



**DON'T MISS OUT** on the chance to attend the  
**LAST Scouts BSA Winter Camp at Camp Maubila**  
(Scouting America 2025)!

**DECEMBER 27-30, 2024**

Register at : <https://scoutingevent.com/004-89485>

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# Mobile Area Council Winter Camp

## What is Winter Camp?

Mobile Area Council's annual Winter Camp is a special four-day event, December 27-30, where Scouts can work on merit badges at BSA Camp Maubila during Winter break. Here are a few highlights to expect:

- All Meals in Dining Hall
- Youth Commissioner Staff
- Improved Training Venues
- Provisional Scout Troops
- Night Merit Badges
- Trading Post
- Unit Camping
- In-Camp Medical Staff
- Campfire Program

Thank you in advance for your support of Winter Camp. Please share the enclosed information with your adults and Scouts so that they can begin making plans to attend. Please make copies and distribute the attached staff application to the leaders and mature Scouts in your unit.

## Registration

**Scouts.** Early registration ends November 30 at 5 p.m. The early bird fee is \$195.00, if paid by or before 5 p.m. on November 30-no exceptions. Winter Camp fee is \$225.00 December 1st- 16th Registration fees will be NOT accepted after midnight Monday, December 16, at the Council Service Center. Registration fee includes t-shirt, but must be received by December 4. No guarantees after this date for a t shirt.

**Unit Leadership Requirements.** At Winter Camp, all units are under their own leadership. Each unit must have at least two adult leaders, as required by BSA Youth Protection Policy. One adult must be at least 21 years old; the other leader can be 18 years or older. Any adult attending camp must be registered and have completed Youth Protection Training 72 hours prior to the event.

**Leader's fees:** Below is the recommended number of leaders for your troop to be at camp.

A. 5 to 10 Scouts – 2 leaders (\$60.00 each to cover the cost of food, insurance, and patch). \$15.00 for Camp Shirt.

Additional leaders must pay \$60.00.00 each. \$15.00 fee for Camp Shirt.

(No exceptions, \$60.00 to cover the cost of food). These fees are not refundable.

The \$50.00 STAFF fee for any unit leader appointed to staff.

## MERIT BADGES

**Merit Badge Program.** We hope to offer a good variety of merit badges at camp. Traditionally, the merit badges offered at Winter Camp are determined by the capabilities of the volunteer staff members. THE LIST BELOW IS THE MERIT BADGES OFFERED. See chart below for periods offered. List MBs choices that each scout wishes to take on form below at time of registration and payment for best selection of course and session

Auto Maintenance	Communication	Personal Management
Backpacking	Cooking	Photography
Chess	Family Life	Public Speaking
Citizen in the Community	Farm Machinery	Signs, Signals & Codes
Citizenship in the Nation	Fingerprinting	Soil & Water Conservation
Citizenship in the World	Fire Safety	Traffic Safety
Citizenship in Society	Fishing	Welding
	Fly Fishing	
	Forestry	

AND JUST DO IT activities are FREE, but we ask that you register so we have enough supplies.

\*Archery, Sling shots& Tomahawks will be offered FREE for fun ONLY. Mandatory Safety Training must be completed by ALL wishing to shoot. MERIT BADGE is NOT being offered-simply the joy of shooting. Available to 6 scouts each session offered. Please be courteous to allow others to register, please limit yourself to ONLY ONE SESSION.

Please make sure that each youth registered for a shooting sport has the shooting sports permission form completed by the participant's parent or legal guardian prior to any shooting a Located in the back of this guide.

\*\*\*The MAX NUMBER limits the class size per session -BLACKPUG registering system will need exact names of scouts taking each merit badge. Please look over the requirements for the Merit Badge and bring any requirements, like personal first aid kits, emergency kits, etc. List the Merit Badges per period (1, 2, 3, A, B, C, and D) the scouts want to take with payment by November 30<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm for best selection. Use the Merit Badge sheet attached to this guide. Any adult wanting to teach a merit badge class should contact Director or Program Director.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Dining hall.** Meals will be served in the dining hall. The first meal served will be lunch on December 27.

**Provisional Troop.** We will provide a provisional troop and campsite. All Scouts are welcomed at Winter Camp. If a unit is not planning on attending Winter Camp but has Scouts that wish to attend, they will be provisional campers. The same registration dates and fees apply. The Provisional Leadership will be provided by staff and will consist of 1 Scoutmaster and 2 assistants.

**Medical forms.** All Unit Leaders and Scout participants are required to have a completed medical form (Parts A & B). All forms must be presented to the Medical Officer at the time of check-in. All medical forms must be bound with the troop

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number on the front cover. Staff and Provisional scout campers must provide a completed medical form (Parts A & B) at the time of check-in. These forms will be held by the Medical Officer and returned during checkout at the end of Winter Camp. Unit leaders will be responsible for any medication that a Scout requires during Winter Camp. Any medications requiring refrigeration will be held by the Medical Officer at the First Aid Lodge during Winter Camp.

**Campsites.** Campsite assignments will be made on a first registered basis. Units attending Winter Camp will be assigned campsites by the Camp Director based on the number of scouts and leaders attending. Please include your campsite request on the registration form at the time the unit is registered. Unit leaders will be notified prior to check-in of their campsite assignment. All youth are expected to be in the campsite no later than 11 pm. Any youth out of their campsite after 11 pm must be escorted back to their site using the BSA 2-Deep Leadership policy.

**COVID-19 Guidelines.** Any mandatory state/local and CDC COVID-19 guidelines will be followed at camp during Winter Camp. Pre-event Waiver and Event Waiver must be completed by everyone entering camp.

**Gear preparation.** Weather during Winter Camp can be a mixed bag. It can be very cold, unseasonably warm, and sometimes rainy all in the same 4-day period. The following is a list of recommended gear that you should share with your prospective Scouts and their parents:

Groundsheet and Tarp	Long underwear	Pen and Paper
Warm sleeping bag	Blankets	Socks and underwear
Ground pad (or cot/ air mattress)	Warm Coat	Sweatshirt or sweater
Warm clothing (long sleeve shirts and long pants)	Flashlight	Stocking cap or hat
Toiletries (soap, shampoo, towel, etc.)	Scout Uniform	Rain gear
Boots (optional, but recommended)	Tent w/rain fly	Gloves

**Unit leaders:** please ensure that all your Scouts are fully prepared for the weather at Winter Camp. Leaders should emphasize the importance of layering clothing, allowing the Scout to remove layers of clothing as the temperature rises during the day and adding layers of clothing as it drops during the afternoon and evening. Units participating in this event must furnish their own tents. Rain is not uncommon; it is important that tents have a good rain fly and a groundsheet. A wet sleeping bag will make an otherwise comfortable Scout miserable and can rapidly lead to more severe health problems. Please help to ensure that each of your scouts are adequately prepared for this trip.

**Vehicles.** Any licensed driver under the age of 21 years old are required to park their vehicle in the camp parking lot for the event. All vehicles will remain in the parking lot. **NO VEHICLES ARE TO BE LEFT IN THE CAMPSITE.** With pre-approval of the Camp Director, units may be allowed to bring a vehicle to the campsite for a short period to drop equipment or trailer only.

**Visitors.** There will be no visitors allowed on the reservation during Winter Camp without prior approval from the Camp Director. Visitors during mealtimes must pay \$10.00 per meal. Visitors may NOT spend the night. Leaders that "switch out" with another leader may be designated as visitors for meal purposes unless arrangements are made with the Camp Director prior to arrival at Winter Camp.

**Adult Staff will be limited.** Staff members will be appointed by the Camp Director with the approval of Winter Camp Committee. Staff members must be a minimum of 18 years of age. A staff application is attached to this guidebook.

**Staff selection.** Staff applications will be accepted through Nov 30. Minimum staff requirements are as follows:

- 18 years or older by the first day of Winter Camp
- Registered leader in the Boy Scouts of America with current Youth Protection Training.
- *Willingness to perform tasks other than merit badge instruction as directed by the Camp Director and Program Director* (Tend fires, clean restrooms, wash dishes, etc.) Staff members will be notified of their assignments by December 14 (the \$50.00 fee to cover food, insurance, Staff t-shirt, and patch applies to all staff).

**Youth Commissioner Staff.** Youth Commissioner Staff and Youth Dining Hall Staff will be chosen from those submitted Youth Staff Forms completed before November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline by the Camp Director and the Winter Camp Committee.

- Under 18 years old or younger by the first day of Winter Camp
- Registered Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.
- *Willingness to perform tasks as directed by the Camp Director and Program Director* (Tend fires, clean restrooms, wash dishes, etc.) Staff members will be notified of their assignments by December 14 (the \$50.00 fee to cover food, insurance, Staff t-shirt, and patch applies to all staff).

**Any type of bullying or hazing is unacceptable, and this will result in a youth/adult being sent home immediately.**

All scouts are expected to behave according to the Scout Oath and Law. Any Scout or Leader found to be in violation of any of the principles of the Oath and Law may be asked to leave camp and no refund will be given. Items that have a ZERO tolerance are vandalism, fireworks, guns, other dangerous instruments (to include but not limited to: tasers, sling shots, crossbows, bow & arrows, long knives, swords, machetes, etc.), illegal drugs of any kind, fighting. We are Scouts - please act as such.

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Winter Camp Staff Application

(For Office Use: 1-6701-704-21)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_
Last First
Currently Registered in Unit (Type and Number) \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ District.
Address \_\_\_\_\_
Number Street City State Zip Code
Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Availability

It is most desirable that staff members be able to serve the entire Winter Camp. However, it is possible that some staff assignments can be part time.

- I am available for the entire Winter Camp. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
If No, I am unavailable the following dates: \_\_\_\_\_
The minimum age requirement for Merit Badge Staff is 18 years of age by the first day of Winter Camp.
Applicants must be registered members of the BSA.
\$50.00 Reduced Food Fees payable upon notification of acceptance to Staff
Adult Staff Members will be chosen from the applications received. To provide the best Staff possible please fill in the application completely.

SCOUTING EXPERIENCE

Tenure in Scouting: Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Positions: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Positions: \_\_\_\_\_

OA: Ordeal \_\_\_\_\_ Brotherhood \_\_\_\_\_ Vigil \_\_\_\_\_ Other OA Honors \_\_\_\_\_
Date Date Date Date

Please indicate your background:

- Emergency Preparedness Traffic Safety Electronics Cooking
Citizenship in Community Family Life Leatherworking Welding
Citizenship in Nation Scouting Heritage Archery Law
Citizenship in World Photography Rifle Shooting First Aid
Communications Journalism Shotgun Shooting Radio
Personal Management Traffic Safety Fire Safety Dog Care
Wilderness Survival Weather Engineering Pets
Disabilities Awareness Indian Lore Plumbing Fishing
Digital Technology Auto Maintenance Programming Genealogy
Geocaching Electricity Chemistry Surveying
Fingerprinting Crime Prevention Robotics Orienteering
Troop Leadership Training Troop Guide Training Den Chief Training Farm Machinery
Other CPR Training Woodcarving

Previous Winter Camp Staff Experience (list most recent first)

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Camp \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_
Position \_\_\_\_\_ Camp \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_
Position \_\_\_\_\_ Camp \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Position Program Area (Merit Badges I can instruct)

Please do not put "ANY" as an answer

1st choice: \_\_\_\_\_
2nd choice: \_\_\_\_\_
3rd choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

WINTER CAMP USE ONLY: Hire \_\_\_ Do Not Hire \_\_\_ Hold \_\_\_\_\_ Position Hired For: \_\_\_\_\_

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Winter Camp Youth Staff Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook? Y N

Group Me? Instagram? Other: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you attended Winter Camp as a Camper? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever served on Winter Camp Staff Before? Y N When? \_\_\_\_\_

The Winter Camp Commissioner Corps (WCCC) will volunteer to provide background services to facilitate the program as directed by the Camp Director and the Program Director. This may include, but is not limited to, building fires, cutting firewood, cleaning buildings and program areas and any other chores or elements of the program as assigned by the Camp Commissioner. The Youth Dining Hall Staff (YDHS) will report to the Dining Hall Steward and aid as needed to the Kitchen Staff. The WCCC and YDHS will report to Camp Maubila on **December 26, 2024, at 1:00 pm** to begin setting up program areas. The WCCC/ YDHS will be the last Scouts to leave camp on **December 30, 2024**, when everything has been cleaned and stored away.

As a member of the volunteer staff, your schedule could vary widely from day to day, and you MAY not be able to take merit badges. Therefore, your fee for attending Winter Camp is *completely waived* EXCEPT \$50.00 FOOD FEES. You may want to bring money for the trading post, etc. EVERYONE ON STAFF MUST REGISTER IN BLACKPUG.

The Winter Camp Youth Commissioner Corps is limited to only 12 youth members and the YDHS is limited to 3 members. Selection will be made by the Staff selection committee. The deadline for applications is **November 30<sup>th</sup>**. You will be notified of your selection as soon as possible after that date.

I prefer: \_\_\_\_\_ Winter Camp Commissioner's Corps \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Dining Hall Staff



I understand the details above and I am available to serve for the entire time listed above.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to either:  
Boy Scouts of America  
Attn: Winter Camp Youth Staff  
2587 Government Blvd.  
Mobile, AL 36606

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**2587 Government Blvd.**

**Mobile, AL 36608**

**251-476-4600**

**scouts@bsamac.org**

## **Permission to Participate in Shooting Sports for all Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers**

This permission form must be completed by the participant's parent or legal guardian prior to any shooting activity.

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print your name), grant my consent to Mobile Area Council and to its representatives including Range Officers and Instructors and others serving in these positions to furnish my child with archery equipment, firearms and ammunition and provide instruction as to their safe and proper use. I further certify that I am the parent with full parental rights or the legal guardian of this child. I understand that this document will be kept and maintained by the Mobile Area Council or its representatives including Range Officers and Instructors. I further understand that any modification of this form will result in its not being accepted by Mobile Area Council, Range Officers and Instructors.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_



# Registration and Roster Form

Troop \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Campsite Desired: \_\_\_\_\_

ALL ADULTS MUST PAY \$60.00 FEE TO COVER THE COST OF FOOD (STAFF FEE IS \$50.00).  
 \$15.00 fee for Camp Shirt. Indicate shirt size below. Leader in Charge (*must be 21 years or older*):

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Leaders:

B. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Scouts' Name / Merit Badge Choices (see schedule above)

Scout's Name/ T-shirt Size	1 <sup>st</sup> DAY MBs / MAKE & TAKE			Regular Merit Badges			Night MBs
	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period A	Period B	Period C	Period D
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Each scout must have Pre-event Waiver, Event Waiver, Shooting Sports Waiver, and Medical Form (Parts A & B) completed and signed by parent or guardian before coming to camp. All adults/leaders must have Pre-event Waiver, Event Waiver, and Medical Form (Parts A & B) completed before coming to camp.

**\*\*Early bird Fees will not be accepted after 5 pm on November 30\*\***

**Early Bird until 5 pm Nov. 30** Camper Fees \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$195.00/Camper

(Staff Fees \$50.00 @ - \_ ) Leader Fees \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 60.00/Leader

**December 16th until 5 pm** Camper Fees \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$225.00/Camper

(Staff Fees \$50.00 @ - \_\_\_\_\_) Leader Fees \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 60.00/Leader

Shirt Sizes Needed & Total Due \_\_\_\_\_