



# FIELD GUIDE



#### **BLACK CREEK SCOUT RESERVATION**

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Dear Scouts, Adult Leaders, and Parents,

Greetings from Black Creek — southeast Georgia's premier, nationally accredited Scout camp! We are thrilled to welcome you to another exciting year at Black Creek Scout Reservation. As you prepare for an unforgettable adventure, we are pleased to present our 2026 Summer Camp Field Guide. Inside, you'll find important details to help your unit plan, travel, and thrive during your week at camp.

This year brings our most flexible and engaging program yet. We've listened to feedback from units and leaders across the region, and our revamped schedule is designed to give Scouts more choice, more freedom, and more opportunities to explore camp at their own pace. Traditional merit badge sessions are still available, but afternoons now include open drop-in classes, skill workshops, and elective activities that Scouts can join without pre-registration. This allows everyone—new Scouts, older youth, and veteran campers alike—to customize their experience and dive deeper into the parts of camp they love most.

While every camp has its own history, personality, and traditions, we believe the magic of Black Creek lies in the moments Scouts share together—trying new things, pushing beyond comfort zones, discovering strengths, building friendships, and experiencing the wonder of the outdoors. Camp continues to be a place where young people can grow, explore, and learn in a supportive environment that celebrates both successes and challenges.

With all that competes for our time today—school, work, sports, and busy schedules—summer camp remains a rare and priceless gift. Thank you for choosing to spend part of your summer with us. Coastal Georgia Council and the Black Creek staff are honored by the trust you place in us, and we look forward to providing your Scouts with a safe, meaningful, and unforgettable camp experience.

We can't wait to see you at Black Creek this summer!

Sincerely,

Greyson Cato Camp Director

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# **WHY 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 2026 Summer Camp Merit Badge schedule has been designed to emphasize badges that reflect the outdoor camp setting.

45 Merit Badges offered

We're offering a carefully selected 45 Merit Badges - Most of which can be competed at camp!\*

Eagle Required Merit Badges

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

# REGISTERING FOR CAMP







Week One: <del>June 1-5</del> (Sold Out)

Week Two: June 7-13

Week Three: June 14-20



tinyurl.com/BCSR2026 912-927-7272 coastalgeorgiabsa.org 🛖 Legacy Price: \$350

\$500 nonrefundable deposit by the end of 2025, paid in full by April 1

• Early Bird Price: \$375

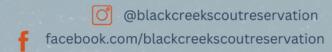
Paid in full by April 1

💠 Standard Price: \$400

1 free adult per 8 youth

💠 Adult Price: \$180

Paid in full by June 1



#### 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 BCSR Summer Camp 2026 website 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 your attire ready for our theme days
- 5. Count down to 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 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

#### <u>Camping Gear</u>

- 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 stuff

- Watch
- Insect Repellant
- Sunscreen
- Camp Chair
- Board Games/ Playing Cards
- Scouting Handbook
- Bible/ Spiritual book
- Books
- Notebook and Pencil
- Camera
- Theme wear for theme days

#### **Do Not Bring**

Firearms, sheath knives, fire works, weapons of any kind, pets, electronic devices, alcohol, tobacco, and vapes are prohibited. 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.

SUMMER CAMP

# **DAILY THEMES**

SUNDAY

→ PATRIOTIC



### MONDAY

→ Harry Potter



### **TUESDAY**

→ Super Hero



### WEDNESDAY

→ Beach Day



# **THURSDAY**

→ Star Wars



# **FRIDAY**

→ Decades



### SATURDAY

→ FARMER



# **ARRIVING AT CAMP**





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
- Safeguarding Youth 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 a meeting with camp administration at 7:15

6

At 9:00pm, Troops will report to the camp fire ring for opening campfire

#### **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.

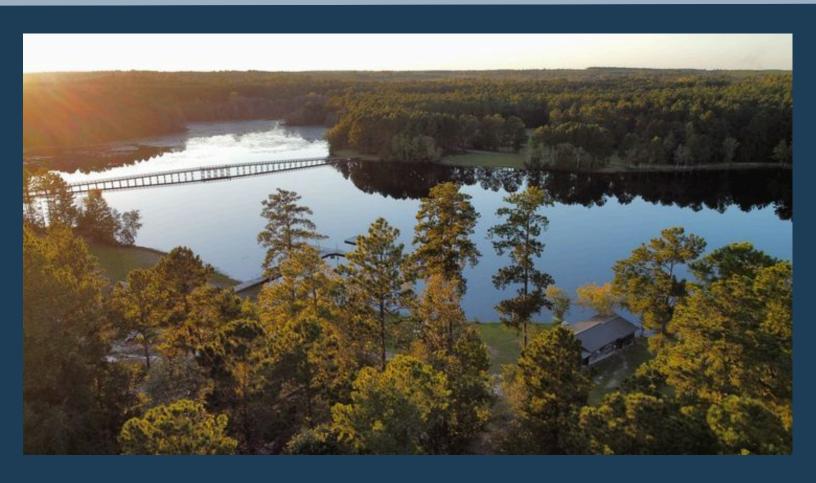
For anyone who needs a swim check, make sure that they arrive in swimming attire, or have it packed in a day pack readily available.

- 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**





#### **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 Safeguarding Youth rules.





#### **Bathroom Facilities**

All Bathroom 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. Tent platforms are no more than 50 yards from the campsite bathrooms.





#### CAMPSITES, BATHROOMS, AND TRADING POST

### **Black Creek Trading Post**

The Black Creek Trading Post is stocked with a wide variety of 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 badge supply kits. Knives are available to those who have Totin' Chips.





#### **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.

#### **FREE ICE**

Need ice to cool things down this summer? Just ask! We have free unlimited ice available for your units. Bring your cooler to the dining hall before breakfast, or let our commissioner team know.



# AND CAMPSITE DELIVERY



#### **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 is designed to meet with the health needs of youth 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 pages.







#### **DINING FACILITIES & MEAL TIME PROCEDURES**





#### Menu Highlights

We focus on a menu that both scouts and adults can enjoy. Some camp favorites include sloppy joes, BBQ chicken, shepherd's pie, and deli sandwiches. Just in case you don't like what we're serving, we also offer a yogurt and cereal bar at breakfast, a salad bar at lunch, and a salad and potato bar for each dinner.

#### **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 complete 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.

#### **Uniforms**

We kindly ask that you be in full Field Dress Uniform for Evening formations, dinner, and campfires. You may set your own unit rules above and beyond that. Please do not enter the dining hall in wet swimwear.

#### 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





#### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

We have revamped and reimagined our entire program schedule. Each Scout will have three class periods they will attend each day. In addition, we have two open periods each day. An afternoon block from 2:30 - 5:30 pm and an evening block from 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Each block will have a variety of merit badges and open program opportunities that will vary each day. Program during these two blocks will be on a first-come first-served basis.

Make sure to check the daily schedule, program schedule, and merit badge schedule, for all activities.

#### Water Carnival

On Wednesday afternoon, we invite everyone to cool off at the waterfront. Troops will compete in a number of challenges including Scoutmaster bellyflop, canoe race, log roll, cardboard boat race, and more.

#### Non-Merit Badge activities

While summer camp is a great place to earn merit badges and learn new skills, we also have a number of non-badge activities. Scouts can rappel, compete in the egg drop challenge, see how many milk crates they can stack, or Wizz down the zipline. Check our program schedule for a full list.

#### **Thursday Troop Time**

After 5:30 pm on Thursday, 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.



# Water Carnival

Patrols should be prepared with nonswimmers, beginners, and swimmers

# Wednesday afternoon

- SAFE SWIM DEFENSE
- CANOE TUG OF WAR
- SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING
- BOATING RELAY
- KAYAK FOOTBALL
- RAFT CHALLENGE \*
- SCOUTMASTER BELLY FLOP
- SPONGE RELAY
- KICKBOARD RACE



\*Come prepared with materials to build your raft! Limited resources available. Building materials are limited to:

- Cardboard
- Duct Tape

**Bonus Points for creativity and Scout Spirit** 

- Pool Noodles
- Trash Bags
- Markers / paint / decoration



## LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE?

Join us for a canoe trip down the Savannah River. During our Tuesday Afternoon block, take a relaxing 8mile float.

Tuesday Afternoon from 2:30 - 5:30

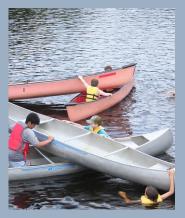
\$15 per scout, 12 Spots available per

\*Open to Scouts 14 and up, must pass Swim Test









# 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 Opening 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.

# Friday Closing Campfire

During our closing campfire our staff will recognize those who went above and beyond during the week. Troops will also have a shot at the spotlight and can perform Skits and Songs.



Summer Camp 2026 Daily Schedule
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<b>Sunday</b> Patriotic Day	1:00pm	Check in starts		
	1:00pm - 5:00pm	Check in, Tours, Swim checks		
	5:00pm	Check in ends		
	6:15pm	Evening formation & Flag lowering on parade field		
	6:30pm	Dinner at RDH		
	7:15pm	Scoutmaster & SPL meeting in RDH		
	8:00pm	Scouts Own: Self guided religious moment at the council ring		
	9:00pm	Opening Night Campfire		
	11:00pm	Lights out		
	7:45am	Morning formation & Flag raising		
	8:00am	Breakfast		
	9:00 - 9:50am	First period		
Monday	10:00am - 10:50am	Second period		
Harry Potter Day	11:00am - 11:50am	Third period		
2	12:00 - 1:00pm	Lunch		
Tuesday	1:00 - 1:30pm	Siesta time, SPL meeting at Waterfront pavillion		
Super Hero Day	1:30 - 2:20pm	Fourth period		
Wednesday	2:30 - 5:30pm	Afternoon programing (See Daily Program Schedule)		
· ·	6:15pm	Evening formation and Flag lowering		
Beach Day	6:30pm	Dinner		
	7:30pm	Evening programing (See Daily Program Schedule)		
	9:30pm	Return to campsites		
	11pm	Lights out		
	6.00			
	6:00am	Leader Sunrise Kayak and Canoe		
	7:45am	Morning formation & Flag raising		
	8:00am	Breakfast		
	9:00 - 9:50am	First period		
Thursday	10:00am - 10:50am	Second period		
·	11:00am - 11:50am	Third period		
Star Wars Day	12:00 - 1:00pm	Lunch  Signature SDI masting at Waterfront possibles		
	1:00 - 1:30pm 1:30 - 2:20pm	Siesta time, SPL meeting at Waterfront pavillion  Fourth period		
	2:30 - 5:30pm	Afternoon programing (See Daily Program Schedule)		
	5:30pm			
	5:30pm - 11pm	Troop dinner pick up at RDH Troop Time in campsite		
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<b>Friday</b> Decades Day	6:00am	Mile Swim		
	7:45am	Morning formation & Flag raising		
	8:00am	Breakfast		
	9:00 - 9:50am	First period		
	10:00am - 10:50am	Second period		
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	6:15pm	Evening formation and Flag lowering		
	6:30pm	Dinner		
	8:00pm	Closing Campfire		
	9:00 PM	Leader Meeting		
	11pm	Lights out		

# Summer Camp 2026 Afternoon and Evening Blocks

Monday Afternoon 2:30-5:30 pm	2:30-3:30pm	Open Boating		
	2:30-3:30pm	Adult Zip		
	3:30-5:00pm	Open Zip		
	2:30-5:30pm	Chess MB at Pavillion		
	2:30-5:30pm	Pioneering Project		
	2:30-5:30pm	Basketry MB		
	2:30-5:30pm	Journalism MB		
	2:30-5:30pm	Conservation Project Unit Time		
	7:30-8:30pm	Whittling Chip at Basecamp		
Monday Evening 7:30-9:30 pm	8:30-9:30pm	Fireman Chit at Basecamp		
	7:30-9:30pm	Mile Swim: Practice One		
	7:45-9:00pm	Milk Crate Climbing Challenge		
	7:30-9:30pm	Cooking MB: Trail meal (req 6)		
	2:30-5:30pm	Open Rappel at COPE		
	2:30-5:30pm	Chess MB at Pavilion		
	2:30-5:30pm	Photography MB		
	2:30-5:30pm	American Labor MB		
Tuesday Afternoon	2:30-5:30pm	Orienteering Course		
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	2:30-5:30pm	SUP AWARD & Free Swim		
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	7:30-9:30pm	Chess Tournament at Pavailion		
	7:30-9:30pm	Shooting Competition		
Tuesday Evening	8:00-9:00pm	Kick Ball Game on BAF		
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	7:30-9:30pm	Mile Swim: Practice Two		
	7:30-9:30pm	Free Swim (Beginners area)		
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# Summer Camp 2026 MB Class Schedule

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	Min	Max	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:30 PM
Aquatics						
BSA Aquatic Supervisor		12		XX		
Canoeing		15				X
Instructional Swim	2	10			X	
Kayaking	2	12		X		
Lifesaving	2	12				X
Motorboating	2	6	X		X	
Sailing	2	8		X		
Swimming	2	15	X		X	
COPE, Climbing and Zip						
Climbing MB	2	16	XX	X		
Project COPE	2	20			X	X
Handicraft						
Art	2	18			X	
Entrepreneurship	2	18	X			
Wood Carving	2	18		X		
Leatherwork	2	18			X	
Life Skills (MB Test Lab)	2	18				X
Health/Safety						
Emergency Preparedness	2	18		X		
First Aid	2	18	X		X	
Fire Safety & Traffic Safety	2	18				X
Nature/Ecology						
Environmental Science	2	18				X
Mammal Study & Insect Study	2	18			X	
Bird Study	2	18	X			
Weather	2	18		X		
Scoutcraft						
Camping	2	18	X	X		
Wilderness Survival	2	18				X
Fishing	2	18			X	
Orienteering	2	18	X		X	
Pioneering	2	18		X		X
North Shore						
Electricity	2	18	X			
Public Speaking	2	18				X
Cit. in the Nation	2	18			X	X
Cit. in the Community	2	18		X		
Communication	2	18			X	
Cit. In Society	2	18	X	X		
Shooting Sports						
Archery		14	XX	X	X	X
Rifle Shooting		14				X
Shotgun Shooting		12	XX	X		
First Year Camper Program	2				•	
Base Camp (Tenderfoot)		25	XX	X		
Trail Blazers (2nd Class, 1st Class)		25				XX
Trail Brazers (2114 Crass, 154 Crass)				•		

# **Aquatics**



Canoeing



Kayaking



Lifesaving



Motorboating



**Swimming** 



Sailing







### **High Advanture**





### **Handicraft**



# **Health & Safety**



#### **Nature**



#### **Scoutcraft**



#### **PROGRAM AREAS**

#### **North Shore**



Electricity



Public Speaking



Citizenship in the Nation



Citizenship in the Community



Citizenship in Society

# **Shooting Sports**



Rifle



Archery



Shotgun

# 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

#### **DROP IN MERIT BADGE OPPORTUNITIES**

The following Merit Badges are available in our afternoon or evening sessions. These are drop-in classes that Scouts can choose. Some classes may require more work than what can be completed in the time slot provided. For example, Basketry meets on Monday but it may take more time throughout the week to finish their projects. We will try to complete each badge, but will focus on the hands-on requirements. These can be found in the Daily program Schedule.

#### **Drop Ins**



Pottery

Fingerprinting

#### 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 during our open periods. We also have a number of opportunities to complete some of those hard-to-finish requirements, such as line and tender, rappelling, trail cooking, and fish cooking. Check the program schedule for more.

#### **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 2026 season. Programs operating during the 2026 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.





# **A SCOUT IS**

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FRIENDLY
COURTEOUS
KIND
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CLEAN
REVERENT



# **ADULT LEADERS**







# ADULT CAMP LEADERS SUMER CAMP CHECKLIST

- **Fiberoptic Internet**
- Verizon Service
- AT&T Service
- Openion Dedicated Zip-line Time
- Obedicated Shooting Time
- Dedicated COPE Time
- Sunrise Paddle
- **Trainings**
- **Round Tables**
- **Electricity in Campsites**

- On Demand Hot Water
- **Close Campsite Proximity**
- **Leader Meetings**
- Leaders Merit Badge
- Responsive Camp Leadership
- Salads at Lunch and Dinner
- **Baked Potato at Dinner**
- Medic and Emergency Access
- **Unlimited Free Ice**
- Bathrooms Stocked Twice a Day

#### **ADULT LEADERS**



#### 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, advancement, and daily happenings.



#### 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 Scouting America. Including general knowledge courses, such as but not limited to IOLS, Roundtables, 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!



#### 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.

#### ADULT TRAINING AND PROGRAMMING

Black Creek has many opportunities for our adult leaders this summer. If you want to sit back and relax in a hammock all week, we are glad you're here. But if you want to take advantage of our classes and program opportunities, please take a look at our Adult Schedule.

#### **Training Oportunities**

We broke our schedule up to allow people to take multiple trainings. To complete training, you must be present at each session.

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership: IOLS, teaches basic outdoor leadership skill. This class is required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters to be trained.

**NRA**: We will be offering Rifle and Shotgun Basic from the National Rifle Association. This will allow leaders to work at the ranges at camp and lead unit shooting activities.

**Wilderness First Aid**: This course teaches outdoor first aid skills and is a required class for units planning on going on a high adventure trek like Philmont or Sea Base.

Advanced First Aid: This course is an in-between of basic CPR/AED training, but not quite Wilderness first aid.

Youth Mental Health First Aid: Youth Mental Health First Aid equips you with the knowledge and skills to identify, understand, and respond to mental health and substance use challenges in adolescents aged 12-18.

Round Tables: Join other unit leaders to discuss popular topics in Scouting today.

#### Adult Program

In addition to Training classes, adults can enjoy adult-only program time. We will have aquatics, zip line, shooting, sunrise paddles, and kayak fishing!

#### Summer Camp 2026 Adult Schedule

Some training sessions have multiple sessions, you must be present at all of them to complete the course

	9:00-9:30	Leaders Meeting		
	9:30-12:00	Aquatics Supervision: Session 1		
	9:30 -12:00	NRA: Session 1		
Monday	1:30-2:20	IOLS: Session 1		
	2:30-3:30	Adult Zip!		
	3:30-5:30	Wilderness First Aid: Session 1		
	7:30-9:30	Wilderness First Aid: Session 2		
	9:00-10:00	Leader Round Table (Event Trip Planning/Marketing your trooop)		
	10:00-12:00	Aquatics Supervision: Session 2		
	10:00-12:00	NRA: Session 2		
Tuesday	1:30-2:20	IOLS: Session 2		
·	2:30-3:30	Adult Shotgun!		
	3:30-5:30	Wilderness First Aid: Session 3		
	7:30-9:30	Wilderness First Aid: Session 4		
	9:00-9:30	Leader Meeting		
	9:30-12:00	Aquatics Supervision: Session 3		
	9:30-12:00	NRA: Session 3		
Wednesday	1:30-2:20	IOLS: Session 3		
v	2:30-5:30	Water Carnival! Featuring Scoutmaster Belly Flop		
	7:30-9:30	Youth Mental Health First Aid: Session 1		
	7:30-9:30	Advanced First Aid: Session 1		
	6:00-7:00	Adult Sunrise Paddle!		
	9:00-10:00	Leader Round Table		
	10:00-12:00	Aquatics Supervision: Session 4		
Thursday	10:00-12:00	NRA: Session 4		
Thursday	1:30-2:20	IOLS:Session 4		
	2:30 - 3:30	Adult COPE!		
	3:30 - 5:30	Youth Mental Health First Aid: Session 2		
	3:30 - 5:30	Advanced First Aid: Session 2		
	6:00	Mile Swim!		
	9:00-9:30	Leaders Meeting		
4 -	9:30-12:00	Aquatics Supervision: Session 5		
Friday	9:30-12:00	NRA: Session 5		
	1:30-2:20	IOLS:Session 5		
	2:30-4:00	Adult Cooking Class		
	4:00-5:30	Adult Kayak Fishing (Must pass swim test)		

# **YOUTH LEADERS**





#### TROOP LEADERSHIP

At Black Creek, we want to stress the importance of youth leadership in camp. Each day after lunch, we will have a brief Senior Patrol Leader meeting with our camp administration. These meetings will cover daily happenings, schedule updates, service projects, how to win Honor Troop, leadership skills, and future staffing opportunities.

Our goal is to have SPLs distribute information to the rest of the troop. Important information will also be covered in our Adult Leader meetings, but we encourage Troops to allow Youth to lead the charge.

#### **Award Opportunities**

Each week we have several awards and recognitions available. The big three are Honor Patrol, Honor Troop, and Spirit Award. In addition, individual Scouts have the opportunity to be recognized at the closing campfire for their accomplishments in program areas.

**Honor Patrol**: Each Patrol can earn an Honor Patrol ribbon by completing the form in the appendix.

**Honor Troop**: Each week, only one Troop will win Honor Troop. This Troop must complete the Honor Patrol form, Honor Troop form, and maintain a clean campsite. The Winning Troop will receive a special edition patch for each camper.

**Spirit Award**: One Troop each week can also win the Spirit Award. This award is voted on by our staff. Big or small, each unit has the opportunity to wow our staff with Scout Spirit and enthusiasm throughout the week.



#### **TROOP AWARDS**

#### 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 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 at the SPL meeting on Friday.

#### A Scout is clean

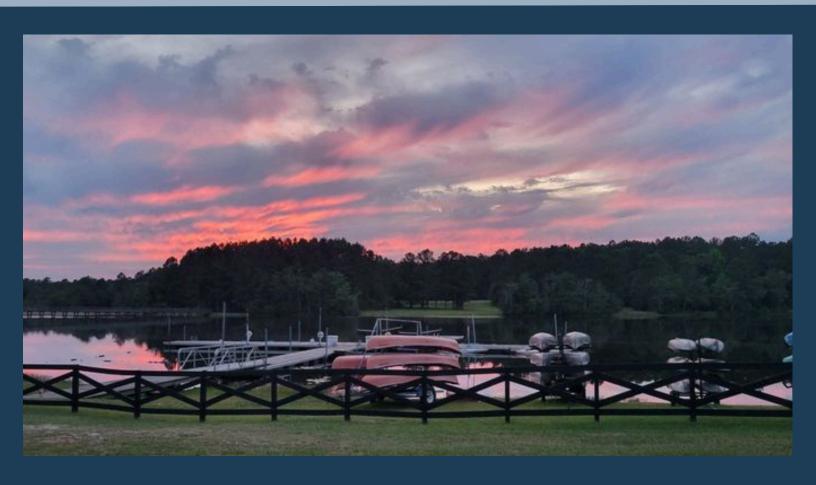
The purpose of the campsite inspection is to help teach Scouts the value of having a clean, neat, and safe campsite. The inspection is intended to be a positive experience for Scouts and adult leaders rather than a punitive measure

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





#### **GETTING IN TOUCH**

#### Cell phone signal

Black Creek is one of the few Scout camps with an excellent cell phone signal! Verizon and AT&T customers will have good coverage throughout camp, however, T-mobile customers will have very limited service. Troops are encouraged to establish their own cell phone procedures for their Scouts.

#### Internet

Black Creek has fiberoptic internet in a few places around camp. Leaders are free to use, but we ask that you do not share access with Scouts.

#### Visitors at camp

We love visitors at Black Creek. To ensure the safety of our Scouts and staff, visitors must complete 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....



#### **POLICIES & 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 Black Creek is free of accidents and/or emergencies, a good Scout is always prepared. During the first 24 hours, while your Unit is at Black Creek, 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 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 that 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. Additionally, ROHVA training must be completed prior to your arrival at camp. Personal Carts & 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 requires 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**





# **2026 Honor Patrol**

# Black Creek Scout Reservation

In order to qualify for this award, a patrol must complete 8 of the possible 10 items.	The approved
form must be turned into the Senior Patrol Leader on Friday before morning for	ormation

Patrol Name:	Troop #
Patrol Name: To be decided upon by	y the patrol
• Patrol Yell: Original and related to the	he patrol
• Patrol Call: A few words or sounds to	that can be used by patrol members for recognition
<ul> <li>Spirit: Does the Patrol work as an organized carry its flag?</li> </ul>	ganized group? Does it use its call and yell? Does it
<ul> <li>Flag: Handmade by the patrol (should wide events)</li> </ul>	d be used at camp flag ceremonies and other camp
Totem: Handmade object to represent	nt the patrol
<ul> <li>Cooperation: Does the patrol cooper among themselves?</li> </ul>	rate with troop leadership, their Patrol Leader, and
Advancement: Each Scout must eith	er advance one rank or earn two merit badges
<ul> <li>Participation: Does the Patrol enter a program?</li> </ul>	activities? Does it work with the staff and follow
<ul> <li>Project: A small camp service project Director or designee.</li> </ul>	et selected by the patrol and approved by the Program
Approved:	
Senior Patrol Leader:	
Scoutmaster:	

Camp Commissioner:

# 2026 Honor Troop

### Black Creek Scout Reservation

This summer the staff at BCSR wants to push the Troop and Patrol method within each unit.

To qualify for Honor Troop, you must complete the following criteria and have it signed by the appropriate staff member.

Each week only ONE TROOP can earn Honor Troop.

Maintain an 80 or above on your daily campsite inspection

2.	Entire	Troop arrives on time for pre-n	neal assemblies			
3.	Entire					
4.	SPL at					
5.	At leas					
6.	Attend					
7.	Provid					
8.	Provid	e a song/cheer/etc. for mealtir	me assembly			
9.	Lead a	a flag raising or lowering cerem	nony			
10.	. Comp	ete a Troop service project du	ring camp (approved by Ranger)			
11.	. Cond	uct grace at a meal or assembl	у			
12.	. Every	Scout showers at least every o	ther day			
13.	. Troop	holds a PLC				
14.	. The fo	llowing items are posted in the	e campsite			
	a.	Full duty roster				
	b. Fire Guard					
	c. Troop class schedule					
15.	. Troop	must participate in at least on	e camp wide game			
16.	. At leas	st one adult takes a training co	urse or attends a roundtable			
17.	. Scout	s or adults volunteer for servin	g or dishes during a meal			
18.	. Hold a	troop activity Thursday night	(campfire, presentation, etc)			
19.	. Each p	patrol must compete the Hono	or Patrol form			
20.	. Displa	y Scout Spirit Daily. Live out th	ne Scout Oath and Law.			
Troop	Numbe	er	SPL Signature			
Council			Scoutmaster Sig			
Patrols						
Camp	site		Camp Director Sig.			
30p						



# 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) Questions? Contact Grace Campbell, Office Manager 912-662-6827 or email grace.campbell@scouting.org

Scout Name:	Adult Name:
Unit Number:	
Week at camp:	Adult Email:
Leaders Name:	

# If you completed requirements prior to camp, please present this to your instructor on the first day of class. Fill one per merit badge.

#### BLACK CREEK MERIT BADGE PREREQUISITE FORM

Scout Name:		Troop:				
Merit Badge:						
Requirement	Date Completed	Requirement	Date Completed			
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Merit Badge Counselor	/Scoutmaster: _					
	[	Printed Name]				
		Signature]				
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Scout Name:		Troop:				
Merit Badge:		<u></u>				
Requirement	Date Completed	Requirement	Date Completed			
Requirement	Date completed	Requirement	Date completed			
Merit Badge Counselor	/Scoutmaster: _					
	[	[Printed Name]				
	_					
	[	Signature]				

# 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				Ш		
Campsite neat and clean	5				П	-	
Troop Duty Roster filled out and posted	2						
Organized areas by patrols	2				М	-	
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				М	-	
Fireguard Chart filled out daily	3				М	-	
Wash Station available	2					-	
Troop First Aid Kit accessible	6				М	-	
No vehicles in campsite	5				М	-	
Tents							
Properly Rolled Flaps (optional)	3						
Beds Made No clothes or trash on floor	5					-	
Personal gear stowed	5				Н	-	
Scoutmaster tents properly marked	5				Н	-	
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Bath Houses							
Inside Restrooms Clean	5						
Outside Sink Area	5				$\vdash \vdash$	$\vdash \vdash$	
Room Clean	5				$\vdash \vdash$	$\vdash$	
Surrounding area clean of trash	5				$\vdash \vdash$	$\vdash \vdash$	
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Total	100						

Scoutmaster

#### **Swim Classification Record**

(Changes and/or corrections to the following chart should be initialed and dated by the test supervisor.)

[ Full Name / Drint)	Medical	Swim Classification			
Full Name (Print) (Drawlinesthroughblankspaces)	Recheck Parts A-B	Non-Swimmer	Beginner	Swimmer	
1					
2					
3					
4					
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7					
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15					
10 11 12 13 14	d at a unit level sh	ould be cond	lucted by on	e of t	
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#### 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 *BSA Aquatics Management Guide*. 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 toensure that standards have been maintained.

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

- The test is given one-on-one. Thetestadministratorandtheswimmerare 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. Aidincludeslifejackets, wetsuits, fins,etc.Swimgogglesmaybeusedtoavoideyeirritation.
- Swim tests must be renewed annually, preferablyatthebeginningofthe 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 firstinto 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 **nonswimmer**.

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#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND FORMS**

Plea	se make	sure to	fill out	the follo	wing fo	orms that	were lin	iked in	the guide.

Thursday Meal Plan

**Dietary Needs** 

**Visitors Guide** 

Please follow these links for more information and guidance.

**Camp Emergency Procedures** 

**How to Register for classes**