

# Scouts BSA

## Mobile Area Council

### Thanksgiving Camp

November 21 – 24, 2025



**Dauphin Island Sea Lab**



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## What is Thanksgiving Camp?

Thanksgiving camp is a new addition to Mobile Council Camp Opportunities and is now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year. This event will be held November 21-24 at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab (DISL). The camp will focus on STEM related merit badges that are often difficult to complete at other venues. Thanksgiving Camp is not intended to replace winter or summer council camps, but it is intended to provide scouts another opportunity for advancement. A few highlights:

- Scouts and leaders will stay in dorms at DISL
- Meals are served in the dining hall and prepared by DISL staff
- Classrooms and activities in an educational environment
- Opportunities to do nature and STEM activities that are difficult to complete at other camps
- Merit badges are designed to meet all day and to be completed
- All participants will receive a free ticket to the newly reopened and remodeled Alabama Aquarium
- The camp is on the beach!

## Registration

**Registration begins September 1, 2025 and ends October 31, 2025. We are limiting reservations to 100 scouts, first come first serve.** We have additional spots for adult leaders and staff. Registration fee is \$200 for scouts, \$125 for adult leaders and staff registering on or before September 30, and \$225 and \$150 for registrations on or after Oct 1. This includes all meals and snacks. Camperships are available, please contact the Mobile Council office to apply. Camperships will be evaluated on an individual basis by council staff. We will have a wait list for participants. Fees are not refundable after November 1, 2025. We will have a provisional troop for scouts that wish to come without their troop. We ask that each troop send at least 2 leaders.

## Merit Badges

The merit badge program is designed so that scouts can complete all badge requirements at camp. In some instances, this is not possible, but we are striving to get badges complete by taking advantage of our location and facilities. Merit badge offerings are listed below.

Merit badge class times are shaded. Most merit badges require attendance during both the morning and afternoon sessions. There are exceptions for half day merit badges on Sunday.

Class	Sat AM	Sat PM	Sun AM	Sun PM	Mon AM	Mon PM
American Business					H1	
American Heritage					H2	
Art					H3	
Automotive Maintenance					Shop	
Astronomy**	H1					
Basketry			Cafe			
Bird Study	H2					
Chemistry			H2			
Chess					Cafe	
Citizenship in Society (1)	H3					
Citizenship in Society (2)			H3			
Communication	H4					
Digital Technology			admin			
Environmental Science			H1			
Fish and Wildlife			Weise			
Fishing	Under H					
Geology			Gal			
Leatherwork						
Motorboating (1)	Pavilion					
Motorboating (2)					Pavilion	
Music					Under H	
Nature			H4			
Oceanography	Weise					
Orienteering					H4	
Personal Management	Admin					
Public Health					Admin	
Robotics				Admin		
Soil and Water Cons.					Weise	
Space Exploration			Under H			
Welding	Shop					
Woodcarving					Cafe	

\*\*Scouts enrolled in Astronomy Merit Badge must attend evening telescope viewing during free time. This may be scheduled Sat or Sun depending on weather conditions. Scouts in Astronomy Merit Badge must complete requirement 6(b) on their own, preferably before camp.

## Schedule

Date	Time	Event
Friday Nov 21	1800 - 2000	Check in
	2030 – 2230	Movie and cracker barrel
	2300	Lights Out
Saturday Nov 22	0630	Reveille
	0700	Flag Ceremony (front of admin bldg.)
	0700 – 0800	Breakfast
	0815 – 1130	Merit Badge Classes
	1130 – 1230	Lunch
	1230 – 1330	Free time
	1330 – 1630	Merit Badge Classes
	1700	Flag Ceremony (front of admin bldg.)
	1700 – 1800	Dinner
	1800 – 2000	Free Time/Fun activities/snacks
	2100	Lights Out
Sunday Nov 23	0630	Reveille
	0700	Flag Ceremony (front of admin bldg.)
	0700 – 0800	Breakfast
	0815 – 1130	Merit Badge Classes
	1130 – 1230	Lunch
	1230 – 1330	Free time
	1330 – 1630	Merit Badge Classes
	1700	Flag Ceremony (front of admin bldg.)
	1700 – 1800	Dinner
	1800 – 2000	Free Time/Fun activities/snacks
	2100	Lights Out
Monday Nov 24	0630	Reveille
	0700	Flag Ceremony (front of admin bldg.)
	0700 – 0800	Breakfast
	0815 – 1130	Merit Badge Classes
	1130 – 1230	Lunch
	1230 – 1430	Merit Badge Classes
	1430 – 1330	Check Out
	1400	Camp/DISL Closed