



2021 SUMMER CAMP LEADER GUIDE



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WELCOME TO CAMP

Welcome to Camp Berry 2021!

We have a lot of new things in store for this summer at Camp Berry. Our program is built upon the foundations of Scouting – gaining experience with lifelong memories. We hope to serve you to the best of our ability and want your camp experience to be outstanding for both you and your Scouts. Our staff is fully committed to supporting your Troop with a broad range of activities.

We offer training and programming in all aspects of Scouting: advancement, adult association, Scouting ideals, leadership development, true outdoor experiences, and adventure at Camp Berry. We encourage individual, patrol, and troop programs for a well-rounded Scouting experience.

There are many great camps across the BSA to choose from, and we are honored that your Troop has considered and/or selected Camp Berry to provide this opportunity for the Scouts and leaders of your Troop. We hope this 2021 Leader's Guide will answer many questions you have about the program we have planned for this summer. Please read this guide thoroughly, as it is the first step in having a successful experience at Camp Berry this summer.

On behalf of the Black Swamp Area Council Camping Committee and the staff, we look forward to seeing you at Camp Berry this summer.

Welcome to your Camp Berry Adventure!

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Guiding Principles of Black Swamp Area Council Camps

BSA Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

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, Clean and Reverent.

Black Swamp Area Council Camps are equal opportunity facilities that do not discriminate based on sex, color, race, creed, or religion.



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Pricing Information

Registration Prices

REGISTRANT TYPE	EARLY BIRD	STANDARD PRICE
In-Council Youth	\$315	\$345
Out-of-Council Youth	\$315	\$345
Webelos cross-over (thru 5/1/20)	\$280	\$310
Sibling Discount	\$280	\$310
Second Week Fee	\$157.50	\$172.50
Adults	\$115	\$115
Every 10 scouts	1 Adult Free	
Adult Day Fee	\$20 per day (12 pm – 12 pm)	
Troop Reservation Fee	\$75	\$75

Payment Methods

Online payment may be made through our online reservation system by using a credit or debit card or E-check. Alternately, personal or troop checks can be sent to our reservation office. The address for our reservation office is 2100 Broad Avenue, Findlay, Ohio 45840.

Early Bird Pricing

To lock in the early bird price, individuals (youth or adult) must have \$75 nonrefundable deposit in by March 31, 2021 and make full payment no later than 11:59PM EST on May 1, 2021.

Standard Pricing

Standard pricing will go into effect at 12:00AM EST on May 2, 2021, for individuals not yet paid in full.

Checks

Checks must be made payable to “Black Swamp Area Council.” Checks not made payable to “Black Swamp Area Council” will be returned to the sender. Checks that need to be returned will not be applied to the due balance of a reservation.



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Dates

Session Dates

Week 1	June 20 – 26, 2021
Week 2	June 27 – July 3, 2021
Week 3	July 4 – 10, 2021
Week 4	July 11 – 17, 2021

Important Dates

March 31, 2021	\$75 non-refundable deposit per scout due
April 1, 2021	Scouts BSA Campership Forms due
April 3, 2021	Merit Badge Registration opens online @ 9 AM
March 27, 2021	Camp Orientation Meeting at Berry @ 9 AM
May 1, 2021	Camp Orientation Meeting at Lakota @ 9 AM
May 1, 2021	Remainder of camp fees due for a total of \$315. After this date, camp fee is \$345 except for Webelos who cross over and/or first-time registered Scouts in the Council after March 31. Their fee is \$280 if they register by June 1, 2020.
May 1, 2021	Webelos Crossover Campership Forms due

Refund Policy

All refunds must be requested in writing, using the “Refund Request Form”. Please note that we will hire our staff and order supplies and food based on the number of participants that you have reserved with us. As we make our purchases and hire our staff, those funds are no longer available for refunds. Valid reasons for requesting a refund include illness, death in the family, or change in business plans. To avoid confusion, please inform parents of the refund policy when they register their sons for camp. All refunds must be requested in writing within 14 days after the conclusion of the event. For Scouts BSA Resident Camp, each session or week is considered a separate event. In the event Camp is cancelled again due to COVID-19, full refunds will be available.

- A minimum of \$75 per person is non-refundable.
- Tracking overpayments, if any, is the responsibility of the unit. The refund of any overpayments should be handled at either the 10-Day Out Meeting, or during check-in at camp.
- Unit paid fees are only transferable within the same unit to a Scout or adult leader not currently registered for that specific activity.
- If a refund request is approved, refund checks will be issued to the individual or entity paying the original fee within 30 calendar days of approval.
- Mail written refund requests to address in orange box.

Black Swamp Area Council
Attn: Refund Committee
2100 Broad Avenue
Findlay, OH 45840



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REGISTRATION SYSTEM

Registration System

BEFORE STARTING THE REGISTRATION PROCESS, PLEASE HAVE IN MIND THE NUMBER OF SLOTS (YOUTH & ADULT) YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE. ONLY RESERVE SLOTS YOU KNOW YOU CAN FILL. ONCE A SLOT HAS BEEN RESERVED, THERE IS A \$75 NON-REFUNDABLE FEE ASSOCIATED WITH IT, REGARDLESS OF THE AMOUNT PAID ON THE SLOT. YOU CAN ALWAYS ADD SLOTS DOWN THE ROAD. BE CAUTIOUS WHEN MAKING YOUR INITIAL REGISTRATION.

Making Your Initial Registration

1. Navigate to www.blackswampbsa.org.
2. On the Home screen, click the "Register for Summer Camp" button
3. Select which camp and which week your unit would like to attend camp.
4. Click the "Register" button
5. Enter in the contact information of the individual making the reservation.
6. Select the box above "Who's Coming?".
7. Enter the numbers in for the amount of scouts, adults, Webelos Crossovers/New Scouts, and Scout siblings you will be bringing to camp from the dropdown menus.
 - a. For Example; your unit would like to make a registration for 20 scouts, 8 adults, and 2 Webelos Crossovers. Below is what you would select for each registration type.
 - i. Scouts: 20; Adults: 8; Webelos Crossovers: 2
8. Click the "Continue" button.
9. Select the box above "Reserve Facility".
10. Select which campsite you wish to reserve.
11. Click the "Continue" button.
12. Select the box above "Checkout".
13. Look over the information that is listed. If accurate, click the "Checkout" button at the bottom.
14. Select your payment option. You can pay via PayPal, Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover), E-check, Gift Card, or mail-in payment.
15. Fill out the information that is requested for your payment option.
16. Click the red "COMPLETE ORDER" button on the right hand side. This is **required** to finish your registration.
17. This will take you to a receipt for your reservation confirmation.
18. CONGRATULATIONS! You have made your reservation for summer camp.

Adding Additional Youth & Adults to Your Registration

1. Navigate to www.doubleknot.com.
2. Click on Log-on button and enter your login information.
3. If you don't remember, or don't know, your login information, please contact Tom James at tom.james@scouting.org.
4. A summary page listing your registration should appear on the screen.
5. Click on View Details, beside your summer camp registration.
6. Click Update.
7. If you are adding anyone, click box "Who's Coming?".
8. Change the number in the appropriate dropdown menu (Scout, Adult, Webelos Crossover, Scout Sibling).
9. Fill out the info for each person attending.



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10. If your Troop has done a registration with us before, you should have a roster of previous participants. To add someone from this roster, click the link, “Add someone I’ve signed up before”.
11. Repeat for every participant.
12. Click continue at the bottom of the screen.
13. Once complete with changes, you need to follow the Checkout process as detailed in the section on page 10.
14. Remember, your registration is not saved until you go through the checkout process.

Removing Youth & Adults from Your Registration including Unnamed Scouts

1. Follow steps 1-6 in the previous section in order to login.
2. Select box “Who’s Coming?”.
3. Adjust the number in the dropdown menus (Scout, Adult, Webelos Crossover, Scout Sibling) to the correct number of people attending.
4. Click the continue button at the bottom of the screen.
5. You now need to follow the Checkout process as detailed in the section on page 10.

Registering for Merit Badges

1. **Merit Badges will go live on April 3, 2021 at 9:00 am.**
2. **To have a better chance of getting your desired merit badges, we recommend that you login right at 9:00 am. Special note: Eagle required Merit Badges fill up very quickly.**
3. Login to the online registration system and select your summer camp registration.
4. Make sure that all your scouts are named. If not, refer to page 11.
5. Click on box “What Are They Doing?”.
6. Select the participant that you would like to register for merit badges from the dropdown menu “Schedule For:”.
7. Select the merit badge category from the dropdown menu “Choose Activities in Category:”.
8. Find the merit badge that you would like to register for. If this merit badge is on a waitlist, it will specify that by the merit badge name. Click the “Add” button to add this class to the participant’s schedule.
9. Repeat this process until you have registered that participant for all the merit badges they need.
10. Repeat the process for each participant going to camp.
11. Once complete, click the continue button.
12. Click the box labeled “Check schedule conflicts”. This will tell you if a participant has time conflicts with their merit badges.
13. Once you are satisfied with merit badge selections, you need to Checkout to save your changes.



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CAMP POLICIES

Camp Policies

Scouts and their leaders at camp are always expected to live by the Scout Law. Troop leaders are expected to instill this law in their Scouts and serve as an example to them. In addition to abiding by the Scout Law, Black Swamp Area Council Camps have set forth the following policies. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding in helping us maintain high standards of conduct.

Alcohol and Drugs

The use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances is prohibited on any property that is owned or operated by the Boy Scouts of America. This policy will be strictly enforced for all those who use or visit our camp facilities. Violations will result in expulsion from camp and will be reported to authorities.

Tobacco

The use of tobacco products by anyone is prohibited. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking.

Vehicles

No vehicle is allowed beyond the main parking lot without permission of the Camp Director. A gate is in place at each access point into the camp, and we ask every leader's cooperation with, and support in, enforcing this policy. The safety of our campers on camp roads is our primary concern. Only official camp service and emergency vehicles will be permitted beyond the main parking lot without a pass.

- a) There will be a window of opportunity on Sunday during check-in so trailers and equipment may be driven into the campsite, and then again on Saturday during check-out, so trailers and equipment may be driven out of the campsite.
- b) Only one vehicle per campsite at a time (displaying a temporary vehicle pass) during Check-In.
- c) No one can ride on any camp equipment. No Scouts or Scouters are to ride in the back of a car, truck, cart, etc.
- d) Assigned parking area for each camp will be outlined at the pre-camp meetings.
- e) Arrangements will be made for those who require special transportation accommodations. Prior notification at the pre-camp meetings is **required** if this service is needed.
- f) Speed limit is 10 mph; please keep our Scouts and camp safe.
- g) If weather is bad, please request a tractor to remove trailer.

Taps

Taps are at 11:00 pm. No one is to be out of their campsite after taps, unless accompanied by an adult or staff member.



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Uniforms

Scouts should be in the Field Uniform for assemblies, flag ceremonies, dinners, campfires, and other ceremonies where uniforms are appropriate. Otherwise, we recommend a troop t-shirt or camp shirt be worn for other activities. Closed toe and closed heel shoes must always be worn. Water shoes, sandals, flip flops and “Crocs” are allowable in the beach/pool and shower areas **ONLY**.

Pets & Animals

Pets of any kind are not permitted in camp at any time. Please do not bring your pet from home. Be sure to inform any visitors, parent drivers, or guests that they should also leave their pet at home. The BSA makes only one exception to this for resident Camp Rangers and their families. An additional exception can be made for service animals with appropriate paperwork.

Requirements for Participation

To qualify for participation in Black Swamp Area Council Camp activities, all campers, youth, and adult, must have a completed and current Personal Health and Medical Record. (“Current” is defined as being signed by a doctor, or approved medical practitioner, within 12 months of the day your unit departs camp.) There are no allowable exceptions to this rule. **Children and/or siblings of those registered for a specific program, including Cub Scouts, are not to attend unless the program has been specifically designed with adequate facilities to handle them.**

Adult Leadership

A minimum of two adult leaders per unit must always be on-site. Both leaders must be over the age of 21, be registered adult members of the BSA, and have completed Youth Protection Training. If proper adult leadership cannot be arranged for, the unit must be sent home. (If your unit is having difficulty finding 2 leaders, please contact the Camp Director as soon as possible so we can assist you in finding a second leader or arrange for a surrogate leader.)

Provisional Scouts

Scouts that cannot attend with their unit may attend camp as a provisional Scout. Prior to camp, we will refer provisional Scouts to units that are willing to host them for the week. Scouts will not be allowed to check into camp unless accompanied by a unit. Please let us know if your unit is willing to host a provisional Scout.

Security Wristbands

The security and safety of all our campers are paramount. All staff, visitors, and campers (youth and adult) will receive a wristband upon check-in. Thereafter, anyone in camp without a wristband will be treated as a trespasser and dealt with accordingly by camp management and/or the authorities.

Staff Areas

Staff tents/cabins and showers are off limits to youth and adult campers.



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Firearms

No firearms or ammunition of any sort may be brought to camp. Camp Berry & Camp Lakota provide all necessary shooting sports equipment and ammunition.

Fireworks

All types of pyrotechnics (smoke bombs, sparklers, aerial fireworks, and other match lit items) are strictly prohibited on camp property per BSA policy and U.S. Forest Service regulations.

Expulsion for Behavioral Reasons

Campers sent home for behavioral reasons will not have any portion of their camp fee refunded.

Unpaid Fees

All unpaid fees are due upon arrival prior to setting your camp up or taking your tour. The final amount that your troop owes is determined by the Business Manager based upon your online reservation. Transaction logs of all payments may be viewed 24/7 by visiting your online reservation.

Initiations

Older Scouts sometimes feel that new Scouts should be “initiated into the troop with a physical activity or another embarrassing stunt.” Leaders should be alert to this possibility and direct the boys’ efforts into meaningful programs. Behavior such as snipe hunts, running the gauntlet, belt line, or similar punishment has no place in Scouting and is not permitted.

Infectious Disease

Camp is a tight community where pathogens can spread rapidly. It is extremely important that units immediately report all illness to our health officers. If a participant is sick with nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or fever prior to camp, please leave that person at home to recuperate. Camp Management and our health & safety team reserve the right to send a participant to a local health care facility to get checked-out if they suspect a participant has a health concern that could affect the health & safety of the camp.

Emergency Procedures

On your first day in camp, emergency procedures will be explained to troop leaders and Scouts. In the event of an emergency, please notify a member of the camp staff immediately. Please do not attempt to deal with the emergency yourself, regardless of the situation. If the situation seems at all dangerous, the priority is to evacuate all Scouts and leaders from the area.

Bicycles

Both camps encourage youth and adults to bring their bicycles to camp. Having a bike at camp is a privilege that can be taken away if the following rules are not followed. All bikers must wear a helmet when riding. Bikes are to go a safe speed (under 5 mph). Bikes must be in good working order. Camp management reserves the right to inspect any bike, at any time. They also reserve the right to restrict the riding privileges of an individual if unsafe riding practices are observed or if any rules are violated. Camp Berry is not responsible for any property damage, injuries, or stolen property during your stay.



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BEFORE LEAVING HOME

Before Leaving Home

- Inform parents about your unit's plan
- Share the camp's mailing address

Camp Berry
Scout Name, Unit #
11716 CR 40
Findlay, OH 45840

- Mail sent to camp should always have a return address
- In order to save postage and ensure that your scout receives his letter or package, we recommend sending the week's mail with unit leadership and having them distribute at the appropriate time. Just label Day 1, Day 2, etc.

Required Documents

- Certification and claim forms for Troop Accident & Sickness Insurance—out of council only
- Each youth and adult leader has:
 - The BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, signed by a physician and guardian. Parts A, B & C are required.
 - A copy of the Family Insurance Card attached to the medical form
 - If taking medications, the Scout's parents and the adult leaders attending should follow procedures enclosed in this publication
 - Any program-specific forms or items (High Adventure waiver, ATV waiver)
- For Scouts to be called out for the Order of the Arrow, bring a letter from your local OA Lodge verifying the election results
- All Scouts and adults are registered (Check those new Webelos)
- Travel: all drivers must have a map to camp; all parties must wear a seat belt. Please arrive as a group



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Role of the Adult Leader

Each unit must have a minimum of 2 responsible adult leaders on the camp premises at all times. In accordance with new BSA National policy, all adults accompanying a troop to residence camp must be a registered member with the BSA. Both leaders must be 21 years of age or older and have current Youth Protection Training. Leaders must be present both day and night.

All adult leaders should expect to assist the camp staff in providing a safe, fun experience for the Scouts. Leaders are:

- Responsible for maintaining unit safety and discipline always. This includes safe travel to and from camp.
- Responsible for coordinating all unit and individual activities to ensure maximum benefit to participants.
- To be aware of each youth's personal goals and objectives to promote Scouting's advancement program. For the Boy Scout Merit Badge program, please refer to the Merit Badge Schedule and Prerequisites List (which is available in the program section).
- To participate in camp activities daily. This should include program area visits, punctual attendance at meetings and conferences, and collection of progress reports on each youth's activities.
- To be prepared to help and assist others, specifically, other camping units and staff personnel as needed. Assistance should be given in a spirit of mutual cooperation and support but not at the expense of one's own unit.
- To monitor and evaluate unit and individual progress in camp and to provide counseling, guidance, and encouragement.
- To review the daily schedule of unit activities with fellow leaders before departure for camp. This process should include review by experienced leaders who may not be participating in the current trip but have been to Camp Berry or Camp Lakota before. There are many experienced Scouters (like your Unit Commissioner) in your district willing to assist you.
- To be sure that each adult leader and the Senior Patrol Leader complete and turn in camp evaluations. These forms are the primary means of evaluating the program and staff at each camp and they are used each week by the camp and program directors to determine if there is a problem that should be addressed immediately. In addition, they are studied in great detail by members of the Camping Committee of the Black Swamp Area Council to recommend improvements for the next year.
- Expected to serve as a positive role model for youth. This includes language, attitude, and behavior.
- Knowledgeable of all camp rules and policies.



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General Discipline

Discipline and conduct of all youth and leaders are the responsibility of the unit leaders in camp. The Camp Leadership Team is ready and willing to assist at any time with problems that might arise. Unit committees should be sure that the camp leaders are trained, and they understand their responsibilities while in summer camp.

Boy Scouts of America Policy

Preventing child abuse has been adopted as a critical objective of the Boy Scouts of America. The assistance of every adult leader is essential to success. The guidelines listed on the next page are designed to protect Scouts against child abuse and adult leaders against misinterpretation of their intentions. Anyone who has questions should consult with the Camp Director. If faced with difficulty in complying with the guidelines and no advice is available, use common sense and the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Guidelines for Adults and Parents

All adult leaders in camp must endeavor to protect Scouts from (1) physical abuse, which is understood to mean the sustaining of physical injury as the result of cruel and inhumane treatment or as the result of a malicious act and, (2) sexual abuse, i.e., any act involving sexual molestation or exploitation of a Scout, by any person who has permanent or temporary care, custody or responsibility for the supervision of Scouts or a Scout.

Reporting Child Abuse

Our camp staff has received training to deal with potential victims of any kind of child abuse. If you suspect that a Scout in camp is a victim, report this to the Camp Director immediately. Ohio law requires that all childcare providers, including Scout leaders, must report any incidence of child abuse to child protection authorities. The number for the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services is 855-642-4453. All discussion, both at camp and over the hotline will be kept confidential.

Buddy System

We ask Leaders to please promote the buddy system, especially with the younger Scouts. Regardless of where you are in camp, it is always wise to do so with a partner.



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YOUTH PROTECTION

Youth Protection Training Verification

Protecting our youth is paramount to the BSA, Black Swamp Area Council, and our camps. Therefore, the following policy is in place to protect the youth and adult leaders, and staff of Camp Berry and Camp Lakota.

ALL adults serving as leadership for a troop in camp are required to provide verification of CURRENT Youth Protection Training.

Please provide at check-in, or before, one or more of the following for verifications of YPT:

- ❖ Copy of a BSA Pocket Certificate Trained Card.
- ❖ Copy of the YPT online trained certificate.
- ❖ Copy of the Troop's leader training roster from my.scouting.org.

Due to the length of the online YPT module as well as the limited computer/internet resources at camp, it is strongly advised that this training be completed before arriving at camp. **No adults serving as troop leadership at camp will be permitted into camp without the proper verification of YPT.**

YPT verification is not required for family and friends who may be visiting camp. However, it is encouraged that any adult family members who are staying overnight on Friday night take YPT (no verification is required by the camp).



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EARLY DISMISSAL

Early Dismissal Policy

Our camps are extremely concerned about the welfare and safety of your son or daughter. As such, early release requests, for any reason, will only be allowed if the following steps are completed. This information is taken from the National Council's Health and Safety Guide, Security Section.

- Verification must be made to assure that the person requesting release is acting as the legal parent or guardian or under the direction of the legal parent or guardian. Verification may be done by the following:
 - Approval of the Scoutmaster.
 - Presentation of proper identification matched with the name listed as the legal parent or guardian on the Scout's medical form.
 - Contact via telephone with the legal parent or guardian. The telephone number used may be supplied by the Scoutmaster or obtained from the medical form.
 - Previous arrangements made with the Scoutmaster and Camp Director by the legal parent or guardian.
- It is understood that any person who requests the early release of a Scout will abide by the policy set forth above and **completes the early release form** prior to the release of the Scout.
- It is understood that a Scout will never be released to another youth under 18 years of age without verified permission from the legal parent or guardian.
- If adult leaders need to leave camp temporarily, or if they are staying less than one night or day, they must also inform other adult leadership within their Troop that they will be leaving, and they must also sign in and out on the sheet at the office.
- No Scout will be permitted to leave camp between the hours of 11 pm and 7 am, except in the case of an emergency (camp administration must be notified). Any other dismissals during these hours must be approved by the camp administration.



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MEDICAL SERVICES & RECORDS

Medical Services and Records

Medical Services

The camp health lodge is staffed 24 hours a day by qualified medical personnel. For insurance purposes and for the health and safety of all participants, all accidents, and illnesses, no matter how minor, must be reported to the Health Lodge and recorded. Arrangements have been made with the local rescue squads and hospitals to handle any medical emergencies. **National standards require that any person staying overnight must have a valid medical form. Late arrivals should report to the health lodge.**

Annual Health & Medical Record

Every Scout and adult leader must submit a Personal Health and Medical Record upon arrival at Camp. Leaders should provide a copy of the newest version of the medical form (available online at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>) to each youth and adult planning to come to camp as soon as possible so that they can get their physicals completed and forms filled out properly. Parts A, B & C are required. This record is provided as a fillable PDF, and members are encouraged to fill it out on their computer, then print the record (rather than printing the record and filling it out by hand). Doing this will improve the readability and accuracy of each member's medical information. Though this document can be saved and emailed, please be cognizant of the private information saved within the record. Please understand that the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record is the only medical form recognized by Scouting—sport, military, or other medical records may not be substituted. Tips for completing this record are also located on the above website. Part C of the form **MUST** be completed AND signed by a health care provider and the parent.

Medical Alerts

Scouting activities can be physically and mentally demanding. Listed below are some of the risk factors that have been known to become issues during outdoor adventures.

- Excessive body weight (obesity)
- Cardiac or cardiovascular disease
- Hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Diabetes mellitus
- Seizures
- Asthma
- Sleep apnea
- Allergies or anaphylaxis
- Musculoskeletal injuries
- Psychological and emotional difficulties



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MEDICAL SERVICES & RECORDS

Prescription Medications

Black Swamp Area Council camps require that all prescription and over the counter (OTC) medications be stored under lock, except when in the controlled presence of health care staff or another adult leader responsible for the administration and /or dispensing of medications. **Please ask your Scouts not to bring over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol or cough syrup—the Health Lodge stocks these medications and will dispense based on the patient's signs and symptoms.** Emergency medications such as inhalers, epi pens, and nitro should be maintained on the patient's person. Refrigerated medications may be stored at the health lodge or in the campsite if secured under lock and key. All medication should be in a container issued by a pharmacist with the medication name and strength, the dose and dose frequency clearly marked on the container.

Each unit must decide to either maintain control of its medications or turn them over to our health officers for administration. If your unit chooses to maintain control of its medications, one adult leader must be designated as the unit health officer.

All participants taking medications must fill out the Prescription Medication Dosing Form (see the administration appendix for this form) prior to arrival at camp (we recommend that the unit health officer performs this task so that he or she is familiar with the medications). Please use one form for each participant and list the medication, dosage, and dosage schedule shown on the prescription.

Each unit should be prepared to show these completed forms at check-in to the Camp Health Officer, and then keep them updated throughout your unit's week at camp as medications are used. We will ask that you leave these completed forms (a copy will do) at camp when you depart. We will maintain them safely in the permanent camp medical files.



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PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Personal Responsibility

Nations, states, communities, and even families have laws. These are simple rules by which people must live to have harmony. If we didn't have rules or laws to govern ourselves, society would be impossible. At Scout Camp, we have just one law—The Scout Law!

Why mention that in this guide? Because it gets right into that philosophy of personal conduct that we expect at camp. You should be aware that at camp each Scout must meet a stringent criterion to become a member of our camp staff. Besides the interview and screening process, all our staff agrees to live by the 12 points of the Scout Law. Many of our staff are Eagle Scouts and many are members of the Order of the Arrow.

The 12 points of the Scout Law guide our camp. All camper and staff conduct is judged by how it measures up against these guidelines. At camp, we cannot tolerate and will not permit activities that do not meet the criteria of the standards set forth in the Scout Law. We ask for your cooperation and understanding as adults in helping us maintain a high standard of moral and personal behavior. We can do no less.

We purchase high-quality program equipment for all our programs. Our guests appreciate the pride and care we take in maintaining these high standards. Please take care of camp gear. The Scouts following you have a right to expect the same quality.

Charges for Damage to Camp Equipment / Facilities

Writing or Burning Picnic Tables	\$5.00 per inch of writing or burning \$150.00 per picnic table replacement
Campsite Tools Damage	\$25.00 per tool (shovel, rake, etc)
Campsite Hose	\$25.00
Campsite Bulletin Board	\$75.00
Dumping of Trash	\$150.00 per Occurrence
Damage to Facilities	\$50.00 minimum to \$2,000.00 maximum

Damages will be billed to the unit, not the individual. The unit will be responsible for collecting the necessary amount from the individual.



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WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

Summer Camp Equipment Checklist

Required Documents

- Medical Form
- Copy of Family Insurance Card
- Medications- Please follow procedures listed in the administrative section.
- Please label everything with your scout's name and troop number

Personal Equipment

- Sleeping Bag with liner or sheet inside
- Class A Scout Uniform (shirt, shorts, socks)
- Class B Uniform (troop t-shirt, camp t-shirt)
- Rain Jacket or Poncho
- Warm Jacket (fleece or sweater)
- Hat
- (10) Pairs of Socks
- (7) Pairs of Underwear
- (6) Sets of Clothing
- (1) Swimming Suit
- (2) Long Pants (jeans or Scout pants)
- (1) Long Sleeve Shirt
- (1) Pair of Tennis Shoes
- (1) Pair of Boots
- (1) Pair of Sandals (for shower only)
- (3) Towels
- Toiletries (soap, toothbrush & toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo)
- Sunscreen
- Water Bottle
- Spending Money (\$50+)
- Flashlight & Extra Batteries
- Scout Handbook
- Paper and Writing Items

Troop Equipment

- Troop Flag
- American Flag
- Stapler & Thumbtacks
- Magic Markers
- Extra Tarps
- Props for Favorite Stunts and Skits
- Assorted Hand Tools for Camp Projects
- Matches
- Knot Ropes
- Water Cooler
- Lanterns

Suggested Items for Troops

- Camp Leader's Guide
- Emergency Numbers for all Parents
- Cash Box
- The Scoutmaster Handbook
- Alarm Clock

Optional Personal Equipment

- Folding Pocket Knife
- Camera
- Card Games
- Compass
- Pillow
- Musical Instrument
- Spare Rope or Cordage
- Extra Shoe Laces
- Sleeping Pad for 1812 Advanced Battalion



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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Visitors, Trading Post, Lost Property & Late Arrivals

At this time, Visitors will not be permitted this summer. We will continue to monitor the situation and follow guidance from the Health Department and will update the position if we feel it is safe to do so. Thank you for your understanding.

~~Visiting Camp~~

~~Parents often remark at how much their child has grown during their week away from home. Camp provides an excellent opportunity for Scouts to mature in a safe environment. For these reasons, we ask that you consider only visiting on Friday for Family Night. However, parents are welcome to visit their child in camp any day of the week.~~

~~We ask that all visitors check-in at the camp office as soon as they arrive in camp.~~

~~Remember that no pets are permitted on the property. This includes pets being left in vehicles parked in our parking lot.~~

~~Visitor Meals~~

~~Visitors are welcome to eat camp meals and can purchase meals at the Trading Post. Unit leaders will be asked throughout the week for number of guests expected to eat in the dining hall on Friday evening. Visitor meal price is \$7.00.~~

Trading Post

The Trading Post will be open at convenient hours from Sunday afternoon through Saturday morning. The Trading Post will carry camp T-shirts, jackets, patches, souvenirs, soft drinks, candy, ice cream, slushies, and a wide selection of scouting outdoor supplies. A camp patch will be given to each Scout and adult leader registered in camp. Additional camp patches will be on sale at the Trading Post.

Lost Property

Prior to coming to camp, Scouts should be encouraged to clearly mark all personal items with their name and troop number. A lost and found box is located at the Trading Post. We recommend that one adult leader in each troop serve as a banker for the boys. This prevents the loss of large amounts of money and allows leaders to help the boys pace their spending for the week.

Late Arrivals

Units arriving late must notify us in advance by sending an email to the respective Camp Director. Please indicate which camp you are attending. Please realize that your youth will miss program time. Your unit may even have to wait upon arrival for staff to become available. Late units will not be accommodated to the detriment of the camp program.



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GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

General Camp Information

10-Day Out Meetings

The final pre-camp meeting is the 10-Day-Out Meeting. This meeting is held at Gardner Pavilion, with the meal beginning at 6:30 p.m. We strongly encourage you to send your Senior Patrol Leader, Scoutmaster, and one Assistant Scoutmaster—they will eat for free.

Any additional leaders (beyond the first three) that wish to attend this meeting are welcome for \$7.00 each, to cover the cost of their meal. Two weeks prior to your 10– Day Out meeting, please notify the Camp director of the number of persons attending so that adequate amounts of food can be prepared.

At this meeting, the camp leadership will inform you of any last-minute changes, updates, service opportunities, and answer other questions you may have. We will hand out important documents and troop rosters, as well as updated and detailed schedules of your week at camp. But most importantly, your troop will be able to sign up for many of the activities that you will participate in at camp so that when you arrive on Sunday you can move through registration quickly. These sign-ups will include, but are not limited to:

- ❖ Mealtime Grace
- ❖ Flag Raising/Lowering
- ❖ Shower House Cleaning
- ❖ Evening Activities
- ❖ Merit Badge Additions

WEEK OF CAMP	MEETING DATE	RSVP BY
JUNE 20 – JUNE 26, 2021	June 10, 2021	May 27, 2021
JUNE 27 – JULY 3, 2021	June 17, 2021	June 3, 2021
JULY 4 – JULY 10, 2021	June 24, 2021	June 10, 2021
JULY 11 – JULY 17, 2021	July 1, 2021	June 17, 2021

We strongly encourage adult leaders to sign-up to help with the activities, particularly when it involves transporting or chaperoning the Scouts. We are here for the Scouts, and without the aid of each adult, camp cannot operate efficiently.



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This meeting is important for the troop as well as the camp. It facilitates a quicker check-in procedure on the Sunday your unit checks-in, and it allows us to better arrange for your week at camp. It is our goal to distribute and collect information from you to relieve some of the stress of Check-In day on Sunday. At this meeting, we expect all units to submit:

- ❖ Troop Physicals – must be turned in by this meeting, or prior to.
- ❖ Dietary Concerns – must be listed on medical form, as well as submitted on a Dietary Restriction form
- ❖ All Receipts for Camp Fees
- ❖ Pre-Camp Swim Test Form (if completed)
- ❖ Early Release Forms
- ❖ ATV Release Forms

24 HOURS AFTER THIS MEETING, THE DOUBLEKNOT SYSTEM WILL LOCK DOWN. ALL ROSTER CHANGES MUST BE MADE BEFORE THIS LOCK DOWN. TROOPS WILL BE LIABLE FOR ANY RESERVATION THAT IS NOT REMOVED PRIOR TO LOCK DOWN. THIS INCLUDES UN-NAMED YOUTH OR ADULTS.

Troop Check-In

Welcome to Camp! Troop Check-In is from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM on Sunday. If you will be arriving after 1:00 PM, please contact the Camp Director to make other arrangements. No arrivals will be permitted before Noon. A Troop Guide will greet you at the parking lot to assist you in organizing your Troop for Check-In. We ask that Troops hike back to their campsites. Vehicles carrying troop equipment are allowed into camp from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM only to quickly unload and return to the parking lot. After you are checked in to your campsite, your Troop Guide will help coordinate the following procedures:

1. One Adult leader will be directed to the Camp Office for Troop Check-In.
2. Medical checks will be done for your Scouts. This will be done at the Health Lodge.
3. Swim checks at the time you sign up for at the 10-Day Out. If you did not sign up in advance, you will do so at check-in.
4. Senior Patrol Leader, and an adult leader, will complete the Campsite Check-In/Out Form.

Camp Tour

This year, the Camp tour will be designed for first year Scouts, and Scouts who have not attended Berry before. However, it is open to all who want to participate. More details on the Camp Tour will be provided at Scoutmaster Orientation Meetings.



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Troop Check-Out

The entire camp participates in a closing flag ceremony and a formal dismissal at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning at the Parade Field. This all-camp closing ceremony allows your troop time to pack up and it allows our staff to properly prepare your closing packets. You may also review your closing packets and talk with staff members if you have any last-minute concerns. It is our goal to make sure your departure from camp is safe and efficient. To facilitate the check-out procedures on Saturday, we have developed the following procedures:

- ❖ Breakfast will be delivered between 7:45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. on Saturday morning. Troop Guides will also be eating with your troop and will remain with the troop until the Flag Ceremony.
- ❖ Troop Guides will bring the Campsite Check-In/Out Form, which you filled out when you arrived on Sunday, to the Camp Office. This sheet is signed by all parties to ensure the quality of your campsite when you checked-out, as well as to initiate any repairs or refinements as necessary.
- ❖ Troops must remove any/ all trash from the campsite and take to the dumpster in the parking lot.
- ❖ When your troop has everything packed up and removed from the campsite, send one adult leader to accompany your Troop Guide into the Camp Office to check out. The administrative staff will be available starting at 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ The departure packet will include troop advancement sheets, summer camp patches, and information about Summer Camp 2021. We strongly suggest that you review the contents of your packet before you leave camp. It is very difficult to clear up discrepancies after you leave. These packets, as well as HEALTH FORMS, will be available to pick up on Friday evening after campfire.
- ❖ Vehicles are allowed in campsites after 7:00 a.m., but must be moved to the parking lot by 9:30 a.m.

If you need to make other arrangements, please notify the Camp Director or Camp Commissioner.

Camper Identification

For the safety and security of all at camp, identification wristbands must be worn at all times by all Scouts, Scouters and Visitors. Entry to merit badge sessions and the Dining Hall can be restricted for individuals without a wrist band. In the event an individual loses their wristband, a new one can be picked up at the Camp Office.

If you see any individual without a wristband during your stay at camp, please let a member of Camp Staff know immediately so that the situation can be remedied.



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Flag Ceremonies

All flag ceremonies will be held in the Parade Field east of Donnell Lodge and are mandatory for all troops. Note that Scouts who are in the 1812 Advance Battalion will have their own flag raising and lowering at the Fort and are exempt from the Parade Ground flag ceremonies after Sunday evening until Friday evening. We will have troops take turns volunteering a color guard of six (6) Scouts for each ceremony. Those Scouts in the color guard are expected to be in full field uniform, which includes official Boy Scout shirt, pants/shorts, belt, and socks. If we have an International Staff member, we will fly their national flag and the American flag at the same height. Troops are encouraged to bring their unit flag to display alongside the American flag. Each group will be dismissed from the flagpole for meals by the Program Director based on their scout spirit. Except for Friday evening and Saturday morning, flag ceremonies will be held at:

Raising – 7:50 AM

Lowering – 5:50 PM

Dining Hall Procedures

Breakfast & Dinner will be served family style. Each table seats a total of 8 people, which should include at least 1 staff member. Lunch is served in an open style from 12:00PM – 1:20PM. We need 3 adults per the 2 lunch sessions (12 – 12:45PM & 12:45PM – 1:20PM) to help in the open cafeteria style lunch.

Waiters & Staff Seating

One waiter is required for every table in the Dining Hall. These waiters will need to report to the Dining Hall 10 minutes before meals to set up your tables and stay after the meal to clean up your table and the surrounding area. During the meals, the waiter is responsible for refilling drink pitchers and getting seconds when called.

Totems – in order to ensure that a staff member sits with you in the dining hall, please make sure to take a staff totem off of the serving line. Each totem pertains to a specific staff member, and they will sit wherever their totem is located.

Optional Pack-Out Meal Program

The Pack-Out program reinforces the importance of patrol style cooking. We are providing you the option to cook one or multiple of your meals in your campsite if you desire. This means that when you sign up for this, your Troop will be responsible for preparation, cooking and cleaning up for the meal. The 10-Day Out meeting is the last opportunity to sign up for this program. The Dining hall will provide all food and items needed for preparation. We will not provide dishes, napkins, cups, or silverware. Units are asked to provide their own stoves, pots, pans, etc.



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CAMP PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Camp Program Schedule

Camp Berry offers 6 program sessions Monday – Friday for all its merit badge, high adventure, adult training, and specialty programs. Some programs may span multiple sessions. Open Program area will be offered in the evenings.

For example; if a Scout chooses to take the canoeing merit badge at 11 AM, they will attend their class every day from 11:00AM to 11:50AM for a total instruction time of over 4 hours. They will earn their merit badge, provided all the pre-requisites are completed, in this time frame. However, if they feel the need to put in extra work on a requirement, or their instructor asks them to, they can come back during the open period and work on requirements.

The ATV program will span across two or more sessions, each day of the week.

Program Sessions

Sessions	Time Slot
1	9:00AM-9:50AM
2	10:00AM-10:50AM
3	11:00AM-11:50AM
4	1:30PM-2:20PM
5	2:30PM-3:20PM
6	3:30PM-4:20PM



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Special Program Fees

There will be an additional program fee for the following programs. These fees can be paid at the 10-Days-Out Meeting, but may be paid to the Business Manager on Monday of your camp week if there are changes in a Scout's schedule. With the best interest of the Scouts in mind, there is no fee for Rifle, Shotgun, and Climbing during the afternoon and evening program; however, there is still a fee for those particular merit badges.

Merit Badge	Program Fee
Archery	\$7.00
ATV	\$35.00
Climbing	\$10.00
COPE	\$10.00
Leatherwork	\$10.00
Photography	\$5.00
Rifle	\$10.00
Robotics	\$60.00
Shotgun	\$15.00
Space Exploration	\$10.00
Welding	\$20.00

Merit Badge Registration

To register for merit badges, access your Doubleknot account where you made your initial reservation and payments. Once the unit roster has been created and you have made the \$75 nonrefundable deposit per scout, then you will be able to register all the boys for the merit badges that they want to take. Merit badges go live on **Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 9:00 am.**



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Merit Badge Preparation

It is recommended that all Scouts read through the most current merit badge book to ensure they are prepared for the class. Many merit badges have requirements that must be completed prior to coming to camp. To obtain the optimal experience at summer camp, the Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster need to ensure that their Scouts complete these pre-requisites before coming. Preparations for each merit badge can be found in the merit badge list.

Proper documentation proving that a Scout has completed any necessary requirements prior to camp is required at the first meeting of their merit badge group. If proof is not present, the Scout will not be able to complete the merit badge.

Merit Badge Offerings

The merit badges offered will be following the 2021 Requirement Book. To ensure that each Scout receives the proper attention while working to attain a merit badge, some merit badge classes will have a limited number of available seats. Our Staff will make every effort to ensure that as many Scouts as possible are included in each merit badge class.

It is the responsibility of the Adult Leaders to sign the scout up for the appropriate merit badges. You know your scouts a lot better than we do. We therefore ask that you use your best judgement in order for the scouts to succeed. The Camp Berry staff does not want to tell a Scout that he is not able to do a merit badge for various reasons, so please help us make sure that your scouts are working on merit badges that are appropriate for them at that particular time in their life.

All camp merit badges can be found on the National BSA website:
www.scouting.org/meritbadges.aspx

To keep a wide variety of merit badges available for the Scouts to participate in, Camp Berry rotates some merit badges year to year. The 2021 offerings can be found on the Black Swamp Area Council website.

Program Capacities

Many merit badges and programs have a capacity per class. Slots will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis. Capacities are determined based on equipment, staff, and program demands and limitations. The Camp Director and Program Director will consider the expansion of capacities if the need arises. Every effort will be made to include scouts in their desired merit badges and programs while preserving the quality of the classes. Please “be prepared” and plan ahead to ensure your unit does not end up in a “last minute” situation.



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Switching Merit Badges

We ask that changes to Scouts' merit badges be done by your respective 10-Day Out Meeting.

After arriving at camp, Scoutmasters may come to the Camp Office to switch merit badges for their Scouts. We prefer this be done Sunday, prior to the opening Campfire. Please be aware that merit badge availability is limited due to capacities, staffing requirements, supplies, and other variables. It is for this reason, that Scouts will have a limited choice on what merit badges to which they may switch. Every effort will be made to accommodate change requests.

Advancement Tracking Sheets / Records

At the end of the week, you will receive tracking sheets in your Check-Out packet. These sheets will list all of the Scouts in your unit, as well as the Merit Badges they were scheduled for. Next to each merit badge, we will list if the scout received a Complete or a Partial (remaining requirements will be listed). For Black Swamp Area Council units, this advancement record replaces the blue card system and is recognized as a valid form for advancement by the Council Advancement Committee.

Blue Cards

Camp Berry recognizes that some Troops prefer the use of Blue Cards. If your Troop will need Blue Cards filled out, please plan to provide the necessary Blue Cards. In order for them to be filled out, please make sure the Program Director has them by Wednesday of your week of camp.

High Adventure

We are excited to once again offer the ATV program, and announce the 1812 Advance Battalion program, as our High Adventure options for Camp Berry. Please see the details below for each program

ACTIVITY	REQUIREMENTS	COST
ATV Safety Course 1 9:00AM – 10:30AM	Participants must have signed waiver submitted to Camp Office. Must also have long pants, long sleeve shirt or jacket and boots that cover the ankles. Minimum age is 14.	\$35
ATV Safety Course 2 10:30AM – 12:00PM	Participants must have signed waiver submitted to Camp Office. Must also have long pants, long sleeve shirt or jacket and boots that cover the ankles. Minimum age is 14.	\$35
ATV Safety Course 3 2:00PM – 3:30PM	Participants must have signed waiver submitted to Camp Office. Must also have long pants, long sleeve shirt or jacket and boots that cover the ankles. Minimum age is 14.	\$35
ATV Safety Course 4 3:30PM – 5:00PM	Participants must have signed waiver submitted to Camp Office. Must also have long pants, long sleeve shirt or jacket and boots that cover the ankles. Minimum age is 14.	\$35
1812 Advance Battalion Week Long	Participants must be at least 14 years old and have attained a minimum rank of First Class. No special waivers are required.	\$0



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Baden Powell Program

To best serve the First-Year Scouts, we offer Baden Powell, a program specifically designed for them. As part of Baden Powell, Scouts will work on requirements from all 4 initial ranks, but will mainly focus on Tenderfoot and Second Class.

Baden Powell will have two aspects:

- 1.) Scouts will focus on the skill sets that are required for the specific rank advancement. The actual requirements that will be covered during this program are posted on the camp website.
- 2.) The Scouts will have the opportunity to have fun at camp and explore what Scouting is all about...FUN!!!

Baden Powell Scout Schedule

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Monday	Baden Powell Program only *Scouts work in Patrols	3 sessions available for Scouts to schedule Merit Badges
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Baden Powell Extras

In addition to working on rank advancements, scouts in the Baden Powell program will have the opportunity to work on several additional items, including, but not limited to:

- First Aid Merit Badge (taught in conjunction with teaching First Aid requirements for ranks)
- Totin' Chip - this certification grants a Scout the right to carry and use woods tools. The Scout must show his Scout leader, or someone designated by his leader, that he understands his responsibility.
- Firem'n Chit - this certification grants a Scout the right to carry matches and build campfires. The Scout must show his Scout leader, or someone designated by his leader, that he understands his responsibility.

Baden Powell Swimming Merit Badge option

Since all our Swimming Merit Badge courses are taught in the morning, we offer a special Swimming Merit Badge class daily during session 4 (1:30PM – 2:20PM). This class is only available to Scouts who are taking Baden Powell during the morning sessions.



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SPECIALTY PROGRAM INFORMATION

Specialty Programs Information

Polar Bear Swim / Mile Swim

The Polar Bear will take place every morning at 7:00AM. Scout must swim one lap of the pool 4 out of 5 days in order to qualify for the award. The Mile Swim practice will take place each day starting at 2:30PM. Each day, campers will progress in the length in which they swim so that they can build up the endurance to swim the entire mile on Friday afternoon.

Open Program Areas

On select evenings, we will offer Open Program Areas. This provides two opportunities for Scouts. The first opportunity is to check out a program area or merit badge that they are not already working on during the week. The second opportunity is for a scout to come back to a program area to put additional work into a merit badge, outside of class sessions. With the best interest of the Scouts in mind, we have decided to remove fees for Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, and Climbing during the open program time.

After open program time, we will offer fun, camp-wide activities! These activities will allow Scouts an opportunity to try new programs, outside of the offered Merit Badges. Things like Berry Battles, Gaga Ball, Tomahawk Throw, Scoutmaster Shoot, etc. **An evening program schedule will be provided at the 10 day out meeting.**

Patch Trading

Patch trading is an enjoyable hobby for everyone, young and old, and the camp setting certainly provides an excellent opportunity to do so. However, youth should only trade with youth and adult leaders should trade only with other adult leaders. Adult leaders should not trade with, or purchase patches from, youth. Patch trading will take place on Thursday night in the Dining Hall. Please encourage your Scouts and Scouters to bring their patches and check out this great opportunity!

Night Climb

So you've climbed the tower before during the day? We think it's time for you to take your thrill seeking attitude to the next level. The tower will offer a Night Climb for those scouts looking to take the scouting adventure to new heights. Please refer to the evening schedule for days and times.

Totem Pole Project

Commemorate your Troop's 2021 Berry Summer Camp experience? Create a section of your weeks totem pole depicting your Troop. These totem poles will then be placed in a place of prominence for the rest of the year, until we convene in 2021 for Summer Camp!

We hope that these Totem Poles will become a point of pride for all Scouts who attend summer camp at Camp Berry!



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ORDER OF THE ARROW

Order of the Arrow (OA)

Wednesday is Order of the Arrow Day, culminating in the Calling-Out Ceremony that evening. Prior to the ceremony, the OA Lodge will be performing. From dinner through the ceremony, we ask that all Arrowmen wear their sashes with their field uniform in support of Scouting's brotherhood of cheerful service. Arrowmen will also be offered the chance to participate in the Ceremony.

Call-Out Ceremony (OA)

The Dance Team performance will begin at 8:15PM. Call-Out ceremony will start at 8:45PM. All campers are to meet no later than 8:40PM at the dining hall, where a staff member will be waiting to lead all units to the ceremony grounds.

Brotherhood Membership (OA)

OA members who have been active for ten months or more as an Ordeal member are eligible for the next membership level, that of Brotherhood. Brotherhood membership signifies a deeper level of understanding of the customs and traditions of the Order of the Arrow. To become a Brotherhood member, an Arrowman need only to answer a few questions to establish their knowledge of the Order, and then take part in the Brotherhood ceremony which seals their membership. Any Ordeal member meeting the requirements can get a "Brotherhood Information Sheet" from the Summer Camp Chief. All Brotherhood and Vigil Honor members are invited to the Brotherhood Ceremony held each Wednesday evening at 8:00PM.

Out-of-Council Troops (OA)

Troops from Councils outside of the Black Swamp Area Council must have a letter from their Lodge Chief/Adviser stating the name of the Scouts and Scouters from their unit who have been elected in the OA. After the call-out ceremony is done, your Lodge will receive a letter stating its completion.

*** Unit elections must be held prior to summer camp. ***

Cracker Barrel (OA)

On Wednesday evening after the call-out ceremony, all Arrowmen are invited to Donnell Lodge for a special treat and fellowship time.



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ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Training

The camp is not just for the scouts; adults are going to have plenty of opportunities to have fun in the Black Swamp as well. From participating in our programs to some of our evening activities, there are a plethora of options out there to take advantage of during their stay at camp. However, many adults participate in our training program. Our Camp Commissioners will help train the adult leaders attending camp. We want your unit to leave camp stronger and more prepared than when they arrived.

Below is a list of trainings offered at camp. Please note that we may add additional training throughout the year if resources become available.

- Youth Protection Training
- Weather Hazards
- Scoutmaster / Asst. Scoutmaster Specifics
- Climb on Safety
- Leave No Trace
- Troop Committee Challenge

Volunteer to Help

We know that many of you have wonderful skills and knowledge in various aspects of Scouting, and we welcome your assistance with making camp a better experience for all. If you have any special skills you would like to put to use at camp, please let us know so that we can find opportunities for you during your stay at camp. Some possible areas to consider include:

- Merit Badge Counseling
- Lifeguarding
- Maintenance
- Baden Powell helper

Dutch Oven Cook-Off

On Thursday, as part of the camp-wide cook-out, we will hold a Dutch Oven Cook-Off! Come prepared to make us your finest Dutch oven dessert! The Camp Management...I mean Judges...will be ready and willing to try all the delicious treats! If you are interested, you will sign up with the Camp Commissioner after you arrive at camp. If you do not have a Dutch oven available to use, let us know! Camp has several, and we are willing to loan you one for the competition.



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Adult Shoot

This activity is for Adult Leaders ONLY! Come down to the ranges and try your hand at rifle, shotgun and archery. See if you are the top shot among adults at camp during your week. Please refer to the evening schedule for day and time.

SM / Leader Breakfast

On Friday morning, the Administrative Staff would like to invite all Adult Leaders to a breakfast feast! During this time, we will review the week and take comments on how to make camp even better the following year. The hope is that this will be a time where we can grow and assess the camping experience that your Troop had. This can be very beneficial when we have a pavilion full of great minds working towards the common good of the scouts. Please join us on Friday morning as we strive to eat, learn and grow!

Scoutmaster Merit Badge

Being a Scoutmaster is tough but rewarding work! We want to be able to recognize you for your hard work at camp. We have re-done our SM Merit Badge! Leaders will receive a list of requirements to complete in order to earn the merit badge. The full list of requirements will be provided at the 10-Day Out meetings. This badge is meant to be fun and is optional for all leaders. Some examples of requirements include:

- ❖ Spend the entire week in camp
- ❖ Attend an Adult Leader Training
- ❖ Take a Nap in your campsite
- ❖ Participate in the Dutch Oven Cook-Off
- ❖ Assist in a Program Area
- ❖ And many more!



2021 PROGRAM SECTION

FAMILY NIGHT

Friday Family Night

It is tradition at Camp Berry to invite the parents of the Scouts attending summer camp to come out and see what their youth have been doing all week. This is an opportunity for Scouts to show their parents what they have accomplished during the week and show off their skills in various events.

At this time, with the information we have available, Family Night will be cancelled. As we continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic, we will stay in communication with the Health Department on best practices. As we get closer to summer camp, if we feel confident that we can safely hold a family night, we will notify you.

Entering Camp

~~Camp Berry is not prepared to handle an influx of visitors at camp before 5:00PM. Please arrive after 5:00PM. Visitors must check in with the staff member at the check-in booth near the parking lot. Visitors will receive a wristband and must wear it for the duration of their stay. Visitors must also walk to campsites unless you obtain a Handicap Pass from the Camp Office.~~

Meal

~~Each Troop can prepare their own food if they choose. This can be eaten in the campsite or you may reserve one of our shelter houses to eat in. Food will also be provided in the Dining Hall. Tickets for this will cost \$7.00 and can be purchased in the Trading Post. Please know how many people in your family will be eating in the Dining Hall by Wednesday at the SM/Leaders Meeting.~~

Family Night Program Activities

~~The specific evening program schedule for Friday evenings will be made available as soon as possible. It is anticipated that traditional activities such as the cardboard canoe race, egg drop, flag lowering and closing campfire will be included in the evening's activities. Camp Leadership will share these details as they become available.~~



2021 PROGRAM SECTION

AWARDS

Awards

Commissioner's Gateway Award

Gateways are a fun way to display the skill and creativity of those in each campsite. Campsite gateways will be judged by Noon on Thursday and are evaluated on the proper use of all knots and lashings, as well as originality. Each campsite will be provided with a set number of spars to construct their gateway. If additional spars are desired, DO NOT cut them yourself. Please contact the Camp Commissioner to obtain the additional spars.

Baden Powell Honor Troop Award

Since patrols are really the building blocks of Scouting, this Baden Powell Honor Troop Award is really an honor patrol award. Too often at summer camp, we focus more on individual achievement and experiences and focus less on the patrol and troop achievement. We want to make sure at Camp Berry that we promote the patrol method and recognize those troops that make an extra effort to have the best possible troop experience. To achieve this award, each Troop must complete requirements in the following categories: Patrol Spirit, Patrol Meetings, Camp Activities, camp Service Project, Uniform, Advancement, and Patrol Leaders' Council.

Ranger's Flagpole Award

Displaying your patriotism and identifying your unit with flags adds a nice touch to a campsite. Flagpoles may be constructed as part of the campsite gateway if desired. All materials used in the construction of the flagpole must be natural, except for the rope and pulley, which we will provide. Contact the Camp Commissioner if additional spars are needed for the flagpole construction. Flagpoles will be evaluated on the adherence to the guidelines, originality, and the proper use of all knots and lashings.

Chaplain's Award

Lord Baden-Powell once wrote, "No man can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God." In following this spirit, the Chaplain's Award will be offered to promote the spiritual development of the Scouts who attend camp. All Scouts wishing to pursue the Chaplain's Award are required to attend Sunday evening's Chapel Service. The requirements for this award will be handed out at the Scoutmaster Orientation meetings, as well as at the Camp Office during your week of summer camp.