

Howl-O-Ree 2026

A Cub Scout Fall Family Encampment Leader & Parent Guide

Cherokee Scout Reservation
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What is Howl-o-ree?

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- Howl-o-ree is a weekend full of age-appropriate outdoor activities designed for Cub Scouts to enjoy with their families and pack.
- The weekend focuses on FUN and shared adventures for Cub Scouts and their families.
- It is often the first camping trip for newly joined Cub Scouts.
 - It is the perfect opportunity for new families to meet and spend time with existing families in the pack.

What is a Howl-o-ree?

- The Howl-o-ree is a combination of:
 - Cub Family Campout
 - Fall Festival
 - Harvest Celebration
 - Hall-o-ween Celebration
- Howl-o-ree starts on Friday evening and ends on Sunday morning.
- All meals are provided in the dining hall.

What happens at Howl-o-ree?

Program

Program - Friday

- No meal provided on Friday night
- Hall-o-ween/fall-themed video in the council room
- Build-a-scare crow
 - Pack activity
 - In the campsite
 - Decorate the campsite
 - Supplies provided by pack
 - Judged on Saturday afternoon
 - Best scare crow announced at flag lowering
- Leaders Meeting

Program – Saturday Day

- All program occurs in the center of camp
 - Dining Hall, trading post, activity field, OA lodge
- Open Program – choose your adventure
 - Exception: BB & Archery will be scheduled
 - You must participate in your scheduled shooting time

Program – Saturday Night

- After dinner
 - Trunk or Treat & Carnival (assigned time)
 - Bubble Party (assigned time)
 - Smores Bar

Program – Sunday Morning

- Interfaith Worship Service

Schedule – Friday + DRAFT

4:00 pm – Gates open for Cubmasters & pack trailers

5:00 – 9:00 – Gates open for campers

8:00 – Movie – Council Ring

9:30 – Cubmaster Meeting – Dining Hall

10:00 – Quiet hours begin – All Scouts in their campsites

Schedule – Saturday + DRAFT

7:00-8:30 am – Gate opens for Saturday arrivals

7:00 – 7:45 am – Breakfast 1 – Dining Hall

8:05-8:50 am – Breakfast 2 – Dining Hall

8:15 – 8:30 am – Cubmaster for Saturday morning arrival packs drop paperwork at headquarters

9:00 am – Flag Raising

9:15 am – Program begins

12:00 – 2:00 – Lunch break. All program stopped.

12:00 – 12:45 – Lunch 1

1:05 – 1:50 – Lunch 2

Schedule – Saturday + DRAFT

2:00 – 4:00 pm – Program Continues

4:00 pm - Free Time

4:45 pm – Flag Lowering

5:00 – 5:45 – Supper 1

6:05 – 6:50 – Supper 2

7:00 – 9:00 – Evening program

9:30 Cubmaster meeting

10:00 Quiet Hours

Schedule - Sunday + Draft

- 7:00 – 7:45 am – Breakfast 1
- 8:05 – 8:50 – Breakfast 2
- 8:00 – 10:00 – Check-out
- 9:00 – 9:30 – Interfaith Worship Service

NEW Program Activities for 2026

- Halloween/Fall Festival
storybook themed activities
- Campsite decoration contest
- Bubble Party (at Basketball
court)
- Trunk or Treat and Carnival (at
Court of Eagles)

**HALL-O-WEEN
COSTUMES SHOULD
NOT BE WORN AT
HOWL-O-REE**

Meals

- Friday night supper should be eaten/obtained prior to arriving
- Provided
 - Saturday breakfast
 - Saturday lunch
 - Saturday supper
 - Sunday breakfast
- All meals are cafeteria style
- Special dietary needs request must be submitted during the registration process in Black Pug
- Vegetarian options are available at all meals

Primary Menu

- Saturday breakfast (available to Friday night campers only): scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuits, fruit juice, milk, cereal
- Saturday lunch: chicken tenders, tater tots, macaroni and cheese, mandarin oranges, salad bar
- Saturday dinner: beef or vegetable lasagna, corn, garlic toast, salad bar, chocolate cake
- Sunday breakfast: French toast sticks, sausage, fruit juice, milk, cereal

Dates

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- Weekend 1: October 9-11
- Weekend 2: October 16-18

Who Can Attend?

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- ALL Cub Scouts
 - Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, Arrow of Light Scouts
- Siblings
 - Those registered in Scouting
 - Those not registered in Scouting
- Parents/Guardians/Family members
- Cub Scout Adult Leaders
- Den Chiefs
- Potential Cub Scout Age Youth and their parents

How do you register

How Do You Register for Howl-o-ree?

- Registration is completed by the pack
- You must register using Black Pug – our event management tool
- Registration link: <https://scoutingevent.com/070-howloree>
- Option 1: One person in the pack can register everyone
 - Option 2: Turn on parent portal to allow parents/guardians to complete registration data and submit payment
 - Both options require management and leadership from the pack
- You can attend as a pack, den, or family
- Pack can attend both weekends
- There can only be one reservation for each pack per weekend

How to use the Black Pug Parent Portal

- These links can help you remember how to use the Parent Portal.
 - [Parent Portal](#)
 - [Parent Portal Leader Guide - Enabling Parent Portal on Your Registration](#)
 - [Parent Portal Parent Guide](#)

Registration Deadlines

- Registration closes:
 - Weekend 1: Tuesday, October 6 at 11:59 pm
 - Weekend 2: Tuesday, October 13 at 11:59 pm
- Each weekend is CAPPED at 600 people
- Registration may close prior to October 6 or October 13 if 600-person capacity reached before then

What is the Event Cost?

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- Event fee: \$65
- Early Bird fee: \$45
 - \$20 discount if paid in full prior to 11:59 pm on Sunday, Sep 27
- The cost for siblings under 5, regardless of date: \$15
- Day Camper Option
 - Cost remains the same - \$45 early bird or \$65 standard fee
 - Arrive Saturday between 7:30 and 8:45 am
 - Departs for home prior to 7:00 pm

What is the Cost?

- New Members Option

- People who joined Scouting starting August 1, 2026 through the Howl-o-ree date
- Cost is \$45 per person, regardless of date
 - This includes Scouts, parents, and unregistered siblings
- The cost for siblings Under 5, regardless of date, is \$15.00

What is the Cost?

- Potential Cub Scout Option
 - Day Camper Option Only
 - Cost of Potential Cub Scout - \$45
 - Cost of Parent of Potential Cub Scout - \$45
 - Siblings - free
 - ***If Potential Cub Scout Joins Scouting America before departing Howl-o-ree, the \$105 joining fee for the Scout will be waived***

How do I buy an event t-shirt?

Event T-shirts May Be Pre-Ordered

- Color: Purple
- Long-sleeve
- On-site supplies will be limited
 - Especially for Weekend 2
- Youth Small - \$16.00
- Youth Medium - \$16.00
- Youth Large - \$16.00
- Youth X-Large - \$16.00
- Adult Small - \$17.75
- Adult Medium – \$17.75
- Adult Large – \$17.75
- Adult X-Large – \$17.75
- Adult 2X-Large - \$19.75
- Adult 3X-Large – \$20.75
- Adult 4X-Large - \$21.75



FRONT

BACK

Event Logistics

Pre-event Logistics

- Campsite Assignments
 - Made by the camp director
 - Communicated to pack POC by Thursday
- Housing
 - Adirondacks, with mattresses
 - First come, first serve
 - Bring own personal tent
 - Use hammocks

Arrival

- Friday
 - Starting at 4:00 pm – vehicle with pack trailer
 - Between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm – participants
 - Families will be able to drive to the campsite to unload gear
 - Must remain on the graveled road
 - Must park at the graveled lot for each campsite
 - Unload gear
 - Move car to the parking lot
 - Return to campsite and set up camp
- Saturday
 - Between 7:00 am and 8:30 am
 - Allowed to drive into camp to unload gear
 - After 8:45 am – main gate closed

Check Out on Sunday

- A Scout is Clean.
- Leave campsite better than you found it.
- Garbage in trashcans.
- Start bringing in cars at 8:00 am
- Depart by 10:00 am
- Worship service from 9:00 am – 9:30 (no vehicle movement)
- Health forms returned to Cubmaster

Safeguarding Youth

Safeguarding Youth: Buddy System

- Buddies are always the same gender
- Buddies must be no more than three years apart in age
- Parents can now be buddies with their children
- Triple – group of three
 - Can be used if necessary
 - Can be mixed gender
 - Must be no more than three years apart in age

Safeguarding Youth: Accommodations

- Parent/guardian may share accommodations with their family
 - Grandparents, aunts/uncles, fiancés, unmarried significant others cannot share housing with Scouts
- Siblings may tent together regardless of age
- For Scouts not tenting with their families, tentmates cannot be more than two years apart in age
- For Scouts not tenting with their families, tentmates must be the same gender

Safeguarding Youth: Supervision/Membership Status

- Each pack (group) must have 2 adult leaders who are over-21 years of age, registered with Scouting America as a unit leader with the pack, who have a completed criminal background check, and an unexpired Safeguarding Youth certification
- Since Howl-o-ree is a council-sponsored event, BALOO recommended but not required
- Parents do not have to be registered members of Scouting America to camp overnight with their Scouts
 - Parents must review [“How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide”](#)
 - Non-member parents must always be under the supervision of an adult who is 21 years old and youth protection trained
- With the exception of parents, all other adults must be members of Scouting America to camp overnight

YOUTH PROTECTION



**How to Protect Your
Children From Child Abuse:**
A Parent's Guide



“How to Protect Your
Children From Child
Abuse: A Parent’s
Guide”

English & Spanish versions
are available on Black Pug

“How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide” Verification

Pack Number: _____

Event: _____

Event Leader for Pack: _____ Unit Leader Signature _____

Which Leader is BALOO trained: _____

The adults/parents listed below reviewed the “How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide” content within a whole group on (this date) _____

	First	Last
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____
5	_____	_____
6	_____	_____
7	_____	_____
8	_____	_____
9	_____	_____
10	_____	_____
11	_____	_____
12	_____	_____
13	_____	_____
14	_____	_____
15	_____	_____

- “How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide” Verification
- Available on Black Pug
- Submitted to Camp Director at Friday Night Leader Meeting

Behavior Expectations

Code of Conduct

- **Cherokee Scout Reservation operations are governed by:**
 - Federal, state, and local laws
 - The Scout Oath, Scout Law, and the Outdoor Code
 - *Guide to Safe Scouting*
 - National Camping Accreditation Program (NCAP)
 - Scouting America's Safeguarding Youth policies and Scouting's Barriers to Abuse

Code of Conduct

- **Respect the rights and property of others:**

- I will keep my hands and unwelcome comments to myself.
- I will not touch other people's belongings.
- I will not use disrespectful and abusive language - No profanity, slurs, or putdowns.
- I will not harass or haze others.
- I will be respectful of others (this includes personal space, religious and other deeply held beliefs, ethnic and life histories, gender, and life choices).
- I will follow my unit's dress code.
- I will not bring my pet to camp.

Code of Conduct

- **Respect the camp's property:**
 - I will not damage or deface camp facilities or property.
 - I will respect the camp conservation easements.

Code of Conduct

- **Be concerned for the safety of campers and staff:**
 - I will be in my campsite from taps to reveille except when necessary for health and safety reasons.
 - I will wear closed-toed & closed-healed shoes; open-toed & open-healed shoes are not safe on gravel and uneven terrain.
 - I will follow the safety procedures reviewed in each program area.
 - I will wear the safety equipment and clothing required for each program activity.
 - Prescription and over-the-counter drugs will be under the control of an adult (parent/unit leader or staff member).

Code of Conduct

- **The following items are strictly prohibited (there will be no second chances):**
- Campers, adult volunteers, and visitors participating in these actions will be sent home at the first infraction at their own expense.
 - Alcoholic beverages, fireworks, illegal drugs, and tobacco (or any of its derivatives such as vapes) are not allowed.
 - No personal firearms should be brought on camp property. The only firearms and ammunition allowed in camp must be owned by the council.
 - Gambling or betting for money, public displays of affection between anyone, fighting, threatening/physical abuse, stealing, tampering with emergency equipment, being under the influence of drugs or alcohol will not be allowed at camp.

Required Paperwork

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- Collected by Cubmaster
- Submitted to Camp Director at Friday evening leader meeting
- Required items for each person
 - Pre-event Medical Screening Form
 - Health Form Parts A & B
 - Code of Conduct
- Required items for each unit
 - How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide Verification

Pre-event Medical Screening Form

- Completed by the family prior to departing home for camp
 - Elect to stay home if you are ill or you have been in close contact with someone who is ill

Range & Target Activities Hold Harmless

- No longer required for Cub Scout range & target activities

How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide Verification

- Submit one form per unit
- If parents who are not members of Scouting America hold an unexpired Safeguarding Youth certificate, they do not need to review “How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide”
- Use the Safeguarding Youth Aging Report to provide proof of Safeguarding Youth certification
- The Safeguarding Youth Aging Report can be found in My.Scouting

Health & Safety In Camp

Health & Safety

- All first aid instances should be treated at the health lodge
- Medication
 - Must be in the custody of the parent/guardian
 - Must be brought in the primary bottle
 - Can be maintained in the health lodge
 - There is a refrigerator in the health lodge for medications
- Closed-toed and closed-heeled shoes must be worn at all times.
 - No Crocs.
 - Flip-flops/sandals may be worn in the showers.

Sick Child at Camp

- If a Scout becomes sick, the parent/guardian will take the Scout home
- If a Scout needs medical attention beyond basic first aid, the parent/guardian will transport the Scout to the local hospital

Vehicle Traffic

- Personal vehicles are allowed in camp on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the designated times
- At all other times, vehicles must remain parked in the camp parking lot
- Approved golf carts may be used to transport Scouts with special needs
- The event will use camp-approved vehicles to support event operations

Mobility

- Mobility needs should be submitted during the registration process in Black Pug
- The camp will NOT provide golf carts for individuals to use
- Families/packs with mobility needs can provide their own golf cart
 - Golf cart must be inspected by camp ranger at check-in on Friday
 - Golf cart must have a first aid kit and fire extinguisher
 - Golf cart can only be used to support Scout/leader with mobility need
 - If you plan to bring your own golf cart, you must inform the camp director the Tuesday before your weekend starts

Early Departures & Late Arrivals

- No one should arrive after 9:00 pm on Friday evening
- Families, singles (not whole packs) that arrive on Saturday should sign-in at the headquarters building
- People who need to leave early, should complete the early release process in the headquarters building
 - An early release document must be on file with the camp

Will the trading post be open?

Trading Post

- Opens on Friday afternoon
- Closes on Sunday morning

What to bring?

Suggested Packing List

- At least one change of clothes, preferable two, in case one gets wet, including underwear and socks (warm clothing that can be layered for different temperatures)
- Closed-toed and closed-heeled shoes
 - Sandals, Crocs, flip flops, slides may not be work around camp
 - They may be used in the shower
- Rain gear
- Sweatshirt
- Bag for dirty clothes
- Pajamas or sleep clothes
- Towel and toiletry items

Suggested Packing List

- Tent/hammock
- Sleeping bag/blankets
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Camp chair
- Money for trading post
- Medication in the original bottle with the original dosing instructions
- Snacks

Suggested Packing List

- Cub Scout Essentials
 - Flashlight
 - First aid kit
 - Water bottle
 - Sun protection
 - Whistle
 - Trail food

What not to bring?

Things to Leave at Home

- Please do not bring:
 - Hall-o-ween costumes
 - Pets (trained service animals are welcome)
 - Fireworks
 - Liquid fuels
 - Personal firearms
 - Do not bring personal bb guns or archery equipment
 - Bicycles
 - Illegal drugs, medical marijuana, and alcohol
- Scouting America events are non-smoking

If I need support, who do I
contact?

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