

**The Cubs of Camp Buck Toms
2025 GSMC Spring Family Camp**



Program Guide

Dear Parents:

We are proud to deliver an innovative Spring family Camp experience focused on the fun, fellowship, and family atmosphere that has made Scouting the successful program it has been for 110 years. This high-quality program is designed to help strengthen the year-round pack program. Scouts will spend their weekends doing fun-filled, adventurous, and family-oriented activities!

Spring Family Camps are an excellent opportunity for our Scouts to develop. They will test their Scouting skills, work on exciting STEM experiments, play exciting games, make crafts, do skits, sing songs, hang out with friends, and build lasting memories with their families!

The Great Smoky Mountain Council and its Cub Scout Program staff have built a solid reputation for providing an exciting experience that every Scout will remember. They will never forget the fun and experience they gained at Camp Buck Toms.

If you or your Scout have special needs (accessibility, equipment, food allergies/intolerances, severe allergies, etc.), please let us know before camp begins so we can make the appropriate accommodations at the campsites, dining hall, and health lodge.

Please feel free to contact your camp directors with any questions.

On behalf of the Great Smoky Mountain Council and the 2025 Council Cub Program Staff, we look forward to seeing you in the Spring!

Yours in Scouting,

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HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

CALLING ALL CUBSCOUTS OF THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN COUNCIL
FOR A SPRING FAMILY CAMP QUEST AT CAMP BUCK TOMS.

CUBS WILL GO ON A SCAVENGER HUNT, MAKE SHIELDS, BUILD CATAPULTS, MAKE DRAGONS
OUT OF PIPE CLEANERS, PLAY MEDIEVAL GAMES, AND PARTICIPATE IN SHOOTING SPORTS!

WEEKEND #1 * OR WEEKEND #2 **
APRIL 4-6, 2025 APRIL 11-13, 2025



EARLY BIRD PER PERSON
\$ 25

*WEEKEND 1 \$35 PER PERSON AFTER 3/31/2025
**WEEKEND 2 \$35 PER PERSON AFTER 4/7/2025



Registration

All camp participants can register online. The early bird registration fee is \$25 per person until March 31st for session 1 and April 7th for session 2. The late registration and walk-on fee is \$35 per person. Online registration closes on the Monday before the weekend at 5 p.m. Parents can register individual or multiple Scouts or leaders. ID bracelets will be provided to all camp participants.

If you or a Scout or adult you are registering has special needs, please contact the Camp Director before camp to ensure we can accommodate you.

Refund Policy

Refunds for medical reasons may be given (doctor's letter required). All refund requests must be made in writing to natasha.leahey@Scouting.org at least 10 business days before camp. No refunds will be given after the event.

CHECK-IN AND DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

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Check-in will begin at 6 pm on Friday for both Session 1 and Session 2. Check-in will be at the marked registration table under the porch of the Dining Hall next to the Camp Buck Toms parking lot. Parents should not arrive early unless they have been told to do so. Volunteers will greet campers and direct them to the camp bus, on which camping gear and campers will be taken to their designated campsite. You can bring a portable wagon to bring your equipment to your campsite as well.

Scouts can arrive in their Scout uniform, a Scout activity shirt, and/or typical play clothes. To distinguish and keep track of campers, unique bracelets will be distributed to each camper at check-in. Campers may arrive individually or in groups (Dens/Packs), but we recommend that all participants on your registration plan arrive at camp together. All Scouts must have an adult with them at check-in, such as a parent/legal guardian or registered leader. Scouts will not be allowed to check in alone. Once the family has received their bracelets, they may board the camp bus or hike their equipment to their campsite.

All campers attending must have a completed BSA medical form, parts A and B. If a leader is bringing their Pack's medical forms, the leader is expected to inform the director before camp starts so that the director can alert the check-in staff.

CHECK-OUT AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES

The procedures for campers (Scouts and adults) for check-out consist of the following steps.

- 1. Pack up your gear**
- 2. Walk through your campsite, picking up all your trash.**
- 3. Put all trash in trash bags and place the bags at the end of your campsite, next to the main camp road.**
- 4. You can either walk up your gear or wait for camp staff to bring the bus to pick you and your gear up and bring you back up to the parking lot.**
- 5. Check-out on the dining hall porch. You may pick up your medical forms, and patches, turn in evaluation forms, and sign out of camp.**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

CAMP BUCK TOMS

Camp Buck Toms is located at **373 Camp Buck Toms Road, Rockwood, TN 37854**. Located on the shores of a private cove on Watts Bar Lake in Roane County, Camp Buck Toms is the pride of the Great Smoky Mountain Council. Unlimited opportunities for adventure and growth await among our scenic hills dotted with Indian mounds and rich in wildlife. Sixteen campsites – each with a mix of four- and eight-person Adirondacks and an 18' x 20' shelter with electricity – can accommodate more than 600 Scouts. Our modern, spacious dining hall, with a full commercial kitchen, feeds campers quickly and comfortably.

We will have clear signage to direct visitors to and around the camp. Campers will always stay in designated areas and abide by Safe Scouting Rules.

ACCESSIBILITY AND SPECIAL NEEDS

We will gladly help and make reasonable accommodations for special needs, but first, we must know what is needed. Please include this information in your online registration and contact the Camp Director immediately to ensure we can accommodate you. Check off the appropriate special needs boxes when registering on the online form, then fill out the special needs/medications form section. Please be aware that although we will make reasonable accommodations where possible to meet needs, staff and volunteers may not be experts in special needs; thus, we cannot guarantee that we will accommodate all needs. The Great Smoky Mountain Council reserves the right to deny admission to camp or dismiss from the camp anyone whose medical condition, mental condition, behavior, personal conduct, or influence on other camp participants is deemed detrimental to the camp community. Visit www.easttnScouts.org for more information.

MOBILITY NEEDS

Arrangements should be made to bring a rough-terrain wheelchair or disability-specific Electric Powered Assisted Mobility Device (EPAMD) to camp if you need it. Even with such a device, some areas may still be inaccessible. Electric hook-ups are available, and paved (concrete or asphalt) walkways are present.

SENSORY NEEDS

Sensory bags equipped with noise-canceling headphones, fidget tools, and verbal cue cards will be available to all campers at the First Aid Office for those who may feel overwhelmed by the environment. These campers are also welcome to visit Camp Buck Toms' Jane Manly Museum, a dedicated quiet area for those needing a more peaceful and secure environment.

DIETARY NEEDS

If you have special dietary needs (food allergies or intolerances), you can note this on the registration form. If you have concerns, please contact the Camp Director as soon as possible before arriving at camp. We will make reasonable efforts to accommodate your needs. Additionally, fill out the applicable sections of the special needs/medications form provided.

OTHER NEEDS

If you have any other special needs (excluding medication), contact the Camp Director as soon as possible before camp.

MEDICATION POLICY

All prescription medications (for adults and Scouts) should be kept in their original container(s) and placed in a heavy-duty Ziploc bag, one per individual, along with any dosing cups (for liquid). The bag should contain the person's name and dosing information/schedule.

Medications should be turned in to our medical officer at check-in. They will be stored and administered at the First Aid area, next to the museum. Personal inhalers and EpiPens are acceptable to be carried by campers on the camp property; however, their presence must be made known to the Health Officer to ensure safety. All medication (prescription and over the counter) that campers should take regularly (or for emergencies, like nitroglycerin) must be documented on the participant's medical form.

TRADING POST

The camp offers a Trading Post. Snacks, drinks, novelties, shirts, hats, and patches will be available. Most Scouts will spend an average of \$10-20 at the Trading Post. Larger items, such as shirts and hats, can cost more, between \$20 and \$30.

Camp Policies and Procedures

CPAP MACHINES

CPAP machines should be able to operate on a rechargeable energy source (e.g., battery pack). You must bring your energy source or contact the Camp Director before camp.

ELECTRICAL USE

No electrical/extension cords are allowed to be run across the camp.

VEHICLES

Parking is provided at the Dining Hall lot. Once entering Camp Buck Toms property, the speed limit is 10 mph. Personal Vehicles are not allowed past the parking lot. The only exceptions are the Camp Buck Toms rangers and emergency vehicles. Golf carts are not permitted unless they are designated staff emergency vehicles; personal golf carts/ATVs/UTVs are not allowed.

VISITORS

Upon arrival, anyone on the camp property must immediately check in at the Administration building. All visitors will be asked to show identification, particularly those wishing to pick up Scouts. The official camp bracelet will mark authorized visitors, and volunteers should look for this bracelet when interacting with unknown adults. Unauthorized visitors are not allowed onto the camp property. Camp Buck Toms is private property, and the staff is required to control access to the camp for the protection of the Scouts.

CELL SERVICE

Cell reception at Camp Buck Toms can be spotty, so please be prepared. Camp staff will have radios in addition to their cell phones. If you need the director, they will always be on the property, and they can be reached using the contact information section at the beginning of this guide.

MEDIA PRESENCE

Should a media member wish to speak to you, please direct them to the Camp Director, who will contact the Council Executive.

PLEASE NOTE:

THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN COUNCIL AND SCOUTING AMERICA ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN PROPERTY.

CAMPSITE INFORMATION:

Camp Buck Toms has 16 campsites, with Campsite #3 offering disabled accessibility. Each campsite has a fire pit, flagpole, message board, covered pavilion with picnic tables and lights, two 4-person Adirondacks (3-sided bunk shelters), and two or more 8-person Adirondacks. Photos can be found at <http://www.campbucktoms.com/campsites.html>.

The following rules are mandatory for using the Adirondacks, in keeping with BSA youth protection policies, courteous use, and best camping practices.

1. No one is permitted to sleep in the Adirondacks with a person of the opposite sex or an adult other than their spouse, parent, or legal guardian. Adult males, adult females, and youth males and females must bunk in separate Adirondacks.
2. To keep out the weather, the front entrance may be covered with a tarp (there is a metal rod for this). The camp does not provide tarps; if you wish to bring one, an 8 x 10 and some long zip ties work great.
3. No hammocks or tents are allowed inside or attached to the Adirondacks.
4. No hanging from the bars or rafters inside the Adirondacks.
5. No eating or drinking sugary drinks in the Adirondacks, as food debris attracts insects and small furry creatures.
6. No loose food items in the Adirondacks. Store food in hard-sided containers, preferably ones that latch.

BATHHOUSE RULES

Modern bathhouses are available and shared between two campsites, except Campsites #3, 14, 15, and 16. Each side has two toilet stalls, one shower, and a sink in the middle. A water spigot with potable water is located outside of the bathhouse.

In keeping with BSA youth protection policies, the following rules are mandatory for using the bathhouses:

1. Only one of the following groups may occupy a single side of the bathhouse at a time: adult males, adult females, youth males, and youth females. There is a wooden sign in the entryway to the stalls. Please slide it over to the appropriate group (male/female, youth/adult).
2. Call out before entering a side of the bathhouse to see who is in there if the sign was not used properly. Adults should call out, "Are there any Scouts in here?" and Scouts should call out, "Are there any adults in here?"
3. If children need adult assistance for the bathroom or shower, only a parent or legal guardian may be present with that child in the bathhouse.
4. In case of an accident or medical emergency, a non-parent/guardian may enter the side of the youth's bathhouse, regardless of gender. Two-deep leadership is strongly recommended in this case.

BUDDY SYSTEM

All youth must have a buddy and travel across camp paired with their buddy. Youth should not move about the camp alone at any time. The safety of our children is paramount. The

campers will review the buddy system as part of camp orientation.

- Buddies must stay together at each activity, at meals, and even at the restrooms.
- Two buddies or an adult family member must accompany a camper sent from a program area to the First Aid Office or Registration Table.
- Additionally, Scouting America Youth Protection policies must always be followed: two-deep leadership (two registered leaders or one registered leader and one adult) and no one-on-one contact with youth who are not your children at all times.

FOOD IN CAMP

All campers will be provided with breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, plus a grab-and-go breakfast on Sunday morning. However, some adults and Scouts may wish to bring snacks or purchase them from the Trading Post. Store all food and sugary drinks in hard-sided containers, preferably ones that latch. Avoid leaving food debris around, as it attracts insects and opportunistic furry creatures.

RANGE AND TARGET ACTIVITIES

All youth and adults must always follow the instructions of the Range Officers. There are no exceptions. Failure to do so will result in removal from the activity. Please do not bring your personal shooting sports items; the camp will provide them.

SWIMMING AREA

The Swimming and Aquatics areas are off-limits for Spring Family Camp.

DINING HALL

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday will be served in the Camp Buck Toms Dining Hall. Please keep the following in mind:

- Lines will form for the dinner line. If you have an allergy that you previously told the Director about, please inform the staff on your arrival so that any special needs can be met.
- Scouts should be courteous to their neighbors in line, sitting, and eating.
- When Scouts are done, they are expected to take their trays, cups, and eating utensils to the area indicated for disposal and then clean up around where they ate.

This is a good opportunity to remind Scouts that a Scout is helpful and clean.

PROHIBITED BEHAVIORS

No physical or verbal bullying. Throwing objects is prohibited except as part of an activity.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- No smoking in camp (this includes electronic cigarettes).
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted.
- Fixed blade/sheath knives are prohibited for everyone. Scouts cannot bring or possess knives at camp, regardless of training.
- No firearms, BB guns, or archery equipment are allowed on camp property other than that provided by the camp at the shooting ranges.
- No pets are allowed at camp.

HYDRATION AND HEAT STRESS

During any outdoor camp, adequate hydration is necessary. Water will be available at all campsites and activity stations. Please keep an eye on the camps and ensure they know to drink water throughout the day and particularly encourage this during our break times. If a camper shows signs of dehydration, they will be taken to the First Aid Office for evaluation. Parents will be called only if dehydration is severe. Typically, after rest and hydration, the camper will feel well enough to resume activities. Heat stress is also a risk in warm weather. Adequate hydration and recognizing the early symptoms are essential. If a camper experiences dizziness, headache, fainting, or other signs of heat stress, they should tell the camp guide or other adult. The camper will then be taken to the First Aid Office for evaluation. If the heat stress is severe, the parents will be called. If the symptoms abate shortly after being in the air-conditioned visitor center and drinking cool water, the camper will return to activities.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Emergency procedures are in place at Camp Buck Toms to ensure everyone stays safe and healthy. Please review the guidelines presented below before arriving at camp.

SEVERE WEATHER: The Camp Director will regularly monitor the forecast and radar throughout camp. In the event of severe weather, we have procedures in place to ensure the safety of campers. We will immediately send a text letting all volunteers and parents know what is happening and when the danger has passed. Social media (e.g., Twitter, Facebook) may also be employed. The Camp Director will alert camp staff via radio and text to implement severe weather protocols if severe weather occurs. Campers should take the following steps as directed by staff:

1. Groups will move in an orderly fashion to the nearest shelter.
2. In case of a tornado, campers will move to the nearest approved shelter and shelter in place.
3. Await further instructions (e.g., all clear alerts) from the Camp Director before proceeding to the following camp activities.

FIRE

If a fire occurs in an area, take the following steps:

1. Everyone moves in an orderly manner out of the affected area.
2. Follow all instructions. Ensure that everyone stays put and out of the way of firefighters.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Camp Buck Toms has a certified Health Officer in the First Aid Office who is typically a doctor, registered nurse, or EMT.

1. All emergencies should be reported to a staff member immediately.
2. All campers will be cleared away from the injured/ill person and continue camp activities.
3. The injured/ill person will not be moved; the injured/ill person will be made as comfortable as possible while waiting for the Health Officer and/or Camp Director.
4. First aid will be administered if needed.
5. The Health Officer or Camp Director will inform the camper's parents (if the camper is a youth) of the accident or illness.
6. If the Health Officer or Camp Director determines that emergency personnel or equipment is required, provide a clear path to the injured/ill person for emergency personnel.

Activities

STEM:

Craft:

Game: Dragon Tag

Campfire Program- Please see the Camp Director to get into the program and approve your skit.

BBs: Certified Range Masters will teach your Scout about BB gun safety while having a ton of

fun! This session includes the importance of protective gear, proper loading and aim, and target practice. At the end of the session, the Scouts will receive their target.

Archery: Your Scout can be like Robin Hood or Merida as they learn how to hold and release a bow and arrow correctly. Safety is emphasized, and Scouts will also learn how to retrieve arrows correctly.

Slingshots: Listen for the satisfying "ping" of the tin plate as you aim with the slingshot and let fly!

Cub Spring Program Achievements

Cub Family Camp is about having a fun outdoor experience with your family and pack. Though some program achievements might be covered, the camp staff does not approve any of the advancements in Scoutbook.

Lion Adventures-

Build it up, Knock it Down.

Let's Camp

Go Fish—Bring your fishing pole, tackle, and bait, and go fishing during your downtime.

Tiger Adventures-

Good Knights

Let's Camp

Fish On—Bring your fishing pole, tackle, and bait, and do some fishing during your downtime.

Sky is the Limit 1 & 2

Wolf Adventures

A Wolf Goes Fishing: Bring your fishing pole, tackle, bait, and go fishing during your downtime.

Let's Camp

Bear Adventures-

A Bear Goes Fishing: Bring your fishing pole, tackle, bait, and go fishing during your downtime.

Let's Camp

Webeles Adventures

Catch the Big One—Bring your fishing pole, tackle, and bait, and do some fishing during your downtime.

Let's Camp

Arrow of Light Adventures

Fishing-Bring your fishing pole, tackle, and bait, and do some fishing during your downtime.

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FRIDAY

6:00 PM	CHECK-IN & SET-UP AT ASSIGNED CAMPSITE
7:00 PM	MOVIE OR PRACTICE YOUR SKITS
11:00 PM	QUIET TIME & LIGHTS OUT
SATURDAY	
7:10 AM	BREAKFAST 1
8:00 AM	OPENING FLAGS
8:10 AM	BREAKFAST 2
9:00-12:20	MORNING PROGRAM
12:30 PM	LUNCH 1
1:15 PM	LUNCH 2
2:00-5:20	AFTERNOON PROGRAM
5:30 PM	DINNER 1
6:30 PM	CLOSING FLAGS
6:40 PM	DINNER 2
8:00 PM	CAMPFIRE PROGRAM
11:00 PM	QUIET TIME & LIGHTS OUT
SUNDAY	
8:00 AM	GRAB AND GO BREAKFAST
9:00 AM	CHAPEL
9:30 AM	PACK UP AND CLEAN UP YOUR CAMPSITE
11:00 AM	DEPART CAMP BUCK TOMS

CAMP BUCK TOMS MAP

