



2025

INFORMATION GUIDE

**Scouting**  **America**<sup>™</sup>  
Greater Alabama Council

# WHAT IS JOY TO THE WOODS CAMP

The 2025 Joy To The Woods Campout is two days and two nights of Scouting holiday fun and adventure! The goal of Joy To The Woods camp is to provide Cub Scouts an opportunity to enjoy Camp Sequoyah while working on Cub Adventures. Joy To The Woods is led by trained Leaders assisted by Camp Sequoyah Summer Camp Staff. We expect Cub Scouts who attend to be more confident in their outdoor skills and have an increased appreciation for our Council Camps.





Scouts and their parents expect all Scouting America activities to be conducted safely. To ensure the safety of participants, Scouting America expects leaders to use the four points of **SAFE** when delivering the Scouting program.

## SUPERVISION

**Youth are supervised by qualified and trustworthy adults who set the example for safety.**

- Accepting responsibility for the well-being and safety of youth under their care.
- Ensuring that adults are adequately trained, experienced, and skilled to lead the activity, including the ability to prevent and respond to likely problems and potential emergencies.
- Knowing and delivering the program of Scouting America with integrity.
- Using qualified instructors, guides, or safety personnel as needed to provide additional guidance.
- Maintaining engagement with participants during activities to ensure compliance with established rules and procedures.

## ASSESSMENT

**Activities are assessed for risks during planning. Leaders have reviewed applicable program guidance or standards and have verified the activity is not prohibited. Risk avoidance or mitigation is incorporated into the activity.**

- Predetermining what guidance and standards are typically applied to the activity, including those specific to the Scouting America program.
- Planning for safe travel to and from the activity site.
- Validating the activity is age-appropriate for the Scouting America program level.
- Determining whether the unit has sufficient training, resources, and experience to meet the identified standards and, if not, modifying the activity accordingly.
- Developing contingency plans for changes in weather and environment and arranging for communication with participants, parents, and emergency services.

## FITNESS AND SKILL

**Participants' Annual Health and Medical Records are reviewed, and leaders have confirmed that prerequisite fitness and skill levels exist for participants to take part safely.**

- Confirming the activity is right for the age, maturity, and physical abilities of participants.
- Considering as risk factors temporary or chronic health conditions of participants.
- Validating minimum skill requirements identified during planning and ensuring participants stay within the limits of their abilities.
- Providing training to participants with limited skills and assessing their skills before they attempt more advanced skills.

## EQUIPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

**Safe and appropriately sized equipment, courses, camps, campsites, trails, or playing fields are used properly. Leaders periodically check gear use and the environment for changing conditions that could affect safety.**

- Confirming participants' clothing is appropriate for expected temperatures, sun exposure, weather events, and terrain.
- Providing equipment that is appropriately sized for participants, is in good repair, and is used properly.
- Ensuring personal and group safety equipment is available, properly fitted, and used consistently and in accordance with training.
- Reviewing the activity area for suitability during planning and immediately before use, and monitoring the area during the activity through supervision.
- Adjusting the activity for changing conditions or ending it if safety cannot be maintained.

## Who can attend?

Joy To The Woods is open to all youth currently registered as Cub Scouts.

## How much does it cost?

Overnight Campers:

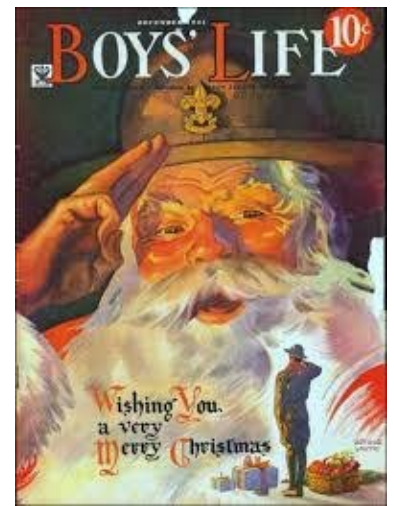
- 1 Cub and 1 Partner: \$55.00
- 2 Cubs and 1 Partner: \$65.00
- Additional Family Member (5 years and older): \$25.00 per person

Day Campers:

- 1 Cub and 1 Partner: \$25.00
- 2 Cubs and 1 Partner: \$30.00
- Additional Family Member (5 years and older): \$10.00 per person

All youth 4 years old and younger: Free

The registration fee includes a patch and Camp T-shirt for youth participants. Please be sure to clearly indicate the proper t-shirt size on the Roster page. Remember that T-shirts come in both youth and adult sizes, and that you must specify which type you want. Adult registration fees include a patch, but do not include a T-shirt. Adult T-shirts may be purchased for \$20.00 by pre-ordering them on the registration form. Please be sure to clearly indicate the proper t-shirt size on the Roster page. A limited number of T-shirts may be available for sale during camp at the Trading Post.





## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Scouts attending Joy To The Woods will be exposed to a wide range of activities that meet some requirements for each Cub Scout rank. Activities offered at Joy To The Woods include:

- Cub Scout Range and Target Activities (Archery, BB Shooting, and Sling shots)
- Fishing
- Night Hike
- Games
- Make-and-take Seasonal Craft hut
- Natural Resources exhibits
- Themed Scavenger Hunt
- Holiday Cookie Party
- Campfire Program
- Chance to earn the Webelos Required Adventure: [Cast Iron Chef](#)
- MUCH MORE!

### **How are advancements tracked?**

Advancement requirements for all Cub Scout programs were updated effective on June 1, 2024. Please see the list of available advancement opportunities below. Cub Scout Guardians are responsible for tracking the advancements their Cub Scouts complete and reporting them to their Pack leaders or entering them into ScoutBook.

### **Evening Program**

A special holiday themed campfire program will be held on Saturday evening. Weather permitting we will also provide a night time hike and guided star gazing opportunity.

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday-

**4pm- 7:00pm** Check In for overnight campers

**7:30 pm-** Cracker Barrel- Holiday Cookie Party in Dining Hall (in ugly Christmas sweaters!)

**8pm-** Staff Meeting and Cookie Exchange

**10:00 pm-** Lights Out

### Saturday-

**7:00 am-** Breakfast in the Dining Hall

**8:00 am** - Check-In in the Parking Lot for Day Campers

**8:00-8:45 am** - Field Games in front of Dining Hall

**8:45 am-** Opening Flag Ceremony and Announcements (Scavenger Hunt, Check Map

for activity locations, Lunch @12pm, Assigned Range Times, Pack Songs or Chants due at closing flag ceremony)

**9:00 am** - Ranges Open

**9-12pm** - Activities (Scheduled Range Time, Crafts, Scout Skills, Fishing, etc)

**12** - Lunch in Dining Hall (Packs lead Songs and Grace)

**1:00- 4:15-** Activities (Scheduled Range Time, Crafts, Scout Skills, Fishing, etc)

**4:25pm** - Closing Flag Ceremony (Packs Present Song or chant from the day)

**5:00-** Dinner -Dining Hall

**6:15pm** - Campfire— Pack Lead Skits

**7pm-** Night Hike- Stargazing - Weather Permitting

**8:30** - Cracker Barrel- Dining Hall

**10:00 pm** - Lights Out

### Sunday-

**6:45 am** - Staff Breakfast/ Announcements

**7:30 am** -Participant Breakfast in the Dining Hall

**8:45 am** - Interfaith Worship - Chapel

**9-10:30am** - Activity Areas open

**11:00 am** - Check Out

**\*TIMES AND ORDER OF EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

# PACKING LIST

## Unit-What to Bring

Below is a list of general equipment often needed at a week-end camp. Some packs may wish to bring other items to enrich their experience or to cook special meals or desserts.

- Paperwork-Final Attendance Roster
- Paperwork-Health and Medical Records (Parts A, & B)
- Paperwork-Youth Protection verification
- Pack First Aid Kit
- Lock Box
- Flags-US. State etc.
- Propane Lanterns and Stoves
- Solid fire starter & matches
- Dutch ovens, charcoal (Optional)
- Cooking Utensils (Optional)
- Water cooler
- Rope, twine, or nylon cord
- Axe, hatchet, saw, hammer
- Repair kit, tools, & duct tape
- Dining fly or canopy (if you want extra)
- Tarps

## UNIFORMS

Class "A" (Field) uniforms should be worn to Saturday evening's meal as well as Sunday morning's Scout's Own service. We encourage all participants to bring their favorite holiday sweater to wear Saturday evening to the campfire program. Sturdy, closed-toed shoes must be worn at all times.



## Scout-What to Bring

Below is a list to serve as a guide. Use your own discretion and refer to your Scout Handbook.

### Very Important

- Signed Health and Medical Record (required)
- Trading Post Money

### Personal Gear

- The Scout Basic Essential (see Scout Handbook)
- Backpack, duffle-bag, or storage bin

### Clothing

- Complete Field Uniform
- T-shirts
- Sweater/Jacket
- Long pants and long sleeve shirts
- Underwear/Long Johns
- Extra Shoes/Hiking Boots
- Socks and extra socks
- Gloves
- Hat

### Sleeping Gear

- Sleeping Pad
- 3 season sleeping bag
- Pillow

### Toiletries

- Toothbrush/Toothpaste/Floss
- Soap/Shampoo/Towels)/Washcloth
- Deodorant/Comb/Brush

### Personal Items

- Day Pack
- Water Bottle/Canteen
- Camp Chair
- Flashlight
- Sunscreen
- Clock/Alarm Clock
- Medications (Must be in original packaging)

# CAMP FACILITIES

Scouts and their leaders will camp in the same campsites used by Scout Troops during Summer Camp. All campers will need to bring their own tent. Camp Sequoyah has one heated shower and restroom facility for camp-wide use as well as outdoor bathroom facilities at each campsite. Most meals will be prepared by our camp kitchen staff and served in the camp dining hall with the exception of Friday night dinner.

## Camp Office:

The camp office is located in the central area of the camp and is across from the Health Lodge. It houses the administrative offices for the Camp Director.

## Health Lodge:

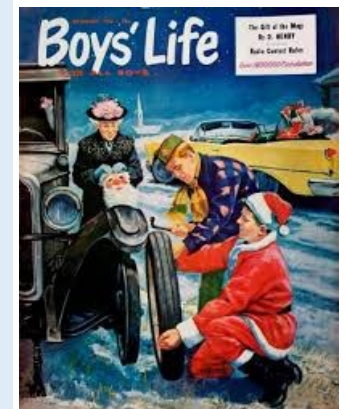
The Health Lodge is located across from the Camp Office near the dining hall. The Camp Health Officer lives in this facility and is available to address any medical needs. Units are encouraged to maintain and utilize a unit First Aid Kit in their campsites to treat minor cuts and scrapes, headaches and other minor ailments. Health staff is available 24 hours a day.

## Trading Post:

Camp Sequoyah has a well-stocked trading post that is also located in the main camp area. The Trading Post offers Camp Sequoyah souvenirs as well as general Scouting and craft items. The Trading Post also offers snack items. The Trading Post is much like a convenience store, with batteries, flashlights, shirts, patches, craft items, and other general merchandise available for purchase. Most Scouts will find their way to the Trading Post several times during Joy To The Woods and this should enhance the camp experience for the Scouts. In addition to cash, the Trading Post accepts Visa, MasterCard, and Discover.

## Lost and Found

The lost and found for the Joy To The Woods will be located in the camp Health Lodge.



## ARRIVAL AT THE JOY TO THE WOODS CAMP

Check-in at Joy To The Woods Camp will be 4pm-7pm on Dec 12th, 2025 as well as 8am-9am Sat, Dec 13th, 2025. **No one will be allowed to check-in prior to 4:00 PM.** Please plan to arrive no later than 7:00pm if you are arriving Friday to allow yourself time to set up your tents. Dinner is NOT provided Friday evening. This allows Packs an opportunity to work on cooking adventures for their older Cub Scouts and to provide their younger Scouts an opportunity to enjoy Camp style cooking. Participants arriving Friday night will park by the camp office and check in at the Dining Hall (please do not drive onto the Parade Field). A reception area will be set up in the dining hall. Saturday morning check in will be in the main parking lot area. Upon arrival, one leader from each unit should come to the reception area to begin the check-in for their Pack.

The check-in process includes the following:

- The designated leader will be given events Schedules, maps, t-shirts ordered, patches and campsite assignment.
- Any remaining camp fees (if needed) will be collected at this time.
- Health Forms for all participants (Scouts and Adults) are to be delivered to the Health Officer at the check in station. The Camp Health Officer must review the health forms prior to participants setting up at their assigned camp site.
- Anyone having special dietary needs should report to the Dining Hall after check in to discuss their specific needs with the Dining Hall staff. Scouts must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- While the designated leader completes the check-in, the other Adults and Scouts will hike to their assigned campsite to set up camp.
- Individual campers who arrive before their group leader may hike to their assigned campsite to set up camp. The group leader will need to complete the check-in process once their entire group has been accounted for.



# DINING

Camp Sequoyah has a centrally located Dining Hall where meals are served cafeteria style. Scouts should be able to assemble, enter the dining hall, obtain their food, and sit down in a short amount of time.



## Special Diets

Camp Sequoyah will do its best to accommodate common dietary restrictions, but in some cases, a participant may need to bring his/her own food. Dry and chilled storage space will be provided as needed. Requests for special dietary needs must be noted on the Camp Roster, and submitted along with the Registration form. In addition, please contact the Camping Program Director by e-mail ([tyler.powell@scouting.org](mailto:tyler.powell@scouting.org)) a minimum of 2 weeks in advance to request special dietary needs. If a Scout has dietary restrictions, please make sure that it is indicated on his medical form. Scouts having special dietary needs should report to the Dining Hall after check in, with a responsible adult to discuss their specific needs with the Dining Hall staff.



## Vehicles and Parking

Parking will be in the main parking lot (please refer to the camp map). Vehicles from each group will be permitted to transport equipment to their site. A unit trailer may be kept at the campsite parking area. All vehicles must return to the main parking lot immediately after unloading and no later than 9:00 PM Friday or 9am Sat for those arriving Sat.

The speed limit in camp on paved roads is 15 miles per hour and 5 miles per hour on gravel roads. While the camp is in session, only camp vehicles and delivery trucks will be permitted in the camp.

Scouting America's policies prohibit youth or adults to ride unrestrained in the bed of a truck or on a trailer pulled by a motor vehicle

No pop-camper or travel trailers, RV's, bicycles, personal golf carts, motorcycles, or ATV's are allowed.

## Camp Security

Camp Sequoyah employs a working security plan for the protection of our campers. Everyone in attendance at the camp must wear identification that signifies legitimate participation in the camping program. Any time a person is spotted in camp without appropriate identification, that person should be escorted to the office to sign in and the Joy To The Woods Camp staff should be notified.

All visitors to the camp must stop at the camp office and sign in. A guest book for this purpose will be maintained and positive identification will be required. Visitors will be issued a visitor's wristband that must be worn at all times while in camp. All visitors must be accompanied by a registered adult who has completed the Safeguarding Youth Training. Upon conclusion of their visit, guests will sign out so that camp administrators will know who is on camp property at all times.

For the safety and security of both adults and youth, **NO ONE** may leave camp without notifying the Camp Directors



## HEALTH AND SAFETY



Camp Sequoyah operates a well-equipped first aid facility that is administered by the Camp Health Officer. The health staff is available 24 hours a day. Please alert the Health Lodge of a non-medical emergency after normal office hours. Unit leaders should contact the medical staff or any leadership team member for assistance, even in emergencies.

**ALLOW THE STAFF TO CALL 911 IF NECESSARY.** We have special arrangements for contacting and working with emergency response personnel. Help will arrive much quicker if camp medical personnel make the call. If a non-emergency problem arises, such as an illness that is beyond the scope of our medical technicians, we will contact the parents and unit leader. The parents and unit leaders must then arrange for care, and transport the Scout to a medical facility. The parents or unit leaders must pay the costs of such care; the parents should file insurance claims.

In the event of an injury or illness requiring immediate medical attention, the care of your Scout will be provided by local emergency medical personnel, who may require the use of ground or air ambulance service at their discretion. All expenses associated with this additional treatment and/or emergency transportation is the responsibility of the individuals. The providers will directly bill the patient or other responsible party; we will not make payments. We encourage adult leaders to provide first aid for minor cuts, small blisters, etc. using your unit first aid kit. For anything more serious, and any situations requiring medication, please use the health lodge.



## HEALTH AND SAFETY CONTINUED

### **Insurance**

Each Pack in the Greater Alabama Council is covered by supplemental accident and sickness insurance. This will cover them during participation at the Joy To The Woods. This coverage is additional insurance to any health or accident insurance that a family may already have in place. This coverage is primary only if no other insurance is available. This insurance does not cover the co-payments for a family's primary insurance. All claims are handled directly with the insurance company. Units not chartered in the Greater Alabama Council must provide proof of insurance upon arrival at camp.

### **Buddy System**

The buddy system will apply to all campers, staff and leaders during all programs or activities with an element of risk, and is highly recommended at all times while at Camp Sequoyah. This is our primary measure to prevent lost persons.

### **General Cleanliness**

Scouts and adults should be clean in everything they do, including personal hygiene and cleanliness of the camp. Hot showers are available for Scouts and Leaders. Trash barrels are in each campsite and throughout camp. Please remember to leave the camp cleaner than you found it.



## HEALTH AND SAFETY CONTINUED

### INSECT BITES

Ticks spread many diseases in North America. If you find an embedded tick, report to the Medic Lodge so it can be properly removed and recorded.

### ALCOHOL, TOBACCO & DRUGS

Alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are **absolutely prohibited**. Possession or use will be reported to local law enforcement.

Scouting America camps are smoke-free. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, or systems which simulate tobacco smoking.

### PROHIBITED ITEMS:

Pets (except for registered service animals)

Fireworks and pyrotechnic devices

Personal Firearms, Air-Pistols, Bows, Ammunition, Slingshots

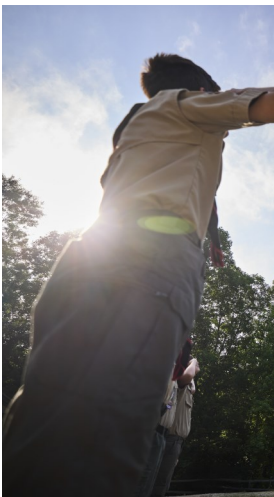
Bikes / Unicycles

### NO FLAMES IN TENTS

Lighting in tents must be battery operated. Only adults, or older Scouts under supervision may use liquid fuels in camp.

### ADDITIONAL POLICIES

- Do not throw rocks.
- Shoes must be worn and must be closed toe. (*sandals are allowed at the showers*)
- No clothing with inappropriate graphics.
- Items which are in violation of BSA policy.
- See Guide to Safe Scouting for all policies.



## ADULT LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Den Leaders and/or supervising adults are responsible for the discipline and behavior of their Scouts attending the Joy To The Woods. In addition, adult leaders may have some additional duties such as recording of advancements, conducting some den-based advancements and assisting during mealtime. The minimum leadership requirement for Joy To The Wood Camp is a ratio of **two adults to two youth**.

At least one adult leader from each Unit must be at least 21 years of age and must be a registered adult leader with the Boy Scouts of America. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth. Additional adults who are the parent or guardian of a youth attendee need not be registered leaders, however all adults spending the night at camp must have completed BSA Safeguarding Youth Training. Adults who are not registered with BSA must complete this training (available online) and have a copy of their current training certification at check-in.

During the course of Joy To The Woods Camp, participating Scouts will gather in different ways at different times. For example, when they are at their campsite, they will be camping with their home Unit (Pack) along with other Units who are assigned to the same campsite. Other times they may explore camp with their leaders and guardians as the unit leadership sees fit while maintaining two deep leadership and the buddy system at all times. It is required that each Scout have a parent/guardian attend.



# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Financial Aid

Camperships may be requested for those Scouts who desire to attend camp but cannot afford to go. These are for specific Scouts and not for the unit as a whole to reduce the cost of camp. Packs should plan to aid Scouts as much as possible prior to asking for assistance and should be selling popcorn to teach Scouts how to provide for themselves. Applications for camperships are available on the council website ([www.1bsa.org](http://www.1bsa.org)). The deadline for campership requests is December 1, 2025 and the maximum amount granted is \$80.00 per Scout. Requests received after that date may not be processed.



## Refunds

Fees are transferable to other Scouts, but it is up to the canceling individual to arrange for payment reimbursement from the replacement Scout. Refunds, less a 20% service fee, will be considered for sickness, death in the family or a school related issue. All refund requests are to follow the below procedures:

1. All refunds requests must be submitted in writing to the Greater Alabama Council.
2. Refunds are issued for Scouts who cannot attend camp due to sickness, death in the immediate family, relocation, or summer school. No-shows will not receive a refund.
3. All refunds will be sent to the original payer.
4. For additional information online see:

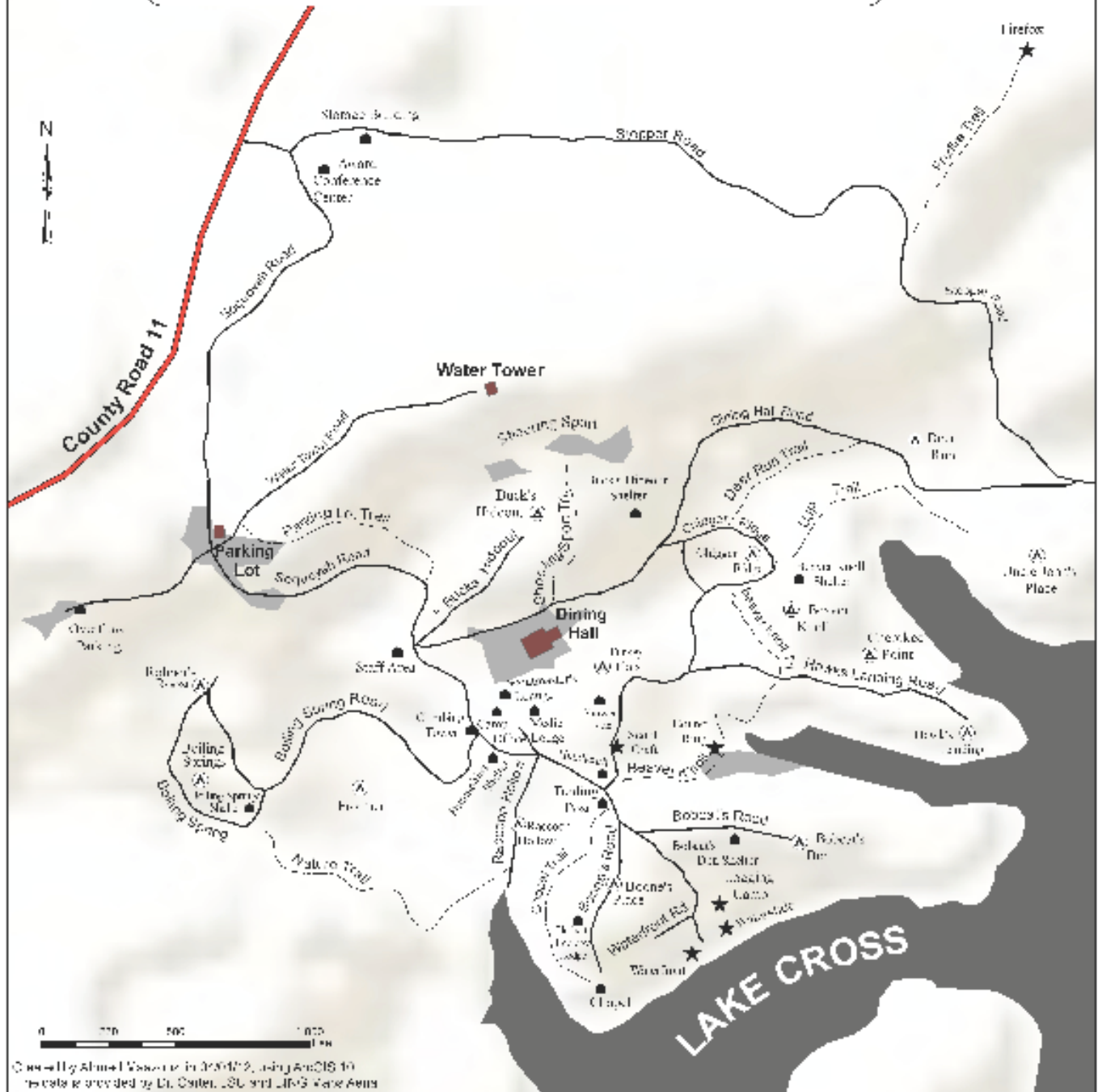
<https://1bsa.org/refund-and-cancellation-policy/>



# CAMP SEQUOYAH, ALABAMA

Frank Spain Scout Reservation: Camp Sequoyah  
 Mailing Address: 4907 County Road 11  
 Delta, AL 36258

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