

Chickasaw Council Cub Scout Day Camp 2026

Scouters,

Are you ready for a Viking Day Camp?

If so, welcome to the 2026 Chickasaw Council “ Viking” Cub Scout Day Camp!

Included in this guide is all the information you need to accomplish this task. **A Day Camp Leader Orientation will be held in-person at St. Columba (Gates Pavilion) on June 14th 1:00-2:30 pm**

This year our theme is “Viking” and your Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and Arrow of Light Scouts can anticipate five days filled with fun and adventure. There are some things you will find the same as in previous years and there are some things you will find different.

We are continuing the initiative by the Council to provide engaging and educational programs for our Scout families. S.T.E.M., or Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, will be incorporated into the 2026 Chickasaw Council Cub Scout Day Camp.

What can you expect? Various enriching programs to support S.T.E.M., while earning the NOVA award.

We have a GREAT program set up for you and your scout and look forward to seeing you at camp. BB Guns, Archery, Fishing, Water Events, and Mud Pit are all BACK and better than ever.

We are also planning a separate AOL program that will allow them to work on projects and skills that will prepare them for the transition to Scouts BSA, including Webelos night!

Some changes we are making this year include offering only 1 shirt to reduce extra out of pocket costs and removing before/after care due to a lack of volunteers to run the program.

Recruiting the right parents or leaders to help out and attend camp will ensure that your Cub Scouts have a better camp experience.

Please join us at the 2026 Chickasaw Council "Viking" Day Camp, June 15th-19th at St Columba Retreat Center located at 4577 Billy Maher Road from 8:30-3:45 daily

Per BSA policy, LIONS are not allowed to attend Day Camp. (Current Lions are allowed as they will be Tigers at Day Camp.)

We look forward to meeting you personally and meeting your objectives for the 2026 Chickasaw Council Day Camp.

In the meantime, feel free to contact us with your questions!

Yours in Scouting,
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Chickasaw Council Cub Scout Day Camp

Location:

St Columba Episcopal Retreat Center
4577 Billy Maher Road
Bartlett, TN
Phone: 901-377-9284

Dates:

Monday June 15th-19th, 2026
Camp will run rain or shine

Hours:

Day Camp: Monday - Friday 8:30am to 3:45pm daily
Webelos/ AOL Night: Wednesday 3:45pm - 8:00 pm

The NOVA award: S.T.E.M.

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Introduction:

Welcome to Chickasaw Council Cub Scout Camp- an accredited Day Camp run by dedicated volunteers.

Our staff is composed of creative individuals committed to providing your Cub Scout with meaningful memories that last a lifetime.

Why Cub Day Camp?

Cub Scout Camp fulfills the desire for outdoor excitement and adventure that draws kids to Scouting. It not only meets expectations but also reinforces Scouting's core values—building character, fostering citizenship, and promoting personal fitness.

Cub Scout Camp:

- Aims to help packs succeed and enhances year-round operations.
- Facilitates the transition from Tiger Cubs to Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting,
- Offers a summer continuation of the Cub Scout program, contributing to awards and excellence recognition.
- Tailors programs to meet individual interests, making it an ideal recruiting tool for Packs.
- Recruits, trains, and inspires present and future Cub Scouts leadership, emphasizing the importance of FUN and adventure.

Day Camp Dens:

- Cub Scouts are grouped by rank\grade into Dens of 6-12 Scouts with a minimum of 2 adult leaders. While efforts are made to keep previous Day Camp dens together, flexibility depends on volunteer numbers.

Registration & Fees:

- Registration is open from February 1st to May 27th, with late fees after May 19th.
- Camp fees are \$125 per Scout, transferable but not nonrefundable.
- Fees include camp T-shirt, patch, insurance, facility rental fees, and program rental fees and supplies.
- Adult applications for non-registered leaders must be turned in with their units registration, Units must also turn in any application fees at the same time for those who wish to be adult leaders in your pack after day camp is over. Youth Protection training is required for **ALL** registered and non-registered leaders.
- Registration fees may be paid through the day camp website link: <https://www.chickasaw.org/cub-day-camp-26> or via check made out to “Chickasaw Council” and turned in at the time of registration.
- **DAY CAMP REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE FINALIZED UNTIL ALL REQUIRED FORMS (REGISTRATION/MEDICAL/ACTIVITY CONSENT) AND PAYMENT ARE RECEIVED.**

Before/After Care:

- Before and after care will not be offered at day camp this year due to lack of volunteers in past years to run the program.

Tot-Lot:

There will be NO childcare available to accommodate children of leaders or staff members. If you would like, your child may travel with you and your den during the day. However, we would ask you to limit this to 2 siblings per parent unless other arrangements have been made with the camp director.

Leader Orientation:

A Day Camp Leader Orientation will be held in-person at St. Columba (Gates Pavilion) on June 14th 1:00-2:30pm.

- Required for Volunteers; covers expectations, procedures, and first-day details.
- Leaders are required to turn in medical forms and any other required paperwork prior to camp so medical staff can review them.
- Pack leaders will receive t-shirts for their Packs before camp.
- Email reminders will also be sent prior to the Leader Orientation.
- If you have any questions which were not answered at this meeting feel free to contact the Camp Director at any time.

Camp Policies and Information:

General Camp Policies:

St Columba Episopal Retreat Center
4577 Billy Maher Road
Bartlett, TN
Phone: 901-377-9284

- The camp telephone is used for camp business only. It is not available for personal calls. Cell phone coverage is limited but attainable at some locations in camp.
- No private vehicles are allowed to drive in or around the grounds of St. Columba during Cub Scout Camp. All vehicles must be parked in the main parking lot or in the designated areas.
- Smoking cigarettes, E-cigarettes, chewing tobaccos is prohibited in all buildings and program areas at St. Columba with the exception of the parking lot. If you must take a smoke break, you may do so in the area **not visible** to Scouts - yours or any others. Be mindful of other groups and dispose of all trash in appropriate containers. The ground is not an appropriate container.

- Personal firearms, ammunition and archery equipment are not permitted at camp. Anyone caught bringing personal firearms onto camp property will be asked to leave camp immediately. All program equipment necessary for activities is provided by the Chickasaw Council and camp staff.
- Alcohol and illegal drugs of any type are prohibited on camp property. Possession or use of them on camp property will be cause for immediate removal from camp by staff or the appropriate police authorities. There will be no refund of unused fees.

Medical Forms & First Aid

- An Annual Health and Medical Form are required for each Scout, sibling, guest and adult attending camp. Forms are available at the Chickasaw Council and online at the following website:
<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/forms>.
- Parts A and B are required for Day Camp. National Health and Safety Guidelines state that anyone who does not have appropriate medical information on their medical form may **not** attend camp.
- If a Scout, sibling, guest or adult arrives at camp without a complete medical form (Parts A and B), the parent will be responsible for obtaining all necessary information before the individual is allowed to stay in camp.
- A First Aid Station is located immediately upon entering the Gates Pavilion with a qualified Health Officer on duty. In addition, Chickasaw Council Cub Scout Day Camp has an agreement with the local physician and Methodist North (7 min from camp) in the event that additional medical treatment is deemed necessary. In case of non-life-threatening injury, the pack leadership will be asked to provide transportation to the hospital or elsewhere as directed with accompanying staff members. Emergency services will be called in the case of accidents of a more critical nature.

Medication:

- If a camper is bringing medication to camp, it should be in the original container and have the camper's name and specific dosage instructions. Parents should complete the Routine Drug Administration Record prior to camp.
- Parents must turn medication into the Camp First Aid Station, located in the Gates Pavillion, first thing in the morning and give the Den Leader **specific, written instructions** as to when child should take his or hers medications.
- Unit Leaders should send any camper taking medication to the Camp Nurse with a "Buddy" when it is time for the child to take the medication.
- Asthma inhalers and Epi-pens may remain with the camper, but the leader must be notify Camp Medic after either one has been used. Medication **MUST BE** labeled, and in a Ziploc bag if needed to be refrigerated.
- A small, locked refrigerator **WILL** be available for medications which need to kept refrigerated. Camp Nurse will keep key to dispense medications.
- In compliance with Tennessee State Health and Safety Codes, no dogs (other than service animals) or other pets are permitted in camp during the Cub Scout Camp session.

Personal Safety at Camp:

- Packs are required to have 2-deep leadership in attendance at Camp at all times.
- All registered campers will be required to wear their Day Camp T-shirts during their stay at camp. These will be distributed to Pack leadership at the "Leader Orientation meeting" for the distribution to camp attendees.
- The use of the buddy system throughout camp is required - not just recommended. "Loose" campers will be collected by staff and returned to their groups immediately.
- Suspected child abuse - whether physical, mental, or sexual - should be reported to the Camp Director immediately.

- If you suspect unauthorized persons have intruded onto camp property (i.e., adults not wearing a camp T-shirt), notify the Camp Director or Program Director immediately.
- Daily attendance sheets will be provided to each camp den. The attendance sheets must be completed and turned in at the opening ceremony each morning.
- Adult leaders will sign in and sign out when entering and leaving camp or anytime during camp. Sign in/out sheets will be located at Gates Pavilion.

Scout Behavior and Scout Spirit:

- All adult leaders, Scouts and staff must follow the Scout Oath and Law at all times while at camp. Those individuals that cause vandalism, intimidation of others, theft, etc..... Will be sent home immediately. We must work together to ensure that summer camp is a safe haven for Scouts to enjoy the great outdoors and the Scouting program.
- Hazing is strictly prohibited. Camp is intended to help Scouts grow. There is no room for hazing. Knowledge of any abuse should be reported to the Camp Director immediately.

For an in-depth look at SBA policy on the Youth Protection, visit the following website:

<http://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>

Cub Scout Camp Activities:

Dens follow a schedule with activities like archery, BB guns, fishing, Scout skills, STEM, and the mud pit. If you have a specific question or require special assistance with a certain activity or area, please contact us prior to camp to discuss your situation.

Special Needs:

- If you have Scout with Special Needs please inform the Camp Director and the Program Director at least **two weeks** prior to camp. Our trained staff wants to work with you to assist the Scout in completing as much of the program as her or she can. Specials needs Scouts may be required to bring a parent or adult with them to camp. This parent or guardian must be familiar with the Scouts' needs and must be trained in Youth Protection.
- The scope of the special needs of the Scout may be determined by Scout parent, Camp Director, and Program Director.

Individual Activity Participation:

- If there is activity that a parent does not permit the Scout to participate in, the Pack Coordinator should make a record of it and let the Program Director know at the first day of camp. A Scout will NEVER be forced to participate in an activity he or she is uncomfortable with. A Scout may choose not to participate on his or her own during an activity; however he or she will still be required to stay with the group until the group's station time is finished.

Staff - Easily Recognized & Properly Trained:

- The Cub Scout Camp administration has organized a staff based on the number of pre-registered Scouts. The staff attends various training sessions before camp.
- Cub Camp staff members are volunteers, not paid employees.
- Many of our staff are senior Scouts LEARNING leadership, so be patient and allow them to enjoy growing and learning along with your Cub Scout.
- Staff members will be easily recognized at each activity station and throughout camp. Staff, volunteers, den chiefs will have different colored T-shirts than the youth participants.
- If you encounter a situation with any of the staff members, please bring concerns to the Camp Director or Program Director before that day of camp ends.

- **Our goal is to be proactive in dealing with issues of any kind.**

Serving on Staff:

- Anyone (adult leaders, parents, Boy Scouts age 14 & older) interested in serving on Cub Scout Camp Staff should contact the Program Director.
- Applications are available on the council website at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501.pdf>

Get Started

Adult Leadership:

You will need a few key leaders to get your Pack to camp in a safe and fun manner:

Pack Cub Scout Camp Coordinator:

This person is responsible for distributing the information about Cub Scout Camp to the Pack; conducting parents' meeting; collecting registration information and fees; registering the Pack online; submitting payment to the Chickasaw Council or at April Roundtable; and recruiting adults to attend camp with the Cub Scouts.

Cub Camp Den Leader:(May or may not be the same person as the Cub Scout Camp Coordinator)

This person attends Cub Scout Camp with the Cub Scouts; is responsible for daily attendance records; and coordinates the rest of the adults attending with the Cub Scouts. It is strongly recommended that your Den Leader be present for the entire week, although the Den Leader may recruit a substitute if not able to attend all days.

Adult Helpers:

- These are parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, older siblings (over age 18), who attend Cub Scout Camp with the Cub Scouts for one day or all five. The number of Adult Helpers needed is based on the number of Cub Scouts you have attending camp each day. These adults can rotate and be a different set of adults each day!
- All volunteers must attend a training session prior to the beginning of camp.
- All volunteers must get through or have gone through BSA Youth Protection Training at www.myscouting.org
- Proof of training must be on file at camp.
- Each unit must have 1 leader per 5 registered participants.
- One leader must be at least 21, the other at least 14 and a registered Scout or over 16 and a non-registered Scout
- If the volunteer is under 19 and a non-scout, they must be the son or daughter of the primary leader or a staff member on sight.
- Boy Scouts under 14 can be a Den Leader Assistant if the boy is a trained Den Chief
- Many packs combine their regular dens to create Cub Scout Camp Units. Cub Scout Day Camp Unit Leaders do not have to be school year Den Leaders

Counselors in Training:

- A CIT member must be a Scouts BSA member of at least **First Class Rank**
- CIT's do NOT replace staff members; they are at camp to experience program areas and features, support staff at program areas, support den leaders with den program areas.
- CIT's are under the direction of the Camp Director/Program Director, and will assist in Dens/Program areas as needed.
- Scouts not yet First Class Rank may assist at camp if their parent/guardian is a volunteer. Those Scouts must remain with their parents/guardians throughout their duration at camp

Two-Deep Leadership is REQUIRED:

- BSA policy on Two-Deep Leadership is as follows “ **At least two adults supervise all Scouting activities.** One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. In compliance with the BSA’s “two deep” leadership policy, two registered adult leaders or one registered leader and a parent of a participant, or other adult, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required on all trips and outings. In situations requiring a personal conference, such as a Scoutmaster’s conference, the meeting is to be conducted in view of other adults and youth.”
- For more information on Two-Deep Leadership and Youth Protection; go to:

http://www.scouting.org/BSAYouthProtection/Media_Center/KnowtheFacts.aspx

All adults must be 18 (or older) and at least one adult 21 (or older) must be present at all times.

For example:

1-5 Cub Scouts= 2 adult leaders (minimum)
6-10 Cub Scouts= 3 adult leaders (minimum)
11-15 Cub Scouts= 4 adults leaders (minimum)
16-20 Cub Scouts= 5 adult leaders (minimum)
21-25 Cub Scouts= 6 adult leaders (minimum)
26-30 Cub Scouts= 7 adult leaders (minimum), etc...

Tiger Cub Scouts & Two-Deep Leadership:

All Tiger Cub Scouts are required by BSA policy to have a parent (or parent appointed guardian age 21 or older) attend Cub Scout Camp with them. These adults can be included as part of your two-deep leadership numbers.

However, for example, if you have 10 kids attending Cub Scout Camp from your Pack and 6 of them are Tiger Cub Scouts you will need to

have 6 adults (minimum) with you at camp instead of the 3 shown in the chart above.

Tiger Cubs are new Cub Scouts just entering 1st grade in August 2026. Cub Scouts who have just finished 1st grade and are entering 2nd grade in August of 2026 are Wolves for Chickasaw Council Cub Scout Camp purposes, whether or not they have crossed over in the pack.

It is strongly recommended that your Den Leader be present the **entire week**, although the Den Leader may recruit a substitute if not able to attend all days. All other adults can rotate and be a different set of adults each day!

Key Duties of a Cub Scout Camp Den Leader:

- Attend the Leader Orientation.
- Sign in each Scout each day (attendance).
- Follow the camp schedule
- All medications used by Scouts are the responsibility of the Den Leaders.
- Remain in camp with your den all day long. Den Leaders must be sure that all youth are with their proper ride home before they may leave camp.
- Help the scouts at each program station
- Serve in the capacity of parent, mentor, teacher, referee, cheerleader and several other roles that will make the camp a safe, meaningful and enjoyable experience.
- Observe advancement opportunities and report this information back to the Pack Advancement Chair.
- Encourage scouts to “Do Their Best.”
- Make sure no Cub Scout leaves camp after check-in without a written release from his or her parents or Scout leaders. The Cub Scout must sign out at the camp office before departing. Scouts will only be released into the custody of an authorized adult.

The Cub Scout Camp Den Leader & Adult Helpers are to make sure:

- Scouts wear a Chickasaw Council Cub Scout Day Camp t-shirt and **closed-toe shoes at all times** (no sandals)
- Scouts use the “buddy system” at all times.
- There is no chopping of trees, destruction, defacing of woods or buildings, digging of traps or holes or rock throwing.
- Follow the principles of Leave No Trace
- Scouts know and abide by camp boundaries.

The Cub Scout Camp Den Leader & Adult Helpers are also asked to:

- Smoke only in designated areas and out of the sight of Scouts.
- Set the example by taking care of litter/trash. (Leave No Trace)
- Maintain cleanliness of all food and campers.
- Report all hazards and problems to the Camp Director
- Make sure all camp participants stay hydrated
- Water will be available at each station
- Report ALL injuries and illnesses to the Health Officer

Adult Leaders Dress Code

- Adults must wear official Cub Scout Camp T-shirts during Chickasaw Council Day Camp for security purposes.
- Close-toed shoes must be worn at all times while in camp- **no crocs, flip flops or sandals.**
- No revealing, or inappropriate clothing or swimming attire for all personnel. Inappropriate attire may result in an adult being asked to turn a shirt inside out, change their clothing or put a t-shirt on over an inappropriate swimsuit.
- No bikini swimsuits please

Emergencies during Camp:

If, at any time, you hear sirens or see or hear a camp vehicle with sirens running:

- All campers and staff will report to the Gates Pavilion, **IMMEDIATELY.**
- If the Gates Pavillion is on fire or damaged go to the closing ceremony area (Lake)
- The Unit leader will take a head count and report to the Camp Director, Program Director, or Health Safety Officer.

Fire:

If a fire occurs in your activity area, do not try to fight it.

- Move to a safe area and report the fire to any staff member
- If you discover a fire in camp, report it to any staff member

Lost Camper:

Report a lost camper immediately to any staff member.

- Have a full description of age and clothing
- If possible, determine where the camper was last seen
- Stay with your den, keeping them calm until contacted by staff

Severe Weather:

In the event of severe thunderstorm warning:

- Lake front sports will shut down immediately
- All campers and staff will report to the Gates Pavilion
- Unit leader will take a head count and report to the Camp Director or Program Director

Tornado Watch:

- All campers and staff will report to the Gates Pavilion
- Unit leader will take a head count and report to the Camp Director or Program Director

Tornado Warning:

- Under the direction of staff, In the Gates Pavilion
- If time permits, take a head count of your unit
- Assume the “duck and cover” position.

Heat Emergency:

- In the event of a heat emergency, the Camp Director, Program Directors, and Health Officer will determine if activities should be limited. The announcement will be made at morning flag.
- Remind campers to drink plenty of water.
- Water will be provided at each station
- Remind Scouts to watch each other for symptoms of heat exhaustion or dehydration.

Injury:

- Notify Camp Director, Program Director, Health Safety Officer.
- Golf carts will be available for non-life-threatening transportation.
- Apply first aid as needed.

What the Pack Should Bring:

- The Cub Scout Camp program requires you to be mobile and move around most of the camp throughout the day. The paths are not paved - they are gravel, mulch and/or grass and, depending on weather, they may be very muddy. Many Packs have found bringing a "Pack Wagon" to be helpful during Cub Scout Camp. At the end of day, wagons may be left under Gates Pavilion by the den's bench.
- Personal vehicles are not permitted in camp areas and should be parked in parking lot.
- Pack light and bring only the recommended items each day. Keep in mind, if you bring it you have to carry it! This pertains to both youth and adults.

Food:

- A lunch break of about 30 minutes is scheduled each day. After eating, Dens may want to avail themselves of some quiet time to re-energize before continuing with their afternoon stations.

- **Camp does not provide meals**, with the exception of a light snack, mid- afternoon. Everyone (boys, adults, siblings and anyone attending camp) needs to provide his or her own lunch and beverage at Day Camp. Please do not send glass containers.
- Do not use foods that are prone to spoilage. Your den may want to bring a cooler to store lunches and haul the cooler in their PAck Wagon. At the the lunch break, dens may be a considerable walk from the parking lot, so coolers left in the parking lot may be readily accessible.
- Please have your Cub Scouts bring fruit juice, sports drinks or water with their lunches. We strongly **discourage** soda as it **contributes to dehydration**.
- Den Leaders may also bring snacks to help round out lunch, or re-energize throughout the day. Apples, oranges and trail mix are great examples. Water jugs will be provided at the activity stations around camp and filled with fresh water and ice throughout the day.

Cub Scouts Should Bring / Wear:

- Camp T-shirt and shorts
- Comfortable shoes and socks. Socks prevent blisters! Close toe shoes must be worn at all times while in camp. For safety reasons open-toed shoes, sandals, clogs, crocs, and flip-flops are **not permitted**.
- Swimsuit & towel, you will be notified on 'water days' to have your camper bring/wear swimsuit. Please **NO** jean shorts, as they cause rash/itching if/when walking in wet clothes.
- Sack lunch and drink (non-perishable)
- Re-useable water bottle or canteen
- Insect repellent and SUNSCREEN
- Money each day for the Trading Post (optional)
- All items should be placed in an easily carried book or string bag. Duffle bags, wheeled luggage or large packs are difficult (if not impossible) for children to lug around all day.
- Please remind parents to have all personal gear clearly marked with their Scouts name and Den #. Each Scout and adult needs to

take care of and safeguard their own property. The Chickasaw Council and the Chickasaw Council Cub Scouts Camp administration and staff are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.

- Items not claimed within 30 days of the close camp will either be disposed of, or donated to local charities.

What Cub Scouts should NOT Bring:

- Electronics of any kind, i.e. games/ipods/radios, etc. Cub Scouts should NOT bring cell phones.
- Pocket knives
- Cub Scouts and other youth do not need to bring chairs or stools of any kind.
- Cub Scout Camp staff reserves the right to confiscate any dangerous or inappropriate items and return them to unit leaders or parents at the end of the activity session or end of the day.

Optional Items:

- Light-weight, portable camp chair (adults only)
-remember you have to carry it
- Camera (clearly labeled with name and Den #)

Check-in Procedures:

Leader Training:

- All adult/youth volunteers will attend at least one training session before the start of camp.

Check-in:

- During check-in each morning you will receive a bag consisting of attendance sheets, an overall schedule, medication lists emergency procedures, den roster, and pertinent information needed for the days events.

Daily Attendance:

- The Den Leader will be responsible for filling out the turning in an attendance sheet each morning during the opening flag ceremony. **Everyone attending camp - youth and adults - must be accounted for on the attendance sheet.**
- If you have a Scout or parent who is unable to attend (for any reason) please note that on the attendance sheet as well.

During Camp:

Feedback:

- There will be feedback form for each day of camp included with your schedule packet. Please take the time each day to discuss that days activities with your Cub Scout and adults and fill out the form as completely and honestly as possible.
- It is best to comment on these throughout the day during down time or while eating lunch. We review these forms each evening with the staff to both encourage and instruct them.
- We rely on this feedback to help make your Cub Scout experiences at camp the best they can possibly be.
- Please address all complaints, concerns, and suggestions to the Camp Director or the Camp Program Director.

All of our staff is volunteers, not paid employees, so please be patient with them while they learn. If you do have any concerns please address them with the Camp Director or Program Directors.

Visitors at Camp:

- All visitors must register and pick up a visitor's pass at the check-in station or see the Camp Director. If you plan to stay more than just a few hours you will need to provide a completed medical form. If you have any questions regarding this policy please contact the Cub Scout Camp Director or Program Directors

- **IF you suspect unauthorized persons have intruded onto camp property, notify the Camp Director or Program Directors immediately.**

