

Wings Over Old Indian

Parent & Leader Guide



Dear Parents and Leaders,

We are excited to invite you to the 2026 Cub-O-Ree at Camp Old Indian! Join us for a high-flying weekend built around our aviation theme, *Wings Over Old Indian*, where adventure and discovery await. As you prepare for the event, please take time to carefully read through the entire guide and follow each step outlined. Doing so will help us minimize delays, create greater efficiency at check-in, and ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone from the moment you arrive.

While this event is hosted by the Council, it is important to remember that the entire staff is made up of dedicated volunteers, parents, and leaders just like you. Their commitment makes weekends like this possible, and your preparation and cooperation play a key role in helping the event run successfully.

We encourage everyone to embrace the Scout motto — *Be Prepared* — by planning to be weather-wise and ready for whatever the weekend may bring. Just as important is arriving with a flexible attitude and a Cub Scout-centric mindset, keeping the focus on creating a fun, safe, and memorable experience for every Scout.

We look forward to an incredible weekend of adventure, learning, and fellowship, and we cannot wait to welcome you to Camp Old Indian!

Sincerely,



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Goal

The goal of this event is to provide our Cub Scouts the opportunity to live out the Scout Oath and Law through engaging outdoor experiences that promote fun, encourage family participation, and offer select advancement opportunities. If your Cub Scout completes any requirements toward an adventure, it is the responsibility of the parent or unit leader to notify your den or Pack leadership so advancement records can be accurately updated.

Camp Old Indian (COI)

For many of you, this may be your first visit to Camp Old Indian — come prepared! Most campsites feature three-sided Adirondack shelters with a roof and open front, offering a unique outdoor camping experience. Each Adirondack includes bunk beds with mattresses, and many are now equipped with privacy curtains that can be opened or closed across the front of the shelter for added comfort.

Campsites are located up to $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the parking area, with several situated on uphill terrain. Personal vehicles are not permitted beyond the parking lot, and there is no shuttle service available to transport you or your gear to campsites. Please plan accordingly by packing as lightly as possible, and it is highly recommended that you bring a wagon or cart that can handle unpaved roads to assist in moving your equipment.

Arrival & Registration

- Check-in opens Friday at 5 p.m. Please do not arrive early; we will not be ready before then. Check-in closes at 8:30 p.m. If you believe you'll arrive later than 8:30 p.m., please contact the Event Director before 8 p.m. on Friday at 678.699.9610.
- Wear a Pack, District, or Council “Class B” T-shirt upon arrival.
- Refer to the suggested gear list in the appendix to help you Pack.
- Park in the main parking lot.
- Check in at the Camp Office to turn in Scouting America Medical Forms Parts A & B for each participant (adults, Scouts, and siblings), and to receive T-shirts and campsite assignment.
 - Consider downloading and saving a copy of all completed medical forms to your phone as a backup, ensuring they are readily accessible in the event paper copies are misplaced or left at home.
- After check-in, unload gear and head to your assigned campsite. Wagons/carts are highly recommended.
- Saturday-only participants are welcome. Saturday check-in runs 7:30–8:45 a.m. There is no fee adjustment for a shortened stay. Please notify the Event Director if you plan to arrive on Saturday.

Check-out

Checkout begins on Sunday at 10 a.m. Please complete the checkout process to receive your medical forms and event patches.

Whenever leaving and returning to camp, sign out and sign in at the office.

Refunds

The Blue Ridge Council works diligently to ensure each event is properly supplied with patches, program materials, T-shirts, food, and other necessary items. Accurate attendance numbers are essential to this process. Once you have registered, we are counting on your participation and will begin purchasing the resources needed to support the event. Because these commitments are made in advance, event and activity fees are nonrefundable for any reason.

Directions to Camp Old Indian

- **Address:** 601 Callahan Mountain Rd, Travelers Rest, SC 29690
- **From US 25 (Greenville, SC / Asheville, NC):**
 - Travel on US 25 and watch for the COI sign approximately 15 miles north of Travelers Rest, SC.
 - Exit onto Old 25.
 - Turn right at the COI watershed sign onto Callahan Mountain Road.
 - Continue up the hill; the camp entrance will be on the left at the top.
- **From I-26 West via SC 11:**

(If traveling from Columbia, take I-26 to Exit 54, follow SC 176 northwest to Campobello, where it merges w/ SC 11)

 - Proceed on SC 11 until you pass the Glassy Mountain development and approach the SC 101 intersection (on your left).
 - Instead of turning onto SC 101, turn right onto State Road 912.
 - Turn right onto Callahan Mountain Road.
 - The camp entrance will be on the right at the bottom of the hill.
- **From SC 101 (Greer, SC):**
 - Follow SC 101 until it ends at SC 11.
 - Cross SC 11 onto State Road 912.
 - Turn right onto Callahan Mountain Road.
 - The camp entrance will be on the right at the bottom of the hill.

Parking & Vehicles

- No personal vehicles are allowed on the camp property beyond the parking lot.
- Riding in the back of open trucks or similar vehicles is strictly prohibited.
- It is highly recommended that you bring a wagon or cart to transport your gear to your campsite.

Housing

Camp Old Indian includes multiple campsites across its 550+ acres. Many are up steep terrain, and some are up to ¼ mile from the parking area. Again, please consider bringing a wagon or cart. Each campsite includes 4-8 bunk-style Adirondacks (three walls with an open front); most now have a privacy curtain across the front.

We make every effort to keep units together. Larger units may be split into nearby sites to maintain proximity, and we strive to accommodate families within an Adirondack when possible. Capacity and Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) standards may require separating male/female adults and male/female youth. Thank you for your flexibility ahead of time.

Tent-camping requests must be made in advance with the Event Director and are limited to certain sites. This may result in placement separate from your unit.

Food

All meals are provided by the catering company, Chat “N” Chew. Please note any food allergies during registration so the caterer and staff can plan. For extensive allergies (cross-contact concerns or common ingredient restrictions), please consider bringing personal meals. With large-group service, only limited accommodations are possible. Menus will be shared with registered participants as the event approaches.

- Friday Evening: Eat before you arrive, or plan to bring food.
- Saturday: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided.
- Sunday: Breakfast is provided.

Dining hall procedures

Lining up for meals:

- Enter through the main doors. Depending on the meal service, one or two serving lines may be used. If only one line is open, it will be on the left side of the hall.

After you finish eating:

- Clear trash and dishes from your table.
- Bring dishes to the dish room window (to the left as you face the kitchen).
- Scrape food waste into the trash.
- Place silverware in the bin and cups in the cup rack.
- Leave plates and bowls on the counter.

Snacks in campsites

- Store food in plastic bins and/or coolers. Do not store or eat food in Adirondacks or tents. The animals of COI will seek it out.
- Keep drinks in a separate cooler to maintain proper food temperatures.
- Bring extra garbage bags; secure them in your campsite. Practice Leave No Trace—pack it in, pack it out.

Special Needs & Requirements

If you or your Scout has special needs, please notify the Event Director (refer to page 2) well in advance so we can provide reasonable accommodations. Waiting until the event may limit and/or hinder our ability to respond promptly.

Communication

Cell service at COI can be unreliable. Radios (approx. 10–16) will be available for staff use and must be signed out and returned to the office before departure. Set to Channel 2 (subject to change). Keep traffic to essential communications such as participant needs, staff location, supply levels, security, or emergencies.

Health & Safety

- Do not attend if you are ill or have been diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19 within the last 5 days.
- Turn in [Medical Forms Parts A & B](#) and inform the Health Officer of any special concerns.
- All prescription and OTC medications must be stored under lock. Please turn in medications at check-in and visit the Health Lodge for administration.
- Medications must be in original containers and placed in a labeled resealable bag.
- Carry personal epinephrine injectors, heart medication, and inhalers as needed for life-threatening conditions. A limited set of OTC medications is approved for unit/personal first-aid kits.
- Practice and model proper hygiene throughout the event: wash hands before/after restroom use and before meals; sanitize before/after each activity area.
- Closed-toe shoes are required at COI. For certain activities, including the climbing wall, shoes must have both a closed toe and closed back; Crocs, clogs, and similar footwear are not permitted.
- The Buddy System must be followed at all times by youth and adults.

Good Neighbor

While enjoying your time at COI, please remember the Scout Law—especially “Courteous, Kind, and Clean” by serving as a respectful neighbor to fellow campers. Quiet hours begin at 10 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday; during this time, noise should be kept to a minimum and youth should remain at their assigned campsite. Youth should never be left unsupervised or allowed to roam alone at any time. Please also take pride in keeping campsites and campsite bathhouses clean, leaving each space better than you found it for the next Scout. Maintaining these standards is a shared responsibility, and we ask unit leaders and parents to partner with event staff to ensure a safe, restful, and positive experience for all.

Security

Unknown person on site

Event T-shirts are provided only to registered Cub Scouts. All adults should wear the BSA field uniform (Class A) or an appropriate activity shirt (Class B) for easy identification. Cub Scout-age children and siblings must always remain with a parent or under two-deep adult leadership. Report any suspected unregistered individual to the office or event staff immediately.

Late arrivals & early departures

For everyone’s safety, we must know who is on the property at all times. If you arrive late or depart early, sign in/out at the Camp Office. Thank you for being so cooperative.

Inclement Weather Plan

Light rain: activities continue as scheduled.

Heavy rain, thunder/lightning, and/or hail: move to assigned areas with area leaders:

- Fishing — Nature Lodge
- Ranges — Remain where you are
- Arts & Crafts — Remain where you are
- Field Games — Activity Building
- Hikes — Bath house and/or nearest pavilion
- Leaders: be prepared to engage participants with songs, games, and skits.

When the weather clears, staff will notify you via radio.

In a tornado threat, assume the Tornado Safety Position: sit or kneel facing the wall, curl into a ball, and place your hands over the back of your head and neck.

Suggested Personal Equipment

- Wagon to haul gear
- Closed-toe shoes suitable for hiking
- Weather-appropriate clothing; change of clothes and socks
- Rain gear; jacket/sweater
- Underclothing and sleepwear
- Toiletries (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.), shower shoes, and towels
- Compass and watch
- Flashlight/headlamp with extra batteries
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Backpack and water bottle
- Sleeping pad (if tenting) and sleeping bag
- Personal first-aid kit and any required medical items
- Pillow and folding camp chair
- Camera (optional)
- Power/drop cords for CPAP if needed

Items Not Permitted

- Personal firearms
- Tobacco products
- Vape products
- Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs
- Aerosol cans
- Fireworks

Camp Map

