



CAMP AVANTURA

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Camp Guide

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Welcome to Camp Avantura BSA 2024!

Hello Friends - I am so excited for Camp Avantura BSA 2024! This Summer, we have incorporated several of the great suggestions made during our 2022 and 2023 seasons. We are adding to our program a few new classes and also keeping in our fun themed SPIRIT DAYS! Be sure to add these to your packing list if possible:

- **Sunday:** Arrive in style and showing off your TROOP PRIDE by wearing your Troop Activity shirt.
- **Monday:** Start the week of in a Beach Frame of mind by sporting your favorite LUAU gear. Remember, all Luau wear needs to abide by BSA Guidelines and allow for the Scout to fully participate comfortably in all their activities.
- **Tuesday:** Happy Hats! Fun in the sun means protecting your eyes-and how better to do that then with a zany, **crazy, memorable hat.**
- **Thursday:** Become a Friendly Pirate, or a Friendly OA Pirate if you are a member of the lodge. We will be celebrating the OA, but in swash buckling style.
- **Friday:** We will be wrapping up our memorable week by showing our CAMP PRIDE. We are encouraging everyone to wear their Camp Activity Shirt today so everywhere we go, everyone will know, we are Camp Avantura BSA!

We are excited to welcome back our full ACE Program (1st year campers), our outstanding Outdoor Skills, Life Skills, Handicrafts and Sciences programs for those land loving adventures. For those who are looking for some adventure on the Adriatic Sea, our Aquatics program is ready and waiting. A Complete Angler fishing program week will work on all three fishing related merit badges as well as Scouts in this program may be able to earn the BSA Complete Angler Award!

Wednesday is our “free” beach day. Units will have the opportunity to participate in activities planned by our aquatics staff, attend activities on land, or have a Troop excursion of their creation off camp property. I am looking forward to seeing you all at Camp Avantura BSA, where you come for the fun in the surf, land and sun, and take-home lots of great memories!

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COVID-19 Mitigation Statement

The safety of our youth members, volunteer leaders, staff, and employees continues to be the most important part of the Transatlantic Council (TAC) Scouting experience.

Although it may feel as if we are past the pandemic, we remain most deliberate with our decisions regarding program delivery. Coronavirus (COVID-19) has ever-changing impacts.

For our summer camp programs, we are dedicated to delivering a safe, inclusive and memorable 2024 season.

The Council and Camp leadership are working with their respective hosts (KISC & Camp Veli Joze), Local guidelines, BSA National Outdoor Program's measures and the council's executive board to develop any needed changes to guidelines and responses to changes in the travel requirements and entry requirements of our TAC summer camp programs.

We are continually monitoring the situation of pandemic and the state of host nations around the Transatlantic Council.

If required to an adapting new concern level, health mitigation guides will be published and will be made available to all unit leaders, parents and individuals who are attending Camp Alpine or Camp Avantura BSA.

Overview

Location

The Physical address of the camp is:

Autokamp Veli Joze
D75 29
52475 Savudrija, Croatia

Session Dates

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Staff Preparation week: | 21 July to 27 July 2024 |
| Participant week 1: | 28 July to 3 August 2024 |
| Participant week 2: | 4 August to 10 August 2024 |

Who can participate?

Camp Avantura BSA is open to all youth and leaders who are registered with a Scouts BSA troop. Unfortunately, Cub Scouts and family camping are not permitted. Scouts from outside the Transatlantic Council across the BSA are also welcome to come and experience Camp Avantura BSA.

*Recent Arrow of Light recipients, who are at least 10.5 years old are permitted to attend so long as they have registered with the troop.

Provisional Campers

If your Scout is unable to attend camp with a unit, there is an option to attend as a provisional Scout. We will combine all provisional Scouts into a temporary patrol for the week and request that any adults attending alongside any of these Scouts volunteer some of their time at Camp to help mentor, guide and lead our provisional campers. Contact the Camp Director for further information and to voice your volunteerism.

Registration and Financial Policies

Registration for the 2024 season at Camp Avantura BSA is open. The registration website can be found here: <https://scoutingevent.com/802-CampAvantura2024>

Registration for Camp Avantura BSA programs and the number of Scouts and Leaders is on a first-come, first-served basis. We recommend that you register your unit as soon as possible to ensure the session of your choice. You must indicate the estimated number of participants, by program type, at the time of the initial camp registration. This can be changed later.

Camp Fees

| Programs | Camp Fees |
|---|-----------------------------|
| YOUTH – A.C.E. Accelerated Camper Program | \$615 (Early bird is \$565) |
| YOUTH – Participant* | \$615 (Early Bird is \$565) |
| ADULT | \$510 (Early Bird is \$460) |

- Some classes require additional fees to cover program material costs/fuel etc.

Camp Payment Schedule

| Camp Payment ACTION | Camp Payment AMOUNT | Camp Payment DEADLINE |
|--|---|-------------------------|
| Reserve a campsite for your unit at Camp | \$100/unit Deposit | When registration opens |
| Make the 1st payment (deposit) for participants and adults | \$25/youth and \$25/adult attending Camp | December 1st , 2024 |
| Make the final Fee payment for participants | Balance of Total Camp fees if seeking Early Bird rates | April 15th, 2024 |
| Make the final Fee payment for participants | Balance of Total Camp fees if not seeking Early Bird rates | June 1st, 2024 |

★ To qualify for Early Bird discounts, all Early bird Camp fees must be paid by April 15th, 2024.

Registrants on or after April 15th 2024 will be required to pay the full rate at the time of registration

Refund Policy for Transatlantic Council Summer Camps

Preparing for camp requires the Council to purchase food, supplies, equipment, hire staff and keep camp facilities in good repair in anticipation of the number of participants registered to attend. We don't automatically give refunds for Scouts or adults. Below are cases where a refund may be requested:

- Medical Reasons
- Summer School
- Death in the immediate family
- Scout or adult is moving
- Custody issues
- Reasons that don't involve choice

Camp Avantura BSA has a non-refundable/non-transferable fee component. This is non-negotiable, as it was established by event leadership to ensure financial stewardship of the event.

All participation cancellation notices and refund requests must be submitted in writing. Cancellations due to medical emergencies or other such unseen circumstances will be given the utmost consideration in favor of the registrant for any exceptions to the refund policy.

Refund Terms and Conditions

- 85% refund will be granted if cancellation is made more than one week in advance of the event
- 50% refund will be granted if cancellation is made one week or less
- No refunds will be provided for a cancellation within 24 hours of the start of the event.
- All refunds are subject to a 15% administrative fee*, primarily to cover the transactional fees assessed by our financial institutions.
 - *if the Council cancels the camp these will not apply
- Refunds will be processed within 30 days after the close of the event, with funds being deposited into the Unit Account.

Camp Scholarships

Every Scout who wants to attend a long-term summer camp experience should be able to attend and should not be held back due to financial limitations. The Transatlantic Council is committed to this concept and has established the **Eric Cooley Memorial Campership** endowment to establish a perpetual source of funds to assist Scout families on a limited basis.

To honor Eric's Life, these campership contributions will be used to support youth wishing to attend a TAC summer resident camp or TAC NYLT Course. All Scouts attending a Transatlantic Council Summer Camp are eligible to apply for a scholarship if they could not otherwise attend camp without financial assistance. For more information, background and terms and conditions regarding the Eric Cooley Memorial Campership Endowment, please visit: <https://tac-bsa.org/resources/campership-application/>

Program

We have developed two main programs to provide an experience for all Scouts. These programs start with our first-year camper program, known as the Accelerated Camping Experience or ACE. This program is designed to equip Scouts with the majority of basic skills they need to earn the first three main Scout ranks. The program also aims to motivate Scouts to advance towards Eagle and to benefit from all that Scouting has to offer. Along with working on rank requirement completion, this full week of Scouting basic skills will include work towards completion of the Swimming and Wilderness Survival Merit badges along with group hikes and the opportunity to participate in Camp wide activities as their ACE patrol.

Our second program is our merit badge class program, which offers a great selection of merit badges. During the registration process, unit leaders will have the ability to choose the classes for their Scouts and return to their registration account to edit these choices. Scouts can work on Eagle-required merit badges such as first aid, find out more about canoeing, or develop skills in woodcarving or leatherwork. At Camp Avantura BSA, we place great emphasis on not only teaching a merit badge but on developing skills that Scouts can use for the rest of their lives. As a part of our merit badge program, we have created a unique opportunity for Scouts interested in fishing. We have created a week long fishing adventure to include all three fishing related merit badges: Fishing, Fly Fishing and Fish and Wildlife management. Along with work on these three merit badges, a Scout can work towards the BSA Complete Angler Award.

The merit badge classes and our ACE program will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday while you are at camp. Wednesday at Camp Avantura BSA is our free day. The waterfront will be open during special session times announced at camp with our aquatics staff on duty. Relax in the water, race your friends on the water-obstacle, or compete in organized activities on the water. If you feel like you need a break from the sun, there will be staff available to finish merit badges, assist with rank advancement, or help you sharpen your handicraft skills. Some troops decide they would like to take an adventure outside of camp and a troop leader can sign out the troop for the day. They must ensure they provide two deep leadership and provide an estimated time they will return to camp.

The camp will also offer an organized Croatian Boat tour at an additional charge in your registration. A unit adult must accompany any youth attending the trip and be responsible for the youth while on the excursion as the camp will have limited spots and limited leadership for the excursion. This sight-seeing trip will require attendees to bring their own water bottle for the day but a lunch will be provided by the tour company as well as transportation to and from the port. See registration website for the additional fee.

BSA Mile Swim and Nature walks. We will offer the chance to complete the BSA Mile Swim at camp. Please sign up at the admin building upon arrival and plan to train each day to

join the group on Friday morning bright and early for an AM mile swim to the lighthouse and back to our main beach. Also, upon arrival there will sign up sheets for a few special nature walks in the evenings as well as special classes on Wednesday – check the Admin building for more details upon arrival.

Planned classes for 2024* *subject to changes*

| AQUATICS/ Waterfront | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Aquatics | Boating |
| Swimming Lifesaving Snorkeling | Canoeing Kayaking Motorboating Small Boat Sailing Water Sports |

| Educational Classes | |
|--|------------|
| For Scouts | For Adults |
| A.C.E. (Accelerated Camper Experience) | IOLS |

| Shooting Sports | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Rifle Shooting | Archery |

| On-Land Classes | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Handicrafts | Life Skills | Outdoor Skills | Sciences |
| Basketry Leatherwork Wood Carving | Emergency Prep First Aid Cooking Communication | Geocaching/Exploration Wilderness Survival Orienteering Pioneering | Oceanography Nature Space Exploration |

Class availability **subject to changes*

| | AM – Mon/Tues | PM – Mon/Tues | AM – Thurs/Fri | PM – Thurs/Fri |
|------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| EDU | ACE = this group meets all week together for all class periods | | | |
| Fishing | Fishing = this group meets all week together for all class periods | | | |
| Handicrafts | Art | Woodcarving | Basketry | Leatherwork |
| Sciences | Space Exploration | Oceanography Bird Study combo | Oceanography Bird Study combo | Nature |
| Life Skills | First Aid | Cooking | | Emer. Preparedness |
| Outdoor Skills | Orienteering | Wilderness Survival | Pioneering | Wilderness Survival |
| | Geocaching / Exp | Pioneering | Geocaching / Exp | Orienteering |
| Shooting Sports | Archery Rifle | Archery Rifle | Archery Rifle | Archery Rifle |
| Aquatics | Lifesaving | SUP | SUP | Swimming |
| | Canoeing | Kayaking | Kayaking | Canoeing |
| | Water Sports | Motorboating | Motorboating | Water Sports |
| | Small Boat Sailing | Small Boat Sailing | Small Boat Sailing | Small Boat Sailing |
| | Snorkeling | *adult Snorkeling class – sign up at camp | Swimming | Snorkeling |
| | | | Lifesaving | *adult SUP class – sign up at camp |

2024 Camp Avantura BSA Daily Schedule

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|-----------|-----------------|
| 0700 | Reveille |
| 0745 | Morning Flags |
| 0800-0900 | Breakfast |
| 0900-1200 | AM Session 1 |
| 1230-1330 | Lunch |
| 1400-1700 | PM Session 2 |
| 1830-1845 | Evening Flags |
| 1845-1930 | Dinner |
| 2000-2200 | Evening Program |

Noteworthy items Provided at Camp

- Three meals and one snack per day (see the sample menu for more info)
- Camp Veli Joze will operate a snack shop and two small convenience stores with items for purchase should you forget soap, supplies or desire a special snack of some type. Euro and Croatian Kuna are accepted here and at least one store will accept major credit cards.
- Cabins for youth attendees*
 - Each cabin has bunk beds with mattresses and optional bedding and pillow. You may provide your own bedding/pillow/sleeping bag(s)
 - This is a shared space. We will bunk units together and combine smaller units for space. Capacity is 8 youth per cabin. Larger units will be divided between multiple cabins. All Lone Scouts will be combined with a troop or group of other Lone Scouts to form a patrol for the week
 - Youth have a designated private shower building accessible always to be used only by our camp attendees
- Cabins for adult attendees*
 - This is a shared space with up to 8 adults per cabin
 - Adults have multiple shower facilities to choose from on the grounds accessible at all time

*Youth or adults may tent camp or hammock camp at your discretion. There will be plenty of space to pitch a tent near your unit's assigned cabin area. **NO tents** will be provided! There are no discounts for tent camping as our occupancy is not based on tents versus cabins.

Scout's Own

We will offer a Scout's Own Service during your week at Camp Avantura BSA. We recommend that troops come and get involved. Remember, a Scout is reverent. Chaplain's Aides are also encouraged to work with our staff to prepare a good service.

The service is non-denominational and open to all Scouts and Leaders. Units are also invited to perform their own services if they would like and are free to invite others.

Order of the Arrow at Camp

Our Camp Chief will be in charge of promoting and providing Order of the Arrow activities during your session. Arrowmen will have the opportunity to undertake service projects, attend specific OA sessions and enjoy an OA evening while at camp. All Arrowmen should bring their sashes. We will have an Order of the Arrow day each week during camp to share in fellowship with our members and demonstrate our participation in the Order of the Arrow. It's possible that we may be able to offer a Brotherhood conversion for eligible, existing members of the Order of the Arrow.

Operations and arrival

Getting to Camp Avantura BSA

As you can see on the below map our Camp is located on the Westernmost tip of Croatia on the coast. It is recommended to drive to camp if possible. But don't let the lack of being able to drive there stop you from coming to camp! Your closest airports will be Trieste, Pula and Rijeka with Trieste being the largest of those three. Although Europe is well known for great rail connections, our camp is best reached by bus. Follow the below link for lots of great tips on getting to Croatia and travelling through the region. Bus and travel information link: <https://www.visit-croatia.co.uk/travelling-around-croatia/bus-travel-in-croatia/>
The city of UMAG will be the closest city with a good-sized bus terminal.



Arriving at Camp

All participants are requested to plan arrival from 1 pm to 5 pm on the Sunday arrival day for their chosen week. Any unit not able to meet the arrival time should please notify the camp director by email ahead of time. Any unit that has travel arrangements that require arrival before lunch on Sunday or that wish to add the extra meal (Sunday lunch) to their stay may do so by requesting via email to the camp director. However, there will be an extra meal charge added to your cost of attending camp.

Upon arrival at the main gate for Camp Veli Joze (the host location), please stop by the main front desk and request admission to Camp Avantura BSA. You will need to provide Passports to the front desk staff for all of your attending youth and adults to enter the campground. The Campground management will allow you to enter the park and follow the one-way road to drive to the Camp Avantura BSA entrance for offloading of gear. Signs will help you find your way and upon arrival at the Camp Avantura BSA section of the campground. Please have a unit leader check-in at the Camp Avantura BSA Admin office as noted on the map found in this guide. You will be directed to your Cabin or tenting area and

then directed to the parking area. We will not permit cars in the Camp Avantura BSA cabin area except for offloading and loading for arrival/departure days.

Campsite and Cabin Inspections

Every day our Camp Commissioner will do a tour of the camp and make sure you're all set up safely and your stay is going well. The inspection and scoring of your campsite will count towards the Honor Patrol Award, so make sure that you make a good impression with your setup. We especially like to see pioneering projects, good clean front porches and tidy cabins.

Showering and Toilets

Whilst most of the facilities are single cubicles and therefore compliant with BSA Youth Protection standards, we do have some additional rules we put in place: Toilets and showers are clearly marked for separate use by males or females, and separate Youth and Adult facilities exist.

- Please clean up all personal trash.
- For showers, use only the water that you need.
- Check carefully for all personal items before leaving.
- The shower building should not be used as a charging station.
- Clear markings at shower house entrances will also note whether the bathroom is for youth or adults (18+ years old). You must use the appropriate shower house and/or hours and toilet facilities for your age and gender.

If further accommodations need to be made for you or a member of your unit, please contact your Camp Commissioner or the Camp Director. The camp environment is often very conducive to the transmission of illness. Due to this, all campers and staff are encouraged to shower regularly and always wash and sanitize their hands before meals and after handling food or using the facilities.

Sample menu for the week:

Please note: arrival Sunday dinner is provided, and departure Saturday breakfast is provided.

Any other meals outside of these referenced points will not be provided. Also, if any of your camp participants have any food allergies or religious or dietary needs please make note of this in the registration process and be sure to follow up at camp. Scouts with special dietary needs must speak with a member of the kitchen staff at each meal to ask for their specially prepared meal.

Coffee is not provided at the dining hall but our main camp area will have coffee available for adults – bring your own camp mug please!

Provided snacks will vary throughout the week. Often yoghurt or fruit is available at roughly 3 pm in the afternoon and will be delivered to program areas by members of our Camp Staff

SUNDAY

- DINNER: Turkey steak, rice with vegetables, season salad, juice

MONDAY

- BREAKFAST: Buffet breakfast (bread spreads (different kinds), salami, cheese, tea, cocoa).
- LUNCH: Beef soup, roasted pork with potatoes, salad, juice.
- Snack: fruit.
- DINNER: Spaghetti Bolognese, lettuce, juice.

TUESDAY

- BREAKFAST: Buffet breakfast (bread spreads (different kinds), salami, cheese, corn flakes, semolina, tea).
- LUNCH: Spring vegetable soup, Chicken file with champignons sauce, croquettes, cabbage salad, juice.
- Snack: fruit, yoghurt.
- DINNER: Cevapcici, Pommes Frites, fresh onions, ketchup, sauce

WEDNESDAY

- BREAKFAST: Buffet breakfast (bread spreads (different kinds), hard-boiled eggs, wurstel, mustard, tea, cocoa).
- LUNCH: Mushroom soup, meatballs, mashed potatoes, salad, juice.
- Snack: fruit.
- DINNER: Beef goulash with pasta, salad.

THURSDAY

- BREAKFAST: Buffet breakfast (bread spreads (different kinds), salami, cheese, hot sandwiches, tea).
- LUNCH: Chicken soup, roasted chicken leg and thighs, dumplings, salad, juice.
- Snack: Chocolate pudding
- DINNER: Beef/Pork Patties, braised potatoes, mixed salad.

FRIDAY

- BREAKFAST: Buffet breakfast (bread spreads (different kinds), salami, cheese, French toast, semolina, tea, cocoa).
- LUNCH: Tomato soup, fried fish/hake or squids/cooked potatoes
- Snack: fruit
- DINNER: Chicken filet with vegetables and pasta, salad.

SATURDAY

- BREAKFAST: Buffet breakfast (bread spreads (different kinds), salami, cheese, cereal, tea, cocoa).

Trading Post and Spending money

As of January 1st 2023, Croatia now operates on the Euro as the standard currency!

Camp Avantura BSA will once again, host the TAC Traveling Trading Post with many BSA items available. The Trading Post will accept U.S. dollars and Euros only, change may often only be given in US dollars. Major credit cards are also accepted. The Trading Post will stock a range of BSA National supply items such as uniform shirts, uniform pants and other clothing. There will be useful tools, essential camping equipment and even craft kits. Spare water bottles and towels and even pocket-knives or hammocks can be purchased at camp.

The Trading Post will not stock drinks or food items. Separately on camp there is a snack shop and a small grocery store with these items available.

- Online Pre-orders will be made available to purchase special Camp Avantura BSA merchandise from the store. This will be the only way to guarantee Camp Avantura BSA branded merchandise (Shirts, Neckerchiefs, waterbottles), as stocks may not last the entire duration of camp.

An ATM at the Veli Joze (our host facility) main front desk can provide you with Euro.

Map of Camp Veli Joze

The below map is of the entire campground. From the entrance, there is a one-way road to reach our admin office, represented by **blue arrows** below.



Camp Rules and Policies

As Scouts, we follow the Scout Oath and Scout Law. It is the Scouts' responsibility to keep these commitments and our camps may have additional rules in places for your safety. Please review these important reminders below.

TAC Camp Code of Conduct

As a participant and a Scout at TAC Camps, I agree to obey all International and local laws as well as the following:

- I am aware that I am a representative of the Scout movement and will always follow the Scout Oath and Scout Law during my travel and TAC camp participation
- I will be respectful, tolerant and considerate of other cultures, including dressing appropriately for a multicultural environment.
- I will obey safety rules, signs and instructions by unit leaders, adults and camp staff.
- I will follow the camp sleep schedule unless otherwise directed by the camp leadership, by remaining in my campsite and respecting quiet times.
- I understand that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited. Medical marijuana is also prohibited.
- I understand that smoking is only permitted in marked or designated areas and not allowed in tents (legal age is 18 years or older).
- I understand that gambling of any form is prohibited.
- I will avoid serious behavior issues including dishonesty fighting and bad language.
- I will respect other participants property and refrain from "trophy hunting".
- I will keep the camp and my site clean and follow recycling policies.
- I will comply with all elements of the BSA Youth Protection program to prevent abuse and harassment. Review them at <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>.
- I will only trade patches and souvenirs with my peers and will refrain from selling any items.
- I will comply with all access restrictions and will not enter private tents, campsites or cabins unless invited.

Violation of this code of conduct, and any other conduct deemed inconsistent with the values of Scouting, may result in expulsion from the camp at the participant's own expense.

Accident Insurance

The Transatlantic Council provides limited accidents and sickness insurance that provide coverage on an excess basis. Any participant or leader not registered in TAC must provide proof of coverage.

Each unit should consider its appropriate insurance needs.

Youth Protection

Scouting must always be a safe space. It is everyone's responsibility to look out for one another and prevent harmful actions, behaviors, or words. Everyone has the right to say NO to things that make them feel uncomfortable.

Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including 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. The minimum leader requirements, age- and program appropriate supervision must always be provided. All adults must be registered as leaders with the Boy Scouts of America.

It is mandatory that all adults attending the TAC camp complete youth protection training on how to keep young people safe. If you have any concern, you should feel safe talking to your unit leader or another adult. Additionally, there will be TAC camp staff who are trained to help resolve issues. Youth is the most important part of the TAC camp!

All Youth Protection incidents, no matter how minor, should be addressed immediately. Adults will refer to their Youth Protection training while youth members will go to an adult for help and support. Incidents require documentation to ensure that concerns are addressed and kept track of. Leadership will determine whether the corrective action is enough and address any ongoing problem areas. Major incidents will be escalated to the proper teams to manage (including youth or adults in possession of controlled substances), as well as major incidents that may require police or other emergency services.

Remember:

- Stop the behavior/abuse immediately.
- Separate the involved parties.
- Contact the Camp Director for assistance.
- Program areas and all medical facilities are ready to assist you.
- TAC Staff is well trained to respond.

It is our job as adult leaders to protect youth and adults. If you have any concerns regarding Youth Protection violations or procedures, please contact the Camp Director or Scout Executive Thomas Jansen immediately.

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Tents, Open Flames, Fires, and Stoves

- No open flames in tents or cabins. This includes matches, candles, kerosene, propane or liquid lanterns and heaters in tents or cabins.
- It is acceptable to use a propane lantern under a dining fly.
- Each campsite must be marked with tags stating, "No open flames in tents." This will be an inspectable item during Commissioner visits and follows the unit fireguard plan.
- No campfires are allowed on the property by order of the Croatian Government.

Liquid Fuels

- The BSA permits the use of liquid fuels only under the direct supervision of a knowledgeable adult. Bring all the fuel you will need to camp.
- Liquid fuel may never be used as a fire starter!

Weapons, Knives, Fireworks, Firearms & Ammunition

- Non-folding sheath knives, throwing stars or martial arts weapons are not permitted.
- Fireworks of any kind are also prohibited.
- All firearms and bows are prohibited at camp This includes ammunition and any crank or air-powered weapons.
- Only camp-supplied arrows and ammunition can be used at the range.

Bikes and Skateboards

- Youth participants are prohibited from bringing bikes, skateboards, scooters, hoverboards or rollerblades/skates to camp.

Personal Hygiene

A Scout is Clean. The camp environment is often very conducive to the transmission of illness.

- Make sure to shower and wash regularly.
- Wash your hands before preparing food and before eating.

Swimming Attire

Swimsuits should be comfortable, functional and modest.

For Males:

- Swim trunks or board shorts are appropriate.
- Tight-fitting swim briefs or swim bottoms short enough to allow exposure are prohibited.

For Females:

- Bikinis are not allowed
- Modest tankinis or one-piece swimsuits are appropriate.

BSA Appropriate swimming suits and **closed-toe swim shoes** will be required for those that participate in any Aquatic activities. Our Camp Policy will be that no 'bikini' or 'speedo' type swimwear should be used while engaged in BSA activities. It is highly advised that everyone consider using swim shirts with a high sun protection rating value. Long-sleeved swim shirts will help prevent your Scout from getting a sunburn!

Patch and souvenir trading

Many people bring things to summer camps to trade and swap. If you would like to sit down and trade with others, please make sure you're not blocking people or vehicles. Find a safe location, maybe in the shade. Be fair and honest, trade items with the same value, and remember that friendship is more important than any object you can hold in your hands.

- Adult and youth participants are not allowed to trade with each other. This is a Youth Protection rule to ensure no young person owes something to an adult.
- Selling or buying any items outside of the camp trading post is not allowed.

Pets

Pets are not allowed at Camp Avantura BSA. Exceptions can/ will be made for service animals. For families attending separately, see the section on Family Camping.

Family Camping

Camp Avantura BSA cannot support family camping. If a family wishes to spend time in Camp Veli Joze, or in Savudrija, apart from Camp Avantura BSA, there are many lodging facilities available in the surrounding area as well as the opportunity to separate family camp. All non-camp staff persons at Camp Avantura BSA must be registered members of a BSA Troop or Crew. Visitors must sign in at the Camp Avantura BSA Admin Office. For information about booking a camping spot at Veli Joze, you may reach out to their front desk by calling +38-516426600.

Additional Risks

Any activity that may have associated risk will be risk assessed and guidelines will be implemented under the discretion of the Camp Director, and will be followed at all times by participants, staff and anyone under the care of the Transatlantic Council during their stay at camp.

Adult and Youth Registration

- Youth not attending with a unit will be lumped together in a Provisional unit for their time at camp. The leadership for this provisional unit will be from the adults attending with the solo youth – camp admin will work with those adults identified in the registration system as registering without their unit to recruit and prepare these adults.
- All adults serving in a leadership capacity at camp must be registered as an adult leader with the Boy Scouts of America, with completed Youth Protection Training.
- All youth participants must be registered members of a Scout Troop or Venturing Crew.

Youth and Adults sharing Tents/Cabins

- No youth member may sleep in the same tent or cabin with an adult unless the adult is the youth member's parent/guardian. We will be bunking adults with other adults and youth with other youth. Your Scouts may be bunked with Scouts from another unit. Any participant 18+ will be bunking in a cabin with other adult registrants.

Youth Protection Issues

- All persons over the age of 18 or serving in a Leader role must have completed BSA Youth Protection Training before arrival at Camp Avantura BSA.
- Every leader should review the Guide to Safe Scouting and must adhere to the guidelines in that document. <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>

Camp Telephone and Mail

For emergency use, the telephone number for the reception at Camp Veli Joze is +38516426600. More contact info will be provided to unit leaders in their check-in packets. ***Please do not send mail.***

Mobile Phone and Electronics at Camp

Youth are allowed to bring mobile phones and other electronics. However, they are not to be used during instruction. We also encourage unit leaders to limit phone and electronic use as much as possible. Camp Avantura BSA Staff reserves the right to confiscate a device if it is disrupting instruction. It will, afterwards, be returned to the unit leader.

Going and Coming While at Camp

A sign-in/sign-out log will be located in the Camp Avantura BSA Admin office. Any Scout or adult leaving camp, other than for a pre-planned camp activity, must sign out and back in at the Camp Avantura BSA Admin office.

Under no circumstances will youth be permitted to leave the camp without adult supervision. Each unit must maintain two-deep adult leadership at camp unless coordinated with the Camp Commissioner or Camp Director.

Lost and Found

The camp lost and found will be located in the Camp Avantura BSA Admin office within the participant cabin/camping area. Scouts should have their personal property and clothing marked with their name and Troop number. It is also recommended that units check with the Camp Veli Joze front desk as they may also maintain a lost and found.

- Please do not take valuables to the waterfront, showers, or leave them lying unattended in camp.
- Items turned in to the Camp Avantura BSA Admin office will be posted as lost and found on the TACNation Facebook group at the end of camp.

Uniform

As a BSA summer camp, Scouts and Scouters are expected to be in a BSA uniform at Camp Avantura BSA. Scouts should wear the field uniform during morning and afternoon flags, Campfire Program, Interfaith and other appropriate events. For all other activities, an activity uniform (Scout t-shirt or polo shirt, with Scout shorts or pants) is appropriate to wear unless specifically required clothing is appropriate for the class/activity.

Military uniforms are not acceptable to wear at camp. Camouflage should not be worn unless as rain gear.

Rental of Motorized Equipment

The rental of motorized equipment from any rental providers on the grounds of Camp Avantura BSA is not allowed while participating as an attendee of the camp.

This includes, but is not limited to Golf carts, Jet Skis or motorboats.

Health and Safety

BSA Annual Health and Medical Records

Every individual in the camp must have the required Annual Health and Medical Record form with Sections A, B, and C completed. It must be completed by a certified and licensed health-care provider: a physician (MD or DO), nurse practitioner or physician's assistant.

- Anyone arriving at camp without a medical examination will have to obtain a medical examination before they can check-in. This may be at their own expense.
- The form can be found online here: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>

The validity of medical forms:

Annual Health and Medical Records are valid through the end of the twelfth month it was administered. For example, a physical administered on July 31, 2023 is valid until July 31, 2024. Please bring to camp a [complete A, B₁, B₂, C medical form](#) for all youth and adults.

Camp Dispensary & Medical Treatment

Camp Avantura BSA will have a medical team present and on-call throughout the entire camp. This is supported also by the Camp Veli Joze 24/7 on-site nurse. They will be prepared to handle emergencies and provide treatment for most injuries and illnesses associated with camp life or assist in getting emergency services as needed.

If local medical assistance is required, participants should be prepared to pay for those services rendered. Cases requiring further medical attention will be directed to the nearest emergency treatment provider as necessary to treat the injuries or condition.

The Transatlantic Council provides an Accident and Sickness Insurance program that serves as secondary coverage. This coverage is provided for all registered members and leaders of the council. In most cases, the healthcare provided will need to be paid directly, and subsequently, an insurance claim filed for reimbursement.

Prescription Medications

All medications ultimately are the responsibility of the individual and in some cases, the Unit Leader. The Camp Medical Officer will screen each individual's medical evaluation during check-in and identify any medications which must be maintained in the medical tent, and which medications Scouts should have on their person at all times (inhalers, epinephrinepens, nitroglycerin, etc).

- All prescription medications must be listed on the individual's medical form.
- Camp Avantura BSA will not stock prescription medications and it is the responsibility of the participant to arrive at camp with the appropriate amount of prescription medications needed for their stay.

Food Allergies, Allergies, & Special Medical Concerns

Unit leaders should notify the Camp Medical Officer of any allergies or special medical concerns (e.g. asthma) before they arrive at camp and during their medical screening.

Unit leaders who have individuals with special dietary requirements, including allergies, must make a note in the registration system and contact the Camp Director no later than 15 June 2024 regarding these requirements to ensure adequate time to make necessary menu adjustments. We cannot fully support all of today's special dietary requirements. Camp Avantura BSA can support the following dietary needs: Vegan, Vegetarian, Nut-free, Halal. If you have special concerns, please ask!

Further Links

Camp Avantura Registration:

<https://scoutingevent.com/802-CampAvantura2024>

Camp Avantura Webpage:

<https://www.tac-bsa.org/CampAvanturaBSA>

Camp Avantura Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/CampAvanturaBSA>

TAC Camping Page:

<https://www.tac-bsa.org/camping>

TAC Friends of Scouting:

<https://www.tac-bsa.org/Donate>

Other Summer Opportunities:

Camp Alpine: <https://tac-bsa.org/CampAlpine>

Wood Badge: <https://tac-bsa.org/training/woodbadge/>

NYLT: <https://tac-bsa.org/training/nylt/>

BSA National High Adventure Camps: <https://tac-bsa.org/camping/>

Safe Travels to Camp!

Packing Lists

This may vary depending upon your housing choice. These lists are here to help your Scouts prepare for their week of adventure at Camp Avantura BSA.

Recommended Packing List for Tenting Option:

Clothing, Bedding & Toiletries

- Tent with Stakes
- Adults we strongly advise bringing a cot
- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow (if desired)
- Shorts and/or pants (6), shirts (4) and Troop t-shirts, Class A Uniform (they will need at least 1 pair of long pants for service work and ATV riding if enrolled in the high adventure option)
- Daily change of underwear and socks
- Handkerchiefs
- Swimming Suit
- Raincoat and/or poncho
- Hiking Boots
- **Closed toed -water shoes!**
- Pajamas

- Sweater and/or light Jacket
- Sneakers
- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Hand Towel
- Bath Towel
- Beach Towel
- Washcloths (2)
- Comb, and/or Hairbrush
- Soap in container

Scout Essentials

- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Knapsack/Daypack
- Flashlight, Extra Batteries
- Book
- Pen, Pencil, Pad
- Compass

Rain Preparation

- 8x10 or larger Tarp
- 100 feet of nylon rope
- Extra-large garbage bags

OPTIONAL

- Camera & film (single use camera's work GREAT!)
- Insect Repellent (no spray cans)
- Musical Instruments (no radios)
- Mess Kit and Canteen
- Sewing Kit
- Individual First Aid Kit
- Money for the Trading Post
- Atm card to withdraw local currency
- Euro for snacks

DO NOT BRING

- *electronic devices*
- *matches*
- *hatchets*
- *sheath knives*
- *open toed shoes*

Recommended Packing List for Cabin Option:

Clothing, Bedding & Toiletries

- Linens are provided
- May bring
 - Own Sleeping Bag
 - Own Pillow (if desired)
- Shorts and/or pants (6), shirts (4) and Troop t-shirts, Class A Uniform (they will need at least 1 pair of long pants for service work and ATV riding if enrolled in the high adventure option)
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