

ANNUAL FREEZE-OUT WEEKEND

January 30 - February 1, 2026

Black Creek Scout Reservation

Dear Scout Leaders and parents:

As the temperature begins to plummet, Jack Frost could soon be nipping at your nose! It's time to mark your calendars for the upcoming **Family Scout Freeze-Out** weekend at Black Creek Scout Reservation! Please make plans now to attend this spectacular Scouting fellowship scheduled for the weekend of January 30 - February 1.

What Is Family Scout Freeze-Out?

From the beginning 46 years ago, "Father Son Freeze-Out" has remained a volunteer-supported weekend program offering a multitude of outdoor activities, games and competitive sports events for local Scouting units. It was designed much like an old-fashioned Scout Camporee. Scouting units attended as a self-supported camping unit providing their own meals and camping equipment and supplies. The program offered opportunities for a parent to attend the weekend campout with their Scout to enjoy great Scouting fellowship and camaraderie.

In its 40th year of operation, the original program was renamed, "Family Scout Freeze-Out." We want to offer this great annual program opportunity to our newly organized and traditional Scout units and include them in our Scouting Family! Now parents of Scout Troops, Venture Crews and Arrow of Light Dens can experience for themselves what Scouting is all about and share it with their sons and daughters.

Who Can Attend?

All registered Scout Troops and Venture Crews. Also invited are all Arrow of Light Scouts who must be accompanied by a parent or parent-substitute. All participants must register with a unit attending the program. Any adult staying overnight must be a registered leader in BSA (Scouting America).



Attention Arrow of Light Scouts:

We encourage all Unit Leaders and Scoutmasters to invite any prospective Arrow of Light Scouts and their parent(s) to attend this great outdoor Scouting opportunity. Arrow of Light Scouts with a parent or accompanying adult will need to register with a troop attending the event. During the Family Scout Freeze-Out weekend, Arrow of Light Scouts may qualify on many of the requirements for the Arrow of Light Scouting Adventure.

Attention All Venture Crews:

We invite all registered Venture Crews to participate in this awesome annual event. Please make plans to register early and come prepared to camp, have a great time of fellowship, and to participate in the fun-inspired activities. Venture Crews can participate in all the FSFO and Older Scout events. We look forward to serving you and having a great Scouting fellowship at the Family Scout Freeze-Out weekend. Are you willing to brave the coldest weekend of the year.

Registration:

All Scout Troops, Venture Crews, Arrow of Light Scouts and parents are encouraged to **pre-register online on or before January 1, 2025**. The Deadline for registration is January 28th. Register online on the council website. Walk-in registrations will be accepted at the Council Service Center. Units are required to bring an updated **Unit Program Registration Form** listing all their participants for the weekend. Updated forms can be submitted during the Friday evening Leaders' meeting during the event. Council staff will be on-hand to receive any additional payments.



Annual Order of the Arrow Rendezvous:

The I-Tsu-La Lodge will be offering a **Chick-fil-A lunch this year on Saturday**, Jan 31st, from 11-1pm. This lunch will be at no cost for lodge members who are up to date with their OA dues. Not paid yet? A lodge officer will be on-hand to receive annual dues payments. In addition, the Lodge will have Chick-fil-A sandwiches available to all Freeze-out participants on a first come-first serve basis.

Please contact Lodge Advisor for any additional information: Itsulalodge@gmail.com.

Pre-Weekend Planning and Consideration:

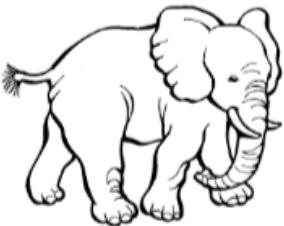
- **Trash** - Each camping unit should come prepared to take care of their own trash and debris. The use of heavy-duty garbage bags is recommended. Each unit will be required to police and clean their campsite areas before departing from the event on Sunday.
- **Ground Fires** - Grounds fires are permitted as long as each fire is maintained within a metal fire ring, fire barrel or raised fire pan. It is recommended that charcoal and propane be the cooking sources for the weekend. Units will be responsible for using the **LEAVE NO TRACE** principles throughout the entire weekend.
- **Firewood** – Generally there is plenty of deadfall firewood available throughout the facility. However, if units elect to bring additional firewood, any unburned supplies must be removed from camp property at the close of the program weekend. Please do not leave extra firewood in campsites.
- **Parking and Vehicles in Camp** - It is extremely important to limit the amount of vehicular traffic throughout the camp facility during the program operations. We are calling on all unit and campsite leadership to assist with this safety process. If your unit arrives with a trailer in tow, drop the trailer at your assigned campsite area, then remove the vehicle to an assigned parking area. **Camp roads must be kept clear at all times for emergency purposes.** All vehicles used within the camp property during the event, emergency, program or staff vehicles, must have an authorized program vehicle pass posted at the windshield area in clear view. All unauthorized vehicles **MUST** be removed from the campsite and adjacent road areas and be parked in assigned parking lot areas by 9:00 AM on Saturday morning. If an adult in your unit is legally handicapped, provisions may be arranged for the use of a Handicapped pass for that vehicle. The vehicle must have an affixed handicapped tag or rear mirror handicapped placard before approval of the pass. Again, we ask that all unit and campsite leadership comply with these requirements for the safety of our campers.
- **Adult Participation - ALL ADULTS: Must be registered members of BSA (Scouting America).** We encourage parents to attend this special event with their Scouts. It provides a great opportunity for parents to see what Scouting is all about and to participate in activities and events with their sons and daughters. Fathers, Mothers, uncles, grandfathers, other adult family members, or an adult parent-substitute, may attend. A parent-substitute must be 21 years of age or older and must register with an attending Scout Troop or unit to participate. Parent substitutes must provide an **Informed Consent, Release Agreement and Authorization Form** authorized by the Parent or Guardian, to attend with a youth Scout member.

- **BSA Annual Health Record Forms (Parts: A, B1, & B2)** All weekend participants, campers, parents and staff must have an updated Health History Form present at all times during the event weekend. Unit leaders are encouraged to maintain the forms in a secure notebook and have them available in the event of medical situations.

Camp Check-In:

Check-in will begin @ 4:00 PM on January 30th. All units need to check-in upon arrival for campsite assignments at the campground entrance. All units are responsible for turning in an updated and completed Unit Program Registration Form at the Friday evening Leaders' meeting at the camp Dining Hall.

Outstanding event fees must be paid at that time. Council staff and program representatives will be on hand to assist you with any additional fee payments. Event patches will only be issued to those units that have submitted an updated Unit Program Registration Form and have *paid in full* for all weekend participants.



Big White Elephant Auction:

“*Scout Bucks*” will be provided to each attending unit for the White Elephant Auction. Please remember that extra Scout Bucks will be issued to units bringing extra items to donate for the auction. The more stuff you bring, the more Bucks you get! Units will be allowed to bid on blocks of donated items during the auction. The highest bidder wins. The winners will receive items to carry back to their campsite to enjoy.

Remember, “one man’s junk is another man’s treasure.” Items to consider collecting for the auction: Scout-related publications, used camping equipment, flashlights, canteens, electronic games, action figures, stuffed animals, music CDs, cameras, assorted candies, cookies, soft drinks, etc. No yard sale items, please. Be sure to bring good usable items that Scouts can enjoy! The more stuff you bring, the more Scout Bucks you get! All items need to be placed at the camp pavilion between 12:00 and 12:30 PM on Saturday. Please identify your items by attaching your unit number to them and stack your items neatly together.

Exciting Program Highlights:

Attending units will have opportunities to participate in over 40+ games and events for scouts 11 years of age and up. Participation in the events can be as individuals, Youth & Adult Teams or as Two-Player Teams. Opportunities for Scouts 14 years of age and older include any of the 40+ Games and Events offered below, plus Shotgun Clay Shoot, .22 Rifle Target Shoot, Archery Competition and the challenge of High Adventure area.

TIMED GAME EVENTS #1-6		14. Ball Hog	29. Triangle Toss
1. Square Knot		15. Burp Gun	30. Tire Accuracy
2. Disappearing Beam		16. Bible Quiz	31. Football Toss
3. Hoop Roll		17. Feel Me	32. Lasso
4. Know Knots		18. Shoot/Stars	33. Putt - Putt
5. Clove Hitch		19. Quarterback	34. Frisbee Toss
6. Match Split		20. Drop In Bucket	35. Plugg'n
		21. Shoe In	36. Quoit Knot
JUDGED EVENTS #7-22		22. Pogo	37. Bucky
7. Thin Slice		23. Corn Hole	38. Eskimo Bone
8. Kim’s Game		24. Jar Ring Toss	39. Bonum Board
9. Nose Knows		25. Buffalo Wheel	40. Ring Toss
10. Log Toss		26. Outhouse Toss	41. Washer Toss
11. Tent Pole Throw		27. Ball Toss	42. Post to Post
12. Geography Test		28. ZigZag	43. Bag Ball
13. Know Trees			

Competitive Award Categories:

- Best Youth & Adult Team Award – Opportunity to participate in over 40+ games
- Best Two-Player Team Award – Opportunity to participate in over 40+ games
- High Score Token Awards per game categories



Are you ready for a TOOTH-CHATTERIN' & FREEZIN' good time? Come prepared to chill out with us as we take the Annual Polar Bear Plunge on Saturday afternoon. Participants need to dress in swim trunks or bathing suits for this event. No wetsuits, as this would be cheating! Bring a towel and extra clothes to cover up with or change into quickly after plunging. Make sure you wear shoes to the lakefront area. **No open-toed shoes, please!** This event will be supervised by BSA lifeguards. A very special and very unique patch will be provided to those participating in this event. For this event, each unit will provide a Polar Bear Plunge Unit Participant Roster at check-in time at the lakefront.

Staff Needed from Troops and Crews:

If you or members of your unit are interested in supporting FSFO by taking charge of a game or activity, please contact event chairman **Mr. Seth Zeigler** at **(912) 656-8493** to discuss program details. Everyone serving on staff during the event will receive a staff patch.

We'll see you out in the **COLD!**

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Seth Zeigler

FSFO Event Chairman
Cell: (912) 656-8493

Camp Reminders:

- This is a bring-your-own-tent event. Canvas tents will not be up, and scouts and adults need to supply their own gear.
- All cars must be parked in the parking lot after they are unloaded on Friday night. The ONLY exception is cars with an issued handicap card or tag.
- You are not permitted to bring your own golf cart/utv/atv/etc. without written consent from Ranger Jacob.
- Food will not be provided during this event. Troops/families are in charge of their own provisions.
- The Medic phone number is: 912-425-2257
- Dumpsters are located behind the dining hall and the north shore pavilion. If you can, please take your trash as you exit camp.



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46th Annual Family Scout Freeze-Out Weekend Schedule

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Friday Jan. 30th	4:00 – 9:00PM Check-In and Camp Setup 9:00 – 9:30PM Scoutmaster & Senior Patrol Leader Meeting at Dining Hall. Venture Crew Advisors and Crew Presidents are welcome to attend
Saturday, Jan. 31th	6:30AM Reveille 7:00 – 9:00AM Breakfast Preparations (incamp) 9:00- 9:15AM Assembly at Flag Pole-front of Dining Hall 9:30 – 12 Noon Morning Events & Games 12:00 – 1:30PM Lunch Preparations (incamp) 1:30 – 4:00PM Afternoon Events & Games 4:15 – 4:40PM Polar Bear Plunge (Waterfront Area) 4:40 – 6:30PM Evening Meal Preparations in Campsites 6:30PM Entries due-Annual Chili Cook-Off-Dining Hall 7:15PM Campfire 8:15PM White Elephant Auction at Cub Scout Pavillion 10:30PM Quiet Time-All Campers in Their Campsites 11:00PM Lights Out 6:30AM Reveille 7:00 – 9:00AM Breakfast Prep 8:30 AM Unit Chaplain Aids Report to Dining
Sunday, Feb. 1st	Hall for instructions 9:00AM Scouts' Own Interfaith Worship Service (Dining Hall) 9:30AM Recognition & Award Presentations 11:00AM Camp Shutdown and Departure

NOTE: White Elephant Auction items need to be delivered to the Cub Scout Pavillion on Saturday between 12:00 and 12:30PM to redeem for Scout Bucks. Be sure to include your Troop or Crew unit numbers on the items. Lost and Found will be located at the Camp Trading Post under Dining Hall.