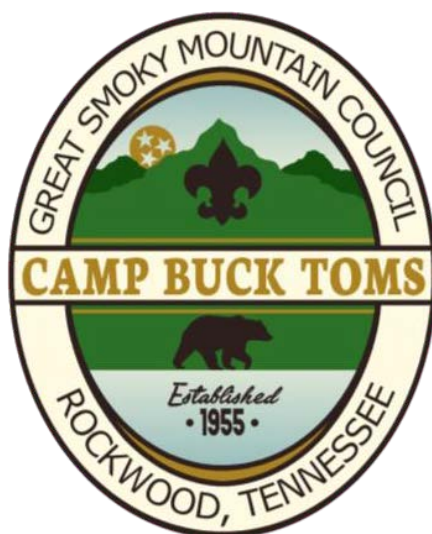


Summer Camp 2023

THE ULTIMATE SUMMER CAMP GUIDE



A GUIDE FOR LEADERS & CAMPERS

Camp Buck Toms

Great Smoky Mountain Council



The Scout Oath

On my honor, I will do my best,
To do my duty to God and my Country,
And to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and
morally straight.

The Scout Law

A Scout is: Trustworthy
Loyal, Helpful
Friendly, Courteous
Kind, Obedient
Cheerful, Thrifty
Brave, Clean
and
Reverent

Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to
Be clean in my outdoor manner.
Be careful with fire.
Be considerate in the outdoors.
Be conservation-minded.

Mission Statement- The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Vision Statement - The Boy Scouts of America is the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training. In the future Scouting will continue to

- Offer young people responsible fun and adventure.
- Instill in young people lifetime values and develop in them ethical character as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law.
- Train young people in citizenship, service, and leadership.
- Serve America's communities and families with its quality, values-based program.





Dear Camp Leaders, Parents, and Scouts,

Welcome to Camp Buck Toms!

I would like to thank you for choosing to spend a week with us at Camp Buck Toms. We continue to strive to fulfill our commitment to offering an excellent summer camp program for Scouts.

The summer 2023 camping season at Camp Buck Toms will see the inauguration of the new Pat & Joe Johnson Dining Hall. This state-of-the-art dining hall facility will allow us to provide an outstanding food service experience to all participants at Camp Buck Toms!

This guidebook provides the information so your Troop can plan a successful week at Camp Buck Toms. This guide is also available online along with all the documents you need for summer camp. More detailed information about merit badges can be found in the Merit Badge Guide available online beginning January 4, 2023.

We hope this Leaders' Guide will be a helpful tool for you and your unit in planning your summer camp experience. Whether your Scouts are brand new to your troop or experienced Eagle Scouts, we offer a program for all, including a first-year program, a traditional merit badge program, and a complete high adventure program for experienced Scouts.

As we get closer to summer camp 2023, some revisions may have to be made to this guide. Be sure to visit www.easttncouting.org for the most updated edition of this Guide and additional information about other programs offered at Camp Buck Toms.

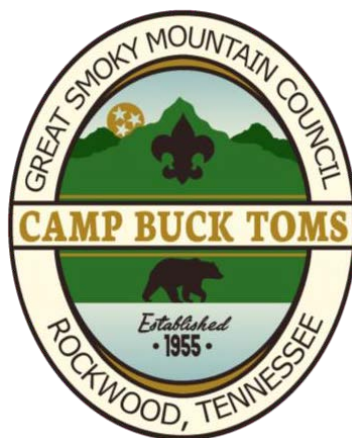
Please read this guidebook thoroughly to ensure that your unit gets the most out of its summer camp experience. Again, thank you for choosing Camp Buck Toms! On behalf of the Great Smoky Mountain Council and the 2023 Camp Buck Tom's Staff, we look forward to seeing you at camp this summer!

Sincerely,

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CAMP BUCK TOMS



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2023 CAMP BUCK TOMS PROGRAM

Nestled in East Tennessee on the shore of Watts Bar Lake, Camp Buck Toms is 750+ acres of beautiful landscape filled with forests, fields, and adventure. We offer programs specifically designed for each age group within your Troop.

Scouts can attend Camp Buck Toms (CBT) for one week or more! We take pride in offering a tremendous level of program offerings and accommodating facilities at an affordable price.

Our Dan Beard Program is for Scouts who are new to camp. Scouts can work towards Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First-Class requirements. The Dan Beard program has two options. Scouts can participate in the full-day Dan Beard Program with a patrol or choose specific ranks to work towards during the day. This gives Scouts the flexibility to focus on all three ranks during the week or choose to work towards a rank while still taking merit badge classes at camp.

With over fifty dynamic merit badges offered for Scouts to choose from, we have something for all levels of Scouts. These highly sought-after merit badges include welding, robotics, cycling, motor boating, archery, rifle shooting, shotgun shooting, and many more. In addition to merit badges, Scouts can participate in programs such as BSA Lifeguard, Paul Bunyan Woodsman, COPE, and Mile Swim to name a few. Our program areas include STEM, Nature, Handicraft, Dan Beard, Aquatics, Scoutcraft, High Adventure, and Shooting Sports.

Mountain man is for Scouts who have already achieved rank, earned numerous merit badges, or just want to experience the best that East Tennessee has to offer. Mountain Man is a five-day high adventure expedition including backpacking, whitewater rafting, rock climbing, and rappelling. Mountain Man is open to leaders as well!



2023 KEY DATES

DATE

Registration Begins
 Class Schedule Published
 First Payment Due
 Class Registration Begins
 Second Payment Due
 All Payments are Due
 Late Registration Fee Begins (\$25 per)

DATE

Open Now!
 January 4, 2023
 February 1, 2023
 February 1, 2023
 March 20, 2023
 April 24, 2023
 April 25, 2023

WEEKS OF OPERATION

WEEK

Staff Week
 Week 1
 Week 2
 Week 3
 Week 4
 Week 5

DATES

May 28 – June 3, 2023
 June 4 – June 10, 2023
 June 11 – June 17, 2023
 June 18 – June 24, 2023
 June 25 – July 1, 2023
 July 2 – July 8, 2023

PRE-CAMP MEETING

May 23, 2023 6:30pm
 May 23, 2023 6:30pm
 June 6, 2023 6:30pm
 June 6, 2023 6:30pm
 June 6, 2023 6:30pm



2023 SUMMER CAMP FEES

	<u>IN-COUNCIL</u>	<u>OUT-OF-COUNCIL</u>
YOUTH	\$295	\$335
CROSSOVER YOUTH	\$245	\$285
ADULT	\$115 (1 free adult)	\$115 (1 free adult)
MOUNTAIN MAN	\$445	\$475
ADULT MOUNTAIN MAN	\$380	\$380
UNIT DEPOSIT FEE	\$200	\$200

Refund Policy

100% Refund	-	before March 19, 2023
75% Refund	-	March 20 – April 23, 2023
No Refund	-	after April 24, 2023

All refund requests must be submitted to the Council office prior to April 23, 2023. Refund requests must be made at the unit level (Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, Treasurer, etc.). Individual requests will not be considered at the Council level. All requests should be submitted to Natasha Leahey at natasha.leahey@scouting.org

In the case of the death of an immediate family member, sickness or injury, or a military transfer, we will refund all but \$150 for Scouts and \$75 for leaders of fees paid when verified by a physician, military commander, or other such officials.

The camp must be informed in writing a week prior to your scheduled arrival of such cancellations. No refunds will be issued if the camp is not notified before the scheduled week of camp. The Great Smoky Mountain Council strives to provide the very best program possible. We enter into obligations with our staff and vendors the winter before summer camp. Cancellations after April 24th undermine our ability to provide our quality program. Reasons such as vacation schedule, summer school, and last-minute changes of mind are not acceptable reasons for refunds. Scouts who leave during a week of camp will not receive a refund.



FIRST DAY AT CAMP – CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

Checking into Camp Buck Toms is an exciting experience! This will be covered in detail during the pre-camp meeting, but below are the brief steps to check into camp.

- Arrive at camp on Sunday at the designated time (assigned during the pre-camp meeting)
- Instructions will be given on dropping off the troop trailer at the campsite (trailer only, no vehicles)
- Park vehicles in the parking lot and gather your unit together
- Drop off equipment by the “drop-off” sign, it will be delivered to your campsite for you
- No vehicles are allowed past the parking lot (unless delivering a trailer to the campsite)
- Once your gear is in place and all Scouts have arrived, proceed to Registration
- Before camp make 4 copies of your camp roster & 2 copies of your Medical Forms (*neither of these should be the original as all forms left at camp must be destroyed on your departure*). **See Page 30*
- Submit rosters, make any final changes, and pay any outstanding fees at Registration
- Meet your staff member providing the camp tour
- Visit the Health Lodge to submit all medical forms
- Follow the Troop guide through the camp to the campsite and swim checks at the Waterfront; if swim tests are done prior to camp, bring your Unit Swim Test Classification form and copies of the test administrator's credentials.



Swim Classification Roster & Instructions - <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/outdoor%20program/aquatics/pdf/430-122.pdf>

EARLY ARRIVAL

If your unit would like to check in on Saturday, please use the QR code to the right to sign up for early arrival, if you have any questions, please contact Natasha Leahey at Natasha.Leahey@Scouting.org. There is a \$150 fee to check in early.



Early Arrival Sign-Up Link - <https://forms.tentaroo.com/view.php?id=9323666>

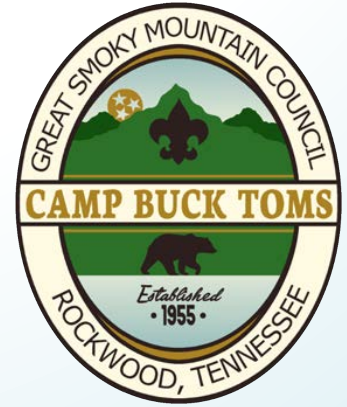
MONDAY ARRIVAL

If your unit would like to check in Monday, please contact Natasha Leahey at Natasha.Leahey@Scouting.org to make arrangements.



Daily Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
6:50 AM	REVEILLE – GOOD MORNING!
7:30 – 8:10 AM	1 st Breakfast
8:15 AM	Formation - Morning Color Ceremony (<i>attire ready to participate in merit badges</i>)
8:25 – 9:00 AM	2 nd Breakfast
9:05 – 10:20 AM	1 st Program Block.
10:45 AM	Leaders' Meeting
10:35 – 11:50 AM	2 nd Program Block
12:15 PM	Lunch (<i>Tuesday Leaders Luncheon</i>)
1:15 PM	SPL Meeting
1:30 – 2:45 PM	3 rd Program Block
3:00 – 4:15 PM	4 th Program Block
4:15 – 5:15 PM	Open Area / Open Unit Time
5:40 – 6:15 PM	1 st Dinner (<i>Wednesday Night Cook in Campsite</i>)
6:20 PM	Formation – Evening Retreat Ceremony (<i>Field Uniforms</i>)
6:25 – 7:00 PM	2 nd Dinner
7:30 PM	Camp-Wide Activity (<i>Sun 7:45 PM Vespers, Tues Belt Night/Troop Swimming & Boating, Wed Cobbler Cook-off, SM/Scout Shoot, and Honor Trail, Thurs OA Fun Night and Cracker Barrel, Wilderness Survival Overnight, Troop Swim & Boat, Fri Unit Packets Available</i>)
10:30	Quiet Time
11:00*	All Scouts to Own Site, Lights Out In All Campsite Shelters & Bath Houses, All Quiet, Bed Check



Sunday Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
1:00 PM	Check-In Begins
4:30 PM	SM/SPL Meeting
5:45 – 6:15 PM	1 st Dinner
6:20 PM	Formation – Evening Retreat Ceremony (<i>Field Uniforms</i>)
6:25 – 7:00 PM	2 nd Dinner
7:45 PM	Vespers
8:30 PM	Opening Campfire

Saturday Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
7:00 AM	Grab and Go Style Breakfast
10:00 AM	All Troops Checked out of Camp

* Please count heads to make certain all your Scouts are present.

NOTE: ATTENDANCE, PARTICIPATION, WEATHER OR OTHER UNFORESEEN FACTORS MAY NECESSITATE SCHEDULE CHANGES DURING THE WEEK. IF THIS OCCURS YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THOSE CHANGES

CHECKING OUT OF CAMP

- Final campsite inspection Friday evening with campsite commissioner
- Arrange gear/trailer transport to the parking lot with Camp Ranger
- Pickup merit badge paperwork packet in STEM Lodge Friday at 7:30 pm
- Saturday morning “grab and go” breakfast at the Dining Hall from 7:30 am – 8:30 am
- Pack up your campsite (bring trash to the dumpster behind the dining hall or leave it at the main camp road)
- Pickup unit health forms from Health Lodge or they will be destroyed following camp
- Sign out your unit in the Camp Admin Office (*and sign up for next summer at CBT!*)
- By 10:00 am all troops departed camp

LEADERS’ MEETING

A meeting of all unit leaders and Senior Patrol Leaders will be held at 4:30 pm on Sunday the location will be announced at check-in. At this meeting, the program area directors will give an overview of the policies and procedures of their area, as well as any special program activities that will be offered during the week. This is a great opportunity to have your questions answered about your Troop’s week at camp.

There will also be a leaders’ meeting will be held each day at 10:45 am. At this meeting, unit leaders will get the opportunity to ask questions, receive updates on special events going on in camp, and receive any important information from the Camp Director, Program Director, Camp Commissioner, and Camp Ranger.

CAMPSITE COMMISSIONERS

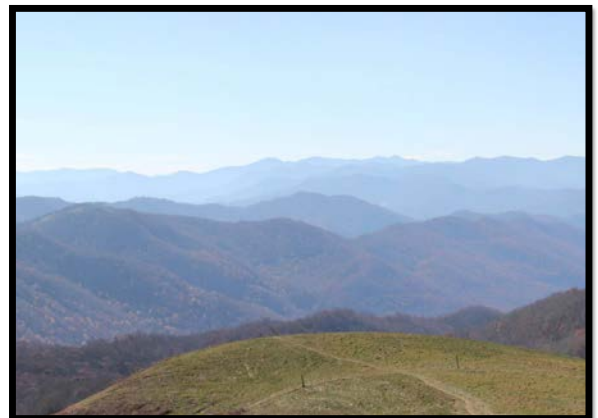
There is a team of staff members dedicated to taking care of your needs throughout the week: your Campsite Commissioner. The Campsite Commissioner will stop by your campsite each day to visit with leaders. They will make sure you have all the supplies you need. If there is something broken or missing in your site, they will see that it is taken care of. If you have any other issues, the Campsite Commissioner will either get them solved or assist you in getting to the right person. The Campsite Commissioner is your first stop to resolve any potential issues.

CONCIERGE SERVICES

East Tennessee has numerous additional activities your Troop can enjoy during your stay. The Camp Buck Toms leadership team would love the opportunity to help your Troop secure additional adventures before or after your week of camp. Sevierville, Pigeon Forge, and Gatlinburg are top travel destinations in the US!

We can secure your reservation for whitewater rafting, admission to Dollywood amusement park, (rated #1 best amusement park in the US, and #8 in the world by Tripadvisor.com), admission to museums, admission to water parks, etc.

For more information contact the Council Program Director, Mic Mullins mic.mullins@scouting.org.



CAMPSITES

Each campsite is equipped with Adirondacks, firepits, pavilions, and bulletin boards.

Troops can request their top three preferred sites and may be asked to share campsites depending on the size of their unit; many variables go into campsite assignments, though we do our best to accommodate your requests.

Troops may bring their own self-standing tents. No electrical cords can be from building to building. This is against BSA and Roane County Building Codes. See Camp Director for help with medical device needs, such as CPAP machines. Please contact natasha.leahey@scouting.org for assistance. See page 29 for more CPAP information.

Adult female leaders with boy troops may be sharing Adirondacks with other adult females. Families cannot camp together, per BSA rules, unless they have a special needs exception.

CAMPSITE CAPACITIES

CAMPSITE NUMBER	CAPACITY
3	40
4	48
5	72
6	40
7	24
8	48
9	40
10	32
11	32
12	32
13	40
14	40
15	32
16	40
17	48
18	32

CAMP BUCK TOMS PROVIDES

- Flagpole
- Latrine and potable water supply
- Showers
- Picnic area with tables
- Bulletin board
- Firepit
- Washstand
- Liquid fuel lock box



Cooking in campsites is done for Wednesday night dinner. The menu is provided by the dining hall.

CBT PACKING LIST INDIVIDUAL CHECKLIST

CLOTHING ITEMS

- Scout Field Uniform
- 5 changes of underwear
- 5 T-shirts or other shirts
- 5 pairs of socks
- Long pants
- Long shirt or jacket
- Lightweight shoes (close-toed)
- Shower shoes
- Hiking boots or heavy shoes
- Poncho or raincoat
- Hat for sun and rain
- 1 or 2 swim trunks or shorts

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND COMFORT

- Sunglasses
- Regular glasses (if needed)
- 3 or 4 towels
- 3 or 4 washcloths
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste & toothbrush
- Other toiletries
- Insect repellent
- Personal First Aid kit
- Foot powder
- Comb or hairbrush

- Mirror
- Sunscreen
- Dirty clothes bag
- Water bottle
- 5 or 6 coat hangers

FOR SLEEPING ON BUNKS

- 2 blankets or sleeping bag
- Pillow
- 2 pillow covers
- Foam pad or bunk cushion

FOR ADVANCEMENT

- Scout Handbook
- Small pocketknife
- Day pack
- Sleeping bag for overnight activity
- Fishing tackle
- Pencils or pens
- Notebook or writing paper
- Merit badge books
- Kits/special equipment for MBs

OTHER

- Footlocker (best way to pack)
- Magazines and books
- Stamps so you can write home
- Paper, envelopes, and postcards
- Camera, Memory, and Charger

- Watch (not expensive)
- Wallet for pocket money and I.D.
- Flashlight or headlamp
- 2 or 3 sets of new batteries
- Extra bulb for flashlight
- Needles and thread
- Safety pins
- Alarm clock
- Religious material
- Spending money (Recommend \$80 for supplies, snacks, and souvenirs)
- Fishing licenses for adults buy online (<https://gooutdoorstennessee.com>)
- Mess kit for Wednesday night unit cooking

UNIT EQUIPMENT

- Dining fly, if desired
- Troop cooking equipment (Wednesday)
- Dutch ovens, if desired
- ABC Fire Extinguisher, if additional desired
- Unit flags
- First Aid kits
- Lanterns
- Rope
- Large tarps (privacy curtains) for Adirondacks, 8ft high by 10 ft. wide
- Silverware

CAMP ACTIVITIES

Troop Boating & Swimming

Tuesday and Thursday evenings, units will have the opportunity to have open boating and swimming at the Waterfront. Qualified supervision from each participating unit is required, and the necessary CBT-specific Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense training will be offered Monday evening by the Aquatics staff. One adult is required to attend for every 10 Scouts attending from your Troop.

Campfires

Scouts will have two chances to see the view of Watts Bar Lake from our Campfire Circle. Sunday evening, units will assemble at the Campfire Circle for our opening ceremony (and some entertainment from the staff). Friday night, units will again assemble at the Circle for our Closing Campfire, where meritorious actions throughout the week will be recognized, and Scouts will have the opportunity to perform some approved skits and songs themselves!

Vespers

Interfaith Scout Vespers services will be led at the J. Nelson McAbee Chapel on Sunday. Units may also schedule their own chapel services if they wish. Contact the Program Director or Camp Chaplain at camp to schedule. Vespers is a short fellowship service held on Sunday evenings. Vespers is held at the Chapel, and everyone is encouraged to attend. Members of the CBT staff will conduct vespers, with the assistance of visiting clergy. Scouts and units may volunteer to assist with vespers during the week. Scouts who are working on their religious awards are especially encouraged to do so.

Belt Night

Tuesday night, come to the Handicraft Lodge and make a belt! The cost is \$20 for the leather belt blank. Tools and our knowledgeable staff will be available to customize and decorate your own belt. The staff can also help you add your initials to a belt you already have, and Camp Buck Toms brands are available to mark your belt, hat, or moccasins!

Cook in Campsite Night

Wednesday evening for dinner you will eat at your campsite. Dinner is still provided by the Dining Hall and will be ready for pickup Wednesday afternoon. It's an easy meal to cook over a campfire. This is a great night for fellowship at your campsite. It is also a great night to enjoy all the evening activities. Camp Buck Toms provides the food. The troop provides all cooking utensils and supplies, fuels, serving, and cleaning supplies.

Scout Leader/Scout Rifle Shoot

Wednesday evening 1 leader and 1 Scout from each Troop are welcome to the rifle range, where they will have their chance to shoot their best score and be recognized at Friday night's campfire!

Scout Troop Cobbler Cook-Off

On Wednesday night showcase your cooking skills in our Troop Cobbler Cook-off! A select few of our staff will be called upon to judge this event. Troops will need to bring their own equipment and ingredients.

Honor Trail

Scouts and leaders will assemble at the dining hall at 7:45 PM, Wednesday. Each Troop will embark on an evening hike to different locations in camp. Troops will be divided into groups of 12-15. At each stop, a staff member will impart a saying or quote from a famous person in history. The purpose is for Scouts to use these

sayings to reflect on what makes America and Scouting great. The trail will be hiked in silence. The time to complete the trail should be approximately 45 – 60 minutes.

OA Cracker Barrel/Fun Night

Held on Thursday evenings, this event will allow all OA brothers to join in fellowship at camp. Activities may include a movie, games, and snacks. Other Order of the Arrow events will be added toward the beginning of the summer. You will be notified when you arrive at the camp of any additional OA activities. Don't forget your sash!

Camp Competitions

Throughout the week there will be lots of opportunities to compete against other Scouts and troops at camp! The volleyball court, basketball court, gaga ball, and human foosball are always waiting! For the strategists out there, there will be a chess tournament during the week.

Boat Tours

Each week there is the opportunity to go out on a boat during the evening at Camp Buck Toms. This can be to see camp from the lake or to catch the fish in Watts Bar Lake! Please see the Camp Director or Camp Ranger for details. Please understand this is dependent on the weather.

Daily Awards:

Spirit Log: Each day the *Spirit Log* will be presented at the retreat to the most spirited Troop of the day. It will be the Troop's duty to decorate the log and bring it back the next day. Be sure to bring items with you to decorate the Spirit Log.

Clean Sweep: Each day the *Clean Sweep* will be awarded at the retreat to the Troop with the cleanest campsite of the day. It will be the Troop's duty to decorate the broom and bring it back the next day. Be sure to bring items with you to decorate the Clean Sweep award.

Retreat Cup: Each day the *Retreat Cup* will be awarded to the most impressive-looking troop at the Retreat. It will be the Troop's duty to decorate the cup and bring it back the next day. Be sure to bring items with you to decorate the Retreat Cup.



Open Activity Programs:

Aquatics:

- Open Boating
- Open Swim
- Mile Swim

Shooting Sports:

- Open Shoot

Games:

- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Waterfront Games
- Disk Golf Course
- Camp Orienteering Course
- Camp Geocaching Course
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Other games may be added or requested

Camp-wide Events:

Sunday – Opening Campfire
Monday – Camp-wide Volleyball Tournament and field games
Tuesday – Scoutmaster lunch & Waterfront Games
Wednesday – Unit-based program and cook in campsite
Thursday – OA Night
Friday – Closing Campfire

ADULT PROGRAMS & CLASSES

CLIMB ON SAFELY

This is a climbing orientation course for all leaders. This will not certify leaders to operate a climbing program, but it will familiarize them with climbing and rappelling safety standards. Knowledge will be gained as to how to assist a certified Climbing Instructor.

SAFE SWIM DEFENSE & SAFETY AFLOAT

This training session is led by our Aquatics staff. It provides valuable information concerning the BSA's policies for aquatic activities on the unit level. It will be offered early in the week, and leadership with this training is a prerequisite for troops wishing to participate in troop boating and swimming evenings at the waterfront.

LEAVE NO TRACE

This program is a good introduction to the seven Leave No Trace Principles. It is recommended for all leaders and Scouts too, as knowledge of LNT is required for Second Class, as well as several merit badges, and is essential for troop outings, especially backpacking trips.

TREK SAFELY

This program is designed to help Scouting groups be fully prepared for a backcountry trek. It will help each member recognize situations that could develop while hiking.

SCOUTMASTER POSITION SPECIFIC

The course will provide Scoutmasters with the basic information and tool they need to lead successful troops. Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters who complete this course, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, and Youth Protection Training are considered "trained" for those positions.

Scoutmaster lunch

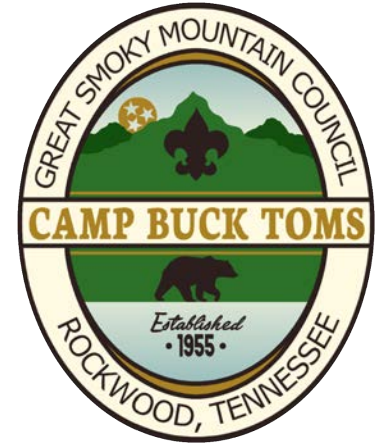
On Wednesday we will have a Scoutmaster lunch. All Scoutmasters and leaders are invited to attend.



2023 MERIT BADGES

Merit Badge Registration

Merit Badge registration is through the Tentaroo registration program. You can log back into your initial registration to select your merit badges. New in 2023 some merit badges will only be offered a part of the week.



MERIT BADGE INFORMATION, PROGRAM SCHEDULE, & PRE-REQUISITES

To simplify the Program Guide, the Merit Badge Guide has been created. It will be available online on January 4th, 2023. It includes prerequisites, class times and offerings, class locations, and fees.



Merit Badge Guide - <https://eastnscouts.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Merit-Badge-Guide-2023.pdf>

Key Dates

Merit Badge Schedule, Fees, & Prerequisite Guide Online
Class Schedule Published
Merit Badge Registration Begins

DATE

January 4, 2023
January 4, 2023
February 1, 2023



2023 Merit Badges & Program Offerings:

Animal Science	Leatherwork
Animation	Lifesaving
Archaeology	Mammal Study
Architecture/Landscape Architecture	Metalwork
Archery	Mile Swim
Art	Motorboating
Astronomy	Mountain Man* (High Adventure Program)
Automotive Maintenance	Moviemaking
Basketry	Nature
Bird Study	Nuclear Science
BSA Lifeguard	Oceanography
BSA Paddle boarding *	Orienteering
Bugling	Paul Bunyan Woodsman*
Canoeing	Photography
Chemistry	Pioneering
Chess	COPE *
Citizenship in the World	Pulp and Paper
Climbing	Radio
Communication	Reptile & Amphibian Study
Cycling	Rifle Shooting
Dan Beard * (1 st Year Camper Program)	Robotics
Electronics	Sculpture
Emergency Preparedness	Search and Rescue
Environmental Science	Shotgun Shooting
Exploration	Signs, Signals, and Codes+
Fingerprinting	Small Boat Sailing
First Aid	Space Exploration
Fish and Wildlife Management+	Swimming
Fishing	Swimming Skills *
Forestry	Water Sports
Game Design	Weather
Geocaching+	Welding
Geology	Wilderness Survival
Horsemanship	Woodcarving
Indian Lore	Woodwork
Insect Study	* Not a merit badge
Inventing	+ New for 2023
Kayaking	Eagle Required

Special Programs & High Adventure



DAN BEARD PROGRAM – First Year Camper Program

Throughout the week, first-year campers will work on their path to Eagle while having the time of their life! The Dan Beard program will combine both rank requirements and a love of the outdoors to instill in the young Scouts a desire to achieve. It will also inspire them to look deeper into Scouting and the experiences it can bring. This program is designed to expose young Scouts to the requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First-Class ranks.

This program is for Scouts who are new to camp. Scouts can work towards Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First-Class Requirements. The Dan Beard program has two options, the all-day program or specific rank classes.

ALL-DAY PROGRAM: Scouts work towards Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class requirements in the all-day program. This program is built upon the patrol method as they are with the same group of Scouts and instructors all week during program time. In addition to rank advancement, the all-day patrol will explore camp-visiting program areas. Time and weather permitting, they will have the opportunity to experience rifle, archery, and repelling at the climbing tower. This program is a favorite of Scoutmasters for the camp-wide experience and comradery with Scouts during the week.

SPECIFIC RANK CLASSES: An option the Dan Beard Staff created is allowing Scouts to sign up for specific ranks they're working towards. This has been a popular option for a couple of years. For example, if a Scout has Second Class rank before arriving at camp, they do not necessarily need to spend all week in the all-day program.

Requirements Covered

The Dan Beard program exposes the new Scout to many skills included in the rank advancements for Tenderfoot, Second, and First Class. The Dan Beard staff does not sign any of these requirements in a Scout's handbook since we feel these skills must be practiced and mastered before a Scout is signed off for any of the requirements. Once the Scoutmaster feels confident the Scout has mastered these skills, they will mark them as complete.

Scout: 1a, 1b, 1c 1d, 1e, 1f, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, 5

Tenderfoot: 1c, 2c, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6a, 7a, 8

Second Class: 1b, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2f, 2g, 3a, 3b*, 3c, 3d, 4, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e, 8b, 9a, 9b

First Class: 1b, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 4a, 4b, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 9a, 9b

Special Equipment Needed

- A day pack or book bag of some type
- Scout handbook
- A canteen or water bottle
- Rain gear
- Paper and pencil
- A pocketknife
- A small personal first aid kit

First-Year Camper & Parent Orientation Pre-camp Meeting

We offer a special orientation for first-year campers and their parents. It will be at camp on Saturday, June 3rd from 9am - noon with a hot dog lunch provided. This program is designed to relieve anxieties first-year campers and their parents might have about Scouts BSA long-term camping.

Some of the questions we will answer will be:

- Where am I going to sleep?
- What do the Adirondacks look like?
- Where do I eat?
- What are the showers and bathrooms like?
- Where do I go if I get an injury?
- What is there to do during the day?
- What is "Dan Beard"?
- Discuss homesickness and how to help avoid it.
- How do I communicate with my Scout?
- What should I bring to camp?
- What should I leave at home?
- Medications at camp?
- Any questions you have?

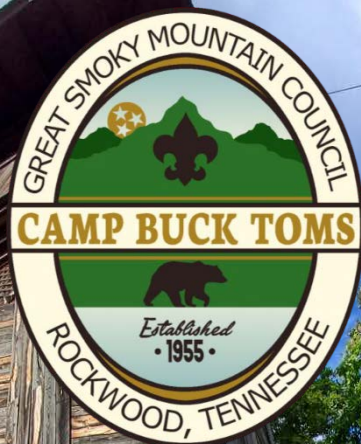


Sign up for First Year Camper
Orientation Program

<https://forms.tentaroo.com/view.php?id=9252189>

Scouts and parents will also have a tour of Camp Buck Toms.

Sign-up is available at our website or scan the QR code:



C.O.P.E.

C.O.P.E. stands for "Challenging Outdoor Personal Experiences." C.O.P.E. is a full day course for older Scouts ages 13-20. This weeklong course will instill the eight principles of COPE using initiative games, low course activities, high course activities, and team building.

C.O.P.E. High Ropes Adventure Program

C.O.P.E is a half-day program at Camp Buck Toms for Scouts aged 13 – 20. This popular program puts an emphasis on team building through initiative games, trust events, and course activities. Camp Buck Toms offers one of the finest high ropes courses as well as a multi-level rappelling tower, V-swing, and zipline. Our program is designed to enhance the Scouting experience and to promote Scouting values and objectives among participants with fun and challenging activities.

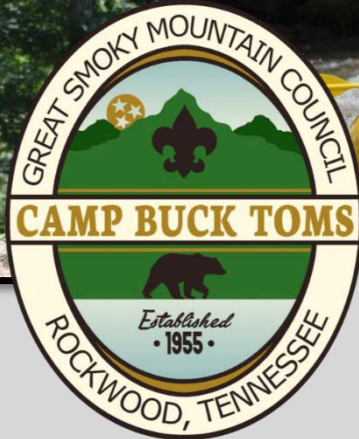


The eight principles of the week are communication, planning, teamwork, trust, leadership, decision-making, problem-solving, and self-esteem.

Participants will check in to Camp Buck Toms on Sundays with their troop. The C.O.P.E. program will meet Monday – Friday during all program time at camp. They will begin with initiative games and work themselves up to the high ropes course towards the end of the week. Upon completion of the course, you and your group will receive a special C.O.P.E. T-shirt stating, “I MET THE CHALLENGE!”



Scouts must be 13 years of age or older to participate. Sturdy shoes and a water bottle are required on the C.O.P.E. High Adventure Peninsula at camp. No open-toe shoes, crocs, or sandals are allowed. Scouts can register on Tentaroo like other programs.



MOUNTAIN MAN

Mountain Man is a five-day expedition of East Tennessee including backpacking, white water canoeing, white water rafting, mountain biking, and shooting sports.



MOUNTAIN MAN PROGRAM



Mountain Man is a vigorous and demanding five-day expedition led by experienced guides and promises to be fun and exciting for participants. Mountain Man is based out of Camp Buck Toms and is perfect for Scouts that already have attended a summer camp experience or do not need to focus primarily on advancement. Scouts and adults can register on Tentaroo.

2023 DATES:

- Week 1 - June 4 – June 10, 2023
- Week 2 - June 11 – June 17, 2023
- Week 3 - June 18 – June 24, 2023
- Week 4 - June 25 – July 1, 2023
- Week 5 - July 2 – July 8, 2023

Hikers WILL NOT be permitted to carry overweight packs regardless of age, size, or experience. Each item on the checklist should be included and additional items discouraged. Most packs loaded with the items listed 18-25 pounds. Unnecessary items will be stored at the base camp. Packs will have crew gear added.

Participants will check in to Camp Buck Toms on Sundays with their troop. Mountain Man participants will go through a shakedown Sunday afternoon including a hike, bike ride, and gear check. Participants will hit the road early Monday morning and return to camp late Friday evening before the campfire. Upon completion of the expedition, each participant will be awarded a shirt and named a true MOUNTAIN MAN!

Scouts must be 14 years of age or older, in sound physical condition, confident swimming, comfortable in remote areas, and able to ride a bike with hand breaks and gears.

MOUNTAIN MAN PACKING LIST:

- Field uniform, plus one Scout T-shirt
 - Backpacking grade backpack with hip belt
 - Waterproof pad and ground cloth
 - Broken-in hiking boots
 - Lightweight shoes for water crossings
 - 3 pairs of hiking socks
 - 3 pairs underwear
 - 2 short sleeve shirts
 - 1 long-sleeve shirt
 - 1 lightweight jacket or sweatshirt
 - 3 pairs of hiking shorts
 - 1 hooded rain jacket
 - 1 pair of rain pants
 - 1 small towel
 - 2 one-liter water bottles
 - Toiletries in a Ziplock bag
 - Bag of eating utensils-plate/bowl, fork, and spoon
 - Hat or cap with brim
 - Pocket knife
 - Flashlight (small) extra batteries
 - Small container of insect repellent
 - Small container of sunscreen
 - Backpack rain cover
 - Personal medications
 - Backpacking tent/hammock
- Optional Items:
- Camera
 - Sunglasses
 - Extra plastic bags
 - Compass
 - Sandals



*Equipment will be evaluated before participating in the program, items deemed unnecessary will be left at camp

GENERAL POLICIES

Leadership in Camp

The Great Smoky Mountain Council is committed to the principles of youth protection and safe Scouting as required by the National Council. As such, any changes mandated by the National or the local council to improve and support youth protection or safe Scouting will be incorporated into our camp setting immediately. We urge you and your Scouts to be aware of the latest and best practices for youth protection and safe Scouting initiatives as they are published.

All Scouts and leaders must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America before arriving at camp. Parents staying overnight must also be registered with the BSA and take Youth Protection Training before arriving at camp. Everyone must have a completed and current BSA Medical Form. The unit is responsible for ensuring this policy is met.

Adult Supervision

- Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required for each troop attending camp. There must be a registered female adult 21 years of age or older in every unit serving females. A registered female adult (21+) must be present for any activity involving female youth.
- Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided.
- All adults attending CBT must be registered leaders and be up-to-date on Youth Protection Training.
- Adult leaders must conduct bed checks each evening.

Accommodations

- Separate accommodations for adult males and females and youth males and females are required.
- Parents will not share accommodations with Scouts.

Adirondack/Tents

- Separate Adirondack/tenting arrangements must be provided for male and female adults as well as male and female youth. The largest opening on any Adirondack can be covered by a 12ft x 12ft tarp though most are much smaller. Screens or netting can be used in place of a tarp for airflow. Paracord or zip ties can be used to secure tarp/netting. No modifying the structure with nails.
- In general twin mattresses will not fit and footlockers or bags can be stored under bunks.
- While the National BSA treats the Adirondacks as "lodging/cabin accommodations," *we require the "tenting" policy to be followed at CBT for the Adirondacks. It states, "youth sharing tents or Adirondack must be no more than two years apart in age."*

Restrooms

- Separate shower and latrine facilities should be provided for male and female adults as well as male and female youth. When separate facilities are not available, separate times should be scheduled and posted.
- Adults and youth must respect each other's privacy, especially in situations such as changing clothes or taking showers.
- Adult leaders should closely monitor these areas but only enter as needed for youth protection or health and safety reasons.

Registration

- All participants must register as a Troop or with the provisional Troop (during week 4). Families cannot register as a family. Boys and Girls Troops must be registered separately.
- If your Chartered Organization has both a male and female troop attending the same week at camp, each unit must register separately.
- For assistance with your password and account please visit <https://users.tentaroo.com> if you need further assistance please contact natasha.leahey@scouting.org

Animal & Pet Policy

No pets or animals shall be brought to camp.

Service Animals

Only required and legitimate service animals are allowed in camp. Comfort or support animals are not allowed at camp. You must inform the Camp Director Mic Mullins of any service animals prior to your arrival at camp at mic.mullins@scouting.org.

You must provide proof of training by a recognized service animal training provider. In addition, the animal must have visited a veterinarian within 45 days of arrival at camp and have complete up-to-date medical vaccination records. A statement from a vet stating the animal has no known zoonotic diseases and is of temperament to be unaffected in its abilities to do its trained tasks when exposed to a camp environment, which at times can subject the animal to running crowds, bike riders, gunshots, and water.

Medications in Camp

Except for controlled drugs, which will be locked up in the Health Lodge and administered under the direction of the Camp Health Officer, all other medications should be maintained and administered by the Scout leader. These medications must be in their original labeled container and stored in a locked and secure manner.

Under some situations, the Scout leader may request that all medications be stored and administered by the Health Officer.

What not to bring to Camp

Please do not bring:

- Firearms
- Ammunition
- Bows nor arrows
- Sheath Knives
- Pets or animals of any kind
- Fireworks
- Drugs
- Alcohol

Recommended not to bring:

- Radios
- iPods and iPads
- Electronic Games
- In general, Electronic Devices outside of those for camping or photography

Camp Buck Toms provides an outdoor experience, and these items are not appropriate for that experience.

Camp Buck Toms is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Transportation & Parking

Each unit is responsible for the safe transportation of its members to and from camp. Make sure that all vehicles meet the BSA National insurance requirements (per the BSA Guide to Safe Scouting). Transporting Scouts or adults in the bed of a pickup truck or trailer – whether it is covered or uncovered – is against National BSA policy.



Guide to Safe
Scouting

Parking is provided at the camp entrance for leaders and visitors. The main parking area is next to the Dining Hall. No personal vehicles are allowed past the parking lot. Troop trailers will be allowed in campsites. A towing vehicle may drop a trailer at the campsite and return to the parking lot.

Please have a proper procedure for securing your troop trailer in the designated space at each site.

Observe the CBT speed limit of **10 mph**.

You've Got Mail

Scouts enjoy receiving mail. Family members can write or send care packages to their Scout. To ensure delivery on time, send your packages ahead of time. The admin office will have an outgoing mailbox. It will be taken to the post office daily.

Format:

Camp Buck Toms
(Scout Name)
(Troop Number and Campsite)
465 Camp Buck Toms Road
Rockwood, TN 37854

Golf Carts

All golf carts must be approved by the Camp Director at least two weeks prior to your arrival at camp, and we require that all drivers complete a training course with the Camp Ranger before being operated on Camp property. No youth may ride in a golf cart on camp property. Failure to follow camp speed limits will result in the loss of the privilege to operate golf carts on camp property. All golf carts are at the renter's expense including repairs to any camp property. Camp does not recommend a golf cart vendor, nor does it coordinate golf cart rentals. If you do rent golf carts the invoice should be in the individual's name and Troop #, not Camp Buck Toms. All golf carts brought to camp must be in good condition both physically and mechanically.

ATVs and UTVs

By National standards, only persons who have completed the ATV/UTV training course may operate these vehicles on BSA property. Please do not bring these with you to camp as they will not be allowed to operate on camp property.



Hammock Policy

Hammocks are more and more becoming a part of the camping experience at our Scout camps. The use of hammocks at outdoor activities can add a fun highlight to the outdoor experience. Hammocks, however, bring with them their own set of safety and ecological issues. It is the policy of the Great Smoky Mountain Council that, for the safety of our participants, hammocks will be hung at a height of no more than the waist height of the user at the center point while empty. Hammocks will not be secured to shelters but should be secured to stable trees in the campsite out of main paths and walkways.



Figure 1. Example of the preferred design, if not using trees, and installing a hammock post in a campsite.

For your safety, carefully read the manufacturer's guidelines, and be sure to hang your hammock in a secure location and attach it only to a stable tree.

- Select trees with “tough” bark such as oak, hickory, or pine over a tree with “thin” bark such as maple or dogwood.
- Securing the hammock must be temporary. No nails, eye bolts, screws, etc. may be put into trees at any time.
- 1 ½ - 2” tension straps are approved while rope is NOT approved.
- Secure hammocks to trees 8” in diameter or larger.

The most dangerous time when using a hammock is while getting into or out of the hammock. It is the time of greatest instability. Use great care! A hammock is not a toy.

Hammocks should not be attached to any camp structure. The Camp Ranger or Staff has the authority to have a hammock moved or taken down because of the location, support, or height it is hanging.

Camp Buck Toms does not provide stakes for hammock villages or any other personal shelters.

Facilities for the Physically Challenged

Site #3 differs from other campsites in that it has facilities for Scouts and leaders with physical challenges. This site has electricity and paved walkways that provide easy access to the Camp Office, Dining Hall, Training Lodge, and Trading Post.

This site is also the only campsite to offer in-site shower and toilet facilities for the physically challenged. It is the policy of the camp that any troop may be moved or asked to share this site should the need arise for the site. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Leaders and visitors should know that there is no assistance to move the physically challenged around camp on a routine basis. While we invite you to join us, you must plan to bring your own rough terrain wheelchair or handicap-specific electric-powered assisted mobility device (EPAMD) to camp. Charging stations may not be convenient for your sleeping area. Electric bikes, ATVs, and UTVs are not considered EPAMDs and are excluded from camp unless assigned a specific task and under the control of the CBT ranger.

Visitors

Camp Buck Toms is private property owned by the Great Smoky Mountain Council. The staff is required to control the camp's access to protect Scouts. Anyone entering the camp property must check in at the admin office to receive proper clearance such as a wristband or badge. Anyone without the proper form of identification will be stopped and asked to return to the camp office.

All visitors must check in and out at the admin office. Friday's closing campfire will be over at about 10 PM. The trading post will remain open for a brief period after.

The Program Director will be asking for a head count of the number of visitors at both Thursday and Friday morning's leader meeting for the Friday evening dinner preparations. This will give us an estimate of the amount of food to prepare. A visitor meal costs \$10. Children aged six years and under are free. Visitors may purchase a meal ticket at the camp office. No visitors will be allowed to stay overnight.

Special Food Needs

Camp Buck Toms plans the menu for the camp following national nutrition guidelines and receives approval for its menu from a Dietician. We do our best to provide menu options to accommodate many different dietary needs and allergy considerations. Peanut butter and jelly are always available as an alternative or addition to any meal, but due to allergy concerns, each table must request it individually. Please fill out dietary restrictions and needs in the Tentaroo registration program under each participant's name. Also please scan the QR code to the right and fill out this online form as well.



Dietary Needs Form

It is not possible to provide food to meet every dietary and allergy need, but we will do our best.

CPAP Machines & Electrical Cords

Electrical cords are not allowed to be run from building to building. Having electrical cords between buildings is dangerous, against BSA policy, and against Roane County Building Codes.

CPAP machines need to be used on a rechargeable battery pack. Please provide your own. You may charge it during the day at the admin office or in your campsite pavilion. If you cannot gain access to one, please let us know. Contact natasha.leahey@scouting.org.

Arrivals and Departures

All campers, youth, and adults must check in and out at the camp office. This applies to anyone who is arriving or leaving the camp. It is critical that we always know who is, or is not, at camp. A Scout must have a Scoutmaster present at the time of departure to confirm the Scout is allowed to leave. Thank you for your cooperation!



Camp Wristbands

All campers, youth, and adults must wear the colored wristband they were given at check-in. Anyone who is found in camp without this wristband will immediately be escorted to the Administration office. Replacement bands are available at the Administration office.

Emergency Procedures

A camp Emergency Procedures manual will be issued to each Troop at the First-Day camp leadership meeting. An emergency drill is conducted at the beginning of each week of camp. Details will be announced in the leaders' meeting.

Medical Forms

ALL campers, both youth and adults, must have a completed Annual Health and Medical Record Part A, B, & C with them when they report to camp; it must be filled out. It will be placed on file with the Health Lodge and will be returned to the Troop when they collect it at the Health Lodge before checking out. According to Federal law, any forms left at camp when a Troop has departed must be destroyed. Please do not give the Health Lodge original medical forms, please give us a copy of the original.



Medical Form Part A & B
– for campers who are
staying less than 72 hours

The forms must be dated within the last 12 months and ***Part C must be completed and signed by a physician.*** Incomplete forms cannot be accepted. All rotating leaders must also have a current medical form, Parts A and B if staying at camp under 72 hours and part C if greater than 72 hours. **Please have these forms completed when you arrive at camp. We cannot allow any participants to stay in camp without these completed forms.**



Medical Form Part A,
B, & C - for campers
who are staying more
than 72 hours

Trading Post

Camp Buck Toms operates a modern and efficient Trading Post and stocks many items that are related to the program offered at camp, including craft kits and merit badge books. Various snacks, drinks, pocket knives, postcards, camp clothing, batteries, patches, and memorabilia are available for purchase. Most Scouts will spend on average \$80 - \$100 during the week at the trading post. The trading post accepts cash and debit/credit cards.

Valuables

Unfortunately, even at Scout camp, losses occur. For self-protection, items you do not wish to lose should be left at home. The camp carries no insurance for personal items and is not responsible for the loss or theft of personal items. Tents and Adirondacks are private areas. At no point should a Scout enter another Scout's tent. Report any such activity to the Camp Administration Team!



Camp Swim Classification Policy & Procedures

The swim classification of individuals participating in a Scout's BSA activity is a key element in both Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. The swim classification tests should be renewed annually, preferably at the beginning of each outdoor season. Traditionally the swim classification test has only been conducted at a long-term summer camp. However, there is no restriction that this is the only place the test can be conducted. It may be more useful to conduct the swim classification before you arrive at Camp Buck Toms.

All persons participating in the BSA aquatics programs are classified according to swimming ability. The classification tests and test procedures have been developed and structured to demonstrate a skill level consistent with the circumstances in which the individual will be in the water (e.g., the swimmer's test demonstrated the minimum level of swimming ability for recreational and instructional activity in a confined body of water with a maximum 12-foot depth).

Units who wish to do their Swim Check classification prior to coming to Camp Buck Toms need to fill out a Swim Roster which you can download by scanning the QR code to the right. You will need to present it at camp to the Aquatics Director along with copies of all certifications for the person(s) administering the test(s). The Camp Buck Toms Aquatics Director can invalidate any pre-camp swim classifications and can require any participant to participate in an at-camp swim check at their discretion, and their decision is final.



Swim Classification Roster
<https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Swim-Classification-record-430-122.pdf>

Camp Swimwear Policy

All swimwear must be modest. For males, tight-fitting swim briefs or swim bottoms short enough to allow exposure are not allowed. For females, bikinis are not allowed. Modest tankinis or one-piece swimsuits are appropriate.

Underage Youth Participation

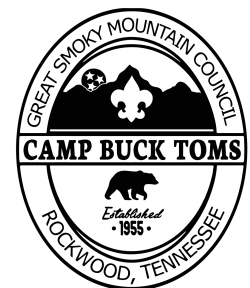
Youth who are not registered in the Troop may not accompany parents or siblings in Camp Buck Toms Summer Camp. They are welcome to visit as guests during approved visitation times. Contact the Camp Director Mic Mullins at 865.455.5295 with any questions.

Provisional Scouts – Troop 557

Provisional Scouts are those Scouts, including those from out-of-council troops, who are either unable to attend summer camp with their own troop or who would like to enjoy an additional week at summer camp.

Provisional Troop 557 is a group attending camp from many different troops, but the Council provides adult leadership. Leaders who would also like to attend are welcome to register as leaders for the week and will serve as leadership for the entire troop. Scouts in Troop 557 have all the same program opportunities as those attending with their own Troop.

This troop will attend camp during Week 4 and will meet at the Camp Admin at 2:00 pm on Sunday, June 25th, 2023. Once all the Scouts have reported to this meeting place, they will proceed into camp and begin the check-in process as any other troop would do.



Camp Buck Toms will have a male provisional Troop and a female provisional Troop. The Council will provide at least two experienced and qualified adult leaders who will spend this week at Camp Buck Toms. These adults will have the same responsibilities as troop Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters during this week at camp. They will be available at the campsite to supervise and help the Scouts with skill development and other activities.

Provisional Scouts will register for the Provisional Week of camp by scanning the QR code to the right. Boys and Girls will register at the same place. Troop 557 will be two troops, with separate leaders a boys-only, and a girls-only troop.



Sign up for Provisional Troop 557
<https://forms.tentaroo.com/view.php?id=9250868>

For Scouts wishing to attend a different week of camp, contact Natasha using the information below to receive contact information for other Troops that might be willing to host your Scout for the week of camp they wish to attend.

For more information, please contact Natasha Leahey at the Great Smoky Mountain Council Service Center at 865.566.0645 or Natasha.Leahey@scouting.org.

Camperships

A limited number of partial camperships are available for Great Smoky Mountain Council Scouts with financial needs to attend summer camp. All requests must be completed by April 7th at 5 pm. Scan the QR code, to the right, to fill out the form



Campership form
<https://forms.tentaroo.com/view.php?id=9247447>



SEVEN MOUNDS TRAIL

Great Smoky Mountain Council

Seven Mound Trail
Camp Buck Toms
Rockwood, Tennessee



The trail is for those who want to learn more about the Native American peoples who inhabited the area that makes up Camp Buck Toms.

TYPE, LENGTH, AND SEASON OF TRAIL:

Scenic and Nature, ~5 miles.

The Trail must be hiked. (Physically challenged Scouts need not hike to earn an award).

REQUIREMENTS FOR HIKING TRAIL:

You must be a registered Scout, Explorer, Venturer, leader of the Boy Scouts of America, or accompanying family member.

At least two BSA-registered adults must accompany any Scouting unit.

You represent BSA so wear your proper Scouting clothing:

- Appropriate footwear.
- Follow the Guide to Safe Scouting.
- Follow the principles of Trek Safely.
- Follow the procedures of Leave No Trace (LNT) and the Outdoor Code.

STARTING/ENDING POINT:

Jane Manly Museum

POINTS OF INTEREST:

Seven Indian Mounds
Beautiful rolling hills on the rugged trail

TRAIL MAP AVAILABLE

Yes, from the Camp Admin Office.

TRAIL WELL MARKED:

Yes

TRAIL MARKER DESIGN:

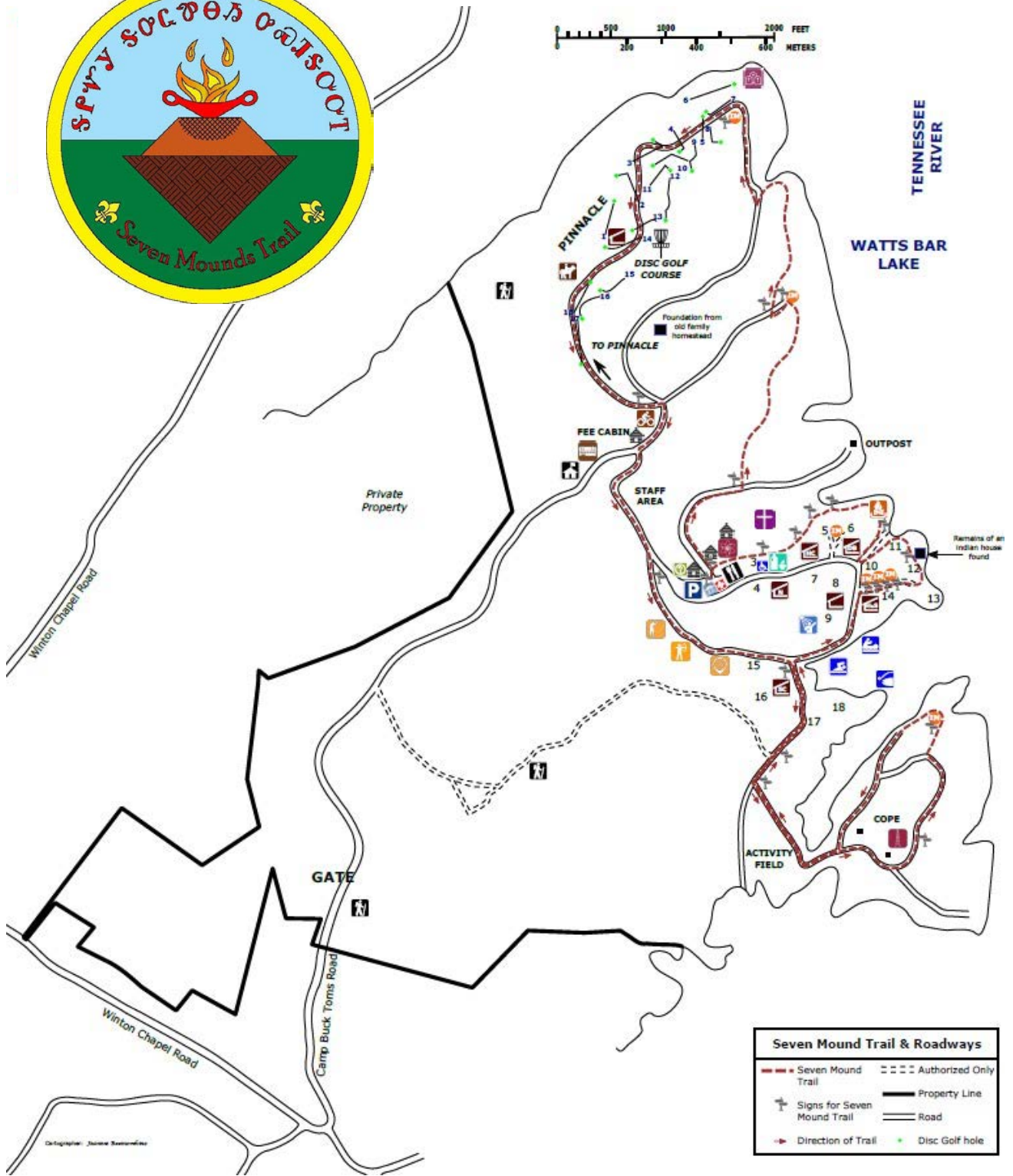
There are numbered signs along the trail explaining the trail and the point of interest. The Trail Questionnaire will reference the trail sign that has the answer.

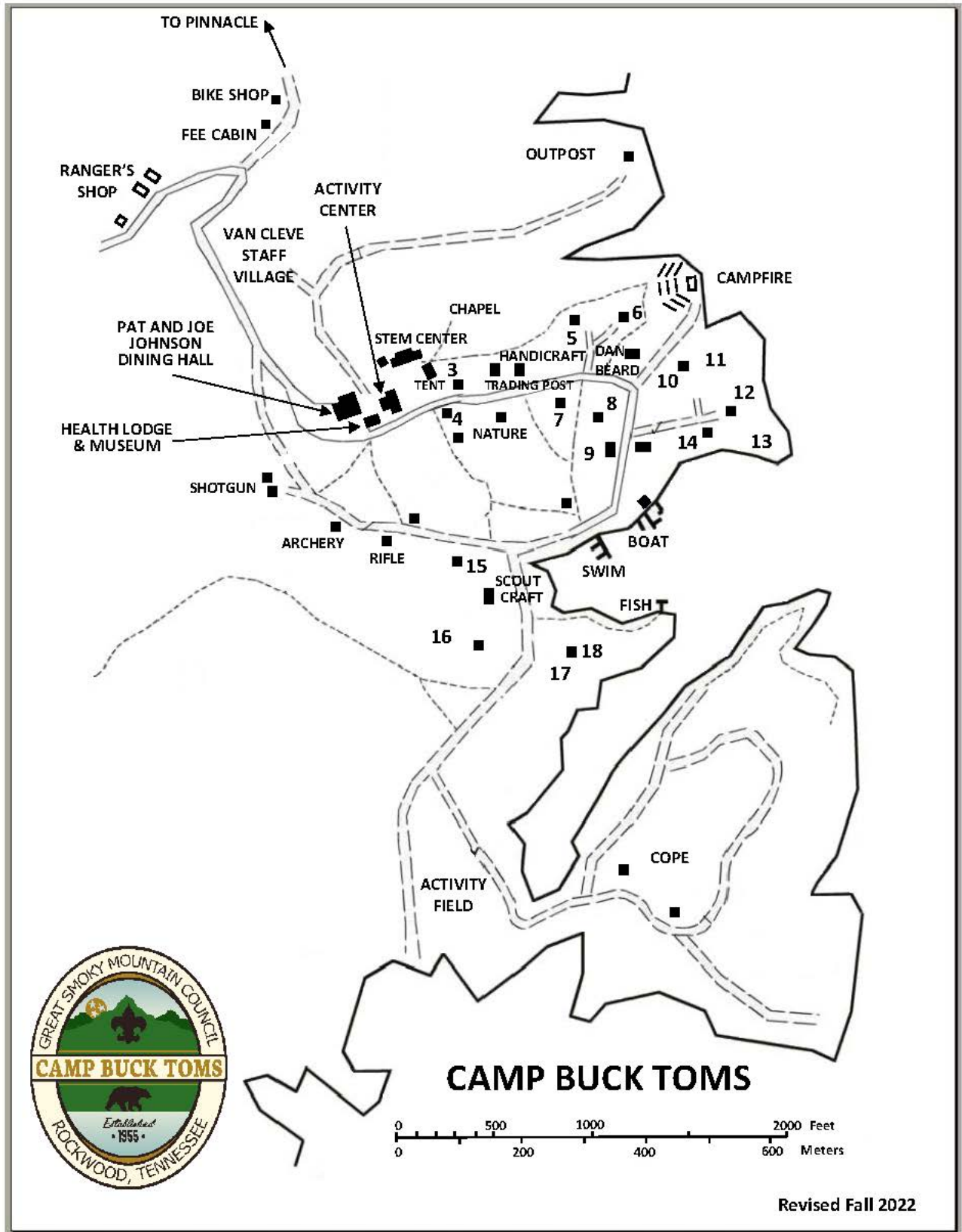
AWARD AVAILABLE:

There is a patch available for participants who completed Trail Questionnaire. Each participant must complete one. Patches are \$5 per patch and available at the camp admin office with the completed Trail Questionnaire.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Great Smoky Mountain Council
Jane Manly Museum
Boy Scouts of America
1333 Old Weisgarber Rd.
Knoxville, TN 37909





Camp Leaders and Scouts,

I am excited that you have chosen to attend Camp Buck Toms in 2023. This is going to be an exciting summer with lots of amazing opportunities for your Scouts. We are excited to begin using the Pat & Joe Johnson Dining Hall! We are proud to continue to provide the quality programs you have come to expect from Camp Buck Toms.

This guide is intended to help you and your Scouts prepare for Summer Camp 2023. If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact me at mic.mullins@scouting.org.

The staff of Camp Buck Toms is looking forward to seeing your Troop at camp this summer!

Sincerely,



Mic Mullins | Council Program Director

Camp Director

Camp Buck Toms

865-445-5295

mic.mullins@scouting.org

<https://eastnscouts.org/about/camps/buck-toms/>

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