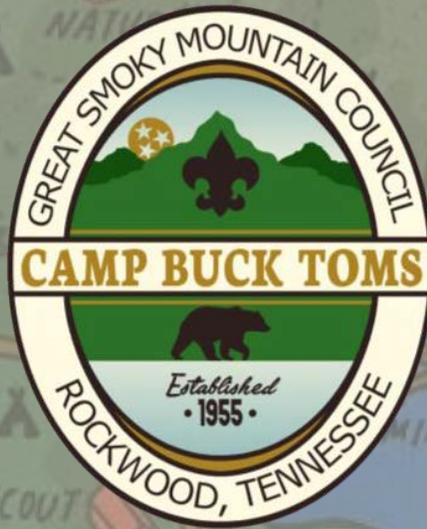


Summer Camp 2024

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!

Thank you for spending 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.

This guidebook provides the information so your Troop can plan a successful week at Camp Buck Toms. This guide and all the documents you need for summer camp are available online. More detailed information about merit badges can be found in the Merit Badge Guide, available online beginning January 4, 2024.

The summer 2024 camping season at Camp Buck Toms will see the second season of the new Pat & Joe Johnson Dining Hall. This state-of-the-art dining hall facility allows us to provide an outstanding food service experience to all participants at Camp Buck Toms! And in 2024 we are offering a new as much as you can eat approach to Summer Camp Dining!

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 2024, 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.

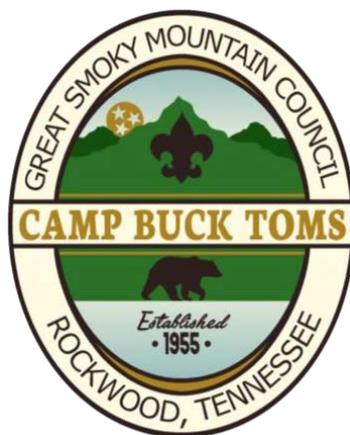
Please read this guidebook thoroughly to ensure your unit gets the most out of its summer camp experience. Again, thank you for choosing Camp Buck Toms! On behalf of the Great Smoky Mountain Council and the 2024 Camp Buck Tom's Staff, we look forward to seeing you at camp this summer!

Sincerely,

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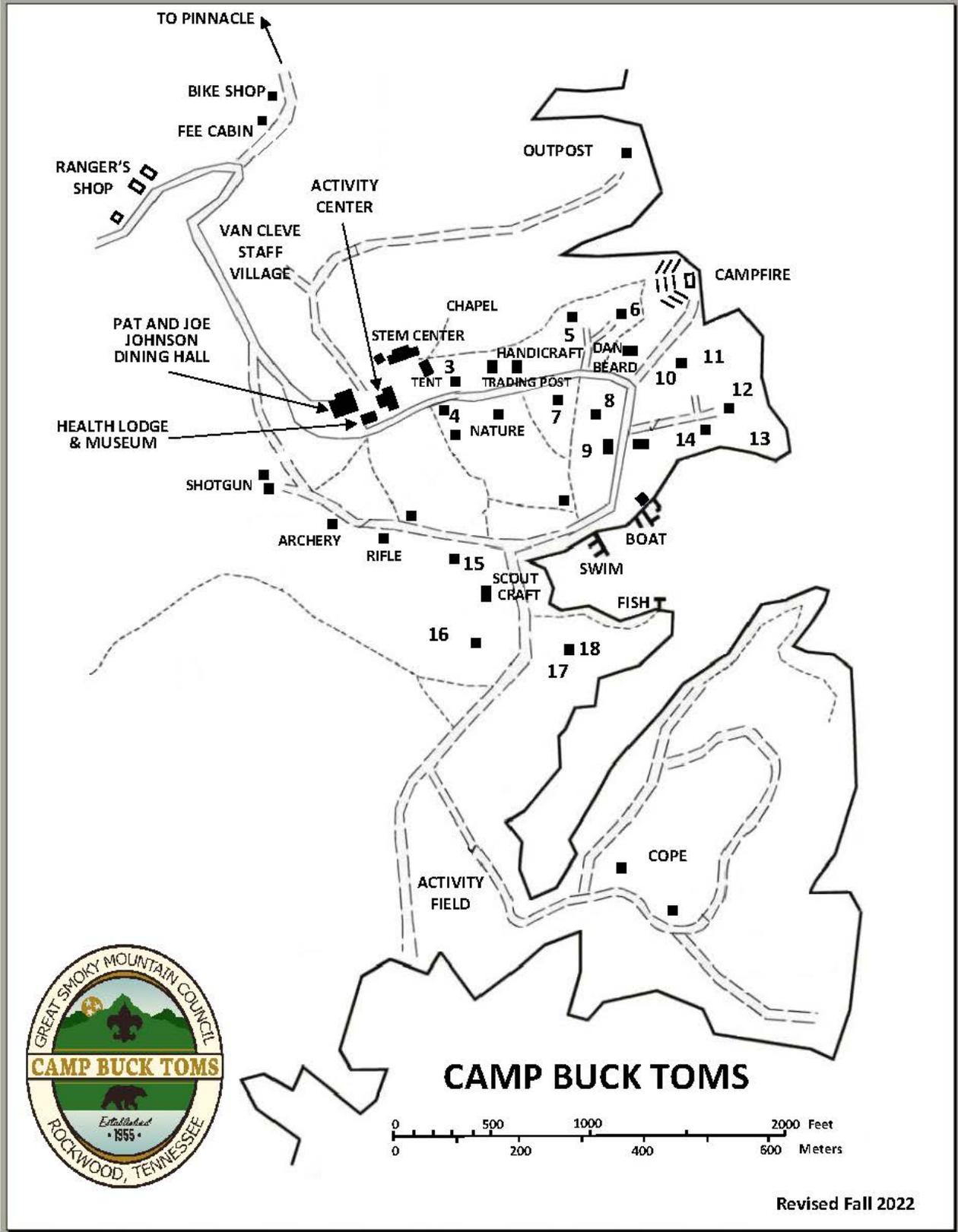


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CAMP BUCK TOMS



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2024 CAMP BUCK TOMS PROGRAM

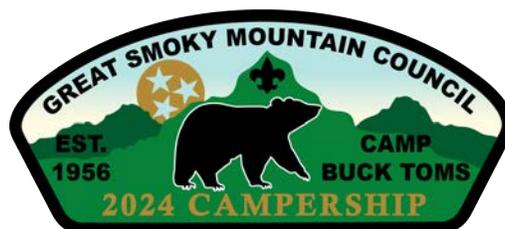
Nestled in East Tennessee on the shore of Watts Bar Lake, Camp Buck Toms is 750+ acres of beautiful landscape filled with forests, fields, and adventure. We offer programs specifically designed for each age group within your Troop.

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 newly designed Dan Beard Program is designed for new Scouts to camp and Scouting. Scouts will work towards Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First-Class requirements. The Dan Beard program has been redesigned for 2024 for the best possible experience for your Scouts to help them learn basic Scouting skills and work toward earning their first merit badges!

With over sixty dynamic merit badges 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. 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, and desire to experience the best East Tennessee offers. 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!



2024 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 22, 2024
 February 7, 2024
 March 6, 2024
 March 20, 2024
 April 17, 2024
 April 18, 2024

WEEKS OF OPERATION

WEEK

Staff Week
 Week 1
 Week 2
 Week 3
 Week 4

DATES

May 25 – June 1, 2024
 June 2 – June 8, 2024
 June 9 – June 15, 2024
 June 16 – June 22, 2024
 June 23 – June 29, 2024

2024 SUMMER CAMP FEES

	<u>IN-COUNCIL</u>	<u>OUT-OF-COUNCIL</u>
YOUTH	\$325	\$355
ADULT	\$150 (1 free adult)	\$150 (1 free adult)
MOUNTAIN MAN	\$475	\$505
ADULT MOUNTAIN MAN	\$400	\$400
UNIT DEPOSIT FEE	\$350	\$350



Refund Policy

100% Refund	-	before March 21, 2024
75% Refund	-	March 21 – April 17, 2024
No Refund	-	Beginning April 18, 2024

All special circumstances refund requests must be submitted to the Council office by April 18, 2024. 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

After April 18th, and in the case of special circumstances such as the death of an immediate family member, sickness or injury, or a military transfer, we will refund all but \$200 for Scouts and \$100 for leaders of fees paid when verified by a physician, military commander, or other such officials. Program fees are refundable only if notified two weeks before camp.

The camp must be informed in writing a week before your scheduled arrival of such special circumstance cancellations. Partial refunds will only be issued if the camp is notified before the scheduled week of camp and if cancellation requirements are met. 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 17th undermine our ability to provide our quality program. Reasons such as vacation schedule, summer school, and last-minute changes of mind are unacceptable 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, beginning from 1 pm to 3:30 pm.
- 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, your guide will meet with your Troop. Only send a leader to the dining hall eve to finalize paperwork.
- Your staff guide will provide your Troop with a camp tour and walk your troop through the camp check-in process.
- Before camp, make four copies of your camp roster & two copies of your Medical Forms (*neither should be the original as all forms left at camp must be destroyed upon departure*). **See Page 33*
- One leader submits rosters, makes final changes, and pays any outstanding fees at Registration.
- Your troop guide will take your troop to a medical recheck 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 before 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, don't hesitate to 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=10544903>

MONDAY ARRIVAL

If your unit wants to check in on Monday, please get in touch with Natasha Leahey at Natasha.Leahey@Scouting.org to make arrangements.



Sunday Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
1:00 PM	Check-In Begins
5:00 PM	SM/SPL Meeting (STEM Lodge)
5:45 PM	Formation – Evening Retreat Ceremony (<i>Field Uniforms</i>)
6:00 – 7:05 PM	Dinner
7:45 PM	Vespers
8:30 PM	Opening Campfire



Monday - Friday Schedule

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

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 sure 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

- The final campsite inspection is on Friday with the campsite commissioner.
- Arrange gear/trailer transport to the parking lot with Camp Ranger.
- Pick up the merit badge paperwork packet at Campfire Ring following the Campfire.
- Saturday morning “grab and go” breakfast at the Dining Hall from 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
- Pack up your campsite (bring trash to the dumpster behind the dining hall or leave it at the main camp road).
- Pick up unit health forms from Health Lodge, or they will be destroyed following camp.
- Sign out your unit in the Camp Admin Office.
- By 10:00 a.m., all troops departed camp.

LEADERS’ MEETING

A meeting of all unit leaders and Senior Patrol Leaders will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday at the STEM Lodge. 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 an excellent opportunity to have your questions answered about your Troop’s week at camp.

There will also be a leaders’ meeting held each day at 9:10 a.m. in the Dining Hall. Unit leaders can ask questions at this meeting, receive updates on special events in camp, and receive any important information from the Camp Director, Program Director, Camp Commissioner, and Camp Ranger.

CAMPSITE COMMISSIONERS

A team of staff members is dedicated to taking care of your needs throughout the week: your Campsite Commissioner. The Campsite Commissioner will visit your campsite daily to visit with leaders. They will make sure you have all the supplies you need. If something is broken or missing at your campsite, they will see it is taken care of. If you have any other issues, the Campsite Commissioner will solve them or assist you in getting to the right person. The Campsite Commissioner is your first stop to resolve any potential issues.

PRE-CAMP LEADERSHIP MEETING

A pre-camp leadership meeting will be held for all weeks of camp at the Samson Service Center on May 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. It will also be a Zoom meeting. Use this QR Code to sign up for the pre-camp Zoom meeting. A link will be sent out a few days before the meeting.

At this meeting, we will review the Camp policies, go over the program, and answer any specific questions you have about your week of summer camp.



You will also be given your finalized campsite assignment at this meeting.

CAMPSITES

Each campsite has Adirondacks (see page 28 for more information), 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 tents, if preferred, or hammocks (see page 31). No electrical cords can be from building to building. This is against BSA and Roane County Building Codes. Communicate with the Camp Director for help with medical device needs, such as CPAP machines. Please get in touch with natasha.leahey@scouting.org for assistance. See page 32 for more CPAP information.

Adult female leaders with boy troops may share the Adirondacks with other adult females; likewise, adult male leaders with female troops may share the Adirondacks with other adult males. Per BSA rules, families cannot camp together without a special needs exception.

CAMPSITE CAPACITIES

CAMPSITE NUMBER	CAPACITY	SHOWER HOUSE <small>(some campsites share a shower house)</small>
3	40	A - #3
4	48	B - #4 & #7
5	72	C - #5 & #6
6	40	C - #5 & #6
7	24	B - #4 & #7
8	48	D - #8 & #9
9	40	D - #8 & #9
10	32	E - #10 & #11
11	32	E - #10 & #11
12	32	F - #12 & #13
13	40	F - #12 & #13
14	40	G - #14
15	32	H - #15
16	40	I - #16
17	48	J - #17 & #18
18	32	J - #17 & #18

Learn specifics about each of our campsites at:
<https://easttnscouts.org/about/camps/buck-toms/campsites/>



cooking in campsites is done for Wednesday night dinner. The food is provided by the dining hall if required.

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 a 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

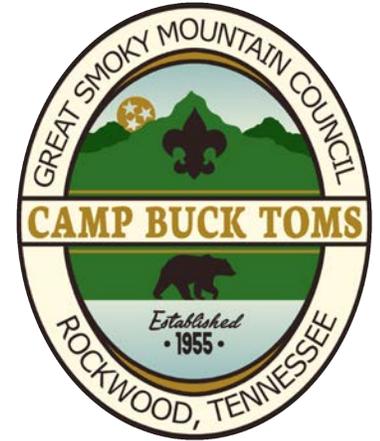
OTHER

- 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 BUCK TOMS PROVIDES

- Flagpole
- Latrine and potable water supply
- Showers
- Picnic area with tables & Electricity
- Bulletin board
- Firepit
- Washstand

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
- Besides those for photography and merit badge classes, electronic devices are generally not recommended, but this is a decision for the Troop to make and implement.

Camp Buck Toms provides an outdoor experience, and these items are inappropriate for that experience.

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



Dining Hall & Camp Meals

This will be the second year the Pat & Joe Johnson Dining Hall is in service at Camp Buck Toms. This brand-new state-of-the-art air-conditioned facility provides a great selection and quality food service experience.

New in 2024

In 2024, we will move to one meal service for all meals. This is a change from how it was done the past few summers. This will allow us to enhance our morning and evening camp-wide ceremony programs and increase the diversity of food options available at each meal.

We are expanding our salad bar selection for all meals in 2024. We are also going to be expanding our hot bar options and varieties. A new peanut butter and jelly station will also become a permanent feature in 2024. A lunchmeat sandwich station is also being added to 2024. We are also introducing a self-serve cereal station in 2024.

Our food service is expanding to include a new, as much-as-you-would-like-to-eat meal approach. There will no longer be a "Seconds" call, but Scouts and Leaders may return for items they would like more when the line is open. Camp Buck Toms plans the menu for the camp following national nutrition guidelines and receives approval from a Registered Dietician.

We will take signups from Troops for meal songs, and the dining hall provides an excellent opportunity for unit service while at camp. Troops can sign up to assist with serving meals and helping with the dish room. This is a great way to work on your Honor Troop and Scoutmaster Merit Badge Awards!

Menu

Our menu is currently under development, but once it is ready in the early spring, you can view it by scanning the QR code.



Special Food Needs

We provide menu options to accommodate many different dietary needs and allergy considerations. Participants with dietary needs should scan the QR code to the right and complete this online form. You will meet with the Dining Hall manager during check-in to discuss your needs and our dining hall procedures.



Dietary Needs Form



CAMP ACTIVITIES

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 to use the chapel for their chapel services. 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!

Wednesday Night Troops Cook in Campsite

On Wednesday evening you will prepare and eat dinner at your campsite. We provide only essential items for your dinner if you choose to make what the camp offers. Feel free to plan your troop's own unique menu. We will only provide food to troops who complete the online form before noon on Tuesday. Scan the QR code to complete the form.



Items provided by the camp:

- Hamburgers
- Hot Dogs
- Buns
- Chips

Examples of items not provided:

condiments, cheese, toppings, etc.

Please plan to provide any items you wish to cook using your own menu or plan to purchase items to support the menu provided above; there are many grocery options in nearby Rockwood and Harriman.

Scout Leader/Scout Rifle Shoot

During your week of camp, one leader and one 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! This activity will be available during the day, and the Shooting Sports Director will announce specifics on the first day of camp.

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.

OA Cracker Barrel/Fun Night

This event, held on Thursday evenings, will allow all OA brothers to join in fellowship at camp. Activities 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 of any additional OA activities when you arrive at the camp. Don't forget your sash!

Camp Competitions

Throughout the week, there will be many 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.

White Book

This is the signup book set for your Troop to register for program activities throughout your week at camp. It is located in the camp Admin office.

Daily Awards:

Spirit Log: Each day, the *Spirit Log* will be presented at the retreat to the day's 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. 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.



Open Activity Programs:

Aquatics:

- Open Boating
- Open Swim
- Mile Swim

Shooting Sports:

- Open Shoot

Games:

- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Waterfront Games
- Disc 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 the campsite.
Thursday – OA Night
Friday – Closing Campfire

ADULT PROGRAMS & CLASSES

LEAVE NO TRACE 101

This skills course is an excellent introduction to the seven Leave No Trace Principles. It is recommended for all leaders, as knowledge of LNT is required for Second Class and several merit badges and is essential for troop outings, especially backpacking trips.

CPR/AED/First Aid Training

The course will provide Scoutmasters and leaders with a two-year CPR/AED/and First Aid certification. Our camp ranger teaches it. There is a cost of \$25 to take this course.

WILDERNESS FIRST AID

We are currently working to develop this course and offer it starting in the summer of 2024. More information will be added to the program guide as we finalize details.

Scoutmaster lunch

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



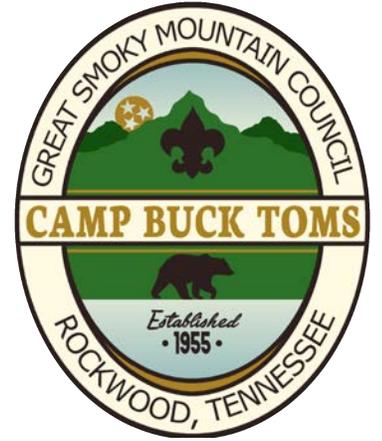
2024 MERIT BADGES

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.

MERIT BADGE INFORMATION, PROGRAM SCHEDULE, & PRE-REQUISITES

The Merit Badge Guide has been created to simplify the Program Guide. It will be available online on January 22, 2024. It includes prerequisites, class times and offerings, class locations, and fees.



Key Dates

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

DATE

January 22, 2024
January 22, 2024
March 6, 2024



2024 Merit Badges & Program Offerings:

Animal Science
Animalia Studies
Animation
Architecture/Landscape Architecture
Archery
Art
Astronomy
Automotive Maintenance
Basketry
Bird Study
BSA Lifeguard
BSA Paddle boarding *
Bugling
Canoeing
Chemistry
Chess
Citizenship in the Community
Citizenship in the Nation
Climbing
Communication
COPE
Cycling
Dan Beard * (1st Year Camper Program)
Electronics
Emergency Preparedness
Environmental Science
Exploration
Fingerprinting
First Aid
Fish and Wildlife Management
Fishing
Forestry
Game Design
Geocaching
Geology
Horsemanship
Indian Lore
Insect Study
Inventing
Kayaking

Leatherwork
Lifesaving
Mammal Study
Metalwork
Mile Swim
Motorboating
Mountain Man* (High Adventure Program)
Moviemaking
Nature
Nuclear Science
Oceanography
Orienteering
Paul Bunyan Woodsman*
Photography
Pioneering
COPE *
Pulp and Paper
Radio
Reptile & Amphibian Study
Rifle Shooting
Robotics
Sculpture
Search and Rescue
Shotgun Shooting
Signs, Signals, and Codes
Small Boat Sailing
Space Exploration
Swimming
Swimming Skills *
Water Sports
Weather
Welding
Wilderness Survival
Woodcarving
Woodwork

* Not a merit badge

+ New for 2024

Eagle Required

Special Programs & High Adventure

DAN BEARD PROGRAM – First Year Camper Program

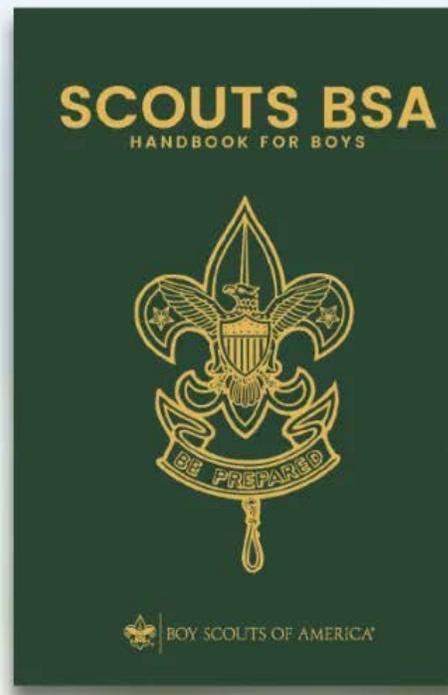
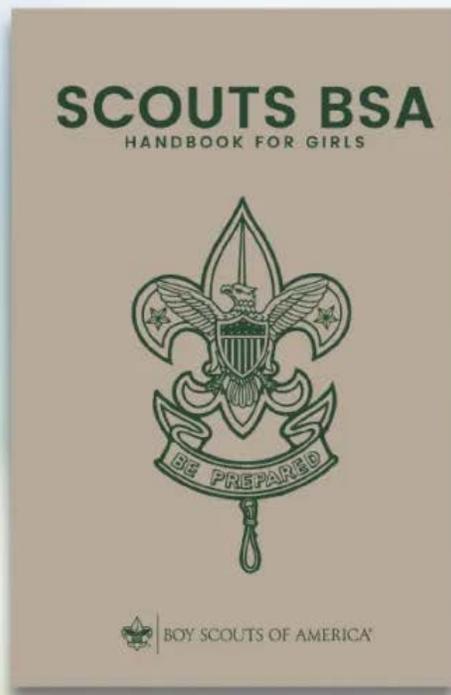
We are excited about a fully updated Dan Beard Program for 2024.

Throughout the week, first-year campers will learn skills needed for their Scouting journey and the rest of their life! The Dan Beard program will combine being exposed to 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 introduces young Scouts to Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First-Class rank requirements.

Our Vision

It is providing young Scouts the best possible opportunity to experience the Scouting program at summer camp and with the tools and experiences needed to be successful in their Scouting careers; make their experience with Dan Beard one that they will remember and rely on for the rest of their lives; but most importantly, have fun at everything they do!

We are all excited and enthusiastic to have the opportunity to work with these future Eagle Scouts!



Description:

Dan Beard is a first-year camper program designed for the brand-new Scout who has just moved up from Webelos or joined the Troop for the first time just before camp. It is an orientation to the out-of-doors and fast tracks Scouts on skills needed for their Scouting journey. Its purpose is to help new Scouts get comfortable with Scouting methods and teach vital camping skills.

Scouts attend Dan Beard from 9 AM – 11:45 AM in the Dan Beard program area and the afternoon in merit badge classes. One of the afternoon merit badge blocks will be the swimming merit badge or instructional swim. During the other afternoon merit badge block, they will have a choice of a handicraft merit badge (Indian Lore, Space Exploration, Basketry, or Leatherworking). Dan Beard Scouts are not required to take these badges; however, they should be age-appropriate (i.e., not shooting sports). All Dan Beard Scouts will participate in a special evening activity each Wednesday night.

Requirements Covered

The Dan Beard program introduces the new Scout to many outdoor skills included in the rank advancements for Tenderfoot, Second, and First Class. The Camp Buck Toms staff does not sign off on any of these requirements in a Scout's handbook since we believe these skills must be practiced and mastered before a Scout is signed off for any of the requirements and that it is the responsibility of the Scoutmaster or their designee to make the final determination on mastery of these skills. Once the Scoutmaster feels confident the Scout has mastered these skills, they will mark them as complete.

Dan Beard specific merchandise is available for purchase in the trading post.

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Once the Scoutmaster feels confident the Scout has mastered these skills, they will mark them as complete.

Scouts will receive a certificate showing the skills they were shown during their week of camp. A complete list of skills that will be taught in the course will be listed in the Merit Badge Guide.

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 unique orientation for first-year campers and their parents who would like to visit before their week of summer camp. It will be at camp on Saturday, June 1st, from 9 am–noon, with a hot dog lunch provided. This program is designed to relieve first-year campers and their parents' anxieties 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?

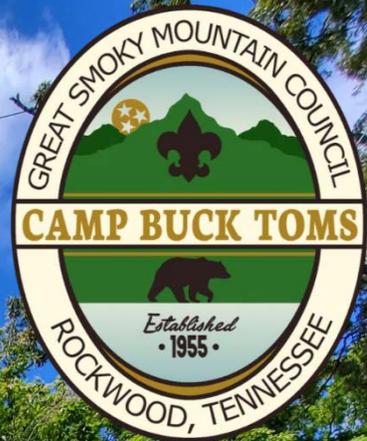


Sign up for First Year Camper Orientation Program

<https://forms.tentaroo.com/view.php?id=10749656>

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 half day course for older Scouts ages 13 – 20. This course will instill the eight principles of COPE using initiative games, low course activities, high course activities, and team building.

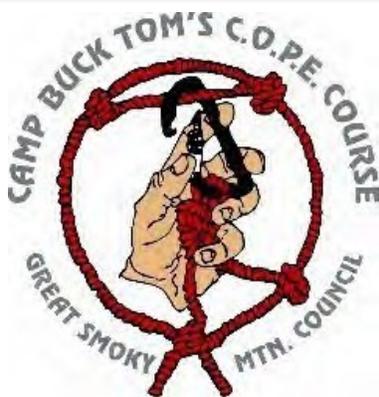
C.O.P.E. High Ropes Adventure Program

C.O.P.E is a half-day program at Camp Buck Toms for Scouts aged 13 – 20. This popular program emphasizes team building through initiative games, trust events, and course activities. Camp Buck Toms offers one of the finest high ropes courses and 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.

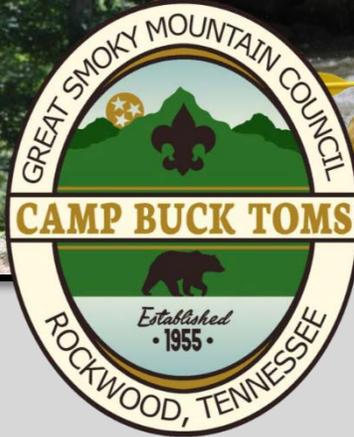


The eight principles of the week are communication, planning, teamwork, trust, leadership, decision-making, problem-solving, and self-esteem.

Participants will check in to Camp Buck Toms on Sundays with their troop. They will begin with initiative games and work themselves up to the high ropes course towards the end of the week. Upon completing 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 who already have attended a summer camp experience or do not need to focus primarily on advancement. Scouts and adults can do this through the merit badge and program registration section on Tentaroo.

2024 DATES:

Week 1 - June 2 – June 8, 2024

Week 2 - June 9 – June 15, 2024

Week 3 - June 16 – June 22, 2024

Week 4 - June 23 – June 29, 2024

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 should be 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. Participants will hit the road early Monday morning and participate in many activities, returning to the camp base and departing for other activities. Scouts spend most nights offsite; learn more about the itinerary at the Pre-Camp meeting. They will finally return to camp late Friday evening before the campfire. Upon completing the expedition, each participant will be awarded a shirt and named a true MOUNTAIN MAN!

Scouts must be 14 years 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
 - Pocketknife
 - 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 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. As they are published, we urge you and your Scouts to know the latest and best practices for youth protection and safe Scouting initiatives.

All Scouts and leaders must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America and have completed Youth Protection Training 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, parts A, B, and C. 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. Every unit serving females must have a registered female adult 21 years or older. A registered female adult (21+) must be present for any activity involving female youth.
- Even with the minimum leader requirements, age, and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided.
- All adults attending CBT must be registered leaders and be current 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 and 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.
- Our Adirondacks follow the National BSA policy for lodging and cabin accommodations; however, when possible, it is best to follow the tenting guidelines: *“Youth sharing tents or Adirondacks should be no more than two years apart in age.”*
- Adirondacks are 3-sided wooden cabins with a wide-open front door. There are wooden bunks, so bring something comfortable to sleep on (air mattress, pad, foam, etc.). The tarp in the picture is just used for privacy when changing. Screen or netting can be used in place of the tarp to ensure airflow.
- All campsites have room for tents to be set up alongside the Adirondacks.
- All campsites have trees that can be used for hammock camping.



Restrooms

- Separate shower and latrine facilities must be provided for male and female adults and male and female youth. When separate facilities are unavailable, separate times must be scheduled and posted.
- Adults and youth must respect each other's privacy, significantly when 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. Male and Female Troops must be registered as separate units, each with their own individual leadership.
- For assistance with your password and account, please visit Tentaroo.com; if you need further assistance, don't hesitate to contact natasha.leahey@scouting.org.

Advancement

- The class instructors on the class roster record advancement. All completion information will have been added to the Tentaroo system by Friday evening. The Tentaroo system can generate blue cards if used by your troop in the report section. There is also a completion report that shows all the requirements that were completed at camp. If you have a camper who wishes to change a merit badge, please complete a schedule change form at Admin so the Tentaroo system is current on the classes your Scout should be taking.

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 before you arrive 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 locked and securely.

The exception is when emergency drugs, such as an epi-pen or inhaler, are needed.

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

Transportation & Parking

Each unit is responsible for the safe transportation of its members to and from camp. Ensure all vehicles meet the BSA National insurance requirements (per the BSA Guide to Safe Scouting). Whether covered or uncovered, transporting Scouts or adults in the bed of a pickup truck or trailer 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 before you arrive 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 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 to camp without written permission from the Camp Director allowing them to be on camp. If you bring one to camp without this pre-authorization, they will not be able to operate on camp property.

Hammock Policy

Hammocks are more and more becoming a part of the camping experience at our Scout camps. 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.

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.



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

- Select trees with “tough” bark, such as oak, hickory, or pine, over those 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.
- Stacking hammocks is forbidden.

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 at which it is hanging.

Camp Buck Toms does not provide stakes for hammock villages or 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 camp's policy that any troop may be moved or asked to share this site should the need arise. **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 for 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 p.m. The trading post will remain open for a brief period after.

Visitors can purchase a guest meal at the admin building for \$10. If you plan on having many guests for a camp-served meal, please provide the admin office an estimate of the amount of food to prepare at least a day before the meal. 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.

CPAP Machines & Electrical Cords

Electrical cords are not allowed to be run from building to building. Having electrical cords between buildings is dangerous and against BSA policy and 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. We must always know who is or is not at camp. A Scout must have a Scoutmaster present at the time of departure to confirm that a registered Scout at camp is allowed to leave, regardless of who is picking them up. Thank you for being so cooperative!

Equipment and Lost & Found

Scouts and Scouters should write their name and their Troop number on their equipment. Lost and Found is in the Camp Administration building. Equipment will be moved from the camp to the council service center. If the equipment is not picked up in sixty days, it will be donated.

Concierge Services

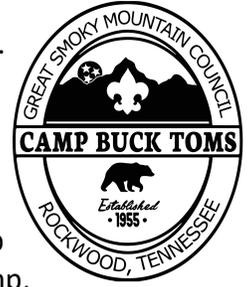
East Tennessee has numerous additional activities your Troop can enjoy during your stay. The Camp Buck Toms leadership team would love the opportunity to help your Troop secure additional adventures before or after your week of camp. Sevierville, Pigeon Forge, and Gatlinburg are top travel destinations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

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

The camp emergency procedures will be reviewed with the Troop at the First-Day camp leadership meeting. An emergency drill is conducted before lunch on the first full day of camp, weather permitting. Details will be announced in the leaders' meeting.

Medical Forms

ALL campers, 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 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.



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 a physician must complete and sign Part C. Only complete forms can 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. These completed forms are necessary for us to allow participants to stay in camp.**



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

This includes providing an accurate vaccine record with dates, not just saying they are up to date. Only BSA medical forms will be acceptable.

Trading Post

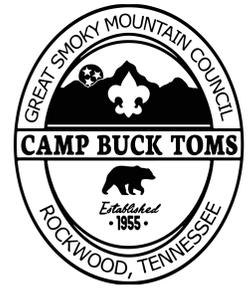
Camp Buck Toms operates a modern and efficient Trading Post and stocks many items related to the program offered at camp. Various snacks, drinks, pocketknives, postcards, camp clothing, batteries, patches, and memorabilia are available. Most Scouts will average \$80 - \$100 during the week at the trading post. The trading post accepts cash and debit/credit cards.

Valuables

Unfortunately, losses occur even at Scout camp. 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 Scouts BSA activity is critical in both Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. The swim classification tests should be renewed annually, preferably at the beginning of each outdoor season. The swim classification test has traditionally been conducted only at a long-term summer camp. However, there is no restriction that this is the only place the test can be conducted. Conducting the swim classification before you arrive at Camp Buck Toms may be more beneficial.



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 before 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. They 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 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 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

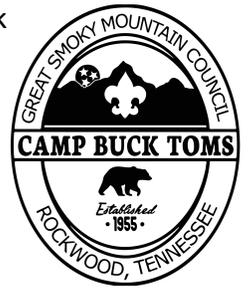
Provisional Scouts are those Scouts, including those from out-of-council troops, who can either not attend summer camp with their troop or would like to enjoy an additional week at summer camp.

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 Troop.

This troop will attend camp during Week 4 and meet at the Camp Admin at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 23rd, 2024. 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.

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. You must inform us on the form that your Scoutmaster has approved your participation at Camp Buck Toms as a Provisional Scout.



Sign up for Provisional Troop 557
<https://forms.tentaroo.com/view.php?id=10752559>

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

For more information, please get in touch with 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 noon on April 16th. Scan the QR code to the right to fill out the form.



Campership form
<https://forms.tentaroo.com/view.php?id=10752675>



Great Smoky Mountain Campership Fund

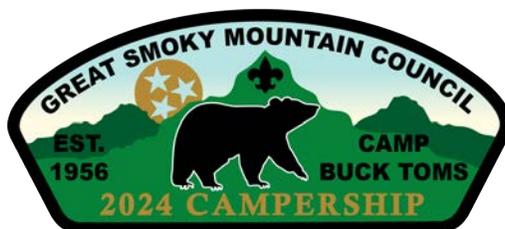
The Scout Campership program ensures that every Scout, regardless of financial ability, can attend Camp Buck Toms during the summer and all other camping programs throughout the year. It provides funds that make it possible for Scouts who may need more financial means to participate in these activities. By supporting the Campership program, we can ensure that no Scout is left behind due to financial constraints.

With the support of sponsors and donors, the Campership program can reach its full potential. By contributing to this program, individuals and organizations can make a direct and lasting impact on the lives of young Scouts. Support from sponsors and donors is crucial to making this program accessible to all Scouts, allowing them to develop essential skills, make lasting memories, and become the leaders of tomorrow.



Join us in supporting the 2024 Great Smoky Mountain Campership Fund. You can scan the QR code to contribute any amount you would like or select one of our pre-selected donor levels.

A \$35 contribution or more will receive a 2024 Campership CSP.



A \$125 contribution or more will receive the above plus an orange border version.



A \$300 contribution or more will receive the above two CSPs and a special ghost collector's edition.



Questions contact mic.mullins@scouting.org

Patches will ship in early spring.

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, Boy Scouts of America leader, 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 Leave No Trace (LNT) procedures 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:

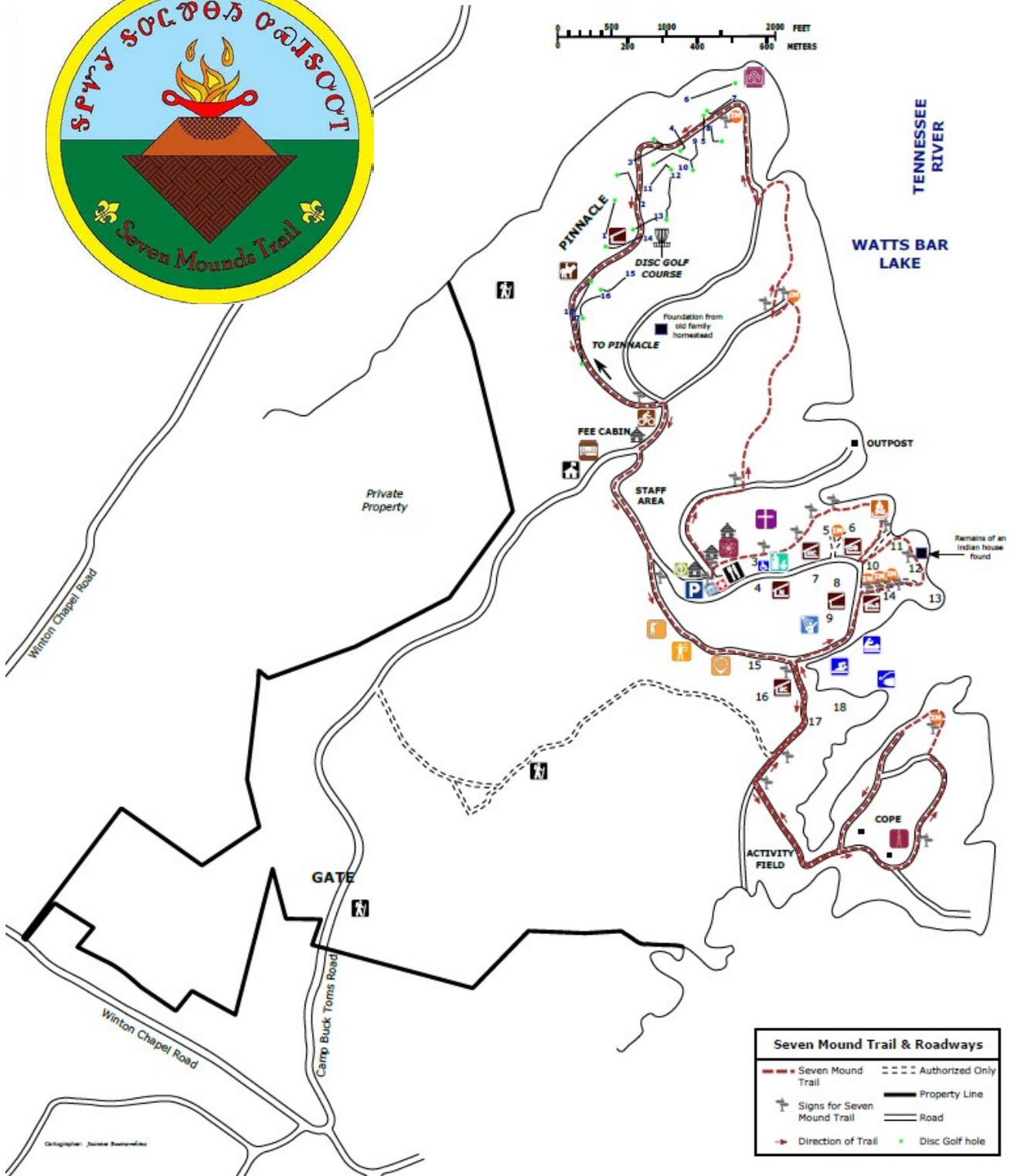
There are numbered signs along the trail explaining the trail and the point of interest. The Trail Questionnaire will reference the trail sign that has the answer.

AWARD AVAILABLE:

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

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 2024. This is going to be an exciting summer with lots of amazing opportunities for your Scouts. Our staff is putting together an unforgettable program to provide you and your Scouts an amazing summer camp experience! 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 2024. 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,



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Camp Director
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