Fall Family Camp at JNSR

Parent and Leaders Guide



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

Link to Training Center: https://training.scouting.org/home

SGY (Safeguarding Youth training) is REQUIRED for anyone over the age of 18 planning to stay overnight at the event.

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 overnighters. Each of these experiences have a different dynamic that gives the youth, 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 as long as there is one registered Cub Scout in the family AND any person over the age of 18 has a current valid SGY (Safeguarding Youth Training) Certificate.

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 for lunch, a campfire cracker barrel, activity supplies, sporting goods supplies, insurance, and program equipment maintenance. In addition, all registered scout participants will receive an event patch.

Costs (Includes Saturday Lunch and Campfire Cracker Barrel)

- Cub Scouts \$25/\$40
- Adults and Siblings 6+ \$10/\$15
- Siblings 5 and under Free
- Volunteers \$10 (Age 14+) VOLUNTEERS MUST CONTACT CAMP DIRECTOR

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, 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 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 ONLY available for the valid IMMEDIATE circumstances mentioned above. If you do NOT attend for other reasons this does not qualify for a refund, (i.e..... summer classes, vacation, 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.
- 5. 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 individual person that is attending camp. These forms MUST be reviewed during the check-in process and readily available ALL weekend.



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 Scouting America.



Policies

The Last Frontier Council will follow certain policies and requirements that have been developed by the National Council for scouts. These policies and requirements will ensure that the camp is a safe place 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Hazing is not permitted in any form.
- 5. Youth may have other youth of the same gender within 2 years of age as "tent mates".
- 6. Families are allowed to share tents as a family.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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. Activities are planned to compliment adventures with the Cub Scout program and chosen to enrich character skills, citizenship, leadership, and personal fitness all while having fun! Trained Range masters also volunteer their time to offer scouts target range activities such as BB guns, archery, and sling shots. *As a reminder Lion's are not allowed to shoot bb guns but may participate in the other ranges.

Schedules will be handed out during check-in for an overview of the weekend fun. Rotations are assigned at the leaders meeting on Friday evening. 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 (social event with snacks).

*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, if you must drive to your site to load gear. Pull carts are available at the Program Building anytime.

Meals

The following meals are provided in your fee: Saturday Lunch. Meals will be served at Boyce Pavilion.

Lunch: Hamburger, chips, and cookies (Vegetables will be available and PB/Jelly if desired)

Hydrate

Drinking water stations will be set up throughout the camp, please **bring a cup** and remember to stay hydrated.

Dutch-oven Dessert Contest

Parents, Leaders, and Scouts let's have some delicious fun! Prepare a dutch oven dessert and share a small sample with the staff for judging. The winner will be named and get a prize at Cracker Barrel Saturday evening!

Cracker Barrel

Saturday evening following the campfire, please join camp staff for snacks, fun, and branding!

Advancements at Camp

All program areas and activities are developed with the Cub Scout program in mind. Camp staff do not provide formal sign offs on requirements; however, parents should review their Scouts' handbooks to discuss with the den leader what requirements may have been accomplished. Projects, games, crafts, and/or nature hikes may fall under certain achievements or electives.

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 make arrangements to provide the camp director with 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.

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 multiple dietary needs and will provide a varied selection. If you have concerns or questions, please reach out to the camp director.

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 Safeguarding Youth Protection Training.

Q: My family does not want to camp, may we come 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.

Packing List:

Please remember to have all items packed in easily cosites. Bring only what you need and can easily move.	
Signed Health and Medical Record (A/B)	Towel
	Washcloth
Personal Tents	Soap
Sleeping Bag	Toothbrush/Toothpaste
Pillow	
	Chair
Jacket	Handbook
Field Uniform (aka Class A)	
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

Map of John Nichols Scout Ranch

