

Leaders' Guide

Winter Blast 2025



January 17-20, 2025

Camp Durant

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Welcome

On behalf of the entire staff, welcome to the
7th Annual Winter Blast at Camp Durant

We are sure you will have an awesome experience, and the staff is ready to deliver the best program possible. The materials contained in this guide will assist you in preparing for your camping and merit badge class experience. Please take note that this information is what we have planned at this time, but all details are subject to change. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility!

We look forward to a great weekend in January with all of you!

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*January 17-20, 2025
Camp Durant
4637 Old Carthage Road
Carthage, NC 28237*

Details and Dates

Fees

Scout: \$ 100.00
Adult: \$ 50.00
Instructor: \$ FREE

Deadlines

Unit headcount registration opens 11/04/2024
Class registration opens 9am 12/02/2024

Participants

We encourage all male and female Scouts to attend! Scouts will camp in designated sites according to Youth Protection Guidelines.

Leadership

Each Scout Unit is required to be accompanied by a registered Unit Leaders. Units must have two-deep leadership—female units must have an attending registered female leader—in accordance with Youth Protection Guidelines.

There will be virtual meetings offered on January 2nd and January 7th at 7pm for Scoutmasters, and Adult Leaders. A leaders' meeting will also be held in the Grand Lodge on January 17th at 9:30pm. A meeting link will be emailed to the unit contact that registered your unit in Black Pug. The link will also be available on the council website, and social media pages. Details will also be emailed to unit leaders.

Merit badge instructors will have separate information meetings.

Documentation Required

All youth and adult attendees must bring to camp:

- Current, signed BSA Personal Health and Medical Record Parts A, B1, and B2 with a current copy of their health insurance card. This will remain with Unit Leaders during camp.
- https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf

Merit Badge Opportunities

Classes offered are subject to change and may include the following:

Classes will be filled on a first come, first served basis via Black Pug registration. Scouts are not guaranteed to get their first choice of classes. Classes will be limited in seating capacity. All scouts should be registered for classes in both day and evening sessions.

***Not all badges can be completed at camp.**

***Pre-requisites will be expected to be completed prior to attendance.**

All ages/ranks

American Business
American Heritage
Art
Astronomy
Automotive Maintenance
Backpacking
Basketry
Camping
Chess
Cit. in the Nation
Cit. in the World
Communications
Electricity
Fingerprinting
Fishing
Fire Safety
Geology
Home Repair
Indian Lore
Inventing
Leatherwork
Nature
Orienteering/Geocaching
Photography

Pioneering
Pulp and Paper
Radio
Safety
Scouting Heritage
Search and Rescue
Soil & Water Conservation
Sustainability
Traffic Safety
Weather
Wood Carving
Wilderness Survival (overnight required)
Min. age 13 by 1/12/2025
Archery
Emergency Preparedness
Environmental Science
Personal Fitness
Rifle Shooting
Min. age 13 and 1st Class
First Aid
Min. age 14 and 1st Class
Personal Management
Shotgun Shooting
Metalwork



General Information

Medical Needs

Unit Leaders/Scouts are responsible for administering medications and keeping said medications located in a secure place. Refrigeration, if required, is available at the Health Lodge. There will be a staff medic to assist with medical emergencies, however, the unit leaders are the first source of aid for an injured scout. The camp utilizes 911 services for Moore County. BSA health forms should be kept in camp by Unit Leaders.

Refunds

After class registration closes, refund requests can be made to Jeff Manning (jeff.manning@scouting.org) in the council office.

Cancellation

If state or local guidelines change, pandemic conditions change, or the Occonechee Council cancels the event for any other reason, refunds will be issued.

Leaving Camp/Visitors

For your protection, all campers (youth and adult) who leave camp must check out with the Camp Office. If a camper must leave camp and is picked up by a parent or guardian, a driver's license must be provided to the camp office for that camper to leave. If any participant leaves camp during the weekend, he or she is not allowed to re-enter camp. No visitors will be allowed on site during the event.

Parking

All vehicles must be parked at the Admin parking lot near the camp entrance. Units are permitted to take one vehicle and/or trailer to their assigned campsites for their convenience.

Tobacco

In accordance with National BSA policy, and as outlined in the Guide to Safe Scouting, the use of tobacco on the Occoneechee Scout Reservation is prohibited.

Drugs and Alcohol

The BSA prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and operated by the BSA.

Emergencies

If an emergency is declared, a camp-wide siren will be signaled, and everyone will be required to report to their unit campsite. Leaders should account for all members and wait for further instruction from event staff.

Uniforms

Activity Uniform (Class B) with unit number/identification for Merit Badge Classes

Checkout Process

Units may check out from the event either after dinner Sunday night from the Grand Lodge, or Monday morning after breakfast from the Grand Lodge. Event Staff will be available to assist with check out, exit packet, patches, etc. at both times from the Grand Lodge.

Food

Meals

All meals will be served in the Grand Lodge Dining Hall. Please check the schedule for menus and times. Each unit will provide a clean-up crew for each meal to clean their tables and the floor in their dining area for each meal. Brooms, dust pans, cleaning towels and cleaning spray will be provided.

Service Opportunity

At each meal there is a need for servers in the kitchen. Unit leaders should register their adults and scouts via Black Pug to volunteer to serve one meal at the event.

Trading Post

The trading post will be in operation during the event. Hours will be limited. MasterCard and VISA will be accepted.

Adult Leader Lounge

Located below the Grand Lodge, the Grill area will be the place adult leaders can gather for coffee and hang out in an indoor space with access to restrooms and Wi-Fi.

Camp Durant 2025 Winter Blast Hoodie

Winter Blast Hoodie- the perfect home for your newly earned Polar Splash patch!

Place your order in Black Pug no later than Friday, December 2nd, 2024

Hoodies will be available to pick-up in the Trading Post.

ADULT SIZES ONLY



Winter Blast Schedule

*** Please note: Schedule is subject to change ***

FRIDAY:

- 5:00 – 9:00 Check-in at Grand Lodge
- 6:00 – 9:00 Instructors to locate and drop off materials to class Locations
- 9:30-10:00 Unit leader meeting in the Grand Lodge

SATURDAY:

- 7:15 Troop Assembly- Grand Lodge flag poles
- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast in Grand Lodge
- 9:00-12:00 Merit Badge Session 1
- 12:30 – 1:30 Lunch in Grand Lodge
- 2:00-5:00 Merit Badge Session 2
- 5:15 Evening Troop Assembly Grand Lodge flag poles
- 5:30-6:30 Dinner in Grand Lodge
- 7:00- 10:00 Merit Badge Session 3
(Fingerprinting offered 7-8:30 & 8:30-10:00)

SUNDAY:

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| 7:15 | Morning Troop Assembly- Grand Lodge flag poles |
| 7:30-8:30 | Breakfast in Grand Lodge |
| 9:00-12:00 | Merit Badge Session 4 |
| 12:30 – 1:30 | Lunch in Grand Lodge |
| 2:00-5:00 | Merit Badge Session 5 |
| 5:15 | Evening Troop Assembly Grand Lodge flag poles |
| 5:30-6:30 | Dinner in Grand Lodge (Units electing to depart camp will check out with staff from the Grand Lodge during dinner.) |
| TBD | Movie night or Sunday Night Football TBD |

MONDAY:

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| 7:30-8:30 | Breakfast in Grand Lodge- grab and go |
| 9:00 | Check out and depart for home |

Planned Merit Badge Classes

[American Business](#)

[American Heritage](#)

[Archery](#)

[Art](#)

[Astronomy](#)

[Automotive Maintenance](#)

[Backpacking](#)

[Basketry](#)

[Camping](#)

[Chemistry](#)

[Chess](#)

[Citizenship in the Nation](#)

[Citizenship in the World](#)

[Communication](#)

[Drafting](#)

[Emergency Preparedness](#)

[Environmental Science](#)

[Electricity](#)

[Engineering](#)

[Fingerprinting](#)

[Fire Safety](#)

[First Aid](#)

[Fishing](#)

[Home Repairs](#)

[Indian Lore](#)

[Inventing](#)

[Leatherwork](#)

[Metalwork](#)

[Nature](#)

[Orienteering & Geocaching](#)

[Personal Fitness](#)

[Personal Management](#)

[Photography](#)

[Pioneering](#)

[Pistol Training](#)

[Pulp and Paper](#)

[Radio](#)

[Rifle Shooting](#)

[Safety](#)

[Scouting Heritage](#)

[Search and Rescue](#)

[Shotgun Shooting](#)

[Soil and Water Conservation](#)

[Sustainability](#)

[Traffic Safety](#)

[Weather](#)

[Welding](#)

[Wilderness Survival](#)

[Wood Carving](#)

These documents are subject to change. It is the scouts' responsibility to check their class information and to come to class prepared with advance work completed and the necessary supplies/materials.

Merit Badge Session Worksheet For Individual Scouts

For Internal Unit Use Only

There are three Merit Badge Sessions on both Saturday & Sunday, giving each Scout the opportunity to work on up to six different merit badges. The schedule is the same for both days. Some badges require more than one session. For each session, choose a first, second, and third choice writing them in the spaces below. Return this completed form to your unit leader. Online registration will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Scout Name: _____ Unit: _____

Age on January 17, 2025: _____ Council: _____

Rank on January 17, 2025:

_____ Scout _____ Tenderfoot _____ Second Class
 _____ First Class _____ Star _____ Life _____ Eagle

Session	Times	1 st Choice Course	2 nd Choice Course	3 rd Choice Course
1 Sat	9:00-12:00			
2 Sat	2:00-5:00			
3 Sat	7:00-10:00			
1 Sun	9:00-12:00			
2 Sun	2:00-5:00			

Frequently Asked Questions

When does class registration begin and end in Black Pug?

Registration opens December 2nd, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. and will close when the event is sold out of on

What are the prerequisites and course requirements?

All course information can be found by clicking on the name of the Merit Badge found here: [Winter Blast Course Pages](#)

Will Scouts be guaranteed their first choice of classes?

No, but we hope that by offering a wide variety of classes, there will be multiple options to fit every scout's needs.

Where are scouts expected to be when they are not in class?

We hope all scouts will be taking merit badge classes for all sessions. If a scout does not have a class, he or she will be expected to be in the troop's assigned campsite. The Grand Lodge will not be open to scouts and all indoor spaces available will be used for courses. Scouts and units should be prepared to have unit members in their campsite when not in another assigned space. This includes unit oversight which adheres to BSA Youth Protection policies.

Will the number of scouts be limited?

The total number of scout participants in camp will be limited to 400. Slots will be filled on a first paid, first served basis. No registration will be complete until paid in full. Classes sizes will be limited.

Will there be limits on the number of leaders a unit may bring to camp?

No. This was necessary in the past due to Covid restrictions.

When are registrations finalized?

Registration will not be final until paid in full.

Will there be any camp wide activities?

Flag Ceremonies 2 Sat. and 2 Sun.

Movie night or Pro Football Sunday night.

There will be no camp wide ceremonies or vesper services. Polar Splash at the waterfront,

Time: TBD



What are the departure times?

Units may choose to depart camp after dinner Sunday, or Monday morning by 9 a.m. All campsites and bathhouses should be cleaned and fires out cold before departing.

Where may I find a camp map?

A printable map is available here:

<https://campdurant.com/download/2743/>

Classes will be held throughout camp; personal schedules will include locations.

How are campsites assigned?

Campsites will be assigned by camp staff based on unit size.

Will there be a working sink in the campsite?

All campsites will have open bathhouses including sinks, toilets, and showers.



How are meals being handled?

All meals are provided in the Grand Lodge dining hall for those with paid event registrations.

How will Unit Leaders receive communication from staff during the weekend?

Staff will be in the Grand Lodge and also available via camp radio network during the event. Should we need to communicate with unit leaders for non-emergent issues, we will find unit leaders in their campsite, or elsewhere in camp. For emergent issues, Camp staff will take immediate appropriate action and contact all event staff and/or unit leaders via radio and/or cell phone.

What if we have questions during the weekend?

Winter Blast staff will be at the Grand Lodge to assist unit leaders when needed. Scouts should go to their unit leaders for assistance first.

Will there be any meetings on Friday night?

Yes, there will be a unit leader meeting in the Grand Lodge at 9:30pm.

Will other information be communicated to unit leaders?

There will be virtual meetings for Scoutmasters, unit leaders, and Instructors. Further information on those will be sent to troops in advance.

See you soon!



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