

Centennial District Spring Campout 2026



LEADER GUIDE

Camping is an amazing way to spend time with your family and friends while enjoying the outdoors. Making camp, building fires, cooking meals, and the other camping related tasks become shared experiences. It provides an environment for parents to introduce themselves and/or their children to the tent camping experience. Parents and children gain confidence to expand their adventures in the great outdoors.

ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN

Check-in will be at the Snoddy Pavilion. Please plan your arrival between 5:00 pm and 8:00 p.m. on Friday. Camp staff will not be available to check-in campers prior to 5:00 p.m. Campsite selection will be on a first come basis for Cub Scouts. Troops will be assigned at check in. Drop off your gear and move the vehicles to the area assigned at check-in.

Please choose someone from your unit to attend the Friday night leader meeting at the Snoddy Pavilion. This person will receive important information for your unit about the weekend and will need to confirm the number and names of the campers from your unit. They will also need to confirm that all health forms are present.

FOOD & CLEAN UP

All meals are to be provided by Pack, Den, or Family. You need to wash your dishes at your campsite or take them home dirty. The latrines and shower houses are not to be used for washing your dishes. Please make sure that all food is stored securely and properly – we have incredibly crafty wildlife at Boxwell. Absolutely no food should be stored in your tent. Wildlife will destroy your equipment to get to the food.

FIRE SAFETY

Fire Pits may not be constructed in campsites. Campfires will need to be off the ground or in a fire barrel (we have a limited number of barrels available at Boxwell). There will be other units utilizing Boxwell during our campout, please be respectful of everyone's needs and limit your unit to one fire barrel. If you feel your unit will need more than one, please bring your own. Barrels are located behind the Maintenance Building. All fires must be supervised and may not be left unattended. All fire barrels must be extinguished (COLD) and emptied in the tree line. Fire barrels should be returned before leaving camp.

VEHICLES IN CAMP

NO RV's or Pop-up camp trailers allowed on the Reservation.

Because there will be a lot of foot traffic within the camping areas, we ask that once a vehicle is unloaded that it be parked in the parking lot or assigned location. There will be no traffic in the camping area between 8:00am and 5:00pm on Saturday. One vehicle can remain in the campsite, but we ask that it not be driven in and out during the campout. The speed limit is 25 miles per hour throughout Boxwell Reservation. No one under 18 will be allowed to drive on the reservation. It is PROHIBITED to drive a truck or trailer on camp property with youths or adults unrestrained in the back or on the sides. This means NO RIDING IN TRUCK BEDS!

HEALTH & SAFETY

Safety is of the utmost importance at Boxwell. Everyone attending: Scout, Adult, or Sibling is required by Scouting America to provide a completed medical form (Parts A & B). Additional copies of the Health and Medical Record will be available at check-in. These forms should remain with the Unit Leader or Parents

(if attending as a family).

Should you need to visit the First Aid station please be prepared to present this form to the staff. If necessary, Sumner Regional Medical Center is only five miles from Boxwell where we maintain an agreement to treat our sick and injured.

Immediately report any missing person to the Camp Staff.

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

In the event of an emergency, notify a member of our key camp staff. If it is necessary to contact 911 for an emergency, it is very important that an adult clearly describe the nature of the emergency to the 911 operators to initiate an appropriate response.

The Camp Office monitors the National Weather Service Radio and Internet weather sources for information concerning severe weather conditions.

First Aid

Trained first aid responders will be available. A list will be provided of all people to contact.

Injuries requiring minor first aid should be handled by the pack. If first aid is required for a serious emergency, dial 911 and call the camp emergency contact, James Hicks 615-351-8737.

Fire

Evacuate the tent, or area immediately. All camp buildings are equipped with fire extinguishers for use on small fires by qualified adults. Analyze the situation, and if appropriate, utilize the fire extinguisher or call 911. You should also contact the camp emergency contact, James Hick 615-351-8737.

Severe Weather

In the event of severe weather, the dining hall will be utilized as a shelter.

Safeguarding Youth Guidelines

All Packs/Troops must follow the Safeguarding youth guidelines. Packs/Troops must always have two-deep leadership. No Exceptions! There should be no one-on-one contact between adults and youth members. Adults and youth should not enter another's tent. Cubs level units -No youth may stay in a tent with an adult other than their own parent/guardian. Troop level units need to follow the age difference requirements for Scouts BSA.

CUB PERSONAL EQUIPMENT LIST

<p>Essential Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uniform Shirt• Class B t-shirt, if you have one• Tent for your family• Tarp/ground cloth for tent• Sleeping bag or blankets• Sleeping pad or air mattress• Folding chair for each person• Change of Clothes – make sure at least one set is something you don't mind getting dirty• Extra pair of shoes (in case first pair get wet)• Baseball cap / Hat• Jacket or other appropriate outerwear, based on weather conditions• First Aid Kit• Towel and washcloth• Personal items – toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, brush/comb• Personal Medications – prescriptions, Tylenol, Benadryl, etc.• Sunscreen• Bug Spray• Flashlight/Headlamp & extra batteries• Water Bottle	<p>Additional Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compass• Binoculars• Fishing pole & bait (Catch & Release)• Outdoor lawn games (Frisbee, Football, etc.)• Camera• Sunglasses <p>** NO pocket knives for scouts unless they have earned their Whittling Chip!**</p>
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TENT CAMPING TIPS

Properly prepared Scouts stay warm, dry, and comfortable in their tents in all kinds of weather conditions. Here are a few tips gathered over the years to stay warm, dry and comfortable. As Webelos transition to Scouts BSA, they encounter more challenging weather conditions; consult with your Cubmaster, Den Leader, or Scoutmaster before purchasing gear to understand if it will be appropriate for Scouts BSA use. A great resource for camping gear and preparation is the Scouts BSA Handbook.

- Site selection. Find a level place with good drainage, free of sticks and rocks. Prepare for rain and verify that your tent will not be sitting in a puddle if it does rain.
- Place a tarp under your tent to prevent ground moisture from being drawn up into your tent. Tuck the edges of the tarp under the tent so that rainwater does not run under your tent.
- Pitch your tent, staking it to the ground, and attaching the guy ropes as necessary for your tent.
- Use a sleeping pad, air mattress, blankets, or other material to insulate your sleeping bag from the cold ground.
- Use a sleeping bag, several warm blankets, or a combination of blankets and your sleeping bag.
- In cool or cold weather, the best thing to wear at night is synthetic long john tops and bottoms and synthetic socks. In moderate weather, t-shirt, sweatshirt, and sweatpants will work. There is a saying amongst backcountry campers that is, "cotton kills". Cotton materials absorb sweat and

moisture and dry very slowly contributing to heat loss. Change into fresh, dry clothes and socks just before crawling into your sleeping bag.

- When it is cold, wear a knit stocking cap at night. 30% of body heat is lost through your head, and that is the most exposed portion of your body while in a sleeping bag.
- Do not take food into your tent. Many critters love the easy meal of your snacks and can rip holes into your tent while you are away. Bugs and ants also love a tasty snack.
- Do not use any fire or flames in your tent. Tents and sleeping bags are very flammable.
- The guy ropes from tents are of particular hazard to young Cub Scouts that seem to run everywhere. During daylight, they dodge most, but not all the guy ropes. During the night, they seem to trip over most of them. Be alert to Cub Scouts running in the dark and have them avoid the tent areas in the daytime while they play.
- When it is raining, avoid touching the inside of the tent. This can be a source of condensation and in some tents, this facilitates leaks.

PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED ITEMS

Tobacco: The use of tobacco products by anyone under the age of 18 will not be tolerated. Adults may use tobacco products only in areas away from all participants. Council properties are tobacco-free zones, including all buildings, campsites, trails and program areas. Smoking in tents and campsites, or in view of any Scout is strictly prohibited.

Chemical Fuels: Gas-fueled lanterns and stoves (canister type fuels are recommended over liquid) may be used for outdoor lighting and cooking. The use of gas-fueled lanterns and stoves in any tent is strictly prohibited. A responsible adult, who is knowledgeable in safety precautions, must do lighting and refueling; fuel is never handled by youth. The use of liquid fuels as a fire-starter is strictly prohibited.

Alcohol and Drugs: It is the policy of the Scouts BSA that the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are not permitted on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members.

Weapons: No weapons of any kind are permitted at camp. This includes personal archery and rifle/BB equipment. Weapons are not permitted to be stored in vehicles in camp parking lots.

Chainsaws: Chainsaws are not permitted

Pets: Pets are not permitted at any camp at any time – no exceptions. Please advise all parents to leave pets at home.

NATURAL WILDLIFE

Boxwell abounds with natural wildlife, including deer, birds, bears, snakes and other creatures. For this reason we do not allow any pets from home to be brought into camp. We also ask that you not take any wildlife home with you. While most rattlesnakes and reptiles are anxious to elude people that come into their territory, great caution and care should be taken to avoid them while in camp. If you find any rattlesnakes or other reptiles in camp, please leave them alone and notify a Camp Staff Member immediately.

LEAVE NO TRACE

Please review with your Pack the LNT Front Country Guidelines. This is available on Scouting.org.

PLAN AHEAD

Watch for hazards and follow all the rules of the park or outdoor facility. Remember proper clothing, sunscreen, hats, first aid kits, and plenty of drinking water. Use the buddy system. Make sure you carry your family's name, phone number, and address.

STICK TO TRAILS

Stay on marked trails whenever possible. Short-cutting trails causes the soil to wear away or to be packed, which eventually kills trees and other vegetation. Trampled wildflowers and vegetation take years to recover. Stick to trails!

LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

When visiting any outdoor area, try to leave it the same as you find it. The less impact we each make, the longer we will enjoy what we have. Even picking flowers denies others the opportunity to see them and reduces seeds, which means fewer plants next year. Use established restrooms. Graffiti and vandalism have no place anywhere, and they spoil the experience for others. Leave your mark by doing an approved conservation project.

RESPECT OTHER VISITORS

Expect to meet other visitors. Be courteous and make room for others. Avoid disturbing others by making noise or playing loud music and abide by the scheduled Quiet Time (10:30 pm to 6:00 am) Respect "No Trespassing" signs. If property boundaries are unclear, do not enter the area.

Please do not walk-through other campsites. Ask permission to enter before you enter the campsite.

TRASH YOUR TRASH

Make sure all trash is put in a trash bag. Trash is unsightly and ruins everyone's outdoor experience. Your trash can kill wildlife. Even materials, such as orange peels, apple cores and food scraps, can take time to break down and may attract unwanted pests. There are dumpsters behind the maintenance shed or you can pack your garbage to go home with you.

CUB RANGE AND TARGET ACTIVITIES

*You must have closed toe shoes on for this activity!
NO sandals, flip flops or other shoes where we can see your toes!*

Please Note: Due to Scouting America safety standards children under the age of 5 years old WILL NOT be able to shoot at the ranges. This activity is an age-appropriate program.

Lions can only participate in the Archery and Sling Shot ranges. They can not participate in BB Range Sports.

The Range activities will be offered based on the amount of Range trained officer we have available for the event.

SCHEDULE

A detailed schedule will be distributed at the leader meeting. In general, Friday evening will be set aside for campsite set up and the leaders meeting at 9:00 p.m. Saturday will start off with a flag raising ceremony at the flagpole, followed by activities. Activity areas will close at 4:00 pm Saturday. There will be a campfire to enjoy Saturday evening.

Each Pack/Troop is requested to participate in the Saturday night campfire program with a song or skit. Please pre-register your song or skit at the registration table by 5:00 pm Saturday to participate at the campfire Saturday night.

It is possible, there will be a Flag retirement ceremony at the end of the campfire. This is when we respectfully retire flags that are old, have been ripped or torn, or need to be retired for any other reason.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are what make Scouting events great. If you would like to volunteer yourself, your Pack, or your Troop to help with future Cub & Family Camps, please contact Crystal Hammond, Cub Camping Chair, tigerlily13_26@hotmail.com

CHECKOUT

We understand that everyone is eager to get home Sunday morning. All staff at this event are volunteers. Help them get home by doing your part to make sure your campsite is better than you found it. We do not want the volunteers or the rangers to have to clean up after us. Make sure you take care of the following before leaving camp:

- Please bag up **all trash** and take it to the dumpsters (located behind the Maintenance Building). A good practice is to create a 'police line' and do a thorough sweep of your site after all tents are packed up.
- Make sure all fires are **fully extinguished**. Sometimes fires that seem out will relight themselves so be sure to use plenty of water. Once you are sure the fire is COLD, dispose of your ashes along the tree line. The barrel should be returned to the area behind the Maintenance Building as you leave camp.
- Once all of this is done, please let us know you are leaving by swinging by the back of the dining hall on your way out. This is also a good time to check lost and found for anything that might be missing.
- Please remember we must leave Boxwell by 11:00 a.m.

Have a great time!

Important Contacts:

Crystal Hammond, 731-607-9026

James Hicks, 615-351-8737

James Gaddis, 865-603-4149

Directions to Boxwell

From I-40:	Exit at Hwy 109 (Exit 232B) and travel north 9.2 miles. Turn left at Boxwell Reservation Sign and the road runs into Boxwell Reservation.
From I-65N:	From North of Nashville – Take Vietnam Veterans Parkway, State Route 386 which turn into State Route 174 Long Hollow Pike, Turn Right onto Hwy 109 Bypass East, go 3 miles to Hwy 109 South towards Lebanon, go approximately 4 miles turning right at Boxwell Reservation
	From South of Nashville (I-65 or I24) Exit SR-840. Take East towards Murfreesboro, Lebanon, Knoxville. Exit at Highway 109. Take North approximately 11 miles. Turn left at Boxwell Reservation.
From I-65S:	Exit Long Hollow Pike and turn left. Turn Right onto Conference Dr. Turn left on Vietnam Veterans Boulevard. Follow directions above.
	If coming from KY , exit at TN-25 (Exit #112). Turn right and take towards Gallatin. Turn Right onto Hwy 109 S. Boxwell will be on the right.
From I-24:	From Clarksville – Take I-24 East to Nashville. Take I-65 North to Vietnam Veterans Blvd. Follow Directions above for I-65 N.
From 840	From Murfreesboro exit 72B, State Route 265, Central Pike, turns into State Route 109 N. Go 13 miles towards Gallatin, to Creighton Lane, turn, and left at Boxwell Reservation sign on left.

