



Cub Scout Summer Camp

***Ahoy, Matey!***

2016 Program Guide

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Dear Scouts and Scouters:

Welcome to the 2016 Summer Camp at Bert Adams Scout Camp! We are excited to have you as part of one of America's longest continuously running summer camps. We had a great year in 2015 and are ready to make 2016 the best season our Camp has ever seen!

This guide has all the important information you will need for your stay at Bert Adams. It is designed for adult leaders, parents, and youth leadership of your unit. Please make plans to review it completely. **OUR THEME THIS YEAR IS THE PIRATES OF LAKE BERT ADAMS!** We have activities planned that will give you a chance to experience this theme in many different ways. We will have activities for Cubs of all ages – Tigers through Webelos 2. And we will surely be able to get some Fun in for the Leaders and adults that come to enjoy Camp as well.

We have worked hard this off-season to put together the most exciting program yet. Our all-inclusive format is sure to ease the minds of your parents and give every Scout the opportunity to have a great week. This year we are putting a greater program emphasis on one of the features that makes Bert Adams unique in that we want to encourage all Scouts to bring a bicycle to Camp.

Our camp staff is committed to exceeding your expectations. They have been carefully selected and trained to assist you and your Scouts. Our Camp Director is a seasoned tenured volunteer Scoutmaster that understands your Pack's needs. Your Bert Adams experience will be filled with adventures you will never forget!

A true Scouting adventure is waiting for your Scouts at the Bert Adams Scout Camp this summer! You will be awed by the natural beauty of Georgia's piedmont, thrilled by the array of Scouting adventures found in no other camp, and overjoyed by the friendships and fellowship you will experience all week.

We look forward to greeting you this summer at Bert Adams. Please do not hesitate to contact us for any reason; we are here to serve! Thank you for choosing the Bert Adams Scout Camp as your camp destination this summer, we can't wait for you to experience the **Land of Adventure!**

Yours in Scouting,

*George Snipes*

George Snipes  
Council Program Director  
Bert Adams Scout Camp

*Tom Morin*

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Camp Director  
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## ***The Scouting Experience***

Scouting was created in 1907 when Lord Robert Baden-Powell created the first Scout camp on Brownsea Island. Every year since, Scouts gather for a week each summer in some of the world's most beautiful places. From the very start leaders have said, "You can't take the outing out of Scouting". And the same remains true today.

There is something intangible that appeals to young men about packing up their gear and going camping for a week. Days and nights in the woods to experience the meadows, the lakes, and the streams; it is truly an adventure! And, an adventure that no Pack can duplicate on their own. Plus, consider the wide variety of programs, air-conditioned dining hall, trading post, swimming pool, and many more facilities at Bert Adams to serve your Scouts.

### **An Accredited Camp**

Bert Adams Scout Camp is accredited each summer as part of the National Camp Accreditation Program. This means that the camp has met strict guidelines in health, safety, and programming. We are prepared for emergencies and understand that Scouts and Scouters are trusted in our care.



### **Camp Program**

To us, program is more than belt loops and activity pins. It is also specialty programs and camp wide games. It includes flag ceremonies and campfires. It's the songs and the cheers. We believe that program is everything you experience, from the time you step out of your car until you are headed back home. We believe we are prepared to deliver one of America's best camp programs. We know that every Pack is different and approaches merit badge work in its own way. We have developed a curriculum that has a wide variety and are looking forward to helping you plan the program that is best for you.

### **The Staff**

Our staff hiring and training is a 10-month process, starting the day camp closes the previous year. We hire the best candidates for each position and complete a 10-day training program before we see any Scouts! We are highly motivated and truly dedicated, and we are here to serve you. If your Pack has any older Scouts or adults interested in summer-long positions, direct them to [www.BertAdams.org](http://www.BertAdams.org) for application information.

### **Food**

Our meals are planned and prepared by foodservice professionals. You will enjoy well-balanced meals and we always offer additional food to what is served. You'll enjoy salad bars, cereal, and seconds!

### **Land of Adventure!**

Scouts started coming to Bert Adams in 1927, and we have grown into the South's premier Scouting destination. It's always a great day in Scouting at Bert Adams, where every day's a holiday, and every meal's a feast...Thank you Lord Baden-Powell!



# Camp Programs

## Activities

We offer a wide variety of elective activities in many program areas. Many vary in their difficulty and number of requirements, therefore, some courses may require some camp experience that is noted on the class matrix. This ensures that Scouts have fun and are encouraged to succeed.

## Games and FUN

There are activities designed just for FUN in the outdoors. Whether you do them as a Pack, as a Den or just with a buddy. Many will be open free time activities.

## Be Prepared for Camp

1. Be aware of each Scouts' advancement progress.
2. Decide the Scouts who are eligible for specialty programs.
3. Complete your class scheduling online in the spring.
4. Encourage use of the Den method.
5. Have more experienced Scouts act as teachers to the younger Scouts.
6. Work with each Scout to set camp goals and encourage challenge.
7. Hold a swim classification test prior to camp (this will make your check-in at camp much easier!).

## Dates of Camp Sessions

Webelos Week	July 11 - 16
Cub Resident Camp #1	July 10 - 13
Cub Resident Camp #2	July 13 - 16
Cub Resident Camp #3	July 17 - 20
Cub Resident Camp #4	July 20 - 23

Pick the session that works best for you. Register at [www.atlantabsa.org/CubSummerCamp](http://www.atlantabsa.org/CubSummerCamp) or by calling 770-989-8820



## Planning Information

### Summer Camp Details:

LOCATION: Bert Adams Scout Camp  
218 Scout Road  
Covington, Georgia 30016

RESERVATION DEPOSIT: \$15 per Scout, counted toward fees payment

Participant Type	Webelos Adventure Week: 6 days, 5 nights	Adventure Camp Sessions: 4 days, 3 nights
Scouts	\$280	\$195
Adults	\$100 1 free for every 4 Scouts	\$85 1 free for every 4 Scouts
Den Chiefs (registered Boy Scouts or Venturers)	\$85	\$85
Siblings (of any age)		\$85

CAMP FEES: The camp fee includes campsite with tents and cots, toilet and shower facilities, meals, program supplies and activities.

Webelos Scouts participating in the Outback Adventure pay an additional \$10 to cover additional costs of the program.

The following fee schedule is required for all packs / dens / families:

- \$15 per Scout deposit due upon reservation.
- Additional \$45 per Scout fees, due by April 15, 2016.
- All remaining fees are due June 15, 2016.

*\*\*There is a \$5 per person late fee for all payments that are late.\*\**

In order to maintain your reservation, you must make your payments on time. In order to make class selections, you must be current on your payments by April 15.

### Reservation Information:

**Make a reservation by signing up via [www.atlantabsa.org/CubSummerCamp](http://www.atlantabsa.org/CubSummerCamp).** You can also make a reservation by calling 770-989-8820. Campsites are requested on a first-come, first-served basis and are considered a "pencil-assignment." The deposit is required to receive this tentative campsite assignment. Campsite assignments for regular registration are not guaranteed due to capacity. We receive many campsite requests that are beyond our capacity.

It is important to register early and keep us informed of any changes so that we can plan accordingly. **Please follow-up for significant attendance changes immediately within the online system, or with a call or email to the service center.** Final campsite assignments will



be made the week prior to your camp week by the Camp Commissioner.

Final numbers used to calculate your Packs/families fees are due two weeks prior to arrival. At this point all fees are non-refundable except by written request in special circumstances. Upon arrival to camp, all units will be subject to a \$100 per Scout fee for all “no-shows”.

### **Attending as a Family**

Scouts may attend with a family member in the event that they cannot attend the same session as their Pack or Den. Families that are attending in this manner should register on the website in the same manner as larger group.

Scouts that attend as a family will receive the same opportunities and quality as those who attend with a Pack. Often, single families are placed in the campsite with a larger Pack for assistance in camping and fellowship.

### **Leadership Requirements:**

The required minimum adult leadership provided by the Unit is:

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|-----------------|-----------|
| • 1 Scout :     | 1 Parent  |
| • 2-8 Scouts :  | 2 Leaders |
| • 9-12 Scouts : | 3 Leaders |
| • More than 12: | 4:1 Ratio |

### **When You Arrive**

Check-In will be held from 1:00-3:00pm. You will be directed to the location of the Check In as you arrive.

1. Your unit will be greeted upon arrival at the camp and met by the Camp Commissioner. **Two (2) completed copies of your unit roster (print/view on website after March 1) are required for check-in.** Pre-camp health status questionnaire must be turned in immediately and the arrival health screening will be performed by a staff member.
2. One adult leader will remain to complete the administrative check-in process. The adult completing administrative check-in will meet with the medical officer to turn-in and review medical forms and medications. The Unit's insurance information will be required at this time. This leader will receive a program packet and has the opportunity to make schedule changes.
3. Your camp staff guide youth, and all other adult leaders will begin their camp tour and proceed to the campsite. The Camp tour includes a brief history of Camp, visits to all program areas, swim tests, and a dining hall orientation. We ask that adult leaders participate in this tour with the youth.
4. An inspection of the tents and tarps in the campsite must be completed and signed by one of the adult leaders as well as the Staff Guide.
5. All Units will have an opportunity for a Pack photo session.
6. An adult leader orientation will be held on the first night after dinner. These sessions will include a review of the schedule and program areas. One representative from every Unit is required to attend.





## Checking-Out

Check-Out is on Wednesday or Saturday. All camp facilities will be closed at 9:00am; all Packs must be out of camp and in the parking lot by this time.

1. The final morning breakfast will be delivered to their Campsite approximately 6:30 AM. If you do not require breakfast that morning, let us know in advance.
2. All trash must be removed from the campsite and taken to the dumpster.
3. An adult leader can report to the health lodge to pick-up all medical forms. Any medical forms left at Camp will be shredded at 10:00am on the day of departure.

## Class Schedule Registration

All class scheduling will be completed online through the camp registration program (where you registered for camp). Additional assistance with any portion of class scheduling is available by emailing [BertAdams@AtlantaBSA.org](mailto:BertAdams@AtlantaBSA.org) (please use email only for schedule questions/requests). Scheduling opens on April 15 at 8:00am to those who have paid their April 15 payment (\$60 per Scout).

Class schedules can be altered and tweaked until 7 days prior at camp arrival. After that all changed online are locked and can only be modified at Camp after you arrive.

## Medical Information

**Every** person who attends camp must submit a completed and signed BSA medical form. Form must be current and complete. These forms are due at time of arrival at camp. To speed your check-in process; **we would encourage you to mail medical forms to Camp a week in advance.** Please mail all forms to 218 Scout Road, Covington, GA 30016.

We encourage you to turn in copies of these forms and keep the originals. The current revision of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record (680-001) is required. Parts A, B, and C are mandatory for anyone who is staying in camp longer than 3 days, or participating in high adventure activities. Therefore Part A, B and C is required for those attending Webelos Week. For Cub Resident Camp, only Parts A & B are required. Either should have a copy of the Medical Insurance Card included with the Health Forms.

Review your youth and adult medical forms in advance of leaving for camp. Give special attention to dietary restrictions and prescribed medications, family history, and emergency contact information.

### **Pre-Camp Health Status Questionnaire:**

Prior to departure from your home, all units should download and review the questions from the Pre-Camp Health Status Questionnaire (available for viewing/download from the camp website).

### **Arrival Screenings:**

Upon arrival at camp all units will be required to undergo a brief health screening to ensure all camp participants are protected from infectious diseases. The staff will also undergo this screening weekly prior to the opening of camp.



### **Hospital or Doctor Visit:**

Campers requiring the attention of a doctor or the services of a hospital should know the following information. It is the responsibility of the unit leadership to provide transportation for the unit member(s) requiring attention from a doctor or a hospital. One adult leader from the unit, and one additional adult leader, will accompany the unit member(s) requiring services and is asked to carry insurance forms in for completion. He/she must obtain the Scout's health and medical form from the Health Lodge before going to the doctor or hospital. Parents or guardians will be notified by the Camp Director immediately of any serious illness or injury. If parents will not be at home while you are at camp, have them advise you how they can be contacted. The Camp Medical Officer must clear all cases requiring outside medical care. This is in agreement with the local health service facilities, insurance company, and claims procedure. Packs are responsible for providing proof of insurance upon arrival at the Hospital or Doctor's office.

### **Prescription Medication Dosing Form-REQUIRED**

Utilizing the Prescription Medication Dosing Form, each unit should complete (prior to arrival at camp) a form for each unit member taking any prescription drugs. Use one form/sheet for each camper with a prescription. Up to 6 prescriptions can be listed. Forms are available for viewing/download on the camp website. Each unit should be prepared to show these completed forms at check-in to the Health Officer, and then keep them updated throughout your week at camp.

All medications should be in a properly labeled container and locked at all times. Medication requiring refrigeration or injection may be kept in the Health Lodge or campsite.

Electricity is not available in all campsites. For those that require electricity for a CPAP machine, power packs can be rented from the camp. Or if you bring your own power pack, we can assist you with charging them.

### **What Scouts Should Bring**

- Scout Field uniform—Complete including shirt, shorts, belt, socks, and t-shirts
- Medical form including insurance information and parent's signature
- Extra clothing — socks, underwear, closed-toed shoes, etc.
- Sweater or jacket (chilly weather is possible even in the summer)
- Rainwear
- Sleeping bag or bedding
- Bike and Bike Helmet
- Swim Suit
- Soap, comb, toothbrush, towel, and other personal items
- Scout Handbook, pens & pencils, notebooks, and merit badge books
- Money for crafts, Trading Post items, and snacks (\$50 is recommended)
- Other items such as camera, compass, pack, flashlight, insect repellent, sunblock, etc.

*Be sure to pack in a waterproof container or pack.*

### **Our Average Temperatures:**

<u>June:</u> Normal High: 88°F Normal Low: 66°F Normal Average: 77°F	<u>July:</u> Normal High: 90°F Normal Low: 70°F Normal Average: 80°F
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## **Planning Outline**

- Read this Program Guide completely.
- Plan your unit's program. Schedule classes online, including Outback for second year Webelos.
- The Pack Committee should review the Program Guide.
- Obtain complete medical forms from all Scouts and adults attending. These must include insurance information, personal information, and signatures. Send these in to camp at least week in advance to speed your check-in process.
- Bring your unit flag and an American flag.
- Arrange for, and have documentation of, unit accident & sickness insurance if your Pack is not in the Atlanta Area Council. (Atlanta Area Council Packs are all covered.)
- Ensure two-deep leadership for traveling and camping.
- Hold a parent's meeting.
- Arrange for your swim classification tests (this will streamline your check-in tremendously).
- Complete the pre-camp health status questionnaire before departing for camp.

## **Pre-Camp Checklist**

\_\_\_\_\_ Review the Program Guide with the Pack Leaders, Den Leaders and parents. Make notes and record any questions, then contact our camping representatives at 770-989-8820 / [BertAdams@AtlantaBSA.org](mailto:BertAdams@AtlantaBSA.org).

\_\_\_\_\_ Ensure that all youth and adults complete the appropriate medical forms, collect them and review them. If at all possible either mail or deliver your medical forms at least a week prior to your arrival as this will speed your check in process. Otherwise bring them with you for check-in when you arrive at Camp.

### **\_\_\_\_\_ Communication with Parents:**

- \* Collect all camp fees and specify an internal Pack deadline to parents.
- \* Communicate time, place, and date of departure to camp and arrival home.
- \* Communicate the camp's mailing address: 218 Scout Road, Covington, GA 30016.
- \* Communicate the camp's emergency contact number: 770-385-1565.
- \* Give blank copy of medical form and deadline for them to be complete and returned.
- \* Communicate directions to camp (or direct to website: [www.BertAdams.org](http://www.BertAdams.org))

### **\_\_\_\_\_ Pack Committee:**

- \* Arrange for necessary adult leadership, minimum 2 adults at all times.
- \* Arrange for necessary transportation to and from camp.
- \* Develop a list of Pack and personal equipment to take to camp.
- \* 100% of all Scout camp fees due 10 business days prior to arrival.

### **\_\_\_\_\_ Class and Activity Registration:**

- \* Register each individual (Scout and adult) online.  
(Opens on April 15, 2016 for those up-to-date on payments).
- \* Discuss class schedules individually with Scouts and preparations required prior to camp.

### **\_\_\_\_\_ Going to Camp:**

- \* Final review of checklist.
- \* Collect and review medical forms for signatures and insurance information.
- \* Have a copy of your Pack insurance (Atlanta Area Council Packs are covered already)
- \* Complete two copies of Pack roster for check-in.
- \* Complete pre-camp health status questionnaire.



## Camp Rules

As a Scouting facility, the foremost rules for personal and group behavior are the ideals found in Scouting:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCOUT OATH</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">On my honor, I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country, And to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCOUT LAW</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OUTDOOR CODE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">As an American, I will do my best to Be clean in my outdoor manners, Be careful with fire, Be considerate in the outdoors, and Be conservation minded.</p>
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Beyond these ideals, the following rules are enforced at the Bert Adams Scout Reservation:

- Packs must have two-deep leadership at all times while at camp. No exceptions!
- All campers shall wear a wristband to identify themselves
- All cars must be parked in the designated camp parking areas. Only specially authorized vehicles are allowed in campsites or on the roads.
- Shoes must be worn at all times at camp. Shoes must be completely closed. Sandals are allowed only at the showers and in the aquatics areas.
- Throwing rocks is strictly forbidden.
- No running in camp. We ask adult and youth leaders to help keep camp safe.
- All bike riders must wear helmets
- Walk bikes across bridges and do not ride bikes at night
- No flames, fires, or fuels of any kind are permitted inside tents.
- No personal skateboards, inline skates, or mountain boards are permitted.
- Personal firearms and bows are not permitted.
- No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances are allowed on camp property.
- All guests are required to immediately check-in at the camp office.
- No fireworks of any kind are permitted on camp property.

### Youth Protection Guidelines

- Two-Deep Leadership: Two registered adult leaders or one registered adult leader and a parent of a participant Scout, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required on trips and outings. The chartered organization is responsible for ensuring that sufficient leadership is provided for all activities.
- No One-on-One Contact: One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. In situations that require a personal conference, such as a Scoutmaster conference, the meeting is to be conducted in view of the other adults and youth.
- Respect of Privacy: Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp and intrude only to the extent that health and safety requires. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.
- Separate Accommodations: When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of an adult other than his own parent or guardian. Camp has separate shower and latrine facilities for females, or if separate facilities are not available, times for male and female use are scheduled and posted.



### **Adult Leader Meetings**

An orientation meeting will be held on the first evening of camp. Special announcements concerning the camp, its policies and procedures, or any specific needs or questions about the Camp operation will be answered at this meeting. It is important that every unit is represented.

A Scout Leader meeting will be held each day after breakfast; this is the primary method of communication to Packs during Camp.

### **Transportation**

Each Pack is responsible for safe transportation to and from Camp and must meet the insurance requirements of the Boy Scouts of America found on the appropriate tour plan. Members of the Boy Scouts of America may not be transported at any time in the back of pickup trucks; members must wear seat belts at all times.

### **Speed Limits**

The camp wide maximum speed limit is 12 mph; we suggest 5 mph when campers are present. Speed limits include bicycles.

### **Vehicles in Camp**

All vehicles parked on camp property must display a camp vehicle registration card that will allow camp management to contact the owner/operator in the event of an emergency or other need. These registration cards will be issued at check-in. If an improperly parked vehicle interferes with the safe operation of camp, the owner will be notified. If the situation is not resolved in a reasonable time, the vehicle will be towed at the owners risk and expense

Vehicles are not allowed in campsites. Any exceptions must be authorized by the Camp Director. Parking is available in one of the approved parking lots. Scouts, adult leaders, and visitors are expected to park, walk, exercise, and enjoy the beauty of our Camp.

### **Identification**

Each camper, adult leader, and visitor must wear camp issued identification (wristband). Camp visitors will be issued identification bands when they arrive at camp. Staff will be identified by their uniform and staff credentials.

### **Leaving During Camp**

There is a specific procedure that must be followed for Scout Early Release from Camp. Please see the Camp Office for more information.

### **Mail Service**

Mail service to camp generally takes 2-5 days. Be sure to register and insure all packages. Mail will be distributed via Pack mailboxes at the Camp Office.

To write a Scout at camp, the address is:

#### **MAIL**

Pack# "Scout's Name"  
Bert Adams Scout Camp  
218 Scout Road  
Covington, Georgia 30016

#### **EMAIL**

[BertAdams@live.com](mailto:BertAdams@live.com)

"Scout's Name"-Bert Adams, Pack# in Subject Line  
Do not send pictures or files.



### **Phone Messages**

Messages will be placed in the Pack's mailbox. Emergency calls will be hand-delivered to the Troop's campsite. The camp's phone number is 770-385-1565. Note that there is not anyone at this number until the first week of camp.

### **Litter**

"A Scout is Clean". Trash must be taken to a dumpster. Please pick up any litter you see.

### **Pets**

All pets are to be left at home. Pets of any type are not permitted; including those brought by parents or visitors. Registered service animals are the only animals allowed; please make a note about assistance animals when registering the individual on the program website. Please make sure to inform your Friday night visitors about this policy!

### **Chemical Fuels Policy**

For safety, knowledgeable adult supervision must be present when Scouts are involved in the use, handling, lighting, or storage of chemical fuels (liquids, jellies, or gas). Propane lanterns and stoves are allowed. All fuels must be stored in a locked container. No liquid fueled lanterns should be used in camping activities. No fuel, lanterns, stoves, or candles are to be used in or near tents and camp structures.

### **Uniform**

The BSA field uniform is worn for evening flag ceremonies, dinner, chapel, and campfires. Field uniform must always be worn with shirts buttoned up and tucked in. Pack approved activity uniforms are appropriate for the remainder of the day.

### **Pack Photo**

You are encouraged to wear a complete field uniform to Camp. Pack photos are generally taken during arrival. They are delivered via email as a photo file or available to be loaded onto a flash drive if you provide one.

### **Lost and Found**

Lost and found items will be turned in at the camp office. Leaders should encourage Scouts to mark their belongings with name and Pack number. Lost and found items will be kept for 1 week after collected, then donated to a local charity.

### **Smoking**

The Bert Adams Scout Camp is a tobacco-free facility. Adults with tobacco habits may only use tobacco in the secluded area fenced behind the dining hall. This includes the use of vapor e-cigarettes, cigars, or chewing tobacco. Use of tobacco in any other area will result in dismissal from the Camp property.

### **Damage to Camp Facilities**

We are very proud of our Camps and our equipment. We will be performing an inspection of the canvas as part of your check in procedures as well as an inspection prior to your departure. If you or your Scouts damage any equipment issued to your unit you will be expected to pay for damages.

### **Flammability Warning**

No tent material is completely fireproof. Tent material can burn when exposed to continued, intense heat or fire. The most important safeguard is to keep flames away from canvas materials. For this reason, the following safety precautions must be adhered to: Only flashlights and electric lanterns are permitted in tents. No flames in tents is a rule that must be enforced by all adults and youth leaders.



### **BICYCLES ARE ENCOURAGED AT BERT ADAMS**

We encourage all Scouts and leaders to bring a bike to Bert Adams this summer. It makes it easier to get around Camp and we will have special biking activities set up. While you should bring a bike in good condition, we will operate a special Bike Repair Shop in the Field Sports area to assist you with any issues you may have with your equipment while you are at Camp. There will be a charge for new tires or brake service.

### **Bike Rules**

Bikes are permitted for use by adults and Scouts during summer camp. **Everyone must wear a helmet at all times** and bikes may not be ridden on stairs or in structures. Bikes must be walked across all bridges, sidewalks, in campsites, and in high-traffic areas. Bikes should be checked for safety by unit leaders.

### **Fishing**

The fish are biting at Bert Adams. Bring your fishing poles and tackle to have some fun. We do enforce a catch and release policy.



## **Dining Hall Operations**

### **Meal Times:**

Breakfast-7:30am

Lunch-12:30pm

Dinner-6:00pm

The dining hall is open each day from 6:30am to 9:00pm for access to the restrooms and coffee.

Each Campsite will be assigned tables during the camp tour on the day of their arrival. One waiter is needed for every 8 people. Waiters need to report to the dining hall 15 minutes prior to the meal. Leaders are asked to help supervise the waiters.

### **Responsibilities of Waiters:**

Table Waiters set each place setting with a napkin and silverware. Waiters also fill pitchers and set out any meal items. They also assist with the clean-up of the dining hall, restrooms, and serving hallway. After the meal, waiters must do the following:

1. Wipe off tables.
2. Sweep underneath tables and mop as necessary.
3. Be inspected and released by the Dining Hall Steward

### **Trays and Utensils:**

The plastic trays, glasses, and metal utensils are to be placed in their appropriate dirty location.

### **Hand washing:**

Hand washing stations are placed outside at each serving entrance to the dining hall. Adult leaders should coach their Scouts to wash their hands at these stations before they enter the dining hall.

### **Seconds & Extra Food:**

When available, seconds will be offered to all campers. At all meals, regardless of the availability of seconds, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, fruit, and other items are available for any hungry campers who have finished their trays.

### **Special Diets:**

Our healthy, delicious meals include plenty of vegetarian and allergen alternative options. We meet typical dietary needs but cannot create individual meals for campers with special life style diets or just picky eaters. If you have more specific needs, please review the menu to determine what items you will need to bring to supplement the menu; our menu will be available on web page by May 1.





### Trading Post

Our trading post is exceptionally well-stocked to serve you. We have camp supplies, crafts, souvenirs, toiletries, and even uniforms. Don't leave camp without your t-shirt or cap. Plus, the trading post has your snacks, drinks, and ice cream. The trading post accepts cash, checks, and credit cards. Based on last year, we recommend that Scouts bring \$50.

### Family Night

Family Night is on the last night of Camp. Families are invited to camp to experience some of the camp atmosphere, observe activities, stay for dinner, and be a part of our Closing Campfire. Family members may arrive any time after lunch and must check-in at the camp office. Meal tickets are \$5 each for visitors.

### Swim Tests

All Scouts and leaders attending camp must take a BSA swim test. This test must be re-taken by all at least every 12 months, or when attending camp. *A Pack may hold their own "Pack swim check" in accordance with BSA standards.*

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!** You can complete your own swim test before coming to camp! This will save you a lot of time at check-in. Units that have already completed their swim tests before Camp should present a copy of the results at check-in, and will be certified by the Aquatics Director. Those Units will receive their buddy tags at this time. The aquatics staff reserves the right to re-test any person in their swimming ability while at camp. **Completing your tests before Camp will streamline your Check In! The form will be available on the web page by March 1.**

Any Scouts or leaders that didn't do an early swim test can do so at Camp. As soon as your Camp guide leads you to your campsite, your boys should be prepared to take the swim test. Upon arrival at the waterfront your Unit will be issued buddy tags





## Program Information

The next few pages contain information on our camp programs for 2015. Our curriculum has been developed through a unique collaboration of Scoutmasters, summer camp staff, and our council's camping and advancement committees. We are proud of the variety of programs we are able to offer, and with the highest quality found in Scouting!

Summer camp is primarily about fun! Too often, parents of younger Scouts create an aggressive class schedule focused on advancement. Our activities will mix advancement with Fun. Remember that some activities may be just so the Scouts have FUN!!!!

The course guide that follows is tentative. The final version, with schedule, will appear on the website by April 15, 2016.

Occasionally, we may offer additional courses, when skilled instruction is available. If any of your leaders are able to instruct a unique course to completion, please let us know!

### Program Departments

In 2016, we will be offering unique Wolf, Bear and Webelos Programs in the following Departments:

Program Area	Wolf	Bear	Webelos
Aquatics			
Field Sports			
Life Skills			
Nature & Ecology			
Handicraft			
Outdoor Skills			
STEM			

Some of these will cover some requirements from a variety of different Rank Adventures or Electives. But each will be a unique age appropriate Camp experience for the Scout to enjoy.

For Tigers we will have a custom made Tiger Track that also will also utilize the various Program areas to give the new Tigers a good sampling of Camp as well as a start on some of their Tiger Program requirements.



### Non Rank Specific Activities

In addition we will also have some areas that will be available for scheduling that are not Rank Specific. These would include:

- Shooting Sports: BBs, Achery, Slingshots
- Free Swim
- Mega Slip and Slide
- Bouldering (an Adult must be trained to facilitate this)
- Sports with Staff
- Board games with Staff
- See page 24 for more ideas of alternate activities

### Online Class Scheduling

You will register for all activities, including Outback Adventure, using our online class scheduling module in the registration system.

It is very important that you prepare in advance for your class scheduling. The online module is a “real-time” system, and you will get the most out of it by completing your unit’s entire schedule at one time. Be sure to have a program session at a meeting to discuss the available classes, then have them decide on a schedule based on their interests and advancement needs.

**All boys of the same rank do not have to be enrolled in the same class schedule but you must provide some supervision.** Sending a Cub Scout to a class on his own may be more than many can handle. Many classes will fill up quickly, so it is important to complete your class scheduling as early and completely as possible.

Class scheduling begins on April 15, 2016 for those who have completed their April 15 payment (early payment does not receive early registration privileges before April 15).



## **Camp Preparation Instructions**

October/November 2015: Begin your fundraising, popcorn sales, and program planning for summer camp.

January 2016: Collect and make your deposit for Scout fees. This is \$15 per Scout.

April 2016: Collect and make your additional \$45 Scout payment. This payment is due by April 15, 2016. This payment is required to maintain your reservation. Set aside at least one meeting to review summer camp programs and to have Scouts discuss their desired class schedule. Use the Schedule Worksheet to help collect Scout's selections.

April 15, 2016: Use the online class scheduling module in the registration system to register Scouts in classes. Be aware that courses are first-come, first-served, and our online module is "real-time". Class capacities are rarely expanded, so register early! Print your Unit's schedule from the online scheduling module. This is your confirmation; please bring a copy to camp with you. Review each Den's schedule with them and be sure to check online for open spots in classes and to make last minute scheduling changes.

June, 2016: Finalize preparations for class scheduling. Collect and make your final payment of fees (balance of all fees) due June 15, 2016.

Arrival at Camp: You will be able to make final changes to your class schedules until 3 days before your arrival at Camp.

*CLASS SCHEDULING ALTERNATIVE:* For any leaders who are not confident in their online skills, you may mail, fax, or email your class schedules to the Program Center for registration. This may be done any time after April 15, 2016. You will receive a confirmation of your class schedule within a week of its arrival in our office. Class schedules can be sent to:

**Boy Scouts of America, Atlanta Area Council**  
1800 Circle 75 Parkway SE  
Atlanta, Georgia 30339  
[BertAdams@atlantabsa.org](mailto:BertAdams@atlantabsa.org)  
Fax: 770-956-5980



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## *Webelos 2 - Outback Adventure*

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The Outback Adventure program has been designed to give second year Webelos Scouts the greatest opportunity to learn basic Boy Scouting skills and stay excited about Scouting. This program requires some independence and maturity. Scouts are divided into Patrols and taught the Patrol Method. Outback Adventure is \$10 per Scout to cover the additional costs of the program. The Outback Adventure includes the following elements:

Shakedown– Scouts and leaders will meet on the first night of camp before campfire for a review of needed equipment, schedule, and leadership elements. Rules and policies will also be reviewed at this time and an introduction of the instructors.

Canoeing- Scouts will canoe across Bert Adams Lake from Camp Gorman to Camp Jamison as their first activity. In order to participate in the canoeing, Scouts must have passed the BSA swim test; a hike to Camp Jamison will be conducted for those that cannot canoe. Scouts return to Camp Gorman on the second morning of camp by canoe.

Outdoor Skills– The first full day of program (Monday or Thursday, depending on session) will be spent in Camp Jamison learning basic outdoor skills with an Australian Outback theme. These activities will include:

- The Patrol Method through Team Building Games
- Knot Tying
- Fire-building
- Survival Skills
- Outdoor cooking (Scouts will prepare a breakfast, lunch, and dinner while in Camp Jamison)
- Tent care and set-up
- Wood Yard
- Orienteering
- Leave No Trace etiquette
- Other Basic Scouting skills

Campfire - A special campfire program is held at night in Camp Jamison

Rappelling– After returning to Camp Gorman on the second day of program (Tuesday or Friday), participants will complete a 30' rappel

Free Swim–The Outback Adventure ends with a free swim

### **What To Bring Special for Outback Adventure:**

Pack the following items in a separate backpack or duffel bag:

- Change of clothes for 1 day
- Minimal toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, bar of soap, and a SMALL towel)
- Tent and ground cloth (can be 1 or 2 large tents for an entire den going)
- Sleeping bag and SMALL pillow
- Rain gear
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen

***Be Sure to Bring a Water Bottle to Camp***



### **Adults of Outback Adventure Participants**

Every Pack that has a Scout in the Outback Adventure program is required to register at least 1 adult to support. Additional Adult spaces may be available for larger groups. Outback Adults must register online through the same system as the Scouts.

This program is a full 2-day program that includes an introductory Boy Scout Adult leader training, camping overnight in Camp Jamison with the Scouts, and assisting with the rappelling and swimming activities.

A few notes for Outback Adults:

- At least 1 is required from each Pack with Outback Adventure Webelos.
- Must register in advance using the online system.
- Will not be with the Scouts during the first-day of activities.
- Hike to Camp Jamison after dinner on first day.
- Spend the night in Camp Jamison and to help with supervision for Scouts overnight.
- Bring to camp the same packed outpost bag as the Outback Adventure scouts.



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## *Webelos Week*

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This is a special week, for Webelos (both 1 and 2) that want more Summer Resident Camp. On top of having 4 days of Camp activity time, you will get a better selection of Webelos and Pack activities to keep you busy.

The goal of this week is to prepare your Scouts for their transition into Boy Scouting. You will check in for your Adventure on Monday afternoon July 11 at the Ashley Leaders Center.

All of the camping facilities for the Webelos Week will be in the traditional campsites in Camp Gorman. The accommodations are in two man canvas wall tents with a cot. There is no electricity in any of the sites.

Webelos 1 will have four days to schedule into Webelos Tracks in the various Program Areas. You can also schedule yourselves with other Pack & Den activities (page 24) and also some Free Time activities such as Free Swim, Mega Slip & Slide, Human Foosball, and Slacklining.

Webelos 2 will have opportunities to schedule Webelos Tracks on Tuesday and Friday. On Wednesday and Thursday, the Webelos 2 will be participating in the Outback Adventure program.

Webelos Week will definitely prepare your Webelos for his Boy Scout Summer Camp experiences and will challenge them with many fun learning experiences.

On Friday afternoon, a camp wide Scout competition will be held just for the Webelos Week attendees. Packs may enter a group of Scouts to compete in this whirlwind group of activities to the finish that includes many Scouting skills that they will have learned this week at Camp. Further details will be coordinated with the Adults while at Camp.



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## *Pack and Den Activities at Camp*

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### **Aquatic Activities**

There will be ample opportunities to get wet at camp as a Pack or as a Den. We will have free swims and Mega Slip and Slide every afternoon.

### **Mountain Biking**

As biking is a way of life at Bert Adams, take to the trails on your bikes and enjoy our Mountain Biking trail as a Den Activity. The buddy system is a must on this as well as the use of helmets. Details will be available from the bike shop in Field Sports.

### **Slack Lining**

Try your skill at this fun and challenging activity. Slack-lining is a practice in balance that uses nylon webbing tensioned between two anchor points.

### **Mega Slip & Slide**

Here is an opportunity for fun and to get wet. Come with a buddy and enjoy our Mega Slip and Slide.

### **Gaga**

A fantastic game in which everyone can play. It is an Israeli version of dodge ball played in an octagonal pit. Participants try to hit other competitors below the knee with a large rubber ball. If you are hit, you are out; last Gaga player standing wins.

### **Human Foosball**

If you have played the game Foosball before, this will be a cinch as the Scouts become the Soccer players in the new Human Foosball Court in Field Sports.

### **Field Sports Games**

Many of the field sports activities will provide the venue for either inter Den or inter Pack competition. Whether it is on the volleyball courts, flag football, ultimate frisbee, or in the Gaga Pits there is the opportunity for you to have fun competition.

### **Bouldering**

One options for Scouts is the "Bouldering" class. This is a self-led program by leaders of the pack. In order to participate, leaders must be trained on the second night (Monday or Thursday) during the Bouldering Facilitators training.

### **Pack Night**

Monday and Thursday nights is your chance to hold a Pack campfire in your campsite. Or, just spend some one-on-one time with Scouts.







Two times during the week you will gather in the Camp's Amphitheater for fellowship and fun around the campfire!

### **Opening Campfire**

FIRST NIGHT: Get your week kicked off with excitement as the staff celebrates another week at Bert Adams! The campfire will feature the songs, skits, and storytelling that Bert Adams Scout Camp is known by. Come experience the history and enthusiasm!

### **Closing Family Night Campfire**

FINAL NIGHT: As the final time that Camp gathers for the week, the staff will recognize the outstanding efforts by packs and individuals. Packs and Dens will also have the chance to make presentations to those who made a difference or present a song, skit, or cheer. Camp will close with an inspirational ceremony.



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## **Adult Programs**

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The fun and adventure at camp isn't just for Scouts! We have an exciting program planned for the adults who spend the week with us, too. After all you are here on vacation. Here are some of the activities that will be available. At Sunday's adult orientation we will have the full schedule.

### **Adult Leader Lounge**

We are proud to offer the Ashley Leaders building as a place for adults to relax, or play a game of cards and one of our board games. Be sure to bring your laptop or iPad! We will have a coffee pot brewing and the WiFi is available for your use to get online to check email or to take online Training.

### **Adult Leader Supplemental Training**

We are proud to offer the following training sessions during the camp week:

- Youth Protection Training (On-Line)
- Safe Swim Defense / Safety Afloat (On-line)
- Cub Leader Specific Training (On-Line)
- Webelos to Scout Transition Training
- Rangemaster Training for BB's and Archery
- Other On-line training through MyScouting.org

### **Cell Phone Service/Charging**

Bert Adams has an AT&T Cell tower in Camp and as a result we have excellent service for AT&T customers. Verizon also gets a strong signal as well. Other carriers are decidedly a weaker service. Charging for Cell Phones is best done in the Ashley Leaders building where there is sufficient capacity.

### **WiFi Service/Internet Access**

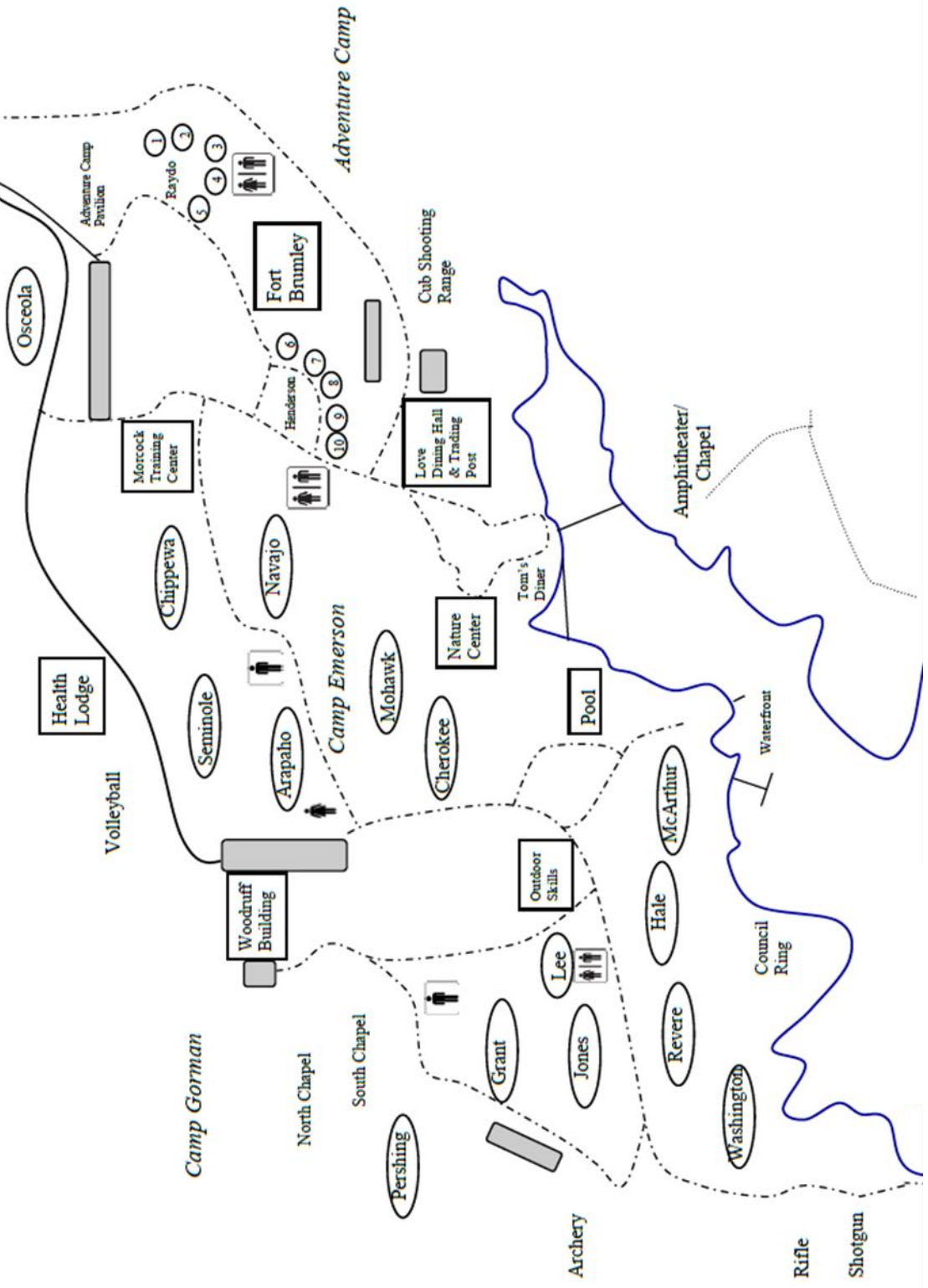
The primary spot for adult access to the Internet is at the Ashley Leaders building. With the strong Cell signal, it is possible most anywhere in Camp to create your own mobile Hot Spot.



# Bert Adams Scout Reservation

218 Scout Road, Covington, GA 30016

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## Directions to Bert Adams

**PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 218 Scout Road, Covington, Georgia 30016**

FROM ROSWELL: (approximately 1 hour, 20 minutes) Take GA-400 south to exit 4A for I-285 East toward Greenville/Augusta. After 19 miles, take exit 46 for I-20 East toward Augusta. Travel for 21 miles and take Almon Rd./Porterdale exit 88. Turn right at top of exit ramp. Follow Crowell Rd. south through Porterdale. This road becomes County Road 142. Continue until you reach the Fire Station #1, just prior to Flat Shoals Rd. Turn right on Flat Shoals Rd. and travel to GA-36. Turn right on GA-36 and travel south for 3 miles. Turn right onto Boy Scout Road. Camp will be 1/4 mile on your right.

FROM MARIETTA: (approximately 1 hour, 20 minutes) Take I-75 south to exit 247 for I-20 East toward Augusta. Travel for 31 miles and take Almon Rd./Porterdale exit 88. Turn right at top of exit ramp. Follow Crowell Rd. south through Porterdale. This road becomes County Road 142. Continue until you reach the Fire Station #1, just prior to Flat Shoals Rd. Turn right on Flat Shoals Rd. and travel to GA-36. Turn right on GA-36 and travel south for 3 miles. Turn right onto Boy Scout Road. Camp will be 1/4 mile on your right.

FROM CARROLLTON: (approximately 1 hour, 45 minutes) Take I-20 east toward Atlanta. Travel for 64 miles and take Almon Rd./Porterdale exit 88. Turn right at top of exit ramp. Follow Crowell Rd. south through Porterdale. This road becomes County Road 142. Continue until you reach the Fire Station #1, just prior to Flat Shoals Rd. Turn right on Flat Shoals Rd. and travel to GA-36. Turn right on GA-36 and travel south for 3 miles. Turn right onto Boy Scout Road. Camp will be 1/4 mile on your right.

FROM JONESBORO: (approximately 1 hour) Take GA-138 east toward Stockbridge. Merge onto I-75 south toward Macon and travel for 16 miles, to exit 212 toward Locust Grove. Turn left onto Bill Gardner Pkwy for .7 miles. Turn right onto GA-42/US-23 and travel for 7.5 miles. Turn left onto Old Bethel Rd., immediately keep to the right. After 2 miles, turn left onto GA-36. Travel for 14 miles and turn left onto Boy Scout Road. Camp will be 1/4 mile on your left.

FROM I-75 SOUTH (traveling north): I-75 north to exit 201 toward Jackson/Barnesville. Turn right onto GA-36 east. Stay on GA-36 (watch for turns) for 25 miles. Turn left onto Scout Road. Camp will be 1/4 miles on your left

### Estimated Travel Times From Common Departures

Atlanta Airport: 1 hour	Birmingham: 3 hours, 20 minutes
Macon: 1 hour, 10 minutes	Orlando: 6 hours, 30 minutes
Savannah: 3 hours, 40 minutes	Miami: 10 hours
Valdosta: 3 hours, 30 minutes	Nashville: 5 hours
Columbus: 2 hour, 30 minutes	Charlotte: 4 hours, 25 minutes
Jacksonville: 5 hours, 15 minutes	Tampa: 6 hours, 50 minutes
New Orleans: 8 hours	Jackson, MS: 6 hours, 50 minutes
Little Rock: 9 hours, 20 minutes	Lexington, KY: 7 hours

