



Boy Scout Summer Camp Summary – 2009

It is time to start planning for Boy Scout Summer Camp. Summer camp is a great time for our boys to have fun while working on advancement activities. We strongly urge all boys to attend if possible as it is a highlight of the year. They will not be disappointed.

Where: Woodruff Boy Scout Reservation

When: June 7 through June 13, 2008

Cost: \$275 (Includes one offsite activity such as whitewater rafting and two t-shirts.)

Payments Due by April 25th. Go to www.troop317.net

Register: **Scouts must be registered and forms turned in no later than March 21st.** The Online registration with Woodruff Boy Scout Reservation (done by the troop for the Scout) starts April 1st.

Questions: Please direct your summer camp questions to Tom Statham
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Additional Information & Forms: <http://wsr.atlantabsacamp.org/info.asp>

Camp is all about fun! Whether our Scouts participate in Aquatics, C.O.P.E., Field Sports, First Aid Skills, Nature, or Shooting Sports, their classes will be involving, informative, and fun. A wide variety of afternoon activities are provided to keep our Scouts involved and entertained through the afternoon and evening.

The Camp Staff is trained, enthusiastic and ready to help our troop have a great time at camp. Strict health and safety standards are maintained at all times. Emergency facilities are available and certified medical personnel are on staff. Woodruff Scout Reservation is inspected annually by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America and is a Nationally Accredited Camp. The camp is proud of its tradition of meeting and exceeding all standards and regulations.

Our Scouts will be under the supervision of adult leaders from our troop. We will want 6 to 8 adult leaders at camp depending on the total number of Scouts that attend. **If you would like to attend camp as an adult leader please fill out the Adult Leader Sign-Up form indicating the days and nights you can be in camp.** You do not have to commit to the entire week. All adults at summer camp must be registered leaders and must have a valid Class 3 health form (requires annual physical). So dads, please look at your calendars and see if you could reserve part of this week to spend at camp helping our sons. It is a fun and worthwhile experience.



New Scouts focus on Tenderfoot through First Class requirements in the Mountain Man program. More experienced Scouts work on merit badges. Some special programs are available for older Scouts through Adventure Zone-Older Scout Program. This includes three programs including Ultimate Zone (Off Site), Woodruff Extreme (On Site) and Whitewater Challenge (Off Site). Along with advancement work there are a lot of fun activities that can be done during the troop activity periods. These include hiking, climbing and rappelling, whitewater rafting, canoeing, rifle shooting, archery, swimming, tubing, mountain biking, mountain boarding, and disc golf.

Whitewater Rafting

The whitewater rafting trip is one of the highlights for the week. The entire troop will go whitewater rafting probably on Wednesday or Thursday. There are two different trips, the Ocoee River (Mondays and Thursdays only) and the Nantahala River (Monday through Thursday). To go on the Ocoee trip you must be 13 or older with two previous whitewater trips. The Nantahala is better suited for younger Scouts.

Please note that all Scouts **must pass** the BSA swim test to go whitewater rafting. If a Scout cannot pass the swim test, he can do the Horsemanship merit badge instead. As part of the registration process, please fill out the either the Ocoee or Nantahala waiver.

BSA Swim Test

We recommend that any Scout that may have trouble passing the BSA Swim Test, go to a neighborhood pool and practice their swimming skills prior to coming to Camp. This would be especially helpful to Webelos that have crossed over to Boy Scouts just a few short weeks prior to coming to Camp. The BSA Swim Test consists of swimming 75 yards with a power stroke, 25 yards using the elementary back stroke and demonstrating floating. The endurance to swim 75 yards is often lacking in younger Scouts unless they have practiced swimming laps prior to camp.

Health Forms, Permission Slips and Waivers

We must have an up to date Class 1 form and either a Class 2 or Class 3 health form for every Scout and adult leader. Adults over 40 or those adults taking part in a high adventure activity such as whitewater rafting must have a Class 3 medical form. This health form must be signed by a health professional and requires a physical. Class 2 forms are valid for 3 years. Class 3 are valid for one year . There are no exceptions to this policy. Scouts will not be allowed to stay in camp without the health form.

Every Scout must have a permission slip signed by his parent or guardian and all Scouts doing a horseback or whitewater activity must have the appropriate signed waiver forms. Again there are no exceptions to this.



Early Release

We strongly discourage Scouts from leaving camp early. However, if it will be necessary for your son to leave camp early due to other commitments, then you must let us know prior to camp (the sooner the better) so we can set the driver lists. You will need to present a completed Early Release from Camp form signed by an Adult Leader when you pick up your son from camp.

Parent's Night at Camp

Friends and family are invited to visit their Scouts on Friday afternoon to enjoy the campwide games, activities and fellowship. Parents are encouraged to stay for supper, which begins at 6:00 PM. For those desiring to eat at Woodruff, a \$5.00 meal fee will be charged for all guests and they will eat with Troop 317. Tickets for the meals must be prepaid by noon on Wednesday to assure that there will be sufficient food available. Thus, we must know prior to leaving for camp if you will be joining us for supper on Friday. After supper, everyone is invited to stay for the final campfire and a farewell until next summer. Overnight hotel accommodations are available for families in nearby Blue Ridge, Blairsville, and Elijay. Dads are welcome to stay the night at camp but should plan to bring their own tent.

Adult Leaders

All adults at summer camp must be registered leaders and must have a valid Class 3 health form (requires annual physical). You will also need to complete the online Youth Protection training and you will need to be Safety Afloat certified to go on the white water rafting trip. Safety Afloat certification can be accomplished at summer camp.

Woodruff offers several training opportunities for adult leaders. The following training opportunities will be available this summer:

1. BSA Lifeguard Certification
2. CPR Certification
3. C.O.P.E. Instructor Certification
4. Scoutmaster Training Program (Includes Fast Start, New Leader Essentials, Leader Specific Training and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.) Monday – Friday 8:30 am– 12:30 pm.

The troop pays all camping and activity fees for adult leaders.



Drivers

We will need drivers above and beyond the adult leaders staying in camp. Please indicate on your son's registration form if you would be able to drive Scouts either to camp on Sunday morning or from camp on Saturday morning and the number of Scouts you will be able to transport.

"Mountain Man" First Year Camper Program

The Mountain Man Program is designed for those Scouts who have either just crossed over from Webelos or have limited camping experience. Basic Scout skills for the inexperienced Scout form the basis of the program.

It has always been the philosophy of the Mountain Man Program to have the Scouts focus on those skills better practiced and learned in the outdoors. Hence, the Mountain Man Program instructs Scouts in the following skill areas: wood tools, meal preparation, pioneering, orienteering, aquatics, nature, first aid, and outdoor citizenship. Depending upon weather conditions, the Mountain Man Program offers Scouts an opportunity to participate in a five (5) mile hike. As Mountain Men, Scouts can work on either the Swimming or First Aid Merit Badge. However, if a Scout is not able to pass the swim check, he will be offered Red Cross Swim Lessons in lieu of the Swimming Merit Badge.

Merit Badges

Most of our Scouts will spend their mornings working on merit badges and can earn up to 4 merit badges. Afternoons for the most part will be focused on troop activities with an option to spend a couple of afternoons working on an additional merit badge. Advanced preparation for Merit Badges prior to attending camp can enhance learning, retention, and the probability of successfully completing the Merit Badge. Scouts are encouraged to obtain the Merit Badge pamphlet from the Troop Librarian and review the materials to be covered prior to camp.

Adventure Zone - Special Programs for Older Scouts

The Ultimate Zone

The Ultimate Zone program is for experienced Scouts who desire additional outdoor challenges, both physically and mentally. The trek is designed to provide senior Scouts (14 or older) a challenging, action-packed wilderness experience that will further enhance personal growth and develop leadership skills. Participants will leave Woodruff late Sunday or early Monday morning and return in time for the Friday evening campfire.

Activities for this week-long adventure will include: rafting both the Nantahala and Ocoee rivers, backpacking on the Appalachian Trail, horseback riding, rock climbing, rappelling, caving, canoeing, and mountain biking.



Adults are encouraged to participate in the Ultimate Zone. The Zone will provide an excellent opportunity for unit leaders to observe youth, learn the importance of the patrol method and have fun.

A current Class III physical is required for all participants. No additional fees above or beyond the camp fee apply for youth participants. Adult participation fee is \$40.00. All participants must pay close attention to the provided packing list and pass the swimmers test at Woodruff Scout Reservation during the current season. The swim test must be completed before the waterfront closes on Sunday.

The Ultimate Zone schedule and the advancement requirements that may be completed are subject to change based on each weeks schedule, the weather, Merit Badge requirement updates, individual ability and trek specific situations. We can only assure you will complete a fantastic and challenging experience. Scouts will complete or partially complete the following merit badges: Backpacking, Canoeing, Climbing, Cooking, Hiking, Horsemanship.

The Ultimate Zone Program is made available through an independent outfitter and is not conducted by the Boy Scouts of America. A Woodruff Staff member accompanies the trek participants.

Woodruff Xtreme

This program combines the best programs from previous years along with some new elements for an exciting new program. Participants in Woodruff Xtreme will hike and camp at four different outposts around camp. Activities throughout the week might include 'old school' scout activities such as stalking, tracking, signaling, and cooking. Other programs will be axe throwing, black powder, and field archery. The highlight of the week will be building a raft, paddling to the island in the lake, having a Woodruff style luau and spending the night in teepees. The week will end with a raft trip down the Nantahala River on Friday.

Whitewater Challenge (New for 2009)

The Woodruff Whitewater Challenge Program: 5 days, 5 rivers. This program takes you offsite for 5 exciting days of whitewater. Participants will raft/canoe/kayak on the Ocoee, Little Tennessee, Nantahala, Tuckasegee, and Toccoa Rivers. Participants will be housed in the cabin tents at the Nantahala Outpost from Monday morning through Friday afternoon, and will have the opportunity to earn the Kayaking BSA Award and Whitewater Merit Badge. There is an additional fee for this activity. **Participants must have already earned the Swimming Merit Badge, be at least 13 years of age, and have graduated from the 8th grade prior to arriving at camp.** This adventure is limited to 20 participants per week and is open to a limited amount of adults. Staffing is provided by both Woodruff and Whitewater Express. All participants must have a Class 3 Medical form.



Additional Information & the Following forms can be found by going to the following website: <http://wsr.atlantabsacamp.org/info.asp>

- 1) 2009 Woodruff Summer Camp Schedule**
- 2) 2009 Merit Badge Schedule**
- 3) General Camp Equipment List**
- 4) Personal Health & Medical Record – Class 1 & Class 2**
- 5) Personal Health & Medical Record – Class 3**
- 6) Horseback Trail Riding Participation Agreement & Release**
- 7) Nantahala River Whitewater Rafting Participation Agreement & Release**
- 8) Ocoee River Whitewater Rafting Participation Agreement & Release**
- 9) Whitewater Express Ropes Course Participation Agreement & Release**
- 10) The Ultimate Zone Brochure**
- 11) Woodruff Whitewater Challenge**
- 12) Woodruff Xtreme Brochure**

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TIME	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
7:00 AM	Camp Check-in Between 1:00 and 3:00	Reveille	Reveille	Reveille	Reveille	Reveille	Reveille	
7:20		Assembly / Waiters	Assembly / Waiters	Assembly / Waiters	Assembly / Waiters	Assembly / Waiters	Assembly / Waiters	
7:30		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Continental	
8:15		SM/SPL Meeting	SM/SPL Meeting	SM/SPL Meeting	SM/SPL Meeting	SM/SPL Meeting	Breakfast	
8:30		Session 1	Session 1	Session 1	Session 1	Session 1	Check-out	
9:30		Session 2	Session 2	Session 2	Session 2	Session 2		
10:30		Session 3	Session 3	Session 3	Session 3	Session 3		
11:30		Session 4	Session 4	Session 4	Session 4	Session 4		
12:30 PM		Waiter's Call	Waiter's Call	Waiter's Call	Waiter's Call	Waiter's Call		
12:45		Assembly / Lunch	Assembly / Lunch	Assembly / Lunch	Assembly / Lunch	Assembly / Lunch		
2:00		Activity Period A	Activity Period A	Activity Period A	Activity Period A	Activity Period A		
3:30		Activity Period B	Activity Period B	Activity Period B	Activity Period B	Campwide Game		
5:45		Assembly / Waiters	Assembly / Waiters	Assembly / Waiters	Assembly / Waiters	Assembly / Waiters		Assembly
6:00		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		Dinner
7:00	Leaders' Meetings Trek Shakedown Vespers	Activity Period C	Activity Period C	Activity Period C	Activity Period C			
8:15	Opening Campfire		Eagle Reception	8:15 Vespers 8:45 Flag Retirement	Life to Eagle Seminar	Closing Campfire		
10:30	Taps	Taps	Taps	Taps	Taps	Taps		

Sunday Night – 7:00 pm: SPL and Adult Leaders Meeting in Handicraft Pavilion
 Mountain Man Leaders Meeting in Mountain Man Pavilion
 Ultimate Zone, Whitewater Challenge and Woodruff Xtreme Shakedowns – Main (Check-in) Pavilion
 Evening Vespers

Sunday Night – After Campfire – Leaders Meeting to discuss any merit badge schedule changes – Main (Check-in) Pavilion
 Senior Patrol Leaders Meeting – Every morning at 8:15 am – tables underneath the Trading Post
 Adult Leaders Meeting – Every morning at 8:15 am – Front Porch of Dining Hall (Tuesday morning – Brunch at 8:30 am)
 Adult Leaders Dinner - Thursday night at 6:00 pm – Main (Check-in) Pavilion
 River and Horsemanship MB (the ride portion) leave at 12:30 pm daily from the Main (Check-in) Pavilion
 Mile Swim: Required practices at 2:00, 3:30 or 7 PM. Mile Swim is Friday afternoon
 Polar Bear Plunge will be Thursday morning.

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Refer to notes on back sheet

	Morning				Afternoon		Evening	
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Start Time	8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	2:00	3:30	7:00	8:15
End Time	9:20	10:20	11:20	12:20	3:15	4:45	8:15	
Period Length	0:50	0:50	0:50	0:50	1:15	1:15	1:15	
Adventure Zone / Treks								
Horsemanship MB - 2 day class (M/T or W/Th) ¹³ \$					<--- X --->			
Horse Trail Ride (M,Tu,W,Th) ¹⁴ \$					<--- X --->			
Nanthahala River Rafting (M,Tu,W,Th) ¹⁴ \$					<--- X --->			
Ocoee River Rafting (Mon or Thu) ¹⁴ \$					<--- X --->			
Ultimate Zone Trek ¹	<----- X ----->							
Whitewater Challenge ¹	<----- X ----->							
Woodruff Xtreme ¹	<----- X ----->							
Aquatics								
BSA Lifeguard	<----- X ----->							
Swim Lessons	<-X->	<-X->	<-X->	<-X->				
Canoeing MB	<--- X --->	<--- X --->						
Lifesaving MB	<--- X --->	<--- X --->						
Motorboating MB ¹⁵	<-X->	<-X->	<-X->	<-X->	<--- X --->			
Rowing MB (afternoon only) ¹⁸					<--- X --->			
Small Boat Sailing MB	<--- X --->	<--- X --->						
Swimming MB ^{2,3}	<--- X --->	<--- X --->						
Whitewater MB ^{\$}	<--- X --->	<--- X --->						
Water Sports MB ⁷	<-X->	<-X->	<-X->	<-X->				
Troop Open Swim					<-X->	<-X->	<-X->	
Aquatics and Boating MB Practice					<-X->	<-X->		
Troop Canoe Overnighter ¹⁶							<--- X --->	
Aquatics Supervision: Swimming and Water Rescue ²⁰		<--- X --->						
Aquatics Supervision: Paddle Craft Safety ²⁰					<--- X --->			
Field Sports								
Athletics MB & Sports MBs	<-X->	<-X->	<-X->	<-X->				
Personal Fitness MB ¹⁵	<-X->	<-X->	<-X->	<-X->	<--- X --->			
Mountain Biking ⁴					<-X->	<-X->	<-X->	
Mountain Boarding ⁴					<-X->	<-X->	<-X->	
Troop Field Sports (open)					<-X->	<-X->	<-X->	
Handicraft								
Indian Lore MB ^{\$}	<-X->	<-X->	<-X->	<-X->				
Photography MB ^{\$}	<-X->	<-X->	<-X->	<-X->				
Pottery MB & Sculpture MB	<-X->	<-X->	<-X->	<-X->				
Leatherwork MB ¹⁵ \$	<-X->	<-X->	<-X->	<-X->	<--- X --->			
Woodcarving MB ¹⁵ \$	<-X->	<-X->	<-X->	<-X->	<--- X --->			
Basketry MB - 1 day class: M,Tu or W ^{\$}					<--- X --->			
Art MB - 1 day class: M,Tu,W or Th					<--- X --->			
Fingerprinting MB - 1 day class: M,Tu,W or Th					<-X->			

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Mountain Man

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+ 5 Mile Hike - 6:45 pm (M,Tu or W)

COPE

Climbing MB

COPE

COPE Instructor Training

Troop Climbing / Rappelling ⁴

Nature

Archaeology MB ⁷

Astronomy MB ⁷

Bird Study MB ⁷

Environmental Science MB ⁷

Fishing MB - ^{15, 19}

Forestry MB ⁷

Reptile & Amphibian Study MB ⁷

Geology MB ⁷

Soil & Water Conservation MB ⁷

Space Exploration MB ^{12 §}

Weather MB

Nature / Ecology Merit Badges - Field Sessions ¹⁷

Outdoor Skills

Camping MB ²

Citizenship in the Nation MB ²

Citizenship in the World MB ²

Communications MB ²

Cooking MB ⁹

Emergency Preparedness MB ²

First Aid MB ^{2,15}

Pioneering MB

Wilderness Survival MB

Orienteering MB (afternoon only) ¹⁸

CPR Test for Merit Badges ⁵ - Mon and Tue evening only

Shooting Sports

Archery MB ⁷

Rifle Shooting MB ⁷

Shotgun Shooting MB ⁷

Open Rifle Range ¹⁰

Open Archery Range ¹⁰

Shotgun MB Practice ¹¹

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NOTES

Important Note: All classes are held daily (Mon - Friday) at the time period listed, unless otherwise noted.

¹ There is a mandatory shake down meeting on **Sunday night at 7:00 PM**. Ultimate Zone and Woodruff Xtreme - bring all hiking gear. Whitewater Challenge - bring river gear

² Due to the large number of scouts taking this merit badge, this may appear on the online schedule as multiple sessions. Each session is identical in content.

³ Scouts that do not pass the Swimmer's Test will automatically be moved to the Swim Lessons class, at the Aquatics Director's discretion.

⁴ Openings for this activity are limited. While scouts may "walk up" and do this activity, preference will be given to those troops that sign up in advance.

⁵ Scouts wishing to "demonstrate proper technique for performing CPR" may do so by passing a brief test. This does not certify the scout in CPR, but does meet the merit badge requirement of many merit badges.

⁷ This merit badge may require additional afternoon field work or skills practice. Scouts will need to plan on attending one or more sessions in the afternoon or evening periods to complete the merit badge

⁹ Cooking Merit Badge will cover ONLY the bookwork and dietary requirements. ALL scouts will receive a partial

¹⁰ While walk ups are welcome, preference will be given to scouts practicing for the merit badge and to roop s signed up in advance. Note - Rifle Range is open ONLY for Merit Bage participants in Session C

¹¹ The shotgun range is not available for open shoot. Scouts must enrolled in the merit badge.

¹² Space Exploration Merit Badge has rocket launching Friday afternoon during A period.

¹³ Horsemanship Merit Badge is a two day badge. On the 'ride' day, the trip will leave at 12:30 from Main Pavilion. On the other day, class will be at 2:00 pm. This is a Mon/Tue or a Wed/Thur badge

¹⁴ River Trips and the Horse Trail Ride leave at 12:30 daily from the Main (Check-in) Pavilion

¹⁵ Single period morning session daily. Afternoon two day double period session (A & B) will be offered as a Mon/Tue session or a Wed/Thur session.

¹⁶ This is a troop activity (non staffed). Leaders must practice Safety Afloat guidelines.

¹⁷ Most Nature Merit Bades have afternoon and/or evening field sessions. Scouts should plan to attend some afternoons in order to complete the requirements. The amount of time will depend on the individual scout

¹⁸ This merit badge is only offered in the afternoon for a two day session, either Mon/Tue or Wed/Thur. Participants may need to attend Friday afternoon as well, depending each individual class.

¹⁹ Fishing merit badge participants will need to provide their own fishing pole and tackle. The camp will not provide poles. Cane poles will be available for sale at the camp trading post.

²⁰ BSA Aquatics Supervision Courses. Swimming and Water Rescue: 9:00 until 12:00 both Tues and Wed. Paddle Craft Safety: 2:00 until 4:45 both Tues and Wed. These are two day courses for adults.

[§] This merit badge, or activity, may have an associated cost. Please refer to the camp Mert Badge Quick Reference Sheet for details.