



## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CAMP

Drop off your scout by **NOON Sunday** 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  
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**. 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.





## Mountaineer -- First Year Camper Program



The Mountaineer 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. After being divided into Mountaineer patrols, Scouts will complete a different Mountaineer Adventure each day. During these adventures, Scouts are instructed in basic Scouting skills including knife, ax and saw, knots and pioneering, orienteering, nature, first aid, citizenship and more.

Mountaineer is a two-hour program held every morning all week. There are two sessions every day. The remainder of the day, Scouts are free to participate in any program or merit badge that interests.

Skills are offered focusing on Tenderfoot through First Class advancement requirements. In addition, Scouts can participate in a five mile hike on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evenings.

### Mountaineer T-Shirt and Patches

All Mountaineer participants will receive a "Mountaineer" t-shirt and a special patch to commemorate their week at camp. This t-shirt and patch are given out to those Scouts participating in the program during Mountaineer Celebration on Friday.

### Mountaineer Adult Leader Participation

We recommend each unit assign at least one adult to actively work with their Scouts in the Mountaineer Program. This includes observation, assistance with safety, discipline and active participation in the five-mile hike. This is an excellent opportunity for adult leaders to forge a bond with their new Scouts that will last throughout the Scouts' career and life.



## 2020 Requirements Covered

The following is a list of BSA Advancement Requirements that are included in the Mountaineer program. Actual requirement completion may vary based on weather and other factors.

### Scout

- 4a, 4b – Knots
- 5 – Pocketknife

### Tenderfoot

- 2a, 2b, 2c – Cooking
- 3a, 3b, 3c – Knots
- 3d – Knife, saw and ax
- 4a, 4c – First Aid and prevention
- 4b – Poisonous plants
- 5a, 5b, 5c – Hiking
- 7a – Citizenship
- 8 – EDGE method

### Second Class

- 1b – Leave No Trace
- 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d – Cooking and Fire
- 2f, 2g - Knots
- 3a, 3c, 3d – Compass
- 6 - First aid
- 8a, 8b - Citizenship

### First Class

- 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d – Knots and lashing
- 4a, 4b - Orienteering Course and GPS
- 5a – Nature
- 5b, 5c, 5d – Weather
- 6c, 6d - Canoe and paddle
- 7a, 7b, 7c, 7f - First Aid

### Additional Skills

- Totin' Chip and Firem'n Chit

### Covered in the optional evening hike

- Second Class - 3b - 5 mile hike

### Covered during swim check on Sunday

- Second Class – 5b - swimming
- First Class - 6a - swimming

### Covered during Swimming Merit Badge (Scouts BSA must register separately)

- Second Class – 5a, 5c, 5d - swimming
- First Class – 6e - Swimming