



GAC JEDI ACADEMY 2017

EPISODE 3

LEADER'S GUIDE



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Introduction and Contact Information

Dear Boy Scout Youth, Adult Leaders, and Parents,

Thank you for considering the GAC Jedi Academy at Camp Comer 2017 for your Troop program. Some of you have been found worthy to attend an elite advancement event: **JEDI ACADEMY 2017**. We are very excited to offer such a unique and fun event. This guide is intended to inform your Troop of some basic information about the event and may be supplemented as we get closer to the actual program.

Jedi Academy is NOT Scouts dressed as Star War characters running around having sword fights. We aim to teach Scouts in areas of science, communication and cinematography through merit badge classes and astronomy demonstrations while embedding into a fun Star Wars themed program. "Scouting is a game with a purpose." Jedi Academy is a game your Troop will not want to miss.

So, come join your fellow Jedi Padawans and come enjoy this three day academy that will show you the way of the Force as you strive to become a full Jedi Knight. Enjoy Merit Badge classes, vintage Star Wars movie viewings, and some amazing surprises. This event is for Boy Scouts **VENTURERS AND WEBELOS!!** Fee includes camping, meals, participant patch and program supplies. **Registration closes on November 3rd at 5:00 PM.** This gives us time at The Great Jedi Temple to prepare meals worthy of talented Jedi Masters.

Finally, **ALL PARTICIPANTS NEED TO BRING A WOOD YARDSTICK WHICH WILL BE MADE INTO A LIGHT SABER DURING THE WEEKEND!**

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Master Talon Horn, Program Director, at (205) 514-3445
or email at mulberrytraining@gmail.com

Yours in Scouting!

Participant Registration Information

Jedi Academy at Camp Comer is a three day, two night event open to any registered Boy Scouts in the Greater Alabama Council.

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Registration costs \$45 per Boy Scout, \$30 for each Adult. **Registration is now open and must be completed by Friday, November 3, 2017.**

Registration is available online through the council website - www.1bsa.org. Please alert the staff of any food allergies, at time of registration.

Due to the type of activities planned, we will not be able to accept any last minute registrations or walk-up additions. Thanks for your understanding. Registration for Jedi Academy at Camp Comer 2017 must be made as a Troop if your unit is attending; however, we will accept individual Scouts as long as Youth Protection guidelines are followed while the Scouts are at camp. All fees need to be paid online, mailing in the registration form, or in person at the local Scout Service Center.

Webelos and Venturers Participation

This is a **BOY SCOUT , VENTURING AND WEBELOS** only event.

Food and Event T-shirts

Food for the event is included in the fee and will consist of a Friday night cracker barrel (dinner not provided), Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner with a late night cracker barrel and Sunday breakfast. Event T-shirts are offered online with the registration for an additional \$10 and \$15 for sizes 2X and higher. We will have very limited extra shirts at the Trading Post for \$15 and \$20 for sizes 2X and higher so pre-order your shirts early. **All T-shirt orders need to be paid with your online registration and entered and paid by Friday, November 3, 2017.**

Onsite Check-in

Onsite Check-in will begin at 4:00 PM on Friday, November 17, 2017 in the Scoutmasters Lounge and will end at 8:00 PM. **All vehicles must be parked in the main parking lot.** We will allow one vehicle to drop off a trailer at the campsite, but **the vehicle will not be allowed to stay at the campsite. Please remember, a Scout is Courteous and Trustworthy.**

Medical Forms

All units are required to have a copy of a completed BSA Medical Form Part A and B (Part C is NOT required) for all participants. Unit Leader must have them available at all times. Registration staff will review them at time of arrival. **Please alert the staff of any food allergies, again, at time of check-in.**

Troop Camping

This is a three day, two night event. Troops planning to camp over the weekend are assigned campsites with platform tents or enclosed Adirondack buildings with beds. Units may bring their own tents. Hammocks are allowed, but must be set up outside of regular pathways, and **must have protection applied to the straps to protect trees from bark damage (Outdoor Ethics).**

Prohibited Items

Firearms, explosives, fireworks, crossbows or any form of an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) are prohibited. **NO straight bladed knives, swords, or metal sabers are allowed in camp. This includes sheath knives for both youth and leaders.** NO plastic/homemade

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blasters or guns permitted (if your son brings a Storm Troop costume, he CANNOT bring a Storm Trooper blaster, even if it's plastic).

Suggested Packing List

- Sleeping bag
- Camp mat
- Change of clothes (underwear, T-shirts, socks, pants/shorts)
- Personal hygiene supplies
(toothbrush, toothpaste, brush/comb, deodorant, cologne, soap, shampoo)
- Bath towel and face towel
- Notebook or paper with a pen to take notes (There may be a test or quiz in some classes)
- **YOUR FAVORITE STAR WARS COSTUME TO BE WORN SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING**
- **EVERYONE NEEDS TO BRING A WOOD YARD STICK** (to be made into a light saber)
- You may bring a plastic light saber, but **NO guns/blasters** (NOT even plastic blasters!)
- Pocket money (\$10-\$20 to buy items at the Trading Post)
- Scout uniform (you should wear your Field uniform with Scout pants to Camp Comer Friday evening, and for Saturday morning's flag ceremony, but can wear your Jedi Academy T-shirt the rest of the weekend with appropriate pants).
- Water bottle/hydration pack
- Warm jacket, gloves hat, and closed-toe shoes/boots (no sandals, crocs or sock shoes)
- Rain jacket or poncho (very important!!)
- Flashlight with FRESH batteries
- A copy of a completed BSA Medical form Parts A and B (Part C is not required)
- Troops may designate a troop medic to dispense their Scouts their prescription medications, otherwise all Scouts registered individually and requires scheduled prescription medications must submit a Ziploc bag of their medications in the original prescription bottle and clearly written instructions to our Camp Medic at the time of check-in Friday evening.

Jedi Academy Training Objectives

As a participant of Jedi Academy at Camp Comer, you will begin as a Padawan, a student in Jedi Academy, when you will begin your training. The Jedi Order has established specific goals to accomplish as part of Jedi Academy 2017. Scouts desiring to begin training as Padawan must register online before the required deadline. Onsite Check-In will begin Friday evening, November 17th, 2017, beginning at 4:00 PM and ends at 8:00 pm. All Padawans must report to the parking lot within this timeframe, because the camp will begin training of students of the Jedi Order at the stroke of 8:00 PM. After checking in, Padawans and their adult leaders must proceed to their campsite to prepare their sleeping area, then head to the Dining Hall for further instructions and briefings.

Your training will consist of:

- ❖ Listening to important briefings at all assemblies.
- ❖ Watching two very important movies that review the history of the Jedi Order and the mission of the Jedi Knights in their battle against the Galactic Empire: *Rogue One*, and *A New Hope*.
- ❖ Participating in classroom instructions in the form of merit badge classes.

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- ❖ Participate in demonstrations given by the Academy while listening to stories told in these demonstrations.
- ❖ A Special Commemorative Hike along the Thunderbird Trail, including a **distinct commemorative patch, given only to those that participate in the hike**, as we honor the fallen of those lost in *Operation Skyhook*, including the crew of Rogue One.
- ❖ Practice and live by the Scout Oath and Law.

The Buddy System

Cooperation and the Buddy System are essential and necessary to successfully complete your Jedi training. NO ONE HAS EVER COMPLETED JEDI TRAINING BY THEMSELVES, so stay with your buddy and/or patrol at all times.

Jedi Academy and Weather

We will proceed with the program in rain or shine. However, we will be continually monitoring the weather throughout the week preceding the event and during the weekend. We will NOT subject your son or adult leaders to any potentially harmful weather conditions.

Awards

Every participating Padawan who successfully completes his/her training will receive a special commendation Saturday evening. These worthy individuals will be announced during the Opening Address given by a new Jedi Master, Master Talon Horn, and his staff. The special commendation will be awarded during the ceremony following the Grand Address. All are invited to attend in costume, and are warned to Be Prepared, in case Imperial forces appear!

Words to Parents

A great deal of thought, planning and effort has been invested to holding a fun and hopefully memorable weekend for your youth. We are blessed to have a number of adult volunteers who are giving up a weekend from their family to help your son have a fun weekend to learn areas in science and art, watching classic Star War movies, and interacting with several Star Wars fans who will be dressed for the event and talking with fans who are bringing their personal Star Wars collections. We will have a great grub staff preparing delicious, hot themed meals for your youth during the weekend. At the conclusion of the weekend, we plan to award your youth some special keepsakes as mementos of the weekend. We expect all of our Scouts and adult volunteers to abide and live by the Scout Oath and Law. As with all Boy Scout events, no running or horseplay in camp, no Scouts are to be walking alone (should have a buddy), no profanity, no smoking, and no alcohol. Since we will not have any activities requiring knives enter, please ask your son to keep his knives at home. Scouts should enter ONLY their own tent or campsite. NO Scout should be in somebody else's tent or campsite unless they are invited. We expect ALL Scouts to be in their merit badge classes and other planned activities. No Scout should be in their campsite during the day. Finally, we will have a Camp Medic at camp throughout the weekend to

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care for your youth and address any medical issues that might arise. In the event of a family emergency and requires you to contact us, please call.

Camp Comer Medic Lodge: (256) 634-8319



Jedi Academy PARTICIPANT Schedule

Friday, November 17th, 2017

- 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Check-in /Camp Set-up (SM Lounge)
- 8:00 PM - 8:30 PM Assembly, welcome, and announcements (Dining Hall)
- 8:30 PM - 9:00 PM Cracker Barrel (Dining Hall)
- 8:30 PM - 9:00 PM Sr. Patrol Leader & Scoutmaster briefing (Scoutmaster's Lounge)
- 9:00 PM – 11:00 PM Movie "Rogue One" (Dining Hall)
- 11:00 PM LIGHTS OUT

Saturday, November 21st, 2017

- 6:45 AM Reveille
- 7:00 AM Opening Flag Ceremony/Briefing (Parade Field) (Field Uniform)
- 7:15 AM - 8:00 AM Breakfast (Dining Hall)
- 8:10 AM - 11:20 AM MERIT BADGE CLASSES
(Climbing Tower and Shooting Sports Open to Venture Scouts ONLY, at this time. Sign-up sheets will give specific times for sized classes.)

Classes:

Astronomy	Crime Prevention
Collections	First Aid
Game Design	Robotics
Space Exploration	Digital Technology
Welding	Cit in the World
Emergency Prep	Movie Making
Radio	Search and Rescue
Nuclear Science	Chess
Signs, Signals, Codes	Weather
Orienteering	Energy

- 11:30 AM Assembly & Announcements (Parade Field)
- 11:45 PM - 12:30 PM LUNCH
- 12:40 PM – 3:50 PM MERIT BADGE CLASSES
(Climbing Tower and Shooting Sports Open to ALL Scouts. Sign-up sheets will give specific times for sized classes.) Possible Conservation project for Venture Scouts
- 4:00 PM - 5:50 PM JEDI GAMES, DEMONSTRATIONS AND DISPLAYS
- 6:00 PM Assembly, Flag Lowering (Parade Field) (Activity Uniform)
- 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Dinner (Dining Hall)
- 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM GRAND ADDRESS, AWARDS CEREMONY (Dining Hall)
- 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Movie "A New Hope" (Dining Hall)
- 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Photographs and Displays/Demonstrations
- 10:00 PM - 10:30 PM Cracker Barrel (Dining Hall)
- 11:00 PM LIGHTS OUT

Sunday, February 22nd, 2017

- 6:45 AM Reveille

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- 7:00 AM-8:00 AM Breakfast (Dining Hall)
- 8:15 AM Scout Own Service (Dining Hall) **ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**
- 9:00 AM Thunderbird Trail Commemorative Hike
- 11:45 AM Feedback forms, check-out, clean-up, dismissed (Dining Hall)

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES!!!



INDIVIDUAL/UNIT PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
(if registering as a unit, please provide a roster of names of adults and youth at onsite check-in on November 17th, 2017)

Email: _____

(Cell) Phone: _____

Unit Type and Number: _____

of Participants ____ \$45 each

of Adults _____ \$30 each

of T-shirts _____ \$10 extra/\$15 for 2X and higher (indicate which size and how many)

SM _____ MED _____ LARGE _____ XL _____ 2X _____ 3X _____ 4X _____

of total participants _____ for Jedi Academy 2017

Credit Card Information: (Check One) Visa _____ MC _____ DISC _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

NAME ON CARD _____ EXP. DATE _____

CARD # _____

SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) _____

NOTE: Registration deadline is Friday, November 10, 2017.