

Camp Tukabatchee



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TUKABATCHEE AREA COUNCIL

Camp Information

Dear Leaders, Parents and Scouts,

We are excited to have you as part of our summer programs at Camp Tukabatchee this year!

This guide has important rules and policies we have in place at Camp Tukabatchee to ensure safety and to allow each participant the best experience possible. It is designed for adult and youth leaders for your unit. Please make plans to review it completely with your unit.

Our staff is committed to exceeding your expectations. Your camp experience will be filled with adventures you will never forget. Your adventure awaits at Camp Tukabatchee this summer!

We look forward to you being our guests this summer at Warner Scout Reservation. Please do not hesitate to contact our Camp Leadership for any reason; we are here to serve you!

Yours In Scouting,

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2021 Summer Camp Director

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Camp Tukabatchee Website

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General Rules & Procedures

Two Deep Leadership & Youth Protection Training

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 registered Scouter 18 years old or older, or a registered parent of a participating unit member. Parents staying overnight must be registered as BSA members.

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 get together and share a campsite.

All registered adults must have a current youth protection training certificate which is valid for two years after your course date.

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 and 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.

Guests at Camp

Families often desire to visit camp and see their Scout. Parents should check with the scoutmaster before coming to visit at any time other than family day. When parents and family do visit, they must sign in and out at the camp office. **ALL GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A MEDICAL FORM PART A & B.** No Scouts will be allowed to leave camp without the Scoutmaster clearing the departure with the camp office.

Camp Commissioner's Meeting

There is no more important ally to a troop in camp than the camp commissioner. The camp commissioners conduct a morning meeting, Monday through Friday, after morning assembly in the dining hall. During the meeting, important daily information is exchanged and unit needs are discussed. Each troop should have a representative adult at the meeting.

Water Consumption. With the typical high heat and high humidity, heat exhaustion and more serious problems can occur. Training areas are provided with a supply of water for use by campers and staff. Campers must bring their own cups or water bottles.

Camp Orientation

On Sunday at 5:00pm, there will be a senior patrol leader and Scoutmaster meeting held at the dining hall.

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 with medics. 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 on Sunday afternoon. It is the Scout's responsibility to take their medicine.

Please ensure any new medical exams are on this new form. 2014 or newer forms are required for summer 2020.

If a form is completed in Spanish, it must be submitted to us by May 15 so we have time to translate. All BSA medical forms expire after 12 months. Only BSA medical forms will be accepted. School sports/ Work forms will not be accepted.

Anyone staying more than 24 hours must turn in a full medical form (Parts A, B & C).

BSA Medicals forms are for download at www.tukabatcheesa.org/forms-publications

Shoes. CLOSED TOE SHOES are to be worn at ALL TIMES. Except when bathing or sleeping, shoes must be worn. There is nothing that can ruin a Scout's experience at camp more than to be restricted because of a foot injury. Fully closed toe sandals may be worn.

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Smoking/Vaping at Camp

Leaders of Scouts are reminded that smoking/electronic vaping is a restricted activity. Our leaders are reminded in the Scoutmaster Handbook that they should not smoke/vape in the presence of Scouts. All buildings owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America are smoke/ vape free. All underage smokers/vapers will be reported to their leader and parents will be notified. This may result in dismissal from camp.

Firearms

NO PERSONAL BOWS, ARROWS OR FIREARMS ARE ALLOWED AT CAMP.

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 and we limit the number of vehicles traveling 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 by the designated time listed on your temporary vehicle pass. The ONLY VEHICLES authorized to drive in camp will be camp trucks, delivery trucks and vehicles approved by the Camp Director which all require a vehicle pass. Each troop will be allowed to have one golf cart equipped with nighttime 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 anytime unless injured/sick and need emergency transportation. **Warning: No troop ATVs/Gators/3 Wheelers/4 Wheelers will be allowed on camp property. This includes Mule brand utility vehicles as they are ATVs, not golf carts.**

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 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 are alcohol, illegal drugs and tobacco products for anyone under the age of 21. Due to the potential fire hazard, all fireworks are prohibited. Anyone found with fireworks will be required to leave camp. A Scout is Clean.

Ice

Limited amounts of ice are available from the dining hall especially if it is a very hot week. Please ask the dining hall director before taking ice. If ice is unavailable please visit the ice house at the corner of US 31 and County Rd 40.

Camp Emergency Procedures

Air Horns around camp will sound for any camp emergency. A series of long blasts are triggered by the camp staff. Early in the week we will have a practice. Please respond to the emergency call as soon as possible. This practice is timed.

From 6:30am until 9:00pm all Scouts and Scouters should assemble at the **DINING HALL FLAGPOLES** as quickly as possible. If it is during class time ATV and mountain biking students will go to appropriate shelter rather than the dining hall. Their instructor will account for them.

From 9:00pm until 6:30am 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 bicycles to camp under following instructions:

- 1) Bicycles are allowed on trails. Riders must be courteous of others on the trail.
- 2) Parental permission slips must be submitted with camp registration. This includes those in mountain biking class.
- 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) All riders required to wear helmets.
- 7) **All bicycles are to be inspected by parents before arriving at camp to be in good working condition including brakes.**

Your 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. Before entering another campsite, ask for permission. If there is no one there, do not enter. This is trespassing. Do not cut through other campsites on the way to activities.

The camping committee requests that an adult remain in the campsite at all times except for meals. During meal periods, the staff will visit campsites. This will help ensure the safety and security of troop and personal possessions. Contact the camp office to report any problems.

Campsite Bathhouses

Each campsite has its own bathhouse. It is your responsibility to keep it clean. Toilet paper, toilet cleaner, a toilet brush, a plunger, a broom and a hose are provided. The bathhouse should be cleaned at least once each day. The senior patrol leader and the scoutmaster should prepare a bathhouse cleaning schedule to be posted on the campsite bulletin board.

Campsite Inspection

Each day the camp commissioners will inspect the campsites and present an award for the best campsite. The inspection checklist can be found in the back of this guide.

Dress Code

All clothing should be in good taste and conform to decency norms of the Scouts BSA.

Shorts, Shoes and Activity or Field Uniforms must be worn at all times with the exception of waterfront activities as discussed below. All shirts must have sleeves and shorts must maintain the same length as official BSA scout shorts. Shorts or Pants must be worn at the waist line. Proper close toed shoes must be worn at all times while on camp property.

Any questions will be resolved by the Camp Director or Staff Advisor.

WaterFront Dress Code

All participants must be fully clothed, to include shirts, when they arrive and leave the waterfront.

While at the waterfront a modest one piece swimsuit for girls or modest shorts for boys must be worn. It is suggested that all waterfront participants wear a swim shirt or tshirt to reduce the chances of sunburn. Any participant that is not appropriately dressed by the judgment of the Aquatics director will be asked to make changes or leave the waterfront.

Any questions will be resolved by the Aquatics Director, Camp Director or Staff Advisor. .

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 Sunday. Report any damage to the camp commissioner no later than taps on Sunday. If this is not done on time, it will be assumed that your troop is responsible for the damage. Saturday morning a member of the staff inspects each campsite for damage during the week. The troop will be responsible for the cost of repairs or replacement. Merit badge information and patches will not be issued until the damages are paid for.

Camp Security

Scouts are to strictly adhere to the buddy system whenever possible. Everyone must attend meals, whether they plan on eating or not. Any Scout caught away from the dining hall without an adult, depending on the situation, is either assigned cleanup duty or sent home. No warning.

Camp Curfew

A specific nighttime curfew (10:30pm) will be established and outlined to both Scoutmasters and senior patrol leaders at the Sunday night meeting. The staff members will patrol camp after curfew. After curfew, NO SCOUT is to be out of their campsite without an adult. No Exceptions.

If a Scout is caught outside their campsite without an adult, they will be taken to the camp office, the Scoutmaster sent for, and they will be assigned cleanup duties in the dining hall for a meal. If a Scout is caught outside the campsite after curfew a second time, the Scoutmaster and parents are called and they will be sent home.

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 camp office to request a campsite inspection. Campsites must be cleared by the inspection staff before any merit badge paperwork and camp patches can be issued.

Uniforming

Uniforms are one of the 8 aims and methods of scouting. Boy Scouting is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Boy Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. Although it is not required, if it is owned, we do expect Scouts and leaders to wear scout clothing while at camp. The uniform shirt is required for evening meals and chapel services.

Trading Post

The trading post is well stocked with most items a Scout will need at camp. Program materials for all handi-craft merit badges and archery are available for purchase. Uniform parts, merit badge pamphlets, knives, flash-lights and FOOD. Trading post hours will be posted. 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 containers. If the excessive trash is found around camp the camp director may direct all food items be eaten at the trading post. A SCOUT IS CLEAN.