

AOL & WEBELOS

ADVENTURE CAMP



JUNE 5-8

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

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WELCOME TO

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Introduction

Thank you for your interest in GTBAC's 2025 AOL/Webelos Adventure Camp! This guide will provide you with all the answers and information you need in the following pages. We have worked hard to make the participant's guide as concise as possible. We look forward to meeting you in June!

AOL/Webelos Adventure Camp is a mini camp specifically designed for new AOL and Webelos Scouts. It is local, shorter, and more laid-back, allowing our 4th and 5th graders to prepare for a bigger summer camp adventure. This camp will give your Cubs an opportunity to complete a few elective adventures, learn the Den/Patrol method, and start their journey toward summer camp experiences. We have strategically scheduled it at the beginning of the summer so your Cub can still attend Day Camp, which runs immediately after this camp.

Campers will be formed into patrols, and the entire camp will simulate how a den for older youth should operate. Staff "Den Chiefs" will be assigned to each den in addition to the required adult leadership that attends.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our Camp Director, Jay Sheridan, at Jaysheril976@yahoo.com.

Jay Sheridan
2025 Camp Director

Cassie Reddick
2025 Program Director

Location and Dates

Camp Soule, 2201 Soule Rd. Clearwater, FL 33759.

Camp Dates: June 5th-8th, 2025

Theme

Heritage Adventures - A Return to Camp Soule

Fees

Fee for Operation First Class - \$110 (\$125 after May 8th)

All Adults \$60

Provisional Scouts \$125 (\$140 after May 8th)

All fees must be paid in full by May 22nd.



Emergency Calls

Personal communications should be handled through unit leadership. If there are any questions or concerns that are not being answered by unit leadership, here are Camp Staff contacts:

GTBAC Council office 813-872-2691

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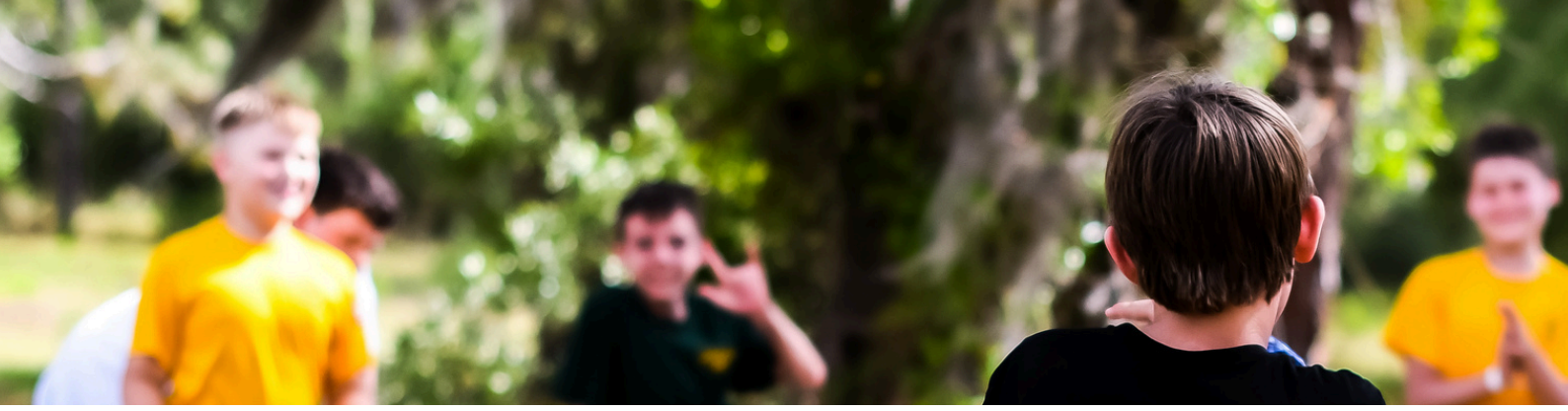
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Leaders

All scouts must have at least ONE adult OR each den of 10 must have 2 leaders with each Den as guided by BSA Youth Protection policies, including having one registered female adult, age 21 or older in every unit serving female youth. These standards are in line with NCAP standard HS-502. All adults attending camp must be registered leaders in Scouting America.

2025 Operation First Class Schedule

Time	Fri. June 6	Sat. June 7	Sun. June 8
7:15am	STAFF	Flag Ceremony	
7:30- 8:30am		Breakfast	
8:45 – 10:00am		Adventure 1	Adventure 2
10:15- 11:30am	Check in- Camp Set-up, tours, Swim Tests	Adventure 3	Adventure 4
11:45a- 12:45pm		Lunch	
1:00- 2:15pm	Camp Orientation	Adventure 2	Camp Closing
2:30- 3:45pm	Adventure 3	Adventure 5	Checkout Begins
4:00- 5:15pm	Adventure 1	Adventure 6	
5:30pm	Flag Ceremony		
6:00-7:00pm	Dinner		
7:00- 8:00p	Evening Activities	Evening Activities	
8:00-9:00pm	Campfire Program and Cracker Barrel		
9:00p- 10:00pm	Den Time		
10:00pm	LIGHTS OUT		



Class Schedule At-A-Glance

Period	AOL	WEBELOS
Adventure 1	Cycling	Pedal Away
Adventure 2	High Tech Outdoor	Tech on the Trail
Adventure 3	Catch the Big One	Fishing
Adventure 4	Shooting Sports	Shooting Sports
Adventure 5	Swimming	Aquanaut
Adventure 6	Paddle Craft	Paddle Onward

Afternoon and Evening Activities

Potential activities include:

- Chess Tournament
- Life Size Chess
- Disc Golf
- Geocaching
- Open pool/swim
- Movie night
- Skits, songs, fun

Activities will be dictated by safety and ability. A more structured schedule will be provided at check-in. All events are subject to adjustment or cancellation due to weather conditions and staffing availability.

Chess Tournament

Any Individual Scout can sign up to participate in the chess tournament. As it progresses a champion from each house will be found. The top two champions will be decided by match play, and then they must each assemble their army! The champions will find 16 Scouts each to represent the pieces on their side of the board, and the life-size chess match will take place. Try your best to become one of the champions, but if not, you could still be a piece on the final board!

Disc Golf

Learn how to play frisbee golf, and participate in a round.

Open Swim

Just as named, free time in the beach entry pool. Swim tests will be required to participate in all aquatic activities.

Geocaching

Learning how to use a GPS (Global Positioning System) to locate Caches. Don't let the muggles catch you.

Movie Night

Watch a Scout appropriate either under the stars, or in the dining hall.

Life Sized Chess

The victors of the Chess Tournament will have the opportunity to play in a life sized chess game. Everyone else will be the pieces. Battles WILL occur.

Fun

Most important, all activities will be fun- "Games with a Purpose."

Adventures

Activity	Materials	Pre-Reqs/Notes
Cycling (AOL) Pedal Away (WEBELOS)	Bring a Bike	Cubs will not finish this adventure but will get a good start.
High Tech Outdoor (AOL) Tech on the Trail (WEBELOS)	MUST have access to Cell phone for AOL	
Fishing (AOL) Catch the Big One (WEBELOS)	Bring own fishing gear/tackle box	Cubs will not finish this adventure but will get a good start.
Shooting Sports		
Paddle craft (AOL) Paddle Onward (WEBELOS)	Appropriate Swimwear	
Swimming (AOL) Aquanaut (Webelos)	Appropriate Swimwear	Must be able to pass Swim Classification test as a Swimmer.

Adult Program

Adult training will be offered as desired and available. In addition to providing supervision, adults in attendance will have some special program opportunities and perks.



GENERAL CAMP AND SAFETY INFO

Camp Trading Post

The Soule trading post is open daily and the schedule will be posted once camp has commenced. Scouts and parents should plan on having some spending money for camp gear and snacks. The Trading Post accepts cash, checks, and MasterCard/Visa.

Visitors

- Visitors are always welcome at Soule; all will have to be screened and sign the appropriate paperwork.
- No visitors may stay overnight in camp. Any adult staying onsite must be a registered leader
- Visitors must sign in and out with Camp Management.
- Pets are not allowed on camp property.
- Vehicles will need to stay in the main parking area.
- Visitor policies are subject to change at any time.

Leaving Camp

Any Scout or leader who leaves the camp property, must checkout with Camp Management. If a Scout is planning to leave camp, a "Permission to Leave Camp Form" (available by request) must be on file in the camp office. Scouts will only be released to adults listed on the form.

Leader Meetings

There will be a brief adult leader meeting after dinner on the 5th. Other meetings will be scheduled and announced as needed. Patrol Leader Councils (PLCs) will be scheduled as needed.

Coffee with the Camp Director

Every Morning after breakfast on the Dining Hall porch, Adult Leaders are invited to sit with the camp administration and chat about how camp is going so far, offer any feedback and suggestions, and talk about plans for the future! There will be fresh coffee and snacks available.

Buddy System

The buddy system is simply a pairing of Scouts that go to places together. The buddy system should be used at all times during camp. Everywhere the Scouts go they should be with their buddy. No Scout should be seen alone in camp. As outlined in NCAP Standard HS-511

Program Areas

All program areas: Pool, Waterfront and Ranges are off-limits when closed. Furthermore, no one is permitted to swim in, wade, or cross any undesignated body of water on the property.

Footwear

Closed toe shoes are required in all areas of camp. No flip flops around camp. Ever.

What to Bring to Camp

Each camper should take care of and safeguard their personal property. Clothing and personal items should be marked with the Scout's name and unit number.

Tents will not be provided. Each camper should have their own tent, or a plan to tent with a buddy. Please don't make this a reason to not attend. Contact Camp management if tenting is absolutely needed.

Recommended items to be brought to camp include:

- B.S.A. Physical, signed by a licensed medical professional (New BSA Medical Form)
- Scout uniform (includes an official shirt, shorts or pants, socks, and belt.)
- 4-6 pairs of socks, including Scout uniform socks
- T-shirts
- Shorts
- Underwear
- Socks
- Sneakers or boots
- Belt
- Footlocker, pack or duffle bag
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Raincoat or poncho
- Bath towels
- Hat
- Scout Book
- Battery-powered alarm clock
- Bathing suit
- Sun block
- Personal hygiene gear (including comb/brush, toothbrush/toothpaste, soap, shampoo, Talcum powder)
- Paper/pen/pencil/notebook for classes
- Canteen or water bottle
- Spending money
- Sleeping gear
- Scout knife (NO SHEATH KNIVES)
- Phone/Smartphone - There are many positive reasons to have a smartphone at camp. Anybody using a phone, camera, or internet access inappropriately will be subject to disciplinary action, including dismissal from camp.

Each Scout needs to take care of and safeguard their personal property. **ALL CLOTHING AND PERSONAL ITEMS SHOULD BE MARKED WITH THE SCOUTS NAME.** *Camp management is not responsible for missing, lost, or stolen items. We will do our best to help relocate items.*

**Scouts and leaders are expected to wear full Field Uniforms (khaki button down shirt, green shorts/pants) at all evening flag ceremonies and evening meals. Full uniform includes: official shirt, shorts, socks, and belt.*

Information for Parents

Please review the following information to help your Scout's summer camp experience is fun, safe and successful! A list of suggested equipment can be found in this Guide to assist you in planning for summer camp. Before your Scout leaves for Camp Soule make sure that you have completed the following:

- ✓ Your Scout has discussed with their Scoutmaster the merit badges and activities that they want to participate in at camp.
- ✓ Make sure that your Scout has a current physical examination. You must use the BSA Health and Medical Record form #680-001. Which can be found here: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/> Part C is required to be signed by a medical professional. This must be complete for entry into camp.
- ✓ If your scout is taking prescribed medications, please have them in correctly labeled containers, and in a ziplock bag with the camper's name on it. The Camp Health
- ✓ Food allergies or special dietary needs must be noted in registration.
- ✓ Make sure that your Scout completed any prerequisites required for completing merit badges at camp. Prerequisites are noted in the section detailing each merit badge.
- ✓ Review any additional program fees required for merit badges and discuss with your Scoutmaster how these fees will be paid for at camp. Please be aware that ALL additional fees must be paid for when your Scout's Troop checks in on Friday.
- ✓ Camp Soule and Greater Tampa Bay Area Council are not responsible for theft, damage or loss of your Scout's personal equipment.

Mail is delivered daily to Camp Soule and should be addressed as below:

Scouts Name & Unit Number
Camp Soule
2201 Soule Rd. Clearwater, FL 33759



LEADER INFORMATION

Before Coming to Camp:

- ✓ Read and review this Participant's Guide
- ✓ Register and pay online.
- ✓ Arrange qualified leadership for Operation First Class. Call a troop committee meeting to determine who will camp with the troop.
- ✓ Make sure that all Scouts and leaders have a current physical examination and medical forms signed by a medical professional
- ✓ Make a list of troop gear and personal gear that you have and want to bring. Plan to bring these items to camp.
- ✓ Help each Scout decide on their class schedule, and register online for all classes.

While at Camp:

- ✓ Plan to arrive at camp on June 6th, no earlier than 10AM, but no later than 4:00 PM. This will allow sufficient time for check-in, tours, and lunch prior to the start of class.
- ✓ Monitor your Scout's progress. Help them get the most out of their camp experience.
- ✓ Have at least one or more Leaders attend any announced Leaders meetings.
- ✓ Explore and enjoy your camp.
- ✓ Speak with the Camp Director and Program Director about what would bring your Troop back for Future Resident Camps
- ✓ Fill out Camp Evaluation forms at the end of the week.

Check-In Procedures

Check-In Schedule at a Glance:

- 1:00 PM Arrivals, check-in and medical re-check, camp tour, set-up and swim tests
- 5:45 PM Flag Ceremony in Council Ring.

When you arrive

- Check-in begins in front of camp at 10:15 AM and runs through 12:45PM on Friday, June 6th. You should plan your arrival accordingly. DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 10:00 AM. YOU MUST CHECK-IN AS A DEN.
- Lunch will not be provided; you may eat before arriving or bring your own food. Meals will be provided starting with dinner on the 6th, until lunch on the 8th.
- A Camp Staff Guide will greet the Troop upon arrival at camp. One leader will check the DEN in at the front of camp. At this station the DEN roster will be checked, all fees confirmed paid, and the campsite will be assigned. All Scouts, leaders and parents who are staying at camp will meet with the health officer to do a medical re-check. EVERY SCOUT AND ADULT MUST HAVE A HEALTH FORM SIGNED BY A DOCTOR AND A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.
- No one will be allowed to unload at the campsite until the Den leader and the Camp Staff Guide have inspected the campsite. Two vehicles per unit can be loaded with equipment and unloaded at the campsite and returned to the parking lot. All vehicles must be parked in the parking lot.
- At check-in the Troop leader will need the following: Be prepared to pay for additional leaders or Scouts. Checks should be made payable to Greater Tampa Bay Area Council Have medical forms signed by a doctor and parent or guardian for each person staying in camp.
- Once at your campsite the Scouts and leaders should: set their gear somewhere safe. Pack trailers can be left along the roadway near the campsites. It is not possible to get trailers into the sites. If a vehicle is left attached to the trailer, it must stay parked for the duration of camp.
- The tour will include: Health Lodge, Dining Hall, Trading Post, Parade Field & Flagpole, and Program Areas. After the camp tour, the Den will return to their campsite, continue to unpack and set up camp.

Check-Out Procedures

Check Out Schedule at a Glance:

Camp checkout begins immediately after the Closing Ceremonies. These are immediately after lunch on June 8th. Program area staff will be available as soon as possible after lunch and closing to answer any questions. Camp Soule will be cleared by 5:00.

When You Depart

The following procedures should be followed for check-out to prepare your campsite for final inspection by your Camp Staff Guide:

- The Leader and Staff Guide will inspect the campsite for damage.
- Pack all personal gear.
- Remove any Troop items from the bulletin board. Leave the camp schedule and emergency procedures.
- Police the area for trash and set trash bags by the campsite sign.
- Clean the bathroom and showers.
- Two vehicles may be driven to the campsite to load the gear.
- Any camp equipment that is damaged or stolen must be replaced or paid for before the Troop checks out and leaves camp.
- Pick up advancement records, medications and medical forms from Checkout location.

Remember – A Scout is Clean. Please try to leave your campsite in better condition than you found it.

Camp Staff and Counselor-in-Training

Camp Staff: Camp Staff applications can be completed online here: <https://tinyurl.com/Soule2025>. Staff members must be at least 14 years old prior to the start of this camp. They must be good Scouts, and mature. They are expected to uphold and exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in everything they do. They must be approved by their troop leader and parent (if under 18), and must display talent, patience, Scouting values, and enthusiasm. This camp will be exclusively volunteer-based.

Camperships

A limited number of partial camperships are available for Greater Tampa Bay Area Council Scouts with financial need. Camperships are available for up to 50% of the camp fee. It is the responsibility of the scout and/or the unit to provide the balance of camper fees. Applications requesting the full camper fee will not be approved. A maximum of five (5) camperships will be awarded each week; no more than two (2) per unit. Unit leaders are encouraged to plan ahead and discuss fees, fundraising opportunities, and/or financial need with parents well in advance of payment deadlines. Camperships must be applied for by December 1st, 2024. Click here to apply: <https://tampabayscouting.org/camp-scholarships>

GTBAC Refund Policy

Refund Policy information can be found at: <https://tampabayscouting.org/camps>

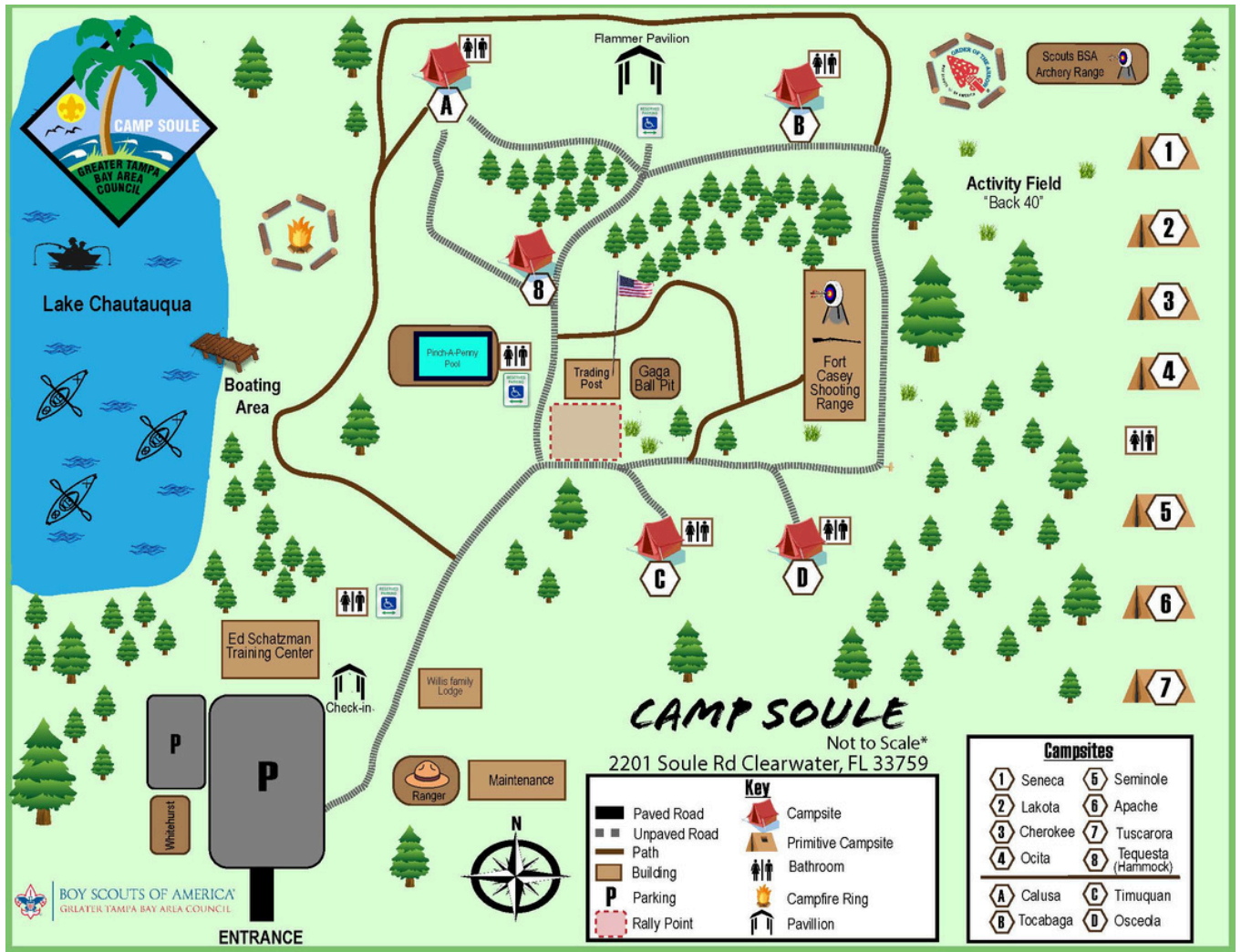
- **MEDICATION PROCEDURES** All campers taking any medication while at camp (prescription or nonprescription) need to complete the Allergies/Medications section on Part B of the Annual BSA Health and Medical Record.
- Please enclose all medications (enough for the days your Scout is at camp) in a sealed bag and send this with your Scoutmaster to camp.
- All prescription medications must be in a pharmacy-labeled container with your child's name or their over-the-counter packaging.

ALL MEDICATIONS MUST BE IN A PHARMACY-LABELED CONTAINER WITH YOUR SCOUT'S NAME OR THEIR ORIGINAL OVER-THE-COUNTER PACKAGING OR WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ADMINISTER THAT MEDICATION TO YOUR CHILD!

TO ATTEND RESIDENT CAMP ALL YOUTH AND ADULTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A CURRENT ANNUAL BSA HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD COMPLETELY FILLED OUT AND SIGNED BY a certified and licensed physicians [MD, DO], nurse practitioners, or physician's assistants and a parent or guardian if under 18.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters as we help keep your Scout Healthy and Safe!

Map of Camp Soule



Camp Soule

2201 Soule Rd. Clearwater, FL 33759