



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
BLACK HILLS AREA COUNCIL

October 28, 2023
Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch
24201 Bobcat Road
Custer, South Dakota 57730

FALL FESTIVAL

Event Information & Registration

<https://scoutingevent.com/695-FallFestival2023>

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This packet contains information on your registration to attend the 2023 Fall Festival. To secure your spot, each unit must complete an online registration and pay all necessary fees before registration closes.

No registrations will be taken at the event.

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All registrations will be accomplished using the Black Hills Area Council's Registration System through the URL: <https://scoutingevent.com/695-FallFestival2023>

Youth Participants (Cub Scouts, WEBELOS, Scouts BSA)

Early Bird: \$15 Regular Price: \$20.00 Late Price: \$25.00

Adult Participant (BSA Unit Leader (Cub & Scouts BSA) Cub Scout Adult)

Early Bird: \$7.00 Regular Price: \$10.00 Late Price: \$15.00

EVERYONE ATTENDING THE EVENT MUST BE REGISTERED. NO WALK-IN PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Key Dates:

September 11, 2023

Early Bird Pricing Ends at 11:59pm

October 14, 2023

Late Pricing Begins at 11:59pm on October 13

October 23, 2023

Registration Closes

Important Fall Festival Information

Fall Festival

What is it?

The Annual Fall Festival is an event geared towards WEBELOS, Arrow of Light, Scouts that crossed over within the last year or two. We would especially like to invite those scouts and families who just joined in the Fall.

All participants will receive a "passport." As Scouts and adults travel around to various activities, make sure to get your passport signed. Completed passports will be collected at the end of the day on Saturday for a special drawing. We will draw the name of one Cub Scout, one Scouts BSA Scout, one Cub Scout leader and one Boy Scout leader to receive a prize.

Overnight Camping

All activities at the Fall Festival happen on Saturday, however a unit, family, or individual may tent camp on Friday and/or Saturday night at no additional cost. Units will be responsible for their own interfaith service on Sunday. Units, families, & individuals will also be responsible for policing their campsite upon departure as well as to recycle and discard their waste in an appropriate, marked trash cans. Please mark which individuals on your online registration will be camping. This will allow us to notify our campmaster.

Event Schedule

Friday

6:00PM - 8:00PM | Check-In @ Training Center
10:30PM | Lights Out

Saturday

7:30AM - 8:30AM | Check-In @ Training Center
8:45AM | Flag Ceremony @ Flag Plaza
9:00AM | Open Program - Travel to Activities
9:30AM | Turkey Shoot (Youth 11- 13 .22LR)
10:30AM | Turkey Shoot (Youth 14-17 Shotgun)
12:15PM | Lunch (provided)
1:00PM | Program - Travel to Activities
2:00PM | Turkey Shoot (Adult 18+ Shotgun)
4:15PM | Flag Ceremony @ Flag Plaza
4:30PM | Pumpkin Cook-off Entries Due
4:45PM | Dinner (no meals are provided)
6:00PM | Haunted Trail Opens
7:00PM | Campfire @ Amphitheater

Sunday

10:00AM | Depart Camp

Attendance

All youth and adults registered with the Boy Scouts of America are permitted to attend this event. **Every unit must have two-deep adult leadership and abide by the policies established in the Guide to Safe Scouting.**

Activities

The 2023 Fall Festival will have a wide variety of activities.

MORNING ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE 9am-Noon

- **Camping Skills**
 - How to set up a tent?
Where is the best location to set up a tent?
 - Fire Building
 - Knots
 - Scout Oath & Law Game
 - First Aid In Action
Mach Injuries to test your skills
 - Totem Chip (must be in a Scouts BSA Troop)
- **Camp Cooking**
 - Campfire Carmel Apples
 - S'mores
- **Open Fishing**
- **STEM Activity Area**
 - Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream
 - 3-D Printing,
 - Science & Technology Games & Activities
- **Camp Hayride Tour**
- **Craft Activity**

ACTIVITIES AT A SPECIFIC TIME

- **Medicine Mountain Hike**
 - Must be WEBELO Level or Older
 - Hike 1 @ 9am
 - Hike 2 @ 1:30pm
- **Field Games 1pm - 2pm**
- **Scout Skills Rumble 2:15pm**
 - put into action everything you learned in the morning while racing through camp.
- **Great Pumpkin Race 3:00pm**
 - race to start by 3:15pm
 - bring your pumpkin ready to race
(See rules in the back of this leader guide)
- **Pumpkin Cook-off 4:30pm**
 - prepare a dish while at camp.
Bring it to the Training Center for judging at 4:30pm. Please make sure to allow time to prepare and cook your entry to enter it by 4:30pm deadline.

EVENING ACTIVITIES

- **Spooky Trail & Campfire**
 - Hike the Spooky Trail to Campfire starting at 6pm from the top of Lake Alexander Dam

OA Pancake Breakfast

Available from 7:30am - 8:30am to all participants on Saturday October 28th, 2023 for \$10 per person and will include Pancakes, Bacon & Juice.

Turkey Shoot

The 2023 Turkey shoot will take place in the afternoon at the Fall Festival. There is an additional cost to enter the Turkey Shoot. A turkey will be awarded in each of 3 divisions (youth 11-13yrs .22LR, youth 14-17yrs 12 gauge, adult 18 and up 12 gauge,). There will be a shoot-off in the event of a tie, and the Range Master's decision is final. All rifles, ammunition, and required safety equipment will be provided. Spectators are free to come and watch the competition.

Turkey Shoot Entry Fee

Youth 11-13 Years Old .22LR | \$10.00

Youth 14-17 Years Old Shotgun | \$20.00

Adult 18+ Years Old Shotgun | \$20.00

Great Pumpkin Race

Entries can be by an individual, a unit, Den/Patrol.
- Pumpkins are not provided by the event.

Pumpkin Race Decorating Categories:

- Best Scout Design
- Best Movie Design
- Best Animal Design
- Most Patriotic Design
- Best Holiday Design (that is not Halloween)
- Best STEM Design
- Most Creepy / Spooky Design

Be Creative and let your imaginations run wild!

Great Pumpkin Cook-off

Entries can be by a unit or Individual.

- Must use pumpkin in the dish
- Entries must be to the Townley Training Center by the end of Lunch for judging (1:30pm)
- Entries will be judged on taste, presentation & best use of pumpkin in the recipe. Extra points for an entry that is created to be allergy sensitive. Like Dairy Free, Gluten Free, Nut Free etc. . .

Fall Festival

Fall Festival Fee

The fee includes program and support materials, registration materials, insurance, and recognition items during the weekend event.

To register, all attendees must complete an online registration. Fees can be paid by credit card or debit card online. Alternatively, fees may be paid with check or cash at the Scout Service Center before the event begins

Activity Refund Policy

Food and program supplies are purchased in advance based upon projected adult/youth attendance. Last minute cancellations create an overstock of supplies and food that often times cannot be returned. To ensure all requests receive uniform treatment, the following refund policy has been established.

- No-shows at activities, those sent home because of misbehavior, and Scouts leaving an activity for non-emergency reasons forfeit all fees and no refunds will be authorized. This applies to individuals and/or Units.
- All cancellations must be in writing and received by the Council office at least five (5) calendar days prior to an activity's start date. Please return the request addressed to the attention of the "Refund Committee".
- If requesting a refund for medical reasons, a doctor's note with contact information must be submitted.
- If requesting a refund for an immediate death in the family, either an obituary or funeral program must be submitted.
- The Unit leader or person in charge of the unit activity must handle all refund requests.
- No requests for refunds will be honored after the event.
- Refunds will be given either in the form of a check made out to the unit.

NOTE: Activity personnel cannot authorize refunds. All refunds require the approval of the Refund Committee which includes the Scout Executive.

Health Forms

All participants (youth, adults, & staff) are required to bring Parts A & B of the official BSA health form. Health forms will be checked at check-in. Participants who come without completed health forms will not be allowed to participate.

Youth Protection Training

All adults and staff attending this event will be required to have youth protection training. No adults or staff will be permitted to participate if his / her youth protection training is not up to date. Registration fees will not be refunded if an adult or staff member is not able to go due to expired youth protection training.

Fall Festival Committee

The Fall Festival Committee will host and provide overall guidance and leadership to the Fall Festival.

Veteran Scouts and Scouters from around the council make up the Fall Festival Committee and bring to the event not only extensive Scouting experience, but also years of experience in staging and administering events.

Amber and Jacob have been appointed as the Fall Festival Co-Chairs and will be assisted by the Fall Festival Committee.

Council Program & Marketing Director Stewart Smith will be the Fall Festival Staff Advisor.

Any additional questions you may have regarding the Fall Festival may be directed to:

reservations@blackhillsbsa.org

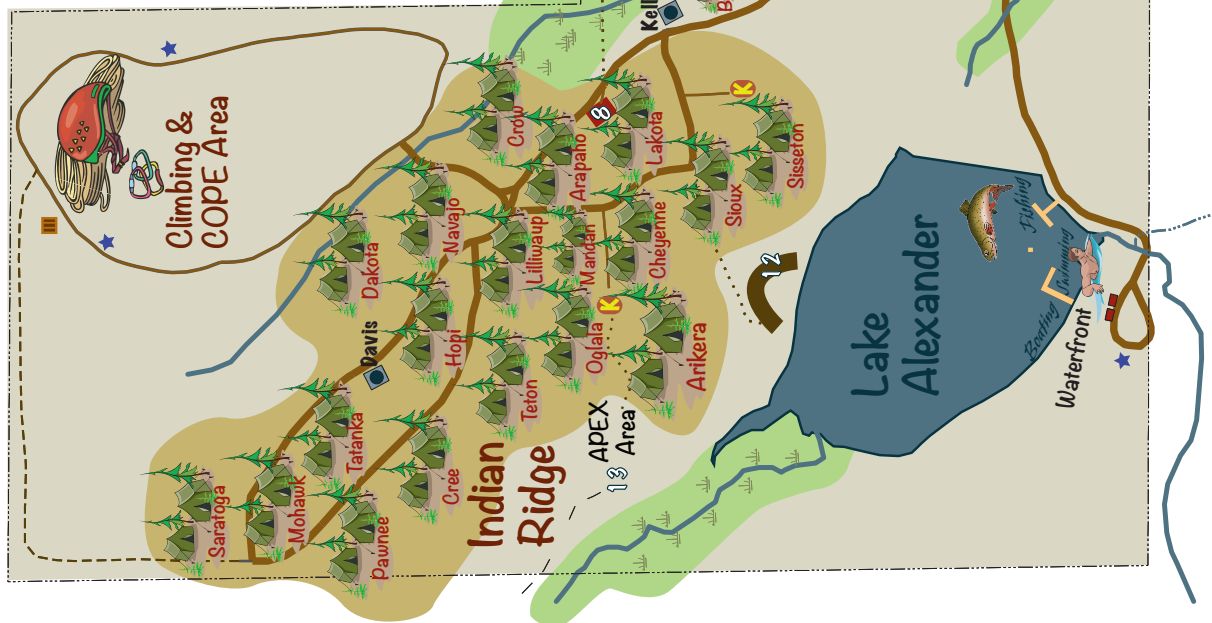
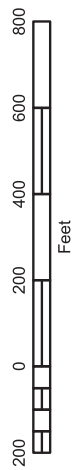


Legend

- Building
- Marsh
- Streams
- Perennial
- Intermittent
- Roads
- Gravel
- Dirt
- Primitive
- Fire break &
- Bike path
- Trail

- Shower House
- Pavilion
- Climbing Tower
- Kybo
- Latrine

- 1 Shop / Ranger Office
- 2 First Aid
- 3 Townley Training Center
- 4 Commissary
- 5 Trading Post / Camp Office
- 6 STEM Center
- 7 Nature Lodge
- 8 Handicraft
- 9 Chapel
- 10 Parking Lot
- 11 Bike Barn
- 12 Amphitheater
- 13 APEX Area
- A - Ranger House
- B - Garage
- C - Pole Barn





GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

All participants must design and race their Pumpkin Racers according to these rules to ensure that the event is fun and fair for everyone.

- 1 No pushing or “helping” your Pumpkin Racer on the starting line. Set it up in position, then....Hands up!
- 2 All races are single elimination.
- 3 A Pumpkin Racer wins when its wheels cross the finish line.
- 4 The Referees’ decision is final. If there is any controversy, the head referee may have a race off between the Pumpkin Racers in question or all racers in the round.
- 5 Craft your Pumpkin Racer using a single pumpkin.
- 6 Pumpkin Racers must have two independent axles through the body of the pumpkin, and the wheels must be attached to the axles.
- 7 Maximum wheel diameter is 12 inches.
- 8 Do not attach your pumpkin onto a prefabricated chassis of any kind (skateboard, stroller, Tonka Truck, etc.)
- 9 NO SHARP OBJECTS, EXPLOSIVES or PYROTECHNICS.
- 10 NO CHEATING. Our Race Officials have a keen eye and the Mallet-O-Justice ready to bring down on any Cheater Pumpkin! If you choose to make a Cheater Pumpkin on purpose to see the Mallet-O-Justice come down on your creation, let us know at check-in this is a Cheater Pumpkin
- 11 No bumper or protective cage-like structure to protect Pumpkin Racer.
- 12 No fabricated or prefabricated chassis of any kind nor attachments to stabilize axles (tension rods, welded rods, etc.). Axles may not connect to each other in any way.
 - Plastic zip ties are the only item allowed to be used on an axle for support or stabilization. Zip ties will be available at the Pumpkin Pit Row while supplies last.



TIPS & TRICKS FOR YOUR RACER

- 1 When choosing a pumpkin, be sure that the pumpkin is small enough for the axle to stick out and put wheels on but big enough that two axles and wheels can fit and spin freely.
- 2 A bigger or heavier Pumpkin Racer is not necessarily a faster Racer. Rarely does the biggest pumpkin win.
- 3 The best way to build a Pumpkin Racer is to make sure the axles are parallel so it will roll straight down the track. Most participants are eliminated because their Racer veers into the side before crossing the finish line.
- 4 Make sure wheels are parallel before each race.
- 5 Have fun making your Racer! Pick a theme and be creative. Remember, even if your Racer isn't the fastest, it can still win a 'best dressed' award!
- 6 Be on time for your rounds and listen for announcements! We don't want you to miss your race!

HOW TO BUILD A PUMPKIN RACER

Just follow the steps below if you purchase a pumpkin racer kit online from <https://turningpointautismfoundation.org/product/pumpkin-race-kit/>

- 1 Insert axle directly into a cordless drill, and drill each axle into the side of your pumpkin.
- 2 Twist two inner wing nuts onto the axle (wing side toward the pumpkin).
- 3 Using a rubber mallet, insert bearing into each wheel by hammering gently. Slide wheels onto the axle.
- 4 Twist outer wing nuts onto axle (wing side away from the pumpkin) leaving a slight gap to allow wheel to spin.
- 5 Test to see if your racer goes straight. Adjust wheels and axles if necessary using the included zip ties.

CHEATER PUMPKINS

Any Pumpkin Racer that is caught cheating on purpose (wink, wink) will be smashed! Before any pumpkin is smashed, the head referee will check with mom or dad to make sure that the pumpkin is ok to be smashed. We know how hard you worked on them :)