



**LET THE GAMES BEGIN!  
CUB SCOUTS SUMMER CAMP  
AT BLACK CREEK SCOUT  
RESERVATION**

**MAY 30 - JUNE 2, 2024**

**PARTICIPANT GUIDE  
FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS**

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.

We want this summer adventure to be full of fun and memories you will cherish. Our theme this year coincides with the 2024 summer Olympics, so you should look forward to lots of games and challenges during your experience. Families and units are encouraged to decorate their campsites, create their own “country” and flags if they like.

Our activities are centered around Cub-age opportunities for time at aquatics, ranges, and the climbing wall. We know your time is valuable, so we've also included scheduled activities for leaders, too.

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

May 30 – June 2, 2024

### Registration Deadlines

May 1, 2024 for Early Bird pricing

### Fees

- \$95 per Scout / \$80 per Adult by May 1, 2024
- \$125 per Scout / \$100 per Adult after May 1, 2024
- \$50 per Scouts BSA or Adult Staff (for meals)

### Attendance

Registration is open to all Cub Scouts registered youth, their parent/legal guardian, and/or BSA registered leader.

Siblings not registered with a Cub Scouts unit **are not** permitted to attend long-term camps and cannot be on camp property during the summer camp program. At a minimum, participants must be in Kindergarten, and, at a maximum, cannot be out of the fifth grade.

Scouts BSA registered members (in a troop) are permitted to register and attend the summer camp as youth staff. These members must have their own tents separate from parents and siblings in accordance with Scouts BSA camping guidelines. Scouts BSA participants may volunteer time setting up and running games and activities for Cubs for service hours. Permission for them to attend will be through the Camp Director before they register directly online.

### Medical Form Requirements

All participants (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA members, and on-site leaders/parents) are responsible for turning in a completed BSA Annual Health Record Form (**Parts A, B1, B2**) upon check in. This will be returned to you at check out. **YOU CANNOT BE ON SITE WITHOUT THE HEALTH FORMS. Part C – a physical – is not required** for participation this year.

## Advancements

The Cub Scouts program will have advancements and adventures changes effective June 1, 2024. For that reason, we are not providing a list of specific advancements or adventures that may be earned during this camp. Our focus will be on having fun and learning new skills while enjoying quality time together. A supplemental handout will be given at the camp of activities that *may* meet some of the new requirements.

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.

## Fishing

Families are encouraged to bring their own fishing gear and partake of fishing during open program times. 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 youth and adults attending camp **must take a BSA swim test** if 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 pavilion 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**

Scouts BSA registered members (in a troop) are permitted to register and attend the summer camp as youth staff. These members must have their own tents separate from parents and siblings in accordance with Scouts BSA camping guidelines.

Scouts BSA participants may volunteer time setting up and running games for Cubs for service hours. Permission for them to attend will be through the Camp Director before they register directly online. Those who attend may be eligible for rank advancement sign-offs depending upon their activities completed.

## 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. Any Scouts BSA members attending with their families must camp in their own tents – no sharing with parents or younger siblings.

### 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.

### 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. **Please do not call 911**, let our medical staff be the ones to do that.

### 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://cvt.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 pavilion). 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.

### **Swimwear Requirements**

We recommend that swimwear should be comfortable, functional, and appropriate for the specific aquatic activity. As such, swimwear for all participants and staff should be:

- Designed as swimwear
- Appropriate to the activity

- Secure enough to not shift or fall off while participating
- T-shirt or additional layer may be allowed if it does not hamper movement in the water

### **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

## 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 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.

**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, and bring that confirmation with you to camp.

**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.

**MESH (Mental, Emotional, and Social Health)**

In accordance with new national recommended practices, we have established a MESH plan for participants. Youth or adult participants who may be experiencing a mental health challenge or crisis should seek out the camp director for immediate assistance. We have, at minimum, at least one staff member on site who is certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid and Adult Mental Health First Aid.

## 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 Cub Scouts youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of an adult other than his own parent or guardian. Scouts BSA youth are not permitted to camp with a parent or adult family member without a special needs accommodation as approved by the council's Scout Executive.

### 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.

### Scouts First Helpline

As part of its "Scouts First" approach to the protection and safety of youth, the BSA has established 844-SCOUTS1 (844-726-8871), a dedicated 24-hour helpline to receive reports of known or suspected abuse or behavior that might put a youth at risk. This helpline is open to Scout leaders, Scouts, Scouting professionals, or anyone else who believes a youth might be at risk. Scout leaders are encouraged to report such behavior as well to Coastal Georgia Council Scout Executive Lew Sisson at [lew.sisson@scouting.org](mailto:lew.sisson@scouting.org) and the camp director as soon as possible.

## Program Schedule

### Thursday

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) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Movie and board games at pavilion</li> </ul>
8:00 PM:	Leaders Roundtable (Pavilion)
9:00 PM:	Return to Campsites
10:00 PM:	Lights Out

### Friday

7:30 AM:	Flags & Breakfast (Pavilion)
8:30-9:00 AM:	Swim Checks
9-10:15 AM:	Program 1
10:20-11:30 AM:	Program 2
11:40-12:30 PM:	Program 3
12:30-1:30 PM:	Lunch (Pavilion)
1:30-2:30 PM:	Downtime
2:30-3:15 PM:	Program 4
3:20-4:30 PM:	Program 5
4:30-5:30 PM:	Open Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waterfront (swimming, canoeing, kayaking), Ranges, Portable Climbing Wall</li> </ul>
6:15 PM:	Flags
6:15 PM:	Dinner (Pavilion)
7:15 – 8:30 PM:	Olympic Games and Slip N Slide on North Shore Activity Field (round robin style)
9:00 PM:	Return to Campsites
10:00 PM:	Lights Out

### Saturday

7:30 AM:	Flags & Breakfast (Pavilion)
8:30-9:00 AM:	Swim Checks
9-10:15 AM:	Program 1
10:20-11:30 AM:	Program 2
11:40-12:30 PM:	Program 3
12:30-1:30 PM:	Lunch (Pavilion)
1:30-2:30 PM:	Downtime /LNT Awareness Course for Leaders at Pavilion
2:30-3:15 PM:	Program 4

3:20-4:30 PM: Program 5  
 4:30-5:30 PM: Open Program  
 • Waterfront (swimming, canoeing, kayaking), Ranges, Portable Climbing Wall  
 • Whittling Chip for Webelos and AOLs at Scoutcraft  
 6:15 PM: Flags  
 6:15 PM: Dinner (Pavilion)  
 7:15 – 8:15 PM: Olympic Games on North Shore Activity Field (competitions)  
 8:30 PM: Evening Campfire Program (Amphitheater or Pavilion)  
 9:00 PM: Return to Campsites  
 10:00 PM: Lights Out

Sunday

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
1	9:00 AM		Lions & Tigers	Wolves	Bears	Web/AOL
2	10:20 AM	Web/AOL		Lions & Tigers	Wolves	Bears
3	11:40 AM	Bears	Web/AOL		Lions & Tigers	Wolves
4	2:30 PM	Wolves	Bears	Web/AOL		Lions* & Tigers
5	3:20 PM	Lions & Tigers	Wolves	Bears	Web/AOL	

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

Board games and crafts will be available in the Pavilion for Cubs who do not wish to participate in certain activities or finish sessions early.

## 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 hands-free 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!