

# 2023 Participant Guide

Dear Cub Scouts, Leaders, and Parents,

Welcome back to Cub Scouts summer adventures at Black Creek Scout Reservation! We are excited to offer your Cub Scouts and you four days full of experiences and memories.

To bring home the family adventure feel, our theme this summer is Luau at the Lake. We want all participants, Cubs, leaders, and parents to feel a sense of adventure and fun during your time at camp. You are encouraged to decorate your campsites and even dress up if you like.

Our activities are centered around Cub advancements with more opportunities for time at aquatics, ranges, and climbing wall. We know your time is valuable, so we've also included scheduled activities for leaders. For Scouts BSA members, we're including an opportunity to work on the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award, as well as some additional rank signoffs during your time.

The following Participant Guide should help answer most of your questions, but if you have more, please reach out so we can help you make the most of your experience.

We look forward to seeing you at camp!

Yours in Scouting,

Lisa Scarbrough Camp Director

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# **Program Information**

## **Program Dates**

June 1-4, 2023

## **Registration Deadlines**

May 1, 2023 for Early Bird pricing

## Fees

- \$95 per Scout / \$80 per Adult by May 1, 2023
- \$125 per Scout / \$100 per Adult after May 1, 2023

#### Attendance

Registration is open to all rising Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos and Arrows of Lights (Kindergarten to Fifth Grade)

#### Advancements

During the course of attending camp programs, Cubs will have opportunities to complete requirements for the following adventures:

#### <u>Lions</u>

- Gizmos and Gadgets
- Shooting Sports patch; slingshot and archery pins

#### <u>Tigers</u>

- Floats and Boats
- Stories in Shapes
- Sky is the Limit
- Shooting Sports patch; slingshot, bb and archery pins

#### <u>Wolves</u>

- Spirit of the Water
- Finding Your Way
- Air of the Wolf
- Code of the Wolf
- Shooting Sports patch; slingshot, bb and archery pins

## <u>Bears</u>

- Salmon Run
- A Bear Goes Fishing
- Roaring Laughter
- Whittling Chip
- Shooting Sports patch; slingshot, bb and archery pins

## Webelos and Arrow of Light

- Aquanaut
- Into the Woods
- Into the Wild
- Castaway
- Shooting Sports patch; slingshot, bb and archery pins

Leaders and parents are responsible for tracking completions in their Cub's handbook and notifying their unit's advancement chair. Adventure belt loops and pins will NOT be provided by the summer camp program.

Some requirements for Core adventures may also be completed during participation at camp. Since most of the required adventures are done as part of a Pack's yearly program, they are not being targeted during structured program times at BCSR.

## Fishing

Families are encouraged to bring their own fishing gear and partake of fishing during open program times. Bears will complete other requirements for A Bear Goes Fishing during structured program. Fishing is only permitted along the damn, around the lake towards Old Rattler's. There is no fishing permitted at the waterfront area or from the bridge.

## Swim Tests

All Scouts, siblings and adults attending camp must take a BSA swim test of they are going to use the waterfront area. This test must be re-taken by all every 12 months. Swim tests times are listed on your schedule.

## Campfire

All families and units are encouraged to participate in our campfire on Saturday evening. Units should sign up during lunch on Saturday. All songs and skits must abide by BSA rules ( https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/NCS-Ceremonies-and-Campfire-Guidance.pdf) or the performers may be escorted off stage.

# **Adult Leader Opportunities**

We know you are coming to camp for your Scouts, but we want you to have some opportunities, too.

## Adult Leader Roundtable

Gather at the North Shore Pavilion, Thursday at 8:00 PM to meet other Pack leaders and share stories, experiences, and resources to help you with your unit. Bring your favorite camp chair and camp beverage.

## Leave No Trace (LNT) Awareness Course

Come to the Banquet Room in the Dining Hall on Saturday from 1 to 1:30 pm to get your LNT awareness 101 course completed. All attendees will receive a certificate.

## **Scouts BSA Opportunities**

We recognize that families like to be together for the summer, so Scouts BSA members are welcome to attend our Cub Scouts summer camp program. We will have programming available for them during periods 1 and 2 to earn their Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award. Additionally, they make choose to work on rank advancement items during their time at camp and request for attending troop leaders or camp director to sign off.

Service hours are also available for those who would like to volunteer in the program areas. Contact camp director at cgcstem99@gmail.com to discuss opportunities.

#### Scouts BSA Friday and Saturday Program Schedule

Period 1 & 2: Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award Program at Pavilion Period 3: Climbing Wall Period 4: Ranges Period 5: Aquatics

# **Pre-Camp Planning**

## **Registration as a Family**

Families are invited to register independently of their Pack. Those from the same Pack will be placed in campsites together. All camping will be family camping in line with Cub Scouts standards.

## **Registration as a Pack**

Packs are encouraged to have their families register through the council website to participate in the Cub Scouts summer program. Packs should plan for appropriate leadership of Cub Scouts with the following ratios:

1 Scout: 1 Parent 2-8 Scouts: 2 Leaders 9-12 Scouts: 3 Leaders More than 12: 4:1 Ratio

All Lions and Tigers must be accompanied by their Adult Partner at all times. Program activities are by den, so each den must maintain two-deep leadership as they travel.

## **Medical Forms**

All participants (Cubs and on-site leaders/parents) are responsible for turning in a completed BSA Annual Health Record Form (Parts A, B1, B2, AND C) upon check in. This will be returned to you at check out following the second weekend program. YOU CANNOT BE ON SITE WITHOUT THE HEALTH FORMS. Part C – a physical – *is absolutely required* for participation as this event is more than 72 consecutive hours.

## Medications

Prescription medication may be stored either at your campsite or the health lodge. If it is stored in your campsite it must be locked away. NO YOUTH MAY HOLD THEIR OWN MEDICATION. The Health Officer will be available to collect any medication you wish for them to handle or need to keep cold at check-in. If you wish for them to dispense it regularly, please schedule with them specific times and locations to meet.

## **First Aid**

Please bring your unit's first aid kit. Be prepared to perform basic first aid in your campsite and then contact the Health Officer as necessary. In an emergency all Area Directors carry radios. For major emergencies, please seek the help of a staff member or director.

## **COVID** protocols

Upon arrival at Camp all Units will be required to undergo a brief health screening to ensure all Camp participants are protected from infectious diseases.

## **Check in procedures**

Families may check in individually on Thursday night between 2 and 6 pm. Medical forms must be presented at check in before you may head to your campsite.

No one will be allowed to enter Camp at night after 9:00 PM. No one will be allowed in camp before 7:30 AM in the morning.

## **Check Out**

All Scouts (and accompanying leaders) are required to check out with the camp director before leaving BCSR.

## Parking

Gear may be driven directly to the campsite on the north side, and parking will be at the admin building lot. No vehicles will be permitted to drive in and around camp program areas at any time during the program once check in is complete. Only the Pack Trailer may be left at the site. The speed limit through camp is 10.49 mph and all vehicles should have their flashers on while driving.

#### Handicap Transportation

Valid Handicap placards will be granted driving permission with an additional camp approved vehicle sign placed on the dashboard. Please check in with Administration to sign one out (and please make sure to return it upon leaving camp). We do appreciate a smaller vehicle such as a golf cart if you have that option. Please note ONLY THOSE WITH THE HANDICAP placard may use these carts and/or vehicles. It is not for all adults to ride around camp or to deliver Scouts to classes.

## **Golf Cart Policy**

Camp-owned golf carts are for staff ONLY. Use of private golf carts at camp require permission from the Camp Ranger, Jacob Follin, in advance.

All drivers must have completed ROHVA Safety Course in advance (available at https://cbt.rohva.org/ for free) and provide a copy of their certificate at check in. Only individuals who are at least 18 years of age or older and who have completed this course will be allowed to drive golf carts on camp property. Additionally, you must abide by the following:

- The cart may only be used to transport the number of people for which there are actual seats. Riding in the back storage area or standing while riding is not permitted.
- Each cart must have both a Fire Extinguisher and a First Aid Kit on board.
- The camp speed limit must be obeyed.
- Reckless driving will not be tolerated, those drivers who operate their cart in an unsafe manner are subject to having their cart driving privileges revoked by the Camp Director or Camp Ranger.
- ATVs are **not** to be used at camp.
- Carts used for driving after dark must have operable headlights.

## **Trading Post**

Our fully stocked trading post has everything you need! Souvenirs, patches, memorabilia, books, camping supplies, pocket knives, t-shirts, games, gifts, ice cream, soft drinks, snacks, and more. The trading post will be open during specified hours, which will be posted upon arrival.

## **Cell Phone Service/Wifi**

BCSR has full coverage through Verizon. If you have AT&T, you will have coverage over the majority of camp on 4G LTE.

## Showers

Hot showers are available at the bath house on the North Shore (behind the pavillon). These are single-use rooms with a shower, toilet, sink and lockable changing area for each participant to ensure privacy. Remind Scouts that a Scout is CLEAN! Scouts should shower at least once per day.

## Trash and Leave No Trace (LNT)

Please minimize your trash throughout the program. If you have purchased new gear, be sure to unwrap and unbox it BEFORE you arrive at camp. With a full campsite expected each week, our dumpsters fill quickly! Dumpsters are located behind the dining hall (please use the one on the hill above the kitchen area) and at the Pavilion on the north side of camp. Full trash bags should be taken directly to the dumpsters.

Each family and unit should do a patrol line to ensure not one scrap of trash is left behind in camp and that all trash bags have been removed to the dumpster. Campsites will be checked by camp staff after departure and units recognized on social media who maintain LNT standards.

## **Packing List**

- Tent
- Daypack
- Tarp for under tent
- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Blanket/sheet (if preferred)
- Toiletries
- Bug Repellant
- Sunscreen
- Lantern
- Flashlight/headlamp & Batteries
- Camp chair
- Refillable water bottle or canteen
- Personal first aid kit
- Snacks

- Pocket knife (if have Whittling Chip)
- Sturdy walking shoes or boots
- Extra change of clothes
- Dry sleep clothes
- Extra socks, shoes, underwear
- Rain gear
- Hat
- Towel and washcloth
- Personal medication
- Bag for wet clothes
- Small Hand Sanitizer and wipes
- Field uniform
- 2 Activity uniform shirts
- Water shoes
- Swim shorts/Swimsuit (modest)

## Meals

All meals for the Cub Scouts summer camp program will be served at the pavilion. The menu will be age appropriate for Cub Scouts. Families are invited to bring a cooler with additional snacks and beverages between meals.

## **Provided Meals**

- Thursday: Dinner
- Friday: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Saturday: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Sunday: Breakfast, Lunch (to go)

## **Special Diets**

We ask that you provide all allergy related and special dietary needs in the online registration system. This will allow us to prepare in advance for your dietary needs. If you have specific questions or needs, please email the camp director.

## **Black Creek Grace**

In Black Creek Your Greatness Shows, And on its banks our Brotherhood grows. Thank you for this place and land, And for this food prepared by hand. AMEN

## Hand Washing

Hand washing stations are placed outside at each serving entrance to the dining hall. Adult leaders should coach their Scouts to wash their hands at these stations before they enter the dining hall.

# **Camp Policies**

## **Buddy System**

BCSR Scouts will follow the Buddy System. Cub Scouts should always have two deep leadership with them at all times.

## **Fire Rings**

Use fire rings. Fires are not allowed outside of the fire rings. Additionally, no additives are permitted in the fires, ie. color changers or sparklers.

## Fuels

The use of liquid fuels for any purpose by Scouts on BCSR property is prohibited. All fuels, including backpacking stoves, should be stored properly.

## Fireworks

Fireworks are not permitted on camp property.

## Smoking

All buildings and campsites are SMOKE FREE. Adults may smoke in the designated smoking area located behind the pavilion next to the dumpster area ONLY. NO EXCEPTIONS.

## **Alcohol and Drugs**

The use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, as well as the misuse of over-the-counter or prescription drugs are prohibited and will not be tolerated on BSA Property. Violators will be prosecuted, and local law enforcement will be notified immediately.

#### Pets

No personal pets are allowed in camp. This includes on family night. Please advise your families to leave their pets at home. Service animals must be clearly and properly marked, and we ask that the camp director be notified before bringing outside service animals onto the property.

## **Quiet Hours and Taps**

Quiet Hours are observed between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am. Please conduct a bed check to ensure that Scouts are accounted for and in their own sites by this time. Please remember, a Scout is courteous to their neighbors. While you may have older Scouts, there may be younger

ones who need sleep. Consider heading to the tables outside the Dining Hall with your Scouts for that game of cards.

#### Insurance

Each unit that attends Summer Camp must have accident insurance. If you are a Coastal Georgia Council Unit, your insurance is on file with the Council. For Out-of-Council units, please check with your local Council for confirmation of coverage.

## **Damage to Camp Facilities**

We are very proud of our Camps and our equipment. If you or your Scouts damage any equipment issued to your Unit you will be expected to pay for damages.

#### **Rocks and Sticks**

Cubs are not encouraged to pick up and travel with sticks throughout camp. Unfortunately, these lead to many first aid situations, sometimes requiring an ER visit. Additionally, they should not be picking up rocks and throwing them at each other or the lake.

#### **Natural Hazards**

Black Creek Scout Reservation is blessed with a wide variety of flora and fauna. Every Scout should be able to recognize organisms that may cause harm. Wild animals are important to camp but can be dangerous if cornered or threatened. We should remember that the camp is the animals' home 12 months of the year and we are here for only a short time. Let a Staff Member know if you have a visitor you prefer to escort out.

# **Youth Protection Guidelines**

## **Two-Deep Leadership**

Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth. Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age- and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided.

## No One-on-One Contact

One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. In situations that require a personal conference, the meeting is to be conducted in view of the other adults and youth.

## **Respect of Privacy**

Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp and intrude only to the extent that health and safety requires. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.

## Separate Accommodations

When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of an adult other than his own parent or guardian.

## Identification

Each camper, adult leader, and visitor must wear camp issued identification (wristband). Camp visitors will be issued identification bands when they arrive at camp. Staff will be identified by their uniform and staff credentials.

# **Program Schedule**

## <u>Thursday</u>

- 2-6 PM: Check in & set up campsites
- 3-5 PM: Board games at pavilion, self-guided nature walk
- 6:15 PM: Flags & Dinner (at North Side pavilion)
- 6:45-7:15 PM: Swim Checks
- 7:00 PM: Evening Program (North Side pavilion)
  - Movie (Moana) and board games at pavilion
- 8:00 PM: Leaders Roundtable
- 9:00 PM: Return to Camp
- 10:00 PM: Lights Out

#### <u>Friday</u>

- 7:30 AM: Flags & Breakfast (Pavilion)
- 8:30-9:00 AM: Swim Checks
- 9-9:50 AM: Program 1
- 10-10:50 AM: Program 2
- 11-11:50 AM: Program 3
- 12-1 PM: Lunch (Pavilion)
- 1-2 PM: Downtime
- 2-2:50 PM: Program 4
- 3-3:50 PM: Program 5
- 4-5:30 PM: Open Program
  - Waterfront, BB Range, Portable Climbing Wall
- 6:15 PM: Flags
- 6:30 PM: Dinner (Pavilion)
- 7:15 8:15 PM: Luau Games and Slip N Slide on North Shore Activity Field
- 8:45 PM: Astronomy on North Shore activity field
- 9:00 PM: Return to Campsites
- 10:00 PM: Lights Out

#### <u>Saturday</u>

- 7:30 AM: Flags & Breakfast (Pavilion)
- 8:30-9:00 AM: Swim Checks
- 9-9:50 AM: Program 1
- 10-10:50 AM: Program 2
- 11-11:50 AM: Program 3
- 12-1 PM: Lunch (Pavilion)
- 1-2 PM: Downtime /LNT Awareness Course for Leaders at Pavilion
- 2-2:50 PM: Program 4
- 3-3:50 PM: Program 5

- 4-5:30 PM: Open Program
  - Waterfront, Ranges, Portable Climbing Wall
  - Whittling Chip for Webelos and AOLs at Scoutcraft
- 6:15 PM: Flags
- 6:30 PM: Dinner (Pavilion)
- 7:15 7:45 PM: Luau Games on North Shore Activity Field
- 8:00 PM: Evening Campfire Program (Amphitheatre)
- 9:00 PM: Return to Campsites
- 10:00 PM: Lights Out

## <u>Sunday</u>

7:30 AM:	Flags & Breakfast (Pavilion)
9 AM:	Chapel Service (Duty to God)
9:30 AM:	Open Program: Portable Climbing Wall, Slingshot Range, Fishing, Canoeing
11:30 AM:	Lunch (Pavilion)
1:00 PM:	Open Program: Fishing, Hiking
2:00 PM:	Camp Closed / Check Out (Pavilion)

## Friday & Saturday Program Matrix

Period	Time	Aquatics	Earth Tribe (Admin)	Scoutcraft	Climbing Wall at Waterfront	Ranges
			Lions &			
1	9:00 AM		Tigers	Wolves	Bears	Web/AOL
				Lions &		
2	10:00 AM	Web/AOL		Tigers	Wolves	Bears
					Lions &	
3	11:00 AM	Bears	Web/AOL		Tigers	Wolves
						Lions* &
4	2:00 PM	Wolves	Bears	Web/AOL		Tigers
5	3:00 PM	Lions & Tigers	Wolves	Bears	Web/AOL	

\*Lions can only do Slingshot and Archery, no BB

## Scouts BSA Matrix

Period 1 & 2: Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award Program at Pavilion Period 3: Climbing Wall Period 4: Ranges Period 5: Aquatics

# **Directions to Camp**

Black Creek Scout Reservation 850 Poor Robin Road Sylvania, GA 30467

## From I-95

Exit 109 GA Hwy 21 North- Go about 43 miles and then turn right onto Poor Robin Road. The entrance to Camp is about 1/2 mile on your right.

## **From Augusta**

Take US Hwy 25 South approx. 47 miles. Turn left on GA Hwy 21 South and follow it for approximately 18 miles. Turn right onto US301 South and follow for 2.1 miles. Turn left onto GA-21 South and follow for 6.8 miles. Turn left onto Poor Robin Road. The entrance to camp is about ½ mile on your right.

## From Atlanta/Macon

Follow I-16 to US 301 Statesboro/Claxton Exit 116. Turn left onto US 301 in about 12 miles, at the stop light you will turn right onto the 301 Bypass. Continue until the road ends at the stop sign. Take a right onto East Parrish Street. Continue about 18 miles. You will then turn right onto Hwy 21 South. Go 6.8 miles and Turn left onto Poor Robin Road. The entrance to camp is about ½ mile on your right.

## **REMEMBER!!** Georgia is a HANDS-FREE STATE!

It is illegal to hold your phone while driving in the state of Georgia, part of a sweeping handsfree law that went into effect in July of 2018. Drivers can no longer have phones "touching any part of their body" while talking through devices... BE SAFE WHILE DRIVING!

