

WINTER CAMP

2026

FIELD GUIDE



BLACK CREEK

SCOUT RESERVATION



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A letter From Black Creek

Dear Scouts, Adult Leaders, and Parents,

Greetings from Black Creek – southeast Georgia’s newest, premier, nationally accredited scout camp! Thank you for your interest in attending Black Creek Scout Reservation. We are pleased to present our 2026 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 Winter Camp season. But before we get down to the “nuts and bolts” of Winter 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 Scout camp as a youth, adult leader, or staff member, we can all agree that the Scout 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 Scout 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 their camp experience with us this year.

Sincerely,

Greyson Cato
Camp Director


Jacob Follin
Ranger


Lew Sisson
Scout Executive

ABOUT US



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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....



COME

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FOR

YOURSELF

Nationally accredited



Each year, Black Creek undergoes a rigorous inspection as part of the 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 Winter Camp Merit Badge schedule has been designed to emphasize a unique set of badges that we don’t offer during the summer season.

Our goal is to send you home with completions; 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. 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



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AT



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TWO
SESSIONS

NOV. 20-22

NOV. 22-24

★ NOVEMBER 20-24, 2026 ★

YOUTH-ONE SESSION \$150

YOUTH-BOTH SESSIONS \$245

[scoutingevent.com/099-
wintercaamp](https://scoutingevent.com/099-wintercaamp)



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Registration Information

Planning for camp?

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

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

Ready to register?

Visit scoutingevent.com/099-wintercamp 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 September 1st 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 September 1st. Those registered will receive an email with registration instructions prior to that date.
4. Get ready for a fun Winter Camp 2025!



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 Scouts BSA Uniform

- Uniform Shirt
- Uniform Shorts / Pants
- Scout Belt
- Scout Socks
- Troop neckerchief & Slide (optional)
- OA Sash (optional)

Clothing

- Socks
- T-shirt
- Shorts/ Pants
- Sleepwear *
- Rain Gear
- Closed Toe Shoes/ Boots
 - 2 pair are recommended
- Swimsuit
 - We will be doing Polar Zip!
 - Guidelines can be found [here](#)
- Hat
- Warmer weather Gear

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**

Bedding

- Sleeping bag
- Blanket
- Pillow
- Sleeping pad

Theme Gear

- 2026 Camp Shirt
- Tie-Dye
- Vintage shirt and/or Uniform
- Silly shirts

Other items

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

Do Not Bring

Firearms, sheath knives, fireworks, 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



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Check-In Policies & Procedures

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
- SYT 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, your troop is free to set up camp and prepare. Remember that once you are unloaded, vehicles need to go to the parking lot. Troop Trailers are permitted to stay in the camp, as long as they are not blocking any roads.

4

At 8pm we will have a meeting with all adults and SPLs in the dining hall. Session two meeting will be at 5pm.

Tips and Recommendations

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 early as possible during the check-in window. This ensures that your unit has enough time to adequately set up camp.

Please ensure that Scoutmasters, Adult Leaders, and Senior Patrol Leaders attend the leader meeting on check in day 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.

We will not have our green canvas tents up for winter camp. Troops are responsible for bringing their own tents or hammocks to sleep in.

CAMP FACILITIES



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Campsites, Bathrooms, and Trading post

Campsite Information

Black Creek offers six campsites. Each campsite includes an activity shelter with electricity and overhead fans. Scouts and adults should bring their own tents or hammocks. Please ensure to follow Scouting America's hammock policy and all Youth Protection 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 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 badges supply kits. Knives are available to those who have Totin' Chips.



Dining Facilities & Meal time Procedures



Reese Dining 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 the health needs of youth and adults alike. Meals will be served Cafeteria style.

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 [Dietary Restriction Form On Google](#).

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.

PROGRAM INFORMATION



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Daily Schedule

SESSION ONE

FRIDAY	4:00 - 8:00	Troop Check in and camp set up
	8:00	Adult Leader & SPL meeting in RDH

SATURDAY	7:45 AM	Formation
	8:00 am - 8:50 am	Breakfast at RDH
	9:00 am - 11:30 am	Class Period One
	11:45 am - 12:45pm	Lunch at RDH
	1:00 pm - 3:20 pm	Class Period Two
	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Open Program/Class Period Three
	5:45	Formation
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner at RDH
7:15 pm - 9:15	Drop in MB Classes	

SUNDAY	7:45 AM	Formation
	8:00 am - 8:50 am	Breakfast at RDH
	9:00 am - 11:30 am	Class Period One
	11:45 am - 12:45pm	Lunch at RDH
	1:00 pm - 3:20 pm	Class Period Two
	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Open Program/Class Period Three
	5:45	Formation
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner at RDH
	7:15	Campfire Talent Show Program
8:00	Depart	

SESSION TWO

SUNDAY	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Troop Check in and camp set up
	5:00	Adult Leader & SPL meeting in RDH
	5:45	Formation
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner at RDH
	7:15	Campfire Program

MONDAY	7:45 AM	Formation
	8:00 am - 8:50 am	Breakfast at RDH
	9:00 am - 11:30 am	Class Period One
	11:45 am - 12:45pm	Lunch at RDH
	1:00 pm - 3:20 pm	Class Period Two
	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Open Program/Class Period Three
	5:45	Formation
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner at RDH
7:15 pm - 9:15	Drop In Merit Badges	

TUESDAY	7:45 AM	Formation
	8:00 am - 8:50 am	Breakfast at RDH
	9:00 am - 11:30 am	Class Period One
	11:45 am - 12:45pm	Lunch at RDH
	1:00 pm - 3:20 pm	Class Period Two
	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Open Program/Class Period Three
	5:45	Formation
6:00 PM	Depart	

Leader meetings & Afternoon Activities

Adult Leaders & SPL Meeting

We will have a brief meeting to disseminate information after you arrive to camp. Those attending Session One will have a meeting at 8pm on Friday night. Those attending session Two will have a meeting at 5pm on Sunday afternoon. Both meetings will take place in the banquet room of the dining hall.

Open Program

We will have open program during third period. Scouts can elect to take a third class or explore camp. We will run Zip-line, Rappelling, Archery, Rifle, and sports games available.

Theme days

Each day of winter camp will have a unique theme so scouts and leaders can dress accordingly.

Saturday - Tie Dye Day!

Wear your grooviest Tie Dye patterns.

Sunday - Flannel Shirt day!

Wear your favorite flannel or plaid shirt

Monday - Silly Shirt Day!

Wear your silliest swag. Pull out the crazy patterns or tacky sweaters. The sillier the better.

Tuesday - Troop Shirt Day!

Show off your Troop Pride and wear your Troop shirt.

Campfire Talent Show

Black Creek's Got Talent! Our campfire program on Sunday night will be a mix of traditional scout campfire and a talent show. Troops are encouraged to perform traditional scout songs and skits, but we also invite individual scouts to showcase their talents.

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 winter. 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

First, Second, and Third periods will be the same for both days of the session. IE, you will go to first period First Aid both days, Saturday and Sunday. Scouts can also elect not to take a third period and enjoy open programming instead.

Drop in Classes

On Saturday and Monday night, we will offer “drop-in” merit badge classes after dinner. These classes will either be short enough to complete in the allotted time slot or will focus on the “hands-on” components of the merit badge. Scouts may have to complete the badges outside of class.

Merit Badge Policy

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.

Registration

All merit badge registration for those attending winter 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.

First Year Camper

Our First Year Camper program is designed to help scouts through their first four ranks. This is great for scouts who are attending their first camp, or those who need extra time working through the ranks.

Scouts who sign up for the program will work through their handbook to accomplish as many requirements as possible. The program is designed to focus on the outdoor elements, such as knot tying, first aid, physical fitness, and camping skills, but will work through any requirements the Scouts need.

Scouts in FYC should bring their handbook.



The founder of scouting, Lord Baden Powell, said all Scouts should earn first class

**COMING
SOON**

A Scout is

TRUSTWORTHY

LOYAL

HELPFUL

FRIENDLY

COURTEOUS

KIND

OBEDIENT

CHEERFUL

THRIFTY

BRAVE

CLEAN

REVERENT



CAMP POLICIES & PROCEDURES



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Getting in Touch

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 customers typically have slightly less coverage. T-Mobile is not very reliable at camp. 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 complete a [Visitor Form](#) 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....



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 Transportation

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



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

Dietary Needs

Visitors Guide

Please follow these links for more information and guidance.

Camp Emergency Procedures

How to Register for Classes



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