

# **Andrew Jackson Council**

## **Summer Camp 2025**

### **Leaders Guide**



## **Welcome to Hood Scout Reservation**

### **General Camp Overview**

We invite you to discover why Hood Scout Reservation was named one of the top 8 summer camps in the country in the Scouting Magazine Guide to Cool Camps.

To have a successful experience and fun at camp, Scouts need to plan carefully. Many merit badges require preparation before or after your week at camp. It is the responsibility of the Camp Staff to instruct requirements that can be completed at camp. A completion or a partial with uncompleted requirements are given to Scoutmasters on the last day of camp or are available online at [www.bsa-jackson.org](http://www.bsa-jackson.org). Every effort will be made to inform Scouts of their progress throughout the week. Leaders are encouraged to visit camp staff.

Reservations for limited size sessions will be taken on a first come first serve basis. The Camp Staff will make every effort to resolve scheduling conflicts for the Scout to obtain their goal.

Most merit badges can be completed at camp, but due to time requirements, special projects, or other considerations; some merit badges require additional work at home before and/or after camp. Some merit badges are age-restricted, require pre-requisites and/or special skill levels. Refer to the merit badge listing for these considerations.

Our dynamic programming includes the following and more:

Cowboy Shooting	Paddle Boarding	Sailing/Waterskiing	Motor Boating
ATV Riding	Trade Skills	Mountain Biking	Pistol
Rock Climbing	Shotgun	Rifle	Rappelling
COPE Course	Ecology	Arts	Dual Zip Line
Swing by Choice	Dual Water Slides	Blob	

### **Camp Objectives**

- Provide advancement opportunities for Scouts
- Familiarize youth with the Scouting program through outdoor experience
- Stimulate Troop programming before, during, and after attending camp
- To have FUN
- Be the safest camp for our Scouts, Leaders, and Staff

## Registration and Fees

All registration is completed online at [www.bsa-jackson.org](http://www.bsa-jackson.org). To reserve unit space, you must make a deposit of \$200 for your Troop. You can pay for this online or at the council service center. Please make sure that all registration and program fees are paid prior to your troop's arrival at Hood Scout Reservation. Fees are transferable to other Scouts within the troop after May 15th. "NO REFUNDS" after the 15th.

	Early Bird Fee	After April 15 <sup>th</sup>
Scouts/Venturers	\$300	\$350
Additional Unit Leaders (Each unit receives two leaders free)	\$160	\$160

### Scout Leader Information:

- Summer Camp: Two Leaders from every troop / crew may attend for free
- Leaders are inter-changeable.
- Leaders can participate at no extra charge if health standards are met and there is a need for their participation.
- Summer Camp: each Troop will be emailed a Troop Picture.
- Preorder your summer camp T-shirt during the registration for a discounted fee.

In order to keep camp fees affordable for all, we will be charging activities fees for the following programs:

Pistol	\$10.00	Motorboating	\$10.00
Rifle	\$10.00	Water Sports	\$25.00
Shotgun	\$10.00	C.O.P.E.	\$25.00
ATV	\$25.00		

## Camp Policies

Scouts, Scouters, and visitors will be expected to exemplify the Scout Oath and Law while in camp.

**Adult Leadership:** Unit Leaders should arrange for qualified leadership from your troop to accompany the Scouts to camp. Each Troop/ Crew must have two registered adult leaders that have completed Youth Protection Training and had the criminal background check. All adults must have a copy of their training card. At least two adults must be at camp always.

**Tobacco:** Our Scout Oath reminds us to keep ourselves physically strong. The use of tobacco products adversely affects our bodies and may cause cancer. The use of smoke, chewing tobacco, vaping, and electronic cigarettes are not permitted at Hood Scout Reservation.

**Alcohol & Drugs:** Possession or use of any alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or the misuse of any prescribed drug is expressly prohibited. Groups or individuals found in violation of this will be asked to leave camp immediately and reported to the local authority.

**Arriving & Departing:** Safety is paramount at Hood! To this end, we ask that every parent or family member must check in at the Administration Building or Trading Post as directed. Scouts who are leaving camp early or for a day must have their parents or guardian along with the unit leader fill out a camper release form and check out at the Administration Building. If you are a unit leader leaving camp you must check out at the Administration Building and check back in. If you have any questions or concerns for an individual Scout's well-being, the unit leader should contact the camp director.

**Vehicles:** No Vehicles will be allowed past the service road gate. Only vehicles pulling troop equipment trailers into the campsite will be allowed in. Troops must drop their trailers and move the vehicles back to the parking lot. Troops that do not have a trailer may have their gear transported to the campsite by their troop leader or camp vehicle.

**Cell Phones/Electronic Devices:** Scouts should not have a cell phone out in merit badge/program sessions. If your Scouts want to bring their electronic devices, they are more than welcome. They will be able to charge them at the Trading Post.

**Armbands:** As part of the youth protection and camp identification policies, all Scouts and Scouters must always wear an armband. If your armband is lost, you may replace it at the Trading Post or Admin Building.

**Handicapped Accessibility:** Most facilities and a special campsite have been designed or modified for the handicapped. The Scoutmaster should alert the Camp Director when a troop may need special assistance with handicapped access.

### **Health, Insurance, and Emergency Procedures**

Before coming to camp, each youth and adult is required to have the appropriate Boy Scout Annual Health and Medical Form filled out and signed by a parent or guardian and an appropriate medical provider. The BSA Health and Medical Record has to be less than one-year old as of the date Camp begins. Health forms older than one year cannot be accepted. We must have health forms on all youth and adults even if they are only staying one night. We must have all three parts filled out. You may bring digital copies on a flash drive.

**Unit Leaders:** Please make sure that all physicals' forms are filled out properly! Unit Leaders please make sure you bring hard copies of health forms that you pick them up before you leave camp. Any health forms left will be disposed of on the last day of camp.

**NO ONE WILL BE PERMITTED TO STAY ON CAMP WITHOUT A HEALTH FORM ON FILE WITH THE HEALTH OFFICER.**

**Special Dietary Needs:** Any Scout or leader that has special dietary needs please contact the Andrew Jackson Council Office to talk with the Camp Director at **least two weeks** before that Scout's arrival on camp so that we can properly plan for their dietary needs.

**Special Health Requirements & Medications:** Scouts who require special medical treatments such as insulin, etc. You should provide necessary medications and make written arrangements with the health officer and the unit leader.

**Transportation for Medical Services:** Scouts needing to be transported to the hospital or to a local doctor for non-emergency medical needs are to be transported by the unit leader. In case of serious medical emergencies, transportation will be available.

**Accident Insurance:** The Andrew Jackson Council provides accident and illness insurance for each local registered camper who must be registered with BSA. This coverage protects each member while attending Camp. Claim request forms can be obtained from Andrew Jackson Council, 2506 Lakeland Drive, Suite 320, Flowood, MS 39232. **Out of council troops must provide proof of insurance from their council or unit.**

**Emergency Procedures:** During any kind of emergency (weather, fire, lost camper, or lost swimmer) you will hear the continuous ring of the camp bell, and you will receive information from the camp staff. You are to go as quickly as possible to the parade field. Scouts and Scouters will then receive further directions and instructions.

**Medical Services at Camp:** The Health Lodge is open 24 hours a day and is prepared to handle minor injuries and illnesses. Any emergency that cannot be treated by the Health Officer will be referred to a local hospital or clinic in Hazlehurst. If necessary, the unit leader or assistant will transport the patient to the outside medical facility. Copiah County Medical Center is the closest hospital to Hood Scout Reservation.

### **Living and Activities in Camp**

#### **Cafeteria:**

Great youth-centered meals are provided in the cafeteria. Professional cooks prepare all meals and menus under the direction of a dietician. If you require any special dietary needs, please let us know at least two weeks before your unit comes to camp. Meals are posted at Cafeteria and main bulletin board. Shirt, Socks and Shoes are required at each meal. Full "Class A" uniform is

required for the evening meal. Wet swimsuits, wearing hats and chewing gum are not allowed in the cafeteria. All meals are served in cafeteria style. All Scouts and leaders must have their armbands to eat. For guests and visitors there is a \$6.00 charge per meal. Please let us know two days in advance if your troop will not be eating any meals in the cafeteria due to late arrival, early departure or other special Troop activity. On Saturdays, there will be a Continental Breakfast. **Due to food allergies-Peanut Butter products will only be provided upon request.**

### **Cafeteria Procedures**

1. Each troop will be assigned time to eat for each meal. Your troop will generally eat either at the top of the hour or half hour. Times will be posted in the cafeteria and shared with the Troop leadership.
2. Servers will be assigned by the troop for every meal and will help serve that meal. Troops are responsible for posting a server schedule on the troop patrol board in the campsite. Servers **do not have to set the table** as all meals are served cafeteria style and there is no assigned seating. Troops are responsible for table clean-up. Troops are encouraged to make sure that every Scout has a chance to serve as a table waiter for the week.
3. Starting on Day 2 of camp, troops are encouraged to invite a staff member to join them for a meal.

### **Campsites**

Hood Scout Reservation maintains 9 campsites for use by troops during the camping season. Troops should select a campsite that can accommodate the number of Scouts and leaders they will bring to camp. To improve your chances of getting your preferred campsite please preregister pay and the \$200 Troop deposit as soon as possible. This deposit will be credited to your camp fees. Please refer to the map in this guide to help you select your site.

### **Wi-Fi**

Hood Scout Reservation is working to improve Wi-Fi for Scout leaders to use during the week. Access points are Administration Building and Trading Post.

### **Bikes on Camp**

Hood Scout Reservation offers the Cycling Merit Badge and a mountain biking program. Scouts are permitted to bring their bikes to camp. If you bring your own bike, please abide by the rules below:

1. Helmets must be worn while riding
2. Bikes cannot block trails, walkways, or entrances to buildings, so park by bike racks.
3. Pedestrians have the right-of-way, so slow down when people are around.
4. No riding after dusk.
5. Knee and elbow pads are recommended but not required.

Riders who fail to abide by these rules will be asked to store your bike.

Campsites		<p>Patrol Board Information:</p> <p>(This information will be helpful during the week)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire Guard Chart*</li> <li>• Daily class schedules</li> <li>• Cafeteria Server Duty</li> <li>• Latrine Duty</li> <li>• Flag Ceremony</li> <li>• Information important for your Troop or adult leaders</li> <li>• HSR will provide a Fire Guard Chart</li> </ul> <p>*Special needs campsite</p>
1- Red Cloud	Capacity 68	
2- Two Moons	Capacity 40	
3- Olethewa	Capacity 24*	
4- Red Wing	Capacity 36	
5- Many Arrows	Capacity 52	
6- Yellow Wolf	Capacity 62	
7- Dull Knife	Capacity 24	
8- Lone Elk	Capacity 24	
9- Iron Bear	Capacity 60	

**Hood Scout Reservation reserves the right to move any unit to a different campsite if needed.**



### **Trading Post**

The Trading Post at Hood Scout Reservation is a fully stocked store. It has everything from snacks to T-shirts, hats, camp logo items, crafts, soda, ice cream, and merit badge supplies. We except Visa, Master Card, and American Express credit cards. Hours are posted outside the store and on the main bulletin board. Pre-ordering is available. Please use the online ordering for T-shirts. Pre-orders will be available at the trading post on Monday morning.

## **Order of the Arrow-Sebooney Okasukca Lodge**

Order of the Arrow (OA) at Hood Scout Reservation is a very exciting part of the Camp experience. From fellowships and activities, the Order of the Arrow is fun to watch and be a part of for Scouts. There will be an OA call out and Fellowship during the week.

## **Duty to God Program**

In coordination with the Boy Scouts of America's commitment to "Duty to God", our council is notifying you of a program that we have implemented for this summer that requires the involvement of a youth Chaplain Aide from your troop. If the scout that is normally in that leadership position in your troop is not present this week, please appoint a Chaplain Aide today. There will be a very short meeting of all troop Chaplain Aides on the front porch of the dining hall immediately following Sunday night dinner. Please have a youth representative at that meeting.

We have an adult "Chaplain Coordinator" on site during this week of camp, and they are going to provide a devotional booklet (the same one that is used at Philmont) to each Chaplain Aide. This youth's responsibility this week is to conduct one devotion per day for your entire troop. You and your Chaplain Aide can pick the time that best fits your troop schedule. You will note that this devotion book is specifically set up for "Inter-Faith" worship and is non-denominational. If your troop completes the daily devotions and attends at least one vespers service, every Scout in the troop will receive a HSR Duty to God Patch. Your Chaplain's Aide will receive a special recognition for serving his troop for the week.

## **Adult Leader Activities/Information**

### **Administration Building**

The Administration Building has a restroom facility, washers, dryers, air conditioning, Wi-Fi. Coffee will be provided throughout the day.

### **Scoutmaster Communication with Camp Management**

The Hood Scout Reservation values the time and energy that each leader puts forth working with youth. Our goal is to help you meet your unit's needs while at camp. Our staff will make every effort to address any concerns or suggestions you may have promptly. In that spirit, we have provided several avenues of communication between Scoutmasters and Camp Management.

### **Scoutmaster Meeting**

A formal meeting is held on the first evening of camp. This meeting is to review both camp and program policies. Starting on the next day of camp, following the evening assembly. We will have informal meetings to review the day to make sure that we meet the needs of your Scouts.



### **Scoutmaster Dinner**

On Wednesday evenings, during Summer Camp, Scoutmasters and other adult leaders at camp will have an opportunity to learn about new and exciting things at Andrew Jackson Council and at camp. At the end of the meeting, we will treat you to a special dinner.

### **Camp Surveys**

During mid-week at the Scoutmaster's Meeting, you will receive a survey to let us know how we did so we can better plan for the future. There will be an online survey as well sent out to Scoutmasters and Scouts via email generally within two weeks after camp.

### **Scoutmaster Training Opportunities**

Several classes and certifications will be offered at camp. Please check with the Camp Commissioner upon check-in to find out time and location. Some of these training sessions are available online.

### **Scouter's Merit Badge**

Hood Scout Reservation is proud to offer the "Scouter's Merit Badge" to those Scoutmasters and other leaders who want to have fun and really enjoy themselves while at camp. Any adult leader may participate in this fun event by completing one of two options. Applications for the Scouter's Merit Badge award should be submitted by 3:00 p.m., on the last full day of camp to the Camp Commissioner.

### **Troop Campsite Award**

This award may be earned by all units at camp. Campsites will be judged by the Camp Commissioners daily. Below is what the camp commissioners will be looking for when they visit your camp site. If you have any questions about your scores the SPL needs to talk with the Camp Commissioner and their staff to see how your troop can improve.

### **Merit Badges, High Adventures, and Other Programs**

Hood Scout Reservation offers a wide selection of merit badges and programs. Most merit badges can be completed at camp, but due to time requirements, special projects, or other considerations; some merit badges need additional work at home. Some merit badges require pre-requisites or special skill levels. Please refer to the merit badge and program listing for all program specific pre-requisites and requirements.

Please remember that class sizes are limited in some merit badges. To ensure that your Scout gets into merit badges or programs that he wants please make sure that you have that information when you register online. Merit Badge Pamphlets can be purchased at the Scout Shop. **Be aware of Age-Appropriate Programs.** Remember to consider distances between Merit Badge

programs. Please be aware of the class size for each merit badge and its location on camp. Please don't have your Scouts walking from the waterfront to the shooting sports area to make their next class during a 10-minute transition time.

### **Waterfront at Hood Scout Reservation**

The waterfront is ideal for Scouts who are interested in aquatics and water activities. The 110-acre lake will easily accommodate all campers and make for an outstanding combination of fun and safe water activities for advancement. On Sunday, each Scout and Scouter will complete the swimmer test to see their level of ability for the waterfront. **Your unit can complete the swim test before camping.** The swim test must be given by a Red Cross Lifeguard. You must complete the form located at the back of this book and attach a copy of the lifeguard certification. Our Aquatics staff reserves the right to retest anyone if an issue arises.

### **Scouts of America Aquatic Levels**

- Non-Swimmer - has no basic swimming skills and is identified by a WHITE Buddy Tag.
- Beginners - have some basic swimming skills. Must be able to jump into water over their head feet first, surface, level off, swim 25 yards, turn and return. The top half of the Buddy Tag will be colored RED.
- Swimmers - have the skills needed for swimming. Must be able to swim 100 yards as follows: swim 75 yards in strong manner using a forward stroke. Swim 25 yards by doing the elementary back stroke. Rest or float in one spot for two (2) minutes. Swimmers will be identified with the top half of the Buddy Tag as RED and the bottom half BLUE.

**Please note that swimming classifications can be upgraded at any time during camp.**

**A Scout's classification will have a bearing on the Aquatics Merit Badges they will be able to take.**

### **Hood Scout Reservation statement on swimwear**

The BSA National Aquatics Swimwear Statement:

We recommend that swimwear should be comfortable, functional, and appropriate for specific aquatic activity. As always, we remind everyone that Scouting's Barriers to Abuse state, "Appropriate attire is required for all activities". Policies should reflect the BSA's statement and commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Waterfront Director and Camp Leadership have final say on what is appropriate. This will be in place for all youth, male and female.



## **Davy Crockett (1st Year Camper) Program**

This program is designed for Scouts that are either brand new to Scouting or have not earned the First-Class Rank. The Davy Crockett program allows Scouts to work on Scouting outdoor skills that will help them advance. In the course, Troop Guides will discuss the Patrol Method and how it is used in the troop. Our Davy Crockett Staff will teach using the EDGE method. As part of the Davy Crockett program each Scout will receive a special patch. Please work with each Scout individually to determine what rank classes they need to sign up for.

## **Adventure Programs**

### **Challenge Course and Climbing Tower**

Strengthening • Testing • Team Building

**C.O.P.E.** (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) brings the tradition of the Boy Scouts' relationship with the outdoors to the doorstep of new realms of adventure. The course can handle 24 participants. There is a \$25 fee for each participant. **Must be at least 13 Years Old.**

COPE programming emphasizes learning by doing. We guide Scouts and Scouters of all sizes, shapes, and physical abilities through initiative problems and low and high ropes challenges to help each participant develop: Leadership Skills ~ Teamwork ~ Communications ~ Self-esteem ~ Decision Making Skills ~ Problem Solving ~ Goal Setting ~ Confidence ~ Trust

### **ATV Off - Road Trail Riding Experience**

This program is for youth 13 years or older and adults. Participants will learn safe riding techniques and the operation of the ATV. Participants will then get to trail around camp once completing the ATV Safety Institute Course. Please complete the ATV release form found in the back of this book. **Scouts must have long sleeve shirts and pants to participate in this program. Must have boots or over ankle shoes. Please complete both Hold-Harmless Agreements located at the back of this book.** There is a \$ 25 fee for the course. Scouts can earn the Hood Scout Reservation ATV Experience Patch.

### **Mountain Boarding**

During the day and after dinner Scouts will have the opportunity to learn and try Mountain Boarding. The Hood Scout Reservation has three different Mountain Boarding Areas. Please see the Adventure Programs Staff for times and locations for Mountain Boarding. Every Scout that completes three runs will receive a special patch

### **Checker, Chess, Ping Pong, Basketball and Pool tournaments**

These events are held throughout the week at the Trading Post. Could you be Hood's camp champion? These events will be planned by the Senior Patrol Leaders from each troop.

## **Gaga Pit**

You have played dodge ball, but have you played it in the pit? The Gaga pit is open all day for Scouts and Scouters to test their agility and reflexes against some of the most extreme dodge ball players in the Council. Located next to Snack Shack.

## **Daily Schedule-Summer Camp**

**Preliminary Schedule. Final class times will be established by March 31, 2025.**

<b>Sunday</b>
Check-in begins at 2:00 p.m. at the Snack Shack.
Health Recheck at Snack Shack.
Camp Tour.
Take Troop Picture (Class A Uniform).
Campsite (Unload gear and get ready for swim check).
Waterfront (Swim Test).
SPL and Unit Leader's Meeting after Dinner.

<b>Friday</b>	
6:30 a.m.	Reveille
7:00 a.m.	Breakfast
8:15 a.m.	Assembly
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Morning Sessions
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Afternoon Sessions
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Open Programs
6:00 p.m.	Supper
8:30 p.m.	Closing Campfire
9:00 p.m.	Call to quarters

<b>Monday - Thursday</b>	
6:30 a.m.	Reveille
7:00 a.m.	Breakfast
7:45 a.m.	Assembly
8:30 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Period
9:30 a.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period
10:30 a.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period
11:45 a.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	SPL Meeting
12:45 – 2:00 p.m.	Personal Time / (Leader Nap)
2:00 p.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> Period
3:00 p.m.	5 <sup>th</sup> Period
4:00 p.m.	6 <sup>th</sup> Period
6:00 p.m.	Assembly
6:15 – 7:00 p.m.	Supper
7:30 p.m.	Evening Activities
9:00 p.m.	Call to quarters
10:30 p.m.	Taps (lights outs)

<b>Saturday Check Out</b>
Please Schedule a time with the commissioner's staff for checkout.
Make sure that all personnel and troop gear are out of the campsite.
Make sure that the cots are turned on their sides in the middle of the tents.
Make sure that you leave the tents as you found them and flaps are closed.
Make sure that the latrine and campsite are cleaned and ready for the next troop.
Make sure you pick up all the units' medications and paper health forms.

## **Program-Summer Camp**

Merit badge classes are taught in a wide variety of time formats depending upon the requirements for each merit badge. Carefully review the schedule below as class times vary from 1-3 hours. Some classes DO NOT meet every day. A full schedule with day and night activities can be as many as 6 merit badges. Opportunities exist at night for other activities. Scouts may choose to take less than a full schedule to have free time to explore other areas and activities. Please make time for your Scout to have some free time or to do other activities at camp.

## Merit Badge and Program Schedule-Summer Camp

Waterfront		Ecology Conservation	
Swimming and Instructional Swim	8:30-9:20 or 2:00-2:50	Environmental Science	8:30-10:20 or 2:00-3:50
Canoeing	8:30-9:20 or 2:00-2:50	Fishing	9:30-10:20 or 3:00-3:50
Kayaking	9:30-10:20 or 3:00-3:50	Soil & Water Conservation	10:30-11:20 or 4:00-4:50
Motor Boating	10:30-11:20, 2:00-2:50 & 3:00-4:50	Bird Study	8:30-9:20
Water Sports	8:30-9:20 & 9:30-10:20		
Lifesaving	9:30-11:20 or 3:00-4:50	Fish & Wildlife Management	8:30-9:20 or 2:00-2:50
Sailing	8:30-9:20	Reptile & Amphibian Study	2:00-2:50
Free swim, Water Slide, & Blob are open from 10:30-11:30 or 2:00-5:15			
Outdoor Adventure		Challenge Course	
Cycling (Mountain Biking)	8:30-11:20	C.O.P.E.	8:30-11:20
ATV	8:30-11:20	Climbing	2:00-3:50
Mountain Board times will be posted.		Free Climb is open from 4:30-5:45 & After assembly on Tuesday – Thursday 6:45-8:50	
Shooting Sports		Stem	
Archery	8:30-10:20 or 2:00-3:50	Robotics	8:30-9:20 or 2:00-2:50
Pistol*	8:30-10:20	Space Exploration	9:30-10:20 or 3:00-3:50
Rifle	2:00-3:50	Chess	7:30-9 pm Tuesday/Thursday
Shotgun	9:30-11:20	Fingerprinting	7:30 pm Sunday night
Free Shoot is from 4:00-5:45. The night shoot will be on Tuesday 6:45-9:00		Cyber Chip	7:30 pm Sunday night
*Scouts must have a signed permission form and take the NRA First Steps class on Sunday Night to participate in Pistol. Scout must also have a Hold-Harmless agreements signed for both Pistol and Cowboy Shooting Programs.			
Outdoor Thrills		Davy Crockett (First Year Campers)	
Camping	8:30-9:20 or 2:00-2:50	Tenderfoot	8:30-9:20 or 2:00-2:50
Cooking	9:30-11:20 or 3:00-4:50	Second Class	9:30-10:20 or 3:00-3:50
Wilderness Survival	10:30-11:20 or 4:00-4:50	First Class	10:30-11:20 or 4:00-4:50
Eagle Flight		Handi Craft	
Personal Fitness	8:30-9:20	Art	8:30-9:20 or 2:00-2:50
Citizenship in the Nation	9:30-10:20	Leatherwork	8:30-9:20 or 2:00-2:50
Citizenship in the World	10:30-11:20	Pottery/Sculpture	9:30-10:20 or 3:00-3:50
Communications	2:00-2:50		
Eagle Scout workshop is on Tuesday evenings.			
Trade Skills		First Aid	
Auto Maintenance	2:00-2:50	First Aid	8:30-9:20 or 2:00-2:50
Welding	10:30-11:20	Emergency Preparedness	10:30-11:20 or 2:00-2:50

# Parents' Information

## Visiting and Writing Your Scouts

Parents and Family Members are welcome at camp on the first and last day of camp to bring and pick-up Scouts. The last full day of camp is visitors' day with events generally starting at 2:00 p.m. Visitors should eat lunch before arriving at camp. All parents and family members should check in at the Administration Building or the Trading Post before visiting any activities or going to their Scout's campsite. Supper will be available at the cafeteria for all visitors on the last full day of camp. The meal cost for adults and children who are five and older is \$6.00. Children younger than five eat free. If you plan to eat, please let your unit leader know no later than Wednesday. The final night campfire will start at 8:30 p.m.

**Emergency Use Only Phone Number: (601) 277-3575**

**Mail for Scouts should be addressed as follows:**

Scout's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Scout's Troop: \_\_\_\_\_

Hood Scout Reservation  
8065 Old Port Gibson Road  
Hazlehurst, MS 39083

(Please send your Scout mail before Wednesday)

The SPL needs to check every day to make sure that the mail is picked up.

## Suggested Packing List of Personal Items

- Complete Scout Uniform (Class A)
- T-Shirts (no tank tops)
- Shorts, pants, underwear, socks, hat,
- Shoes or boots, shower shoes, water shoes
- Poncho or rain gear
- Notebook and pencil/pen
- Scout handbook
- Watch
- Washcloth and towels
- Swimsuit
- Dirty clothes bag
- Water bottle
- Toiletry items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, shaving gear, deodorant, brush)
- Flashlight
- Pocket knife
- Spending money
- Sleeping bag, items needed to make up the cot
- Personal first aid kit
- Battery powered fan
- Mosquito net and bug spray
- Sunblock

### **Items you should NOT bring to camp!**

- No sheathed knives
- No firearms or fireworks
- No pets

For First Aid, Emergency Preparedness, Camping, and Wilderness Survival Merit Badges: review merit badge requirements for kits-backpack (assemble at home and bring to camp).

**MARK EVERYTHING WITH SCOUT'S NAME AND TROOP NUMBER**

Personal valuables (watches, wallets, money, chargers) should not be left out in the open at camp.

Completely enclosed shoes are to be worn, unless you are in your tent, at the pool, or in the shower.

### **Merit Badge Class Considerations**

First or second year scouts should ensure they participate in the Davy Crockett program which will teach many of the foundational skills needed to advance to the initial ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class.

Check the merit badge requirements before coming and complete all items that are listed as pre-requisite before coming to summer camp.



### **Pistol Pilot Program Participation and Hold Harmless Agreement**

Hood Scout Reservation (Andrew Jackson Council) will be conducting a pilot program for Pistol safety and marksmanship. This program is conducted under the approval of the Boy Scouts of America. Scouts will be instructed how to handle, maintain, and shoot a pistol safely and be provided instruction to increase their marksmanship skills. Scouts will have both classroom instruction and range instruction in which they will fire a pistol under the supervision of a trained Range Safety Officer and pistol instructor at Hood Scout Reservation property. Scouts will be required to wear eye protection and ear protection at all times while on the range. Scouts are expected to abide by all safety rules and the instructions of the Range Safety Officer(s) and Pistol Instructor(s).

I, the undersigned, give, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to participate in this program. I understand that participation in the activity involves a certain degree of risk. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for my child to participate. I understand that participation in the activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by the rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators and all employees, volunteers, related parties or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

**For safety, my child and I agree that he/she will do the following or he/she will be removed from the program.** Because this is a pilot program and space is limited, any additional cost associated with participation in this program will not be refunded.

1. Complete the First Steps Class taught at Hood Scout Reservation.
2. Always wear all safety gear while on the range.
3. Follow all the safety rules provided in the training class.
4. Follow the instructions of the Range Safety Officer(s) and Pistol Instructor(s).
5. Do not handle the pistols until instructed to do so by the Pistol Instructor(s).
6. Always follow the instructions of the Range Safety Officer(s).
7. Is 14 years of age, or 13 and has completed the 8th grade, as of the start of the class and will be in full compliance with all local state and federal guidelines, including age restrictions and original equipment manufacturer standards.
8. Will respond to the camp satisfaction survey from Scouting America to help in the evaluation of the pilot program.

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email for survey purposes only \_\_\_\_\_



### **ATV Participation and Hold –Harmless Agreement**

**Hood Scout Reservation of the Andrew Jackson Council** will be conducting an ATV program at camp, Scouts will be instructed how to ride on and drive an ATV. Scouts must be 14 years old or completed the eighth grade. Scouts will be taught ATV safety and will drive on a training course, then on approved trails only. Scouts will be on the unit individually and in control of the power of the power and brakes. Scouts will be required to wear a helmet, goggles, gloves, over-the-ankle boots, long-sleeved shirts, and long pants. Scouts are expected to abide by all safety rules and the instructions of the camp instructor(s).

I, the undersigned, give my child \_\_\_\_\_, permission to participate in this program. I understand that participation in the activity involves a certain degree of risk. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given participants to abide by the rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, the ATV Safety Institute, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with activity from any and all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

**For safety, my child and I agree that he/she will do the following or he/she will be removed from the program.** Because space is limited, any additional cost associated with participation in this program will not be refunded.

1. Complete the ATV safety class taught at Hood Scout Reservation.
2. Wear all required safety gear at all times on or around the equipment.
3. Follow all safety rules provided in the training class.
4. Follow the instructions of the camp staff instructor(s).
5. Maintain control of the ATV at all times and remain within the speed determined to be safe by the camp instructor(s).
6. Be in full compliance with all local, state, and federal guidelines, including age restrictions and original equipment manufacturer standards.
7. Respond to the camp satisfaction survey from the Boy Scouts of America as it evaluates the ATV Program.

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email for survey purposes only \_\_\_\_\_

## **Cowboy Shooting Participation and Hold Harmless Agreement**

Hood Scout Reservation (Andrew Jackson Council) will be conducting a Cowboy Shooting Program. This program is conducted under the approval of the Boy Scouts of America. Scouts will be instructed in how to handle, maintain, and shoot a pistol, rifle, and shotgun safely and be provided instruction to increase their marksmanship skills. Scouts will have both classroom instruction and range instruction in which they will fire a pistol, rifle, and shotgun under the supervision of a trained Range Safety Officer and pistol instructor at Hood Scout Reservation property. Scouts will be required to wear eye protection and ear protection at all times while on the range. Scouts are expected to abide by all safety rules and the instructions of the Range Safety Officer(s) and Pistol Instructor(s). **Must be 14 or older to participate.**

I, the undersigned, give, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to participate in this program. I understand that participation in the activity involves a certain degree of risk. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for my child to participate. I understand that participation in the activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by the rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators and all employees, volunteers, related parties or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

**For safety, my child and I agree that he/she will do the following or he/she will be removed from the program.** Because this is a pilot program and space is limited, any additional cost associated with participation in this program will not be refunded.

1. Complete the First Steps Class taught at Hood Scout Reservation.
2. Always wear all safety gear while on the range.
3. Follow all the safety rules provided in the training class.
4. Follow the instructions of the Range Safety Officer(s) and Pistol Instructor(s).
5. Do not handle the firearms until instructed to do so by the Pistol Instructor(s).
6. Always follow the instructions of the Range Safety Officer(s).
7. Is 14 years of age, or 13 and has completed the 8th grade, as of the start of the class and will be in full compliance with all local state and federal guidelines, including age restrictions and original equipment manufacturer standards.

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email for survey purposes only \_\_\_\_\_

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