges for damage are as follows (full list available):

Beds

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| Mattress Replacement (rips, cuts, writing) | \$250.00 |
| Frame Replacement | \$500.00 |

Tents & Flys

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| Rips & Tears per inch | \$60.00 |
| Writing on canvas per panel | \$100.00 |
| Tent Replacement | \$1,000.00 |
| Tent Fly Replacement | \$800.00 |



GENERAL INFORMATION

Dining Hall Operations

Meal Times: See schedule upon check-in.

Each troop will be assigned tables on the day of arrival, during the camp tour. One waiter is needed for every 8 people. Waiters need to report to the dining hall 15 minutes prior to the meal. Leaders are asked to help supervise cleanup.

Responsibilities of Waiters:

Table Waiters set each place setting with a napkin and silverware. Waiters also fill pitchers and set out any meal items. They also assist with the clean-up of the dining hall, restrooms, and serving hallway. After the meal, waiters must do the following:

1. Wipe off tables.
2. Sweep underneath tables and mop as necessary.

Trays and Utensils:

The plastic trays, glasses, and metal utensils are to be placed in their appropriate dirty location. Scout leaders must provide supervision.

Meals:

The menu for each meal has been planned and approved by a nutrition expert. We proudly include fruit at breakfast with our fruit bar. Breakfast selections also include oatmeal and cereal each day.

A salad bar will be available for lunch and dinner, which will include hot soups and peanut butter & jelly sandwiches. We also will offer our baked potato bar with dinner each evening. We strive to provide many different options to insure no one goes away hungry from any meal.

Additional options are always available for those with special needs and those who would like additional food. However, we cannot guarantee allergen free meals, and are happy to work with the families of Scouts with specific allergies on a reduced priced plan if they are providing their own food for their Scout. We also will provide storage (cold and dry storage) and heating options for those with special needs. Dietary restrictions must be submitted by December 1, 2019.





Program Information

The next few pages contain information on our camp programs for Polaris. Our curriculum has been developed through a unique collaboration of Scoutmasters, summer camp staff, and our council's camping and advancement committees. We are proud of the variety of programs we are able to offer, and with the highest quality found in Scouting!

Winter camping is primarily about fun! Too often, younger Scouts create an aggressive class schedule focused exclusively on advancement. Please work with your Scouts to help create appropriate schedules that mix advancement with adventure and fun.

Many of our programs have age-appropriate suggestions. We encourage you to use these guidelines when Scouts are creating their class schedules.

You will find that some of our class offerings include prerequisites. Also, in some cases, a merit badge must already have been earned prior to camp. For example, in order to take the Emergency Preparedness merit badge, a Scout must already have earned First Aid. We do not permit Scouts to take these classes concurrently; the prerequisite must be completed before camp starts.

Prerequisites listed in our program guide will not be covered in class. Scouts may bring proof of completion on these prerequisites to class for the instructor to review before or after class. Or, the troop may review these items toward completion of the merit badge.

Please encourage your Scouts to take a variety of courses at camp! We believe that camp is about outdoor adventure and challenge; a Scout only enrolled in academic classes is missing out.

The course guide that follows is tentative. The updated version will appear on the website in time for online class scheduling.

Occasionally, we may offer additional courses when skilled instruction is available. If any of your leaders is able to instruct a unique merit badge course to completion, please let us know!

Program Departments

We will be offering courses in the following program departments:

- Ecology & Science
- Handicraft
- Life Skills
- Outdoor Skills
- Shooting Sports
- Specialty Programs

Legend for Course Guide

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| 1-Period (75-minute) class | X |
| 2-period (half-day) class | |
| 4-period (full-day) class | |



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Merit Badge Schedule is subject to change. We will have a schedule change meeting the first night of camp after campfire at Howard Lodge.

| Handicraft | 9:00am | 10:30am | 2:00pm | 3:30pm | Additional Information |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---|
| Metalwork | | X | X | | MB Kit: \$15 |
| Leatherwork | X | | | X | MB Kit: \$10 |
| Photography | | X | X | | Bring digital camera |
| Pottery | X | | X | | MB Kit: \$5 |
| Wood Carving | | | | X | MB Kit: \$6 |
| Ecology & Science | 9:00am | 10:30am | 2:00pm | 3:30pm | Additional Information |
| Environmental Science | X | X | X | X | Suggested for 3rd year scouts |
| Forestry | | | X | | |
| Geology | X | | | | |
| Nature & Weather | | X | | | |
| Reptile & Amphibian Study | | | | X | Prerequisite:8 |
| Life Skills | 9:00am | 10:30am | 2:00pm | 3:30pm | Additional Information |
| Communication | X | | X | | Req. 5 & 8 to be completed at home |
| Citizenship in the Nation | | X | X | | Scouts will visit FDR's Little White House \$12 fee |
| Citizenship in the World | X | | | X | Completion of 7c dependent on International Scouter |
| Crime Prevention & Fire Safety | | | | X | Prerequisite 7 for Crime Prevention; |
| Emergency Preparedness | X | | | X | Must have First Aid MB |
| First Aid | | X | X | | MB Kit: \$8 |
| Law | | X | | | |



PROGRAM INFORMATION

| Outdoor Skills | 9:00am | 10:30am | 2:00pm | 3:30pm | Additional Information |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---|
| Camping | X | | | X | 4B, 5E, 7B, 8D, 9AB—may not be completed at camp |
| Cooking | | | X | X | Requirements concerning preparation of meals will not be completed |
| Pioneering | | | X | | 3rd year scouts suggested. Need to know lashings and knots |
| Orienteering & Geocaching | | X | | | Bring a compass |
| Wilderness Survival | X | | | | Overnighter dependent on weather at Winter Camp, Bring sleeping bag, ground cloth, and flashlight |
| Sci-Tech | 9:00am | 10:30am | 2:00pm | 3:30pm | Additional Information |
| Digital Technology | X | | X | | |
| Robotics | X | | X | | |
| Chemistry | | X | | | MB Kit: \$10 |
| Engineering | | | X | | 3rd year Scouts and older Suggested |
| Graphic Arts | | | | X | 3rd year Scouts and older Suggested |
| Inventing | | X | | | Requirement 8 will not be completed at camp |
| Space Exploration | X | | | X | \$10.00 Kit fee for rocket kit; Totin' Chip recommended |
| Shooting Sports | 9:00am | 10:30am | 2:00pm | 3:30pm | Additional Information |
| Archery | X | | X | | \$5.00 fee |
| Rifle | | | X | | \$5.00 fee |
| Shotgun | X | | | | Must be 13 or have rifle merit badge - \$20.00 Fee |
| Specialty Programs | 9:00am | 10:30am | 2:00pm | 3:30pm | Additional Information |
| COPE | X | | | | Must be 13 - \$10.00 Fee |
| Climbing | | | X | | Must be 13 - \$10.00 Fee |

PROGRAM INFORMATION



| Specialty Programs (cont'd) | 9:00am | 10:30am | 2:00pm | 3:30pm | Additional Information |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--|
| Buckskin | X | | | | For New Scouts who are not yet Tenderfoot |
| Pathfinder | | | X | | For Tenderfoot Scouts working on 2nd & 1st Class |

Buckskin

The Buckskin program has been designed to give Scouts the greatest opportunity to learn basic Boy Scouting skills. As part of our training for your Scouts, please complete the Individual History Form (pg. 31) provided and return it to the Buckskin Director when you check-in at camp. The Scout will then be organized into a patrol based on the requirements they need to complete. For brand new Scouts who will work on Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class requirements. This program is offered as a half-day course (periods 1 & 2).

Pathfinder

For Tenderfoot Scouts working on Second Class who would like to concentrate on rank advancement and Scouting skills. This program is offered as a half day course (periods 3 & 4).

Preparation

What to Bring to Buckskin/Pathfinder:

- Boy Scout Handbook
- Water bottle
- Individual History form, turned in at Troop's check-in

Physical Fitness Test:

Scouts will complete the physical fitness test (Tenderfoot 10a). Scouts who have completed this requirement at least 30 days prior to camp will complete the requirement 10b instead. This must be shown on their Individual History Form.

Buckskin Homework:

There is very little work for Buckskin assigned outside of the class period. Scouts will be told what will be covered on the following day so they can review the topics in advance. Homework will include the gathering of tinder, kindling, and fuel and First Class requirement 7c (make a camp gadget). For this project, smaller items can be brought to class and larger items will be certified by a note from their leader.

Eagle's Nest

The Eagle's Nest was designed to give all Life and Star Scouts the opportunity to prepare for their Eagle Project. This three day course will allow all participating Scouts to learn how to write an Eagle Project, record hours, learn fundraising ideas, and prepare for a Board of Review. We will even have a mock Eagle Board.

| Eagle's Nest | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Additional Information | Minimum Rank |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|---|--------------|
| Eagle Prep | X | X | X | Scouts should bring any/all Eagle plans | Star |



PROGRAM INFORMATION

Out Cold

One night at camp, courageous Scouts are invited to build their own winter shelter from natural materials and brave the night chills. Scouts that successfully spend the night will receive the special "Out Cold" patch.

Night Flyer

Feel the wind in your hair, air below your feet and the thrill of a night time zip line and rappelling experience! This experience is open to all ages, but only those 13 and above will be able to zip line all for the low cost of \$5 per participant.

Adults are welcome to participate!

Scouts will have the opportunity to sign-up for this night program upon arrive at camp. This program is conducted during free time. See the program director at camp for more information.

Polar Bear Swim

Join the Polar Bear Club by taking a dip in freezing Lake Ini-To. This is the only time, all year to receive this prestigious patch.

Tentatively scheduled for the 28th after lunch; schedule may be postponed because of weather conditions. Be sure to bring towels and warm clothes to change into immediately.

A medic and lifeguards will be on-site to assist participants in this program. Fires will be lit on the beach to help participants to warm-up.





PROGRAM INFORMATION

Twilight Programs

As the sun sets and the temperatures drop, the dining hall will be open each evening for twilight program. Scouts can sit by the fireplace to trade patches, play games, or work on additional merit badges. The staff will be on-hand to challenge or assist.

COPE

Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience)

COPE is comprised of groups of initiative games, and low and high course activities.

Are you up to this 15-hour course that will test your leadership, communication skills, decision making/problem solving skills? We will test your skills while 25 feet up in the trees!

COPE is for Scouts who are 13+ by arrival.

Scouts participating in the COPE program will need to bring long pants with pockets and shoes with tread.



Climbing

Each participant will be working towards the Climbing merit badge on our 24-foot, 36-foot, and 60-foot towers, Carolina tower, and 35-foot natural face: Dripping Rock (weather dependent). Also includes rappelling and climbing technique, plus climbing safety.

Scouts will need to bring long pants with pockets and shoes with tread.
(Boots are not recommended).



PROGRAM INFORMATION



The schedule for Polaris will be released upon arrival to camp. This is a sample schedule.

Daily Schedule

December 27

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Check-In..... | 1:00-3:00pm | Administration Building |
| Formation..... | 5:55pm | Flagpoles |
| Dinner..... | 6:00pm | Dining Hall |
| SM/SPL Orientation..... | 7:00pm | Admin. Building/Dining Hall |
| Opening Campfire..... | 8:00pm | Council Ring |
| Merit Badge Class Change meeting..... | after campfire | Howard Lodge |

December 28

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Formation..... | 7:55am | Flagpoles |
| Breakfast..... | 8:00am | Dining Hall |
| 1st Period..... | 9:00am | Program Areas |
| 2nd Period..... | 10:30am | Program Areas |
| Lunch..... | 12:15pm | Dining Hall |
| Polar Bear Swim..... | 1:15pm | Waterfront* |
| 3rd Period..... | 2:00pm | Program Areas |
| 4th Period..... | 3:30pm | Program Areas |
| Formation..... | 5:55pm | Flagpoles |
| Dinner..... | 6:00pm | Dining Hall |
| Evening Activities..... | 7:00pm | Dining Hall |

December 29

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Formation..... | 7:55am | Flagpoles |
| Breakfast..... | 8:00am | Dining Hall |
| 1st Period..... | 9:00am | Program Areas |
| 2nd Period..... | 10:30am | Program Areas |
| Lunch..... | 12:15pm | Dining Hall |
| 3rd Period..... | 2:00pm | Program Areas |
| 4th Period..... | 3:30pm | Program Areas |
| Formation..... | 5:55pm | Flagpoles |
| Dinner..... | 6:00pm | Dining Hall |
| Evening Activities..... | 7:00pm | Dining Hall |

December 30

| | | |
|---|---------|-------------------------|
| Formation..... | 7:55am | Flagpoles |
| Breakfast..... | 8:00am | Dining Hall |
| Non-denominational Worship Service..... | 8:30am | Dining Hall |
| 1st Period..... | 9:00am | Program Areas |
| 2nd Period..... | 10:30am | Program Areas |
| Lunch..... | 12:15pm | Dining Hall |
| 3rd Period..... | 2:00pm | Program Areas |
| 4th Period..... | 3:30pm | Program Areas |
| Formation..... | 5:55pm | Flagpoles |
| Dinner..... | 6:00pm | Dining Hall |
| Leader..... | 7:00pm | Administration Building |
| Evening Activities..... | 7:00pm | Dining Hall |
| Closing Campfire..... | 8:30pm | Council Ring |

December 31

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Breakfast..... | 8:00am | Dining Hall |
| Check-Out/Depart..... | 9:00am | Administration Building |

Program Information



A Scout is Reverent

The final point of the Scout Law is an integral part of camp.

The Thunder Grace will be said each day at morning and evening assembly. We encourage you to have your Chaplain's Aide lead your troop in grace each day before lunch. It is helpful if your Scouts and leaders learn the Thunder Grace before coming to camp.

Thunder Grace

Dear Lord,
Thank you for the mountains, skies and rivers.
For Scouting at Camp Thunder,
Bless this food and protect us from it,
As we experience your creation.
AMEN.



Sample Forms



UNIT ROSTER

Date of Arrival _____ # of Youth _____ # of Adults _____ Unit # _____ Council _____

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Sample Forms



SCOUT RELEASE FROM CAMP REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS

Scouts desiring to leave camp prior to the troop's departure or not as part of the troop must have a release signed by their parents and approved by the troop leader. Scouts will normally be permitted to leave only when accompanied by their parents. The form below must be used in handling all such departures. In an emergency, it may not be possible for a parent or parents to sign the release. In that situation sufficient information must be recorded attesting to the telephone call or means of communication by which word arrived asking for the release of the scout. This information should document the person from whom the call was received, verify telephone confirmation of the parent asking for release of the Scout and give detailed reasons for the requested release.

Scout Requested to be Released: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Council _____ Council City HQ _____

Troop # _____ Campsite _____

Reason for Request to Leave _____

Date of Release: _____ Time: _____ Method of Travel: _____

Adult Accompanied By: _____

Date of Return: _____ Time: _____

In signing this request for release the BSA, the Flint River Council, the unit leaders, and the Scout's parents or guardians mutually acknowledge that there will be no refund of the camp fee; and that the BSA or its representatives shall not be held liable for any loss or injury to the Scout's person or property.

The request is made by (parents' or guardians' signature except as noted for emergency departure requests).

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____

Address _____

Telephone (H) _____ Request made (date & time) _____
(C) _____

Troop Leader Approval _____

ON-SITE RELEASE

Before leaving the campsite or troop, scouts must check-out with their troop leader and camp headquarters.

Signed By Troop Leader _____ Troop # _____ Date _____

Signed By Camp Headquarters _____ Date _____

Keep original for use at the time of release. Give parents a copy.

Sample Forms



PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION RECC

Troop_____ Campsite_____

Scouts Name_____ Parent's Name_____

Address_____ Phone_____

Name of Drug_____ Dosage_____

Medication_____ Strength_____

Reason for medication_____

When was the medication started?_____ Temporary_____ Permanent_____

Side effects: (please circle all that apply) reactions to food, dehydration, stress, iodine, other medications, decreased balance, decreased appetite, motor skills, concentration, drowsiness, lethargy, etc.):

Special storage instructions_____ Quantity In_____ Quantity Out_____

Health Officer Signature_____ Leader Signature_____

Troop_____ Campsite_____

Scouts Name_____ Parent's Name_____

Address_____ Phone_____

Name of Drug_____ Dosage_____

Medication_____ Strength_____

Reason for medication_____

When was the medication started?_____ Temporary_____ Permanent_____

Side effects: (please circle all that apply) reactions to food, dehydration, stress, iodine, other medications, decreased balance, decreased appetite, motor skills, concentration, drowsiness, lethargy, etc.):

Special storage instructions_____ Quantity In_____ Quantity Out_____

Health Officer Signature_____ Leader Signature_____

I agree to be available for direct communication from the person dispensing or administering the medication. Specific conditions under which I should be contacted regarding the condition or reactions of the scout receiving the medications are:_____

Phone_____ Physician Signature_____

Make copies as needed.

Sample Forms



Unit Pre-Camp Health Screening Form

Unit: _____ Date of Screening: _____

Conducted By: _____

All participants must be included in this screening (adult and youth) within 72 hours of arrival. Record their temperature, and any signs of nasal congestion, sore throat, or cough.

Any participant with a temperature of 100° or more may not depart and must be left at home.

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Sample Forms



Important Trip Information

Write down the following information and give a copy to all adults.
Give a second copy to the camp director upon check-in.

Whom should we notify in case of an accident involving a member of your troop?

Name_____

Phone_____

Address_____

Who will accompany injured or ill Scouts home?

Name_____

Phone_____

Address_____

Who will take charge of your troop in your Scoutmaster's absence?

Name_____

Phone_____

Address_____

Whom should we contact in case of breakdown or separation?

Name_____

Phone_____

Address_____



Sample Forms

Individual Advancement History

Name _____

Troop _____

Council _____

Requirements listed are as of January 2016.

Tenderfoot Rank

Camping and Outdoor Ethics

- 1a. ☐ ☐ ☐
1b. ☐ ☐ ☐
1c. ☐ ☐ ☐

Cooking

- 2a. ☐ ☐ ☐
2b. ☐ ☐ ☐
2c. ☐ ☐ ☐

Tools

- 3a. ☐ ☐ ☐
3b. ☐ ☐ ☐
3c. ☐ ☐ ☐
3d. ☐ ☐ ☐

First Aid and Nature

- 4a. ☐ ☐ ☐
4b. ☐ ☐ ☐
4c. ☐ ☐ ☐
4d. ☐ ☐ ☐

Hiking

- 5a. ☐ ☐ ☐
5b. ☐ ☐ ☐
5c. ☐ ☐ ☐

Fitness

- 6a. ☐ ☐ ☐
6b. ☐ ☐ ☐
6c. ☐ ☐ ☐

Citizenship

- 7a. ☐ ☐ ☐
7b. ☐ ☐ ☐

Leadership

8. ☐ ☐ ☐
Scout Spirit
9. ☐ ☐ ☐
10. ☐ ☐ ☐
11. ☐ ☐ ☐

Second Class

Camping and Outdoor Ethics

- 1a. ☐ ☐ ☐
1b. ☐ ☐ ☐
1c. ☐ ☐ ☐

Cooking and Tools

- 2a. ☐ ☐ ☐
2b. ☐ ☐ ☐
2c. ☐ ☐ ☐
2d. ☐ ☐ ☐

Navigation

- 3a. ☐ ☐ ☐
3b. ☐ ☐ ☐
3c. ☐ ☐ ☐
3d. ☐ ☐ ☐

Nature

4. ☐ ☐ ☐
Aquatics
5a. ☐ ☐ ☐
5b. ☐ ☐ ☐

First Aid

- 6a. ☐ ☐ ☐
6b. ☐ ☐ ☐
6c. ☐ ☐ ☐

Citizenship

- 7a. ☐ ☐ ☐
7b. ☐ ☐ ☐
7c. ☐ ☐ ☐

Leadership

8. ☐ ☐ ☐
Scout Spirit
9. ☐ ☐ ☐
10. ☐ ☐ ☐
11. ☐ ☐ ☐

Fitness

12. ☐ ☐ ☐

Citizenship

- 8a. ☐ ☐ ☐
8b. ☐ ☐ ☐
8c. ☐ ☐ ☐
8d. ☐ ☐ ☐
8e. ☐ ☐ ☐

Personal Safety Awareness

- 9a. ☐ ☐ ☐
9b. ☐ ☐ ☐
9c. ☐ ☐ ☐

Scout Spirit

10. ☐ ☐ ☐
11. ☐ ☐ ☐
12. ☐ ☐ ☐

Attendance:

- Circle if not present
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

Certified by these Buckskin Instructors:

Sample Forms



First Class

Camping and Outdoor Ethics

1a. / / /

Cooking

2a. / / /

2b. / / /

2c. / / /

2d. / / /

2e. / / /

3a. / / /

3b. / / /

3c. / / /

3d. / / /

Tools

Navigation

4a. / / /

Nature

5a. / / /

5b. / / /

5c. / / /

5d. / / /

6a. / / /

6b. / / /

6c. / / /

6d. / / /

6e. / / /

Aquatics

First Aid and Emergency Prep

7a. / / /

7b. / / /

7c. / / /

7d. / / /

7e. / / /

7f. / / /

8a. / / /

8b. / / /

9a. / / /

9b. / / /

9c. / / /

9d. / / /

10. / / /

Citizenship

Leadership

SAMPLE



Class Scheduling Worksheet

Troop _____ Scoutmaster _____ Phone _____

| | Scout's Name | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | 4th Period | 1st Alternate | 2nd Alternate |
|-----|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | | | |
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| 15. | | | | | | | |
| 16. | | | | | | | |
| 17. | | | | | | | |
| 18. | | | | | | | |

Use this form to plan out their schedules. If you are submitting your schedule to camp for registration, please use this form.

Week Attending _____ Campsite _____



Call us today to make your reservation for Winter Camp!

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