

South Louisiana Council

welcomes you to

Camp Edgewood Winter Camp 2026



November 20-23, 2026

<https://www.CalcasieuBSA.org/WinterCamp>

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/211-WinterCampEdgewood>

Key Dates

- Early Bird Registration ends on September 15, 2026
- On Time Registration ends on October 31, 2026
- Last Day to Register is November 15, 2026
- Last Day to Order T-shirts is October 31, 2026

Update: September 3, 2026

Welcome to 2026 Winter Camp!

We are excited to have your Troop attend our 2026 Winter Camp at Camp Edgewood! Winter Camp consists of merit badge sessions held during the Thanksgiving break. This allows units to camp together using the Troop and Patrol method to accomplish their goals under their own leadership and also enjoy their Thanksgiving break. Our Camp Staff provides program help, guidance, and supervision in the areas of Scout Craft, Nature, Citizenship, and STEM, along with other specialty merit badge subjects.

Bicycles are a great way to travel around camp. Please bring your own bikes and wear helmets while riding.

The cost of Winter Camp this year will be \$225.00 per Scout. There is a discounted (early) price of \$175.00 until September 15, 2026. Late registrations after October 31, 2026, are \$250 per Scout. The last day to register is November 15, 2026. Any Scouts BSA youth are eligible to participate. Female Scouts BSA requires that a registered female leader or their parent must attend. Scoutmasters will monitor both of these items along with the appropriate class selections.

We offer a variety of merit badges to meet the needs of the Scouts. Unit registration and merit badge selection can be completed by logging on to the Council Website (see URLs on the title page of this guide). The merit badges being offered can be found on the Winter Camp page of the Council website.

Share this guide with your Troop and Committee. Copies are available on the Council website.

Our staff of program counselors, supervised by the Camp and Program Directors, is committed to providing a quality camping experience for you and your Scouts. You can be assured of a strong welcome, a staff committed to meeting your needs, great food, a quality program, and a wonderful experience.

Chad Myzell
Short-Term Camp Administrator

Stefan Borssen
Staff Advisor

General Information

2026 Winter Camp Schedule Dates

November 20-23, 2026

Check-In Time

- Early Check-in: Friday, November 20, 2026, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. @ Dining Hall.
- 1st Day of Camp: Saturday, November 21, 2026, 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. @ Office. ***If you have a scout who needs to change a class, please let us know during check-in; we will do our best to accommodate the scout's request.***

Classes Begin

- Saturday, November 21, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

Departure Time

- Monday, November 23, 2026, 5:00 p.m. If your troop will not be staying overnight, please ensure your unit departs camp by 5:00 p.m.

Location of Camp Edgewood

Camp Edgewood is located at 3419 Camp Edgewood Rd, Dequincy, LA 70633

Reservation & Fees

Scout

Early/Discounted Registration (ends September 15)	\$175.00
On Time Registration (ends October 31)	\$200.00
Late Registration (ends November 15)	\$225.00

Adult*

Early/Discounted Registration (ends September 15)	\$ 85.00
On Time Registration (ends October 31)	\$100.00
Late Registration (ends November 15)	\$120.00

*One adult leader for every 6 scouts attends free (Chose category **1 Adult : 6 Scouts** when registering online.)

Registration closes at 11:59 p.m. on November 15, 2026. Merit badge selections will not be honored until full payment has been received. Some merit badge classes include additional fees, which will automatically be added to your total when those courses are selected. Payments made by credit card or check are subject to a 3% convenience fee (checks have a 1% convenience fee).

- If the Scout would like to purchase a shirt, please **place the order by October 31, 2026**, and select the appropriate item at checkout.

- All adults attending camp must register as an adult leader or as staff (application on-line). The adult fee is \$85.00 per adult (\$100.00 starting September 16, 2026; \$120 starting November 1, 2026). Additionally, an adult BSA application must be completed if the adult is not currently registered with BSA.
- Staff will not pay a fee. If Staff would like to purchase a shirt, please **place the order by October 31, 2026**, and select the appropriate item at checkout. Staff registration must be completed by the end of the day on October 16, 2026.

On-Line Registration

You may currently register your unit, and scheduling for each Scout's merit badges will be online no later than October 16, 2026. Register on the Council website. Merit badge classes are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you have registration questions, please contact the Lake Charles Service Center at (337) 436-3376.

Refund Policy

The refund policy can be found at: <https://www.southlouisianacouncil.org/refund-policy/>

Adult Leaders

At least two registered adult leaders, aged 21 or older, each with current Safeguarding Youth Training, must be present at camp with the unit at all times. All adults attending camp with a Scouting unit must be registered members of Scouting America. Units attending with female Scouts BSA members must have a registered female adult leader or their parent present.

In accordance with Scouting America's Safeguarding Youth policies, **one-on-one contact between adults and youth is prohibited at all times**, both within and outside of Scouting activities.

Health Forms

All Scouts and adults attending camp must have a current Annual Health and Medical Record Parts A and B. This is necessary to document the current health status and any medications the Scout or adult is taking. Health forms will be returned to units at the end of camp. It is recommended that only copies of the health forms be submitted. (The originals should remain with the troop records.)

Prescriptions for Scouts and adults may be kept at the campsite if stored in a secure location accessible only to adult leaders. Non-prescription medicine, asthma inhalers, and epinephrine can be kept on the Scout.

ONLY registered Scouts are permitted in the camp. Other children should not be brought to camp. Separate tent accommodations will be maintained for male and female

leaders. Leaders may rotate, if necessary, but at least two (2) adults must be with the Troop, 24 hours a day. If it is necessary to leave the camp at any time, leaders need to inform the Camp Director and sign in and out at the Administration Building.

Attendance

Attendance at merit badge sessions and the associated projects is required to complete the merit badges. Be sure to select only the merit badges the Scout is willing to work toward – *limited schedule changes will be made at camp.*

If a merit badge does not have a qualified instructor at the beginning of November, it will be dropped from the schedule.

Check-in

Registration begins at 5:00 pm on Friday. Upon arrival, please have your roster of attendees, all completed medical forms, and a copy of your council insurance policy, if you are an out-of-council unit. A qualified health officer will review each medical form with each participant. Any Scout or Scouter without a current completed medical form (Parts A & B) will be asked to leave camp until they can complete one.

Insurance Check

All registered adults and youth of the South Louisiana Council are covered under the Accident and Wellness insurance with HSR. If you are a non-South Louisiana Council member, please provide proof of your policy from your local Council. As a policy reminder, all adults staying overnight with Scouts BSA **MUST** be registered with their Scout Unit.

Check-Out

Campers may depart on Monday, November 23, 2026, after checking out at the office. Please pick up your medical forms and merit badge completions before leaving camp. All garbage should be in trash bags at the campsite road before leaving.

Tenting

Each unit/individual is asked to bring their unit/personal tents to use at Winter Camp. The camp does not provide tents.

Trading Post

Our trading post is exceptionally well-stocked to serve you. We have camp supplies, crafts, souvenirs, mugs, patches, and toiletries. Plus, the trading post has your snacks, drinks, and ice cream. Please **bring cash** for your trading post purchases. Hours for winter camp will be posted outside the trading post.

Order of the Arrow

Hot Chocolate Social at the Trading Post on Saturday, November 21, 2026.

Pets

No pets of any type will be permitted in camp.

Bicycles

Bicycles can be ridden on the main campsite roads and open areas. Scouts will need to walk their bikes across any bridges and narrow trails. No bikes are allowed on the concrete sidewalk paths. Bicyclists need to be attentive when riding and allow pedestrians the right of way. Bikes need to be parked outside of merit badge session locations, out of the way of pedestrians.

General Camp Rules

- Campers are NOT to bring firearms or ammunition to camp.
- No Fireworks of any kind are permitted in the camp at any time, for any reason.
- No Alcoholic Beverages or Illegal Drugs are allowed on Camp property.
- No tobacco of any kind, including vapes, e-cigarettes, and chewing tobacco, is allowed in or near any building on camp.
- Adults with tobacco habits may use the *secluded area of the main parking lot*. Use in any other area can result in dismissal from the property.
- Hazing in any form is not permitted.
- Closed-toe shoes must be worn at all times.
- All campers and visitors must sign in/out at the camp office.

Note: Any violation of these rules may result in immediate removal from the camp for those involved!

Conduct and Discipline

All Scouts and adult leaders attending Camp Edgewood are expected to live by the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Outdoor Code and conduct themselves accordingly at all times. The Winter Camp Staff, Scouts, and Adult Leaders will strive to provide a safe, wholesome, and moral atmosphere, allowing Scouts the opportunity to enjoy their outdoor experience at Camp Edgewood. Adult leaders will keep the Camp Director and Program Director advised of any problems encountered with their Scouts or Scouts from other units. The Camp Director retains the authority to resolve all disputes involving disciplinary problems with individual Scouts or problems between Scouts of different units. Misconduct may result in removal from specific activities or dismissal from Camp Edgewood, as determined by the Camp Director. Violations of criminal law may result in the arrest and prosecution in Beauregard Parish under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Your campsite is your home and should be respected. Entering or loitering around another's campsite without permission is not allowed. The Scout Leader in camp is responsible for the conduct of the Scouts at all times. Lights out is at 10:00 p.m. All campers are expected to be at their own campsite by this time.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of a camp-wide emergency, an alarm will sound. At that time, all camp personnel, campers, and staff will report to Parade Field away in front of the Dining Hall for a head count by Unit Leaders. The Unit Leaders will then report to the Camp Director, Program Director, or Camp Commissioner whether their entire unit is present.

There will be an alarm demonstration within the first 24 hours of camp. If the alarm is heard at any other time, it is “**Not a Drill**”. Everyone should report as quickly as possible.

Camp Duties

Units are asked to share camp duties. Senior Patrol Leaders can sign up for their Unit.

Flag Ceremonies

Assignments for Flag Raising and Retreat will be assigned after arrival at camp.

Chapel Service

See the schedule for chapel services.

Campsite Accessibility

Camp Edgewood offers an accessible campsite (Campsite 14 – Central) for Scouts and leaders with mobility or other accessibility needs. Please note that we will assign Scouts who need these accommodations to this campsite along with others from their Troop, but we do not guarantee that your entire Troop can be placed there. Assignments are based on the accessibility needs of Scouts attending camp that week.

Campsite Bathrooms/Showers

Campsite occupants are responsible for cleaning the bathrooms located within the campsites. Campsites with multiple units should work out a schedule so that this duty is evenly distributed. Remember to respect all youth privacy in the showers and in the campsite areas. Leaders should be observant of all activities in and around the bathroom facilities for safety concerns, while respecting the youth’s privacy. Please leave the bathroom/shower facility cleaner than found. If additional bathroom supplies are needed, please have your SPL or Leader request them at their daily meeting.

Leaders’ Meetings

Adult Leader & Senior Patrol Leader Meetings

An orientation meeting will be held at 9:00 p.m. on Friday. Important information about camp policies, procedures, and week-specific updates will be provided. We will also address any specific needs or questions you might have at this meeting. **Every unit must**

be represented at both the Adult Leader and SPL meetings. In addition to this meeting, the opening night of camp, the following will be held:

- An Adult Leader meeting is held each morning, Saturday - Tuesday, after breakfast, 9:15 a.m., in the Dining Hall for you to discuss any concerns or needs you may have.
- A Senior Patrol Leader meeting is held Saturday, Sunday, and Monday nights at 9:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall.

Lost and Found

Lost and found items will be brought to the Trading Post. Encourage all Scouts to mark all possessions with their name and Troop number.

Food Service

We will use mess kits for all meals, and a washing station will be available for campers to clean their own dishes. Each participant should bring a plate, bowl, cup or water bottle, and eating utensils. ***NOTE: Any special dietary needs should be reported to the Camp Director no later than 3 weeks before you arrive at camp and noted in the allotted space in the online registration system.***

Provisional Camping

The Provisional Camping experience is offered for our Scouts who cannot attend with their entire Troop. We match these individual Scouts with other Troops that are willing to host them for the week to make sure they have the same experience and opportunities. We can also accommodate parent/Scout pairings, so contact the Camp Director if you have any questions about your Scout attending Camp Edgewood.

Volunteering as a Merit Badge Instructor

Volunteer Merit Badge Instructors are essential to the success of Winter Camp. Our program is staffed entirely by volunteers, and we welcome adults who have skills, experience, or expertise to share. If you are interested in serving on Winter Camp staff, please apply through the Council website by October 10, 2026. There is no fee to serve as a volunteer staff member.

Closing Campfire

There will be a closing campfire at 2:00 p.m. on November 23, 2026. Be sure your Scouts bring their favorite skits, songs, or stories.

Checklist for Troop Preparation for Winter Camp

Preparation for camp is straightforward, but it does require planning. As a Unit Leader, you are the most important link in this preparation. The following timetable/checklist is designed to guide you and your Troop Committee in pre-camp planning for Winter Camp at Camp Edgewood.

- Review the Program Guide with the Patrol Leader's Council, Troop Committee, Parents, and Scoutmasters. Make notes and record any questions, then contact our Camp Director.
- Ensure that all youth and adults complete the appropriate medical forms, collect them, and review them. Do not mail medical forms to camp; bring them with you for check-in.
- Communication with Parents:
 - Collect all camp fees.
 - Communicate the time, place, and date of departure to and from camp.
 - Communicate the camp's mailing address: Camp Edgewood, 3419 Camp Edgewood Road, DeQuincy, LA 70633. With the shortened camp week, we suggest no mailed packages.
 - Provide a blank copy of the medical form and the deadline for completing and returning it.
 - Communicate directions to the camp
 - Camp Fee due dates:
 - 50% due by September 15, 2026.
 - 100% due by October 31, 2026, or the unit may not attend camp.
- Troop Committee:
 - At least 1 adult and SPL to review any correspondence sent by our Camp Team
 - Arrange for necessary adult leadership, minimum 2 adults at all times.
 - Arrange for necessary transportation to and from camp.
- Patrol Leader's Council:
 - Develop a list of troop and patrol equipment to take to camp.
- Individual Registration:
 - Register each individual (Scout and adult) online.
 - Discuss class schedules individually with Scouts and the preparations required before camp.
 - Register for classes online (targeted to open no later than October 16, 2026).
- Going to Camp:
 - Final review of the checklist.
 - Collect and review medical forms for signatures and insurance information.
 - Complete troop roster for check-in with the unit insurance policy number.
 - Conduct pre-camp health screening within 72 hours of departure.

What to Bring to Camp (Troop)

Troop Equipment

☐ U.S. Flag	☐ Troop Library	☐ Latrine Brush/Bucket
☐ Troop Flag	☐ Bow Saw	☐ Scout Songbook
☐ Patrol Flags	☐ Small Maul/Hammer	☐ Water Hose
☐ Whetstones	☐ Shovel/Rake	☐ Merit Badge Pamphlets
☐ Plastic Trash Bags	☐ File	☐ Patrol Cooking Gear
☐ Water Jugs	☐ Rope	☐ Clock
☐ Compasses	☐ Troop First Aid Kit	☐ Lanterns
☐ Scoutmaster's Handbook	☐ Axes	☐ Tents

What to Bring to Camp (Individual)

Note: All items should be marked with the Scout's Name and Troop Number.

Individual Equipment

☐ Complete Scout Uniform	☐ Raincoat/Poncho	☐ Insect Repellent
☐ Comfortable Hiking Shoes	☐ Lightweight & Heavy Jacket	☐ Flashlight/Extra Batteries
☐ Toiletry Items	☐ Toothbrush/Paste	☐ Deodorant
☐ Soap	☐ Comb/Brush	☐ Mouthwash
☐ Clothes for 4 Days	☐ Underwear	☐ Towel and Wash Cloth
☐ T-Shirts	☐ Pants	☐ Socks (Bring EXTRA!)
☐ Medications	☐ Scout Handbook	☐ Battery Lamp
☐ Notebook and Pencil	☐ Mess Kit/Eating Utensils	☐ Extra Blankets
☐ Sleeping Gear for Winter Camping	☐ Extra Shoes (NO Open-Toe Shoes or Sandals Allowed)	☐ Merit Badge Books (Required for each merit badge.)
☐ Watch	☐ Extra Footwear	Pocket Knife
☐ Personal First Aid Kit	☐ Spending Money	

Optional Items

☐ Sewing Kit	☐ Shoelaces	☐ Compass
☐ Sunscreen Lotion	☐ Camera and Film	☐ Sunglasses
☐ Postage Stamps/ Envelopes	☐ Musical Instruments	

Program

Winter Camp Has Something for Everyone!

Each year, we are made aware of the unique needs our Troops bring to Winter Camp. Troop needs, Patrol needs, and each Scout's needs have helped us plan this year's program. Camp Edgewood provides the best outdoors for your Troop. We have a wide array of camp-wide events and activities for your enjoyment.

Merit Badges

Advancement is one of the methods of the Scouting Program. It teaches new skills, inspires learning, and builds self-confidence and self-esteem. At Winter Camp, merit badges provide the Scout with the opportunity to decide the number and types of activities they will participate in.

Some merit badges will require either advanced work before camp or follow-up work after camp. Other merit badges will be completed at camp. Take note when assisting your Scouts in their planning.

1. Please Do Not Let the Scout Over-Schedule. Younger scouts come to camp extremely ambitious and are often so wrapped up in merit badges or advancement programs that they forget to have fun! We want the Scouts to go home with a smile on their face and a well-rounded Scouting experience. Remind them that *having fun is a key part* of Winter Camp. Leave plenty of time for Gaga Ball and hot chocolate!

2. Have your Scouts review the merit badge book and the requirements before they come to camp. Occasionally, a Scout chooses a merit badge to work on, then finds out too late it is not what they thought it was! Make sure they are prepared and know what to expect before they come to camp. Each Scout should have a merit badge book for each merit badge they expect to complete.

3. Some badges cannot be completed at camp. Incomplete merit badges should be completed with a Merit Badge Counselor at the Troop, District, or Council level. Any requirements that require a Scout to complete activities over an extended period of time should be completed before camp.

Merit Badge Summary

To have a successful merit badge program, your Scouts must begin before attending camp. Some badges can be easily earned during a camping period, while others take much longer. Encourage your Scouts to start working early before camp. For each merit badge, the Scout should read the entire pamphlet so they are ready to tackle it while at camp.