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Winter Camp Chair Message to Scout Leaders and Parents

Dear Scout Leaders and Parents,

On behalf of the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge, I am honored to support the Middle Tennessee Council by hosting the 23rd Winter Camp at Boxwell Reservation December 27-30, 2025. Our team is dedicated to creating a memorable experience for your scouts. Get ready to set sail on a **Viking Voyage** with your troop!

Winter Camp is a perfect way to close out the year; it's a chance for Scouts to connect, learn, and have a blast while earning merit badges. This year's camp promises an exciting and engaging program filled with new opportunities for Scouts. Merit badges offered include *Truck Transportation*, *Surveying*, *Crime Prevention*, and many more. We also featuring valuable training such as *CPR*, *Wilderness First Aid*, and *the STEM Experience*.

Winter Camp is more than just classes; it's a hands-on experience that brings a Viking Voyage theme to life with games, challenges, and camp-wide fun. Expect a dynamic experience that blends essential Scout skills with a Viking-inspired twist. Your troop's scout skills will be put to the test during our engaging program activities. Scouts will walk away with more than merit badges: memories, friendships, and a deeper connection to Scouting.

If you or anyone in your unit would like to volunteer, there are lots of ways to get involved. Order of the Arrow members can sign up to join our staff by visiting <https://wa-hi-nasa.org/events/winter-camp/> . Merit badge counselors are welcome to volunteer to teach, and if you're interested in leading a training or merit badge session, we'd love to hear from you. Just reach out using the contact information below.

I know winter break is a busy time, but I genuinely believe Winter Camp is the place for Scouts to be. It's fun, impactful, and creates memories they'll talk about long after it's over. Thank you again for all you do for your Scouts-we're excited to see you at camp!

Hannah Neal

2025 Winter Camp Chairman

Stephen Ward

2025 Winter Camp Adviser

Preparation for Winter Camp

If your troop follows the steps listed below, the process of preparing everyone for an enjoyable experience at Boxwell should go smoothly.

September - October

- ☐ Online Registration opens at <https://www.mtcscouting.org/scoutsbsawintercamp>
- ☐ Have Scouts select Merit Badges and other opportunities to pursue at camp. This is a first-come, first serve basis for Merit Badges.
- ☐ Review Camp Plans with Scouts and Parents and distribute information.
- ☐ Arrange Camp Leadership and begin schedule development for the Troop.
- ☐ Schedule a Parent's Night program

November and December

- ☐ Give final notice to all Scouts and parents about plans for attending camp
- ☐ Arrange for transportation to and from camp.
- ☐ Collect completed Personal Health and Medical Summary forms.

Before Camp

- ☐ Attend Pre-Camp Meeting at Jet Potter Scout Service Center on December 16, 2025.
- ☐ Bring payment for balance of fees to receive the discounted price.
- ☐ Bring completed medical forms for all Scouts and adults attending camp.
- ☐ Bring Permission Forms for any Scouts taking classes which require one.
- ☐ Review Troop Program Schedule from Pre-Camp Meeting.
- ☐ Deadline for Refund Request Forms.
- ☐ Prepare the troop and patrol equipment to bring to camp.
- ☐ Inspect each Scout's personal gear and uniform.
- ☐ Finalize transportation arrangements to and from camp.

We must have a completed medical exam and health history form from each Scout and Leader attending this event on file in our Health Lodge during attendance at camp.

Adult Supervision

Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including all meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females.

A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth or female adult program participants.

Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided. All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered as an adult volunteer or an adult program participant. Adult volunteers must register in the position(s) they are serving in. Registration as a merit badge counselor position does not meet this requirement.

Registration Process

The Middle Tennessee Council uses the Black Pug online system for registration and Merit Badge classes. Remember that space is limited in all programs.

Fees are transferable to other Scouts, but it is up to the canceling individual to arrange for payment reimbursement from the replacement scout. Refund checks will be mailed after the troop attends camp.

Pre-Camp Meeting

This meeting is very important in making your camp experience a Great Experience! At this meeting, here's what the Scoutmaster will do:

- ☐ Pay final Winter Camp fees (if any), submit Medical Forms on Scouts/Adults attending camp.
- ☐ Review CLASS SCHEDULES for the Scouts in your troop.
- ☐ Review dining hall procedures.
- ☐ Find out about any Winter Camp program changes.
- ☐ Ask questions about camp; get all the answers you need.

The date for the meeting is Tuesday, December 16, 2025. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will conclude before 8:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Jet Potter Scout Service Center (Beaman/Curb Conference Center, 3414 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37215).

IMPORTANT: Troops that do not send a representative to the Pre-Camp Meeting will have their packet emailed to them.

Winter Camp Fee Information

The Middle Tennessee Council Camping Committee has established the following camp fees for both. in-Council and out-of-council troops. This fee schedule is provided to assist you in planning for winter camp.

Description	Discount Fee* by December 2, 2025	Regular Fee after December 2, 2025
Scout Fee (Deposit of \$90 by December 2, 2025)	\$175.00	\$195.00
No Cost Adult Leaders	2 Adults per unit	2 Adults per unit
Extra Adults	\$90 per person	\$90 per person

*A Deposit of \$90.00 per Scout must be received by December 2, 2025, to qualify for the Discounted Fee. The balance of the camp fee(s) must be received by December 17, 2025, to receive the Discount Fee. Regular fee schedule applies if a Scout did not register and/or pay by the Early Bird deadline.

Refund Policy

Individuals that cancel a reservation 10 days prior to attending Winter Camp will receive a refund of fees paid, less a \$90 cancellation charge. No refunds will be made after the 10-day cancellation deadline. No refunds will be considered unless the refund form provided in the forms section of this guide is completed and received at the Jet Potter Scout Service Center 10 days prior to the unit's first day in camp.

Winter Camp Camperships

Middle Tennessee Council offers Camperships for Scouts who would not be able to attend camp due to financial difficulties. Campership amounts will be granted based on the financial need of each applicant. Camperships are not transferable if the Scout cannot attend camp. Applications for these Camperships are available at www.mtcscouting.org. These forms are due no later than November 24, 2025.

*Note: While a Scout may apply for a Campership, the Scout's name must be submitted as part of the Troop's registration.

All Scouts who submit a Campership Application should pay a portion of their fee. Scouting teaches a Scout to be thrifty. Partial scholarships enable more youth to attend Winter Camp.

Medical Form

Every youth member and adult leader attending camp must present a complete Annual Health and Medical Record form (The form requires a health examination within the past 12 months by a licensed physician or licensed medical practitioner). This is Scouting America National Policy. In accordance with Scouting America requirements, any participant not having a fully completed health form will not be allowed to remain at camp or participate in any events until the health form is completed.

Provisional vs. Adopted Scout

We recognize that not all troops will be able to attend Winter Camp. We have planned for those Scouts who would like to attend without their troop. Scouts attending camp in provisional status will be placed together, and leadership will be provided.

Have a Scout who cannot attend with the scout home Troop, but he already knows which other Troop scouts would like to camp with? Then please register him as an "Adopted Scout" through the Troop that will be "adopting" him during Winter Camp.

Visitors

All visitors must check in and out at the Admin Building (Cripple Crab). Visitors will be given a visitor identification badge. Meal tickets should be paid for at the Admin Building upon arrival. Any visitor wishing to stay overnight must have a medical form with parts A, B and C completed.

Early Scout Release from Camp

Boxwell Reservation is required to check Scouts out of camp with adults that are approved by the camp unit leader or the parent's name that appears on the Scout's medical form. Any adult not approved by the camp unit leader and not named on the Scout's medical form must have a completed "Release Authorization Form" to check the Scout out of camp.

Meals and Dining Hall

Meals

Meals are served in our indoor heated facilities. The dining hall will be set up to serve only the number needed for each serving period. The maximum number allowed by the Fire Code would determine the number of tables and chairs allowed for each serving period. Scouts will be allowed to refuse items and request additional portions as they walk through the line. Winter Camp Staff will be monitoring the serving line during each meal. Cleanup responsibility will fall on each Troop Table Cleanup Monitor.

Dining Hall Procedures:

Troops will be assigned tables based on unit site. Each troop will appoint two cleanup monitors per table assigned. At assigned mealtime, troops will enter the Dining Hall and take a seat at their assigned tables. After everyone has been seated, announcements will be made and grace for meal will be said. After grace, each side of Dining Hall will be dismissed to line up for serving.

Following the program, everyone will be dismissed except the Table Monitor. At this time, the clean-up window will open, and monitors may return trays and clean tables.

Based on comments received from Scouts and Leaders, our food service continues to improve each year. We continue to listen to your suggestions regarding the menu and food quality. Our pledge to you is for continuous improvement; therefore, your suggestions are appreciated.

Leader Appreciation Luncheon – Steak and Baked Potato

Winter Camp would not exist without the many leaders who bring their youth and give their time. As a token of appreciation we will host a Leader Luncheon on December 29, 2025 at 11:30 am.

Merit Badge Information

Please use your best judgement in determining if the Scout is ready to earn the merit badge. The Scoutmaster may approve any requirements completed before/after Winter Camp.

Please Note: Class sizes are limited based upon Merit Badge Counselor's materials, and facility limitations. Each class will be filled on a first-come basis.

Merit Badges in Date Order

Merit Badge (Eagle Merit Badges are bold)	Date	AGE	Fee	Location	Size
Archery	December 28			Archery Range	16
Art	December 28			OA Lodge	25
Artificial Intelligence	December 28	14		STEM Right	25
Automotive Maintenance	December 28			Skilled Trades Maintenance Bay	25
Chemistry	December 28			STEM Kitchen	25
Citizenship in Community	December 28			Stahlman Dining Hall (HLC)	25
Farm Mechanics	December 28			Skilled Trades Maintenance Bay	25
First Aid	December 28			Cubworld BB Pavilion	25
Fire Safety	December 28			Skilled Trades Classroom	25
Geology	December 28			Cubworld Pavilion Pirate ships	25
Personal Fitness	December 28			Cubworld Dining Hall	25
Photography	December 28			Chris Snoddy Pavilion	25
Public Health	December 28			Larry Brown Pavilion (Cubworld)	25
Robotics	December 28			STEM Left	25
Weather	December 28			Chris Snoddy Pavilion	25
Welding	December 28	14	\$15.00	Skilled Trades Pavilion	12
Woodwork	December 28	14	\$15.00	Skilled Trades Bay 1	25
Merit Badge (Eagle Merit Badges are bold)	Date		Fee	Location	Size
Chess	December 29			Cubworld BB Pavilion	25
Citizenship in the Nation	December 29			Stahlman Dining Hall (HLC)	25
Climbing	December 29	13		HAB (Climbing Tower)	12
Emergency Preparedness	December 29			Cubworld Dining Hall	25
Engineering	December 29			STEM Left	25
Exploration	December 29			Skilled Trades Classroom	25
*Horsemanship	December 29			Admin Building (Crab)	25
Orienteering	December 29			Cubworld Indian Village	25
Painting	December 29	14	\$10.00	Skilled Trades Bay 1	25
Railroading	December 29			HAB (Classroom)	25
Scouting Heritage	December 29			OA Lodge	25
Space Exploration	December 29		\$10.00	Larry Brown Pavilion (Cubworld)	25
Surveying	December 29			STEM Right	25
Sustainability	December 29			Cubworld Pirate Ship Pavilion	25
Textiles	December 29			STEM Kitchen	25
Truck Transportation	December 29			Chris Snoddy Pavillion	25
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Citizenship in the World	December 30			Stahlman Dining Hall (HLC)	25
Communication	December 30			HAB (Classroom)	25
Entrepreneurship	December 30			STEM Left	25
Fingerprinting and Crime Prevention	December 30			STEM Right	25
Game Design	December 30			Chris Snoddy Pavillion	25
Geocaching	December 30			Cubworld Indian Village	25
Home Repairs	December 30	14	\$10.00	Skilled Trades Bay 1	25
Law	December 30			Cubworld Dining Hall	25
Leatherwork	December 30		\$10.00	Stahlman Handicraft	25
Mammal Study	December 30			CW BB Pavillion	25
Nuclear Science	December 30			STEM Kitchen	25
Personal Management	December 30			OA Lodge	25
Pioneering	December 30			Stahlman Activity Yard	25
Radio	December 30			Admin Building (Crab)	25
Rifle Shooting	December 30		\$25.00	Rifle Range	12
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Recreational Activities for Youth and Adults

Signups will be available during the first night at camp. Please review special comments and prices on some of the activities.

Scout Opportunities

Recreational Cowboy Action at Parnell Cowboy Action Range *Must be 14 years or older	December 28	2:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Action Archery	December 29	2:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Recreational Muzzleloading Parnell Rifle Range	December 29	2:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Drone Flying	December 29	2:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Climbing Wall & Rappelling Tower	December 29	2:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Recreational Shotgun at Shotgun Range	December 30	2:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Recreational Rifle Range & Tomahawk	December 28 December 29 December 30	2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Adult Opportunities

Sign up and pay for these activities at Winter Camp.

Climb on Safely for Adults at the Tower	December 28	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Adult CPR Training at TBD Additional Cost \$20.00	December 28	9:00 AM – 11:45 AM
Wilderness First Aid Training at Fehrmann *Max of 10 participants* *Must be CPR/AED Trained* Additional Cost - TBD	December 29 December 30	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Swimming and Water Rescue *Only need to attend one day **Off Site at the Gallatin Civic Center	December 29 December 30	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Adults STEM Experience	December 29	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Adults Learn to Weld Additional Cost \$15.00	December 30	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Recreational Adult Shotgun Shooting at Shotgun Range	December 28	9:30 AM – 11:45 AM
Range Safety Officer Training *MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS Additional Cost \$25.00	December 28 December 29	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Adult Pistol	December 30	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Program Activities

We have many great **activities open in the afternoons** at each camp; there will never be a dull moment!

Your Scouts are in store for:

- **The Frost Giant Challenge**, a cold plunge into Lake Old Hickory
- **Shield Smith's Workshop**, make shields and battle-ready tools
- **Odin's Trail**, a challenging 5-mile hike through the rugged terrain of Boxwell Reservation, testing Scouts' endurance and spirit as they earn their place among the Vikings.
- **The Warrior's Playground**, good ol' camp games like gaga ball, 9 square, corn hole, and more
- **The Fjord Race**, a soapbox obstacle course
- **Snow & Sizzle Showdown**, A Dutch Oven cooking competition with a Viking twist

Scouts can sign up inside the dining hall. Stay tuned for more information given at camp meetings.

We'll kick things off with an **opening campfire** on Saturday, December 27th, and wrap up with a **closing campfire** on December 29th. Throughout the campfire shows, Scouts will journey into a frozen Viking realm full of adventure and discovery. We encourage everyone to dive into the experience and take part in the fun!

A Scout is Reverent! Each day during camp, you will encounter God's handiwork often. The Winter Camp **Duty to God** Program will allow you to reflect on that and earn some recognition. By completing a few simple tasks at camp, participants earn a patch. Those interested in earning the "Duty to God" patch must attend mid camp religious service. Participate in at least one daily devotional with your Scout unit. Lead Grace before a meal. After completing the requirements, turn in the completed sheet to the Camp Commissioner. Patches are available for purchase through the Trading Post at a cost of \$4 per patch.

That same evening, we'll also host a **Cracker Barrel and patch trading session** open to all campers and staff. It's a fun, relaxed evening where Scouts can meet others, trade patches, and enjoy some great food.

If your troop would like a visit from the Order of the Arrow to promote Boxwell or conduct a unit election, please reach out to your Chapter Chief or Adviser. You can also contact the Lodge Chief directly for more information or support.



Camp Policies and Procedures

Leaders Meetings

There will be an adult leader meeting in the afternoon of your arrival day at camp. We will also hold a Scoutmaster meeting each afternoon during camp. Please be sure to confirm the time/place at breakfast each morning for these important meetings. We will use the Remind

Adult Supervision

Each unit must have responsible adult leadership. Each unit in the camp is required to have at least two adult leaders always present. Leaders must be present day and night.

Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including all meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. **A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth or female adult program participants.**

Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided.

All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered as an adult volunteer or an adult program participant. Adult volunteers must register in the position(s) they are serving in. Registration as a merit badge counselor position does not meet this requirement.

Trading Post

Each trading post will be well stocked with handicraft items, Winter Camp tee shirts, Merit Badge pamphlets, hand warmers, and other Scouting equipment. At the Boxwell Trading Post, candy, cold drinks, and other snack items are also available. The grill will operate daily and a “meal deal” will make 100% beef quarter pound hamburgers and beef hot dogs available, hot off the grill.

Most Scouts spend \$25-\$50 during Winter Camp for supplies, souvenirs, and snacks. We cannot be responsible for lost or stolen personal items. In addition to cash, Visa, American Express, MasterCard, and Discover are accepted at the Trading Post.

General Cleanliness

Shower houses will be available for both Scouts and leaders, and we appreciate your help in keeping the camp tidy. Troops are encouraged to volunteer for shower house cleaning—just check in with your camp commissioner team to get involved. Trash and fire barrels will be located at each campsite for easy cleanup. And as always, follow the Outdoor Code: leave camp cleaner than you found it.

Health and Safety

A safe and enjoyable experience has been the focus of Scouting America for decades. The camping experience at Boxwell Reservation is no exception. In the event of an emergency, Boxwell has immediate response capability with a Wilson County Emergency Management team located only three (3) miles away. We also always have Emergency Medical Staff onsite working outside of the Health Lodge. They

can be contacted by radio 24 hours a day. If needed, a medical doctor is on call 24 hours a day. The support is provided by the Sumner Regional Medical Center located only seven (7) miles from Boxwell. This facility offers a full array of state-of-the-art medical services. Emergency transportation by ambulance is only a radio call away, and we have established a Predesignated Emergency Landing Area (PELA) with Vanderbilt Life Flight. The Wilson County Sheriff's Department makes random checks of our facility and is ready to assist in the event of an emergency.

Boxwell Reservation takes the safety of each camper very seriously and pledges to do the utmost to see that they have a safe and enjoyable environment to pursue the great ideals of Scouting.

Winter Weather Preparedness

Middle Tennessee weather in December can be unpredictable; it might feel like spring or dip into freezing temps. Most days will likely be in the 30s or 40s, with a chance of wet conditions. That's why our motto is 'Be Prepared. Winter camping calls for staying warm and dry, so make sure Scouts are dressed appropriately and have layered insulation beneath their sleeping bags. You can help by reviewing the equipment checklist at the end of the program guide to ensure they're packed and ready for the adventure.

Health Forms for All Participants

Every youth member and adult leader attending camp must present a complete Annual Health and Medical Record form (The form requires a health examination within the past 12 months by a licensed physician or licensed medical practitioner). This is Scouting America National Policy. In accordance with Scouting America requirements, any participant not having a fully completed health form will not be allowed to remain at camp or participate in any events until the health form is completed.

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs

An important way adult leaders can model healthy living is by following the policies on alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youths, are better off without tobacco in any form and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any Scouting America activity involving youth participants. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking. All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants.

As outlined in the [Scouter Code of Conduct](#), Scouting activities are not a place to possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations, and policies: alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana.

In addition, the Code of Conduct specifies that if you are taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing any functioning or judgment, you will not engage in activities that would put youth at risk, including driving or operating equipment.

Absolutely, no smoking of any kind is allowed in buildings or in tents.

Fires, Firefighting, and Fuel Policy

The danger of fire exists everywhere in camps. The camp staff is prepared to handle firefighting in camp, but you should be prepared to stop or slow the fire until help arrives. Fireguard charts are furnished, must be posted in camp, and should be inspected daily by the unit leader to see that responsibilities are assigned and carried out. Failure to sign the Fireguard Chart will result in an unsatisfactory mark for that day's campsite inspection.

Each Troop will need to provide a fire extinguisher. National Scouting America policy permits the use of liquid fuel only under the direct supervision of a knowledgeable adult leader. Gasoline and other flammable substances are to be stored in the approved fuel storage area in camp (Contact the Service Corp Director). Open flames (i.e., candles, Steno, kerosene lanterns, cigarettes, etc.) are also strictly prohibited in tents.

No fire is to be unattended at any time in a campsite. Therefore, a fire is to be completely out when no one is in the site.

Camp Emergencies:

Except for a Weather Emergency, all campers are to report immediately to their campsite upon hearing an emergency signal. In the case of a Weather Emergency, campers should seek protective shelter. Once the Weather Emergency has passed, campers should report to their campsites. Campers should remain in their campsites until the "All Clear" signal has been given. Leaders should review these procedures with their campers.

Sheath Knives / Fixed Blade Knives

The official Scouting America regulation on carrying sheath knives...

Scouting America believes choosing the right equipment for the job at hand is the best answer to the question of what specific knife should be used. We are aware that many councils or camps may have limits on the type or style of knife that should be used. Scouting America neither encourages nor bans fixed-blade knives nor do we set a limit on blade length. Additional information is found in the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#).

Camp Security

An important aspect of youth protection at camp is having some control over visitors in the camp. The Scout uniform, a powerful validation symbol, makes anyone wearing one seem to be in the right place at a Scout camp. Unfortunately, almost anyone can obtain a uniform if they are registered in the program. Everyone in attendance at the camp must wear identification that signifies legitimate participation in the camp program. Wristbands will be Boxwell's method. The importance of wearing this identification will be stressed when the units check in. It is not necessary to explain the youth protection aspect of this identification beyond its signifying a properly registered participant in the camp program.

All visitors to the camp must stop at the camp office and sign in. A guest book for this purpose will be maintained, and positive identification is required. A special visitor name tag will be given that will easily

identify the person as a legitimate visitor. Upon conclusion of their visit, guests will sign out so that camp administrators will know who is always on camp property.

Emergency Action Plan

In the event of a camp emergency, notify your Camp Commissioner Staff, Winter Camp Chair and Adviser and/or the Camp Medical Office immediately. Where an emergency involving a camper is concerned, the appropriate Scoutmaster should be contacted. Emergency phone numbers are posted at each main gathering area.

Vehicles in Camp

The Health & Safety Committee along with the Camping Committee has established a written Policy and Procedures of Vehicles in Camp. The policy follows the guidelines established in the Guide to Safe Scouting as they relate to Boxwell Reservation.

NO PRIVATE VEHICLES will be allowed beyond the camp parking lot for any reason other than provable disability or pre-approved vehicles used to pull trailers to campsites for the delivery of troop and personal gear. Weather permitting, trailers will be allowed on campsites. However, vehicles used to pull trailers must deliver and return to the designated parking lot within one hour.

All parking must be confined to designated parking lots. All program and administration sites are within convenient walking distance of all campsites.

CAMP SPEED LIMIT IS 25 MPH

No one under the age of 18 will be allowed to drive on the Reservation except for arriving at respective camp parking lot. Visitors must park in the visitors' parking lot and check in at Cripple Crab or Latimer Office before proceeding to their respective camp. **NO PARKING ALONG THE ROAD!**

After check-in, please proceed to the designated parking lot in the respective camp. Due to safety and conservation vehicles used in camp will be limited to only those designated as being driven by a specified list of staff members

Violations of this policy will result in the loss of driving privileges at Boxwell Reservation.

Determination of whether an individual is in violation will be left to the discretion of the Reservation Manager and/or Reservation Director.

Winter Camp Gear List

Proper preparation is key to a safe and enjoyable Winter Camp. The weather in Tennessee can be cold and wet in December, so dressing in layers and staying dry is essential. Be Prepared for cold nights, chilly mornings, and the possibility of rain. With the right gear and a positive attitude, Winter Camp will be a fun and unforgettable adventure!

Camping Style: Jamboree-style (troops provide their own tents)

Essential Personal Gear

- ☐ Field Uniform (Class A) – shorts or long pants
- ☐ Order of the Arrow sash – if you are a member
- ☐ Medical Form – Parts A, B and C
- ☐ Scout Handbook
- ☐ Sleeping gear:
 - Sleeping bag rated for cold weather
 - Old blankets for extra insulation
 - Sleeping pad or ground insulation (highly recommended)

Clothing for Cold & Wet Weather

Plan to layer clothing for warmth and flexibility.

Pack one full change of clothes per day:

- ☐ T-shirts (base layer)
- ☐ Long-sleeve shirts or thermal tops (mid-layer)
- ☐ Sweatshirts or fleece jackets (outer layer)
- ☐ Pants – jeans or heavier-duty pants for warmth
- ☐ Extra socks and underwear – pack extra in case of wet weather
- ☐ Waterproof boots or closed-toe shoes
- ☐ Warm hat, gloves, and scarf or neck gaiter
- ☐ Rain gear – poncho or full rain suit
- ☐ Camp shoes or slides (for shower or around camp)

Cold Weather Tips

- Avoid cotton as much as possible – it holds moisture and loses warmth.
- Wear layers and adjust them as needed throughout the day.
- Keep dry socks ready at all times.
- Pack everything in plastic bags or waterproof containers inside your pack.
- Bring extra blankets or pads to insulate your sleeping area.

Other Personal Items

- ☐ Flashlight or headlamp (with fresh batteries)
- ☐ Water bottle or hydration pack
- ☐ Toiletries – toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, towel, deodorant, etc.
- ☐ Pen and paper or small notebook
- ☐ Spending money – for the Trading Post
- ☐ Backpack or duffel bag to organize your gear
- ☐ Camp chair (optional but useful)
- ☐ Trading Post Money

Suggested Unit Packing List

- ☐ Troop, Patrol and American Flags
- ☐ Lanterns
- ☐ Broom and Rake
- ☐ Water Coolers & Containers
- ☐ Ax & Camp saw
- ☐ Dining Fly, Poles, Rope
- ☐ First Aid Kit
- ☐ Straw (In case of rain)
- ☐ Dutch Ovens

Items to Leave at Home:

Personal firearms, ammunition, personal bows, fireworks, pets, E-bikes, sheath knives airsoft, paint guns, weapons of any kind.

Boxwell Reservation History

Boxwell Reservation is located on Old Hickory Lake in Wilson County on State Highway 109, five miles south of Gallatin near LaGuardo, Tennessee. Its beautiful location features rolling hills with lots of good campsites and hiking trails. The surrounding waters are excellent for swimming, canoeing, fishing, and other aquatic activities. For these reasons, and because of its central location, it was chosen to meet the needs of Scout units in the Middle Tennessee Council. In 1952, the original site was located and, in 1957, the Middle Tennessee Council acquired, by Special Act of Congress, fee simple (\$1.00) title to 528 acres of land from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Subsequent purchases brought its size up to 1,300 acres (about twice the area of Central Park in New York City).

There have been four “Boxwells”: Linton, Tennessee (1921-29), Narrows of the Harpeth (1930-48), Rock Island (Charles E. Parish Wilderness Reservation near McMinnville) (1949-59), and the present one. In 1938, the Order of the Arrow’s Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge #111 was founded at the Narrows of the Harpeth. In 1951, the South’s first Wood Badge course was offered at the Rock Island camp. Each “Boxwell” provided great outdoor experiences for boys and their adult leaders and made its own contribution to the camping traditions of the Middle Tennessee Council. Today’s Boxwell Reservation on Old Hickory Lake reflects and accelerates the rapid growth of Scouting in Middle Tennessee. Many people worked hard to raise the funds and make the arrangements necessary to acquire and develop these camps. Boxwell Reservation is named for the late Mr. Leslie G. Boxwell, a distinguished Tennessean and Scouter.

In 1960, the first camp season at the present camp was held for hundreds of eagerly waiting Scouts. Since 1960 over 100,000 Scouts and Leaders have experienced camping at Boxwell. Nearly every kind of tree native to Tennessee can be found somewhere on the reservation, and animal life is plentiful. Some evidence exists to suggest that the ground beneath is honeycombed with caves, and it is believed that Indian and pioneer trails crossed it.

The camps within the reservation are named for other outstanding citizens and Scouters. The developed camps include Camp Stahlman, Camp Parnell, Camp Stahlman, Gaylord Cub World, and the Percy Dempsey Camporee Site. Camp Light, Explorer Island and Camp Beany Elam have been kept as wilderness sites. Boxwell Reservation is rich in tradition and widely considered one of the very best winter camp facilities in the United States.

Winter Camp at Boxwell continues to be hosted by The Order of the Arrow WA-Hi-NASA Lodge 111. Troops from all across Middle Tennessee Council and from other Councils in Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, and Illinois, attended Winter Camp at Boxwell. Some Troops boast that they have been there each year and do not want to break their string. Our Winter Camp Staff is made up of OA Volunteers that are very knowledgeable about Winter Camping. Being only one of a handful of councils across the country that offer a Winter Camp, Middle Tennessee is very proud to provide a Winter Camp experience to our Scouts.