

# **Fish Camp**



## **Information and Leader's Guide**

**Camp Sequoyah**

**September 29 – October 1, 2023**

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**Entering into its fourth year, the GAC's Fish Camp is an event that is quickly winning over Scouts and Volunteer Leaders alike. Since its first session in 2020, Fish Camp has grown in attendance and in interest across the Council and Alabama.**

**This year, Fish Camp will again call Camp Sequoyah home. The classroom facilities in the Harbert Ecology Lodge are a great fit for the event, and with beautiful Lake Cross serving as the outdoor classroom, participants are guaranteed to have an exceptional opportunity to make progress towards earning the Fishing, Fly Fishing, and Fish and Wildlife Management Merit Badges. Some Scouts will even be able to make progress towards earning the BSA's Complete Angler Award!**

**We're looking forward to having you join us for a weekend of fishing and angling at Camp Sequoyah. If this is your first time ever visiting Camp Sequoyah, we hope that you'll be hooked by the beauty and charm of this beloved camp.**

**See you at Camp!**

**David Self**

**Program Director, Greater Alabama Council**

# **General Information**

## **Who can attend:**

**Fish Camp is open to all Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews, and Sea Scout Ships. Both units from the Greater Alabama Council and out-of-council units are welcome to attend. This event is open only to Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout youth and leaders only. Cub Scout Adult Leaders are welcome to attend and use this as a training opportunity.**

## **Registration:**

**Registration will be managed through Jotform. Registration is limited to the first fifty Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts. To register your unit for participation, please go to <https://1bsa.org/fish-camp/>**

**Registration will close, at latest, on September 15, 2023.**

## **Event Fees:**

**The base event fees for Fish Camp include four meals, two cracker barrels, program supplies, insurance, and a patch. The fees are:**

**Youth: \$40**

**Adult: \$20**

## **Health and Safety:**

**All participants (youth and adult) are required to bring with them a completed BSA Health Form (parts A and B). There will be a medic onsite for the entire weekend. The medic will be stationed at the Camp Sequoyah Medic Lodge for the entirety of the event.**

**Check-In:**

**Check-in will begin at 5pm on Friday, September 29. Check-in will take place in the A. Ward Center just inside the main gates of Camp Sequoyah. At Check-in, health forms and a Unit Roster will be submitted. After check-in, Units will be directed to their campsite for the weekend.**

**Parking:**

**Units will be permitted one vehicle in camp. All other vehicles must be parked in the main parking lot. Parking Permits will be issued to the one vehicle that will be in camp. The parking permit will be issued at Check-in.**

**Camping:**

**While at Fish Camp, you will be staying in pre-assigned campsites. Please note that there are no tents in place during this time of year at camp. Troops, Crews, and Ships are responsible for bringing their own tents and shelters. Hammock camping is allowed at Camp Sequoyah.**

**Meals:**

**All meals and cracker barrels will be served in the dining hall. Any dietary restrictions can be submitted to David Self at [david.self@scouting.org](mailto:david.self@scouting.org). Please submit any dietary requests by September 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Preparing for Camp:**

<b>Suggested Packing List</b>	
<b>Tent</b>	<b>Flashlight</b>
<b>Sleeping Bag</b>	<b>3 T-shirts</b>
<b>Sleeping Pad</b>	<b>3 Underwear</b>
<b>Scout Uniform</b>	<b>Rain Gear</b>
<b>Toiletries</b>	<b>Sturdy Shoes (hiking boots or sneakers)</b>
<b>3 pairs of Socks</b>	<b>Towel</b>
<b>Personal fishing gear ***</b>	<b>Personal First Aid Kit</b>

**Add-ons:**

**Participants will have the opportunity to purchase additional patches, a fishing rod or rods of their choice, a fly-tying kit, and a Greater Alabama Council Fishing and Angling Program fishing t-shirt as a part of registration.**

**Additionally, the Camp Sequoyah Trading Post will be open on Saturday morning following breakfast and again Saturday afternoon.**

**\*\*\* Fishing Equipment:**

**Participants may bring their own personal fishing equipment for their use at Fish Camp. Should a participant need fishing equipment, we have worked with National Supply Division to provide either a bait or spin casting fishing rod and reel kit (depending on supplies and availability) or a fly-fishing rod and reel kit. Additionally, participants can order a fly-tying kit as well. Participants who wish to take advantage of this offer must purchase the kit(s) of their choosing during registration. The kit of their choice will be available for them to pick-up at Camp Sequoyah beginning on Saturday morning at the Trading Post. This offer is available only through the online registration process. There will not be any rod and reel kits or fly-tying kits available for walk-ups at the event.**

# **Program Information**

**Fish Camp consists of two separate program elements: classroom instruction and outdoor application.**

**Classroom instruction components will help Scouts and Scouters learn about basic knots used in fishing and angling, conservation practices, fishing and angling techniques and practices, and project development.**

**The outdoor application will enable Scouts and Scouters to take what they learned in the classroom and apply it on an afternoon fishing excursion to beautiful Lake Cross. While at the lake, Scouts will continue to learn under the guidance of the Certified Angling Instructors as they practice casting, choosing the right baits, and hopefully landing a fish or two!**

## **Saturday Night Dinner:**

**Participants will be able to enjoy a Fish Fry on Saturday night. Even if the fish aren't biting, they will be on the menu on Saturday evening along with the appropriate fixins'.**

## **Scouts Own Service:**

**A Scout is Reverent. Plan to take part in the non-denominational service on Sunday morning at the Council Ring (weather permitting).**

# Schedule

## Friday, Sept., 29:

<b>Check-in</b>	<b>5:00-8:00pm</b>	<b>A. Ward Center</b>
<b>“Chumming Around” Class Session 1</b>	<b>8:15pm</b>	<b>Dining Hall</b>
<b>Cracker Barrell</b>	<b>8:15pm</b>	<b>Dining Hall</b>
<b>Taps</b>	<b>10:30pm</b>	<b>Campsite</b>

## Saturday, Sept., 30:

<b>Reveille</b>	<b>6:30am</b>	<b>Campsite</b>
<b>Morning Assembly</b>	<b>7:00am</b>	<b>Parade Field</b>
<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Dining Hall</b>
<b>Trading Post Opens</b>	<b>8:00am - 8:30am</b>	<b>Trading Post</b>
<b>Morning Class Sessions</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Harbert Ecology Lodge</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12pm</b>	<b>Dining Hall</b>
<b>Trading Post re-opens</b>	<b>1:00pm - 1:30pm</b>	<b>Trading Post</b>
<b>Afternoon Class Sessions</b>	<b>1:30pm - 5:30pm</b>	<b>Harbert Lodge, Lake Cross</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Dining Hall</b>
<b>Cracker Barrell/ Fellowship</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Dining Hall</b>
<b>Taps</b>	<b>10:30pm</b>	<b>Camp Site</b>

## Sunday, Oct., 1:

<b>Reveille</b>	<b>6:30am</b>	<b>Campsite</b>
<b>Morning Assembly</b>	<b>7:00am</b>	<b>Parade Field</b>
<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>7:15am</b>	<b>Dining Hall</b>
<b>Scouts Own</b>	<b>8:15am</b>	<b>Council Ring</b>
<b>Additional Fishing/instruction</b>	<b>8:45am – 11:00am</b>	<b>Harbert Lodge/Lake Cross</b>
<b>Pick-up med forms/ Check-out</b>	<b>9:00am – 11:00am</b>	<b>Scoutmaster’s Hut</b>



# Menu

<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
	<b>Biscuits and Gravy</b> <b>Eggs</b> <b>Hashbrowns</b> <b>Yogurt</b> <b>Cereal</b>	<b>Biscuits</b> <b>Sausage</b> <b>Hashbrowns</b> <b>Yogurt</b> <b>Cereal</b>
	<b>Deli sandwiches</b> <b>Chips</b> <b>Cookies</b>	
<b>Cubed cheese</b> <b>Crackers</b> <b>Cookies</b> <b>Chips and Salsa</b>	<b>Fried fish</b> <b>Hushpuppies</b> <b>Oven Fries</b> <b>Coleslaw</b> <b>Peach Cobbler</b>	