



Boy Scout Summer Camp Summary – 2010

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 Scout Reservation

When: June 13th through June 19th, 2010

Cost: \$285 (Includes one offsite activity such as whitewater rafting or horsemanship 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 26th.** The Online registration with Woodruff Boy Scout Reservation (done by the troop for the Scout) starts March 31st.

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 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), Venture Base (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 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

Please note that starting in 2010 there is a new health form (Form 34605) that must be filled out and updated annually by all Scouts and Adults. All Scouts going to Woodruff this year will require a new health form signed by their physician or a certified and licensed health care provider which includes nurse practitioners and physician's assistants. Woodruff will not accept any version of the old Annual Health and Medical Record, only the new Form 34605. There are no exceptions to this policy. Scouts will not be allowed to stay in camp without the health form.

Health Forms should be completely filled out and a copy sent to Jeanne Gautier, the Troop 317 Health Form Coordinator at bgautier@bellsouth.net



In addition to the Health Forms, every Scout must have an activity waiver and permission slip signed by his parent or guardian. This would include Scouts and Adults participating in either a horseback, whitewater activity, or the Adventure Zone program. 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. A copy of the form can be obtained at the Woodruff website.

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. Reservations for the meals must be made in advance, no later than 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 and we will collect monies the morning of camp departure. 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.

Summer Camp Staff Opportunities

Any Scouts at least 14 years of age interested in becoming a part of the Woodruff Summer Camp Staff can apply via the application found at www.atlantabsacamp.org.

Adult Leaders

All adults at summer camp must be registered leaders and must have a valid health form. Adults staying less than 72 hours can complete sections A and C only. If staying more than 72 hours, Part B, which includes a physical examination needs to be included as well. 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.



Mountain Man Equipment Needs:

Scouts participating in the Mountain Man program should bring the following items:

- Scout Skill Instruction – Scout Handbook, notebook and paper, water bottle, compass, pen and pencil, pocketknife (subject to Leader approval).
- Five Mile Hike – Water bottle, day pack, first aid kit, insect repellent, rain gear/poncho, snacks, flashlight

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.

Certain handicraft/fine arts merit badges require Scouts to purchase handicraft kits at camp from the Rizer Trading Post. These include Basketry, Leatherworking, Photography, and Woodworking. Please refer to the Merit Badge Schedule notes for details.

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 Annual Health and Medical Record including Parts A, B, and C 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.

Venture Base

Venture Base is a week long, in camp, program of mountain biking, water skiing, climbing, COPE, mountain boarding, hiking, field games, rafting, and other programs designed with the older Scout in mind. Participants stay at an outpost camp and participate as a group in many of the camp program areas. Meals are a combination of self-cooked and camp dining hall. No gear in addition to the summer camp packing list will be required. The program is for Scouts only with leadership supervision provided by Woodruff staff members over the age 18.

Whitewater Challenge

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 of \$50 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, and meet the height/weight requirements.** 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 valid Annual Health and Medical Record form, meet the height/weight requirements, and have a waiver form.



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

- 1) 2010 Woodruff Summer Camp Schedule**
- 2) 2010 Merit Badge Schedule**
- 3) General Camp Equipment List**
- 4) Annual Health & Medical Record – Part A, B, and C**
- 5) Early Release Form**
- 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) Program Overview 2010 – The Ultimate Zone**
- 11) Program Overview 2010 - Whitewater Challenge**
- 12) Program Overview 2010 - Woodruff Xtreme**
- 13) Map Directions to Woodruff Scout Reservation**