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Dear Unit Leaders, Scouts, and Parents,

Welcome to Winter Camp 2025 at Camp Binachi! The staff is thrilled to invite you to our special camp where Scouts can continue to grow in their Scouting journey. Winter Camp is an excellent opportunity for Scouts to make new friends, enjoy delicious meals, and develop lifelong skills through a variety of Scouting and Venturing programs.

Winter Camp at Camp Binachi offers a unique experience compared to Summer Camp. While Scouts can still work on up to 3 merit badges during the week, the focus of Winter Camp is on fun and skill-building through open program activities. These activities allow Scouts to apply the skills they've learned in Scouting in a hands-on, enjoyable way. Be sure to review the Leader's Guide for an outline of the merit badge requirements Scouts should expect to complete during camp, as well as the open program options available.

This Leader's Guide is designed to provide you with all the information you'll need to prepare for Winter Camp. If you have any specific questions or special needs for your unit, please reach out to us. We will do everything we can to ensure that your Scouts have a memorable, enriching experience.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to our dedicated staff—your merit badge counselors, kitchen prep crew, countless other volunteers, and our professional council staff—who work tirelessly to make Winter Camp possible. Without their generosity and hard work, this program wouldn't be the success that it is. Please make sure to thank them! After all, a Scout is "Kind."

On behalf of the Choctaw Area Council and the entire Winter Camp 2025 team, we look forward to seeing you soon!

Yours in Scouting,
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REGISTRATION FEES FOR WINTER CAMP

\$120/Scout

Scouts will pay **a late registration fee of \$30 if not registered by November 3rd**

\$60.00/Leader

(Minimum 2 adults per unit. Registered Unit Leaders can swap out during camp week with current Safe Guarding Youth Training.)

All Scouts and Leaders will receive a Winter Camp patch.
Extra patches can be purchased at **\$3.00** each.

Merit Badges (1 each day)

These Merit Badges are subject to change with new MB's added later in the year.





SPECIAL PROGRAMS

SUNDAY EVENING CHAPEL AND CAMPFIRE

At 7:00 PM all campers and leaders will gather for an interfaith chapel service and campfire to follow. If your Unit is interested in performing a skit, song, cheer, or help with the chapel service, please contact your Campsite Commissioner/Program Director

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE (Viking Bath)

Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel (maybe a heater too!) so you can earn the Polar Bear Plunge recognition! Do you have what it takes?

LEADERS ACTIVITIES

We will hold daily Adult Leader Meetings each morning at 9:15 a.m. to address camp activities and programs. Watch for the announcement of a special Scout Leaders event during Winter Camp.

Viking Games

Evenings will include games with a Viking theme.

COCA-COLA TRADING POST

The Camp Trading Post is well stocked with snacks, candy, drinks, hot chocolate, and food. We will also have fun outdoor stuff to make your camping experience even better, as well as needed items in case you forgot them at home. The COCA-COLA Trading Post accepts Cash and Credit/Debit Cards. The Camp Trading Post is also willing to set up individual accounts or unit accounts to help your Scouts manage their money throughout Winter Camp.

**UNITS/INDIVIDUALS MUST PAY FOR THEIR ACCOUNTS IN ADVANCE.
(NO OPEN TABS WILL BE ALLOWED!!)**





DAILY SCHEDULE

TIME	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
6:30 AM		Revile	Revile	Revile
7:00 AM		Breakfast Pick-Up	Breakfast Pick-Up	Breakfast Pick-Up
8:30 AM		Early Start MB	Early Start MB	Early Start MB
9:00AM		Flags	Flags	Flags
9:15AM		Leaders mtg - Coffee	Leaders mtg - Coffee	Leaders mtg - Coffee
9:30AM		MB Session Begin	MB Session Begin	MB Session Begin
11:30AM-12:30PM		Lunch Grab-n-Go	Lunch Grab-n-Go	Lunch Grab-n-Go
1:00 PM		MB Sessions Continue	MB Sessions Continue	MB Sessions Continue
4:30 PM		MB Sessions Complete	MB Sessions Complete	MB Sessions Complete
4:45 PM		Flag Lowering	Flag Lowering	Yule Feast Ends
5:15 PM	Check-in	Food Pickup	Family Night Dinner	Break Camp
7:00 PM	Staff, SPL, & Leaders Meeting	Viking Games	Chapel & Campfire	Depart
8:00 PM	Yule Feast Begins		Polar Bear Plunge	
10:00 PM	TAPS - Lights Out	TAPS - Lights Out	TAPS - Lights Out	

Be Strong
When you are weak.

Be brave
When you are scared.

Be humble
When you are victorious



SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS

Campsite assignments will be made on a first come, first serve basis. Based on the size of your Unit, you may be sharing a campsite. If you have a preference, please indicate it on your reservation form. Tents and cots will not be provided for Winter Camp. Safe Guarding Youth Training and Guide to Safe Scouting rules will be enforced and violations of this may result in being asked to leave camp without a refund.

CAMPSITE COOKING

Units will cook all breakfast and evening meals at the campsite. All food for those meals will be provided, but all cooking equipment (utensils, charcoal, stoves, pots, pans, etc.) will need to be provided by the Unit... The menu will be emailed to the Scoutmaster 2 weeks prior to camp for planning purposes. Meals will be themed from Countries around the World.

A Grab and go lunch will be served from the Dining Hall as each merit badge session releases them for their lunch break.

Should any Scout or Leader have special dietary restrictions, please plan accordingly and/or email the Camp Director or call the Scout Office at least two weeks prior to camp so we can plan for alternative menu items.

VISITORS

Families are welcome to join your troop for Sunday evening supper at your campsite. If your unit is expecting visitors, **please bring additional food to ensure there is enough for everyone.** The evening will conclude with a Chapel service.

Visitors MUST CHECK-IN before walking around on camp. Please make sure your unit visitors follow camp and National policies regarding checking-in.





REGISTRATION INFORMATION

RESERVATIONS AND CAMP FEES

- To reserve your spot at Camp Binachi, complete the Unit Reservation Form and submit it to the Scout Service Center by October 3, 2025.
- Each troop must register together, no individual registrations will be taken. Scout fees are \$120 \$30 late fees for troops registering after November 3. Leaders may log in to the Events page on our website to register or call the registrar.
- Some programs require additional fees, see WINTER CAMP PROGRAM page for details. These fees are due at the time of registration. Each troop will be emailed program fees two weeks out to camp.

LEADER FEES AND TWO DEEP LEADERSHIP

Adult Leaders will pay a \$60 meal fee and should also register before November 3, 2025. Volunteer Staff will not be charged for their services. i.e. Kitchen help, Merit Badge Counselors. Note if you are a leader and a Merit Badge Counselor, you will be charged as a leader.

All units are required to always have two leaders in camp. The unit leader or anyone serving as unit leader must be at least 21 years old and a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America. The second adult may be a registered Scouter at least 18 years old or the parent of a participating unit member if they register and take YPT training. You can share leadership responsibilities with another troop in the same camp site. Units not meeting the two deep leadership requirements will be asked to leave camp. There will be no refund of fees if a unit is asked to leave camp because of noncompliance with the national policies of the BSA. Units can combine to meet leadership requirements.

PROVISIONAL CAMPING

Provisional Camping is available at Camp Binachi. Individual scouts will be placed with another Unit during Winter Camp. This option is offered to assist individual scouts in coming to camp. It is not intended to relieve a Unit of its responsibility to provide leadership in a long-term camp experience. We urge you to try to bring both Scouts and leaders to camp for the best results.

SCOUT PROTECTION (Please refer to [Guide to Safe Scouting](#))

Separate accommodations for adult males and females and youth males and females are required.

Tenting

- Separate tenting arrangements must be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth.
- Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age.
- In Cub Scouting, parents and guardians may share a tent with their family.
- In all other programs, youth and adults tent separately.
- Spouses may share tents. Hazing in any form is not permitted by adults or other scouts.

The “Buddy System” will be used throughout camp. All Leaders must have a current Safeguarding Youth Training certificate at camp.



MERIT BADGE LINE-UP

PROCESS

We will be offering a series of Merit Badges to be taught by qualified instructors during a 1-day session. They will start in the morning, shortly after flag and will have a break for lunch. Each Merit Badge will have its own afternoon schedule. Some Merit badges will be taught off camp where we will arrange transportation with the leaders on camp. Scouts will be able to pick which merit badge they want each day.

MERIT BADGE SYNOPSIS

Archery

Scouts will learn the basics of archery, including safety rules, proper use and care of equipment, and the steps to shooting a bow and arrow. There is an additional fee of \$5 for this class.

Aviation

Scouts will learn the science and history of flight and will take a trip to the airport to get up close and hands on experience with aircraft and support equipment.

Basketry

teaches Scouts the craft of weaving and creating objects from pliable materials, such as twigs or reeds, by learning to identify different types of baskets, .

Chess

This Merit Badge reviews the rules and history of the game and prepares the scout to play. Whether you are just learning or a Grand Master you can earn the Merit Badge. The tactics and strategies of the game are endless and relatable to the principles of scouting and life. Critical thinking, choices and dealing with the consequences of those choices.

Citizenship in the Community

Scouts will work to understand that good citizenship is more than just loyalty to their community, but how they act as citizens to improve the lives of others.

Citizenship in the Nation

Scouts learn about the structure and function of the federal government, the Constitution, and the rights and responsibilities of citizens. They Explore key historical documents like the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. They will also analyze current national issues. Field trip is required and may not be completed at camp.



MERIT BADGE SYNOPSIS

Citizenship in Society

Scouts will research concepts like diversity, equity, inclusion, and ethical leadership and discuss how they apply to their lives and the Scout Oath and Scout Law, fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment. Unlike other badges, it encourages self-exploration with a focus on discussion, not a pamphlet, aiming to prepare Scouts to be inclusive leaders in an increasingly diverse world. Research to be done before camp and discussed Fri evening after checkin.

Communications

Scouts will work on a combination of individual and group activities that help Scouts develop essential life skills. They will be planning and running the programs for Sunday evening.

Fishing

Scouts will learn the basics of fishing and how to be a responsible outdoorsman. They will need to bring their own pole and tackle. Will spend the day fishing at Bonita Lakes

Horsemanship

Scouts will spend the day learning and demonstrating their knowledge of horse care and handling. There is an additional \$25 fee for this class.

Leatherwork

Scouts will learn about the processing of and maintenance of leather products and spend the day creating their own. There is an additional \$5 fee for this class.

Orienteering

Scouts will work on their skills in Compass work and Map Reading to navigate a course to checkpoints in unfamiliar terrain. And learn the sport of Orienteering.

Rifle Shooting

Scouts will learn how to safely handle, care for, and operate a rifle. Scouts also learn about the different types of rifles, shooting fundamentals, and how to apply those skills to various shooting activities. The badge also covers topics such as hunting, wildlife management laws, and how to interact with others about firearms.

Robotics

Scouts will design, build, and program a robot or robotic subsystem, demonstrating their understanding of sensors, actuators, and programming logic. The badge also emphasizes safety, teamwork, and the impact of robotics on society and potential career paths.



MERIT BADGE SYNOPSIS

SCUBA Experience

Scouts will learn to safely use underwater breathing apparatus and spend time in the MCC pool utilizing what they have learned. This is an introductory only style course and contact info will be given so they can continue to earn the Merit Badge and pursue certification. There is an additional \$10 fee for this class.

Shotgun Shooting

Scouts will learn how to safely handle, care for, and operate a shotgun. It requires shooting a minimum of 50 rounds so younger and small framed scouts should consider if they are up to it before taking the merit badge. There is an additional \$10 fee for this class.

Signs Signals & Codes

Scouts learn about various methods of nonverbal and non-digital communication, including emergency and public safety signals, Morse code, American Sign Language, Braille, semaphore, traffic signs, trail signs, and the principles of cryptography and emoticons. Scouts learn to recognize, interpret, and create messages using these diverse systems, fostering an understanding of communication beyond traditional verbal means and its importance in public safety and everyday life

Wilderness Survival

This Merit Badge is meant for Scouts with First Class rank or above. It will reinforce those advancement skills of self-reliance and outdoor living to teach scouts how to manage risks and make good plans while outdoors. They will gather the items they are allowed to take and will hike to a remote section of camp and will work through the Merit Badge to survive the night.



POLICY AND PROCEDURES

REFUND POLICY

Written refund requests submitted for camp will be considered only for personal illness with a doctor's excuse or death of an immediate family member. No refund requests will be accepted after ten (10) days following the closing of camp. A service charge of twenty-five percent (25%) of the full activity fee will be assessed on all refunds.

Refund checks will be issued within 30 days following the closing of camp. Fees are non-refundable, but transferable within the same unit to a Scout not currently registered for the event.

MEDICAL SERVICES

The Health Lodge is open 24 hours a day and is staffed by a trained medical technician. Any emergency that cannot be treated at the Health Lodge will be referred to a local Hospital or a doctor's clinic in Meridian. The unit leader, assistant leader, and/or the Camp Director will transport the patient to the outside medical facility unless requires an ambulance.

HEALTH FORMS

ALL adults and scouts attending camp must have the appropriate medical form (available at the Scout Service Center or at scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/). Health forms are good for 1 year from the date of the examination. Scouts and adults without the proper health form will not be allowed to stay at camp.

MEDICATIONS

All prescription medications and over-the-counter medications taken on a regular basis must be checked in with the health officer during the check-in process. The health officer will determine whether to administer the medication or have the Scout Leader administer the medication. No Scout should have medication in their possession except for emergency situations. All medications must be submitted in their original containers and will be issued per the instructions printed on the containers.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

All registered members of Choctaw Area Council are covered by Boy Scouts of America accident insurance and must follow the normal procedure for filing claims. Medical insurance Claim forms are available at the Choctaw Area Council Service Center. If you are an out of Council Unit, please check with your Council Service Center and obtain proof of current medical insurance and claim forms and submit at check in. Our council policy only covers in-council units

VEHICLES

Only approved vehicles will be allowed to drive into the camp after the initial unloading Friday evening. All other vehicles are expected to always be kept in the approved parking lots. Units may store trailers in camp site. **THERE WILL BE NO VEHICLES ALLOWED AT THE CAMPSITE DURING THE EVENT.** You are more than welcome to drop gear off before camp if approved by the Camp Ranger.



FOOTWEAR

No open toe shoes are permitted (sandals, flip-flops, etc.) except in shower. Shoes must be always worn while at camp. This applies to campers, leaders, and visitors.

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS

Camp is an outdoor experience. No personal pets should be brought to camp. In all cases, personal valuables (watches, wallets, money) should not be left out in the open at camp. It is virtually impossible to provide security for these items. It is recommended that each unit bring a lockable storage container to secure valuables while not in the campsite

LEAVING DURING CAMP

For your protection, all campers (scout and adult) who leave camp must check out at the Administration Building. All scouts must have the Camper Release portion of the health form completed and proper identification must be presented at the Administration Building before a Scout may leave camp.

CHECK OUT PROCEDURES

Before leaving camp, each Unit must check out with their Campsite Commissioner or Camp Director. The bathrooms, showers, and campsite must be clean and will be checked. Units cannot leave unless this process is complete and reviewed by either Camp Director or Ranger Sean. Units will be financially responsible for any damage. Trash must be bagged and placed by the campsite entrance for pickup.

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

All Scouts and adult leaders at Camp Binachi are governed by the Scout Law and Oath and will conduct themselves accordingly. Scouts and adult leaders will strive to provide a safe, wholesome, and moral atmosphere to allow all Scouts the opportunity to enjoy their outdoor experience at Camp Binachi. Adult leaders will keep the Camp 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. Sanctions will be decided by the Camp Director and may include, but are not limited to, removal from specific programs or removal from Camp Binachi.

FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, BOWS, AND SUCH

Personal firearms of any type (Rifles, shotguns, handguns, BB guns, pellet guns, paintball guns, black powder guns), ammunition, fireworks, and personal archery equipment are not allowed in camp. Camp Binachi will provide all equipment needed for shooting sports activities.

FIRES, LIQUID, AND PROPANE FUELS

Fires are to be built only in designated areas. Liquid or propane fuels are to be used only under adult supervision. Propane cylinders and cans of liquid fuel must be stored under lock and key. There will be no open flames in tents. This includes mosquito coils, gas lanterns, stoves, and candles.



ALCOHOL, ILLEGAL DRUGS OR STIMULANTS

The consumption, possession, or use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or controlled substances while participating at Camp Binachi is not permitted. We will enforce all local, state, or federal laws where violations involving the above are reported. Violators will be reported to law enforcement and will be asked to leave camp. In accordance with national BSA policy, as outlined in “Guide to Safe Scouting”, adult leaders should support the attitude that young adults are better off without tobacco and will not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving scout participants. The designated area for tobacco use is outside the main gate.

BICYCLES AT CAMP

Personal bicycles will be allowed for use at Winter Camp if the following guidelines are followed:

1. All bicycles and helmets must be inspected at check in
2. Helmets are always required when riding
3. For safety reasons, no riding is allowed before flag raising and after flag lowering.

If any of these guidelines are not followed, your bicycle will be locked up until the end of Winter Camp. It can be picked up by your Scoutmaster upon checkout. A lock is recommended, as Camp Binachi is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen equipment.



PLANNING SCHEDULE

Preparing for camp is an easy process, but it does require planning. As a Unit Leader, you are the most important link in this process. The following checklist is designed to guide you and your Unit Committee in pre-camp planning for a great experience at Camp Binachi.

Immediate Action Required

- _____ Complete and return a Unit Reservation form with the estimated number of campers
- _____ Develop a budget plan to assist Scouts with Camp fees
- _____ Begin promoting Winter Camp to all Scouts
- _____ Distribute Scout Registration Forms to all Scouts

October

- _____ Hold Parent Orientation and discuss the following:
 - Transportation, Leadership, Financial and Equipment needs
 - Family Night at Camp (Sunday)
 - Policies and Procedures
- _____ Distribute Health forms (available at [scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org)) and Activity Consent forms to all scouts and adults attending camp
- _____ By October 3, 2025—TURN IN UNIT RESERVATION FORMS.
- _____ By October 3, 2025—Campership requests due to Scout Office
- _____ Discuss the Program Schedule, Merit Badges offered, special fees with your Scouts (Merit Badge requests will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis)

November

- _____ November 3, 2025 - Final payment with no late fee is due to the Scout Office.
- _____ Turn in Merit Badge requests on or before November 3rd or preferably earlier (online registration) (Classes not having 5 or more Scouts registered may be dropped at this point!)
- _____ Collect Health forms and Activity Consent forms
- _____ Review with Scouts and Parents the fees and other requirements for the badges selected
- _____ Review the Individual and Unit Equipment checklists with Scouts and Leaders
- _____ Pay remaining balance of fees to Scout Office if not paid in full
- _____ If you are not from the Choctaw Area Council, please obtain proof of current medical insurance from your Council's Service Center

Week Before Camp

- _____ Complete the Roster of Scouts and Scouters in Camp and bring 3 copies to camp
- _____ Check on final transportation arrangements
- _____ Review Policies and Procedures with your Scouts and Leaders
- _____ Review the Daily Schedule with your Scouts and Leaders (make copies for camp)



UNIT RESERVATION FORM

Unit Information:

Unit # _____ Council _____

District _____ Date _____

Estimated Attendance:

We estimate we will have _____ scouts attend camp
(\$120 per Scout) Late Fee of \$30 After November 3

We estimate we will have _____ male leaders and _____ female leaders at camp
(\$60 per leader)

Campsite Preference:

First Choice

Second Choice

Third Choice

Contact Information:

Scoutmaster's Name

Address

Phone Number

City

State

Zip

Cell Phone Number

Email Address

Submit this form by October 3, 2025

In-Person to:

Scout Service Center
 2102 8th Street
 Meridian, MS 30301

Mail to:

Winter Camp, Choctaw Area
 Council
 PO Box 5336
 Meridian, MS 39302

Email to:

candace.mcrae@scouting.org

*Campsites will be assigned on a first come basis and to accommodate the number of paid scouts and adults.

*One or more smaller Units may be assigned together in a campsite.



SCOUT RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____ Unit: _____

Age: _____ Rank: _____ Years in Scouting: _____

Camping with Unit OR Provisional Camping
(Circle One)

Parent's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Camp Fee by November 3, 2025 \$120
(patch included)

Camp Fee + \$30 Late Fee \$155
(if paid after November 3, 2025)

Extra Patch Qty _____ x \$3.00 = \$ _____

Date Submitted _____ Total Fee Submitted \$ _____

Parents Signature _____ Date _____

Scoutmasters Signature _____ Date _____

Merit Badge Preference: (Pick 2 in order of preference for each Day:

Saturday 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Sunday 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Monday 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

**Submit this form to the Scout Service Center or register online at
<http://choctawareacouncil.org> Events Tab:**

In-Person to:
Scout Service Center
2102 8th Street
Meridian, MS 30301

Mail to:
Winter Camp, Choctaw Area
Council
PO Box 5336
Meridian, MS 39302

Email to:
candace.mcrae@scouting.org



EQUIPMENT LISTS

INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

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|---|--|
| _____ Complete Scout Uniform | _____ Drinking Cup |
| _____ 1 pair of shoes, 1 pair of waterproof boots
(no open toe shoes or sandals) | _____ Merit Badge Books |
| _____ Raincoat/Poncho | _____ Personal First Aid Kit |
| _____ Clothes for 4 days and nights (be
prepared to layer) | _____ Pocket Knife |
| _____ Gloves | _____ Watch |
| _____ Winter Hat | _____ Camera |
| _____ Coat/Sweatshirt | _____ Compass/GPS |
| _____ Sleeping Gear | _____ Musical Instrument |
| _____ Tent | _____ Baby Powder/Gold Bond |
| _____ Notebook and pencil | _____ Flashlight |
| _____ Soap | _____ Mud/Old Clothes |
| _____ Toothbrush/paste | _____ Hand Sanitizer |
| _____ Scout Handbook | _____ Deodorant |
| _____ Battery powered lamp | _____ Comb/Brush |
| _____ Towel and Wash cloth | _____ Mouthwash |
| | _____ Medications |
| | _____ Spending Money for Trading Post |

****NOTE:** All items should be marked with the Scout's name and Unit number**

UNIT EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

- _____ U.S. Flag, Unit Flag, Patrol Flags
- _____ Unit library books (song/skit books, Scout Handbooks, Merit Badge pamphlets, Unit Record Book)
- _____ Props for favorite skits
- _____ Fire Tools (Shovel/Rake/Bow Saw/Axe/Water Hose)
- _____ Clean Up Tools (Mop/Latrine Brush/Bucket/Broom/Water Hose)
- _____ Camp Project Tools (Shovel/Hammer or Small Maul/Rope)
- _____ Large Plastic Trash Bags
- _____ Gateway Materials
- _____ Water Jugs/Coolers
- _____ Unit First Aid Kit
- _____ Cooking and Cleaning Equipment for all meals in the campsite but lunches
- _____ Lock box for Unit's valuables
- _____ 3-Bay wash system with soap and sanitizer



VOLUNTEER STAFF APPLICATION

To keep the cost of Winter Camp to a minimum for Scouts, all Staff positions are volunteer positions. Below are some of the positions needed to conduct a successful Camp.

Campsite Commissioner: A campsite commissioner is a liaison between the camp leadership and the Units. We will need a minimum of three campsite commissioners. Some of the campsite commissioner's duties are campsite inspections, make sure supply needs are met, direct emergency procedures, and ensure a safe and quality program.

Dining Hall Staff: Dining Hall staff includes food prep & cleanup. Dining Hall Staff are expected to help at every meal.

Trading Post Staff: Three Trading Post staff are needed to set up and sell snacks, drinks, and supplies during all free time periods at camp.

Driver: A Driver will transport Scouts on field trips and make trips to town for supplies. All drivers must have a current Driver's License, be 21 years of age and be a registered Scout Leader with current Safeguarding Youth Training, proof of Insurance, and a reliable vehicle (Minivans, 15 passenger vans, Suburban, and Buses are preferred).

Merit Badge Instructor: All instructors should have a profession or a hobby that relates to the Merit Badge that they wish to teach. Instructors are expected to cover all material with Scouts thoroughly using various learning methods to maximize learning. **(Must be a registered Leader or Merit Badge Instructor with Scouting America and have current Safeguarding Youth Training.)**

Assistant Ranger/Quartermaster: Two people are needed to help Ranger Sean with maintenance, trash pickup, and equipment checkout.

If you would like to serve as a Winter Camp Staff, please fill out the information sheet below and submit it to the Scout Service Center or mail to: Winter Camp Director, Choctaw Area Council, PO Box 5336, Meridian, MS 39302.

Depending on the position, most staff will be expected to arrive at Camp by 4:00 PM on Friday, November 21, 2025.

Name_____ DOB_____ Gender_____

Address_____ City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone #_____ Email_____

Are you a registered Scouter (YES) (NO)

If yes, Unit #_____ Council_____ Position_____

Camp Staff Position_____ Qualifications for position_____



UNIT ROSTER

ROSTER OF SCOUTS & SCOUTERS IN CAMP

Complete this form and make 3 copies. One to be turned in upon arrival at camp, one for the Scoutmaster's records, and one for the SPL's records.

UNIT # _____ DISTRICT _____ COUNCIL _____

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HONOR TROOP AND CAMPSITE INSPECTION

Total Scouts in Troop_____ Total Scouts at Camp_____ Percentage of Scouts at Camp_____

Lead a Flag Ceremony in complete Scouts BSA uniform **(YES) (NO)** Date Completed_____

Participate in Sunday Night Chapel (be a part of the program, not just attend).

Describe your Troop's participation_____

Display Scout spirit throughout the weekend (Flag, cheer, etc.) **(YES) (NO)**

Camp Commissioner_____

Complete Council's Service project.

Project_____ Date Completed_____

Receive "Outstanding" on campsite inspection at least twice during camp.

Saturday **(YES) (NO)**

Sunday **(YES) (NO)**

Monday **(YES) (NO)**

Troop participation in each of the events during Winter Camp. Log here:

Participate in all SPL/Leader Meetings.

Saturday **(YES) (NO)**

Sunday **(YES) (NO)**

Monday **(YES) (NO)**

(Note: If for some reason you cannot complete all items, meet with the Camp Commissioner)

CAMPSITE INSPECTION ITEMS

Cleanliness... campsite clean and free from trash, tents and cooking areas are clean

Safety... fire kept safely first aid kit available, food stored properly, tools stored properly

Layout... campsite is organized by patrols and has designated cooking and cleaning areas, Troop/Patrol and American Flag are displayed properly

Organization... Duty Roster, Winter Camp Schedule, Roster of Scouts in Camp and Fire Guard Chart are posted

Scout Skills... Scout skills were used to make gateway and pioneering projects, tents are correctly set up

Restroom/Shower Facility... Facilities are clean and usable, surrounding area is clean and free from trash



ACTIVITY CONSENT FORM AND APPROVAL BY PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

FORMULARIO DE CONSENTIMIENTO Y APROBACIÓN DE ACTIVIDAD POR PARTE DE LOS PADRES DE FAMILIA O TUTORES

The recommended use of this form is for the consent and approval for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and guests to participate in a trip, expedition, or activity. It is required for use with flying plans.

El uso recomendado de este formulario es para obtener el consentimiento y aprobación para Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, e invitados para participar en un viaje, expedición o actividad. Es obligatorio para su uso con planes de vuelo.

First name of participant Nombre del participante	Middle initial Inicial del segundo nombre	Last name Apellido
Birth date (month/day/year) Fecha de nacimiento (mes/día/año)		Age during activity Edad al momento de realizar la actividad
Address Domicilio		
City Ciudad	State Estado	Zip Código postal
Has approval to participate in (name of activity, orientation flight, outing trip, etc.) Tiene la aprobación para participar en (nombre de la actividad, vuelo de orientación, excursión, etc.)		From De
		(Date) (fecha)
		to a
		(Date) (fecha)

INFORMED CONSENT, RELEASE AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZATION

I understand that participation in Scouting activities involves the risk of personal injury, including death, due to the physical, mental, and emotional challenges in the activities offered. Information about those activities may be obtained from the venue, activity coordinators, or local council. I also understand that participation in these activities is entirely voluntary and requires participants to follow instructions and abide by all applicable rules and the standards of conduct.

In case of an emergency involving my child, I understand that efforts will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, permission is hereby given to the medical provider to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child. Medical providers are authorized to disclose protected health information to the adult in charge and/or any physician or health care provider involved in providing medical care to the participant. Protected Health Information/Confidential Health Information (PHI/CHI) under the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 C.F.R. §§160.103, 164.501, etc. seq., as amended from time to time, includes examination findings, test results, and treatment provided for purposes of medical evaluation of the participant, follow-up and communication with the participant's parents or guardian, and/or determination of the participant's ability to continue in the program activities.

With appreciation of the dangers and risks associated with programs and activities including preparations for and transportation to and from the activity, on my own behalf and/or on behalf of my child, I hereby fully and completely release and waive any and all claims for personal injury, death, or loss that may arise against the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with any program or activity.

NOTE: The Boy Scouts of America and local councils cannot continually monitor compliance of program participants or any limitations imposed upon them by parents or medical providers. List any restrictions imposed on a child participant in connection with programs or activities below and counsel your child to comply with those restrictions.

List participant restrictions, if any: ☐ None

CONSENTIMIENTO INFORMADO, CONVENIO DE EXONERACIÓN Y AUTORIZACIÓN

Entiendo que la participación en actividades Scouting implica el riesgo de lesiones personales, incluyendo la muerte, debido a los retos físicos, mentales y emocionales en las actividades que se ofrecen. Se puede obtener información sobre dichas actividades en la sede, con los coordinadores de la actividad o el concilio local. También entiendo que la participación en estas actividades es totalmente voluntaria y requiere que los participantes sigan instrucciones y acaten todas las reglas y normas de conducta pertinentes.

En caso de que mi hijo se vea involucrado en una emergencia, entiendo que se realizarán esfuerzos para contactarme. En caso de que yo no pueda ser localizado, por este medio otorgo permiso al proveedor de servicios médicos para garantizar el tratamiento adecuado, incluyendo hospitalización, anestesia, cirugía o inyecciones de medicamentos para mi hijo. Los proveedores de servicios médicos están autorizados a revelar información médica protegida al adulto a cargo, médico o proveedor de servicios médicos involucrado en la prestación de atención médica para el participante. La Información de salud protegida/Información médica confidencial (PHI/CHI, por sus siglas en inglés) bajo los Estándares de privacidad de información médica individualmente identificable, 45 C.F.R. §§ 160.103, 164.501, etc., y siguientes, como se enmiendan de vez en cuando, incluyen resultados de reconocimientos médicos, resultados de pruebas y el tratamiento proporcionado para fines de evaluación médica del participante, seguimiento y comunicación con los padres o tutor legal del participante, o determinación de la capacidad del participante para continuar en las actividades del programa.

Con reconocimiento de los peligros y riesgos asociados con los programas y actividades incluyendo preparativos y transportación hacia y desde la actividad, en mi propio nombre o en nombre de mi hijo, por este conducto eximo total y completamente, y renuncio a cualquiera y toda reclamación por lesiones personales, muerte o pérdidas que puedan surgir, a la organización Boy Scouts of America, el concilio local, los coordinadores de la actividad y todos los empleados, voluntarios, grupos involucrados, u otras organizaciones asociadas con cualquier programa o actividad.

NOTA: La organización Boy Scouts of America y los concilios locales no pueden vigilar continuamente el cumplimiento de los participantes del programa o cualquier limitación impuesta sobre ellos por los padres o proveedores de servicios médicos. Enumerar más abajo las restricciones impuestas a un niño participante en relación con los programas o actividades.

Restricciones del participante, si existen: ☐ Ninguna

Participant's signature Firma del participante	Date Fecha	
Parent/guardian printed name Nombre con letra de molde del padre de familia/tutor	Parent/guardian signature Firma del padre de familia/tutor	Date Fecha

Area code and telephone number (best contact and emergency contact)
Código de área y número telefónico (primer contacto y contacto de emergencia)

Email (for use in sharing more details about the trip or activity)
Correo electrónico (para informar más detalles sobre el viaje o actividad)

Contact the adult leader with any questions:
Póngase en contacto con el líder adulto si es que tiene preguntas:

Name Nombre	Phone Teléfono	Email Correo electrónico
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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®



PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM FOR BSA AVIATION FLIGHTS

**** (ACTIVITY CONSENT FORM on previous page MUST ACCOMPANY THIS)**

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the participant listed below, and I give my consent for him/her to participate in the flight/flights to be held during Winter Camp 2025. I understand that participation in aviation activities involve a certain degree of risk that could result in injury or death. I have carefully considered the risk involved and agree to hold the Boy Scouts of America, Inc., the Choctaw Area Council, BSA, their agents and employees harmless for all personal injury which could result from participation in this flying program.

Date(s) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Name of Youth Participant

Parent/Guardian Signature
(if two parents, both need to sign.)



Choctaw Area Council Boy Scouts of America

Scout Assistance Request Procedures and Guidelines

The process for Scout assistance requests involves a monthly review by an ad hoc committee appointed by the Council Executive Board. Please adhere to the following guidelines:

Guidelines:

- **A Scout Assistance Application must be fully completed** by the parent/guardian and the Unit Leader before being considered. Incomplete applications will be returned to the Unit Leader.
- Parents should complete the "Comments" section, and Unit Leaders should provide input in the "Comments/Recommendation" section of the Application, as these areas carry significant weight during the review process.
- Applications can be submitted and considered for any camp, activity, or training within the Choctaw Area Council or its Districts. Requests for camps outside the Choctaw Area Council will not be considered.
- Requests not eligible for restricted grant funds may be funded from the Council's general operating fund thanks to the **generous support from individuals and businesses through initiatives like the Friends of Scouting campaign, Choctaw Area Council unit fundraisers, and other general revenues of the Council.**
- Funding assistance for Scouts (youth) takes precedence, while assistance for adult leaders is available only when funds are available.

Assistance Funding Parameters:

- **Registration:** We strongly encourage parents/guardians and Scouts to pay the annual fee for Boy Scouts of America (National) as a "Buy-in" (\$91 per scout). If necessary, you can request up to \$45.
- **Uniforms:** You can request assistance for up to \$40, with any additional costs covered by the parent/guardian.
- **Handbooks:** Request up to \$13 in assistance, with the parent/guardian covering any additional expenses.
- **Camps and Events:** Assistance can range from 25% to 50% of the camp/event cost. Scouts/families are expected to contribute or earn a portion of the fee and make the initial camp/event deposit, with assistance applied to the remaining balance.
- **High Adventure:** Funding for High Adventure camps will not exceed 10% and will be determined on a case-by-case basis, subject to the availability of funds as decided by the Scout Assistance Ad Hoc Committee.
- Assistance grants will be determined based on the information provided in the application, including income, the number of siblings in Scouting, parent volunteerism, and the Scout/family's participation in Choctaw Area Council unit fundraisers.
- Providing false information by a parent/guardian will disqualify the Scout from current and future assistance considerations, and the same applies to Unit Leaders, who may disqualify all Scouts from their unit for assistance consideration.

REGISTRATION:

If you require assistance with registration fees, please submit your request along with a new membership application or your Unit's recharter paperwork.

UNIFORMS & HANDBOOKS:

Approval for uniform and handbook assistance is valid for 30 days upon notification. After this period, the funds will be released and made available for other requests. We encourage recycling uniform parts purchased with assistance within your unit to help other Scouts in need.

CAMPS & EVENTS:

Funds will not be transferred until the attendance of the individual receiving assistance has been confirmed. Assistance cannot be transferred to other Scouts.

EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES:

Assistance exceeding 50% may be considered in cases of dire circumstances.

SCOUT ASSISTANCE FUND APPLICATION

(Please ensure that this form is fully completed and submitted at least 90 days prior to events or camps)

The Choctaw Area Council has instituted a Scout Assistance Fund to support Scouts and volunteer leaders who may face financial barriers to participation. Limited funds are allocated annually to registered members of the Choctaw Area Council.

A committee of dedicated volunteers has established review criteria, with a commitment to upholding the Scout motto, "A Scout is thrifty." Scouts are encouraged to contribute a portion of their fees. As a general guideline, the committee may grant a maximum of 50% of the fees as assistance, with a 25% partial assistance option also available.

To apply for the Scout Assistance Fund, the Scout Assistance Fund Application **must be thoroughly completed and submitted by a unit leader at least 90 days before the scheduled events or camps**. Requests for registration, uniforms, and handbooks will be processed on a monthly basis. All applications will be given careful consideration, and approval letters will be sent to the parent/guardian with a copy emailed or mailed to the leader. It's important to note that ***allocated funds are non-transferable***.

The funds for this program are made available through various sources, including Friends of Scouting gifts, Choctaw Area Council unit fundraisers, foundations, and restricted assistance grants.

Rest assured that all personal information provided will be kept confidential.

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SECTION – PLEASE PRINT & COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM

Assistance is requested for the following:

BSA Registration (up to \$45) Uniform* (up to \$40) Handbook (up to \$13) **Amount Requested \$** _____

(Pick 1) Cub Spring Cub Fall Camp Webelos Resident Camp Scouts BSA Summer/Winter Camp **Camp Cost \$** _____

High Adventure: Philmont Sea Base Northern Tier The Summit **Trip Cost \$** _____

Training: _____ Other: _____

District: Bobashela Seminole ScoutReach

Scout/Applicant Name: _____ Age: _____ Unit Type _____ #: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Years in Scouting _____ or New

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardians Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number in household (under 18): _____ Number of children in BSA Program(s): _____

Single parent family? Yes No Has a member of your family received prior assistance? Yes No

CURRENT MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME & OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Household Income: \$ _____ Gov't Assistance: \$ _____ Food Stamps: \$ _____

Child Support: \$ _____ Pay or Receive **TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME: \$** _____

Did Scout participate in the **HybridLight / MoonPie** fundraiser to assist with expenses? Yes No
(Select those that apply)

Are you, as a parent/guardian, active in the Unit? Yes No. How: _____

Please indicate why assistance is needed (**be specific**): _____

I understand that financial assistance is available for those who desire to fully participate and remain active in Scouting for at least one (1) full year. *When I, or my Scout, am no longer active, I am to return the Uniform shirt and any accessories purchased with assistance funds to my Unit for use by others in need.

Applicant or Parent/Guardian **Signature:** _____ Date: _____



UNIT LEADER'S SECTION - PLEASE PRINT & COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM

We strongly urge units to actively engage in the Council's annual Family Friends of Scouting campaign and participate in Choctaw Area Council unit fundraisers. The proceeds from these fundraising efforts are crucial for supporting Scouts and enabling them to earn funds to help them pay their own way.

Please ensure that the Parent Section is fully filled out as any incomplete applications will not be considered.

Did Unit participate in the **HybridLight / MoonPie** fundraiser (past immediate sale) Yes No
(Select those that apply)

Conduct a Family Friends of Scouting campaign presentation this year Yes No

Has Unit conducted other fundraiser(s) to allow Scout to raise needed funds Yes No

Is parent/guardian active in the Unit? Yes. How: _____

Is Scout active in the Unit and projected to continue involvement over the next year? Yes No

Bobashela Seminole ScoutReach Unit Type _____ Unit #: _____

Leaders Name: _____ Phone: _____

Position: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

UNIT LEADER – Your comments/recommendation are considered greatly in the consideration of this request. Your comments will be held in strict confidence and will not be shared. Please be specific.

Based on your knowledge of this Scouts family financial situation, please indicate the percentage of assistance you would recommend to be considered: 10% (High Adventure) 25% 50% or Other: _____

Unit Leader Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return the completed application to:

Mail to: Choctaw Area Council, PO Box 5336, Meridian, MS 39302

Email to: Candace.McRae@scouting.org

Requests will be reviewed once a month by an ad hoc committee appointed by the Council Executive Board.

For Committee Use Only

***** ASSISTANCE APPROVAL *****

DE _____
Initial

Request Reviewed & Approved for _____ % Dollar Amount \$ _____ Not Approved

Reason if not approved: _____

Signature: _____
Member of Specific Assistance Review Committee

Signature: _____
Member of Specific Assistance Review Committee

Date: _____

COOKING IN CAMPSITES

Wash, rinse, sanitize.

With the three-step dishwashing system, you can finish camp dishes in no time. That means you're back to having fun faster. Here's how to wash dishes at a campsite, courtesy of the Boy Scout Handbook (page 308).

What you will need

- A dishwashing spot that's at least 200 feet from any sources of water
- Hot water (Pro tip: start heating your wash water before you sit down to eat)
- Three plastic tubs
- Biodegradable dish soap
- A dish brush/scrubber or two
- Hot tongs for dipping plates and spoons into the hot rinse
- Bleach or sanitizing tablets

Ground cloth, towel, mesh bag or lightweight hammock for air-drying

1 Before you begin

- 2 Get your dishes as clean as you can before placing them into the wash pot. That way you will not overwhelm Pot 1 with food particles.

- 3 Note: This may involve scraping and literally licking your plate clean. At Scout camp, this is perfectly acceptable behavior.

4 Pot 1: Wash pot

- 5 Add a few drops of biodegradable soap to hot water. Your instinct will be to use more soap than you need, so use sparingly.

6 Pot 2: Hot-rinse pot

- 7 Fill the pot with clear, hot water.

8 Pot 3: Cold-rinse pot

- 9 Place a few drops of bleach or a sanitizing tablet (like Steramine) into cold water.

10 After you are done.

- 11 Hang or place utensils and dishes to dry

Dispose of soapy wash water 200 feet from any water sources. Filter out food particles and put those in a plastic bag to throw away. Then spread the water over a wide area.

Also worth noting

- Minimizing dishwashing time starts with menu planning. Meals that use one pot and a few food-prep utensils will leave less mess afterward. Scouts should use as few dishes and utensils as possible. One bowl, one mug and one spork will be all you'll need for most meals.



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