

Camp Tukabatchee Information and Policies

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Camp Policies and Procedures

General Rule

Camp Tukabatchee is private property, owned and operated by the Tukabatchee Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. To assure the safety of all campers and to assure all scout codes and best practices procedures are observed, the Scout Executive, the Council Executive Board, and Camp Director are empowered to make decisions regarding the revocation of camp privileges for any camper for any reason. Should a decision to revoke camp privileges be made, a refund of all unused camp fees will be made.

Two Deep Leadership

There shall be a minimum of two adult leaders in each campsite. The first must be the unit leader (or acting unit leader) who is at least 21 years old and a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America. The second adult may be a registered scouter 18 years of age or older, or a registered parent of a participating unit member. Troops that cannot provide this leadership must contact the camp director for assistance. Please do this long before you arrive at camp. Often troops experiencing this problem will share a campsite.

Guests at Camp

Families often desire to visit camp and see their scout. Parents should check with the Scoutmaster before coming to visit. When parents and family do visit, they must sign in at the admin building. No scouts will be allowed to leave camp without the scoutmaster clearing the departure with the camp office.

Money at Camp

The camp is not responsible for the loss of any money. It is the troop's responsibility to set up a troop bank.

Vehicles in Camp

There is great concern for the safety of our scouts and the erosion problems at camp; therefore we limit the number of vehicles travelling the camp roads.

Again this year, the NO VEHICLES IN CAMP policy will be enforced. Troop trailers may be moved to the campsite, and then the vehicle returned to the parking lot. The only vehicles authorized to drive in camp will be camp trucks, delivery trucks, and vehicles approved by the camp director.

Each troop will be allowed to have one golf cart equipped with the night time lights at their campsite during their stay at Camp Tukabatchee. Acquiring carts is the responsibility of each unit. Only golf carts that can be used on golf courses are allowed.

NO SCOUT will be allowed to ride on carts at any time unless injured/sick and in need of emergency transportation.

No troop ATVs, Gators, 3-wheelers, 4-wheelers, or Mule brand utility vehicles will be allowed on property.

Flammable Liquids in Camp

BSA policy and national camp standards dictate that flammable liquid fuels must be kept in a safe place under lock and key. Flammable fuels are dangerous. Please help us with this policy by

bringing all flammable liquids to the designated area. They will not be stored in the campsite or in the troop trailer. See the Camp commissioners for more information about storage.

Controlled Substances

Controlled substances are totally prohibited in camp. Anyone that is found with controlled substances will be required to leave camp and will be subject to the laws of the State of Alabama. Examples of controlled substances include but are not limited to alcohol, illegal drugs, and tobacco products for anyone under the age of 21.

Due to potential fire hazard, all fireworks are prohibited. Anyone found with fireworks will be required to leave camp.

A Scout is Clean.

Smoking at Camp

Leaders of scouts are reminded that smoking is a restricted activity. Our leaders are reminded in the Scoutmaster Handbook that they should not smoke in the presence of scouts. All building owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America are smoke free.

Firearms

NO PERSONAL BOWS, ARROWS, OR FIREARMS ARE ALLOWED AT CAMP WITHOUT THE CAMP DIRECTOR'S PERMISSION. If approved, they will be stored in the camp lockers.

First Aid at Camp

A doctor is on call 24 hours a day for camp emergencies. Our emergency hospital is Baptist

Health-Prattville. The first aid lodge is staffed. Medicines must be kept in the possession of an adult at all times, or you may leave them with the medic. Please bring all medicines for review during the medical recheck upon arrival. It is the Scout's responsibility to take his medicine.

Anyone staying at camp overnight must turn in a medical form (at least parts A&B). Anyone staying more than 72 hours must turn in a full medical form (Parts A, B, & C). Only BSA medical forms will be accepted. If a form is completed in Spanish, it must be submitted to us 60 days before the event so we can have time to translate. All BSA medical forms expire after 12 months. School sports forms will not be accepted.

Please go to

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf for the current BSA medical form.

All youth must complete a Covid release form. Please print from the Tukabatchee Council website under forms.

https://62e1bce5-44be-46b4-825f-1f0ce86a8753.filesusr.com/ugd/8c3793_a22ef865d3164c198a78aec40541d5f1.pdf

Shoes

Shoes must be worn at all times except when bathing or sleeping. There is nothing that can ruin a scout's experience at camp more than to be restricted because of a foot injury.

Water Consumption

Even though it will probably be cold, serious problems can occur when we do not stay hydrated. Training areas are provided with supplies of water for use by campers and staff. Campers must bring their own cups and or water bottles.

Camp Emergency Procedures

The camp siren will sound for any camp emergency. A series of beeps is triggered by the camp staff. A sound similar to the one you hear at home is triggered by the local EMA office and is a weather emergency. Please respond to the emergency as soon as possible.

From 7:00 AM until 9:00 PM, all scouts and scouters should assemble at the dining hall flagpoles as quickly as possible. From 9:00 PM until 7:00 AM all scouts and scouters should remain in their campsite and await further instructions. Adult staff members will be at your campsite shortly with instructions.

Bicycles

Scouts are allowed to bring their bicycles to camp under the following instructions:

1. Bicycles are not allowed on trails.
2. Parental permission slips must be submitted.
3. No bicycle racks are available.
4. Area restrictions in campsites are determined by the scoutmaster.
5. Riding time is from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.
6. Riders are required to wear helmets properly. If there are any questions about proper fit, please see the camp director.
7. All bicycles are to be inspected by parents before arriving at camp and to be in good working order, including brakes.

Campsite

Your campsite is your home while at camp. Likewise, other campsites are homes for other scouts and scouters. Please practice campsite courtesy at all times. Ask for permission before entering another campsite. Do not enter if

there is no one there as this is trespassing. Do not cut through other campsites on the way to activities. Contact the camp office to report any problems. Staff members will patrol campsites during meals. Any scout caught away from the dining hall without an adult, depending on the situation, is either assigned clean up duty or sent home, NO WARNING. MOST TROOPS will be camping in the Alibamu activity field.

Protection of Camp Property

Troops are responsible for the care of camp property in their campsite. Scoutmasters need to inspect their campsites for damage on the day they check in. Report any damage to the camp commissioner no later than taps that same day. If it is not done on time it will be assumed your troop is responsible for the damage.

A Camp staff member will inspect each campsite for damage on the last day of camp. The troop will be responsible for any costs associated with the damage. Merit badge information and patches will not be issued until damage is paid in full.

Camp Security

Scouts are to strictly adhere to the buddy system whenever possible.

Everyone must attend meals, whether they plan on eating or not. Staff members will patrol campsites during meals. Any scout caught away from the dining hall without an adult, depending on the situation, is either assigned clean up duty or sent home. NO WARNING.

Check out

Campsites and bathhouses must be completely clean before your troop may leave. Once your troop is ready to leave, send someone to the dining hall to request a campsite inspection. Campsites must be cleared by the inspection staff before any merit badge paperwork and camp patches will be issued.

Camp Curfew

A nighttime curfew of 10:30 pm will be established and outlined to both scoutmasters and senior patrol leaders at the first staff meeting. The staff members will patrol camp after curfew. After curfew, NO SCOUT is to be out of his campsite without an adult. NO EXCEPTIONS. The camp director will designate teams of staff who will patrol camp after curfew. If a scout is caught outside his campsite without an adult, he is to be taken to the office, his scoutmaster will be sent for, and he will be assigned cleanup duties in the dining hall for a meal. If a scout is caught outside his campsite after curfew a second time, his scoutmaster and his parents will be called, and he may be sent home.

Uniforms

Uniforms are one of the 8 methods of scouting. Winter Camp is a more relaxed atmosphere and we do not require a field uniform for any events. We do request that all scouts and leaders wear Class B or field uniform while in camp.

Trading Post

The trading post is stocked with most items a scout will need at camp including some uniform parts, knives, flashlights, and snacks. The trading post will be set up in the dining hall. It is the goal of the trading post staff that “goodies”

not interfere with the quality meals in the dining hall. There will be no bank at the trading post. All campers are expected to help keep the trading post clean by using trash bins. If excessive trash is found around camp, the camp director may direct all food items to be eaten at the trading post. A SCOUT IS CLEAN.

Guest Meal Tickets

Anyone who has not paid a camp fee must purchase a guest meal ticket from the medic office or from the camp director for \$5.00 per meal. Anyone staying at camp more than 24 hours must register as a full time leader. This includes older boys who are guests or acting as young leaders.

Scout Strong & Healthy Living

Scout Strong, a BSA initiative introduced in the Spring of 2011, is designed to promote healthy lifestyles in the scouting family.

Camp Tukabatchee is a great place to promote healthy living and lifestyles through safe and well planned outdoor physical activities. We also promote healthy living through the dining experience by including a salad bar at many meals and by using portion controls that are based on U.S.D.A. and U.S. Department of Health recommendations. However, the camp will not limit calorie intake or food consumption by campers while food is available. Most meals will have a call for seconds, if available.

At all meals certain items will be available to accommodate the largest appetite including peanut butter and jelly, bread, and other snack food.

Salad bar and additional items may be limited by COVID restrictions.

Scoutmaster Help

Scoutmaster help is ALWAYS appreciated and needed. If you would like to hold free time or would like to teach a merit badge class, PLEASE let the program director know 30 days before camp start date.

Robert S Weil Dining Hall

Meals are served cafeteria style in this large air-conditioned/heated building.

Camp Grace

For the food we eat, for the shelter around us,
For the friends we meet, and all nature about us,
we thank thee Oh Lord, Amen.

Camp Staff

We are always looking for scouts and adults to be a part of our camp staff. Staff members must be at least 15 years old by 30 days before the start of the camp event (no exceptions). A staff application is attached to this document.

Please remember that just because a scout applies to work at camp does not mean that he/she has been hired or accepted. Do not just show up at camp. If you are in doubt, please call the camp director.

Campership Policy

It is the policy of the Tukabatchee Area Council BSA that no child who demonstrates commitment to the 9th point of the Scout Law, "A scout is thrifty," be denied camp or activity participation simply due to financial means. To honor this concept, requests for camperships or scholarships will be accepted from any Tukabatchee Area Council unit that participates

in a council sponsored fundraiser like annual popcorn sales, camp card sales, and unit FOS presentation. Demonstration of the 9th point of the scout law by a scout may include participation in a unit fundraiser within the past 12 months or other evidence of "works to pay his own way."

1. Camperships are available only to youth members who are registered with the Tukabatchee Area Council on or before 60 days prior to camp event.
2. It must be understood that all other sources of financial help have been exhausted including the youth member's own earning power, his family's, his unit's, and the charter partner's resources.
3. The campership is limited to one session of camp and is good only for cub scout, boy scout, or venture camping at Tukabatchee Area Council camps. Camperships are not transferable.
4. Campership applications must be submitted by the member's unit leader to the Council Camping Committee. The application should briefly and concisely state the circumstances for the Campership request, the amount the youth can pay, and the steps taken to secure additional funding should the council approve the application. It must also include the name and unit number of the youth member; the name, address, and telephone number of the unit leader; and the date the unit is scheduled to attend camp. The unit leader must certify

- the youth member's need by signing the application.
5. Applications must be submitted on or before 60 days before the start of camp to allow time for review and processing.
 6. A campership committee shall have final approval of all campership applications.
 7. Camperships are based on available funds, if a campership is granted, the unit leader will be notified by mail or email of the amount.

Merit Badges and Classes Offered

Please review carefully the merit badge offerings. Several merit badges have prerequisites and age restrictions. Many merit badge offerings will provide the scout the opportunity to complete most, but not all requirements. We are looking to add merit badges to this list. Updates will be posted on the camp website. Two important issues related to merit badges:

- 1) Many merit badges require work by the scout in his campsite if he is to successfully complete most requirements. Be aware of the homework your scout should do.
- 2) Some of the camp's merit badge instructors are not yet 21. Therefore, they sign off on completed tasks, not merit

badges. Leadership of the Camp will review completed merit badges and sign off if appropriate. Troops should always review scouts at camp or home to ascertain completion and sign-off prior to issuing the actual merit badge.

Merit badge requests may be pushed to the end of the line if a boy has not submitted his \$50.00 deposit.

See the fees and other notes on the scout merit badge request form.

To conform to social distancing guidelines, classes will be limited to 8 scouts per class. We will do our best to accommodate all requests, but requests are filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Please email all class request forms to tukwintercamp@gmail.com. Class requests delivered to the scout office may not be picked up daily.