



GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CAMP

Drop off your scout by **NOON Sunday June 17th** at Camp in **full Class-A uniform with all his gear**. As you enter Woodruff, continue on the main road and the drop off site will be on your right, in a parking lot.

Camp Directions: Take I-575 north from Atlanta (which becomes Zell Miller Mountain Parkway). Go 6 miles north of Blue Ridge, GA and turn left onto Loving Road. Go to end and turn right on Hwy 325, then right on Boy Scout Road. Go straight for 3 miles to the camp entrance. **Do NOT follow GPS up GA400.**

1. Woodruff has a fully stocked Trading Post, carrying a large variety of Woodruff T-shirts and memorabilia, personal & camp equipment, handicrafts, gift items, Woodruff logo items, and lots of neat stuff. The Trading Post also offers a full line of snack items, slushy's, fountain drinks, ice cream, candy and more. Please be sure that your scout understands how much daily allowance they have to spend and plan accordingly. The recommended daily allowance for the scout is \$3.00 to \$5.00. Note: The average camper spends \$50 while at Camp Woodruff.
2. **Electronics are NOT allowed for scouts under 14.** This includes cell phones, iPods, tablets, etc. A camera (not a cell-phone with camera) is allowed. Scouts over 14 MUST follow the Troop electronic policy (which is essentially that they can only be used during non-structured Troop / Camp time). Please see Scoutmaster or Summer Camp Coordinator for more information.
3. **CAMP EMERGENCY PHONE (PROGRAM OFFICE)** The following phone number is for emergency contact only, after hours this phone goes to a recording that will be checked the next morning: (706) 745-2700.
4. If your son is a new scout, and this is his longest stay away from home, please write him letters and/or send him packages. You may want to send mail a day or two prior to their departure to camp. This way the mail will arrive and your son is reading your letter on Monday night. Mail call is conducted daily in the evening. Before you enclose family pictures in the letter that you send to your son, please give this some consideration. If you think that your son may be homesick, it may not be the best idea. The mailing address for camp is:

Woodruff Scout Reservation
"Scout's name" Troop 629
Week 3
31 Woodruff Drive
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

An alternative and better way is to bring envelopes/packages labeled for your son and for what day you want it to be given to him. An adult on Sunday drop-off will take the packages and they will be added to the daily mail call.

5. Please be sure to **mark your son's name on every article of clothing and camping gear** that he will be bringing to camp. All camping gear looks the same and the identification of the article is very important. This is especially true on Troop 629 Class-B T-Shirts!



6. Your son will NOT be COMPLETING any merit badges at camp. The completion of a merit badge entails three components: performing the skills, reading the book and then the review with a registered leader of the troop. Most of the boys will not have read the merit badge book before going to camp. Your son should have selected merit badges to work on at camp, they could check out the book now and get a head start on the process. Please remember that your son should take notes as he reads the merit badge book. The notes will help him answer the questions during his review of the merit badge requirements with the leader. Your son can use his notes during the review.
7. We recommend that all first year scouts practice their swimming skills before coming to camp. If possible, ensure your son practices in a lake or river at least once! All scouts (and adults wanting to do the white water rafting) will be taking the swimming test, which consists of three strokes (front crawl, breaststroke, and backstroke). They will have to swim 100 yards and be able to turn in the water. Then after swimming, be able to float for at least 30 seconds to one minute. Your son's experience at camp will be much better if he passes the swim test!
8. Please be on time to pick up your son from camp. You will need to be there **between 8:00 - 8:30 AM on Saturday, June 23rd**. If your son is going to be riding home with another boy, please send us a note that indicates the same. There is, however, an optional Friday Night BBQ where you can come to camp and pick up a "BBQ to go" dinner and watch the closing ceremonies. You may then take your son home Friday night.
9. If your son has any prescription medication, the Prescription Medical Dosing Form in the Summer Camp flyer must be filled out and turned in. The medication, dosage, and dosage schedule should be recorded directly from the prescription. Please note that at camp check-in all medication (in a labeled zip-lock bag) will need to be turned in to the Troop Health Officer. The medication should be in a container issued by a pharmacist with the medication name and strength, the dosage and dose frequency clearly marked on the container. All medication checked-in will be compared to this dosing form for completeness. For any scout that uses an EpiPen or Inhaler, the scout must have them in his possession and show the Troop Health Officer.
10. **DO NOT BRING ANY OPEN TOE SHOES TO CAMP, THEY ARE NOT PERMITTED.** Also, crocs are not permitted. BSA and Woodruff rules!
11. Showers and bathrooms are separate at camp for youth vs adult. Your son should have a swim suite to wear when taking a shower. Water shoes are also recommended.
12. Each evening, the Troop will host some type of cracker barrel, such as: donuts, fries, cobblers, pizza. The PLC will run these events.



WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

1. Foot locker or duffel bag that will fit under the cot.
2. Coat hanger (preferable plastic), this to hang up the class A uniform that will be worn daily.
3. Please pack each of your son's clothing by day in a zip lock bag. The bag should contain socks, shorts, underwear and a shirt. Extra clothing as you deem necessary. Your son may prefer all the same article in the bag. **Very Important: Let your son pack his own bag, that way he knows what he has.**
4. If this is your son's first year at camp, we would recommend that you pack every pair of swimming trunks that he owns. You son will be swimming every day and if it rains at camp, the pair that he is using will never dry.
5. One pair of hiking shoes (do not buy any, comfortable tennis shoes also work here), at least two pairs of comfortable tennis shoes and at least one pair of water shoes. The shoes are going to get wet and it is nice to have a dry pair to put on.
6. Those going white water rafting should have water shoes or an extra pair of old tennis shoes and warm extra clothes to wear on the trip back. A warm-up shell on the river is a good idea.
7. Sleeping bag or bedding as it does get cold at night. The boys will be sleeping on cots in the canvas tents. Inflatable or self-inflating mattress for the cot is optional, most do not bring one.
8. Rainwear, we recommend a poncho, purchase several of the \$1.00 ponchos at the dollar store
9. Towels, AT LEAST four of them. They never get dry.
10. Sunscreen, recommend non- aerosol spray or stick. Lotion is ok, but he will need to be able to put it on himself.
11. Scout handbook, pencils, paper/note books, and merit badge books.
12. Scout Class-A uniform (tan shirt), Class B (red shirt), scout belt, scout pants, scout socks. The class-A uniform is worn every night at dinner and should be worn upon arrival at Woodruff.
13. Insect repellent. A mosquito bracelet would also work, one around wrist and one around ankle. Pump, no aerosol spray.
14. Compass.
15. Sweat shirt or jacket. It does get cool in the evenings at Woodruff.
16. Hat with a brim, baseball caps do absolutely no good.



17. Small flashlight or headlamp and extra batteries. This will be for around the site at night, in the tent, and for first year scouts when they take the 5-mile hike in the evening.
18. Day pack to go carry around the towel, pencils, paper, books. This is very important as he will use this pack daily to get around to the different classes.
19. Hydration. A camel back or other type works well as it serves as a daypack and keeps your son hydrated. A water bottle (or two) works as well.
20. Crystal light or other mix that is self-contained. Probably two per day. However, the Troop will have water and Crystal light (or similar) at the site.
21. First aid kit/equivalent. Include chapstick, zinc oxide/diaper rash medicine, Band-Aids, Benadryl stick, anti-bacterial ointment, foot powder. The Troop will have a First Aid kit.
22. Tree freshener for your tent.
23. Optional items such as a camera, fishing gear, books for reading, and cards. A watch is always handy.
24. Pillow.
25. Candy. Anything that will not melt! Once again, please place in a plastic bag since this will keep the ants away.
26. Toiletry kit: Soap, comb, tooth brush, toothpaste, deodorant, and other personal items.
27. If your son is a first year scout, he will be participating in the Mountain Man class. Please find attached excerpted pages from the Summer Camp Flier. Please review the equipment needs. Several of the items mentioned there have been covered above, but a few have not.
28. Pocket knife. **However!** If your son is a first year scout, please let him know that he will NOT be able to use it at all until Friday afternoon. One of the items of the Mountain Man program is for the boys to earn their Totin' Chip card. So for first year scouts it may be best to simply not bring one.
29. Dirty clothes bag.
30. Money for concessions. He will easily spend \$3.00 to \$5.00 per day on items like slushies, chips, candy, etc. There are items for purchase (shirts, hats, crafts, hammock, etc.) if you want to send more.

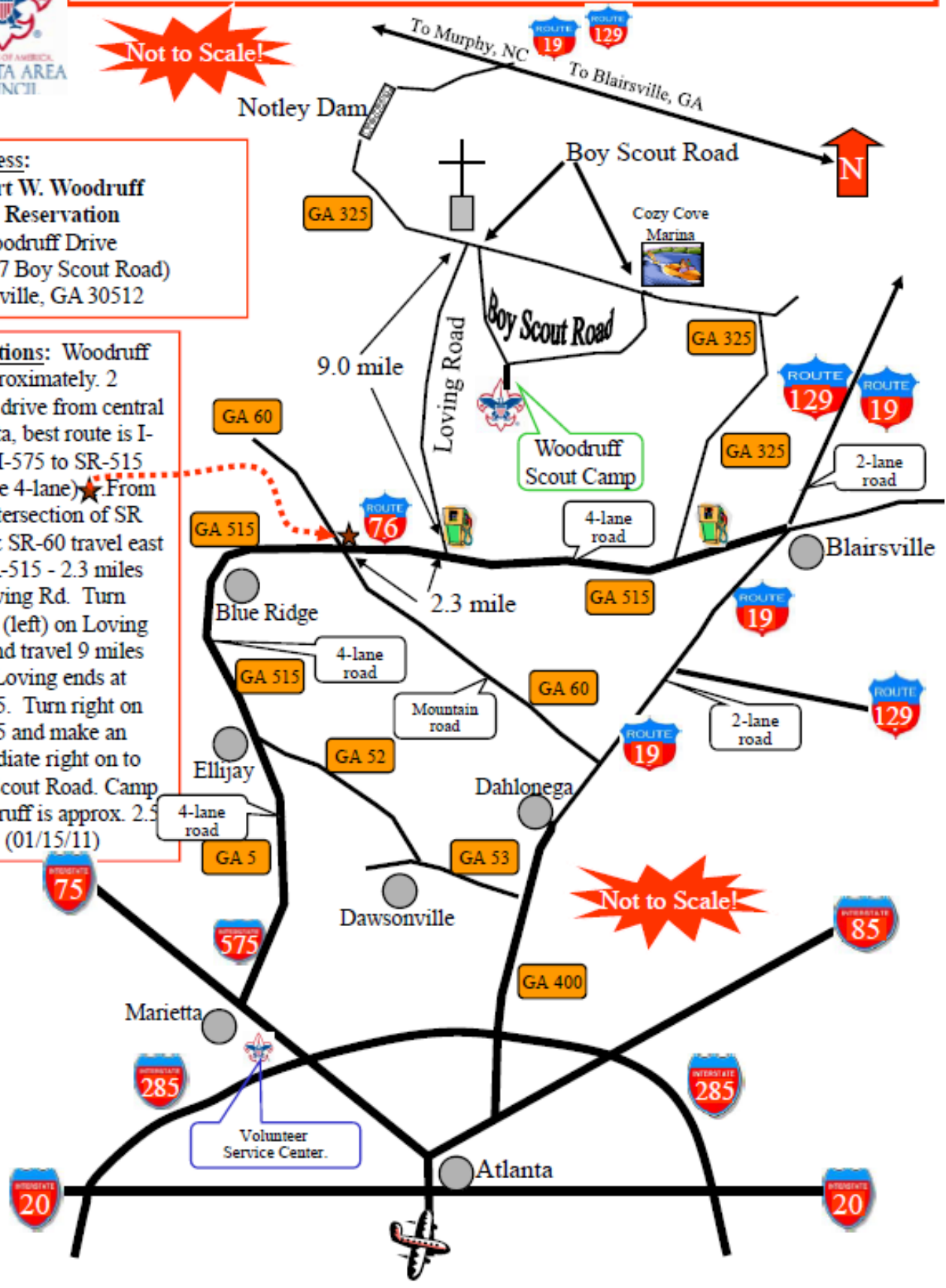


Directions to Robert W. Woodruff Scout Reservation

Not to Scale!

Address:
Robert W. Woodruff Scout Reservation
 31 Woodruff Drive
 (10387 Boy Scout Road)
 Blairsville, GA 30512

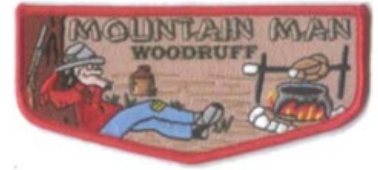
Directions: Woodruff is approximately 2 hours drive from central Atlanta, best route is I-75 to I-575 to SR-515 (all are 4-lane)★ From the intersection of SR 515 & SR-60 travel east on SR-515 - 2.3 miles to Loving Rd. Turn North (left) on Loving Rd. and travel 9 miles until Loving ends at SR325. Turn right on SR325 and make an immediate right on to Boy Scout Road. Camp Woodruff is approx. 2.5 miles. (01/15/11)





WOODRUFF PROGRAM

MOUNTAIN MAN - FIRST YEAR CAMPER PROGRAM



OVERVIEW:

The Mountain Man Program is designed for those Scouts who have either just crossed over from Webelos or have limited camping experience. As new rank requirements are adopted, the Mountain Man Program is constantly under review and revision to meet those requirements. In addition, feedback from Scoutmasters and other Scout leaders is utilized to retain those portions of the program that have proven to be effective and change those areas in need of improvement. Basic Scout skills for the inexperienced Scout form the basis of the program.

THE PROGRAM:

Mountain Man is a two-hour program held every morning all week. There are two sessions every day. The remainder of the day, scouts can work on merit badges that may interest them, or participate in troop activity periods.

Scouts are instructed in the following skill areas: woods tools, meal preparation and cooking, pioneering, knots, orienteering, nature, first aid, and outdoor citizenship. In addition, scouts can participate in a five-mile hike, on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings.

MOUNTAIN MAN T-SHIRTS AND PATCHES:

All Mountain Man participants will receive a "Mountain Man" t-shirt and a special patch to commemorate their week at camp. This t-shirt and patch are given out to those Scouts completing the program during Mountain Man Graduation on Friday.

MOUNTAIN MAN ADULT SCOUT LEADER PARTICIPATION:

Since the Scouts participating in the Mountain Man Program are new and inexperienced, it is mandatory that each unit assign one or more adults to actively work with their Scouts in this program. This includes observation, assistance with safety, discipline and active participation in the five-mile hike and orienteering course. This is an excellent opportunity for adult leaders to become acquainted with their new Scouts and forge a bond with them that will last throughout the Scouts' career and life.



MOUNTAIN MAN LEADER ORIENTATION MEETING:

There will be a Mountain Man Orientation Meeting on Sunday night at 7:15 PM for troop leaders involved with this program at the Mountain Man Pavilion



MOUNTAIN MAN EQUIPMENT NEEDS:

Participants in the Mountain Man Program should bring following items for program purposes:

SCOUT SKILL INSTRUCTION:

Scout Handbook

Notebook with plenty of paper

Cup or water bottle

Compass (if you have one)

Pen and pencil

Pocketknife (subject to Leader approval)

5-MILE HIKE:

Water Bottle

Rain Coat/Poncho

Flashlight

Day Pack

Snacks

Personal Items - such as first aid kit, insect repellent,

COMPASS COURSE:

We have compasses available for those who don't bring one