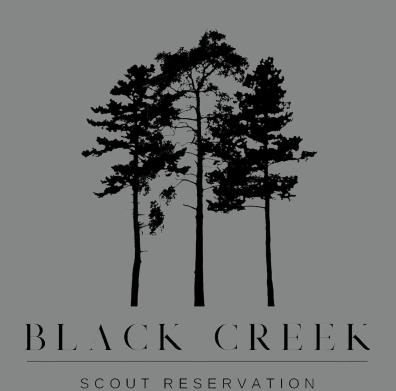
Summer Camp FIELD GUIDE 2025





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A letter From Black Creek

Dear Scouts, Adult Leaders, and Parents,

Greetings from Black Creek – southeast Georgia's newest, permier, nationally accredited scout camp! Thank you for your interest in attending Black Creek Scout Reservation. We are pleased to present our 2025 Field Guide – a combined program guide and leaders'guide. Please read the information contained within carefully. Most of your questions and concerns should be answered in the following pages.

This Field Guide contains important information that will help your Unit plan for the upcoming summer camp season. But before we get down to the "nuts and bolts" of summer camp, Coastal Georgia Council and the staff at Black Creek wanted to take this opportunity to talk about why we do what we do and why your experience with us is so important.

Each and every camp is different. Not just because of geography or location but because of the camp's history and people who have touched that camp. Every camp has its unique style, program, games, and traditions. However, whether you've attended summer camp as a youth, adult leader, or staff member – we can all agree that the summer camp experience is magical.

Camp is the place where kids have a chance to practice being the best they can be. They have the opportunity to meet new people, try new things, climb rock walls, shoot a bow and arrow, and feel the wind in their face on a sailboat. They experience all these things in a safe, controlled environment with individuals there to support them through successes and failures.

In the modern world in which we live, there is so much that competes for our time – work, church, sports, and even well-deserved vacations. There is no competition, however, to the gift that is the experience of summer camp.

Coastal Georgia Council and the staff at Black Creek want to thank you for trusting us with your loved ones and allowing them to share the summer camp experience with us this year.

Sincerely,

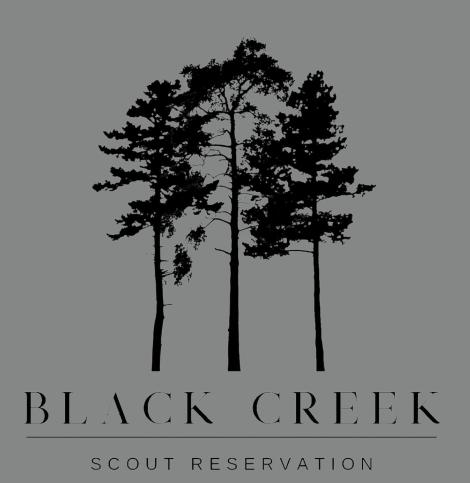
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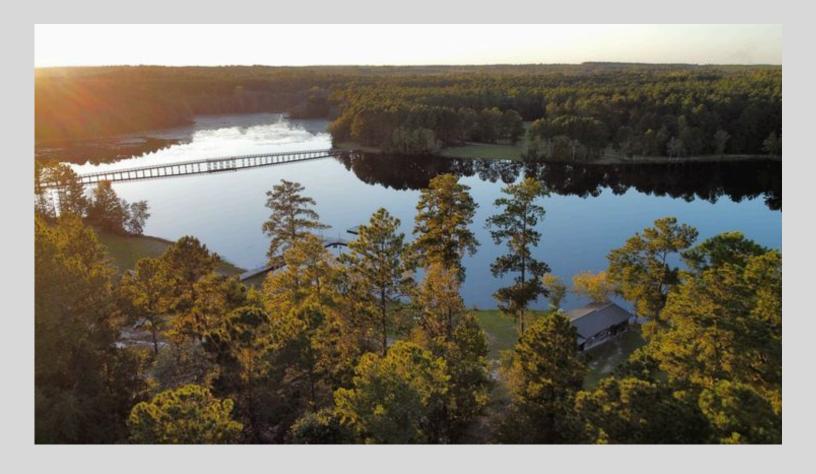
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ABOUT US



Black Creek



Nestled between the pines of Southeast Georgia lies Black Creek Scout Reservation. Spanning over 350 acres, Black Creek offers a private 40-acre lake for swimming, boating, and fishing, a 50-ft climbing tower with high and low ropes courses, shooting sports ranges, and a state of the art dining facility.

But don't take our word for it....





Nationally accredited

Each year, Black Creek undergoes a rigorous inspection as part of the BSA National Camp Accreditation Program ("NCAP"). This means that Black Creek must meet strict guidelines set forth in an array of areas such as health,safety, programming, staff qualifications, and emergency preparedness. We pride ourselves on not only meeting but exceeding all standards and regulations.

Merit Badge Opportunities

Black Creek's 2025 Summer Camp Merit Badge schedule has been designed to emphasized the

We're offering a carefully selected *41 Merit Badges* - Most of which can be *competed at camp*!*

However, please remember while at camp, Scouts must complete all the requirements - no more, no less - to complete the Merit Badge.





Camp Staff

Black Creek hires only the best to assist your unit each summer. All staff members are highly motivated, well trained, and mission-focused to ensure that each and every Scout has a memorable and enjoyable experience at Black Creek

Cell phone Signal & Internet

Black Creek is one of the few Scout camps with excellent cell phone signal in camp! Verizon customers will have coverage throughout most of camp while AT&T and T-Mobile customers typically have slightly less coverage. However, Scouts are discouraged from carrying their cell phones during camp. Troops are encouraged to establish their own cell phone procedures. Internet is also available to leaders who need it.

Visitors at camp

We love visitors at Black Creek. To ensure the safety of our Scouts and staff, visitors must compete a <u>Visitor Form</u> 48 hours prior to arriving at camp. Visitors must check in at the administration building with a valid ID and pick up a visitor pass. While we do love visitors, we strongly discourage Scouts from leaving early. Please keep in mind, often times, if your Scout is experiencing homesickness, visits from family can make it worse. Visitors are not allowed to bring pets. Guest meals will not be provided.

Sending Mail to Camp

Letters, cards, and care packages for your scouts are highly encouraged. To ensure timely delivery, we recommend sending your mail 4-5 business days in advance to ensure delivery while your Scout is at camp. Forgot something? Amazon has quick delivery to camp on many products.

Please address all mail as follows....



REGISTERING FOR CAMP



SCOUT RESERVATION



Black Creek Scout Reservation SUMMER CAMP 2025

Week One: June 1-7 (Reservation Closed)

Week Two: June 8-14

Week Three: June 15-21

tinyurl.com/BCSR2025
912-927-7272
coastalgeorgiabsa.org

Legacy Price: \$350

\$500 nonrefundable deposit by the end of 2024, paid in full by April 1

Early Bird Price: \$375

Paid in full by April 1

Standard Price: \$400
Paid in full by June 1

Adult Price: \$180

1 free adult per 8 youth







Registration Information

Planning for camp

To better prepare your unit for an awesome summer camp season, prior to registering, gather the following information for your unit.

- Which week will you be visiting
- How many Scouts will you be bringing?
- How many adults are you bringing?

Ready to register?

Visit the <u>BCSR Summer Camp 2025 website</u> and complete our online registration process.

• Registration and payment questions can be directed to Beverly Hill.

Provisional Scouts

Not coming with your troop? We can help! Email our Camp Director and let him know when you register. We will pair your Scouts up with a local Troop for the week.

Next Steps

- 1. Now that you're registered, be sure to keep up with your payments. Paying in full before April 1 saves you money with our Early Bird Discount.
- 2. Read this Field Guide and review it with your Scouts, parents, and leaders to ensure that your unit is prepared.
- 3. Register for classes. Registration for merit badge classes will start on April 1st. Those registered will receive an email with registration instructions prior to that date.
- 4. Get ready for a fun summer!



Suggested Packing List

This suggested packing list is a guideline for what you will need for your week at Black Creek. Clothing and personal property should be clearly marked with your name and Troop number.

Official BSA Uniform

- Short Sleeved Uniform Shirt
- Uniform Shorts / Pants
- · Scout Belt
- Scout Socks (3-4 pair)
- Troop neckerchief & Slide (optional)
- OA Sash (optional)

Clothing

- Socks (6 pair)
- T-shirt / Short Sleeve Shirt (6)
- Shorts/ Pants (6)
- Sleepwear
- · Rain Jacket
- Closed Toe Shoes/ Boots
 - 2 pair are recommended
- Swimsuit
 - Guidlines can be found here
- Hat

Toiletries

- · Soap / Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Comb/ Brush
- · Towel & Washcloths
 - Multiple recommended

Camping Gear

- Backpack/ Daypack
- Canteen/ Water Bottle
- · Laundry Bag for Dirty Clothes
- Footlocker/Suitcase/Duffle Bag
- Flashlight
- Tent/ Hammock
 - Tents are provided, but you are free to bring your own as well

Bedding

- Sheets / Sleeping bag
- Blanket
- Pillow
- Sleeping pad
 - two cots are in each tent, but feel free to bring your own

Other iteams

- Watch
- Insect Repellant
- Sunscreen
- Camp Chair
- Board Games/ Playing Cards
- Scouting Handbook
- Bible/ Spiritual book
- Books
- · Notebook and Pencil

Do Not Bring

Firearms, sheath knives, fire works, weapons of any kind, pets, electronic devices. Alcohol, tobacco, vapes. Please check with your Troop regarding Cell Phone Policy.

All saws, axes, matches, lighters, cooking equipment, etc. need to remain in the Troop trailer. Individual scouts do not need these items.

ARRIVING AT CAMP



SCOUT RESERVATION

1

Upon arrival, park in the parking lot. Your Troop's Scoutmaster or Adult Leader should proceed to the Admin Building and meet with our Camp Administrator with the following information and documents in hand:

- Troop Roster
- YPT certificates for adult leaders
- Payment for any outstanding fees
- Youth and adult health forms (parts A,B & C)

2

After finishing with our Camp Administrator, your Troop will meet with the Camp Health Officer. Each person, youth and adult, will go through a quick individual health screening.

3

Once health screenings are done, our Troop Guides will take you on a camp tour that includes a stop at the waterfront for a swim test. Please be sure to arrive ready for a hike with water bottles and swimwear in hand. Our tour will show you where program areas and campsites are, as well as go over dining hall procedures. Adults are welcome to join the tour, or they can take the troop trailer to the campsite.

4

At 6:15pm, all Troops must report to the Parade Field in front of the Reese Dining Hall (RDH) for the flag lowering followed by dinner.

5

Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol leaders must report to the RDH Banquet room for the a meeting with camp administration at 7:15

6

At 9:00pm, Troops will report to the camp fire ring for Opening Campfire 15

Tips and Recomendations

Prior to arriving at camp, if your Troop's Scoutmaster is not attending camp with you, elect an "Adult Leader" to handle check-in and to attend the Scoutmaster Meetings throughout the week. Do the same for an acting Senior Patrol Leader for the week if your SPL is not attending camp.

Arrive at camp as close to 1pm as possible. This is to ensure that your unit will have plenty of time to check in, tour camp, conduct swim test, and be ready for dinner and opening campfire.

For anyone who needs a swim check, make sure that they arrive in swimming attire, or have it packed in a day pack readily available.

- We recommend all scouts and adults take a swim test even if they are not taking aquatics classes. That way they can swim or boat in their free time.
- Has your Troop already conducted swim checks in the last 12 months? Please bring a copy of your Swim Check Roster and have it ready at during your camp tour. The aquatics staff will review it and our Aquatics Director has final say.

Please ensure that Scoutmasters, Adult Leaders, and Senior Patrol Leaders attend the leader meeting on Sunday and all meetings throughout the week.. These meetings are how we will disseminate key information to your unit.

Our Camp Health Officer will conduct health screenings and go over medications, allergies, and health concerns. Each unit is in charge of their own medication and it needs to be locked away in the campsites. Medication needs to be in its original packaging. Lock boxes are available for those who need them. All medication that needs to be refrigerated can be given to the medic.

CAMP FACILITIES



SCOUT RESERVATION

Campsites, Bathrooms, and Trading post

Campsite Information

Black Creek offers six tent campsites each equipped with large canvas tent on platforms. Each tent has two cots and sleeps two campers. Each campsite also includes an activity shelter with electricity and overhead fans. Scouts and adults can also bring their own tents or hammocks. Please ensure to follow Scouting America's hammock policy and all YPT rules.

Bathroom Facilities

All Bathrooms facilities at Black Creek are single-use facilities with hot water and flush toilets. Each stall has its own sink, shower, and toilet. Each campsite shares a bathhouse with a neighboring campsite.

Black Creek Trading Post

The Black Creek Trading Post is stocked with a wide variety or program supplies, souvenirs, and more. We carry general camping supplies, personal hygiene items, Black Creek apparel, and an excellent selection of snacks and beverages. We also carry merit badges supply kits. Knives are available to those who have Totin' Chips.

		Daily Closures / Additional Hours
Sunday*	2:00 - 6:30 PM	*Open additional 45 minutes after campfire.
Monday Tuesday Wednesday* Thursday Friday*	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM	Daily closures from 8:45 – 9:15 AM for restocking/inventory. *Open additional 45 minutes after campfire. Closed daily during mealtimes.
Saturday	CLOSED	

Scout Camp Accounts

Black Creek offers Scout Camp Accounts for our Trading Post. Scout Camp Accounts provide an easy solution for parents concerned about Scouts being responsible for cash/card at camp. Please fill out the Scout Camp Account form located in the attached appendix. For more information contact Grace Campbell. Most Scouts spend between \$50 - \$60 throughout the week.

Dining Facilities & Meal time Procedures



Reese Dinning Hall

Meals are prepared and served in Black Creek's state-of-the-art, air-conditioned Reese Dining Hall, or "RDH" as you may hear it called. Meals are carefully crafted and planned by a dietician and chef. Each meal are designed to meet with the health needs of your and adults alike. Meals will be served Cafeteria style. Please make note of our Thursday night meal plan as there is no meal served in RDH that night. More information can be found on the next page.

Dietary Restrictions

Special meals can be prepared for those with dietary restrictions, including but not limited to vegetarians, lactose intolerance, gluten-free, and nut allergies. However, we must receive notice of your particular dietary needs TWO WEEKS prior to your arrival to camp. Without prior notice we cannot adequately prepare for your particular needs. Please compete the <u>Dietary Restriction Form On Google</u>.

Waiters

Each Unit will have assigned tables for each meal. Because we operate cafeteria style, we do not need waiters before each meal. However, each Troop will be in charge of cleaning their area after each meal. Be sure to assign Scouts to clean after each meal.

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER

There is no dining hall meal or program scheduled for Thursday night. We wanted to give each troop a night to spend in their campsites. Thursday evening meals for Scouts and Adults alike are the responsibility of each individual Unit.

Troops can request Foil dinners (also known as Hobo Meals or Silver Turtles). These meals are included in your camp price. These kits included: foil, ground beef, canned vegetables, and ingredients for dutch oven cobbler. Charcoal, cookware, plates, and cutlery, are not included.

Units may also choose to cook their own food at their campsites or bring in food from restaurants. Please be aware that Black Creek is in rural Georgia, and there are limited options available, however, we can help locate local restaurants and grocery stores.

Please fill out the <u>Thursday Night Cookout Form</u> no later than our 1pm leaders meeting on Monday so we can properly prepare.



PROGRAM INFORMATION



SCOUT RESERVATION

Merit Badge Information

This Field Guide outlines all the different merit badges and opportunities that Black Creek will be offering to the Scouts and Adult Leaders this summer. When choosing your merit badges, please remember that camp should be fun for everyone. However, there should be no expectation that because a Scout pays to come to camp, they will receive merit badges.

Merit Badge Classes

The teaching of merit badges at Black Creek is an important part of the program. Ensuring that campers receive the highest quality instruction is vital to the integrity of the Scouting program. While at camp, Scouts must complete all the requirements—no more, no less—to complete the merit badge. Scouts who do not complete the merit badge will receive a partial on their advancement sheet and will be able to complete the merit badge back at home with a local merit badge counselor or Scoutmaster as appropriate.

Because some of the merit badges offered at Black Creek have prerequisites (and post-requisites) that cannot be completed at camp, it is important for the Scoutmaster to have each Scout complete the prerequisites before coming to camp. If the Scout has completed the prerequisites before camp, please have them fill out the Black Creek Merit Badge Prerequisite Sheet and bring it with them to camp. This can be found in the appendix. If the Merit Badge Prerequisite Sheet is not completed appropriately and turned in, the Scout will not receive credit for the prerequisites. This will allow the merit badge instructor to award credit for the partial obtained in advance and enable the Scout to earn that merit badge when the remaining requirements are completed at camp.

Registration

All merit badge registration for those attending summer camp at Black Creek will take place online through Black Pug. Black Pug offers 24/7 event registration, payment availability, and the ability to register for merit badges to all unit leaders. Black Pug's Parent Portal access may vary from unit-to- unit. For step-by-step instructions, please follow the directions included in the appendix. Class registration will open on April 1st for all scouts who are paid in full. All other Scouts can register for classes on April 3rd.

Merit Badge Information

Advancement Records

In lieu of blue cards, Black Creek will issue individual advancement completion reports to each unit and a summary report to the troop. At the end of the week, a report will be given to your Scoutmaster. A digital report is also available through Black Pug. This can be accessed by the unit's primary contact. This report can be entered into Scoutbook by your unit advancement coordinator or be sent to your local council.

Partials

Do you have partials? If you have unfinished work in any of the badges we offer we can help you get those finished. Please bring written documentation of what requirements you need to complete as you will have time to complete those on Thursday.

Program Disclaimer

All participants in Black Creek programs – both adults and youth – should be aware that all programs are subject to change at the discretion of the Black Creek staff and/or the Coastal Georgia Council. Programs listed in this guide are planned to be operating during the Summer 2025 season. Programs operating during the 2025 Season are subject to change while sessions are active.

Weather, staffing, and other extenuating circumstances may affect the schedule and what can be completed during the week. We will do our best to follow schedules and programs as planned.

Any program or schedule changes will be announced at Adult Leader and SPL meetings.



Thursday Schedule

Thursdays at Black Creek are a little different. There is more to summer camp than Merit Badges classes, and we want each Troop to get the full experience.

Open Merit Badge Period

Between breakfast and lunch on Thursday is open MB period. This means that there is no set rotation, and Scouts are free to work on the badges they need to. For instance, if a Scout needs extra time to finish Basketry, they can go to Handicraft and get assistance from the instructors. Need to spend time observing nature for Mammal Studies? Find a place to enjoy. Have a partial MB you need to get finished? Go to that program area and ask for help.

This is not "open program time" and Scouts should be working specifically on requirements for Merit Badges and Rank during this time. This is not a time for "free swim", "open boating", etc.

X-Games

After lunch, we will host a camporee-style challenge called "X-Games". Troops will compete in 10 challenges all across camp to see what skills they have learned throughout the week. Larger Troops can separate into Patrols for this challenge. Troops/Patrols will have two hours to complete as many of the challenges as possible. Winners will be announced at Friday's closing campfire.

Troop Time

After 5pm, we like to encourage Troop Time in camp. Set up a campfire and spend some time with your fellow Scouts. Cook over an open flame. Have Scouts give a presentation or conduct a campfire program to fulfill requirement needs. Schedule a scoutmaster conference. Practice your knot tying skills. Slowdown, take a deep breath and enjoy a quiet night.





LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE?

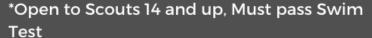
Join us for a canoe trip down the Savannah River. During our free time on Thursday, take a relaxing 8 mile float.

Two sessions available:

Morning trip leaves at breakfast and return at lunch. (You will miss open MB time)

Afternoon trip leaves after lunch and returns before dinner. (You will miss X-Games)

\$20 per person, 12 spots available per session











	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Troop Check-In		
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Tours, Dining Hall Orientation, Aquatics Orientation		
	5:00 PM	Troop Campsite Setup		
	6:15 PM	Flag Lowering on Parade Field		
Sunday	6:30 PM	Dinner		
	7:15 PM	Scoutmaster & SPL Meeting @ Reese Dining Hall		
	8:00 PM	Scouts Own Service		
	9:00 PM	Opening Night Campfire		
	11:00 PM	Taps		
	7.00 414	Permille		
	7:00 AM	Reveille		
	7:45 AM	Flag Raising		
	8:00 AM	Breakfast Control of the Control of		
	9:00 – 9:50 AM	First Period SM Meeting @ Dining Hall [MWF]		
MTWF	10:00 - 10:50 AM	Second Period		
	11:00 – 11:50 AM	Third Period		
	12:15 PM	Lunch		
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each week as follows:	2:00 PM - 2:50 PM	Fourth Period		
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Mon – Thurs @ 6:30 AM	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM	Sixth Period		
Fridays @ 6:00 AM	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Free time activities		
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	6:30 PM	Supper		
	7:15 PM	Evening Twilight Programs Begin		
	9:00 PM	Return to Campsites		
	11:00 PM	Taps		
	7:00 AM	Reveille		
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	8:00 AM	Breakfast		
	9:00 – 11:50 AM	Open Merit Badge Period**		
	12:15 PM	Lunch		
Thursday	1:00 PM	SPL's Meeting @ Waterfront pavilion		
	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	X Games @ Parade Field		
	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Open Period / Free Swim		
	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Foil Pack Pick Up @ Dining Hall		
	5:30 PM	Release for Staff Night Out		
	9:00 PM	Return to Campsites		
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	11:00 PM	Taps		

^{**}During Open Merit Badge Period, Scouts will have the opportunity to go to their program areas and complete the requirements they still need to finish. IE: if they need to finish their basket for basketry, they can go to Handicraft. If they need to qualify for rifle, they can go to Shooting Sports. Etc. Scouts can also finish any partials they had prior to camp.

Evening schedule & Programs

	Time	Activity		
Sunday	9:00 PM	·		
	9:00 PM	Opening Campfire		
	Time	Activity		
	5:00 PM - 5:45 PM	Totin' Chip		
Monday	5:00 PM - 5:45 PM	Open Boat & Paddle Boarding		
	5:00 PM - 5:45PM	Open Archery		
	7:15 PM	Free Swim & Log Rolling		
	7:15 PM	Fingerprinting @ Handicraft		
	7:15 PM	Games @ BAF		
	7:30 PM	Open Zipline @ The Wizz		
	Time	Activity		
	5:00 PM - 5:45 PM	Firem'n Chit		
	5:00 PM - 5:45 PM	Open Boat & Paddle Boarding		
Tuesday	5:00 PM - 5:45 PM	Open Shoot – Rifle (\$8, see page 33)		
Tuesday	7:15 PM	Scoutmaster bellyflop		
	7:30 PM	Free Swim		
	7:15 PM	Games @ BAF		
	7:30 PM	Open Zipline @ The Wizz		
	10:00 PM	Astronomy on the Bridge (weather		
		permitting)		
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We will do our best to follow schedules and programs as planned.

Campfire

Campfire at Black Creek is a special part of the week where Scouts, Leaders, and staff gather for fun and fellowship. Here's what to expect during each night of campfire:

Sunday: Staff Campfire

Opening campfire is hosted by the staff here at Black Creek. Get to know the staff and enjoy a few laughs from their skits and bring your singing voices for some stafflead songs.

Wednesday: OA Campfire

Wednesday campfire is hosted by the members of the I-Tsu-La Lodge. Troops have the option to prepare and original and appropriate skit or lead the group in a song.

Sunday: Staff Campfire

During our closing campfire, units, adults leaders, and staff will have the opportunity to recognize individuals and present various awards.



Merit Badges & Activities by Program Area

Aquatics



Swimming EAGLE | Periods Offered: 1, 4, & 6

In this class, Scouts will learn the basics of swimming, along with some rescue techniques. In addition to this, participants will learn about the BSA's Safe Swim Defense practices.



Lifesaving

EAGLE | Periods Offered: 4 & 5 (combined)

This class builds from previous material learned in the Swimming merit badge. Participants will use that previous knowledge in learning more about rescuing techniques and lifeguarding skills.



Kayaking Periods Offered: 2 & 6

In this class, Scouts will learn all about piloting a kayak all by themselves. Part of this includes proper rescuing techniques, proper knot-tying, and learning the principles of Safety Afloat.



Sailing

Periods Offered: 1 & 2 (combined)

In this class, Scouts will learn about rigging and operating a small sailboat. Part of this includes proper rescuing techniques, proper knot-tying, and learning the principles of Safety Afloat.



Canoeing Periods Offered: 3 & 5

Canoeing teaches Scouts valuable lessons about working together. In addition to this, Scouts will learn about proper usage of a canoe, rescuing techniques, and principles found in Safety Afloat.



Motorboating

Periods Offered: 1 & 2

Motorboating teaches Scouts how to safely operate watercraft while having loads of fun. In addition to this, Scouts will learn about proper usage of a canoe, rescuing techniques, and principles found in Safety Affoat.



Instructional Swim

Periods Offered: 3

Instructional period for Scouts who need basic swim instruction to build confidence in the water and meet rank advancement requirements.



Aquatic Supervision

Adult Leader Training Only Periods Offered: 2 & 3 (combined)

Adult training for Leaders who wish to be more engaged and involved in Aquatics opportunities.

<u>High Adventure</u>



Project C.O.P.E. Periods Offered: 4 & 5 (combined)

The Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience program is one of the BSA's most well-known challenge-by-choice programs. Scouts will participate in both Low C.O.P.E. and High C.O.P.E.



Climbing

Periods Offered: 1 & 2 (combined)

Unleash your inner rock climber as you develop the skills to climb our awesome artificial rock wall.

Merit Badges & Activities by Program Area

Handicraft



Art & Fingerprinting Periods Offered: 4



Humans have been creating art for centuries. Through the Art merit badge, Scouts will learn about the fundamentals of art and how to apply those skills. Fingerprinting teaches about the skills needed to take a fingerprint.



Entrepreneurship

Periods Offered: 1

By earning the Entrepreneurship merit badge, Scouts will learn about identifying opportunities, creating and evaluating business ideas, and exploring the feasibility (how doable it is) of an idea for a new business.



Basketry Periods Offered: 6

By working on the requirements for the Basketry merit badge, Scouts learn how to safely weave items from natural materials. They make a square basket, a round basket, and a camp stool seat.



Woodcarving Periods Offered: 2

A centerpiece of many Scouts' experiences at summer camp, Woodcarving teaches Scouts many different skills to make beautiful pieces of wood working. Scouts will need a toten' Chit to participate



Photography Periods Offered: 3

While earning the Photography merit badge, Scouts will learn to use lighting, composition, depth, color, and content to create photographs that are much more than snapshots!



Leatherwork Periods Offered: 5

Through learning about leather's endless applications, Scouts will have the opportunity to complete leatherworking projects including a traditional scouting item, and a personally-designed item.

Health & Safety



Emergency Preparedness EAGLE | Periods Offered: 2

Scouts are often called upon to help because of their knowledge of first aid and skilled reactions to emergency situations. This program will help you cultivate these skills.



First Aid

EAGLE | Periods Offered: 1 & 3

Caring for injured or ill persons until they can receive professional medical care is an important skill for every Scout. With some knowledge of first aid, you can provide care to someone in these situations.



Fire Safety & Traffic Safety Periods Offered: 4

Scouts are often called upon to help because of their knowledge of first aid and skilled reactions to emergency situations. This program will help you cultivate these skills.



Search & Rescue

Periods Offered: 5 & 6 (combined)

When lost, we expect others to help us and care for us. Search and Rescue will teach you valuable techniques used in the professional rescuing field.



<u>Scoutcraft</u>



Camping

EAGLE | Periods Offered: 1 & 6

Camping is an age-old activity and one of the methods of the Scouting movement. When the Scouting movement was founded in the early 1900's, Robert Baden-Powell encouraged every Scout to live outdoors.



Wilderness Survival

Periods Offered: 5

Braving the wilderness is a Scouting tradition. Through the wilderness survival program, Scouts learn to plan accordingly manage risks, and survive. When things go wrong, you need to know what to do.



Fishing Periods Offered: 2

A timeless activity, fishing provides Scouts the opportunity to get hands-on experience with this skill. Scouts will also learn how to catch, clean, and cook a fish.



Orienteering

Periods Offered: 3

Being able to navigate yourself is an important skill to have in Scouting. The Orienteering merit badge helps Scouts use a compass, topographic map, and landmarks to navigate around camp.



Pioneering Periods Offered:

Pioneering: the knowledge of ropes, knots, and splices along with the ability to build rustic structures by lashing together poles and spars.

Merit Badges & Activities by Program Area

Shooting Sports



Archery

Periods Offered: 1 & 2 (combined)

5 & 6 (combined)

One of the fastest-growing sports due to its surging popularity is archery. Learn how to shoot a bow and arrow as well as all the safety rules and regulations to do so.



Rifle

Periods Offered: 5 & 6 (combined)

Test your marksmanship skills here at Black Creek with out .22 rifles. You will learn the fundamentals of safe gun handling and how to shoot a perfect bullseye every time!



Shotgun

Periods Offered: 1 & 2 (combined)

Ready to take your shooting skills to the next level? Try your luck in our Shotgun shooting Merit Badge program where you will learn the fundamentals of safe gun handling and get to shoot moving targets in the air!

Northshore



Astronomy Periods Offered: 5

Scouts study how activities in space affect our own planet and bear witness to the wonders of the night sky.



Electricity

Periods Offered: 3

Learn why electricity plays a significant role in the economy and how energy consumption impacts our daily lives with the Electricity Merit badge.



Public Speaking

Periods Offered: 4

Scouts learn to present themselves and their ideas with confidence while completing the requirements for the Public Speaking merit badge.



Citizenship in The Nation

EAGLE | Periods Offered: 6

The requirements have the Scout explore our national government's history, structure, and responsibilities. The Scout is also asked to discover current national issues and contact their government representative about it.



Communication

EAGLE | Periods Offered: 2

A good life skill to have <u>is</u> to be an effective communicator. This class will teach Scouts to understand all available forms of communication, and how they can best utilize them.



Citizenship in the Community EAGLE | Periods offered:1

This merit badge emphasizes how a Scout can participate in society at a local level where the biggest impact tends to occur.

Merit Badges & Activities by Program Area

Nature & Ecology



Environmental Science EAGLE | Periods Offered: 3 & 4

While earning the Environmental Science Merit Badge, you will get a taste of what it is like to be an environmental scientist, making observations and carrying out experiments to investigate the natural world.



Forestry / Pulp & Paper Periods Offered: 5

In the Forestry program, Scouts will get a chance to learn about the complex diversity and ecology of Earth's forests.





Mammal Study & Insect Study

Periods Offered: 6



Learn how mammals and insects play a role in our ecosystem. Scouts will develop knowledge of the anatomy, behaviors, and diets of various mammals and insects in our camp environment and around the world.



Bird Study Periods Offered: 1

Birds have always played a major role in our global ecosystem. In this class, Scouts will develop knowledge of the anatomy, behaviors, and diets of various birds around the world.



Weather Periods Offered: 2

Scouts enhance their knowledge of weather, climate, meteorology, and how weather affects Scouts in their everyday lives.

First Year Camper

Our first-year camper program is designed to help scouts through the first 4 ranks of scouting. This program is great for scouts who are attending their first summer camp or need some extra time working through their ranks.

Scouts who sign up for either session of first-year camper will work through their handbook to accomplish as many requirements as possible. The Program is designed to focus on the outdoor elements of each rank such as knot tying, first aid, fitness, and camping but will work to go through any requirements that the scout needs.

Scouts in the first-year camper program should bring their handbook.





The founder of Scouting, Lord Baden Powell, said that all Scouts should earn First Class

2025 Merit Badge Schedule 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM Min Max 9:00 AM 4:00 PM 5:00-5:45 PM Program Area Aquatics BSA Aquatic Supervision 12 Canceing 18 Instructional Swim 2 10 Kayaking 2 12 Free Swim & other aquatics Lifesaving 12 2 activities offered daily Motorboating 2 6 Sailing 2 8 Swimming 18 COPE, Climbing and Zip Project COPE Climbing MB 2 16 Sports Open courts & field activities daily Sports 12 Base Camp FYC Program Check Daily Tenderfoot First Year Camper 25 XX Schedule 2nd Class, 1st Class only 25 Handicraft Art and Fingerprinting 18 Basketry 18 Entrepreneurship 18 Fingerprinting MB Monday at 7:15pm Wood Carving 18 Photography 2 18 х Leatherwork 2 18 Health/Safety Emergency Preparedness 18 First Aid 2 18 Fire Safety, Traffic Safety 18 2 х Search and Rescue 18 Nature/Ecology Environmental Science 18 Forestry & Pulp/Paper 18 Mammal Study & Insect Study 2 18 Х Bird Study 2 18 Weather 18 Scoutcraft Camping 18 Х Х Wilderness Survival 2 18 Х Fishing 2 18 Х Orienteering 2 18 Pioneering 18 Totin' Chip Monday at 5 Firem'n Chit Tuesday at 5 North Shore Astronomy 15 х Bedricity 2 15 Public Speaking 15 х Cit. in the Nation 15 Cit. In the Community х Communication 15 Chess Wed & Fri night Shooting Sports Archery 2 20 Check Daily Schedule for Open Rifle Shooting 16 Shoot Schedule Shotgun Shooting

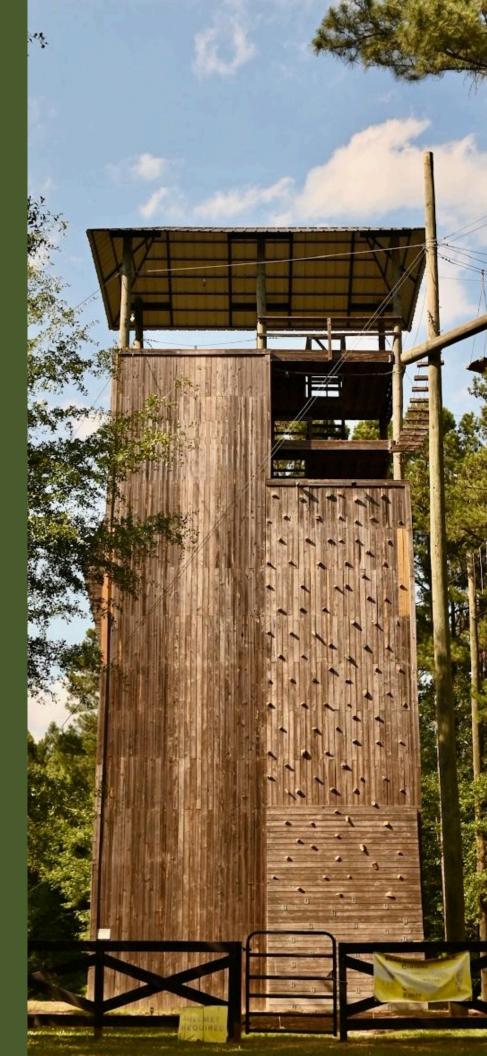
MERIT BADGE PREREQUISITES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION						
	Prerequisites	Can Not Be Done at Camp**	Additional Cost	Additional Information and Materials Needed		
Aquatics						
Canoeing, Instructional Swim, Kayaking Motorboating, Sailing, Stand up Paddleboarding Awara				"Must meet the "Swimmer" qualification on a Swim Test		
Lifesaving	*Swimming MB					
COPE, Climbing and Zip Line						
Project COPE	Must be at least 13 years		\$15. Includes COPE Patch	Check Daily Schedule for Open Zip times. Our Zip lines is a wet ride as you will land in the lake.		
Climbing ME				in the take.		
Sports						
Sports		Req. 5				
Base Camp FYC Program						
Tenderfoot First Year Camper				Class will spend Wednesday night at		
2nd Class, 1st Class only				Base Camp. Bring your own tent and sleeping bag if you can.		
Handicraft						
Art and Fingerprinting		Art-Req. 6				
Leatherwork			\$15 - \$20 each (2 kits needed)	Kits must be purchased from trading post		
Basketry			\$14	to complete MB.		
Wood Carving	1			Must have Totin' Chip		
Photography				Digital Camera or Phone Camera		
Health/Safety						
Emergency Preparedness	Req. 8(b)	Req. 8(b) (if missing necessary materials)		Scout must bring materials needed to complete Req. 8(b) at camp		
Nature/Ecology						
Environmental Science						
Forestry & Pulp/Paper						
Mammal Study & Insect Study		Insect Study Req. 9				
Bird Study		Req. 5 if not completed at camp		Binoculars		
Scoutcraft						
Camping		Req. 8D, 9A, 9B				
Wildemess Survival		Req. 8 if not done during class overnight		Class will spend Wednesday night in a shelter they make at scoutcraft		
Fishing		Req. 10 if not completed at camp				
North Shore						
Communication		Req. 8 if not done at camp with troop		Req 8 can be done with your troop outside of class time. Will discuss details in class		
Shooting Sports						
Archery				In order to participate in Open Shoot,		
Rifle Shooting	Must be at least 12 Years	Must qualify by end of	\$20	you will need to buy a Shooting sports		
Shotgun Shooting	Old	week	\$20	patch at the trading post. Rifle Patches are \$8 includes 15 shots. Shotgun Patches are \$10 includes 15 shots		
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A Scout is

TRUSTWORTHY
LOYAL
HELPFUL
FRIENDLY
COURTEOUS
KIND
OBEDIENT
CHEERFUL
THRIFTY
BRAVE
CLEAN
REVERENT



ADULT LEADERS



SCOUT RESERVATION



Scoutmaster Meeting | MWF at 9am

Come out to our Scoutmaster meeting on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9am. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other Adult Leaders and participate in group discussions on unit leadership, growth, and advancement.



Scoutmaster Breakfast | Thursday at 8am

At Black Creek, Thursday mornings are for celebrating and honoring our Adult Leaders who make summer camp opportunities for youth possible. Please join us in RDH for a special breakfast and visit from our council leadership.



Training and Education

We offer a variety of Adult Leader Training courses to help educate your Adult Leaders about leading programs within the BSA, and general knowledge courses, including but not limited to IOLS, SM/ASM Leader Specific Training, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Wilderness First Aid, Climb On Safely, NRA Basic Training, Leave No Trace, and Youth Mental Health First Aid. Adult training schedules and course opportunities are based on trainer availability.



Adult program offerings

At Black Creek, shooting sports, high adventure, zipline, and free swim aren't just for the youth! We offer numerous opportunities throughout the week for Adults and Leaders to exclusively enjoy each program area! Scheduling is based on trainer availability.



Scoutmaster Merit Badge

We challenge all adult leaders to complete the Scoutmasters Merit Badge! This program will require you to complete a wide variety of activities and observations that will keep you busy the entire week!



Smoking and Vaping Locations

For Adult Leaders who may need a smoking/vaping location, please do so behind the Northshore Pavilion near the dumpsters. DO NOT smoke/vape in the restrooms or tents, and please keep smoking/vaping out of the sight of any youth.



YOUTH LEADERS



SCOUT RESERVATION

Troop Leadership

At Black Creek, we practice a unique style of leadership called "Principled Leadership," which has three main aspects: mission focus, high expectations, and recognizing excellence. These principles apply to staff, Scouts, and Adult Leaders alike.

One of the key aspects of Principled Leadership is to "recognize excellence"— the practice of recognizing individuals for their accomplishments. Youth, Troops, and Patrols who demonstrate mission-focused behavior during their time at Black Creek have the opportunity to earn various awards, including but not limited to Honor Patrol, Honor Troop, Spirit Award, Campsite Inspection, and SPL of the Week.

Each week, every troop is eligible to receive the Honor Patrol award, however, only one troop will receive the Honor Troop Award.

How to win

Troops have numerous ways to earn Honor Troop or Honor Patrol throughout the week, including but not limited to:

- Demonstrate Scout Spirit daily
- SPL attends all SPL meetings
- At least one leader attends each Adult Leader meeting
- Attend and participate in all three campfires
- Provide a program (song, cheer, etc.) at mealtime or formation
- lead a flag ceremony
- participate in the camp-wide X-Games
- Maintain a clean campsite

Please see the Honor Troop and Honor Patrol forms in the appendix for the full list of requirements. Most importantly, your troop must participate and turn in all forms on time. Forms will be turned in to the SPL meeting on Friday.



Campsite Inspections

A Scout is clean

The purpose of the campsite inspection is to help teach Scouts the value of having a clean, neat, and safe campsite. The inspection is intended to be a positive experience for Scouts and adult leaders rather than a punitive measure

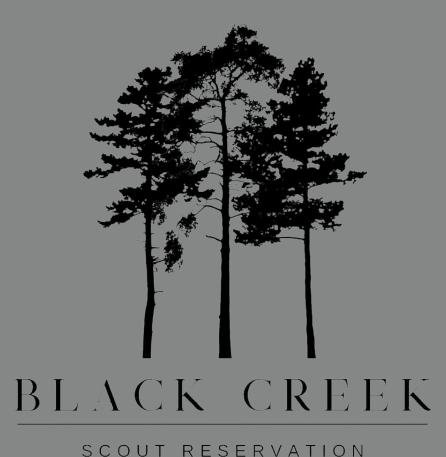
Since many troops share a campsite, troops should work together to maintain the health, safety, and cleanliness of common areas such as bathhouses, pavilions, sinks, and campfire rings.

Campsites will be inspected on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday by Camp Commissioners. In order to be eligible for the prestigious Black Creek Honor Troop Award, you must have an overall average of 80 points, out of 100 points total each day.

Please plan ahead and think about what you might need, as the Inspection Form explains what the inspector will be looking for and how many points each item is worth. The Campsite Inspection Form can be found the Appendix of this Field Guide.



CAMP POLICIES & PROCEDURES



SCOUL RESERVATION

Polices & Procedures

For the well-being of Scouts, Adult Leaders, parents, and staff, Black Creek has established important policies and procedures to protect the safety of everyone attending summer camp.

Emergency Action Plan

Although we hope that your stay at BlackCreek is free of accidents and/or emergencies, a good Scout is always prepared. During the first 24 hours, while your Unit is at BlackCreek, we will have an emergency drill so that your Unit understands our policies and procedures in case of an emergency. Please review the Emergency ActionPlan and be sure your Troop discusses and understands what to do in case of an emergency.

Buddy System

BCSR Scouts will follow the Buddy System. We encourage Scouts to plan schedules and activities accordingly to avoid instances where Scouts may be without a buddy.

Vehicles & Troop Trailers

Vehicles must be parked in the parking lot only. No vehicles will be permitted to drive in and around camp program areas at any time during the program week once check-in is complete. Two Vehicles will be permitted to deliver gear as the Troop Guide escorts your unit to your campsite. Only the Troop Trailer may be left at the site.

Bicycles

Youth and Adult Leaders are encouraged to bring their bicycles to Black Creek. Please be sure that your bicycle is in good condition as Black Creek does not stock bicycle repair equipment on the property. Any individual who intends to bring their own bicycles to Black Creek must follow these rules:

- Everyone must wear a helmet at all times.
- Bikes may not be ridden in campsites, on stairs, bridges, under pavilions, or inside structures.
- Adult Leaders are responsible for ensuring and inspecting all bicycles ridden by Scouts to ensure it is safe to operate.

Policies & Procedures

Handicap/ADA Trasportation

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 children to classes. Additionally, ROHVA training must be completed prior to your arrival at camp. Personal Carts & ATVs | Personal ATVs, golf carts, and other forms of small transport ARE NOT PERMITTED.

Health Lodge & Medications

Med Lodge hours throughout the day will generally be from 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM and medical support is available at any time of day. Prescription medication may be stored either at your campsite or the health lodge (if medication required refrigeration). Medication stored in your campsite MUST be locked away. NO YOUTH MAY HOLD THEIR OWN MEDICATION, other than inhaler or epi pens. Please bring a Troop first aid kit for your campsite. It should be left out and readily available.

Insurance

Each troop 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.

Smoking

All buildings and campsites are SMOKE FREE. Adults may smoke only in the designated smoking area located behind the pavilion next to the dumpster area.

Alcohol & 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 also applies to visitors. Please advise your families to leave their pets at home. Service dogs must be clearly and properly marked, and we ask that the camp director be notified before arriving.

APPENDIX



SCOUT RESERVATION

Google Forms

Please make sure to fill out the following forms that were linked in the guide.

Thursday Meal Plan

<u>Dietary Needs</u>

Visitors Guide



Black Creek Scout Reservation Trading Post REQUEST FOR SCOUT CAMP ACCOUNT

Needing to make a quick purchase at BCSR?

Don't want to worry about "losing cash" or "having to walk back to camp"?

BCSR Trading Post is offering an easy solution.

Open a Scout Camp Account TODAY!

- 1) Complete form below
- 2) Payment can be made 3 ways:
 - a. In Person at any Coastal Georgia Council Scout Shop (Savannah)
 - b. Via Phone at 912-668-6891
 - c. By Mail: Send completed form with check made payable to: **Coastal Georgia Council**Coastal Georgia Council

Attn: BCSR Trading Post - SCA

11900 Abercorn Street

Savannah, GA 31419

- 3) Additional payments may be made at any time.
- 4) Scout is responsible for closing the account at END camping week. If the account has \$5 or more remaining on account, scout may request for a refund to be mailed. Any Scout Camp Accounts still open after July 1st, 2024 will be closed and any remaining monies will be forfeited and considered a donation to Coastal Georgia Council.
- 5) Questions? Contact Grace Campbell, Office Manager 912-662-6827 or email grace.campbell@scouting.org

Complete ALL highlighted areas:

Date:	Week:	
Person Opening Account	Phone:	
Contact Phone:	Email:	
Last Name of Scout	First Name of Scout	
Unit Number	Unit Leader	

Black Creek Scout Reservation Campsite Evaluation

Campsite Appearance	Max Points	М	Т	W	Th	F	Total
Gateway							
4 Lashings	4						
3 Knots	2						
Display of Scout Spirit	2						
Actual Gate	2						
Identifies Troop	2						
Campsite							
Perimeter Marked	2						
Tool Yard W/ Proper storage of tools	2						
At least two Camp Gadgets	4						
Organization							
Troop Gear Properly Stowed	2						
Table Area neat and clean	3						
Campsite neat and clean	5						
Troop Duty Roster filled out and posted	2						
Organized areas by patrols	2						
Duty Roster Displayed	2						
Summer Camp Schedule Displayed	2						
Displayed Roster of Scouts in camp and Fire Guard	2						
Health And Safety							
Trash stowed properly	2						
Water Cooler filled	2						
Fireguard Chart filled out daily	3						
Wash Station available	2						
Troop First Aid Kit accessible	6						
No vehicles in campsite	5						
Tents							
Properly Rolled Flaps (unless raining)	3						
Beds Made	5						
No clothes or trash on floor	5						
Personal gear stowed	5						
Scoutmaster tents properly marked	2						
Bath Houses							
Restrooms Clean	5						
Showers Clean	5					$\overline{}$	
Sink Room Clean	5						
Surrounding area clean of trash	5						
-							
Total	100						

Troop #	Senior Patrol Leader				
Campsite	Scoutmaster				

Swim Classification Record

(Changes and/or corrections to the following chart should be initialed and dated by the test supervisor.) Unit Number_____ Date of Swim Test Medical Swim Classification Full Name (Print) Recheck (Draw lines through blank spaces) Non-Swimmer Beginner Swimmer Parts A-B 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 15 The swim classification test performed at a unit level should be conducted by one of the following council-approved resource people: Aquatics Instructor, BSA; BSA Lifeguard; BSA Swimming & Water Rescue; or other lifeguard, swimming instructor, etc. Test administrators should utilize chapter 5 of the BSA Aquatics Supervision Guide. NAME OF PERSON SUPERVISING & FACILITATING THE SWIM TEST:

Signature

Expiration Date if applicable

Print Name

Type of Authorization/Training

(Attach a copy of certification if required by council procedure)

SWIM CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES

The swim classification of individuals participating in a Boy Scouts of America activity is a key element in Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. These swim classification tests are a foundational unit of the Aquatics Continuum.

All persons participating in BSA aquatics are classified according to swimming ability. The classification tests and test procedures have been developed and structured to demonstrate a skill level consistent with the individual's circumstances in the water.

SWIM TESTS FOR COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Swim tests for *council activities* are conducted following procedures approved by a council-level committee, preferably the Council Aquatics Committee. The council committee should use the guidance contained in <u>BSA Aquatics Management Guide</u>. SPECIAL NOTE: When swim tests are conducted away from camp, the camp aquatics director retains the right to review or retest any or all participants to ensure that standards have been maintained.

REGARDLESS OF WHERE OR WHEN THE SWIM TEST IS GIVEN THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES APPLY:

- <u>The test is given one-on-one.</u> The test administrator and the swimmer are buddies during the administration of the test.
- Each component of the test is important. The test must not be changed either to assist the Scout or to expedite the process.
- The test must be completed without aid or support. Aid includes lifejackets, wetsuits, fins, etc. Swim goggles may be used to avoid eye irritation.
- Swim tests must be renewed annually, preferably at the beginning of the outdoor season.

TO THE SWIM TEST ADMINISTRATOR

SWIMMER'S TEST:

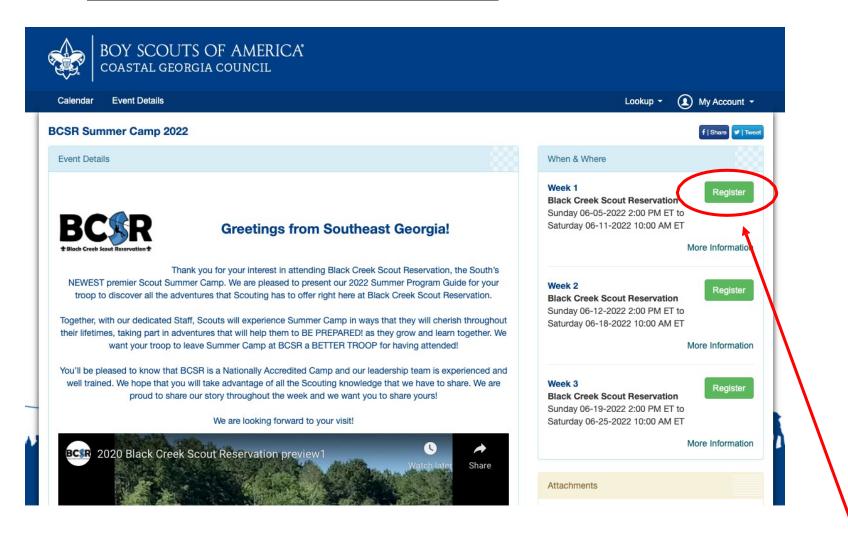
Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: side stroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting back stroke. The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

BEGINNER'S TEST:

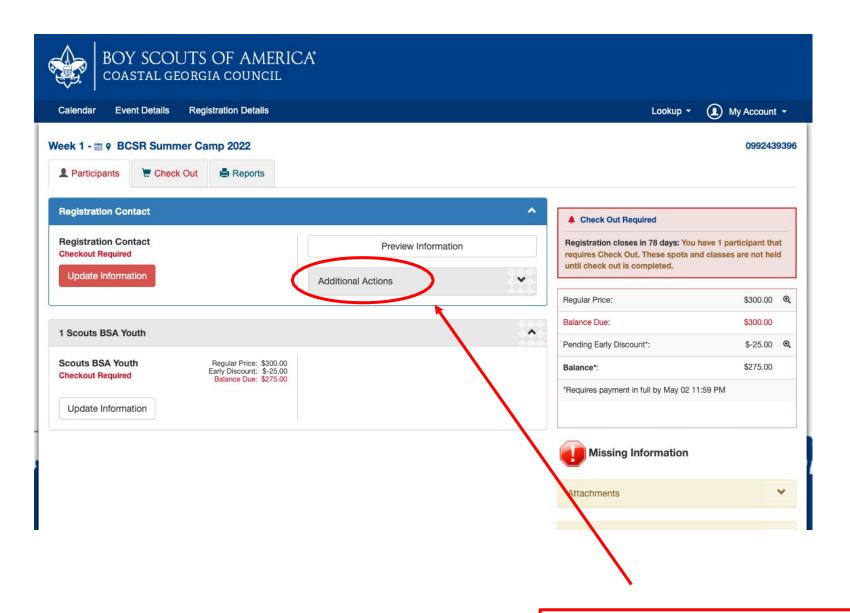
Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before, and return to starting place.

Anyone who has not completed the beginner or swimmer tests is classified as a non-swimmer.

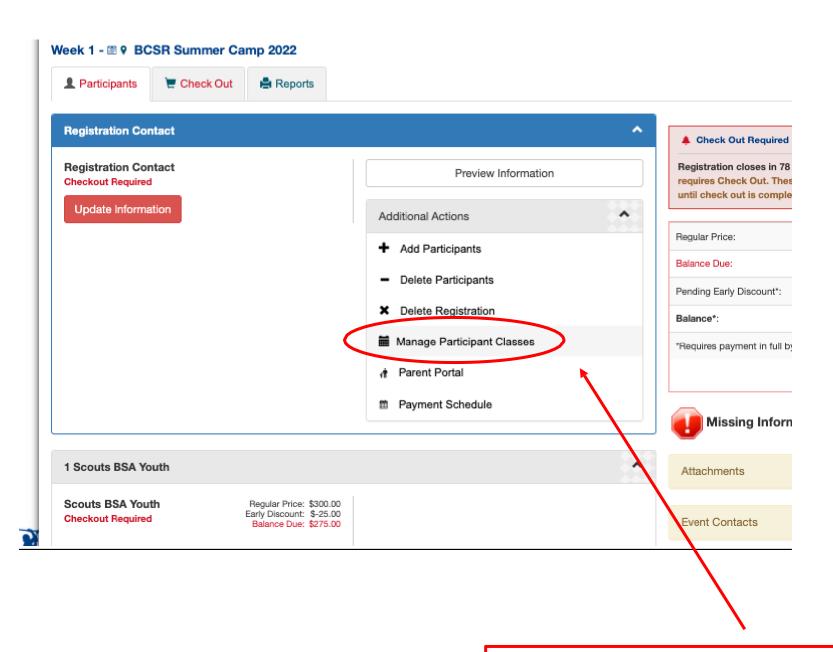
MERIT BADGE REGISTRATION GUIDE



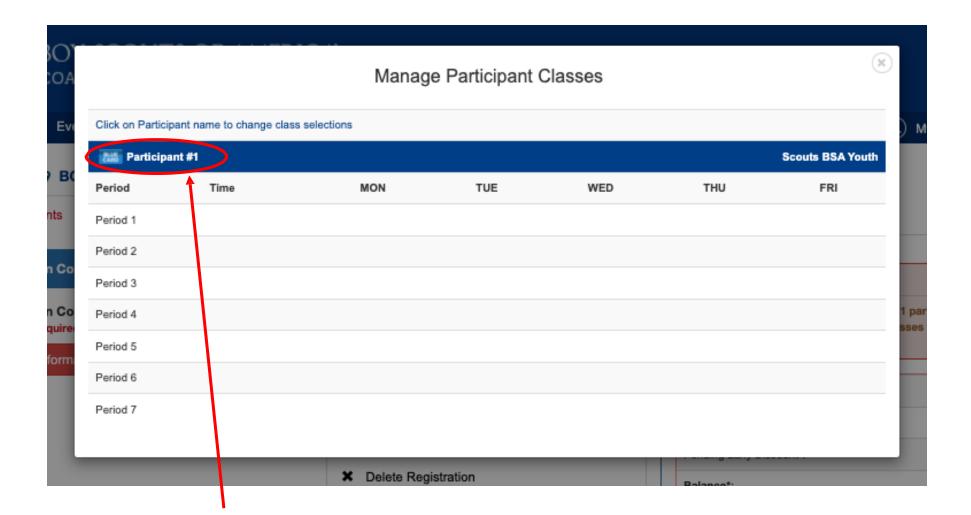
Follow the summer camp registration guide on the Council website at www.coastalgeorgiabsa.org.



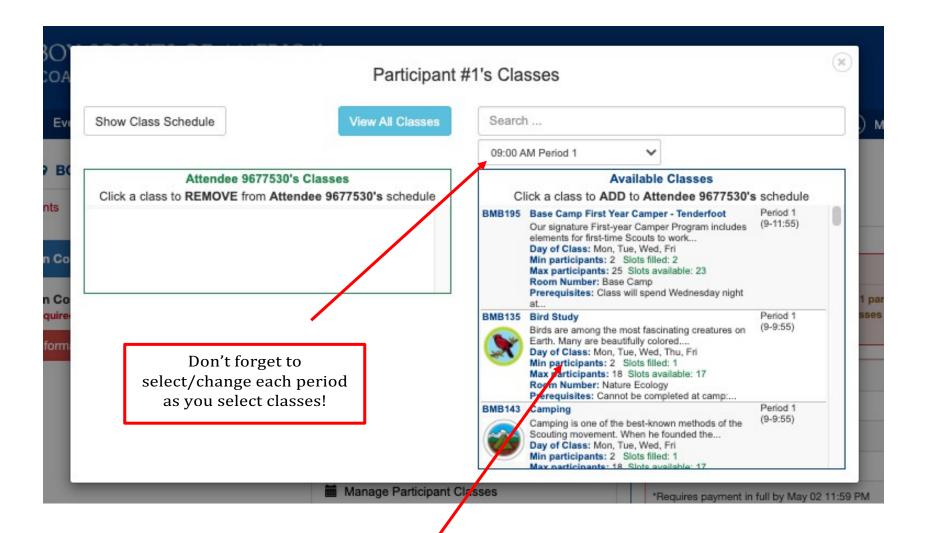
Once the Registrant information has been completed, select "Additional Actions."



From the Additional Actions drop-down menu, select "Manage Participant Classes."



This will open an additional window. Click "Participant 1" (in your registration, it will show your Scout and/or Adult's name).



Select which class/period you wish to add to that particular Scout's schedule. After you've selected your desired classes, continue with the registration as usual.