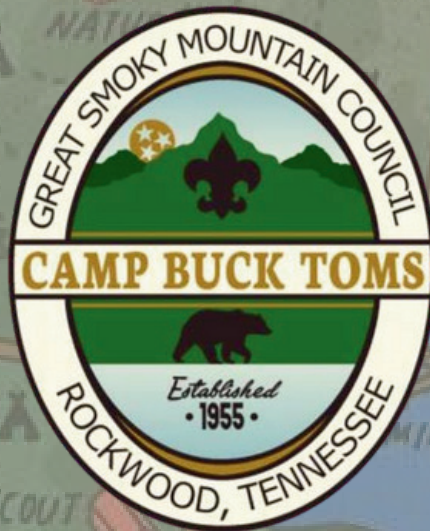


Summer Camp 2025

THE ULTIMATE SUMMER CAMP GUIDE



A GUIDE FOR LEADERS & CAMPERS

Camp Buck Toms

Great Smoky Mountain Council

MAP OF
CAMP
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TOMS





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 Scouting 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 Scouting America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a
responsible, participating
citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.



Dear Camp Leaders, Parents, and Scouts,

Welcome to Camp Buck Toms!

Thank you for choosing to spend a week with us at Camp Buck Toms – we can't wait to Welcome you Home for the week! 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.

The 2025 summer camping season will be the third season of the new Pat & Joe Johnson Dining Hall. We are truly excited to be partnering with Kandle Food Service to deliver the best food service experience to all participants at Camp Buck Toms. We believe that this will meet the expectations for outstanding food options that our troops have been asking for, and we can't wait!

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

As we approach summer camp 2025, this guide may need some minor revisions. Be sure to visit www.eastttnscouting.org for the most up-to-date edition and additional information about other programs offered at Camp Buck Toms.

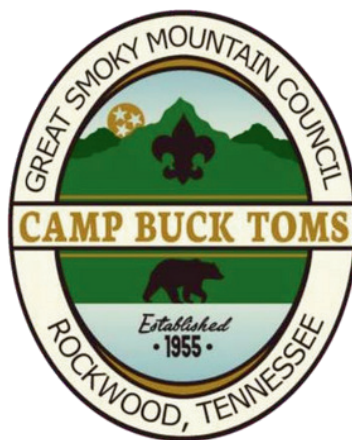
Please read this guidebook thoroughly to ensure your unit gets the most out of its summer camp experience. Again, thank you for choosing Camp Buck Toms! On behalf of the Great Smoky Mountain Council and the 2025 Camp Buck Toms Staff, we look forward to seeing you at camp this summer!



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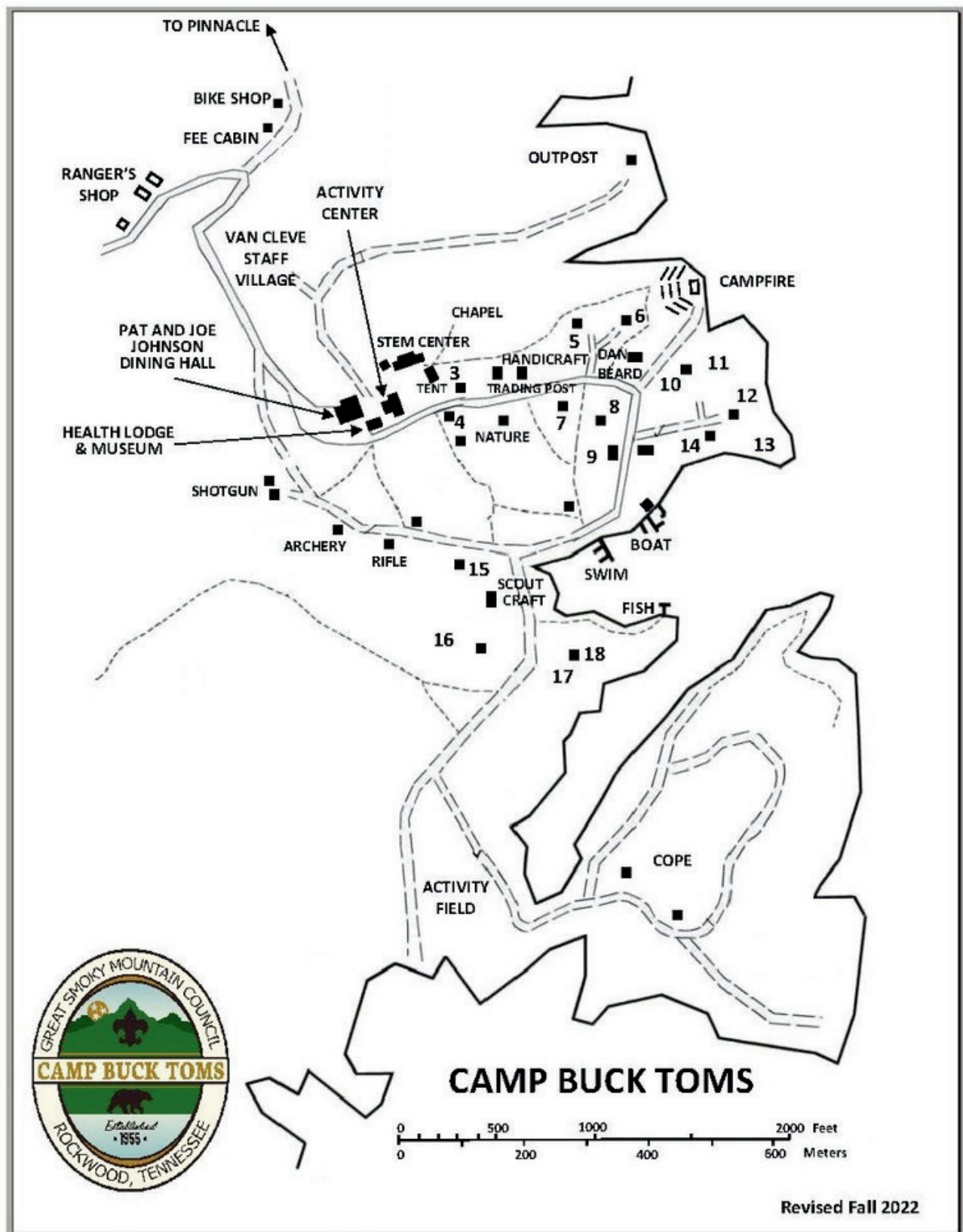
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CAMP BUCK TOMS



CAMP CONTACT INFORMATION

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CAMP BUCK TOMS ADMIN OFFICE

Office Number (summer only)	865-245-8766
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GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER

865-588-6514



2025 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 27, 2025

February 5, 2025

March 5, 2025

March 19, 2025

April 16, 2025

April 17, 2025

*Payment structure: There are no guidelines for exact payment breakdowns. All units are different, with attendance that varies. Council suggests that units break down the total owed into thirds – this is easier to collect from parents. Council expects all payments in FULL by April 16th.

**Units can no longer reduce SPOTS; units can add spots but cannot reduce. For reductions in SPOTS before April 18th, call Natasha at (865)566-0645

WEEKS OF OPERATION

WEEK	DATES
Week 1	June 1 – June 7, 2025
Week 2	June 8 – June 14, 2025
Week 3	June 15 – June 21, 2025
Week 4	June 22 – June 28, 2025
Week 5	June 29 – July 5, 2025

2025 SUMMER CAMP FEES

	IN-COUNCIL	OUT-OF-COUNCIL
YOUTH	\$370	\$400
MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE Youth	\$500	\$530
ADULT	\$195 (1 free adult)	\$195 (1 free adult)
MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE Adult	\$425	\$425
UNIT DEPOSIT FEE	\$350 *	\$350 *

*NON-REFUNDABLE APPLIED TO YOUR BALANCE

Adult partial Days will be offered again this year. When you register an adult leader who cannot attend all week, please select this registration type and select the number of days they will be onsite. We charge \$32.50 per day (the first registered adult is still free).

ADMINISTRATION FEE

There is a 3% administration fee for transactions. **We happily accept cash/checks** at the council office. Here are some instructions to ensure that proper credit is made to your Black Pug account.

Please make your **check payable to GSMC**. In the **memo section**, provide this information:

- Which week of camp you are attending (e.g., week 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5)
- Your unit #
- Your district
- A contact name & phone number

If you cannot bring a check to the Council office, please mail it to:

Great Smoky Mountain Council

1333 Old Weisgarber Road Knoxville, Tennessee 37909

Refund Policy

- 100% Refund** - ends March 19, 2025
- 75% Refund** - March 20 – April 16,
- No Refund** - 2025 after April 16, 2025

All special circumstances refund requests must be submitted to the Council office **by April 16, 2025**. **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 16th, 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 (which includes classes) when verified by a physician, military commander, or other such officials. **Program fees are refundable only if notified two weeks before YOUR SCHEDULED ARRIVAL.** The camp must be informed in writing two weeks 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! The pre-camp meeting will cover this in detail, but below are the brief steps to check into camp.

- Arrive at camp on Sunday, beginning from 1 pm to 3:30 pm.
- We have 14 toilets available for you when you step out of your vehicles upon arrival.
- 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 providing a trailer to the campsite)
- Once your gear is in place and all Scouts have arrived, proceed to the dining hall eve to meet your guide.
- Your staff guide will provide your troop with a camp tour and walk them through check-in.
- Before camp, make four copies of your camp roster & two copies of your Medical Forms, one for the health lodge and one on file with the Troop. Neither should be the original as all forms left at camp must be destroyed upon departure. *See Page 33
- Submit rosters, make any final changes, and pay any outstanding fees at Registration.
- Visit the Health Check-In 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.



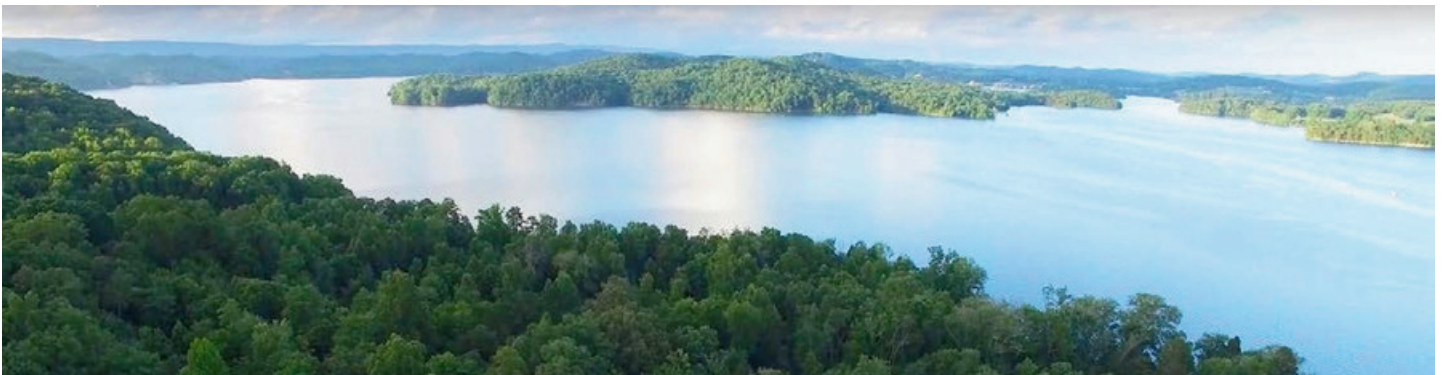
Swim Classification
Roster &
Instructions –

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/outdoor%20program/aquatics/pdf/430-122.pdf>

If your unit would like to check in on Saturday, please indicate in your registration you would like to arrive early; if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Natasha Leahey at Natasha.Leahey@Scouting.org.

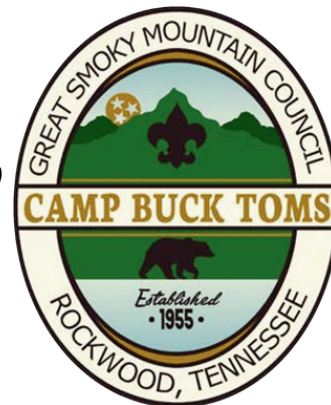
MONDAY ARRIVAL

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



Sunday Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
1:00 PM	Check-In Begins
5:50 – 6:25 PM	Dinner 1
6:30	Formation – Evening Retreat Ceremony (<i>Field Uniforms – commonly called Class A</i>)
6:35 – 7:10 PM	Dinner 2
7:45 PM	Vespers
8:30 PM	Opening Campfire



Monday-Friday Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
6:50 AM	REVEILLE – GOOD MORNING!
7:15 – 7:55 AM	Breakfast 1
8:00 AM	Formation - Morning Color Ceremony (<i>attire ready to participate in merit badges</i>)
8:10 – 8:50 AM	Breakfast 2
9:00 – 10:15 AM	1st Program Block
9:10 AM	Leaders' Meeting
10:30 – 11:45 AM	2nd Program Block
Noon	Lunch (<i>Tuesday Leaders Luncheon</i>)
1:00 PM	SPL Meeting
1:15 – 2:30 PM	3rd Program Block
2:45 – 4:00 PM	4th Program Block
4:15 – 5:30 PM	5th Program Block Open Swim / Open Unit Time
5:50 – 6:25 PM	Dinner 1 (<i>Wednesday Night Cook in Campsite</i>) (<i>Field Uniforms</i>)
6:30	Formation – Evening Retreat Ceremony
6:35 – 7:10 PM	Dinner 2
7:30 PM	Camp-Wide Activity (<i>Sun 7:45 PM Vespers; Tues Belt Night; Wed Dessert Cook-off; Thurs OA Fun Night and Cracker Barrel; Wilderness Survival Overnight; Fri Closing Campfire</i>)
	Quiet Time
10:30	All Scouts to Own Site, Lights Out in All Campsite Shelters & Bath Houses
11:00*	All Quiet, Bed Check

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

Saturday Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Grab and Go Style Breakfast
10:00 AM	All Troops Checked out of Camp

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 on Saturday morning at check-out.
- 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 Activity Center. 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 about your Troop’s week at camp answered.

There will also be a leaders’ meeting held each day at 9:10 a.m. in the Activity Center. 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 help solve them or assist you in getting to the right person. The Campsite Commissioner is your first stop for resolving 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 Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 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. This is a pre-signup link for the Zoom option.

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.



CAMPSITES

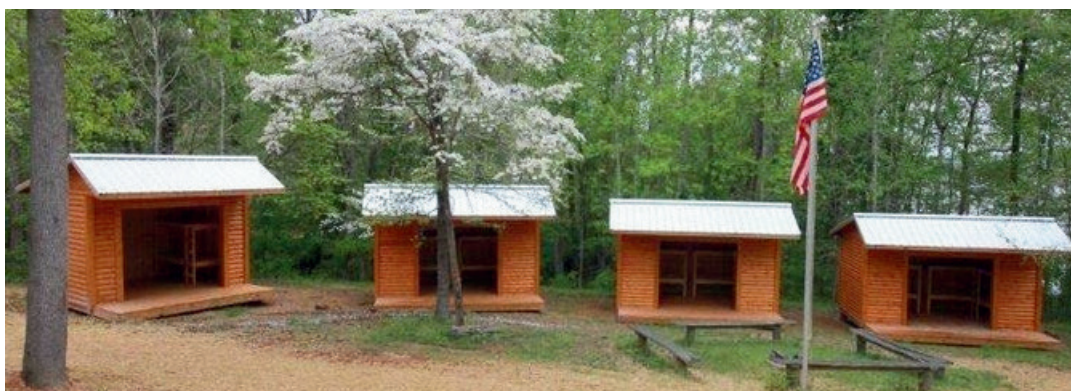
Each campsite has Adirondacks, firepits, pavilions, and bulletin boards. Troops can request their top three preferred sites and may be asked to share campsites depending on the size of their unit; many variables go into campsite assignments, though we do our best to accommodate your requests.

Troops may bring their tents if preferred. 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 male 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 in the same tent without a special needs exception.

CAMPSITE CAPACITIES

CAMPSITE NUMBER	CAPACITY	SHOWER HOUSE
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



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
- Any prerequisite MB Materials

OTHER

- Footlocker (best way to pack)
- Magazines and books
- Stamps so you can write home
- Paper, envelopes, and postcards
- Camera
- Memory Card
- 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 10ft 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 and 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 third year the Pat & Joe Johnson Dining Hall is in service at Camp Buck Toms. This state-of-the-art air-conditioned facility provides a great selection and quality food service experience.

New in 2025 In 2025, we are partnering with Kandle Food Services to provide quality dining hall experience. This partnership, with an established summer camp food service company, will allow us to maximize our new dining hall and provide a quality food service at Camp Buck Toms.

Camp Buck Toms offers salad bars, sandwich stations, and alternative menu options. Our partnership with Kandle Food Services will allow Camp Buck Toms to plan the menu for the camp according to national nutrition guidelines and receive approval from a registered dietician. We will also work with all our participants to ensure all reasonable dietary needs are met while at Camp Buck Toms.

Troops and leaders can sign up to assist with meal cleanup 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 nutritional needs should scan the QR code to the right (coming in December) and complete this online form. You will meet with the Dining Hall team during check-in to discuss your needs and our dining hall procedures.

Troop Assistance

For 2025, we will ask troops to help in the dining hall by cleaning up meals and running the dish room. In past years, we have asked for assistance serving, but due to variations in servings provided, we will be limiting this in 2025.



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 noteworthy 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 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 working on their religious awards are especially encouraged to do so.

Belt Night

Tuesday night, come to the Handicraft Lodge and make a belt! Then, Thursday night, dye your belt. The cost is \$20 for the leather belt blank. Tools and our knowledgeable staff will be available to customize and decorate your 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 during your free time!

Wednesday Night Troops Cook in Campsite

On Wednesday evening, you will prepare and eat dinner at your campsite. If you choose to make what the camp offers, we will provide only essential items for your dinner. Feel free to plan your troop's unique menu. We will only give 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:

- Hot Dogs
- Buns
- Chips
- Condiments

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 several 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 Range & Target Activities 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 equipment and ingredients.

OA Cracker Barrel/Fun Night

This event, held on Thursday evenings, will allow all OA members 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 additional OA activities when you arrive at the camp. Don't forget your sash!

The local Order of the Arrow Lodge, Pellissippi 230, will be holding a callout ceremony at the closing campfire every week of camp. If your troop has members elected as candidates in the Order of the Arrow but still need to complete their induction, they can be formally called out at the ceremony. In-council and out-of-council troops are welcome to be involved in this ceremony, as it is not Pellissippi Lodge-specific. This is a great way to publicly recognize them for their service to their unit and fellow Scouts. Unit leaders must submit candidates' names (and pronunciation, if necessary) to the Camp Admin Office by noon on camp Friday.

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 activity fields are always waiting!

White Books

This is the signup book set for your troop to register for program activities throughout your week at camp. There is also one available to sign up for service projects. They are in the camp Admin office.

Daily Awards:

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

CPR/AED/First Aid Training

The course will provide Scoutmasters and leaders with a two-year CPR/AED/ First Aid certification. Our camp Ranger teaches the course. Cost is \$25; register through Black Pug before Camp. While at Camp you can fill in any spots left by going to Admin to sign up. 20 Slots available weekly.

Wilderness First Aid

We will be offering Wilderness First Aid training. There is an additional fee for this course, which will be set closer to the beginning of camp. This meets requirements for BSA's high adventure bases. Cost is \$55; register through Black Pug before Camp. While at Camp you can fill in any spots left by going to Admin to sign up. 20 Slots available weekly.

Tuesday 1pm - 4pm

Wednesday 9am - 4pm, with lunch break

Thursday 9 am - 4pm, with lunch break

Leader Luncheon

On Tuesday, we will have a Leader luncheon. All Scoutmasters and adult leaders are invited to attend.

ALL ADULT CLASS INFORMATION & SIGNUPS CAN BE FOUND AT:

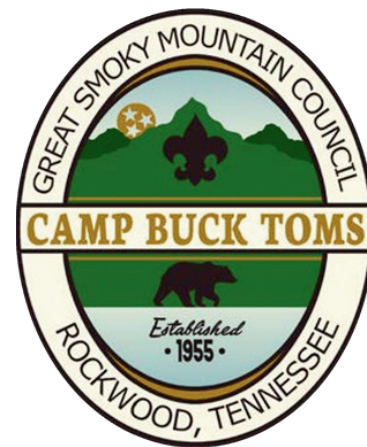
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2025 MERIT BADGES

Merit Badge Registration

Merit badge registration is done through the Black Pug 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 27, 2025. 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

January 27, 2025

January 27, 2025

March 5, 2025



2025 Merit Badges & Program Offerings:

Animal Science

Animation

Architecture

Archery

Art

Astronomy

Basketry

Bird Study

BSA Paddle boarding *

Bugling

Canoeing

Chemistry

Chess

Citizenship in the Nation

Citizenship in the World

Climbing

Communication

Crime Prevention

COPE

Cycling

Dan Beard * (1st Year Camper Program)

Electricity

Electronics

Emergency Preparedness

Energy

Environmental Science

Exploration

Fingerprinting

First Aid

Fishing

Forestry

Game Design

Geocaching

Horsemanship

Indian Lore

Insect Study

Inventing

Kayaking

Landscape

Architecture

Leatherwork

Lifesaving

Mammal Study

Metalwork

Mile Swim

Motorboating

Mountain Adventure (formerly Mountain Man)* (High Adventure Program)

Moviemaking

Nature

Nuclear Science Oceanography

Orienteering

Painting+

Paul Bunyan Woodsman*

Photography

Pioneering

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 *

Weather Welding

Wilderness Survival

Woodcarving

Woodwork

* Not a merit badge

+ New for 2025

Eagle Required

Special Programs & High Adventure

DAN BEARD PROGRAM – First Year Camper Program



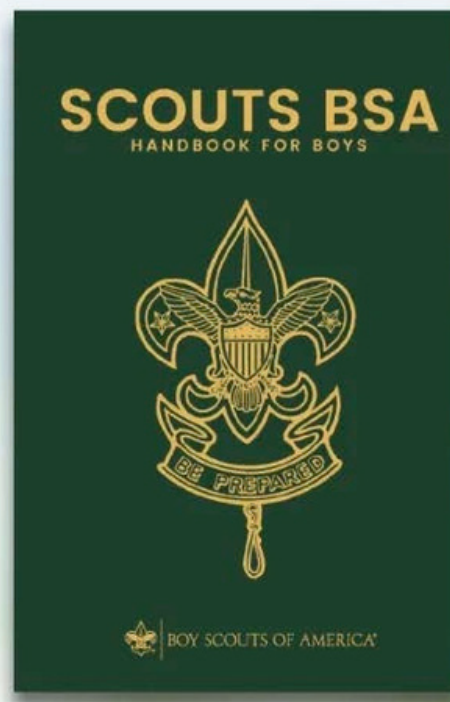
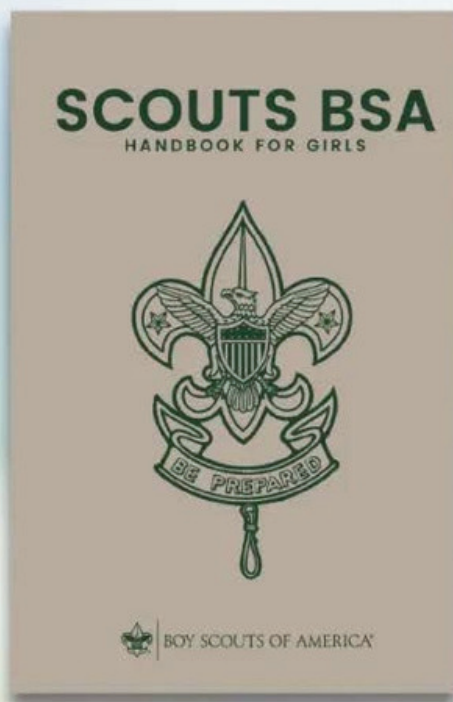
We are excited about a fully updated Dan Beard Program for 2025.

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

Our vision is to provide young Scouts the best possible opportunity to experience the Scouting program at summer camp by sharing with them the tools and experiences needed to be successful in their Scouting careers. We want to make their experience with Dan Beard one that they will remember and rely on for the rest of their lives, but most importantly, to 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 moved up from Webelos or joined the Troop for the first time just before camp. It is an orientation to the outdoors 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 blocks 1 & 2 or 3 & 4 in the Dan Beard program area and merit badge classes during the alternate two blocks not participating directly in Dan Beard. The merit badge blocks will be the swimming merit badge or instructional swim, and they will have a choice of a handicraft merit badge (Indian Lore, Basketry, or Leatherworking). Dan Beard Scouts are not required to take these badges; however, they should be age-appropriate (i.e., not shooting sports).

About the Program:

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.

Requirements Covered

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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

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

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, May 31st, from 9 am–noon, with a hot dog lunch provided. This program relieves first-year campers and their parents' anxieties about Scouts BSA long-term camping.

Some of the questions we will answer will be:

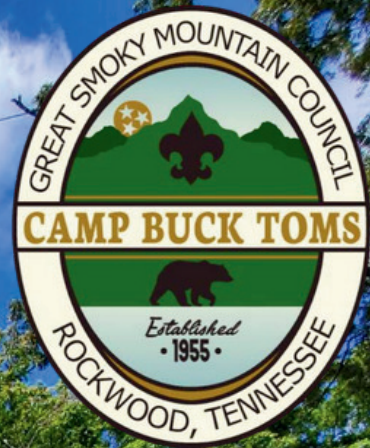
- Where am I going to sleep?
- What do the Adirondacks look like?
- Where do I eat?
- What are the showers and bathrooms like?
- Where do I go if I get an injury?
- What is there to do during the day?
- What is “Dan Beard”?
- Discuss homesickness and how to help avoid it.
- How do I communicate with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



[Sign up for the First Year Camper Orientation Program](#)

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 – 17 or Sea Scouts or Venturers aged 14-20. 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 Black Pug like other programs.



Mountain Adventure

Mountain Adventure (formerly Mountain Man) is a five-day expedition in East Tennessee that includes programs such as backpacking, white water rafting, canoeing, caving, mountain biking, climbing, and shooting sports.

MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE (FORMERLY MOUNTAIN MAN) PROGRAM



Mountain Adventure is a vigorous and demanding five-day expedition led by experienced guides and promises to be fun and exciting for participants. Mountain Adventure 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 sign up for this class through registration within the units Black Pug account.

2025 DATES:

Week 1: June 1 – June 7, 2025

Week 2: June 8 – June 14, 2025

Week 3: June 15 – June 21, 2025

Week 4: June 22 – June 28, 2025

Week 5: June 29 – July 5, 2025

Participants will be canoeing/rafting, hiking, and camping at various times during the week. Hiking boots and shoes to wear in the water/cave will be required. A decent sized sturdy daypack/backpack will also be required to carry gear and personal items while participating in the various activities.

Participants will check in to Camp Buck Toms on Sundays with their troop. Mountain Adventure participants will go through a shakedown. Participants will hit the road early Monday morning and enjoy many activities, returning to the camp and departing for other activities. Late Friday evening before the campfire, they will finally return to camp. Upon completing the expedition, each participant will be awarded a shirt and named a true Mountain Adventurer! Those that are signed up will receive email regarding a special zoom meeting.

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 ADVENTURE PACKING LIST:

- Field uniform, plus one Scout T-shirt
- Daypack or Backpack
- 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
- Daypack/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

2025 Mountain Adventure Itinerary

Sunday: 4pm Shakedown, Dinner at CBT and then Campfire

Monday: Quick Breakfast (CBT) – Travel to Pellissippi

- Mountain Biking and lunch at Pellissippi
- Depart for the Climbing Center
- Dinner and camp at Pellissippi

Tuesday: Hike Racetrack AND paddle the Clinch River

- Racetrack is the portion of the Cumberland Trail between LaFollette and Cove Lake (awesome views of the valley below and the Smokies in the distance).
- Paddling the Clinch will be contingent on when Norris Dam releases water.

There is time to do both as we do not have to be at the Lost Sea until 7 or so that night. If we paddle the Clinch in the morning, we will need to camp at Norris Dam State Park on Monday night. Travel to the Lost Sea for the Wild Tour

Wednesday: Exit Lost Sea/Breakfast/Cleanup

Tour Mayfield and/or hike and see various local falls along US27 on the drive back to CBT and/or Blackpowder – Crew decision. Return to CBT – Dinner with troops

Thursday: Quick breakfast at CBT

Depart CBT and travel to Lookout Mountain and/or do other things in the Chattanooga area Camp at Ocoee

Friday: Whitewater the Ocoee

Lunch out – Find more waterfalls/sights up US27 as we return to Camp or do Blackpowder (crew choice). Dinner at CBT – Closing campfire

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 Scouting 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 without a special needs exception.

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 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.
- 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 restroom 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. Families cannot register as a family. Male and Female Troops must be registered as separate units (unless a new pilot combined troop), each with their own leadership.
- For assistance with your password and account, please visit 247scouting.org; 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 Black Pug system by Friday evening. In the report section of Black Pug, you may print blue cards when you are back home, if desired. 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 Black Pug system is current.

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 permitted at camp. Please inform GSMC of any service animals before you arrive at camp.

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

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 Scouting America policy.



Guide to Safe
Scouting
<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416.pdf>

Parking

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 permitted in campsites. A towing vehicle may drop a trailer at the campsite and return to the parking lot.

Please follow the 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 unless medically necessary.

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 only bring these to camp with written permission from the Camp Director, allowing them to be on camp. If you bring one to camp without this pre-authorization, they cannot operate on camp property.

Hammock Policy

Hammocks are becoming increasingly part of the camping experience at our Scout camps. However, Hammocks bring their own set of safety and ecological issues. It is the policy of the Great Smoky Mountain Council that, for the protection 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 most significant 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

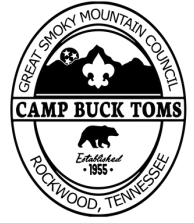
Site #3 differs from other campsites in that it has facilities for Scouts and leaders with physical challenges. This site has electricity and paved walkways that provide easy access to the Camp Office, Dining Hall, Training Lodge, and Trading Post.

This site is also the only campsite to offer in-site shower and toilet facilities for the physically challenged. The camp's policy is 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 guaranteed 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 appropriate 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 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](https://www.tripadvisor.com)), admission to museums, admission to water parks, etc.

For more information, contact April.mcmillan@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.

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.

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, pocket knives, 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.



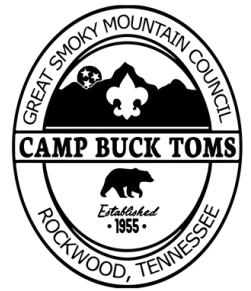
Medical Form Part A & B – for campers who are staying less than 72 hours
https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-001_ab.pdf



Medical Form Part A, B, & C - for campers who are staying more than 72 hours
https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-001_abc.pdf

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 April McMillan at april.mcmillan@scouting.org for more details

Provisional Scouts – Host Troop

Provisional Scouts are 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.

We do not offer a Provisional Troop; however, getting your Scout paired with another Troop coming to summer camp might be possible. For more information on finding a host troop, please contact Natasha Leahey at the Great Smoky Mountain Council Service Center at 865.566.0645 or Natasha.Leahey@scouting.org.

Need a Campership

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](#)

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, create lasting memories, and become the leaders of tomorrow.

Join us in supporting the 2025 Great Smoky Mountain Campership Fund. You can scan the QR code to contribute any amount or select one of our pre-selected donor levels.



[Campership Contribution Form](#)

A \$35 contribution or more will receive a 2025 Campership CSP.



A \$125 contribution or more will receive the above plus a sunset version.



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



Questions contact april.mcmillan@scouting.org

Patches are ready to ship.

SEVEN MOUNDS TRAIL

Great Smoky Mountain Council

Seven Mounds 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, Scouting 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 Native American Mounds
Beautiful rolling hills on the rugged trail

TRAIL MAP AVAILABLE

Yes, from the Camp Admin Office.

TRAIL WELL MARKED:

Yes

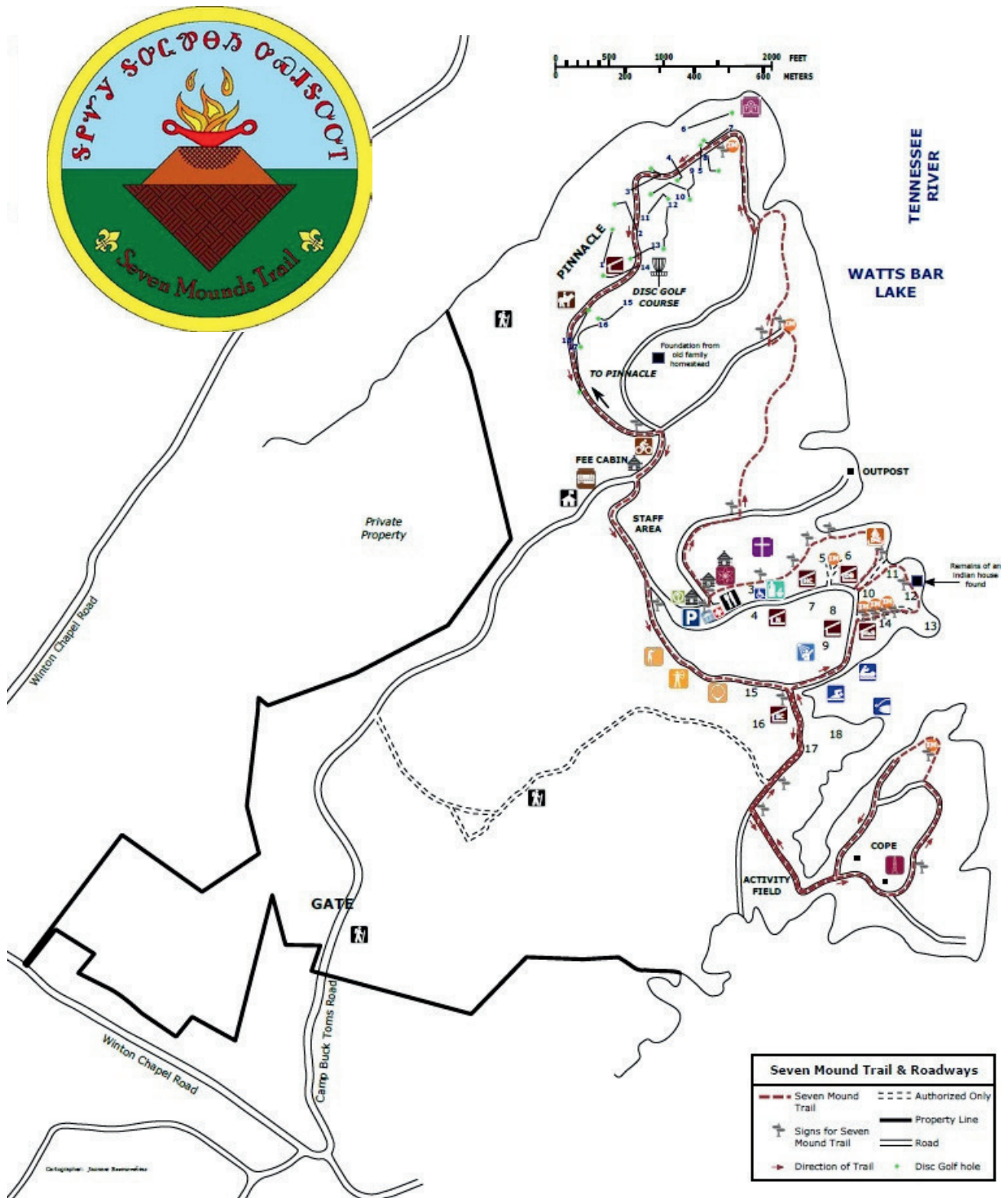
TRAIL MARKER DESIGN: There are numbered signs along the trail explaining the trail and the point of interest. The Trail Questionnaire will reference the trail sign that has the answer.

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
Scouting America
1333 Old Weisgarber Rd.
Knoxville, TN 37909

FOR TROOPS AT SUMMER CAMP: Forms are available at the Administration building. Once completed, please return them to the Administration building to purchase your patch and medal.



Camp Leaders and Scouts,

I am excited that you have chosen to attend Camp Buck Toms in 2025. This will be an exciting summer with many fantastic opportunities for your Scouts. Our staff is creating 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 will help you and your Scouts prepare for Summer Camp 2025. If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact the April McMillan at april.mcmillan@scouting.org.

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

Sincerely,

April McMillan
Chief Experience Officer

This Guide is subject to change. Please visit <https://easttntscouts.org/about/camps/buck-toms/> for the most updated edition.

