

Winterfest Encampment

WTAC's 19th Anniversary @ Lavinia

₿ When: January 24-26, 2025

₩ Where: National Guard Training Center in Lavinia, TN

敬 Who: Scouts BSA Troops

Cost: \$25 if paid by Friday, January 10, 2025 (the fee includes

sleeping quarters, programs, Saturday lunch, and a collectable patch)

Late: \$30 (after Jan 10) – Final deadline – January 17

₩ How: Register online at westtnscouts.org

Morning Winterfest Activities – 3 hour Merit Badge session. Scouts choose a potential future career or lifetime hobby interest. The goal is to introduce Scouts to merit badges and provide unit leaders the blue cards for the requirements completed. Many merit badges cannot and should not be fully completed at Winterfest.

Eagle required merit badges may be continued in the afternoon.

Afternoon Winterfest Special Troop Activities

- Mock Crime Scene Investigation*
- Mock Trial*
- Chess Tournament
- Bingo
- and more....

Scouts taking the Crime Prevention & Fingerprinting merit badge will examine a mock crime scene, dusting for fingerprints, collecting physical evidence and witness statements, and identifying how the crime could have been prevented.

Scouts taking the law merit badge, will then use the evidence in a mock trial.



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WinterFest Schedule

Friday, January 24

5:00 - 8:00 PM Troop Check-In

8:00 PM Scoutmaster and SPL Orientation

10:00 PM Taps and Lights Out

Saturday, January 25

7:00 AM Reveille

7:00 – 8:15 AM Breakfast at Troop sites 8:30 – 11:45 AM Merit Badge Classes 12:00 – 1:30 PM Lunch (included in fee)

1:30 – 4:00 PM Activities

Continuation of Classes
Site/Barracks Inspections

4:00 – 6:00 PM Supper at Troop sites

7:00 PM Campfire & Order of the Arrow

Call-Out Ceremony

8:00 PM Movie

10:30 PM Taps and Lights Out

Sunday, January 26

6:00 AM Reveille

7:30 AM Interfaith Worship Service 8:00– 10:00 AM Troop Breakfast and Checkout By 10:00 AM Barracks inspection & check-out

Additional Activities

- Order of the Arrow A special call out ceremony will be held Saturday night at the campfire.
- **Trading Post** A great camp trading post will be available for general snacks and Scout goodies.
- Leader Training 8:00 am -12 noon Classroom-led Leader Specific Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Training. Please encourage all adult volunteers who need training to attend.
 - Always know what your Scouts are doing! We are guests at the National Guard Base and need to leave better than we found it.
 - Your barracks must be cleared before you depart!
 - Merit Badge courses are staffed by many volunteers including parents and leaders with knowledge in the career/hobby. To volunteer, contact <u>joshua.waffird@yahoo.com</u>.

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Merit Badges Offered

- Chemistry (15 max)
- Chess (15 max)
- Citizenship in the Nation (15 max)
- Citizenship in the World (15 max)
- Communications (20 max)
- Crime Prevention & Fingerprinting (20 max)
- Disabilities Awareness (20 max)
- Dog Care (20 max)
- Electricity (20 max)
- Engineering (15 max)
- Emergency Preparedness (20 max)
- Family Life (20 max)
- Geocaching (15 max)
- Home repairs / painting (20 max)
- Law (20 max)
- Mining in Society/Geology (20 max)
- Music (20 max)
- Plumbing (15 max)
- Moviemaking (15 max)
- Woodworking (15 max)

Additional Opportunities

- Preparing for College (20 max)
 Open to youth (16+) and adults
- Dutch Oven Cooking (15 max)
- BSA Adult Leader Specific Training for Scoutmasters/Assistants (30 max)