

NATCHEZ TRACE COUNCIL

WINTER CAMP

LEADER'S GUIDE

CAMP SEMINOLE

NOVEMBER 18-21, 2023



2023

Camp Director's Message to All,

Thank you for supporting the Natchez Trace Council's Winter Camp 2023 at Camp Seminole. Our priority is to offer a fun experience for Scouts during the Thanksgiving Holiday break while providing opportunities to earn merit badges.

Our main goal for Winter Camp this year is FUN! We are offering a selection of 15 merit badges for the Scouts to choose from. Each Scout will be able to earn up to four merit badges.

A great time will be had by all, and we cannot wait to see you at Camp Seminole!

Leaders, Please Note:

This Leader's Guide offers guidelines, rules, and procedures that each adult and youth must follow if we are to offer a quality Winter Camp experience. You are encouraged to read the Leader's Guide carefully to guide you through your Unit's planning process. Some highlights are:

Camp Fees	Pages 4 & 5
Events/Merit Badges	Page 13 & 15
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Winter Camp Tips	Page 23

As you review the Leader's Guide, please note that there are deadlines, required forms, and required equipment. The staff is prepared to present an exciting, fun-filled Scouting experience. We look forward to meeting you at Camp!

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Planning Information

Sign up for a campsite as soon as possible at the Council Service Center or online. Be ready to give a close initial estimate of how many Scouts and Leaders will attend.

A physical examination before camp is mandatory for each adult and youth attending camp. The physical examination must be current (within the last 12 months). Physicals must be completed on the official BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, A and B forms (no other physicals will be accepted). This form is available online at https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-001_ab.pdf. Persons without a current and complete BSA Annual Health and Medical Record will not be allowed to remain at camp.

Hold a Parent's Night to promote Winter Camp (Agenda in Appendix). Discuss the Winter Camp program with your Unit and have each Scout complete an Activity Worksheet (Activity Worksheet in Appendix).

Discuss and assemble Unit and personal gear that you will need to bring with you to camp. Remember that tents are not provided at Camp Seminole.

Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or older are required at all Scouting activities. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth. Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age-and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided.

Unit Registration is open on the Natchez Trace Council webpage, <https://www.natcheztracecouncil.org/>. **Do not send individuals to the Council Service Center to register!**

You may pay online by credit card or at the Council Service Center by check.

When paying by Unit with personal checks, please indicate your Unit number on the check and make the check payable to: Natchez Trace Council, BSA.

Camp Fees & Campsite Reservations

Winter Camp will take place at Camp Seminole. Camp Seminole is located at 2244 Sun Creek Road, Starkville, Mississippi 39759.

Campsites are reserved based upon the number of Scouts signed up and the actual number arriving at camp. Make sure you have given the Council Service Center accurate projections. It is our hope that all Units can have their first choice of campsite; unfortunately, this is not always possible. Campsites may be changed if your number decreases or increases dramatically. The decision of the Camp Director is FINAL.

A Provisional Unit will be established for Scouts who cannot attend camp with their Unit. Contact the Council Service Center at (662) 842-2871 for more information.

Camp Fees

- \$135 Youth Early Bird Discount Rate if registered by October 25th with \$50 deposit.
- \$160 Youth if registering after October 25th.
- \$65 Youth per day. (Deposits can be transferred within a troop to a new Scout but are not refundable or transferable to balance of cost.)
- \$60 Adult Early Bird Discount Rate if registered by October 25th with \$25 deposit.
- \$75 Adult if registering after October 25th.

Camp Refund Policy

Refunds must be requested in writing to the Natchez Trace Council by December 15, 2023. Winter Camp fees are refundable upon written request by Unit Leadership under the following conditions:

1. Illness of the Scout prevents his or her attendance at Winter Camp.
2. Illness or death in the family of the Scout prevents his or her attendance at Winter Camp.
3. The Scout's family has moved from the local council, making it impractical to attend.

If a Scout becomes ill while attending camp and is sent home by camp medical personnel, he or she is entitled to a prorated refund of the balance. This request must be made in writing by Unit Leadership by December 15, 2023. Adult fees are refundable under the same conditions as youth fees. Fees are not refundable for homesickness or Scouts sent home for disciplinary reasons.

Scouts Who Need Financial Help

Limited Camperships are available to registered Scouts in the Natchez Trace Council in need of financial assistance. Applications are available in the Appendix of this guide. Early filing is necessary to ensure equitable distribution of available funds. The deadline for campership applications is October 25, 2023.

A Campership will not pay the entire fee. The Scout's family, Unit, and Chartered Organization should pool their resources first with a Campership request to meet the balance. Up to half of a Scouts' camp fee may be met with a Campership. A Scout must participate in Unit or Council fundraising opportunities to qualify for Camperships. A Scout is thrifty.

A Scout who receives a Campership is expected to perform one or more service projects for his Chartered Organization (or another religious, educational, or charitable organization approved by the Scoutmaster). The hours expended should be approximately equal to the amount of Campership awarded divided by \$10.00. Campership service hours will not count toward any other BSA service project requirements. The program is to be administered by the Scout's Scoutmaster.

Campership awards are not refundable and not transferable.

Camp Policies & Procedures

- Personal firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment are not to be brought into camp.
- No fireworks, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs are allowed in camp. Possession of these are grounds for dismissal from camp with no refunds.
- No flames are allowed in tents.
- Fuel (propane, charcoal lighter, etc.) is only to be handled by adults.
- Vehicles must be left in the parking lot at all times. The only vehicles allowed to operate within the camp property are the vehicles authorized by the Camp Ranger and Camp Director. One Unit trailer may be kept near the campsite.
- **Everyone who comes into or leaves camp must sign in/out at the Administration Building.** THIS INCLUDES LEADERS AND VISITORS. Everyone coming into camp will be issued a wristband to wear at all times while on camp property.
- All Scouts must be in their own campsites between Taps (10:30 PM) and Reveille (6:30 AM). If they are out of their site, they must be accompanied by an adult leader or may be subject to being sent home immediately.
- Closed-toed shoes are to be worn at all times including on the way to the waterfront or shower houses.
- Campfires can only occur in existing fire rings. Please limit the size and use of campfires.
- The Buddy System will be enforced at all times on camp property.
- Smoking and the use of tobacco products are only permitted in designated areas.

General Information

Unit Leadership

When necessary, Leaders may rotate, but at least two adults must be with the Unit 24 hours a day. Parents, committee members, and other adults who accompany the Unit to camp may serve as substitutes for the Unit Leader or Assistant Leaders, but they must meet all leadership requirements. Leaders, please note, it is in the best interest of your Scouts to have consistent leadership throughout your Unit's stay at camp. Rotation of leaders can give way to situations that are not conducive to the positive influences of a Winter Camp. **All adults spending the night at Camp Seminole must be registered with the BSA and provide a valid Health Form and Youth Protection Certificate.** Leaders may not share a tent with Scouts. Leaders must tent alone or with other leaders.

Patrol Method

To help maintain the methods of Scouting, Units camping at Camp Seminole are expected to follow the patrol method. Acting leaders should be designated for Senior Patrol Leaders and Patrol Leaders who will not be attending camp with the Unit. The Senior Patrol Leader participates in regular meetings of the Camp Senior Patrol Leader Council.

Transportation

Each Unit is responsible for safe transportation to and from camp. All vehicles and drivers must be covered by liability and damage insurance as mandated by their state. The transporting of Scouts in the bed of a pickup truck, covered or uncovered, or in the back of an open vehicle is against National Health and Safety BSA policies. You will be allowed ONE vehicle for transporting your gear to your campsite. Vehicles must be left in the parking lot at all times. Each Unit is allowed one trailer in their campsite for storing gear and Unit equipment. Only vehicles approved by the Council Ranger and Camp Director will be allowed on roads past the parking lot. The speed limit at Camp Seminole is 12 miles per hour. Only 2 vehicles will be allowed per campsite at any one time.

Tents

All Units must provide their own tents to use at Camp Seminole. Tenting arrangements must follow Youth Protection policies.

Health & Safety

A Health Lodge is available with qualified medical personnel on duty 24 hours a day. In addition, we have an agreement with local hospitals for emergency medical services. Medical forms will be left with the medical personnel at the Health Lodge at the start of camp and returned to Unit Leaders when the Unit checks out.

Insurance

All registered Scouts and Leaders have accident insurance through the Natchez Trace Council. Out of council Units must show Proof of Insurance at check-in. If the out of council Unit does not have insurance, please notify the Camp Director at least two weeks prior to arrival at camp.

Youth Member Behavior Guidelines

The Boy Scouts of America is a values-based youth development organization that helps young people learn positive attributes of character, citizenship, and personal fitness. The BSA has the expectation that all participants in the Scouting program will relate to each other in accord with the principles embodied in the Scout Oath and Law.

One of the developmental tasks of childhood is to learn appropriate behavior. Children are not born with an innate sense of propriety, and they need guidance and direction. The example set by positive adult role models is a powerful tool for shaping behavior and a tool that is stressed in Scouting. Misbehavior by a single youth member in a Scouting Unit may constitute a threat to the safety of the individual who misbehaves, as well as the safety of other Unit members. Such misbehavior constitutes an unreasonable burden on a Scout Unit and cannot be ignored.

BSA Member Responsibilities

All members of the Boy Scouts of America are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the principles set forth in the Scout Oath and Law. Physical violence, hazing, bullying, theft, verbal insults and drugs and alcohol have no place in the Scouting program and may result in the revocation of a Scout's membership in the Unit. If confronted by threats of violence or other forms of bullying from other youth members, Scouts should seek help from their Unit Leaders or parents.

Unit Responsibilities

Adult leaders of Scouting Units are responsible for monitoring the behavior of youth members and interceding when necessary. Parents of youth members who misbehave should be informed and asked for assistance in dealing with misbehavior. The BSA does not permit the use of corporal punishment by Unit Leaders when disciplining youth members. The Unit Committee should review repetitive or serious incidents of misbehavior in consultation with the parents of the child to determine a course of corrective action including possible revocation of the youth's membership in the Unit.

The Unit must immediately inform the Scout Executive about all incidents that result in a physical injury or involve allegations of sexual misconduct by a youth member with another youth member.

Emergencies

The camp has set procedures for handling a variety of emergencies. These procedures will be discussed with Unit Leaders at the Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader's Meeting on the evening of the first day. In addition, an emergency drill will be held within the first 24 hours of camp. In case of a medical emergency, the medical personnel should be notified immediately. The Unit Leader should also be notified before any action is taken. If there is an emergency in a Scout's family, the Unit Leader will be contacted immediately. He will then inform the Scout and take other steps as necessary. ACCESS ROADS ARE NOT TO BE BLOCKED AT ANY TIME, IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES. If the Camp Director deems that a situation has become a hazard, his decision and action is final.

Advancement Records

The Natchez Trace Council uses the services of Tentaroo for Advancement Records for all activities. Merit Badge Applications, a.k.a. Blue Cards, are optional and must be provided by the Unit.

Visitors

We welcome visitors to Camp Seminole; however, in order to ensure the safety of our Scouts, all visitors, parents, and Leaders must sign in and sign out at the Administration Building where they will be issued a wristband. Visitor meals are \$5.00 each and should be paid for in advance at the Council Service Center or at the Administration Building.

Entering & Leaving Camp

At times Scouts and/or Leaders may need to leave camp. When this need arises, the one leaving must sign out at the Administration Building. When returning to camp, he or she must also sign in at the Administration Building.

Cell Phones

It shall be the duty of the Unit Leader or adult in charge to make sure Scouts are instructed in the proper use of cell phones. Scouts should know the appropriate times and uses for their individual phones. Leaders may use cell phones, but we ask that you limit use so as not to disrupt camp program.

Food Service

All Scouts, Leaders, and visitors will enjoy cafeteria-style dining at the Camp Seminole Dining Hall. Units will need to supply two waiters for every table per meal to set up tables and clean up. Seating is by Unit. Table assignments will be made on the day of your arrival. The waiter system will be explained to your Unit as part of the check-in process.

Trading Post

Spending money is recommended (between \$30 and \$50) since Camp Seminole maintains a well-stocked Trading Post. The Trading Post is typically open throughout the day and evening except during flag ceremonies, meal hours, and campfires. Items such as soap and toothpaste are available along with patches, t-shirts, etc. Soft drinks and candy are also available at the Trading Post.

Equipment

Each campsite has at least one picnic table. A limited supply of equipment is available for Unit use. Equipment and tools can be checked out with the Quartermaster at the Trading Post. The Unit Leader is responsible for all equipment checked out with the Quartermaster. If equipment is lost or destroyed, it must be paid for before leaving camp. Equipment must be clean and in good order upon its return.

Unit Commissioners

Each Unit will be assigned a staff member who will serve as that Unit's Commissioner during their stay. The staff member will take the Unit through the check-in process upon arrival and assist in the check-out process. No Unit is to check-out unless cleared by their Commissioner. In addition, the Commissioner will check on the troop daily and be available to help as needed.

Campfire

Closing Campfire will be held on the night of the third day. Closing Campfire will feature awards and recognitions along with songs and skits performed by the attending Units.

Lost & Found

The camp's lost and found box is located at the Administration Building. After camp, some items will be brought to the Council Service Center.

Uniforms

The uniform is a very important aspect of Scouting and should be worn at all Scout functions. The uniform policy at Camp Seminole is as follows: Field Uniform (Class A) is required for lowering of colors, dinner, and campfires. Activity Uniform (Class B: Scout t-shirt, Scout shorts, Scout Socks, and hat) should be worn for daytime activities. Staff members will be properly uniformed, and we ask that you do the same. Be proud of the uniform and wear it properly.

Check-In Procedure

Each Unit should arrive between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 18th. Drive directly to the parking lot and check in at the Administration Building. Upon arrival at Camp Seminole, Scouts and Leaders will be greeted by your Unit Commissioner and will direct the Unit's activities for the check-in procedure.

The Unit Leader and Senior Patrol Leader should check-in with the Camp Director at the Administration Building. He or she will pay all remaining camp fees, turn in the final Unit Roster, and turn in all remaining application forms. **Please bring no more than two people inside the Administration Building to check in.**

After checking in at the Administration Building, proceed to the Health Lodge with your Health Forms. Every Scout and adult must have a signed BSA Health & Medical Record. All medications must be turned in to the medical officer in the correct container with prescription listed.

Visit the Dining Hall to receive table assignments and an orientation about the food service and waiter system.

The Unit Leader and Senior Patrol Leader will need to attend the Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader's Meeting in the Dining Hall at 7:00 PM on Saturday, November 18th. Information about emergency procedures, special programs, and any program schedule changes will be addressed at this time.

Adult Leader Program

Often, adult leaders bring with them special knowledge or skills that would be beneficial to various merit badge sessions. If any adult would like to assist with a merit badge, please see the Program Director.

Leave No Trace, Climb on Safely, and Hazardous Weather training will be offered for adult leaders during Winter Camp.

A Scoutmaster Merit Badge will be available for adult leaders to earn at Winter Camp. Requirements will be given at the Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader's Meeting on the evening of the first day of camp.

There will be a Scoutmaster Dutch Oven Cookoff on the evening of Sunday, November 19th.

Camp Program

Advancement Tips

Here are a few suggestions to help Scouts make Winter Camp both productive and fun:

- Bring a copy of the pamphlets for the merit badges that you're going to take. Read these pamphlets at least once before camp.
- Complete pre-requisites for merit badges before arriving to Winter Camp. Read the notes in this guide to find out what requirements cannot be completed at camp. Do these requirements as soon as possible, and bring your work to camp or get a note from your Unit Leader saying that you completed these requirements.
- Bring a notebook, pencils or pens, and any special equipment needed, such as a pocketknife for wood carving.

Open Program Opportunities

These activities will be offered beginning at 4:00 PM each day.

- **Low C.O.P.E**
- **Shooting Sports**
- **Handicraft**
- **Adventure Trail** – During Open Program, staff members and adult leaders will be available to help Scouts complete rank requirements.

Other Program Opportunities

These activities will be offered once at a specific time during Winter Camp.

- **Polar Bear Plunge** – This is a Winter Camp tradition. Each Scout will have the opportunity to take a dive into the lake at Camp Seminole (weather permitting).
- **Minute-to-Win-it**
- **Camp Seminole's Thanksgiving Parade Competition** – Each Unit will be given an hour to design and build a Thanksgiving Parade float using the materials provided at Camp Seminole. Units are encouraged to bring their own Thanksgiving-themed float decorations.
- **Scouts' Own Worship Service** – If a Scout in your Unit would like to help lead the Scouts' Own Worship Service, contact the Program Director.

Awards

Various awards can be earned at Winter Camp. Details on awards will be given at the Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader's Meeting on the evening of the first day.

Camp Schedule

	Saturday (11/18)	Sunday (11/19)	Monday (11/20)	Tuesday (11/21)
6:30 AM		Reveille	Reveille	Reveille
7:15 AM		Assembly	Assembly	Assembly
7:30 AM		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8:15 AM		Worship Service		
8:45 AM		Merit Badge	Merit Badge	
9:00 AM	Check-In			Check-Out
12:00 PM	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1:00 PM	Merit Badge	Merit Badge	Merit Badge	
4:00 PM	Open Program	Open Program	Open Program	
5:45 PM	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	
6:00 PM	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
7:00 PM	SM / SPL Meeting In Dining Hall	Thanksgiving Parade Competition		
8:00 PM	Minute-to-Win-it		Closing Campfire	
10:30 PM	Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights Out	

Saturday Merit Badges	Prerequisites/Requirements that will NOT be completed at Winter Camp
Architecture	
Camping	4b, 5e, 7a, 7b, 8d, 9a, 9b, 9c
Disabilities Awareness	2
Geocaching	
Golf*	

Sunday Merit Badges	Prerequisites/Requirements that will NOT be completed at Winter Camp
Citizenship in the Nation AND Citizenship in the World	Citizenship in the Nation: 5, 7
Engineering	
First Aid	5a, 5b, 7b
Golf*	
Orienteering*	7, 10

Monday Merit Badges	Prerequisites/Requirements that will NOT be completed at Winter Camp
Cooking	2c, 4c, 4d, 4e, 5d, 5e, 5f, 5g, 5h, 6d, 6e
Orienteering*	7, 10
Sustainability	1, 2 Water a, Food a, Energy b or c, Stuff a, 4, 5a
Veterinary Medicine	

- Scouts will take one merit badge each day.
- Merit badges marked with * are two-day classes. Scouts must register for both days of this merit badge.
- Merit badges that are bolded are Eagle Required merit badges.
- Merit badge classes will have a maximum of 15 Scouts. The Golf Merit Badge class will have a maximum of eight Scouts.
- The Golf Merit Badge will cost an additional \$10.
- Units must pre-register to ensure that we have adequate materials and space for the programs offered at Winter Camp. All merit badge registrations should be completed online.

Packing List

Scoutmasters and SPLs: Please distribute copies of this page to each Scout.

Personal Equipment

Completed A and B Medical Form
Field Uniform (Shirt, Socks, Pants, Hat)
3 BSA T-Shirts
3 Pairs of Underwear
3 Pairs of Athletic Socks
Swimsuit for Polar Bear Plunge
Toboggan and Gloves
Poncho or Rain Gear
Jacket
Insulation Layers
Closed Toe Shoes
Sleeping Bag
Pillow
Sleep Pad
Tent
Toothbrush and Toothpaste
Comb or Brush
Soap and Shampoo
Towel and Wash Rag
Insect Repellent
Personal First Aid Kit
Flashlight with Extra Batteries
Pocket Knife
Scout Handbook
Pen, Pencil, and Paper
Spending Money (Suggested \$20-\$50)
Water Bottle
Merit Badge Pamphlets

Personal equipment should be packed in a pack, suitcase, or duffel bag. Be sure to mark all equipment and clothing with your name and Unit number.

Don't Bring

Fireworks
Laser Pointers
Roller Blades
Pets (unless a Registered Service Animal)
Firearms
Alcohol
Drugs
Pornographic Materials
Air Conditioners/Heaters
T.V.'s or Video Games
Radios

Unit Equipment

First Aid Kit
American Flag
Troop and Patrol Flags
Program Reference Materials
Field Book
Igloo and Cups
Ice Chest
Cook Kit
Chef Kit
Dutch Oven
Axes, Bow Saws, and Other Tools as needed
Lanterns with Fuel and Spare Mantles
Rope or Twine
Plastic Tablecloth

Appendix

Contents

- Campsite Reservation Form
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Winter Camp Campsite Reservation

Fill out your Winter Camp Unit Campsite Reservation form below or online at <https://www.natcheztracecouncil.org/>.

Please register or confirm the campsite for Unit # _____ for Winter Camp!

Troop Sites	Site Capacity
___ Choctaw	40
___ Apache	32
___ Sioux	28
___ Cherokee	40
___ Chickasaw	32

Second and third choices on campsites required. The Camp Director reserves the right to add campers to any campsite that has not been filled by a Unit.

*Units with handicapped Scouts will receive priority on site.

Unit #: _____

Council: _____

Leader/Contact

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Enclosed is:

- Reservation site fee: \$50.00 (if not already paid)
- Registration fees for _____ Scouts at \$50.00 per Scout

Date Submitted: _____

Total: \$ _____

Mail to: Natchez Trace Council, BSA
505 Air Park Road
Tupelo, MS 38801

Natchez Trace Council

Specific Assistance Request Form

The goal of the Natchez Trace Council is to promote and develop the Scouting program in all communities. Our Council has organized a ScoutReach Committee to ensure that Scouting is available to youth and adults in need. Because this committee has limited funds to meet these needs, only Natchez Trace Council sponsored activities and camps can be supported.

To be considered for this assistance, this form must be completed and returned to your District Executive. Please allow a minimum of 2 weeks for approval. An effort should be made on the part of the family and the Unit to help cover some of the requested expenses. In some cases, partial requests may be granted.

Note: Youth requests can only be submitted after the youth has attended a minimum of six meetings. Youth requests must also include proof of first rank achievement (Bobcat/Scout Badge). Adult requests must be accompanied by proof of Leader Basic Training completion.

If this request is for a Campership, it must be attached to the completed registration form for that activity.

Name of Scout/Scouter: _____

(Name of Scout/Scouter requesting assistance)

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) (if request is for Youth Member): _____

Contact Telephone Number: _____

District: _____ Unit Type and #: _____ Rank: _____

Chartered Partner: _____

In the last year, this Unit participated in:

_____ **Council Product Sale**

_____ **Family Friends of Scouting Campaign**

This request is for (please check one): _____ Registration

_____ Uniform Shirt

Size: _____

_____ Campership for: _____

_____ Other: _____

One form per request should be submitted.

Detailed explanation of family need: **(Must be filled out,** attach additional pages if necessary.)

Total Amount Needed: \$ _____

Amount provided by Unit: \$ _____

Amount provided by family: \$ _____

Amount Requested of the ScoutReach Committee: \$ _____

Submitted by (Unit Leader Name): _____

By signing this, I certify that the youth has attended at least six Scout meetings:

Unit Leader Signature: _____

Contact Telephone: _____

District Executive's Approval: _____ Date: _____

Scout Executive Approval: _____ Date: _____

Unit Roster

Unit #: _____ Leader: _____

Youth:	Adults:
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Turn this form in with campsite deposit; update and turn into the Council Service Center as changes occur.

Parents' Night

Winter Camp Promotion Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introduction
- II. Why Winter Camp?
- III. Why Camp Seminole for Winter Camp?
 - a. Advancement - Merit Badges, Rank Requirements, Camping Nights
 - b. Leadership Development Opportunities
 - c. FUN!!!
- IV. Merit Badges
- V. Packing List
- VI. Questions
- VII. Adjourn

For assistance in conducting your Winter Camp Promo kickoff, contact the Program Director, Grace May, at (662) 769-5519 or Seth Roberts at (662) 816-4852.

Winter Camp Tips

Leadership

It is vital that all Units always have two deep leadership.

Equipment

Do not attempt to camp unless completely outfitted. Even if equipment for Winter Camp is more expensive than for Summer Camp, Scouts must be adequately clothed, and Leaders should ensure that blankets and other equipment are of suitable quality and weight. Dress in layers and be prepared for all types of cold conditions. A warm sleeping bag is a necessity for Winter Camp.

Physical Condition

A BSA Health and Medical Record A and B Form must be completed before Winter Camp to assess the physical ability of each Scout and Leader before attending Winter Camp.

Evening Program

We encourage Units to have evening programs in addition to those offered at Winter Camp. During the winter, it will get dark early, limiting available activities outside the campsite. Please feel free to build fires. Remember to keep them only in designated fire rings, use only dead and downed wood, and keep your fires small.

Facilities

We fully expect and anticipate having all facilities open during Winter Camp, including bathrooms and hot-water showers. Should we have below-freezing temperatures, you will be instructed of techniques to use to dispose of waste.

More Information

If your Unit is new to camping in the cold, please feel free to contact us for more tips and detailed information about winter camping. Another good resource for tips on winter camping is - Okpick: Cold Weather Camping, available through the BSA.

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Part A: Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization

Full name: _____

Date of birth: _____

High-adventure base participants:

Expedition/crew No.: _____

or staff position: _____

Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization

I understand that participation in Scouting activities involves the risk of personal injury, including death, due to the physical, mental, and emotional challenges in the activities offered. Information about those activities may be obtained from the venue, activity coordinators, or your local council. I also understand that participation in these activities is entirely voluntary and requires participants to follow instructions and abide by all applicable rules and the standards of conduct.

In case of an emergency involving me or my child, I understand that efforts will be made to contact the individual listed as the emergency contact person by the medical provider and/or adult leader. In the event that this person cannot be reached, permission is hereby given to the medical provider selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for me or my child. Medical providers are authorized to disclose protected health information to the adult in charge, camp medical staff, camp management, and/or any physician or health-care provider involved in providing medical care to the participant. Protected Health Information/Confidential Health Information (PHI/CHI) under the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 C.F.R. §§160.103, 164.501, etc. seq., as amended from time to time, includes examination findings, test results, and treatment provided for purposes of medical evaluation of the participant, follow-up and communication with the participant's parents or guardian, and/or determination of the participant's ability to continue in the program activities.

(If applicable) I have carefully considered the risk involved and hereby give my informed consent for my child to participate in all activities offered in the program. I further authorize the sharing of the information on this form with any BSA volunteers or professionals who need to know of medical conditions that may require special consideration in conducting Scouting activities.

With appreciation of the dangers and risks associated with programs and activities, on my own behalf and/or on behalf of my child, I hereby fully and completely release and waive any and all claims for personal injury, death, or loss that may arise against the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with any program or activity.

I also hereby assign and grant to the local council and the Boy Scouts of America, as well as their authorized representatives, the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me or my child at all Scouting activities, and I hereby 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 liability from such use and publication. I further authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage, and/or distribution of said photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the BSA, and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

Every person who furnishes any BB device to any minor, without the express or implied permission of the parent or legal guardian of the minor, is guilty of a misdemeanor. (California Penal Code Section 19915[a]) My signature below on this form indicates my permission.

I give permission for my child to use a BB device. (Note: Not all events will include BB devices.)

☐ Checking this box indicates you DO NOT want your child to use a BB device.



NOTE: Due to the nature of programs and activities, the Boy Scouts of America and local councils cannot continually monitor compliance of program participants or any limitations imposed upon them by parents or medical providers. However, so that leaders can be as familiar as possible with any limitations, list any restrictions imposed on a child participant in connection with programs or activities below.

List participant restrictions, if any: _____

☐ None

I understand that, if any information I/we have provided is found to be inaccurate, it may limit and/or eliminate the opportunity for participation in any event or activity. If I am participating at Philmont Scout Ranch, Philmont Training Center, Northern Tier, Sea Base, or the Summit Bechtel Reserve, I have also read and understand the supplemental risk advisories, including height and weight requirements and restrictions, and understand that the participant will not be allowed to participate in applicable high-adventure programs if those requirements are not met. The participant has permission to engage in all high-adventure activities described, except as specifically noted by me or the health-care provider. If the participant is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian's signature is required.

Participant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian signature for youth: _____ Date: _____

(If participant is under the age of 18)

Complete this section for youth participants only:

Adults Authorized to Take Youth to and From Events:

You must designate at least one adult. Please include a phone number.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Adults NOT Authorized to Take Youth to and From Events:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____



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Part B1: General Information/Health History

Full name: _____

Date of birth: _____

High-adventure base participants:

Expedition/crew No.: _____

or staff position: _____

Age: _____ Gender: _____ Height (inches): _____ Weight (lbs.): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____ Phone: _____

Unit leader: _____ Unit leader's mobile #: _____

Council Name/No.: _____ Unit No.: _____

Health/Accident Insurance Company: _____ Policy No.: _____

 Please attach a photocopy of both sides of the insurance card. If you do not have medical insurance, enter "none" above.

In case of emergency, notify the person below:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ Home phone: _____ Other phone: _____

Alternate contact name: _____ Alternate's phone: _____

Health History

Do you currently have or have you ever been treated for any of the following?

Yes	No	Condition	Explain
☐	☐	Diabetes	Last HbA1c percentage and date: _____ Insulin pump: Yes ☐ No ☐
☐	☐	Hypertension (high blood pressure)	
☐	☐	Adult or congenital heart disease/heart attack/chest pain (angina)/heart murmur/coronary artery disease. Any heart surgery or procedure. Explain all "yes" answers.	
☐	☐	Family history of heart disease or any sudden heart-related death of a family member before age 50.	
☐	☐	Stroke/TIA	
☐	☐	Asthma/reactive airway disease	Last attack date: _____
☐	☐	Lung/respiratory disease	
☐	☐	COPD	
☐	☐	Ear/eyes/nose/sinus problems	
☐	☐	Muscular/skeletal condition/muscle or bone issues	
☐	☐	Head injury/concussion/TBI	
☐	☐	Altitude sickness	
☐	☐	Psychiatric/psychological or emotional difficulties	
☐	☐	Neurological/behavioral disorders	
☐	☐	Blood disorders/sickle cell disease	
☐	☐	Fainting spells and dizziness	
☐	☐	Kidney disease	
☐	☐	Seizures or epilepsy	Last seizure date: _____
☐	☐	Abdominal/stomach/digestive problems	
☐	☐	Thyroid disease	
☐	☐	Skin issues	
☐	☐	Obstructive sleep apnea/sleep disorders	CPAP: Yes ☐ No ☐
☐	☐	List all surgeries and hospitalizations	Last surgery date: _____
☐	☐	List any other medical conditions not covered above	



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Part B2: General Information/Health History

Full name: _____

Date of birth: _____

High-adventure base participants:

Expedition/crew No.: _____

or staff position: _____

Allergies/Medications

DO YOU USE AN EPINEPHRINE AUTOINJECTOR? Exp. date (if yes) _____ ☐ YES ☐ NO

DO YOU USE AN ASTHMA RESCUE INHALER? Exp. date (if yes) _____ ☐ YES ☐ NO

Are you allergic to or do you have any adverse reaction to any of the following?

Yes	No	Allergies or Reactions	Explain	Yes	No	Allergies or Reactions	Explain
☐	☐	Medication		☐	☐	Plants	
☐	☐	Food		☐	☐	Insect bites/stings	

List all medications currently used, including any over-the-counter medications.

☐ Check here if no medications are routinely taken. ☐ If additional space is needed, please list on a separate sheet and attach.

Medication	Dose	Frequency	Reason

☐ YES ☐ NO Non-prescription medication administration is authorized with these exceptions: _____

Administration of the above medications is approved for youth by: _____

Parent/guardian signature

MD/DO, NP, or PA signature (if your state requires signature)

Bring enough medications in sufficient quantities and in the original containers. Make sure that they are NOT expired, including inhalers and EpiPens. You SHOULD NOT STOP taking any maintenance medication unless instructed to do so by your doctor.

Immunization

The following immunizations are recommended. Tetanus immunization is required and must have been received within the last 10 years. If you had the disease, check the disease column and list the date. If immunized, check yes and provide the year received.

Yes	No	Had Disease	Immunization	Date(s)
☐	☐		Tetanus	
☐	☐		Pertussis	
☐	☐		Diphtheria	
☐	☐		Measles/mumps/rubella	
☐	☐		Polio	
☐	☐		Chicken Pox	
☐	☐		Hepatitis A	
☐	☐		Hepatitis B	
☐	☐		Meningitis	
☐	☐		Influenza	
☐	☐		Other (i.e., Hib)	
☐	☐		Exemption to immunizations (form required)	

Please list any additional information about your medical history:

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX.

Review for camp or special activity.

Reviewed by: _____

Date: _____

Further approval required: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Reason: _____

Approved by: _____

Date: _____



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