

Spring Family Camp at JNSR

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CUB SCOUT TOP SHOT

Parent and Leaders Guide





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Link to Health Forms https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf)

What Do Youth Want from Scouting?

When a youth joins the Cub Scouts, one of their first questions is, "When do we go camping?" The Cub Scout program offers a variety of opportunities that include day camps, pack campouts, family camping, and Webelos overnights. Each of these experiences have a different dynamic that gives the youth and their friends and their family an appreciation for the outdoors. Camping and outdoor activities fulfill the dream of fun, excitement, and adventure. Camps provide a natural setting for quality time with family and friends. Scout council camps with trained staffers provide an ideal setting for a wide variety of activities.

Who Can Attend?

The whole family is invited to attend Cub Scout Family Camp. Anyone in the family (immediate or extended) may attend any of the Cub Scout Family Camps hosted at John Nichols Scout Ranch, if there is one registered Cub Scout in the family.

How much does it Cost?

Every effort is made to keep costs low while providing a safe, fun event for you and your family. The registration fees below cover food, craft supplies, sporting good supplies, insurance, and program equipment maintenance. All registered participants will receive an event patch and Cub Scouts will receive the appropriate awards if completed.

Costs (Includes Saturday Lunch and Campfire Cracker Barrel)

- Cub Scouts \$35
- Adults and Siblings 6+ \$10
- Siblings 5 and under Free
- Volunteers \$10.00 (Age 14+)

How Do I Register for Camp?

Online registration is available at scoutingrocks.tv

Find this event on the calendar for online registration OR you may register in person over the phone at the Gaylord Scout Center or the Laura Fields Scout Center.

Gaylord Scout Center

3021 NW 64th Street, STE 100
Oklahoma City, OK 73116
405-840-1114
Toll free: 888-841-1114

Laura Fields Scout Center

620 NW Cache Rd
Lawton, OK 73507

Refund Policy

Scouts or adults unable to attend camp due to an accident, serious illness or death in the immediate family, or family relocation may request a refund of up to 80% of fees paid. All refund requests are to follow these procedures:

1. All refund requests must be submitted in writing or e-mail to the Last Frontier Council, no later than two weeks after the conclusion of your event.
2. To be included in the refund request: Camp name and date, name of the participant for whom the refund is sought, the reason for the refund, the amount paid to date, the receipt number if available, the unit number and name and address of the unit leader.
3. Refunds are issued due to accident, illness, death in the immediate family or family relocation. "No Shows" will not receive a refund. Other unacceptable reasons are optional summer classes, vacation or work schedule changes, child custody issues, or family-imposed discipline.
4. Refunds or transfers will not be granted for those who register for camp and choose to arrive late or depart early.

- Refund checks will be made payable to and mailed to the party making the original payment.

Health and Medical Record Forms

All our overnight family camps are under 72 hours in duration with medical support available within 30 minutes. Our Cub Scout Family Camp at John Nichols Scout Ranch requires only [Part A and Part B of the BSA Health and Medical Record form](#). Please have these two parts completed for each member of your party that is attending Family Camp and bring it to John Nichols Scout Ranch. These forms must be available for the check-in process.



Accreditation

John Nichols Scout Ranch is a nationally accredited Scouting America Camp. The camp annually undergoes a rigid inspection based on the National Camping Standards of the Boy Scouts of America.



Policies

The Last Frontier Council will follow certain policies and requirements that have been developed by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. These policies and requirements will ensure that the camp is a haven for your child, your family, and your pack.

- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on camp property.
- Smoke Free Policy – NO smoking/vaping in any buildings or facilities at John Nichols Scout Ranch.
- Scouts BSA will not tolerate any form of child abuse —emotional, physical, sexual, or negligence. Parents should be confident that camp is safe for their children.
- Hazing is not permitted in any form.
- Youth may have other youth of the same gender within 2 years of age as “tent mates”.
- Families are allowed to share tents as a family.
- No pets or emotional support animals are allowed in camp. In accordance with the ADA, service animals specially trained to aid a disabled person are allowed at camp.
- Personal firearms and archery items are not allowed on camp property.

Camp Check IN

Campers may arrive on Friday any time between 5:00PM and 9:00PM. Upon arrival, you **MUST** check in at the Program Building and present all medical forms. Campsites are assigned and you will receive your campsite area at check in. Once you are checked, you may drive your gear to your campsite, drop off your gear and return your vehicle to the parking area. No vehicles will be allowed in campsites.

Roads are closed after 9 PM for youth safety.

Saturday check-ins will be permitted between 7:15AM and 8:15AM at the Program Building.

****Please note, fees are the same for Saturday only participants.****

Program at Camp

This short-term camp is a council-organized overnight camping experience that is offered for 2 nights. Volunteers organize and prepare activities to enhance the camping experience for your pack and family. This specific camp focuses on Range and Target Activities for cub scouts. Trained Range masters volunteer to offer bb guns, archery ranges, and sling shots.

***As a reminder Lion's are not allowed to use bb guns but may participate in the other ranges.**

All schedules will be handed out during check-in. Each morning will begin with an opening flag ceremony to start the day. On Saturday we will end the events with an evening Campfire program followed by a Cracker Barrel.

***For the safety of scouts, vehicles are strictly prohibited from driving in camp during the program hours 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM, with the exception of camp staff. If you are leaving Saturday, you must wait until after 5:30PM, to drive to your site to load gear.**

Campfire, Cracker Barrel, & Dutch-oven Desserts - SATURDAY NIGHT

***Dutch-oven Contest - Sign up during check in!**

***Campfire gives the scouts a chance to get involved and share the fun! A sign up sheet will be available for the pack leaders for songs, skits, and run-ons to let their Pack shine!**

***Cracker Barrel - After Campfire, we will end our evening with branding, snacks, and fun.**

Meals

The following meals are provided in your fee: Saturday Lunch, Saturday campfire cracker barrel, and water throughout the day, **please**

bring your own cup. Meals will be served at Boyce Pavilion .

Trading Post

A small trading post will be onsite during the camp on Saturday offering minimal items like cups and staves. Cash is preferred.

Advancements at Camp

All program areas and activities are developed from the Cub Scout and Webelos advancement handbooks. Although there are no formal sign offs on various requirements, parents should review their Scouts' handbooks to see what requirements they can sign. Projects, games, nature hikes may fall under Achievements, Electives, or activity pin Requirements. Parents should also check to see items that can be completed in the Cub Scout Sports and Academics program. The Cub Scout Shooting Sports requirements will be met if each scout attends the scheduled times. Unit leaders should report attendance to the Camp Director so that appropriate shooting sports patches and pins are prepared for distribution to unit leaders upon check out.

Camp Check OUT

ALL campers **MUST** check out at the program office or with the camp director. Those planning to leave Saturday after the events may do so but must provide the camp director all information as soon as possible to make arrangements for any patches or other awards.

Check out will be available on Sunday from 8:00 – 10:00 AM, all patches and any other awards will be available to pick up at that time. ***As a reminder all scouts need to clean their campsites before departing to ensure no trash is left behind. A dumpster is available near the entrance to the camp on your way out.**

What to Bring to Camp:

Please remember to have all items packed in easily carried bags, as the parking is not located near camp sites. Bring only what you need and can easily move.

☐ Signed Health and Medical Record (A/B)☐ Towel☐ Personal Tents☐ Washcloth☐ Sleeping Bag☐ Soap☐ Pillow☐ Toothbrush/Toothpaste☐ Jacket☐ Chair☐ Field Uniform (aka Class A)☐ Handbook☐ Shirts☐ Day Pack (to hold 10 essentials)☐ Pants/Shorts☐ Hat☐ Under garments☐ Water Bottle/Cup☐ Socks☐ Personal First Aid Kit☐ Pajamas☐ Flashlight☐ Comfortable closed toed shoes☐ Raincoat or Poncho☐ Insect Repellent☐ Sunscreen

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does our Pack need to sign up for our family to participate?

A: No, this is a family centered event, your family is welcome to come even if no one else in your Pack is planning to attend.

Q: When are uniforms worn?

A: Morning and evening flag ceremonies.

Q: Is dinner served on Friday night?

A: No. We encourage you to eat dinner before you arrive at camp.

Q: Can we have a campfire?

A: In general, yes. You will be given campfire rules when you check in, unless there is a reason to prohibit open fires due to dry or windy conditions.

Q: Can we gather firewood?

A: Yes, there is plenty of wood around camp.

Q: What is the food like?

A: We try to accommodate all dietary needs. Please contact the camp director in advance if you have a food allergy or a special dietary need.

Q: What if we get hungry between meals or after a campfire?

A: Please bring snacks for your family but remember to store them properly away from wildlife.

Q: Do I have to have Youth Protection to attend?

A: All adults (18 years or older) attending Family Camp at JNSR must have completed Youth Protection Training.

Q: My family does not want to camp, may we attend only on Saturday?

A: While we encourage all Cub Scout Families to experience camping, we understand that it is not always possible. Families are welcome to only attend the activities on Saturday. The cost is still the same.

Q: Is there a daytime only fee?

A: No, the fee is the same.

Q: Do you have electricity available in the campsites.

A: Electricity is not available in the campsites. If you require a CPAP, oxygen generator, or other powered medical device please make sure you have sufficient battery power available for your entire stay.

Q: Who do we contact with questions?

A: Always feel free to contact the Council Program Director - Curt Geimer at 405-840-1114 or curtis.geimer@scouting.org . You may also contact the JNSR Family Camp Director.

JOHN W. NICHOLS Scout Ranch

