



LEADERS GUIDE

December 27-30, 2023

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**Camp Preston Hunt
can be used for your next Campout!**

Call the Caddo Area Council

Scout Office to place your reservation at 903-793-2179!

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Dear Scout Leader:

Thank you for choosing Camp Preston Hunt in Texarkana, Arkansas for your Troop's Winter Camp experience! We are proud to run a camp to the BSA NCAP standards.

Here is your 2023 Winter Camp Leaders Guide. While this Leaders Guide will provide you with most of the information you need, we strongly encourage you to visit our camp web site at www.CaddoBSA.org.

Take note of the key dates and important deadlines for 2023 Winter Camp:

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| Now | Accepting \$100 deposit and an anticipated number of scouts to reserve your Troop's spot (deposit amount will be applied to final payment) |
| 9/1/2023 at 9am | Early bird payment opens to register individuals in units and register adult leaders for trainings. |
| 11/15/2023 at 11pm | Deadline for Early Bird Discount |
| 12/1/2023 at noon | Course Enrollment for Merit Badges and Adult Leader trainings begins, scout must be completely paid up to guarantee a camp t-shirt |
| 12/10/2023 at noon | Registration for camp closes, all dietary restrictions need to be entered into the registration website. |
| 12/20/2023 | Course enrollment deadline |
| 12/27/2023 at 1 PM | Camp Starts! |

Camp Preston Hunt Winter Camp will fill up quickly! We have a limited number of camp sites, cabins, and day camper spots available, so please place your deposit soon, with a rough count of attendees. Please make every effort to place your reservation in a timely manner so that your Troop can attend our camp!

Please note that, due to COVID-19 all Scouts MUST be registered in advance. No walk-ins will be taken at the start of camp.

A tentative listing of merit badges offered is enclosed. The online registration system, Black Pug, is the only method to enroll in courses for Winter Camp. This includes adult leader training. The system is also used to maintain your troop roster and get class status reports at the conclusion of camp. The system is designed to help with overcrowding in merit badge classes and the camp, thus

providing a higher quality of instruction. It will be important for Troops to spend time planning for classes and keeping their Troop roster up to date. Once you have made your initial registration you will be able to make further payments by accessing your account through your registration confirmation email, or by logging back into your account on CaddoBSA.org (Black Pug). This will allow you to give parents access through the Parent Portal. From there parents can fill out information for their Scout and select classes.

To receive assistance in preparing for camp or to have questions answered, please feel free to contact us using the information below. Along with the rest of the Winter Camp Committee, Staff, and Instructors we look forward to camping with your Troop!

Yours in Scouting,

David Melson

davidcaddobsa@gmail.com

903 793 2179

Caddo Area Council Camping Committee Chair

PROGRAM PLANNING-GOALS

Attending a Scout Camp is one of the greatest experiences that a Troop can have during the year. You'll get tremendous satisfaction out of seeing each Scout have fun in the great outdoors. Each Troop Leader becomes more responsible. Each Patrol functions as a team.

Your Troop will have every opportunity to improve themselves and each other, because of Scout Camp, and the setting in which to get to know and understand your Scouts can never be better.

Our goal is for Scouts to have a fun, engaging, safe experience while completing as many requirements for the merit badges they select as possible.

ADVANCE PLANNING

The preparation for getting a Troop ready to go to camp has several phases. Each phase must be coordinated and linked in a logical sequence to make the experience a reality in the lives of Scouts.

In each Troop the sequence of events may be different. However, shown below is a check list of things to be accomplished in the preparation for camp.

1. Reservations made at the Scout Service Center and completion of the Troop's plan for securing the total camp fee from each of the Scouts.
2. Confirm patrol organization for winter camp. "Natural" patrols which operate year-around are most desirable, however, if this is impossible, create new patrols for the winter camp experience.
3. Find out what the Scouts need! Check the Troop advancement records and speak with your scouts, don't just guess. Some things they'll want to do on their own, other things by patrols, or perhaps with the whole troop. Have each patrol meet to list its own ideas.
4. Have a session with your patrol leaders' council, to ensure they know the information that they need to pass onto the Scouts (when you're leaving for camp, packing lists etc.). Have the Troop Quartermaster assess the Troop supplies you'll need for camp – tents etc.
5. After considering your goals, patrol organization, individual scout wants, advancement needs, and patrol leader council goals, develop a realistic list of objectives for winter camp. Follow up with the Scouts not signed up for camp. Encourage them to go because of the program that your troop has planned.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location

Our camp is in Miller County just outside of Texarkana, Arkansas on Hwy. 82 East and Tennessee Road. The address for Camp Preston Hunt is 6918 Tennessee Road, Texarkana, Arkansas 71854

Check-In / Check-Out

Check-in is between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM on December 27. Your Troop will be greeted by our staff upon arrival, and everyone's temperature will be taken (it must be below 100.4°F to attend). Each Scout must turn in their Health Form, Parts A through C at this time to the Medic. The Ranger or a member of his staff will accompany you to your campground/cabins, so that you both can sign off on any existing damage. Please refer to the camp rules regarding vehicles. Please submit using the following google form to request a specific check in time. Scheduling your check will ensure a quick and efficient check-in process. <https://forms.gle/1WhqwTRu711WowtK7>

Troops may checkout starting at 5:00 PM on December 30, although there will be dinner, a closing ceremony and an OA call out later that evening. If an out of Council Troop needs to spend the night on the 30th, please let us know, and we can provide you with a continental breakfast to be collected from the Dining Hall on the night of the 30th, for the morning of the 31st. There will be no additional charge for staying the night of the 30th, but please note that as camp has closed, there will be no Medic at camp.

Your Troop must request a check out time by 4:00 PM on 12/29 at the Camp Office. At check out your campground/cabins will be inspected by the Ranger to ensure that they are in the same condition that they started. Troops will be charged for any damage caused.

Out of Council Troops Documentation

Out of Council Troops must submit to David Melson at Caddo Area Council by 12/13/2023.

- Proof of insurance and a copy of your claim form (available from your local Council).
- Unit Membership Roster (available from your local Council)
- Copies of Current Youth Protection Certificates for all adults attending or the Scout net listing for the adult, showing the date of their YPT training (available from your local Council) - All Adults staying at camp must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America, with current Youth Protection Training.

These can be scanned and emailed to Davidcaddobsa@gmail.com or mailed to David Melson,
24 Lynnwood Dr
Texarkana TX 75503

If mailing, the document needs to arrive by 12/13, not be postmarked 12/13.

Things to Bring to Check in (both Campers and Day Campers)

- Health Forms Parts A, B and C for all Scouts and Leaders on current official BSA Health form (no sports or school physicals accepted). These need to be signed by the appropriate medical professional and the parents. Blank copies are available at https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf

Place your reservation.

Here's how to reserve your spot:

- Troops can reserve their spot by submitting a deposit of \$100.00 per troop and an anticipated number of Scouts attending through www.CaddoBSA.org. The deposit will be applied to your final payment when the number of attendees has been confirmed.
- Regular payments must be submitted to the Caddo Area Council through www.CaddoBSA.org. Early bird discount ends on 11/15/2023. Any Scout not finished paying by then will owe the \$165, which this must be paid by 12/20/2023. **Prices subject to change due to food cost.**

Any outstanding balance of camper fees are due by 12/20/2023. If the balance of all fees is paid by the Early Bird Deadline, your youth will qualify for the Early Bird rate.

All Scouts and Leaders attending **MUST be registered in advance. We will not take late reservations at the door.**

There is limited space available. Please make every effort to place your reservation in a timely manner.

Pricing

Camp Fees

Camp fee includes all food

- \$135-Early bird and primitive camping, Scouts BSA
- \$135-Early bird and Day Camper (not spending the night), Scouts BSA
- \$150-Early Bird and Cabin Camper, Scouts BSA

After 11/15, the rate rises to \$165 per Scout. A Scout needs to be paid in full by 11/15 to qualify for the early bird discount. If they have a balance on their account at that point, their price will rise to \$165

- Winter Camp Adult Leader Fee is \$70 per adult that camps with the Troop. Thank you for taking time away from your family during the holiday season to lead your Troop. All adults must be registered Adult Leaders with the BSA and have current Youth Protection Training.
- Winter Day Camp Leader Fee \$55. All adults must be registered Adult Leaders with the BSA and have current Youth Protection Training.
- Visitor meal fee, \$5 per meal. This must be purchased from the trading post.

Fees for Anticipated Adult Trainings (registration for these will open on 12/1 at noon along with the merit badges)

- Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills Course Fee for Non-Camping Adults (Day Camper Adults), \$35 course
- Intro to Outdoor Leader skills for Camping adults is \$10 (plus the \$65 Winter Camp Adult Leader fee)
- Wilderness Medicine Course Fee, \$110 if not camping, \$55 if camping (plus the \$65 Winter Camp Adult Leader fee)

Payment

Once you have submitted the initial reservation and fee for your Troop, you can proceed with reservations and payments for individual scouts by accessing your Black Pug Account through the link in the initial reservation confirmation email, or by logging in to your Black Pug Account with Caddo Area Council.

You can also give parents limited access to their child's registration link. Here they can make payments towards Winter Camp for their child, as well as adding any allergies etc. You will be able to view anything they do and can control the level of access. Please visit

<https://caddo.ihubapp.org/posts/83885/how-to-use-parent-portal-on-black-pug> to see "How to Videos" on creating these Parent Portals.

Camperships

Camperships are available for Scouts within Caddo Area Council. If you, or a Scout in your Troop, needs financial assistance to attend Winter Camp, please contact Davidcaddobsa@gmail.com or 903 793 2179 for the form, or download it from the Winter Camp Registration Website. Please note that this form needs to be submitted to David Melson by 11/1/2023 and the remaining balance, after the campership is applied, needs to be paid by the end of the early bird discount (11/15/2023).

Refund Policy

The Caddo Area Council will process refunds for fees paid towards ACTIVITIES & TRAININGS under the following conditions:

- Serious illness or injury preventing attendance
- Death in family preventing attendance
- Family Emergency

Requests must be made in writing to the Council Service Center via mail or email.

All emails must be sent to David Melson at Davidcaddobsa@gmail.com

All mail must be sent to
David Melson
24 Lynnwood Dr
Texarkana TX 75503

All refund requests must be received **NO LATER THAN FIVE DAYS** after the event is completed. Requests received after this time will not be processed.

Refunds are not given for no shows and for bad weather that does not warrant event cancellation.

Remind Messaging Service

To improve communication before, during and after camp, we have set up a group messaging service through the Remind App. **This is to be used by Adult Leaders only.** You do not need to download the app itself. If you do not have the Remind App, all messages sent out will appear as regular text messages. To receive updates about what is going on at camp you need to text @cphwinter to 81010.

Camp Leadership

It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that any trips, or outings are never to be led by only one adult. At least two adult leaders, one of whom must be 21 years or older, are required for all outings. At least one of those adults must be the same gender as the Scouts attending. This includes leadership for Scouts that are attending as Day Campers. All Leaders must be registered with the BSA and have current Youth Protection Training.

To help us maintain two deep leadership within the workshops, we ask that each Troop be prepared to send two adult leaders to sit in on workshops, to act as the second adult for the instructor present. We will provide you with your list of workshops to send a leader to. If you have no leaders available, as they will be attending trainings, please let us know – email Davidcaddobsa@gmail.com.

Day Campers

Troops within a 40 (forty) mile radius of Camp Preston Hunt can arrange to attend for each day's program. Arrangements must be made in advance and designated on the reservation made through www.CaddoBSA.org.

Senior Patrol Leaders

The Senior Patrol Leader should lead the Troop with the guidance of the Scoutmaster for the program. If your Troop's SPL is unable to attend, your troop should elect a "Camp" SPL. Each troop's SPL is a part of the "Camp Senior Patrol Leaders' Council", which will meet regularly with Camp Program Director and Camp Commissioners to plan and coordinate camp wide activities. Please see the camp schedule for meeting times.

Camp Leaders' Roundtable

All Scoutmasters are invited to attend the Leaders' Roundtable on December 27. This meeting is designed to help your Troop make the most of your time at camp. One roundtable is scheduled during our time in camp. However, if there is a need, others may be called.

Volunteer Camp Staff & Instructors

A staff of outstanding volunteer Scouts and Scouters has been assembled to assist each Troop in obtaining the maximum program opportunities available at Camp Preston Hunt. These staff members each have a variety of special abilities that may be tapped as a resource. There is always a need for more instructors & support staff in any camp! If your Troop has someone to share, please encourage them to email Davidcaddobsa@gmail.com.

Camp Rules and Regulations

Use of our camp is subject to the posted rules and regulations of Camp Preston Hunt. Please ensure that your Scouts and Leaders understand and abide by the posted rules and regulations. A copy will be posted at your housing location and may also be reviewed at the Camp Office. Thank you for being a good steward of your camp.

Vehicles in Camp

No vehicles, apart from Camp Vehicles and emergency vehicles, are allowed on camp.

For the safety of everyone in camp, we kindly ask that you park your vehicle in the main parking lot. No private vehicles will be allowed beyond the camp parking lot for any reason other than to transport handicap persons or transport special program equipment. A tractor and trailer will be provided to transport your gear to your camp location.

Weather permitting, trailers will be allowed in campsites. However, vehicles used to pull trailers must deliver and return to the designated parking lot.

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

If you are handicapped and need assistance with mobility, please contact Davidcaddobsa@gmail.com (903 793 2179) at least two weeks before the start of camp.

Dining Hall

Meals are served in our indoor, climate-controlled Dining Hall. Winter Camp Staff will be in the dining area to assist you during your meal. If you have visitors joining your Troop for a meal, they must check in and out at the camp office. There is a \$5 fee per meal for visitors, which must be paid at the trading post/staff office.

Cleanup responsibility will fall on each Troops Kitchen Patrol for that meal. Each troop will appoint one representative of the Kitchen patrol per table assigned.

Table Totems

Our tradition of table totems has been a big hit, and this year is no different! We want to see your brand-new totems on display at your table in the Dining Hall. Several awards will be available for your totem and embellishing yours throughout the duration of camp is encouraged. Please feel free to make multiple totems for your Troop, however only one may be entered into the contest. Happy crafting, carving, and building!

Camp Programs

Opening Campfire

The highlight of our first night at camp will most definitely be the opening campfire! Each Troop is encouraged to participate by presenting a skit and/or song at the campfire. It will be the Troop's chance to show their "stuff" to the rest of the camp. All safe haven practices will be adhered to. Your SPL will be required to get your skit approved by the Program Director, ahead of the Campfire. **Because the campfire is the night you arrive at camp, it is critical that your Troop thoroughly prepare your skit and/or song before you arrive at camp. Skits can be submitted in advance for approval by email from an Adult Leader to the Camping Committee Chair David Melson Davidcaddobsa@gmail.com or can be approved at Camp. It is strongly recommended that you email them in advance to Davidcaddobsa@gmail.com, so any issues with the skits can be sorted well before camp. Skits must be turned in no later than 12/27 at 5:00 PM.**

Movie Night

This free event will be held in the Dining Hall on the evening of the 29th, after workshops are finished for the day. Concessions including sodas, candy, popcorn and more will be sold by the Order of the Arrow Lodge Akela Wahinapay Lodge 232. If you are an OA Member, please be prepared to show your ID card to purchase OA items.

Vespers Service

A scout is reverent! We will conduct a non-denominational service for all faiths. Everyone in camp is encouraged to participate in this service. See the schedule for time and location.

OA Call Out

An OA Call out will be held after the closing ceremony on the 30th. If you are attending from out of Council, and wish to be called out at this Ceremony, you must bring a letter from your OA Lodge, granting permission to be called out at this Ceremony, rather than one with your own Lodge.

Eagle Olympics Camp-Wide Competition



COMPETITION EVENT

Eagle Olympics is a fun Camp Wide Competition in the main parade field. Be prepared for big fun and maybe a little learning too. We'll cover the activities at the Leaders' meeting on 12/27. Also, if you have an adult leader that is interested in helping with an activity, please contact the Program Director.

Trading Post

The Camp Preston Hunt Trading Post is stocked with snacks, beverages, hot chocolate, and more. The Trading Post is in the main area of Camp.

Merit Badge Pamphlet Pre-Order

Merit Badge Pamphlets can be pre-ordered from the Caddo Area Council Scout Office (24 Lynnwood Dr, Texarkana TX 75503). Orders must be placed by the first Friday in November to pick-up at the Winter Camp Trading Post. Please visit the Winter Camp section of the website **www.CaddoBSA.org** for more information or call 903-793-2179 to place your pre-order.

T-Shirt Order

T-shirt sizes will be taken when a Scout is registered. They must be fully registered and paid by 12/1/2023 to guarantee a camp shirt. If you wish to order additional t-shirts or adult t-shirts, this can be done through the registration link on www.CaddoBSA.org or you may pre order at the Scout office. This must be done by 12/1/2023.

Leader Feedback Survey

At the conclusion of camp, you will have the opportunity to participate in a Leader Feedback survey. This survey helps keep us informed on what you think went well and what we need to improve, so that we can make Winter Camp even better in 2023. We highly encourage your participation in this survey.

Behavior

We expect all Scouts and Leaders to maintain behavior as exemplified by the Scout Oath and Law. If you observe someone acting in an inappropriate fashion, please report it to a member of staff.

If we find that you or a Scout is acting inappropriately, you will be asked to leave camp and no refund will be issued. Please note that transportation of a Scout back home early is the responsibility of the Troop/that Scout's family, not the responsibility of Caddo Area Council.

Service Animals

We follow all ADA guidelines with regards to Service Animals. Please inform us by 12/1/2023 if you, or a member of your Unit needs to bring a Service Animal, so we can accommodate them. Please note that all food for the Service Animal must be provided by the owner; all waste produced by the Service Animal must be cleaned up; any damage caused by the Service Animal deemed to be beyond normal wear and tear by the Camp Director must be paid for by the Service Animal Owner; and the animal must be well-trained and well-behaved. If the Service Animal is not well-behaved or appears untrained, you will be asked to remove the animal.

Accommodation

There is a limited number of cabins available, as well as primitive camp sites. Cabins will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Please note that cabins will be assigned according to gender and so that Scouts staying in it are within two years of age, so your Troop may well be scattered over several cabins. Please indicate on your initial reservation whether your troop is planning on staying in cabins; primitive camping (please supply your own tents) or will be Day Campers.

PACKING LIST

Please make sure that all items are marked with your name and your Troop Number. Any items that are left behind will be kept for a month and then donated.

Day Packs

Please ensure your Scouts bring a Day Pack to camp, to carry around their supplies they will need for their workshop as well as other activities. This should contain:

- Pen/pencil and paper
- Water bottle
- Warm coat/sweater
- Raincoat and other rain gear

Personal Equipment – Cabins

- Fitted sheet.
- Sleeping bag, blanket, pillow
- Enough masks to last you through the duration of the camp (they must be worn indoors during workshops, and while in the dining hall while collecting food and after eating)
- Rain gear
- Warm coat
- Enough changes of warm clothing for the 27th-30th and at least one spare set, in case you get wet.
- Extra socks
- Laundry bag
- Shower shoes to be worn when showering.
- Toiletry kit (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc.)

- Towel
- Flashlight, with spare batteries
- Hand sanitizer
- Water bottle
- Hiking boots
- Trading post money
- Bag to store everything.
- Health forms Parts A, B and C, found at https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

Personal Equipment – Tents

- Tent
- Cold weather sleeping bag, blanket, pillow.
- Enough masks to last you through the duration of the camp (they must be worn indoors during workshops and, while in the dining hall while collecting food and after eating)
- Rain gear
- Warm coat
- Enough changes of warm clothing for the 27th-30th and a spare set, in case you get wet.
- Extra socks
- Laundry bag
- Shower shoes to be worn when showering.
- Toiletry kit (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc.)
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Optional

- Camera w/ extra batteries
- Watch
- Labeled wallet.
- Duffel bag lock
- Personal first aid kit

Things to NOT bring

- No electronic games/radio/televisions.

- No pets
- No fireworks or liquid fuel are allowed at Camp. Fuel powered lanterns are allowed, but the fuel needs to be stored with council staff.
- No illegal drugs, medical marijuana, nor alcohol are permitted on the Camp Property or Parking Lot. If found and not removed from Camp Property, the authorities will be notified.
- Personal firearms are not allowed. Please do not bring personal air rifles, bb guns, or archery equipment to camp.

Cell Phones

Scouts and Leaders are more than welcome to bring cell phones. Please keep in mind that

- There are limited electrical outlets, so you will want to bring battery packs, if you wish your phone to remain charged.
- A Scout is responsible for keeping track of their cell phone and that Caddo Area Council will accept no responsibility for a lost phone.
- A Scout is Courteous. When in a classroom, it is expected that all Scouts will put away their cell phones and give the Counselor their full attention. If a Merit Badge Counselor has to ask a Scout a second time to put away the phone, the Merit Badge Counselor can ask the Scout to leave the phone on the table at the front of the classroom, to be collected when the Scout leaves the classroom.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Our Health Lodge is in the Administration Office (Barry House) and will be staffed by one or more persons trained to handle minor accidents or illnesses. Special arrangements for the treatment of more serious cases have been made with the hospitals in Texarkana (fifteen minutes away). In the event such treatment is needed, the Scout's parents will be notified by a telephone call, giving the nature of the emergency. Their desires concerning further treatment will be followed. If the parents of the Scout will not be home during the time their child is in camp, please find out where they can be reached. Please note this information on the Scout's Medical form.

Each Scout who attends camp must have an annual health history attested (signed) by parents or legal guardians supported by a medical evaluation completed and signed within the last 12 months (Arkansas Law) by a physician licensed to practice medicine. The "BSA Annual Health and Medical Form, Parts A, B and C" must be used for camp by youth members and can be found at https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf

Each adult who attends camp must have a current health history supported by a medical evaluation within the last 12 months prior to arrival at camp, performed by a physician licensed to practice medicine. A "Annual Health and Medical Form" is to be used for Winter Camp. This is referred to as Health Form Parts A – C and can be found at https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf

Insurance

All medical forms must include the parents' medical insurance information or the medical insurance information of the adult to whom the form applies.

Special Diet and Medical Needs

We want to make your Scout's experience at Camp Preston Hunt is memorable, without the worries of food allergies. Our dining hall will make modifications to fit special dietary needs, if these have been listed on the individual's registration by 12/13 through the digital Black Pug registration system. Please be prepared to work with us in advance to ensure the food is suitable for the individual in your unit. You may also bring an ice chest with your Scout's name and troop number on it that contains food they will be able to eat in case there is not a substitute. We will have ice at camp to keep this cold.

Please be aware that there is a possibility of menu changes during the week. If you have any questions concerning this, you can contact us at 903 793 2179 or email Davidcaddobsa@gmail.com.

Please list all Scouts & leaders requiring special dietary and medical needs through the electronic registration system including:

- Specific medical treatments while in camp
- Special medical equipment (including adults that require transportation-must have a physicians note)
- Injections while in camp if required for extreme reactions to specific allergies.

MERIT BADGES

Here is an initial list of the Merit Badges offered at Winter Camp – we have more instructors to approach so the list will be longer when Merit badge sign up opens on 12/1 at noon. Please note that some merit badges will have an additional charge as supplies are required for that badge. Some merit badges will require transportation off site, but this will be indicated in the Merit Badge catalogue. There will be a minimum class size of five Scouts. If the class does not make, it will be cancelled, and your Scout will be offered an alternative.

For the most up-to-date information, please login to your Troop's Camp Master account and view the classes using the register function.

| Merit Badge | Recommended Years Attending Camp | Merit Badge | Recommended Years Attending Camp |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Astronomy | 1 | Indian Lore | 1 |
| Back Packing | 2 | Law | 1 |
| Aviation | 1 | Metal Working | 1 |
| Camping | 2 | Orienteering | 1 |
| Citizenship in Community | 2 | Personal Management | 3 |
| Citizenship in Nation | 2 | Personal Fitness | 1 |
| Citizenship in World | 2 | Photography | 1 |
| Coin Collecting | 1 | Radio | 1 |
| Collections | 1 | Rifle Shooting | 1 |
| Communications | 2 | Robotics | 1 |
| Cooking | 3 | Scouting Heritage | 1 |
| Digital Technology | 3 | Search and Rescue | 2 |
| Emergency Preparedness | 3 | Stamp Collecting | 1 |
| Entrepreneurship | 1 | Shotgun Shooting | 1 |
| Family Life | 1 | Truck Transportation | 1 |
| First Aid | 1 | Welding | 1 |
| Home Repairs | 1 | | |

****NOTE:** For a better Winter Camp Experience, Scouts should follow the recommended number of years at camp to choose merit badges. These numbers also correspond with age as follows – 1st Year (age 11), 2nd Year (age 12), etc. Many of the merit badges being offered will only produce partial completions due to the limited time frame. Your Camping Committee has tried to offer a unique variety of merit badges and qualified instructors. A few of the badges require those qualified instructors so if something happens and they cancel, we cannot offer the badge.

Updates and/or changes will be posted to www.CaddoBSA.org. Scouts must bring Merit Badge books with them for all badges and come prepared with any outside materials or pre-

requisites that may be required for the badge. These will be listed in the merit badge catalogue. In some cases, a zoom meeting maybe required prior to camp, to allow the Scout to achieve as much as possible and to go through what material they need to have completed ahead of time

CAMP REGISTRATION SYSTEM

Black Pug will be used to maintain your Troop roster, register people for classes, and get class status reports at the conclusion of camp. Please stay alert and check our website for updates on all things related to online registration! Policies and procedures for online registration are posted on the Council's Winter Camp Website at www.CaddoBSA.org. Please check this website for information about availability of the online registration system for Winter Camp 2023. It is recommended that when you first initially register the Troop, you create an account so that you can easily go back and access all the details and edit things as necessary.

You can give parents limited access to their child's registration link. Here they can insert any food allergies, make payments towards Winter Camp etc. You will be able to view anything they do and can control the level of access. Please see <https://caddo.ihubapp.org/posts/83885/how-to-use-parent-portal-on-black-pug> to see "How to Videos" on creating these Parent Portals.

If a leader wishes to take an adult leader training, the Scoutmaster in charge of registering the Troop for Winter Camp needs to add this to their registration. This can be done by going back into the registration either through your account (if you set up an account when you registered) or by using the link in the confirmation email to return to the account. Registering for a training can be done after an adult has registered for Winter Camp, assuming space remains in the training.

Parent Portal

If your Troop has opted to set up the parent portal, so that parents can make payments directly through that, as well as adding allergies and other information, a parent will access this by going to the Winter Camp registration page on www.CaddoBSA.org. When here, they will need to click on "Lookup" on the right-hand side of the screen, and then "Parent Portal". They will then need to put in the access code and password that your Troop will have created for them, when setting up parent access.

ANTICIPATED OTHER WORKSHOPS FOR SCOUTS BSA

These programs can be selected on 12/1 at noon, through the merit badge catalogue, when registration opens for that.

SCOUT-FIRST CLASS REQUIREMENTS AND FIRST AID MERIT BADGE



Are you missing requirements for rank from Scout through to First Class? Join us at this series of workshops to cover requirements varying from First Aid to cooking to knots. These classes will run during the day, leaving Scouts BSA free to take an additional merit badge class in the evening, if they want

Scouts taking this course will also earn the First Aid Merit badge, in the completion of the course.

The list of requirements that will be covered will be listed in the merit badge catalogue

Registration for this course will be done through the course selection merit badge process when merit badge registration opens on 12/1.

ANTICIPATED TRAININGS FOR ADULT LEADERS



INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SKILLS

\$10

If you are an adult camper, staying at camp

-or-

\$35

if you are an adult "day camper" who has not paid the adult leader fee. The fee covers two meals a day in the Dining Hall and Program Expense.

- Wear the TRAINED strip after this course!!!

Must be completed before attending:

- Current Adult Registration
- Youth Protection Training
- Position Specific training on www.my.scouting.org

Please be prepared to wear your Class A uniform.

December 29
8:15am – 4:30pm

Every Scout deserves a trained leader!

We invite Adult Leaders to participate in Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (BSA S11) and receive additional hands-on instruction in leader basics including advancement, diversity, and risk management.

This hands-on program provides leaders with a practical introduction to the patrol method of a Scout-led troop by teaching many practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. In addition, the teaching methods, activities, and games model the variety of teaching used in effective and engaging Scouting programs.

Participants completing the course will earn BSA's "Trained" patch.

Registration for this course MUST be completed done through the Troop registration. Space is limited. Registration for adult trainings opens on 8/15. Registrations for this training must be made in advance.

WILDERNESS MEDICINE AND REMOTE FIRST AID CERTIFICATION

\$110
COURSE FEE
(\$55 if Adult Camper)

- Based on the Boy Scouts of America Wilderness First Aid Curriculum and Doctrine Guidelines
- 26-Hour Course
- Certification is valid for 2 years



The purpose of this course is to teach first aid principles and skills so individuals can respond to emergencies and give care in areas that do not have immediate emergency medical care. Those areas include the wilderness and remote environments created by urban disasters such as earthquakes and hurricanes. This course includes CPR, First Aid, AED & Blood Borne Pathogen's.

Registration for this course MUST be completed done through the Troop registration and will open on 12/1. Space is limited. Registrations for this training must be made in advance.

For additional information about this course, please contact us – 903 793 2179 or Davidcaddobsa@gmail.com.