

Timber Camp



Information and Leader's Guide

Camp Sequoyah

September 29 – October 1, 2023

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Timber Camp is the product of several years of brainstorming, conversations, and fond memories of my own odyssey earning the Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award in the summer of 1997 while at Camp Sequoyah.

Timber Camp is a way for Scouts to approach aspects of the Forestry Merit Badge focusing on the requirements that would benefit from the instruction of forestry professionals. In addition, it provides a way for Scouts to make significant strides towards earning the Paul Bunyan Award, especially in having professional instruction on the safe use, maintenance, and purposes of woods tools.

Additionally, participants in the Timber Camp program will receive guided instruction on first aid and emergency preparedness elements that they might need when using Woods Tools. Under the supervision of Wilderness First Aid Instructors from Cain Creek Outdoors, Scouts and leaders will receive training that will help them be prepared for whatever they might encounter in the woods. For an additional \$25 fee, Scouts and Scouters can earn their CPR certification if they so choose.

See you at Camp!

David Self

Program Director, Greater Alabama Council

General Information

Who can attend:

Timber 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 (50) Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts. To register your unit for participation, please go to <https://1bsa.org/timber-camp/>

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

Event Fees:

The base event fees for Timber Camp includes 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 Timber 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. Please submit any dietary requests by September 18th.

Preparing for Camp:

Suggested Packing List	
Tent	Flashlight
Sleeping Bag	3 T-shirts
Sleeping Pad	3 Underwear
Scout Uniform	Rain Gear
Toiletries	Sturdy Shoes (hiking boots or work boots)
3 pairs of Socks	Towel
Personal woods tools***	Personal First Aid Kit
Long pants (such as jeans)	Sturdy work gloves

Add-ons:

Participants will have the opportunity to purchase additional patches as a part of registration.

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

***** Personal Tools:**

Participants may bring their own personal tools for use during the conservation project on Saturday afternoon. Camp will have some saws, loping shears, and other tools on hand for the project, but participants are welcome to bring their own to supplement what will already be on hand. It would also be a good idea to bring along the materials required for maintenance of your tools as well (files, water-displacing lubricants, sheathes, etc.). You will be responsible for your own personal equipment should you opt to bring it. The Timber Camp program is not responsible for the upkeep or location tracking of your equipment.

Program Information

Timber Camp consists of three separate program elements: classroom instruction, outdoor application, and conservation project.

Classroom instruction components will help Scouts and Scouters learn about safe use and care of woods tools, conservation practices, first aid, CPR instruction (if you opt-in), forestry management practices, and the role forests play in our area.

The outdoor application will enable Scouts and Scouters to take what they learned in the classroom and apply it during the conservation project, the First Aid practical exercises, and the walk-about examination of some of the trees and vegetation on the Frank Spain Scout Reservation and Camp Sequoyah.

Advancement/Award Requirements met during Timber Camp:

Forestry Merit Badge Requirements: 2c, 3a&b, 6, 7a-c (*Scouts are encouraged to bring with them a composition book to begin working on requirement #1 as well*)

First Aid Merit Badge Requirements: 4, 6a, 8, 10. If a Scout chooses to take CPR Certification, they will complete 7 as well.

Paul Bunyan Award: 1, 2, 5, 6, 7

Saturday Night Dinner:

Participants will be able to enjoy a Fish Fry on Saturday night. Even if the fish aren't biting for the Fish Camp participants, 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:

Check-in	5:00-8:00pm	A. Ward Center
Introduction Session and groupings	8:15pm	Dining Hall- Private Dining Room
Cracker Barrell	8:15pm	Dining Hall
Taps	10:30pm	Campsite

Saturday, Sept., 30:

Reveille	6:30am	Campsite
Morning Assembly	7:00am	Parade Field
Breakfast	7:15am	Dining Hall
Trading Post Opens	8:00am - 8:50am	Trading Post
Morning Class Sessions	9:00am	Harbert Ecology Lodge
Lunch	12pm	Dining Hall
Trading Post re-opens	1:00pm - 1:30pm	Trading Post
Conservation Project and Class Sessions	1:30pm - 5:30pm	Harbert Lodge, Camp Sequoyah
Dinner	6:00pm	Dining Hall
Cracker Barrell/ Fellowship	8:00pm	Dining Hall
Taps	10:30pm	Camp Site

Sunday, Oct., 1:

Reveille	6:30am	Campsite
Morning Assembly	7:00am	Parade Field
Breakfast	7:15am	Dining Hall
Scouts Own	8:15am	Council Ring
Break Camp/Fishing time	8:45am - 11:00am	Harbert Lodge/Lake Cross
Pick-up med forms/ Check-out	9:00am - 11:00am	Scoutmaster's Hut

Menu

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