

2026-2027

Unit Program & Finance Planning Guidebook



Scouting  **America**
Greater Alabama Council



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.





Nov. 13-15, 2026

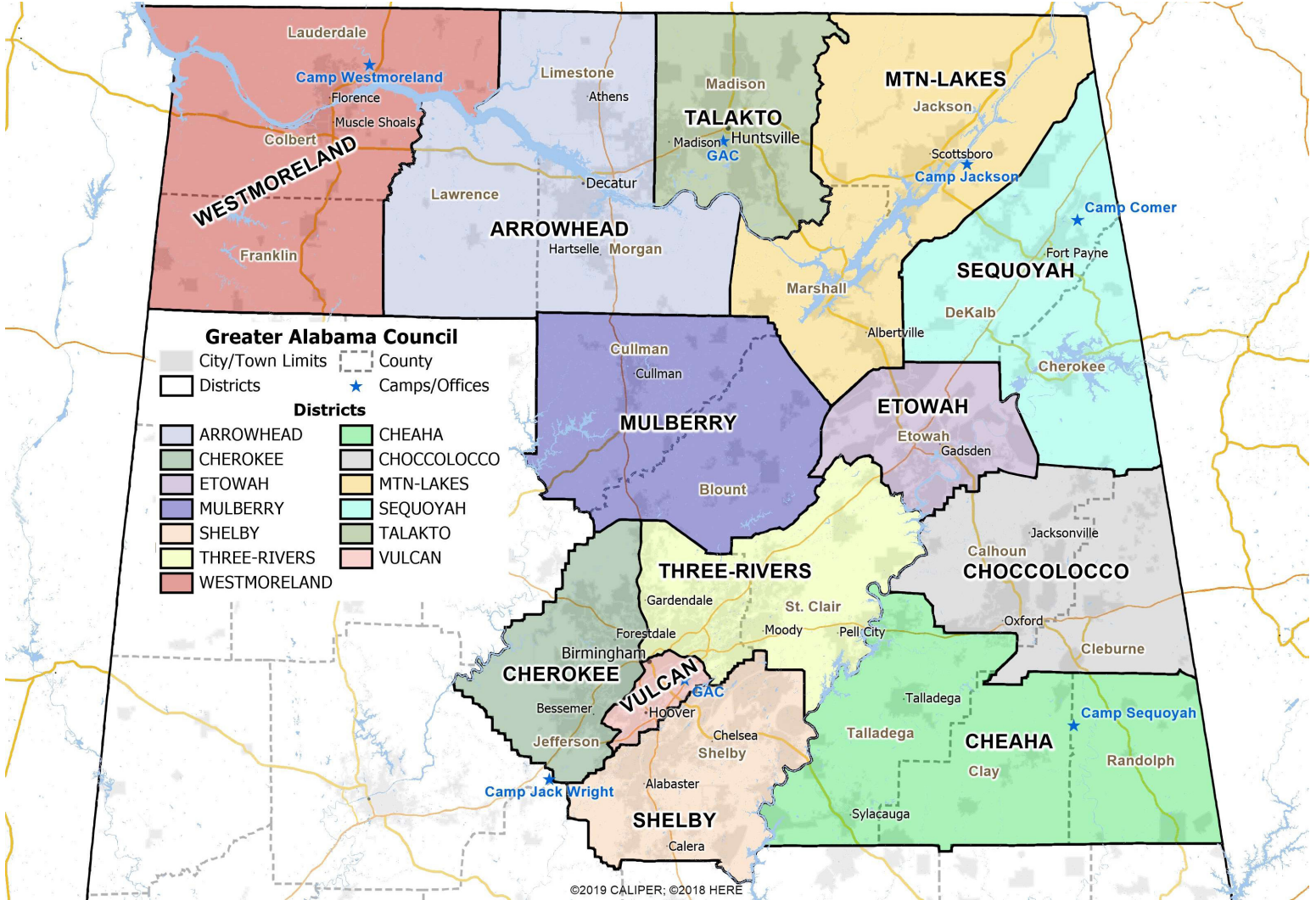
For information, activities, and
more, be sure to visit

ScoutFest.com



About the Greater Alabama Council

The Greater Alabama Council serves the youth of North and Central Alabama. Our Council serves the counties of Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, Morgan, Randolph, St. Clair, Shelby, and Talladega.



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Annual Program & Funding Planning for Units

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what keeps Scouts in the program. They like to have fun, do challenging activities, earn merit badges, go places, and learn new things. That is what we call program, and it doesn't just happen by chance. It takes planning and preparation. This all starts with your unit's annual program planning conference which is a set of meetings, held in May or June, when the unit schedules the key activities and events they want to do for the next year, along with creating a plan for how they will pay for these activities. What this looks like is slightly different from unit to unit, but the core elements of the plan will be the same.

Parents always want to know the answer to two questions: **What are we going to do, and how much is it going to cost?**

Strong units have an annual plan with associated funding plan that can easily be shared with their Scouting families. The following items will help guide your unit.

Use This Guidebook as a Tool

The first pages of this guidebook provide training, program opportunities, and best practices. The calendar pages (blue) are left bank by design to allow you to fill in the dates, events, and activities that are specific to your unit's plans.

The right side of the calendar pages have three sections. The top section (red) shows Council Events and programs. The middle section shows Typical Events or activities that a unit may plan during that month. The bottom section (green) shows District Events and programs.

Use the map on page 2 to identify your District. Your unit is welcome to participate in events, programs, and trainings being held in other districts.

We have added program labels to help you identify events based on program type.



Cub Scout Event



Venturing Event



Scouts BSA Event



Sea Scout Event



Program Planning Conference - Steps for Success!

The program planning conference is a unit meeting to plan and schedule your next year of program along with creating the plan to pay for these activities. Start the meeting by outlining the importance of having a strong annual plan and state any rules you will follow during the meeting. While this meeting is similar for all units, please remember that in Troops and Crews the youth are the ones who should be leading this meeting. Training videos are available at my.scouting.org or at www.1bsa.org/unit-program-planning-and-finance/.

PRE-WORK

Before the scheduled face-to-face conference, the committee chair and unit leaders gather the following information:

- Key school and community event dates
- Personal dates that may affect your unit's activities
- Last year's unit annual plan (if you have one)
- Important chartered organization dates
- District and Council dates (pages 16-39)
- Unit priorities and goals

To maximize the efficiency of your planning, the following people should attend the conference:

- Chartered Organization Representative
- Your unit commissioner (optional)
- For Troops & Crews: Youth Leadership
- All unit committee members & unit leaders
- Anyone else you think might be helpful

Step 1 - COLLECT

Add the dates you collected prior to the meeting to your master calendar, including meeting dates. Use a hard copy or an electronic calendar on a computer.

Step 2 - REVIEW

Review what the unit did last year. Ask questions like, what events went well, what events didn't go well? Did we earn the National Summertime Award? How did we do with weekly attendance? Did we participate in day camp, summer camp, or high adventure? Did we sell popcorn and camp cards? Feel free to ask as many questions as you want, but do not spend too much time on this, as the key issue is planning the upcoming year. Just use this research to help guide what you might want to keep, replace, or improve.

Step 3 - BRAINSTORM

Brainstorm activities your unit might want to do in addition to weekly meetings. Include things such as: Blue and Gold Banquet, Courts of Honor, Pinewood Derby, Scouting for Food, Weekend Campouts, community service activities, youth recruitment events, District Events, Council Events, etc. Remember the brainstorming rule, which is anybody can suggest anything without critique or criticism. Feedback and analysis come later, after all the ideas have been captured. Once you have a list of things your unit might want to do, start prioritizing the list. Take a vote(s) on which activities to include on the schedule, then add the activities to your calendar.

Step 4 - ASSIGNMENTS

After the dates have been placed on the calendar, the next step is to assign the person who will be responsible for each event (if possible).

Step 5 - FINANCE & FUNDING

There are a variety of expenses related to your unit's annual plan. These costs need to be estimated with a plan to fund them. Expenses can be broken into 2 categories, and it is important that the finance plan provides a way to fund both.

Unit Expenses: These are expenses that the unit typically pays for such as purchasing advancements, unit gear, pinewood derby cars, etc.

Family Expenses: These are expenses that the family typically bears the cost of such as Summer Camp, Cub Haunted, uniforms, or weekend campouts, etc.

Your unit's funding plan should be simple, easy to explain, and state the expectations of each Scout/ family. It should fund the unit expenses AND offer a way for families to subsidize their Scouting journey. Consider a plan that gives families options. We also highly encourage the use of the Payment Log Function located in Scoutbook, also referred to as Scout Accounts.

Examples of Good Finance Plans:

- Our Pack charges dues of \$225 which covers all Pack activities for the year. These dues are paid in mid-November as part of the re-charter process. Families participate in our Popcorn Sale from August to October. From the commission earned, our Pack keeps just 20% and 80% goes into the Scout's account in Scoutbook. The family can use these funds for anything Scouting related including paying the \$225 Pack dues, registration fees for events like Cub Haunted, or purchasing their uniform.
- Our Troop sells Christmas trees. Scouts work 3 shifts, but can work more if available. Our Troop keeps about 30% of the commission to cover unit expenses. Based on the number of shifts they work, the rest goes into the Scout's Account in Scoutbook. Scouts can use these funds to pay for anything Scouting related including uniforms, weekend campouts, Summer Camp, or NYLT. We also encourage our Scouts to participate in the Council Popcorn and Camp Card sale as a way to fund their Scout Adventures.

In both examples, the families are incentivized to participate in the fundraiser, and families that would rather just pay out of pocket are given that option. Using Scout Accounts in Scoutbook is extremely helpful in ensuring that all families pay their own way and help the unit stay financially viable. Please see the BSA Fiscal Policies and Procedures for BSA Units for more information on Scout Accounts.

Step 6 - PUBLISH YOUR PLAN

Review your plan to ensure you have captured everything your unit wants to do in the upcoming year. Include your unit's funding plan with the expectations of each Scout/family. Publish your plan and distribute to each family. Sharing the annual plan with your families could be the most important step in retaining your Scouts and building tenure. Create a printable flyer that can be given to new and prospective families.

Annual program planning is an ongoing process.

Review the plan regularly to make sure you are still on track

Additional resources including examples can be found at www.1bsa.org.





my.scouting.org

My.scouting.org is a portal for adults and leaders providing access to their account data, online training, and more. It is run separately by the national Boy Scouts of America organization, and not by our local council.

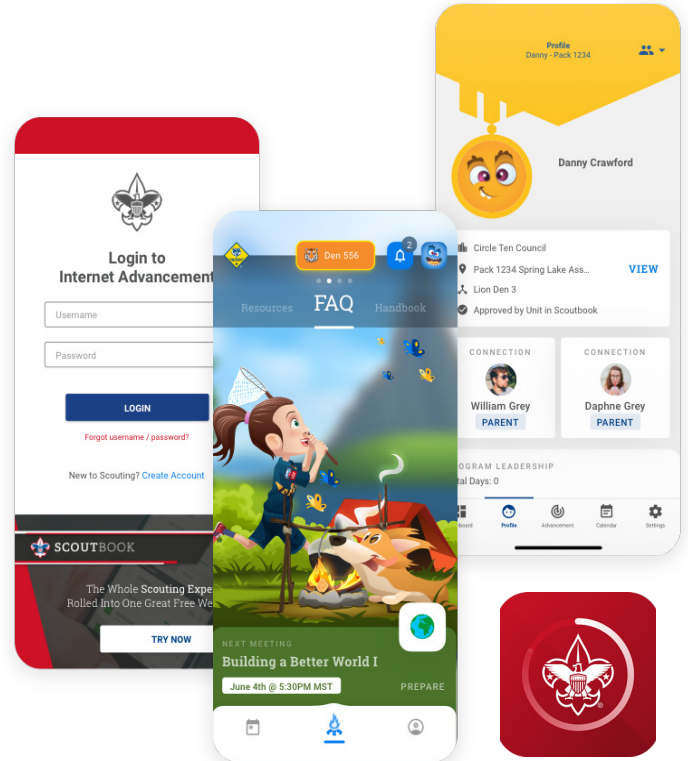
Through my.scouting.org members of the Unit Key 3 can:

- Update your unit's beascout.org pin
- Accept online and transfer applications for youth and adults
- Change the position roles of your registered adult leaders

Scoutbook Plus

Scoutbook Plus is Scouting America's free official tool for advancement records-keeping and reporting. Its primary purpose is to help Scouts, parents, and registered leaders track and report advancement records. It can also help Scout units track who needs to take or retake Youth Protection Training, plan events, and send messages to their members.

- Tracks advancement
- Activity, service, & camping logs
- Quick POs for Scout Shop advancement purchases
- Unit calendar with event sign-up tool
- Email & texting tool
- **Payment log (Scout accounts)**
- Merit badges & counselors
- Unit roster with Scout and leader contact information
- Manage your dens, patrols, & youth leadership roles
- This is the BSA's membership database.



Who uses Scoutbook Plus?

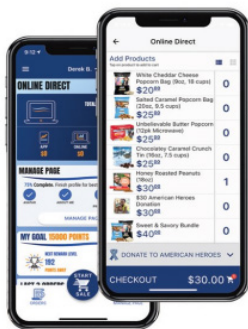
- **Adults (leaders)** – BSA creates your account when you join; an adult volunteer designated as a Scout unit's Scoutbook Administrator can also create an adult account. This Administrator has the ability to choose which adults can be connected to your Scout unit.
- **Adults (parents)** – Parents use their adult account to control who can access their Scout's account. A unit's Administrator controls which adult accounts are connected to their unit.
- **Youth account** – Scouts can't get an account until their parent "invites" them to join. Once a Scout has an account, they can track their advancement progress just like they would if they had adults "sign off" on requirements in their handbook.

www.scoutbook.com





POPCORN SALE



WHY SELL POPCORN?

- Easy and turn-key way to fund your Unit's program
- Helps families pay for their Scouting Adventures.
- Scouts learn life lessons by "earning their own way."
- Amazon Gift Card Prizes!
- Sell online to friends and family out of town.
- App allows ALL Scouts to accept Credit Cards.
- Show-n-sell locations secured by Trails-End and available for sign-up directly from the app!



CALENDAR

Virtual Leader Training: 9:30am Saturday, July 18th
 Virtual Leader Training: 7pm Tuesday, July 21st

Orders Due: Sunday, Aug 9
 Order Pickup: Thursday, Aug 20
 Continuous replenishment offered as needed
 Second Order Due: Sunday, Sept 6
 Second Order Pickup: Thursday, Sept 17
Final Payments Due: Tuesday, Dec 1
 Gathering of Heroes Saturday, Jan 30

COMMISSION STRUCTURE

32% - Base Rate
 +1% - Attend either Virtual Unit Leader Training
 +1% - For unit participation in online, wagon, and store-front sales (all three methods)
 +1% - Average Scout sale of \$500 based off of Oct. 1 Scoutbook Roster
 Online Direct Sales are 30%

Gathering of Heroes Celebration!

Our top 50 selling Scouts will be invited to the Gathering of Heroes party: Saturday, Jan 30th.



The Gathering of Heroes includes tons of super hero themed fun and excitement!



Patches!

- Scouts will receive a patch for selling at least one item!
- Scouts will earn a special patch for receiving \$250 in American Heroes donations!

<https://1bsa.org/popcorn>



Cub Scout Recruitment Bootcamps!

Inviting new families to join Scouting is the most important thing we can do. Every fall, a sign-up night is held at each elementary school across the nation. These sign-up nights are heavily advertised and are the main way that most families sign-up to participate in Scouting. The Unit New Member Coordinator is a member of the Unit committee that organizes these sign-up nights, inviting new families to join and ensuring they feel welcome.

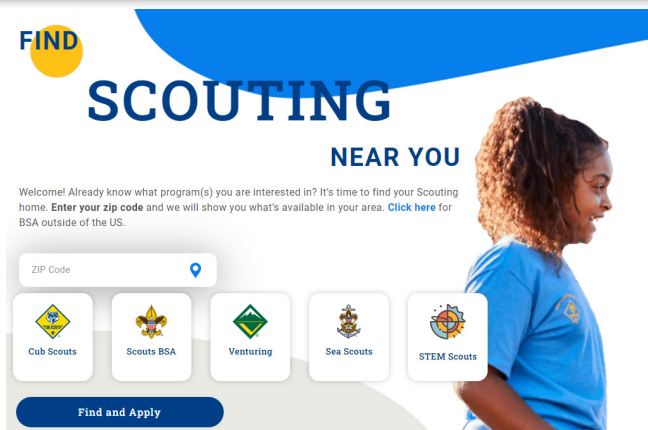
LEADERS! Attend a Recruitment Bootcamp to learn how we will help your Pack be successful!

| Location | Date | Time | Location |
|------------|----------|--------|-------------------------|
| Anniston | TBA | 6:30pm | TBA |
| Birmingham | July 9th | 6:30pm | Birmingham Scout Office |
| Cullman | TBA | 6:30pm | TBA |
| Huntsville | TBA | 6:30pm | TBA |

Order your free marketing materials online at 1bsa.org/membership-growth , and we'll deliver them to you at Bootcamp!



Keep your BeaScout.org Pin Updated!



Accessed through my.scouting.org, keep your unit's BeaScout.org pin updated. Tell families about your unit and accept online adult and youth applications.

visit www.1bsa.org/membership-growth/



Position Specific Training for Unit Volunteers

Are you the Cubmaster? Den Leader?
Scoutmaster? Committee Chair?
Or in any leadership position in your unit?

Every Scout deserves a trained leader, & every leader
deserves to be trained!

Find training for your position online at
my.scouting.org
or attend a classroom training provided by one of our
Districts. Visit www.1bsa.org/adult-leader-trainings



Planning on going camping?

- Complete Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation – BALOO (Cub Scout Leaders)
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills IOLS (Scouts BSA & Venture Leaders).

These trainings are required to take youth camping, so don't procrastinate! Learn everything you need to know to keep Scouts safe and having fun in the outdoors. Dates for these trainings are found in the calendar or at www.1bsa.org

Scout Days!

Scout Days are unique opportunities for Scouts and their families to attend exciting events and experiences with other Scouting families. Through partnerships with various local and national organizations, Scouts can attend events at a discounted price of admission, and a portion of the proceed supports the Scouting movement.

Scout Days include: sporting events, car races, museums, zoos, theme parks, and more. Often these tickets include extra experiences, such as on-field flag ceremonies or a special patch.

Our partners typically include NASCAR and Talladega Superspeedway, The Birmingham Legion, Auburn University, Birmingham Barons, UAB, Memphis Grizzlies, The Atlanta Braves, the Rocket City Trash Pandas, and more!

Scout Days are advertised in the Digital Eagle Newsletter and can also be found at <https://1bsa.org/scout-days/>

Website & Digital Eagle eNewsletter

Stay up to date on the latest happenings within Scouting and the Greater Alabama Council by signing up to receive our monthly eNewsletter - The Digital Eagle.

Sign-up for other distribution lists like Summer Camp, Cub-chatter, Popcorn sale, Exploring, and your District. The eNewsletter sign-up can be found on the homepage of our website.

Our website www.1bsa.org is a great location to get information on Council & District programs and offerings. Don't hesitate to contact us if you ever need anything! We are here to help!

www.1bsa.org

Office: 205-970-0251



The Beautiful and Always Sunny Comer Scout Reservation!



Scouts BSA Summer Camp at Camp Comer, sitting high-atop Lookout Mountain in Northeast Alabama, is a unique and beautiful camp. With cooler summer temperatures, dark evening skies, and permanent year-round campsites, Comer is a wonderful Summer Camp or weekend camping trip destination! Located on the shoreline of beautiful, 88 acre lake Republic, the waterfront includes separate boating and swimming areas. Camp offers all typical summer-camp Merit Badges plus: Bird Study, Astronomy, Healthcare Professions, Pottery, Sculpture, Programming, Sustainability, Fishing, and more!



Over 55 Merit Badges!
Sci-Tech Programs!
Famous Comer Shindig!
Great Hiking!
Waterslide!
50' Climbing Tower
Chimney Climbing!
Comer 5K Challenge!
Banana Relay Race!
Whitewater Rafting!
Fishing!
World-class shooting facilities!

2027 Registration

Week 1: June 6-12

Week 2: June 13-19

Week 3: June 20-26

Week 4: June 27- July 3

Week 5: July 4-10

GREAT AMENITIES!

Fiber Internet!

Platform Tents with Decks!

Adirondacks with Bunk Beds!

Great Showers with on-demand

Hot Water!

Air Conditioned Scoutmaster Lounge!

Trailblazer

Scouts complete Trail to 1st Class advancement, do a 5-mile hike, go swimming and boating, and receive a special patch!



Great Hiking!



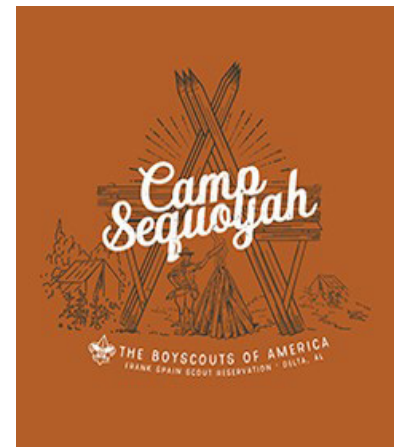
Comer HD! *(High Adventure for older Scouts)*

Zip Lining! Caving!

Hike to a hidden swimming hole!

Camp Sequoyah

THIS IS YOUR ADVENTURE!



Scouts BSA Summer Camp at Camp Sequoyah is all about having FUN and using the Patrol Method. Senior Patrol Leaders (SPL) will lead and guide their fellow Scouts to ensure they have an amazing time at camp. When you arrive, The SPL's first task is to plan out and schedule your troop's afternoon activities! Your troop will do three activities together every afternoon! Create your schedule based on what you and your fellow Scouts want to do!

Afternoon Activities!

- War Canoe!
- Metal Forge!
- Boat & Shore Fishing!
- Rifle Shooting!
- Shotgun Shooting!
- Sidewinder Waterslide!
- Stand Up Paddleboards!
- Canoeing & Kayaks!
- Swimming!
- Climbing!
- Hawk Throwing!
- Hiking!
- Mountain Biking!
- Troop Merit Badges and More!



Nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, in the shadows of Mt. Cheaha, Alabama's highest peak, possessing a beautiful 86-acre lake, extensive mountain bike trails, and tree-shaded campsites, Camp Sequoyah truly is a Land of 1,000 dreams!

55 Merit Badges Offered!

Awesome Evening Programs!

Adventure Valley Mud Run!

Famous Water Carnival!

Sequoyah Mountaineering Corps (Program for older youth!)

Unique Eagle Bound Program

Earn the Swimming Merit Badge in our unique Trail to First Class Program! Scouts will complete rank requirements that tend to be more difficult for the troop to complete on their own. Participants will receive a special patch to commemorate their experience!



Our Council operates 5 camping properties that are available for use year-round by Scouting units and outside groups. For more information and pricing, please contact us at (205) 970-0251 or visit www.1bsa.org/camping-properties/

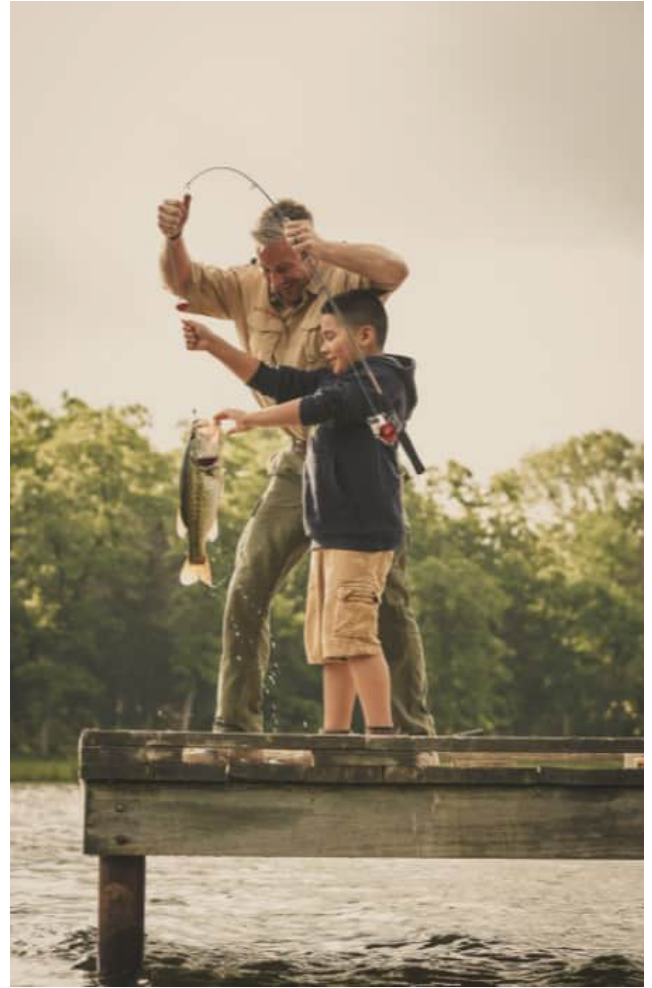


CUB SCOUT FISHING DERBY

Attention all Cub Scouts and Families! Join us for fishing, fun, prizes, and a patch! Don't know how to fish? That's ok! We'll teach you! Poles, bait, and other fishing supplies will be furnished, or bring your own. Prizes for the Biggest Fish, Smallest Fish, & Ugliest Fish! Attend any or all of the dates below!

Cost: \$10.00 per Scout,
\$5.00 for additional Scouts or siblings.
Events start at 9am and end at 12pm.

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| Sept 12: | Joe Wheeler Marina, Rogersville |
| Sept 12: | East Lake, Birmingham |
| Sept 26: | Sylvania Lake, Sylvania |
| October 3: | Camp Sequoyah |
| October 17: | Aldridge Gardens, Hoover |
| November 7: | TBA, Huntsville |
| November 7: | Indian Springs School, Pelham |



Cub Haunted Weekend

Every Halloween ghosts and goblins are on the prowl at our council camps! This exciting overnight campout experience for Cub Scouts is packed with events and activities! Fun for the entire family!



Oct 9-10 at Camp Comer
Oct 10-11 at Camp Comer
Oct 16-17 at Camp Comer
Oct 16-17 at Camp Westmoreland
Oct 17-18 at Camp Comer
Oct 23-24 at Camp Comer
Oct 24-25 at Camp Comer

Cost: \$70 per Cub and Partner,
\$90 for 2 Cubs and Partner



Haunted Hayrides!
BB Guns & Archery!
Haunted Trails!
Costume Contests!
Haunted Houses!
Campfire Programs!
Face-painting!
Games & Crafts!



Cub Scout Day Camp 2027

Chock-full of adventures, attend Day Camp! BB guns & Archery, STEM & Scout Crafts, Field Sports, Nature hikes and much more! Scouts will complete program adventures and work on advancement!



2027 Theme: Under the Waves!

- June 3-5 Mulberry District (\$40)
- June 7-11 Westmoreland District (\$75)
- June 7-11 Huntsville Day Camp (\$95/ \$125)
- June 14-18 Oak Mountain (\$95/\$125)
- June 14-18 Arrowhead District (\$75)

Joy to the Woods Holiday Campout

Dec 11-13th at Camp Sequoyah. This packed 2-night, 3-Day camping opportunity offers fun activities including Archery! BB-Guns! Sling-Shots! Campfire program! Holiday crafts! and more! Camping is optional and Scouts and Packs can choose to attend Saturday only.



Cub Adventure Weekend

Calling all Cub Scouts! Get ready for a weekend of fun at Camp Comer! As an intrepid adventurer you will test your skills on daring explorations, activities, shooting sports, competitions, and more! Exciting activities for the entire family! Are you ready for adventure?

April 30 - May 2nd 2027 at Camp Comer
Cost: \$70 per Cub and Partner
\$90 for 2 Cubs and Partner

Cub Scout Summer Camp

Cub Camp is a 4-day 3-night overnight camping experience for our Tigers, Wolves, and Bears! Held at beautiful Camp Comer, Scouts will participate in thrilling and adventurous activities including shooting sports, swimming, boating, waterslides, fishing, hiking, scout skills, and much more! The fun doesn't stop when the sun goes down. There are evening programs, activities, campfires, and more! Meals are served in the Dining Hall 3 times a day with plenty of delicious options. Attend cub camp and make memories that will last a lifetime!

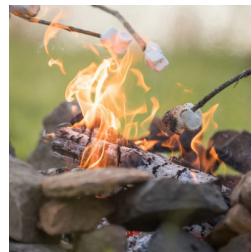


July 2027

Webelos and Arrow of Light Camp

4 Days and 3 nights of Scouting adventure! Webelos get a taste of Scouts BSA summer camp while completing Webelos Adventures! Scouts will have a BLAST as they canoe, swim, go climbing, take hikes, shoot bb-guns and archery, adventure games, and more! Open to all youth who will be at least Webelos by June 1st.

July 2027





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ORDER OF THE ARROW

For over 110 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. The OA is Scouting's National Honor Society and its members, known as Arrowmen, maintain camping traditions and spirit, promote year-round and long-term resident camping, and provide cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth.

Greater Alabama Council is the home of the Coosa Lodge of the Order of the Arrow. The program is led by our local youth leadership with the lodge chief leading our lodge and the chapter chiefs leading each District chapter.

How do I become a member?

To become a member of Scouting's Honor Society you must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America in a Scouts BSA Troop, Venture Crew, or Sea Scout Unit. You must be of First-class rank or higher. You must complete 15 nights of Scout camping while registered; that includes a long-term camp of at least 5 consecutive nights. Lastly, you must be approved by your leader and elected by the youth members of your unit. Adults who meet the camping requirements may be elected following nomination to and approval by the lodge adult selection committee.

Attend Induction Weekend!

Have you been elected by your Unit to become a member of the OA? Take your next step by completing your Ordeal at one of our Induction Weekends. Register online at www.coosa50.org.

Need an OA Election?

Does your Troop need to hold an Order of the Arrow Election? Make the request at www.coosa50.org, and a member of our Unit Election team will contact you to schedule and guide you through the process.

2026-2027 Lodge Events

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| September 11 - 13 | Induction Weekend at Camp Comer |
| October 2-4 | Fall Fellowship at Camp Sequoyah (<i>Lodge elections</i>) |
| December 4-6 | Lodge Leadership Development Retreat (<i>By invitation only</i>) |
| January 23 | Lodge Winter Banquet |
| February 12-14 | Winter Induction Weekend- Camp Westmoreland |
| March 5-7 | Spring Fellowship at Camp Comer (<i>For All Scouts</i>) |
| April 16-18 | Section E-6 Conclave, Camp Sidney Dew |
| April 30 - May 2 | Induction Weekend at Camp Sequoyah |

Leadership: Lodge Chief: Sophia Branscome (Youth)
Lodge Advisor: John Kelton (Adult)
Staff Advisor: Erick Simmons: erick.simmons@scouting.org



www.coosa50.org/



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BADGE**
GREATER ALABAMA COUNCIL



Wood Badge

Wood Badge is the ultimate leadership training program for adult leaders. Similar courses on the corporate side cost thousands of dollars per attendee. This course delivers the latest in 12 leadership skills that will help you be the best leader possible. These are skills that will become part of your everyday life. You will use these skills at home, church, and anywhere leadership is needed. The course is made to provide the highest quality course with the most experienced staff to a diverse audience. We promise you friendship, camaraderie, knowledge, personal awareness, and most of all, fun!

The five-day course is split over two weekends.

2026 Weekend 1: Sept. 25-27 / Weekend 2: Oct. 17-18

2027 Weekend 1: March 12-14 / Weekend 2: April 3-4

www.1bsa.org/woodbadge/

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

Attention all YOUTH! NYLT is an inspiring six-day program, designed to provide youth with communication, planning, interpersonal skills, and experiences that they can use in their home units and in other life situations demanding leadership of themselves or others. Participants will be engaged in an outdoors leadership training experience led by their own Scouts BSA peers. This is a challenging hands-on leadership training program for Scouts ages 13 and older of at least First-Class Rank; or registered Venturers or Sea Scouts. This is a top-tier leadership course that ALL Scouts should attend!

Winter Course: January 16 - 18; February 13 - 15 at Camp Comer

Summer Course: June 19-25 at Camp Westmoreland

www.1bsa.org/nylt/



University of Scouting & Merit Badge College

Attention Adults! Whether you are new to Scouting or a veteran, the University of Scouting has something for you! This annual one-day supplemental training event offers more than 100 classes that emphasize programs, skills, and resources to help you deliver high quality opportunities to your Scouting youth. Come and learn practical skills and gain valuable knowledge in a fun and festive atmosphere. Be the best leader you can be!

In conjunction with University of Scouting, we offer a **Merit Badge College**. While leaders take training, your Scouts can take up to two badges led by experienced instructors during the day.

Saturday, February 27th at Wallace State Community College, Hanceville

www.1bsa.org/university-of-scouting/



Camping and Camp Properties

The Greater Alabama Council has 5 camp properties. Our camp properties and council facilities are open for throughout the year and are available when no other Council or District events are occurring such as Scouts BSA Summer camp, Wood Badge, and Seabadge. Our properties are diverse with much to offer. Available facilities include cabins, lounges, dining halls, kitchens, pavilions, camping sites, canvas tents, restrooms, and showers.

To reserve any of our camp properties for your next Unit or District event, please submit a Camp Use Permit no less than one (1) month prior to the planned activity to ensure camp availability.



Camp Jackson Permit



Camp Jack Wright Permit



Camp Westmoreland Permit



Camp Comer Permit



Camp Sequoyah Permit



Older Youth Programs

Venturing



Created for boys and girls ages 14-20, Venturing is a youth-led program where Scouts experience positive mentorship and develop leadership skills in a fun, supportive environment.

Venturers develop leadership skills like decision making, communication, and organization by choosing activities they are most interested in performing. Some of these activities include kayaking, volunteering at animal shelters, or designing robots—the Venturing activity is entirely up to the Scout!

Venturing teaches youth valuable leadership skills through fun, challenging, and age-appropriate adventures where they are encouraged to make ethical choices that adhere to the Scout Oath and Law.

Sea Scouts



Sea Scouting is a maritime program for boys and girls ages 14-20 providing a fun, safe environment for Scouts to learn, build friendships, and develop character while earning advancement.

Sea Scouts—organized into units called ships—recognizes Scouts for activities they learn and do, including paddleboarding, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, and even SCUBA. Scouts earn certifications in SCUBA, boating safety, lifesaving, CPR—credentials that mark their growth as sailors and leaders throughout their time in the program.

Sea Scouts prepares youth for the routine and unexpected challenges of seaman-ship while encouraging citizenship, developing boating skills, and promoting water safety through hands-on experience on a watercraft.



July 2026

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Notes:



Council Events - July

Unit Leader Popcorn Kick-off:

Virtual on July 19th 9:30am

Virtual on July 22nd 7pm

Summer Camp



June 1 - July 11

Camps Comer and Sequoyah

RECRUITMENT BOOTCAMPS!



July 16th in Anniston

July 9th at Bham Scout Office

July 16th in Huntsville

July 16th in Cullman

Webelos Camp @ Camp Comer



July 12-15

Cub Summer Camp @ Camp Comer

July 15-18



Typical & Recommended Unit Events - July

Cub Scout Packs



Webelos Camp

Cub Camp

Program Planning wrap-up

Back to the Pack Event



Re-engage your families and prepare for fall events and recruitment! Learn more about this at:

1bsa.org/membership-growth

Scouts BSA Troops



Summer Camp or Campout

Program Planning wrap-up

District Events - July

Arrowhead:

July 2: Roundtable/District Meetings

Cherokee:

July 31 - Fall Membership Kick-off

Choccolocco:

July 2 - District Roundtable, Commissioner, OA Meetings

July 28 - District Committee

Mountain Lake:

July 9 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

July 16 - OA Chapter Meeting

Mulberry:

July 18 - Cub Scout Super Saturday

Sequoyah:

July 9 - Commissioner Mtg

July 14 - Roundtable, Committee Mtg

Talakto:

July 23 - Fall Membership Kick-off

Zoom Mtg

July 30 - Committee, Commissioner, Annual Budget Meetings

Westmoreland:

July 2 - Committee, Commissioner,

Roundtable, OA Meetings



August 2026

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Notes:



Council Events - August

Popcorn:

Aug 9 - Popcorn Orders Due

Aug 20 - Popcorn Pick-up

Typical & Recommended Unit Events - August

Cub Scout Packs

Unit Popcorn Kick-off

Hold sign-up for Scouting nights

Parent Orientation Meeting

Pack Meeting

Den Meetings

Scouts BSA Troops

Unit Popcorn Kick-off

Plan an Event Recruitment Night for Sept.

Invite Arrow of Light Scouts to a meeting

District Events - August

Arrowhead:

Aug 6 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Aug 6 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Aug 6 - Fall Membership kick-off

Cheaha:

Aug 20 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Aug 16 - Fall Membership Kick-off

Cherokee:

Aug 16 - Roundtable/ Committee Mtg.

Aug. 13 - Fall Membership kick-off

Choccolocco:

Aug 6 - Roundtable / District Mtgs

Aug 6 - OA Chapter Mtg

Aug 25 - Commissioner Meeting

Etowah:

Aug 20 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Aug 16 - Fall Membership Kick-off

Mountain Lake:

Aug 6 - Roundtable/District Mtgs

Aug 20 - OA Chapter Meeting

Aug 26 - Fall Membership Kick-off

Mulberry:

Aug 8 - Cub Super Saturday

Aug 13 - Fall Membership Kick-off

Sequoyah:

Aug 11 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Aug 11 - OA Chapter Meeting

Aug 11 - Fall Membership Kick-off

Aug 13 - Commissioner Meeting

Shelby:

Aug 2 - Committee Meeting

Aug 6 - Fall Membership Kick-off

Aug 6 - Roundtable / Comsr Mtg.

Aug 6 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Aug 30 - Committee Meeting

Talakto:

Aug 6 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Mtg.

Aug 6 - Fall Membership Kick-off

Aug 27 - Committee / Comsr Mtg.

Three Rivers:

Aug 6 - Roundtable & Comsr Mtg.

Aug 6 - Committee Meeting

Aug 6 - Fall Membership Kick-off

Vulcan:

Aug 6 - Fall Membership Kick-off

Aug 6 - Roundtable / Comsr Mtg.

Aug 13 - Committee Mtg.

Aug 22 - Advance-o-Rama 

Aug 27 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Westmoreland:

Aug 6 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Aug 6 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Aug 6 - Fall Membership Kick-off



September 2026

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Council Events - September

Cub Scout Fishing Derby

Sept 12- East Lake (Bham), Joe Wheeler State Park

Sept 26 - Sylvania Lake, Sylvania

Popcorn:

Sept 6 - Second Order Due

Fish Camp @ Camp Sequoyah

Sept 25- 27

Scouts will work on earning Fishing, Fly Fishing, and Fish & Wildlife Management Merit Badges as well as work toward the BSA's Angler Award.

Wood Badge

Sept 25 - 27 - Weekend #1 at Camp Comer

Order of the Arrow

Sept 11-13 - Induction Weekend at Camp Comer

Typical & Recommended Unit Events - September

Cub Scout Packs

Pack Meeting

Den Meetings

Hold sign-up for Scouting nights

Scouts BSA Troops

Hold an Event Recruitment Night

Request Summer Camp Promotion Visit

Make your Summer Camp Reservation

Meetings & Campout

Service Project

Invite Arrow of Light Scouts to a mtg

National Day of Service

Sept 11th (*Recognized*)

District Events - September

Arrowhead:

Sept 3 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Sept 3 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Sept 3 - Recharter Training/Kick-off

Cheaha:

Sept 17 - Roundtable / District Mtgs

Cherokee:

Sept 3 - Roundtable / Committee Mtg.

Chocolocco:

Sept 3 - Roundtable / District Mtgs

Sept 3 - OA Chapter Mtg

Sept 29 - Commissioner Mtg

Etowah:

Sept 17 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Mountain Lake:

Sept 3 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Sept 17 - OA Chapter Meeting

Mulberry:

Sept 10 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Sept 10 - Eagle Transition Seminar 

Sept. 10 - Recharter Training

Sept 12 - Back to the Pack 

Sept 20 - Merit Badge Sunday 

Sequoyah:

Sept 8 - Committee / Comsr. Mtgs.

Sept 10 - Roundtable Meeting

Sept 11 - Recharter Training

Shelby:

Sept 3 - Commissioner Mtg

Sept 3 - Roundtable

Sept 3 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Sept 27 - Committee Meeting

Talakto:

Sept 3 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Mtg.  

Sept 18-19 - BALOO/IOLS Training

Sept 24- Committee / Comsr Mtg.

Three Rivers:

Sept 3- Roundtable & Comsr Mtg.

Sept 3 - Committee Meeting

Vulcan:

Sept 3 - Roundtable / Comsr Mtg.

Sept 10 - Committee Mtg.

Sept 18-19 - IOLS/BALOO  

Sept 24 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Westmoreland:

Sept 3 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Sept 3 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Sept 3 - Commissioner Meetingsd



October 2026

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Council Events - October

Scouting for Food  
Oct TBA Door Hanger distribution


Jamboree on the Air Oct 16-18


Wood Badge Weekend 2
Oct 17-18 - Camp Sequoyah

Cub Haunted 
Oct 9-10, 10-11 at Camp Comer
Oct 16-17, 17-18 at Camp Comer
Oct 16-17 at Camp Westmoreland
Oct 23-24, 24-25 at Camp Comer

Order of the Arrow
Oct 8-10 - Fall Fellowship
at Camp Comer   

Typical & Recommended Unit Events - October

Cub Scout Packs 
Pack Meeting
Den Meetings
Cub Fishing Derby
Cub Haunted
Start Recharter

Scouts BSA Troops 
Meetings & Campout
Service Project
Start Recharter

District Events - October

Arrowhead:

Oct 1 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Oct 1 - OA Chapter Mtg.
Oct 1 - Annual Business Mtg.

Cheaha:

Oct 15 - Roundtable / District Mtgs
Oct 15 - Annual Business Mtg

Cherokee:

Oct 1 - Roundtable / Committee Mtg.

Chocolocco:

Oct 1 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Oct 1 - OA Chapter Mtg
Oct 1 - Annual Business Meeting
Oct 27 - Commissioner Meeting

Etowah:

Oct 15 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Oct 15 - Annual Business Mtg

Mountain Lake:

Oct 1 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Oct 1 - Commissioner Meeting
Oct 1 - Annual Business Meeting

Oct 15 - OA Chapter Meeting

Mulberry:

Oct 8 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Oct 8 - Commissioner Mtg
Oct 10 - Cub Fishing Derby
Oct 18 - Merit Badge Day

Sequoyah:

Oct 8 - Commissioner Meeting
Oct 13 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Oct 13 - Annual Business Meeting

Shelby:

Oct 1 - Roundtable / Comsr Mtg.
Oct 1 - OA Chapter Mtg.
Oct 1 - Recharter Training & Kickoff

Talako:

Oct 1 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Mtg
Oct 1 - Annual Business Meeting
Oct 2-4 - District OA Event
Oct 3 - Cubmobile
Oct 29 - Committee / Comsr Mtgs.


Three Rivers:

Oct 1 - Roundtable
Oct 1 - Committee Meeting
Oct 1 - Recharter Kick-off

Vulcan:

Oct 1 - Roundtable / Comsr Mtg.
Oct 1 - Recharter Kick-off
Oct 8 - Committee Mtg.
Oct 8 - Annual Business Meeting
Oct 29 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Westmoreland:

Oct 1 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Oct 1 - OA Chapter Mtg.
Oct 1 - Annual Business Mtg.
Oct 16-17 - Cub Haunted 



November 2026

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Council Events - November


Popcorn    
November- Final Month of Sales!


Cub Fishing Derby 
Nov 7 - Indian Springs School (Bham)
Nov 7 - Huntsville

Leave No Trace Skills Course  
Nov 6-8 - Camp Jackson  

Scouting for Food    
Oct TBA- Door Hanger distribution
Nov TBA- Food Pick-up and Drop-off

Typical & Recommended Unit Events - November

Cub Scout Packs 
Pack Meeting
Den Meetings
Recharter
Scouting for Food

Scouts BSA Troops 
Meetings & Campout
Scouting for Food
Recharter
Court of Honor
Invite Arrow of Lights to a meeting

Veterans Day Parades
Nov 11

District Events - November

Arrowhead:
Nov 5 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Nov 5 - OA Chapter Mtg.


Cheaha:
Nov 19- Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Cherokee:
Nov 5 - Roundtable / Committee Mtg.
Nov 5 - Annual Business Mtg.

Chocolocco:
Nov 5 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Nov 5 - OA Chapter Mtg
Nov 24 - Commissioner Meeting

Etowah:
Nov 19 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Mountain Lake:
Nov 5 - Roundtable /District Mtgs.
Nov 19 - OA Chapter Meeting

Mulberry: 
Nov 12 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Nov 12 - Annual Business Mtg.
Nov 15 - Merit Badge Sunday

Sequoyah:
Nov 10- Roundtable/District Mtgs
Nov 12 - Commssioner Meeting

Shelby:
Nov 1 - Committee Meeting
Nov 5 - Roundtable / Comrs Mtg.
Nov 5 - OA Chapter Mtg.
Nov 29 - Committee Meeting

Talakto:
Nov 5 - Roundtable
Nov 5 - OA Chapter Meeting

Three Rivers:
Nov 5 - Roundtable & CMTE Mtg.
Nov 5 - Annual Business Meeting

Vulcan:
Nov 5 - Roundtable / Comrs Mtg.
Nov 12- Commttee Mtg.
Nov 26 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Westmoreland:
Nov 5 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Nov 5 - OA Chapter Mtg.



December 2026

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Notes:

FROM ALL OF US AT THE GREATER ALABAMA COUNCIL, WE WISH YOU AND YOURS A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!



Council Events - December

Winter Camp

Dec 27-31 at Camp Comer

This is a 5-day, 4-night camping adventure that offers over 30 merit badges, Trailblazers and more!

Unit Re-charters Due:

Dec 16th.

Popcorn:

Final Payments Due: December 1st!

Joy to the Woods Holiday Campout

Dec 11-13th at Camp Sequoyah

A fun 2-night, 3-Day camping opportunity with fun activities from Archery! BB-Guns! Sling-Shots! Campfire program! Holiday crafts! and more! Camping is optional and Scouts and Packs can choose to attend Saturday only.



Typical & Recommended Unit Events - December

Cub Scout Packs

Pack Meeting

Den Meetings

Submit Unit Re-charter

Joy to the Woods Campout!

Scouts BSA Troops

Meetings & Campout

Scouting for Food

Submit Unit Re-charter

Winter Camp

District Events - December

Arrowhead:

Dec 3 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Dec 3 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Dec 3 - Recharter Training

Cheaha:

Dec 17 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Cherokee:

Dec 3 - Roundtable / Committee Mtg.

Chocolocco:

Dec 3 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Dec 3 - OA Chapter Mtg

Dec 5 - Community Service Proj.

Dec 29 - Commissioner Meeting

Etowah:

Dec 17 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Mountain Lake:

Dec 3 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Dec 17 - OA Chapter Mtg

Mulberry:

Dec 10- Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Dec 10 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Sequoyah:

Dec 8 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Dec 10 - Commissioner Mtg

Shelby:

Dec 3 - Committee Mtg.

Dec 3 - Roundtable / Comrs Mtg.

Dec 3 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Talakto:

Dec 3 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Mtg.

Dec 3 - Committee Meeting

Three Rivers:

Dec 3 - Roundtable & Comsr Mtg.

Dec 3 - Committee Meeting

Vulcan:

Dec 3 - Roundtable / Comrs Mtg.

Dec 10 - Committee Mtg.

Dec 17 - OA Chapter Mtg

Dec 19 - Bill Cather Hike 

Westmoreland:

Dec 3 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Dec 3 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Dec 3 - Recharter Training

NOTE - ALL DISTRICTS:

2027 Friends of Scouting Kick-off

December 2026 Roundtables



January 2027

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Council Events - January

Popcorn Gathering of Heroes Party!

Jan 30 - Location TBA
For top 50 selling scouts

NYLT - Weekend #1

Jan 16-18 at Camp Comer



Order of the Arrow

Jan 23 - Lodge Winter Banquet

Camp Staff Interviews

Jan 23- Birmingham Office

Typical & Recommended Unit Events - January

Cub Scout Packs



Pinewood Derby
Pack Meeting
Den Meetings
Service Project

Scouts BSA Troops



Meetings & Campout
Service Project
Crossover Ceremonies

District Events - January

Arrowhead:

Jan 7 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Jan 7 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Cheaha:

Jan 21 - Roundtable/District Mtgs.

Cherokee:

Jan 7 - District Cmte/Roundtable

Choccolocco:

Jan 7 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Jan 7- OA Chapter Mtg
Jan 26 - Commissioner Meeting
Jan 28 - Pinewood Derby

Etowah:

Jan 21 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Mountain Lake:

Jan 7- Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Jan 21 - OA Chapter Meeting

Mulberry:

Jan 14 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Jan 14 - OA Chapter Mtg.
Jan 24 - Merit Badge Sunday



Sequoyah:

Jan 12 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Jan 14 - Commissioner Mtg

Shelby:

Jan 3 - Committee Meeting
Jan 7 - Roundtable / Comrs Mtg.
Jan 7 - OA Chapter Mtg.
Jan 23- Merit Badge Day
Jan 31 - Committee Meeting

Talakto:

Jan 7 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Mtg.
Jan 16 - Pinewood Derby Build Day
Jan 28 - Committee / Comrs Mtg.
Jan 30 - STEM Merit Badge College

Three Rivers:

Jan 3 - Roundtable & Comsr Mtg.
Jan 3 - Committee Meeting

Vulcan:

Jan 7 - Roundtable / Comrs Mtg.
Jan 2 - Day of Service
Jan 14 - Committee Mtg.
Jan 21 - District Banquet
Jan 29 - OA Chapter Mtg.



Westmoreland:

Jan 7 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Jan 7 - OA Chapter Meeting



February 2027

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Notes:



Council Events - February

NYLT - Weekend #2 
Feb 13-15 at Camp Comer




A Scout is Reverent
Feb 7 - Scout Sunday
Feb 5-6 - Scout Sabath

Council Court of Honor
February 6, 2027

University of Scouting & Merit Badge College:
February 27th, Wallace State Community College, Hanceville



Typical & Recommended Unit Events - February


Cub Scout Packs 
Blue & Gold Banquet
with FOS Presentation
Den Meetings

Scouts BSA Troops 
Meetings & Campout
Crossover Ceremonies

District Events - February

Arrowhead:
Feb 4 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Feb 4 - OA Chapter Meetings


Cheaha:
Feb 18 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Feb 18 - District Banquet

Cherokee:
Feb 4 - Roundtable / Committee Mtg.
Feb 6 - Merit Badge Day 
Feb 6 - Cub Adventure Day

Chocolocco:
Feb 4 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Feb 4 - OA Chapter Mtg
Feb 23 - Commissioner Meeting



Etowah:
Feb 18 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Feb 18 - District Banquet



Mountain Lake:
Feb 4 - Roundtable/District Mtgs.
Feb 11 - District Banquet
Feb 18 - OA Chapter Meeting




Mulberry:
Feb 11 - District Banquet
Feb 11 - Roundtable / District Mtgs
Feb 21 - Merit Badge Sunday 

Sequoyah:
Feb 9 - Roundtable/District Mtgs
Feb 9 - District Banquet
Feb 11 - Commissioner Meeting

Shelby:
Feb 4 - Roundtable / Comrs Mtg.
Feb 4 - OA Chapter Mtg.
Feb 28 - Committee Meeting

Talakto:
Feb 4 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Mtg.
Feb 13- Cultural Activities MB Day  
Feb 20 - District / Whitney M. Young Banquet
Feb 25 - Committee / Comrs Mtg.

Three Rivers:
Feb 4 - Roundtable & Comsr Mtg
Feb 6 - Merit Badge Day 
Feb 6 - Cub Adventure Day 

Vulcan:
Feb 4 - Roundtable / Comrs Mtg.
Feb 11 - Committee Mtg.
Feb 22-24 - Camporee   
Feb 25 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Westmoreland:
Feb 4 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Feb 4 - OA Chapter Mtg.



March 2027

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Council Events - March

Woodbadge - Weekend #1

March 12-14
Camp Comer



OA Spring Event Campout



Mar 5-7 at Camp Comer.

Open to All Scouts! Unit Camping.
2-nights, 3 days of camping and fun
put on by our Order of the Arrow!

Typical & Recommended Unit Events - March

Cub Scout Packs



Pack Meeting
Den Meetings
Do a Service Project for your School!


Scouts BSA Troops



Meetings & Campout
Court of Honor with FOS Presentation

District Events - March

Arrowhead:

Mar 4 - District Banquet
Mar 4 - Roundtable/District Mtgs
Mar 27 - Pinewood Derby 





Cheaha:

Mar 18 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Cherokee:

Mar 1 - Roundtable / Committee Mtg
Mar 9 - Community FoS Breakfast





Choccolocco:

Mar 4 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Mar 4 - OA Chapter Mtg
March 6 - Merit Badge Day 
March 19-21 - Camporee 
March 20 - Webelos Woods  

Etowah:

Mar 18 - Roundtable/District Mtgs

Mountain Lake:

Mar 4 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Mar 13 - Leader Specific Trng 
March 18 - OA Chapter Meeting
March 27-29 - Camporee 
 


Mulberry:

Mar 11 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Mar 15 - Merit Badge Sunday 

Sequoyah:

Mar 9 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
Mar 11 - Commissioner Mtg
Mar 25 - Community FoS Event

Shelby:

Mar 4 - OA Chapter Mtg.
Mar 20 - Pinewood Derby 
Mar 28 - Committee Mtg


Talakto:

Mar 4 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Mtg.
Mar 25 - Committee / Comsr Mtg.


Three Rivers:

Mar 4 - District Banquet
Mar 4 - Roundtable & Comsr Mtg.

Vulcan:

Mar 4 - Roundtable / Comrs Mtg.
Mar 11 - Committee Mtg.
Mar 20 - Pinewood Derby 
Mar 25 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Westmoreland:

Mar 4 - District Banquet
Mar 4 - Roundtable/Committee Mtgs
Mar 20 - Pinewood Derby 



April 2027

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Notes:



Council Events - April

Woodbadge - Weekend #2

Apr 3-4

Order of the Arrow

Apr 16-18 - E-6 Conclave-

Camp Sidney Dew, Waguli Host Lodge

Typical & Recommended Unit Events - April

Cub Scout Packs

Pack Meeting / Den Meetings

District Pinewood Derby

Crossover Ceremony

Spring Recruitment

Register for Day Camp

Register for Web Camp / Cub Camp

Scouts BSA Troops

Meetings & Campout




Spring Recruitment Event

District Events - April

Arrowhead:

Apr 1 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Apr 1 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Apr 16-18- Camporee   

Apr 20 - Community FoS Event

Cheaha:

Apr 15 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Apr 17 - Pinewood Derby 

Cherokee:

Apr 1 - Roundtable / Committee Mtg.

Apr 27 - Pinewood Derby 

Choccolocco:

Apr 1 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Apr 1 - OA Chapter Mtg

Apr 11 - Pinewood Derby 

Apr 27 - Commissioner Meeting

Etowah:

Apr 15 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Apr 17 - Pinewood Derby 

Mountain Lake:

Apr 1 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Apr 15 - OA Chapter Meeting

Apr 17 - Pinewood Derby 

Apr 21 - Community FoS Event

Mulberry:

Apr 8 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Apr 8 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Apr 18 - Merit Badge Day

Apr 24 - Pinewood Derby 

Apr 23-25 - Spring Camporee  

Sequoyah:

Apr 8- Commissioner Meeting

Apr 13- Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Apr 24 - Pinewood Derby 

Shelby:

Apr 4 - District Banquet

Talakto:

Apr 1 - Roundtable / OA Chapter Mtg.

Apr 9-11 - Camporee, IOLS/BALOO    

Apr 24 - Pinewood Derby 

Apr 29 - Committee / ComsrMtg.

Three Rivers:

Apr 1 - Roundtable & Comsr Mtg.

Apr 1 - Committee

Apr 6 - FoS Event- Trussville

Apr 20 - FoS Event - Pell City

Apr 27 - Pinewood Derby 

Vulcan:

Apr 1 - Roundtable / Comsr Mtg.

Apr 8 - Committee Mtg.

Apr 16-18 - BALOO/IOLS  



Apr 29 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Westmoreland:

Apr 1 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Apr 1 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Apr 15- FoS Event

Apr 16-18 - Spring Camporee  



May 2027

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Council Events - May

Board and Volunteer Retreat

Mid-May 2027

Order of the Arrow

April 30- May 2 - Induction Weekend
at Camp Sequoyah

Typical & Recommended Unit Events - May

Cub Scout Packs

Pack Meeting / Den Meetings
Program Planning
Spring Recruitment
Register for Day Camp
Register for Web Camp / Cub Camp

Scouts BSA Troops

Meetings & Campout
Program Planning
Spring Recruitment Event

District Events - May

Arrowhead:

May 6 - Roundtable/District Mtgs
May 6 - OA Chapter Mtg.

Cheaha:

May 20 - Roundtable/District Mtgs.

Cherokee:

May 13 - Roundtable/District Mtgs
May 6 - District Committee Mtg

Chocoloco:

May 6 - Roundtable/Program Preview
May 25 - Commissioner Meeting

Etowah

May 20 - Roundtable/District Mtgs

Mountain Lake:

May 6 - Roundtable/District Mtgs
May 20 - OA Chapter Meeting



Mulberry:

May 13 - Roundtable/District Mtgs
May 13 - OA Chapter Mtg.
May 16 - Merit Badge Sunday

Sequoyah:

May 12 - Roundtable/District Mtgs
May 14-16 - Camporee   

Shelby:

May 2- Committee Meeting
May 6 - Roundtable/Comsr/OA Mtgs
May 15-16: BALOO/IOLS  
May 30: Committee Meeting

Talاکto:

May 6 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Mtg
May 27 - Committee/Comsr Mtgs

Three Rivers:

May 6 - Roundtable and Comsr Mtg.
May 6 - Committee

Vulcan:

May 6 - Roundtable/Comsr Mtg.
May 13 - Committee Mtg
May 27 - OA Chapter Meeting

Westmoreland:

May 6 - Roundtable/Committee Mtgs
May 6 - OA Chapter Meeting



June 2027

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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Council Events - June / July

Day Camps

June 3-5 - Mulberry District
June 7-11 - Camp Westmoreland
June 7-11 - Huntsville
June 14-18 - Oak Mountain State Park
June 14-18 - Arrowhead District

Summer Camp

June 6-12 - Session 1
June 13-19 - Session 2
June 20-26 - Session 3
June 27 - July 3 - Session 4
July 4 - 10 - Session 5

Webelos Camp

July 2026 - at Camp Comer
4 day, 3 night adventure for Webelos
and Arrow of Light Scouts!

Cub Scout Summer Camp

July 2026 - at Camp Comer
4-day, 3-night AQUATICS focused
adventure with fishing, hiking,
shooting sports and more!
For Tigers, Wolves, and Bears.

National Youth Leadership Training

June 19 -27 at Camp Westmoreland



Typical & Recommended Unit Events - June / July

Cub Scout Packs

Summertime Pack Event
Program Planning (continued)
Day Camp (June)
Webelos Camp (June)
Cub Summer Camp (June)

Scouts BSA Troops

Summer Camp
Program Planning (continued)



District Events - June

Arrowhead:

June 3 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
June 3 - OA Chapter Mtg.
June 7-11 - Day Camp

Cheaha:

June 17 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Chocolocco:

June 3 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
June 3 - OA Chapter Mtg
June 22 - Commissioner Meeting

Etowah:

June 17 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.

Mountain Lakes:

June 3 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
June 17 - OA Chapter Meeting

Mulberry:

June 3-5 - Day Camp 

Sequoyah:

June 8 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
June 10 - Commissioner Meeting

Shelby:

June 3 - Roundtable/ District Mtgs

Talako:

June 24 - District Committee Mtg
June 25 - Commissioner Meeting

Westmoreland:

June 3 - Roundtable / District Mtgs.
June 7-11 - Day Camp 



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