

SPANISH TRAIL
SCOUT RESERVATION

2023 Leader's Guide



**Yustaga
Native
American
Weekend**

Hosted by
Order of the Arrow Yustaga Lodge

Gulf Coast Council, B.S.A.

Dear Leaders,

Thank you for considering the 13th Annual Yustaga Native American Weekend at STSR hosted by Yustaga Lodge #385 of the Order of the Arrow (the National Honor Society of Scouting) as part of your Scouting program.

The OA has assembled an impressive array of experts in a variety of fields who will be presenting training sessions and exhibitions at several maturity levels. Vendors will also be there with unique Native American items available for purchase. Modeled after similar events elsewhere in the Southeast, it provides a great local opportunity for your Scouts to learn about the Native Americans who once inhabited this area from Native Americans who are proud to share their rich heritage with all in attendance!

We hope you will join us. If you have any questions, please contact the Council Service Center at 850-436-6336, visit our web site at www.yustaga385.com.

Thanks again for supporting our program.

Event Chairman
Adam Jarvis

Event Advisor
Mic Wehmeyer

Lodge Chief
Brighton Cardenas

Lodge Advisor
Mike Cole

Boy Scouts Camping: February 3-5, 2023

- Check in: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Friday
- Check out: 10:00 am Sunday

Cub Scouts and Day Visitors: February 4, 2023

- Check in begins at 8:00 am

Fees

Boy Scout Camping:

- \$20 per Camper (No food included.)

Cub Scouts and Day Visitors:

- \$15 per person (includes patch)

!!!! Registration deadline for campers is January 25, 2023!!!!

Cub Scouts and Day Visitors should pre-register to guarantee availability of patches at the event.

Online registration: www.yustaga385.com

<http://www.gulfcoastcouncil.org/>

T-Shirts & Extra Patches

A very limited number of t-shirts and patches items will be available at the event. The only way to guarantee that you get them is to pre-order using the registration form. Extra patches ordered will be delivered to the unit AFTER the event to insure every participant gets a patch.

Adult Leadership

In accordance with BSA policy, STSR requires that at least 2 adult leaders (at least 21 years old and be trained in Youth Protection) be in camp with each unit.

Tenting

All units will be responsible to provide their own tents.

Health Lodge

Spanish Trail Scout Reservation operates a 24-hour health lodge for all medical emergencies. The Health Lodge is located behind the Trading Post on the main road leading to the Dining Hall.

CAMPERS

Check-in Procedure

Your troop should plan to arrive at camp between 5:00 and 8:00 pm on Friday. When you arrive at camp, all vehicles should park TEMPORARILY in the main parking lot. The Scoutmaster or his designees and the Senior Patrol Leader should then go to the Camp Office (**left side of Henson Hall**) to begin the check-in process.

At check-in be prepared to:

Present a final troop roster of all Scouts and adults in attendance with the unit. Please bring no more than 2 people to check in. Units WILL SHARE campsites based on Troop size.

Current Medical Forms are required but should be kept by the unit. The forms are NOT needed for check-in.

After completing check-in you will be permitted to drive into camp to unload all gear. ALL vehicles except unit gear trailers MUST be moved to the Main Parking Lot prior to taps and must remain there for the duration of the event.

Check-Out Procedure

Check-out will begin following Scout's Own and go until 11am at the Camp Office (**Left side of Henson Hall**). At any time after Scout's Own you can drive into camp to collect all gear.

CUB SCOUTS AND DAY VISITORS

Check-In Procedure

Follow directions from Scouts in orange or yellow vests for parking. Primary parking will be in the main parking lot with overflow along the entrance, main road, and Jambo roads. The Cubmaster or his designees (limit 2 please) should then go to the Camp Office (**left side of Henson Hall**) to begin the check-in process.

Check-Out Procedure

Find vehicle. Get in. Count heads. Drive home.

Camp Policies & Procedures

- Every troop must maintain two-deep leadership at all times.
- Personal firearms, ammunition and archery are not to be brought to camp.
- No fireworks, alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are allowed in camp. Possession of these will be grounds for dismissal from camp without a refund.
- The proper BSA uniform is to be worn at all times.
- Vehicles must be left in the designated parking lot at all times. The only vehicles allowed in camp are the Ranger's Vehicle, Health Officer's and the Camp Director's vehicle.
- Everyone coming in to or leaving camp must check in and out at the Camp Office (left side of Henson Hall).
- No open toe shoes are to be worn at camp.
- Smoking is not allowed in camp.
- All scouts and leaders MUST have a current BSA health form which should be maintained by the unit leaders.
- Radio frequencies 1 and 2 are for camp staff uses only. Please stay off of these frequencies.
- Scouts and leaders shall abide by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Staff areas are off limits to all campers and leaders, please respect their privacy.

Pow Wow Etiquette

(These guidelines for a typical Pow Wow borrowed from www.native-american-online.org. Some may be relaxed because YNAW is an exhibition.)

- 1) Dress and act appropriately. Hot pants, halter tops, swimwear, and profanity have no place at Pow Wows. If you are going to dance anything other than open the intertribal, wear your regalia.
- 2) Pointing with the fingers is considered poor manners by some nations. If you must point, use your head and nod in the direction you wish to indicate.
- 3) The seating around the Arena is reserved for dancers in regalia. Seats with blankets, shawls or regalia items on them are taken and should not be bothered. Do NOT sit on someone else's blanket unless invited. Uncovered seats are considered available.
- 4) Pets should be left at home. The Arena is a sacred place from the time it is blessed until the Pow Wow is over. At no time should pets be allowed in the Arena.
- 5) Listen to the Master of Ceremonies. He will announce who is to dance and when. Most Pow Wows conduct Intertribal dances in which the public may participate. Check with the Arena Director for more information.
- 6) Pictures should NOT be taken during Veterans Songs, Flag Songs, Prayers or any other time announced by the Master of Ceremonies. If you wish to photograph a dancer in regalia, ask first. If the picture is for publication or commercial use, that should be explained before the picture is taken.
- 7) Respect the Head Man and Head Woman Dancers. Their role entitles them to start each song or set of songs. Please wait until they have started to dance before you join in. In some traditions, it is considered improper to pass the Head Man or Woman Dancer within the Arena.
- 8) Show respect to the Flag, Honor and Veterans songs by standing until the song is completed.
- 9) Some songs require that you be familiar with the routine or have special eligibility rules in order to participate. Trot dances, snake, buffalo, etc. require particular steps or routines. Veterans dances may be restricted to Veterans, Combat Veterans or in some cases, the relations of Veterans. If you are not familiar with a particular dance, observe and learn. Watch the Head Dancers to learn the procedures.

10) The Flag Song, or Indian National Anthem, is sung when the American Flag is raised or lowered. Please stand and remove hats during the singing of this song. It is not a song for dancing. Pictures are not allowed during these songs.

11) Most Pow Wows are non-profit and depend upon donations, raffles, blanket dances, etc. for support. Donations are encouraged as a way to honor someone. Any participant can drop money onto the blanket to aid in the powwow expenses.

13) Certain items of religious significance should be worn only by those qualified to do so. Respect the traditions. Never intentionally touch another dancer's regalia, person or property without permission.

14) Giveaways, attributes of Indian generosity, are held at many dances. They are acknowledgments of appreciation to recipients for honor or service given to the people. When receiving a gift, the recipient thanks everyone involved in the giving.

15) If you wish to ask for a special song from a drum, talk to the Area Director first and make sure the Master of Ceremonies is informed. It is traditional to make a gift (monetary or otherwise) to the Drum for special requests.

16) Before sitting at a drum, ask permission from the Head singer. Do not touch a drum without permission.

17) If at any time you are uncertain of procedure, etc., please check with the MC, Arena Director, or Head Singer. They will be glad to help you with your questions.

18) Unless you are sure spectator seating will be provided, bring a chair. Remember that the seating immediately around the Arena is for dancers only.

19) If you see a lost feather, or you yourself drop a feather, do NOT pick it up. Notify the nearest Veteran, the Head Veteran, Head Man Dancer or Arena Director immediately.

20) Before dancing barefoot speak with the Arena Director. At some events this may only be done by Sun dancers known to the organizers.

21) In some places it is OK for adults to dance while carrying infants or small children. In other places this is considered contrary to local etiquette. Ask before doing so.

21) If you have a question, ask. Most dancers, singers, elders and staff are happy to help. Offer a cold drink or other small, symbolic gift to those who help you.

Program

Activities will include:

- Training Sessions
- Exhibits, Hands-on Activities, and Make-and-Take Sessions
- Demonstrations
- Vendors
- Saturday Pow Wow
- Saturday OA Call-Out Ceremony

There will be separate activities for Boy Scouts/Venturers and for Cub Scouts. Cub activities are scheduled from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Boy and Venture Scout activities start earlier and end later. **Cubs are welcome to attend Scout Sessions (and vice versa) but only as observers.** Demonstrations, exhibits, and vendors are open to all.

Schedules and locations for activities are changing almost daily as new vendors and exhibitors are added. A final schedule of sessions, exhibits and their locations will be provided at check-in.

IMPORTANT!!! IMPORTANT!!! IMPORTANT!!!

Participation for some training sessions is limited due to practical class size (20-25 people in most cases). Participation for those sessions will be first come first served. If class is full, participants are encouraged to come back to another class...and be early!

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Saturday Night Trade Blanket

On Saturday night, there will be a trade blanket gathering in the Dining Hall from 10:00 PM to 11:30 PM with fellowship, patch trading, and ad hoc training continuing until 11:45 PM.

Concession Stand

Typical event food (hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken fingers, French fries, etc.) will be available at a stand at the Athletic Field.

Additionally, pulled pork and other snacks will be available at the Trading Post.

Shooting Sports

Open .22 caliber rifle shooting (under construction)

Archery (under construction)

BB Gun Shooting. We will be offering BB Gun shooting Saturday morning.

Sling Shot Shooting. We will be offering Sling Shot shooting Saturday morning.

**ALL TIMES AND LOCATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
FINAL SCHEDULE AVAILABLE AT CHECK-IN.**

SCOUTS BSA/VENTURE SCOUT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY		
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Check In	Camp Office
8:30 PM – 9:00 PM	SM + SPL Meeting	Dining Hall
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Staff Meeting	Dining Hall
11:00 PM	Taps	Everyone Everywhere
SATURDAY		
6:00 AM – 6:30 AM	Ceremonial Blessing	Whipple Circle
6:30 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast	Camp Sites
8:15 AM – 8:30 AM	Flag Ceremony	Dining Hall
9:00 AM – 11:50 AM	Activities	See Activity Matrix
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch	Camp Sites/Vendors Row/Trading Post
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Activities	See Activity Matrix
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Pow Wow Exhibition	Athletic Field
4:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Dinner/Vendors/Free Time	Camp Sites/Vendors Row
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	OA Call-out Ceremony	Trading Post, then to Athletic Field
10:15 PM – 11:00 PM	Cracker Barrel / Trade Blanket	Dining Hall
12:00 AM	Taps	Everywhere
SUNDAY		
8:00	Religious Service	Whipple Circle
8:30	Check out	Camp Office

CUB SCOUT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY		
8:00 AM -9:00 AM	Check In	Camp Office
9:00 AM – 11:50 AM	Activities	See Activity Matrix
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch	Athletic Field / Trading Post
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Activities	See Activity Matrix
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Pow Wow Exhibition	Athletic Field

General Information

Contact Information

Gulf Coast Council Office Phone: (850) 476-6336

Gulf Coast Council Fax: (850) 476-6337

STSR

Since 1961, Spanish Trail Scout Reservation has served the scouts of the Gulf Coast Council. With over 1400 acres, STSR is one of the largest camps in the southeast. It offers a full range of facilities: a 40-acre lake for swimming, canoeing, and fishing; a dining hall; and numerous places to camp.

The camp has undergone numerous improvements since then and is continuing to change and improve to meet the needs of today's scouts and leaders.

Directions:

A camp phone is available for emergencies only. The number is (850) 892-5312. Please call the Council Service Center in Pensacola at (850) 476-6336 if there is a non-emergency message to be conveyed. The Camp and the Service Center will be in contact each day to pass messages.

Directions to Spanish Trail Scout Reservation:

From I-10 (from the west) take exit #70 (Highway 285) and proceed north on Highway 285 for 1/4 mile. This will dead end into Highway 90. Turn right (east) onto Highway 90 and proceed 8 miles until you see the "Boy Scout Camp" sign. Turn right at the sign onto Boy Scout Road. STSR will be on the left side of the road.

From I-10 (from the east) take exit #85 (Highway 331) north and proceed to Highway 90 in DeFuniak Springs. Turn left (west) onto Highway 90 and leave City of DeFuniak Springs, you will see the "Boy Scout Camp" sign. Turn left onto Boy Scout Road. STSR will be on the left side of the road.

Once on Boy Scout Road, go 1/2 mile to the entrance of STSR on the left. Turn into the reservation, follow the road past the ranger's home, cross the dam at Lake Alaqua and go up the hill to Henson Hall for check-in.

Visit <http://www.gulfcoastcouncil.org/camping.html> for link to interactive map with directions.

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February 3-5, 2023

Registration Form

Online registration: www.yustaga385.com

Unit: _____ Contact Person: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Boy Scout Campers:

Number of Scouts _____ @ \$20 total: _____
Number of adults _____ @ \$20 total: _____

Cub Scouts and Day Visitors:

Number of Scouts _____ @ \$15 total: _____
Number of adults/guests _____ @ \$15 total: _____

Pre-order YNAW T-shirts

Youth Small _____ @\$12 total: _____
Youth Medium _____ @\$12 total: _____
Youth Large _____ @\$12 total: _____
Adult Small _____ @\$12 total: _____
Adult Medium _____ @\$12 total: _____
Adult Large _____ @\$12 total: _____
Adult XL _____ @\$12 total: _____
Adult XXL _____ @\$14 total: _____
Adult XXXL _____ @\$15 total: _____

Pre-order YNAW Patches

Extra Patch _____ @\$5 total: _____

Overall Total \$ _____

All fees and registration form must be submitted by January 25, 2023, to: Gulf Coast Council, 9440 University Pkwy, Pensacola, FL 32514 Fax: 850-476-6337

Online registration: www.yustaga385.com or
<http://www.gulfcoastcouncil.org/>

