

The Cosmic Camporee: Alien Encounter

Fall Family Camp 2026



A Message from Mission Control: An Introduction for Camporee Leaders

Welcome, Leaders and Mission Directors!

You are holding the operational guide for what we believe will be one of the most exciting and memorable camporees your Scouts have ever experienced: The Alien Encounter.

This manual contains everything you need to successfully navigate the camporee and guide your den of courageous agents. You will find:

- The Master Event Schedule
- Detailed instructions and rules for each activity station
- Key safety protocols and emergency procedures

MISSION DATES:

Weekend 1: 16-18 October 2026

Weekend 2: 23-25 October 2026

Price: \$38 per Cub Scout, participating sibling, or friend if registered before the deadline. Adults and non-participating siblings are free.

LOCATION: Camp Pine Mountain, 565 Old West Point Rd, West Point, GA 31833

A mysterious object has streaked across our sky and landed near our camp. We're assembling an elite team of explorers, Task Force A.L.I.E.N. (Alien Life Investigation and Exploration Network)—to investigate the site and make first contact. Are you brave enough to answer the call?

AGENTS WILL BE TRAINED TO:

👤 NAVIGATE a treacherous Alien Obstacle Course!

👤 CREATE an official Alien Hand Scan! Your handprint has been cleared for intergalactic travel!

👤 BUILD and LAUNCH a rocket to send a message to the stars!

👤 DEFEND Earth from invading UFOs with Archery, BB, and Slingshot!

👤 MISSION NIGHT after defending Earth all day grab a blanket for a movie under the stars.

EVENT SCHEDULE:

Friday

1600: Gates Open

1600-2000: Check-In Available

1600: Until Complete Establish Campsites / Pack Time

Saturday

0730-0845: Check-in

0900-0915: Opening Ceremony/Flags

0930-1145: Activity

1145-1300: Lunch by Unit

1300-1630: Activity

1630-1730: Free Family Fishing Time/ AOL Meet the Troops

1730-1900: Dinner by Unit

1900-2030: Tent or Treat and Area 51 site

2030-2230: Family Movie Time

2230: Lights Out

Sunday

1000: All units departed.

CONCESSIONS:

There will be on-site concessions that will include snacks and drinks. This is a card only concession.

TENT-OR-TREAT:

All families are welcome to join in on the Tent or Treat contest. Families are encouraged to set up a table or canopy and decorate it (like trunk-or-treat). Ensure all decorations are age appropriate. Ensure all Scouts Costumes are appropriate (no swords, guns, knives). Individuals are responsible for providing the treat.

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES:

General Information:

- On-site registration is not possible. All participants, including Cub Scouts, participating and non-participating siblings, and adults must be registered in advance.
- All unit representatives and adults should be familiar with these guidelines and procedures.
- Volunteers facilitate activities and make sure Fall Family Camp runs smoothly.
- Please be respectful and follow their instructions.
- All units must always follow the buddy system. Unit leaders and parents must always know the location of each youth.

Parking:

- Parking is only allowed in the marked area in front of the bathhouse.
- Vehicles are not authorized to stay at campsites or anywhere else outside of the designated parking area.
- All vehicles will receive a parking pass during check-in that must be displayed.
- Vehicles are not allowed at the campsites for any reason.
- One Pack trailer may be unloaded at the campsite on Friday, and the vehicle may stay with the trailer.

Check In:

- Check-in is available from 4:00 – 8:00 PM on Friday and 7:30 – 8:45 AM Saturday in front of the bathhouse. Participants must check in before unloading anything. Annual Health and Medical Records are required for ALL participants—in basic Scouting activities such as local tours and weekend camping trips less than 72 hours in duration. Health forms may be located at: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>.

- At check-in, each Cub Scout and participating Sibling will receive:

- Wristband that must be worn at all times by the Scout and Adult
- Map and Schedule of Activities based on their group.
- Camp t-shirt

Camping and Sleeping Requirements:

- Cub Scouts must sleep with their families during this event.
- Families may choose to participate in Saturday's activities without camping.
- Participants choosing this option must still check in on Saturday morning and provide an Annual Health and Medical Record.

Clothing and Shoes:

- Participants, siblings, and parents are required to always wear closed-toe shoes at Camp Pine Mountain.
- Shower shoes or flip-flops may be worn in the shower but not while walking to and from the shower.
- Participants might get dirty. An extra set of clothing is recommended.

Emergencies and First Aid:

- In the event of an emergency, alert your Cubmaster and call 911 if necessary.
- Each Pack must provide its own first aid kit at its campsite. An additional first aid kit is located inside the bathhouse.
- Leaders should promote personal hygiene. Hand washing helps prevent the spread of bacteria and viruses.

Communication Plan:

- Please join the Fall Family Camp chat on GroupMe. Each registered family will be provided with this information two weeks prior to the event.
- The group chat will be used to make important announcements (including emergencies and weather), answer questions, resolve issues, and report lost and found items.

Animals:

- Pets are not allowed at Camp Pine Mountain, but documented service animals are. Contact the Director of Programs or Camp Director in advance for more information.
- Respect all wildlife you encounter.

Food, Beverages, and Trash:

- Packs are responsible for bringing and cooking their own food at their campsites.
- Do not leave any fire unattended. Local fire bans, if implemented, will be posted.
- No food or cooking equipment is allowed in the bathhouse.
- There are no grills at the campsites. Propane stoves are allowed.

- Campsites do not have electricity.
- Trash must be taken to the large dumpster. Please do not use the bathhouse garbage cans for campsite trash.

Campfires:

- Build campfires only when necessary and when there are no local burn restrictions.
- Clear at least 5 feet of flammable material around the fire area.
- Always have water or a shovel readily available to extinguish the fire.
- Never leave a fire unattended; it must be always attended by at least one responsible person.
- Ensure the fire is completely out and cold to the touch before leaving the area.

Smoking:

- Smoking is prohibited.

Alcohol and Drugs:

- Alcohol is strictly prohibited during this event. Alcohol is not allowed anywhere on the property.
- Illegal drugs, including marijuana, are prohibited during this event. Illegal drugs are not allowed anywhere on the property.

Departing Camp:

- Units should treat their campsite and all camp property with the utmost care.
- Leave things as good as, or better than, you found them.
- Damage will result in a forfeited site deposit and/or additional charges.
- Do not drive vehicles to or through campsites to pick up equipment other than a unit trailer.
- Leave no trace!

All Hands-on Deck!

Help us keep our camp clean! Sign up for your Pack to help with bathhouse clean up! Sign-ups will be available upon arrival.

This isn't just a campout; it's a mission to make history. Teamwork, courage, and Scouting skills are the only things that will see you through!

The galaxy is calling... will you answer?
Let the adventure begin!

Yours in Scouting & Adventure,
The Mission Control Staff



Each registered/participating Scout, Sibling, or Friend will receive a t-shirt as part of their registration.

Additional shirts may be ordered with registration.