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SCOUTS BSA SUMMER CAMP
2020 LEADERS GUIDE
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WELCOME HOME TO BERT ADAMS SCOUT CAMP

DEAR SCOUTS BSA AND SCOUTERS:
Welcome to the 2020 Summer Camp at Bert Adams Scout Camp! We are excited to have you as part of our family at one of America’s longest continuously running summer camps. We had a great year in 2019 and are ready to make 2020 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.

We have worked hard this off-season to put together the most exciting program yet. We have added several new programs this year which will add to the excitement of your Scouts.

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 encourage all Scouts to bring a bicycle to camp.

Our camp staff is committed to exceeding your expectations. They are carefully selected and trained to assist you and your Scouts. Our Camp Director is a seasoned tenured volunteer Scoutmaster that understands your Troop’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 and make it your Home at Camp.

Yours in Scouting,

Tom Morin
Camp Director
Bert Adams Scout Camp
ABOUT OUR CAMP

DIRECTOR

Our Camp Director is Tom Morin, a seasoned Scouter from the Atlanta Area Council who has served as the Bert Adams Camp Director since 2015. Tom has been a volunteer Scout Leader in the Council for over 30 years. He serves as Scoutmaster for Troop 1776, a position he has served in since 1999.

Tom Morin was born and raised in the Chicago area but he has lived in Georgia since 1977. He is married to Wendy and they have three sons and a daughter. All three of his sons are Eagle Scouts. His daughter earned the Silver Award in Girl Scouting and was a Venturing Advisor for Crew 1776. They now have six grandchildren, the oldest being a Cub Scout.

On a District and Council level, he has served the Foothills District as Training Chair, Activities Chair, Advancement Committee, Roundtable Commissioner, District Chairman, and currently serves as on the Council Advisory Board and on the Council Training and Camping Committees. Tom has received the District Award of Merit, the Distinguished Commissioners Award, the Scoutmaster Award of Merit, the Bronze Pelican, the St. George Medal, and the Silver Beaver. He is an Eagle Scout and a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow.

Tom took his Wood Badge training as a Bobwhite at SR-CS-11, the old Cub Trainer Wood Badge Course in 1998 in Sweeney Texas. He has served on staff for nine Wood Badge courses and was the Course Director for Wood Badge Course 92-71. He has attended five National Jamboree’s including as a Scoutmaster in 2005 and as the Council Contingent Leader of the 2010 & 2013 Jamborees.

Tom is a graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He is an active member of the Catholic Church of St. Ann’s where he serves as a Sacristan and Eucharistic Minister. He is also a member of the Egwa OA Cook Team and the Catholic Committee on Scouting.
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”. The same remains true today.

There is something intangible that appeals to young people about packing up their gear and going camping for a week. Six nights and seven days in the woods to experience the meadows, the lakes, and the streams; it is truly an adventure! And an adventure that no Troop can duplicate on their own. Plus, consider the wide variety of programs and facilities including: an air-conditioned dining hall, trading post, swimming pool, and much more 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 merit badge classes. 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. New Scouts BSA will enjoy our Rawhide program, while your older Scouts will be challenged in the Xtreme Trek or Whitewater Challenge in North Georgia and Tennessee. We know that every Troop 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 Troop has any older Scouts or adults interested in summer-long positions, direct them to www.CampBertAdams.org for application information.

FOOD

Our meals are planned and prepared by foodservice professionals. You will enjoy well-balanced meals served buffet style plus salad bars, cereal, fresh fruit, and SECONDS!

THE 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

RAWHIDE

Rawhide is our program for “first-year Campers”, or any Scouts BSA who are still working on ranks up to First Class. The Rawhide program is designed to make new Scouts feel comfortable at Camp and give them the enthusiasm to fuel their advancements. This is a very structured program focused on rank advancement activities and each Scout is placed into a Patrol for their activities during the week. Rawhide is composed of two double-period session in the morning, Scouts only needing to select one double-period. The Rawhide program may also involve some evening sessions to complete things like a 5 mile hike and the line & tender requirements.

We also offer a First Class wrap-up session in the afternoons. This is geared for Scouts that need only specific requirements to complete First Class skills. Our staff will work with those Scouts on a customized basis to work on those specific skills. Your Scout may only need one afternoon to get that one or two requirements, or several afternoons depending on what they need.

MERIT BADGES

We offer a wide variety of merit badges in many program areas. Merit badges vary in their difficulty and number of requirements; therefore, some courses may require a strongly encouraged minimum age or camp experience that is noted on the class matrix. This ensures that Scouts have fun and are encouraged to succeed.

HIGH ADVENTURE

Bert Adams is home to some of the most inventive and fun programs for older Scouts. Stand-alone programs like COPE are available, in addition to Xtreme Trek program and Whitewater Challenge. Due to the maturity and physical ability required in these programs, Scouts must be 14 or completed the 8th grade.
CAMP INFORMATION
Bert Adams is located one hour southeast of Atlanta on I-20, Georgia near Conyers, GA.

Bert Adams Scout Camp
218 Scout Road
Covington, Georgia 30016

2020 CAMP FEES
Scouts BSA Summer Camp costs $320 per Scout and $175 per Adult.

The camp fee includes campsite with tents and beds, toilet and shower facilities, seventeen meals, program supplies (excluding craft kits to be purchased in the trading post), and all activities. Bert Adams follows an all-inclusive fee structure! No extra fees for camp programs and classes except as noted in the pre-requisite list!

Units staying in the Adventure Camp sites will pay an additional $10 per participant

FREE ADULTS
Each Troop of five or more Scouts will be permitted two (2) free Adults. Additional Free Adult discounts will be added for Troops of 25 or more Scouts (3 free Adults), 35 or more Scouts (4 free Adults), 45 or more (5 free Adults), and 55 or more (6 free adults). All other adults will be expected to pay a leader fee.

Adults that stay 1-3 days will pay a per day rate of $40. Adults staying 4 or more days are considered weeklong adults and are subject to the normal rate.

UNIT DEPOSIT
Unit's must submit a $250 deposit when submitting their reservation. This $250.00 will be credited to your camp fees when you attend camp.

Note: Be aware that this is a non-refundable deposit if your Troop chooses to cancel their reservation.

Deposits are not refundable. Upon arrival to Camp, all Units will be subject to a $100 per Scouts BSA fee for all “no-shows”. All remaining fees are refundable upon written request.
PAYMENT SCHEDULE

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Payments are accepted via cash, check, or credit card.

All unpaid charges will be settled upon check-in at camp on the Sunday of your selected week.

Scouts will not be able to register for classes and activities until after First and Second Payments are made.

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Make a reservation by going to our website, CampBertAdams.org.

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 and they 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 adjust your numbers online as changes happen within your unit. Final numbers are due by May 1, and no changes can be made less than two weeks prior to your arrival. Final Campsite assignments will be made the week prior to your Camp week by the Camp Director.

EARLY ARRIVAL

Units requesting to arrive either before or after the normal check-in time of 12:45 – 3:00 PM Sundays must be approved by the Camp Director at least four weeks in advance of the scheduled check-in date.

Please complete the downloadable “Early Arrival Request” form and return it to the council at least 4 weeks prior to arrival. A nominal fee of $50 will be charged to cover the additional staff expense associated with early arrivals. We will attempt to place all early arriving units in their assigned campsite on Saturday night. Friday arrivals are not permitted, and Monday arrivals are discouraged.

Early arriving units with advanced approval will receive a confirmation number from the Program Center. Any unit arriving early, without prior written approval, will be assessed a $100 fee.

If you are arriving early, please call ahead approximately 60 minutes prior to your arrival at camp so we can arrange to meet your unit.
WHEN YOU ARRIVE

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

- Your Unit will be greeted upon arrival at the Camp and met by your Troop Guide. **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.
- 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.
- 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.
- An inspection of the tents and tarps in the Campsite must be completed and signed by one of the Troop adult leaders as well as the Staff Guide.
- All Units will have an opportunity for a Troop photo session.
- An adult leader orientation and a Senior Patrol Leader orientation will be held on Sunday 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 Saturday. All Camp facilities will be closed at 9:00am; all Troops must be out of Camp and in the parking lot by this time.

- The Troop’s breakfast will be delivered to their Campsite approximately 6:45 AM. If you do not require breakfast that morning, let us know in advance.
- All trash must be removed from the Campsite and taken to the dumpster.
- 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 in late March through the online registration system. Additional assistance with any portion of class scheduling is available by emailing BertAdams@AtlantaBSA.org. Please use email for schedule questions/requests. Often it is much easier to help make these changes via email.

Class scheduling opens in late March to those who have completed their November 1 and February 1 payments ($120 per Scout). Exact timing will be communicated to you in February.

Class schedules can be altered and tweaked until seven days prior at Camp arrival. After that online scheduling is locked and can only be modified at Camp on Sunday evening.
MEDICAL INFORMATION

Every person (youth and adult) who attends Camp must submit a completed and signed BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, current (physical completed after June 2019) and complete. These forms are due at time of arrival at Camp. To speed your check-in process; we would encourage you to send your medical forms to Camp a week in advance.

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. All participants must have the appropriate activities in Part C certified by a physician in order to participate. Any person with an incorrect or out-of-date form will be required to visit a physician before entering Camp, at the person’s own expense.

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.

You can send in medical forms beginning on May 15 to:
Bert Adams Health Office
218 Scout Road
Covington, GA 30016

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 after March 1).

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.
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. They 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.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION DOSING FORM

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 must 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 FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Electricity is available in many, but not all, Campsites. For those that require electricity for a CPAP machine, please request that you be placed in a campsite with power as part of your registration.
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
- Swim Suit - Must be modest. For males, tight fitting swim briefs or swim bottoms are not allowed. For females, two-piece swimsuits are not allowed. Modest one-piece swimsuits or tankinis are appropriate.
- Soap, comb, toothbrush, towel, and other personal items
- Scouts BSA Handbook, pens & pencils, notebooks, and merit badge books
- Money for crafts, Trading Post items, and snacks ($70 is recommended)
- Other items such as camera, compass, pack, flashlight, insect repellant, sunblock, etc.

Be sure to pack in a waterproof container or pack.

OUR AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

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PRE-CAMP CHECKLIST

_____ Review the Program Guide with the Patrol Leader’s Council, Troop Committee, and Scoutmasters. Make notes and record any questions, then contact our Camping representatives at 770-956-5687 / BertAdams@AtlantaBSA.org.

_____ Ensure that all youth and adults complete the appropriate medical forms, collect and review them. If at all possible, mail your medical forms to Camp 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 Troop 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.CampBertAdams.org)

_____ $20 per Scout Camp deposit due by November 1, 2019; required to maintain reservation.

_____ $100 per Scout due by February 1, 2020; required to maintain reservation & schedule classes.

_____ $150 per Scout due by May 1, 2020.

_____ 100% of all fees due two weeks prior to arrival.

_____ Troop Committee:
   * Arrange for necessary adult leadership, minimum 2 adults at all times.
   * Arrange for necessary transportation to and from Camp.

_____ Patrol Leader’s Council:
   * Develop a list of Troop, Patrol, and personal equipment to take to Camp.

_____ Individual Registration:
   * Register each individual (Scout and adult) online at www.CampBertAdams.org. Opens in March.
   * Discuss class schedules individually with Scouts BSA and preparations required prior to Camp.

_____ Going to Camp:
   * Final review of checklist.
   * Collect and review medical forms for signatures and insurance information.
   * Complete pre-Camp health status questionnaire.
GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

CAMP RULES

Beyond the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law, the following rules are enforced at the Bert Adams Scout Camp:

- All cars must be parked in the designated camp parking areas. Only specially authorized vehicles are allowed in campsites or on the roads.
- Usage of golf carts must be approved by the Camp Director. Proof of Insurance will be required. A mandatory safety briefing will be held. Personal ATV’s are not allowed at Bert Adams.
- 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 or mountain boards are permitted. Inline skates are only allowed during class time.
- Personal firearms and bows are not permitted.
- No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances are allowed on camp property.
- No underage youth are allowed in camp, with the exception of family night.
- All guests are required to immediately check-in at the camp office, including family night.
- No fireworks of any kind are permitted on camp property.

ADULT LEADER & SENIOR PATROL LEADER MEETINGS

An orientation meeting will be held on Sunday evening. 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 and a Senior Patrol Leader meeting will be held each day; this is the primary method of communication to Units during the week at Camp.

TRANSPORTATION

Each Troop is responsible for safe transportation to and from Camp and must meet the insurance requirements of the Boy Scouts of America. Members of the BSA may not be transported at any time in the back of pickup trucks; members must wear seat belts at all times. Per BSA policy, driving must be kept under 10 hours per day.
VEHICLES IN CAMP
All vehicles parked on Camp property (with the exception of Family Day visitors on Friday) 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 Sunday 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 owner’s 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 BSA, adult leaders, and visitors are expected to park, walk, bike, exercise, and enjoy the beauty of our Camp.

SPEED LIMITS
The Camp wide maximum speed limit is 12 mph; we suggest 3 mph when Campers are present. Speed limits include bicycles.

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 Early Release from Camp. Please see the Camp Office for more information. This is for the safety of our Campers;

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

To write a Scout at Camp, the address is:

Troop # “Scout’s Name”
Bert Adams Scout Camp
218 Scout Road
Covington, Georgia 30016

You may also email your Scout via BertAdams@live.com with your Scouts Troop number and Name in the subject line. Printed emails will be left in the Troop mailbox daily.

PHONE MESSAGES
Messages will be placed in the Troop’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.
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, the use of chemical liquid fuels are not permitted per BSA policies. Propane lanterns and stoves are allowed. All fuels must be stored in a locked container. No liquid fueled lanterns should be used in any 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. Troop approved activity uniforms are appropriate for the remainder of the day.

LOST AND FOUND
Found items will be turned in at the Camp office. Leaders should encourage Scouts to mark their belongings with name and Troop number. Found items will be kept for one 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 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.

CAMPSITE INSPECTION
Campsite inspection will be conducted daily by volunteer Commissioners. We would like to have an adult from your Troop to volunteer to assist us with inspecting a neighboring Troop’s site. The inspection form will be available for viewing/download on the Camp website after March 1.
FISHING
The fish are biting at Bert Adams. Bring your fishing poles and tackle to have some fun. We do enforce a strict catch and release policy except for those completing their Fishing Merit Badge requirement.

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 Bert Adams t-shirt or cap. Plus, the trading post has your snacks, drinks, and ice cream. The trading post accepts cash and credit cards ($5 minimum). Based on last year, we recommend that Scouts bring $70 plus enough for handicraft kits. *The Trading Post does not carry all merit badge pamphlets.*

BICYCLES ARE ENCOURAGED
We encourage everyone 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. Basic supplies to fix bicycles are available for purchase at the Trading Post.

BIKE RULES
Bikes are permitted for use 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. A bike safety guide is posted on our website.

SWIM CHECK
Everyone attending Camp must take a BSA swim check to participate in any Aquatic activities. This must be re-taken by all at least every 12 months.

You can complete your own swim check before coming to Camp! This will save you a lot of time at check-in. Units that have already completed their swim check before Camp should present a copy of the Swim Check form with a copy of the certification of the administrator of the swim check at check-in and will be certified by the aquatics director. The aquatics staff reserves the right to re-test any person in their swimming ability while at Camp.

Anyone that didn’t do an early swim check can do so at Camp. As soon as your Troop Guide leads you to your Campsite, you should prepare to take the swim check. Upon arrival at the waterfront your Unit will be issued buddy tags.
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 Troop 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:

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

Seconds & Extra Food

We will feed buffet style for all meals. Scouts can take what they want as long as they eat what they take. Seconds will be offered to all Campers after everyone has been served. At all meals peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, fresh fruit, and other items are available.

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 online by May 1.

Handwashing

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.

Family Night

Family Night is on Friday. Families are invited to Camp to experience some of the Camp atmosphere, observe activities, stay for dinner, and be a part of our Friday night Campfire. Family members may arrive any time after lunch and must check-in at the Camp office. Meal tickets are $6 each for visitors. Remind your visitors that we only wear closed toed shoes in Camp.
PROGRAM INFORMATION

The next few pages contain information on our Camp programs for 2020. 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 and quality programs we offer.

Summer Camp is primarily about fun! Too often, younger Scouts create an aggressive class schedule focused on advancement. Please work with your Scouts to help create appropriate schedules that mix advancement with adventure and fun.

Many of our programs have age-appropriate suggestions. We encourage you to use these guidelines when Scouts are creating their class schedules.

You will find that some of our class offerings include prerequisites. In some cases, a merit badge must already have been earned prior to summer camp. For example, in order to take Emergency Preparedness a Scout must already have earned First Aid. We do not permit Scouts to take these classes concurrently; the prerequisite must be complete before Camp starts.

It will be indicated on the merit badge class schedule which requirements will not be completed at Camp. There are some things we just cannot do in a Camp setting like visiting a Museum or a Federal facility. Scouts BSA may bring proof of completion of these requirements to class for the instructor to review before or after class.

There may be other things that are not accomplished because of an individual issue or difficulty grasping the subject matter. Just attending a class does not guarantee that they earn the Merit Badge through osmosis.

Please encourage your Scouts to take a variety of courses at Camp! We believe that Camp is about outdoor adventure and challenge; a Scout only enrolled in all academic type classes is missing out.

Above all, make sure your Scout is scheduled to have time to have Fun. Time to spend with their Patrol or with a Buddy to explore Camp and participate in some Open Activities in the afternoons and evenings.

We also have fun planned for the adults in Camp. We will offer Scout Leader Training for your untrained leaders. With the wireless internet connection in the Ashley Center and Love Dining Hall, we will have capability for all the online training opportunities. There will be many other opportunities for FUN including the Scout Leader Rappelling, Scoutmaster Shoot, Golf Tournament, Iron Chef Cooking contest, Orienteering, and a Camp Service Project. After all, you are on vacation, aren’t you? Shouldn’t you enjoy yourself?

The course guide that follows is tentative. The final version, with schedule, will appear on the website no later than March 1, 2020.

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

This is a preliminary list. A final listing with daily schedule will be released no later than March 1. Online sign up for program registration will be available on in late March to all Units that have paid their November and February fees for Camp. Instructions will be sent by email to the primary contact prior to registration.

NEW FOR THIS YEAR’S PROGRAM ARE:

- Skating Merit Badge in our Field Sports Area featuring Inline Skating. Bring your own skates.
- The Bert Adams News Room – This STEM class will occupy your mornings as you develop the daily Bert Adams Daily News for the Camp. You will also work on the Bert Adams social media sites. In doing this you will work on the requirements for Photography, Movie Making, Journalism, and Graphic Arts Merit Badges.
- Our High Adventure offerings for older Scouts have expanded to not only include the Whitewater Challenge but also the Xtreme Trek.

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<td>Very Physically demanding, must be 15 years old and already have Swimming and Lifesaving Merit Badges.</td>
<td>CPR for the Professional Rescuer Certification</td>
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<td>Physically demanding. Requirement 1. Must be a Swimmer and have the Swimming Merit Badge.</td>
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<td>Mega Slip and Slide Activity</td>
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<td>COPE Adventure</td>
<td>Must be 13 years old and physically fit.</td>
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<td>Climbing Merit Badge</td>
<td>Recommend 13 years old and physically fit. Long pants and “grippy” shoes required</td>
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<td>Bouldering</td>
<td>Troop Afternoon Activity</td>
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<td>Bert Adams Bicycle Shop</td>
<td>A place to tune up or repair your bicycle. Not a Drop Off Repair, you will learn to fix your Bike. Supplies available at the Trading Post.</td>
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<td>Cycling Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Option A: 7c; Option B: 8d</td>
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<td>Games with Staff or your Troop</td>
<td>Gaga Ball, Flag Football, Soccer, Volley Ball, Cornhole, Ladder Golf, and more!</td>
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<td>Mountain Biking Course</td>
<td>A Troop or Patrol based activity</td>
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<td>Personal Fitness Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Inline Skating Option</td>
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<td>Black Lining</td>
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<td>Art Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Purchase kits in the Trading Post -$16.</td>
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<td>Leatherwork Merit Badge</td>
<td>Purchase kits in the Trading Post -$12</td>
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<td>Metalworking Merit Badge</td>
<td>We will work on Option 5a</td>
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<td>Pottery Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Sculpture Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Woodcarving Merit Badge</td>
<td>Totin’ Chip Card unless in Rawhide Purchase kits in the Trading Post -$8</td>
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<td>Chess Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Citizenship in Nation Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Citizenship in World Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Communications Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Disability Awareness Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Requirements 4 a, b or d</td>
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<td>Emergency Prep Merit Badge</td>
<td>Requirement 1</td>
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<td>Fingerprinting Merit Badge</td>
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<td>First Aid Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Safety Squared Program</td>
<td>A Combination of Safety and Fire Safety Merit Badges</td>
<td>Safety 1, 3b, 4, 6, Fire Safety 6a, 11</td>
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<td>Scouting Heritage Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Search &amp; Rescue Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Signs, Signals and Codes Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Astronomy Merit Badge</td>
<td>Bring binoculars, after dark lab required</td>
<td>Depending on current weather Requirements 4a&amp;b, 8c</td>
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<td>Bird Study Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Environmental Science Merit Badge</td>
<td>Labs required Outside of Class for Observations</td>
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<td>Fish &amp; Wildlife Management Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Forestry Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Nature Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Oceanography Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Plant Science Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Reptile &amp; Amphibian Study Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Soil &amp; Water Cons. Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Cooking Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Fishing Merit Badge</td>
<td>Bring Fishing gear</td>
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<td>Geocaching Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Requirements 8 and 9</td>
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<td>Horsemanship Merit Badge</td>
<td>Will require two afternoons</td>
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<td>Indian Lore Merit Badge</td>
<td>Purchase kit in Trading Post- $20.</td>
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<td>Orienteering Competition Course</td>
<td>Patrol and Troop based activity</td>
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<td>Orienteering Merit Badge</td>
<td>Bring a Compass</td>
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<td>Pioneering Merit Badge</td>
<td>Must know all knots for 1st Class.</td>
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<td>Wilderness Survival Merit Badge</td>
<td>Must bring sleeping bag, ground cloth, and flashlight</td>
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<td>Rifle Shooting Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Shotgun Merit Badge</td>
<td>Recommended for Scouts 14+. Safety Officer will evaluate physical ability</td>
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### STEM

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<td>Bring up to date Cyber Chip to Camp</td>
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<td>Explorations Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Game Design Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Inventing Merit Badge</td>
<td>Requirements 7 &amp; 8</td>
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<td><strong>News Room</strong>: Combination of Photography, Journalism, Movie Making, Graphic Arts Merit Badges</td>
<td>Requires all 4 morning sessions to work on the Bert Adams News and Social Media while earning 4 Merit Badges</td>
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<td>Robotics Merit Badge</td>
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<td>Space Exploration Merit Badge</td>
<td>Must buy an Estes Rocket. Engines are provided</td>
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<td>Basic Scout Leader Training BSLT</td>
<td>Monday – Thursday 9:00-10:15 AM</td>
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<td>Bert Adams History Tour</td>
<td>Tuesday at 10:30 AM</td>
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<td>Outdoor Leader Training ITOLS</td>
<td>Monday – Thursday 2:00 – 4:00 PM Friday 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM</td>
<td>Bring food to cook one meal</td>
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<td>Scoutmaster Camp Service Project</td>
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<td>Life to Eagle Seminar</td>
<td>Tuesday 7:30 – 8:30 PM</td>
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<td>Merit Badge Counselor Training</td>
<td>Wednesday 10:30 – 11:30 AM</td>
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<td>Troop Committee Challenge</td>
<td>Monday 10:30 – 12:00 PM</td>
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<td>Scoutmaster Golf Tournament</td>
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<td>Scoutmaster Shotgun Shoot</td>
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<td>STEM Nova Mentor Training</td>
<td>Thursday 10:30 – 12:00 PM</td>
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PROGRAM INFORMATION

RAWHIDE
The Rawhide program has been designed to give first year Scouts the greatest opportunity to learn basic Scouting skills. They will be taught many of the skills that are part of the Scout to First Class advancement. This program takes two periods every morning.

WHAT TO BRING TO RAWHIDE
- Scouts BSA Handbook
- Notebook
- Pencil/pen
- Water bottle

FIRST CLASS WRAP UP
This is an afternoon session that is designed for second year Campers to work with our Rawhide staff to finish up selected rank requirements that a Scout may be missing to advance in rank. A Scout may only need to attend one or two afternoons to complete what they need.

COPE
(CHALLENGING OUTDOOR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE)
COPE is comprised of groups of initiative games, and low and high course activities. Are you up to this 15-hour course that will test your leadership, your communication skills, your decision making and problem solving, and trust in your fellow Scout? Can you do all of this while 25 feet up in the trees?
COPE is for Scouts who are at least 13 years old by start of Camp. Scouts participating in the COPE program will need to bring long pants with pockets and shoes with “grippy” soles.

CLIMBING
Each participant will be working towards the Climbing merit badge on our 62-foot climbing tower. Training includes rappelling and climbing technique, plus climbing safety. Plus, earn the merit badge!

We recommend that Climbing is for Scouts who are at least 13 years old by start of Camp. Scouts will need to bring long pants with pockets and shoes with “grippy” soles (boots not recommended).

Open climbing and rappelling is also available during periods A, B, and C to all Scouts. Scouts taking Climbing Merit Badge are given preference.
LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR
The Atlanta Area Council Advancement Committee will be hosting a Life to Eagle seminar at Camp. While there may be some differences between how Council’s and District’s interpret the National policy, this is a great time to familiarize yourself with the National Policy and procedures on this final rank.

HIGH ADVENTURE

WHITWATER CHALLENGE
This adventure will transport Scouts to North Carolina on Sunday where they will be housed by Whitewater Express base camp. From there every day will present a new Whitewater Rafting adventure on the Nantahala, Ocoee, and Tuckaseegee Rivers. Experience some of the best Whitewater Rafting in the Southeast on this week-long adventure. Campers will return to camp on Friday afternoon. This outstanding program comes at an additional fee of just $80 per youth beyond the base Camp fee!

XTREME TREK
This week long adventure will also transport you to North Carolina for the week. In this trek you will experience horseback riding, canoeing, hiking, fly fishing, plus whitewater rafting on the Ocoee and the Nantahala Rivers. Campers will return to camp on Friday afternoon. This outstanding program comes at an additional fee of just $80 per youth beyond the base Camp fee!
TROOP & PATROL ACTIVITIES AT CAMP

AQUATICS
There will be ample opportunities to get wet at Camp as a Troop or as a Patrol. We will have scheduled times in the afternoons for free swims and free boating every day.

MILE SWIM
Everyone is invited to complete the Mile Swim. The swim will be done on Friday afternoon. In order to participate in the mile swim, individuals must attend at least three mandatory practices on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons.

STAND UP PADDLE BOARDING
An open activity during free boating hours. You must be a swimmer to participate.
MEGA SLIP & SLIDE
Here is an opportunity for fun and to get wet. Come with a buddy and enjoy our Mega Slip and Slide!

WATER OBSTACLE COURSE
In our waterfront area at the lake, we have an amazing obstacle course in the swimmers area for Scouts to enjoy during free swims. We are adding additional elements to the course this year to add to the fun.
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.

FIELD SPORTS GAMES
Many of the field sports activities will provide the venue for either inter-Patrol or inter-Troop 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.

ORIENTEERING CHALLENGE
Either as a Patrol or as a Troop, take an Orienteering Course challenge. A professional competition orienteering course is in place for your use. It was designed by the Bert Adams Outdoor Skills department and will take you to all corners of the Camp.

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 Patrol Activity. The buddy system is a must on this as well as the use of helmets. Details on the trails will be available from the bike shop in Field Sports.
CAMP WIDE GAMES
Friday afternoon a Camp Wide Scout competition will be held. Troops may enter a Patrol of Scouts to compete in this whirlwind race to the finish that includes cross-country running, fire building, orienteering skills, pioneering, and more! Details will be coordinated with the Senior Patrol Leaders while at Camp.

WATERMELON NIGHT
The Bert Adams Watermelon Night is back again! Chilled watermelons will be delivered to your Campsite on the evening of your choice. Watermelons are $5.00 each and can be purchased through the Camp Office by Monday morning.

GAGA BALL
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.
OFF SITE PROGRAMS

Bert Adams sits on 1500 acres of pristine Camping lands. But it also sits just outside of Atlanta, Georgia... the 9th largest metropolitan area in the United States and site of the Centennial Olympic Games of 1996! There are countless opportunities for Troops to experience culture, history, nature, and business as part of your Bert Adams experience. Atlanta is home to Coca-Cola, CNN, Turner Broadcasting, the College Football Hall of Fame, and a whole lot more!

Your Unit can choose an attraction trek program anytime during your stay, or even arrive a day early! Many Units will choose an adventure trek during an afternoon or evening. Pick one of our organized treks!

Bert Adams offers 3 organized adventure treks. Every youth can participate in one organized adventure trek for free. First treks for any adult are $5 each. Additional treks for any individual are $25 per person. We are not able to include transportation for Stone Mountain Park Trek or Need for Speed. Scuba Adventure is an on-site activity and transportation is included for Horseback Riding.

STONE MOUNTAIN PARK TREK

During the afternoon and evening of your choice travel 38 miles to Stone Mountain Park for a unique Georgia experience. Stone Mountain is a 1,686-foot-tall monadnock located in Atlanta’s eastern suburbs. Stone Mountain is famous for its geologic significance and the largest base relief sculpture in the world (90 x 190 ft.) of three Confederate leaders. Your Troop can spend your visit hiking, learning about Georgia history, visiting attractions, and stay for the famous Laser Show Spectacular in MountainVision (world’s longest-running laser show—over 30 years). This will be a great evening activity for your whole Troop!

The Stone Mountain Trek is an evening activity. At least 2 adults must attend to provide two deep-leadership. The Troop must provide transportation, but the Camp will pay for your parking and admission into the Park. This includes access to all public areas, hiking and nature trails, Quarry Exhibit, Confederate Hall Historical & Environmental Education Center, and the Laser Show Spectacular. Individual attraction admission can also be purchased for many of the attractions.

Advancement opportunities can also be included in this experience including history, outdoor, and civic requirements.

NEED FOR SPEED TREK

Travel 38 miles to that Atlanta Motor Speedway for a night of watching Bandolero, Legends, and Thunder Roadster racing. It’s an evening of fun and grass-roots racing on the paved quarter-mile track at Atlanta Motor Speedway: The Thunder Ring. Drivers as young as 8-years-old come from all over the nation to battle for the right to be called champions.

This Adventure Trek includes admission to the race and dinner in route to the track. The Need for Speed Trek is only available on Thursday evenings. At least two adult leaders from the Troop must attend. Everyone should bring rain gear. Everyone will leave camp at 5:00pm on Thursday and return around 11:00pm. The Unit is responsible for their own transportation.
SCUBA ADVENTURE
For those who want to test the waters, this is the course for you. The Scuba Adventure gives you a glimpse into what you can expect to see in the underwater world as well as what you could expect to learn in the Open Water Scuba Diver course. You will be shown the basic safety procedures for enjoyable scuba dives under the watchful eye of an instructor. You will learn skills like equalizing your ears, buddy checks, basic buoyancy control, and underwater communication. You will be given an introduction to basic scuba equipment and scuba skills. All participants must complete a release form (available on Camp web page) and the Scuba medical release that is part of the BSA Health and Medical Record Part C.

All Scuba Adventure sessions begin at 2:00pm.

HORSEBACK RIDING TREK
Travel a short drive to one of our Camp partners for an afternoon of horse education and riding. Scouts will receive a 1-hour orientation on horses, their care, and riding basics from a trained riding school staff member. Next, everyone will saddle-up go through the on-horse requirements for the Merit Badge. This is part of our Horsemanship Merit Badge, a two-afternoon class. Those that wish to participate in a trail ride need to sign up for just the Trek. A trail ride is not included as part of the Merit Badge. There is a Waiver Form that must be completed for all participants on our website.
CAMPFIRES & OA DAY

Three times during the week you will gather in the Camp’s amphitheater for fellowship and fun around the Campfire!

OPENING STAFF CAMPFIRE

SUNDAY - 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 Camp is known by. Come experience the history and enthusiasm!

OA DAY AT BERT ADAMS

WEDNESDAY – It’s OA Day at Bert Adams! All OA members are invited to wear their sashes at the evening flag ceremony. In the evening we will OA ceremony that will rededicate all Brothers for the purpose of our Order. Afterwards we will enjoy a special OA cracker barrel for OA Brothers in the dining hall after the Campfire.

That evening for all others, we will have a memorable flag retirement ceremony during which each Participant will be able to retire a flag.

CLOSING FAMILY NIGHT CAMPFIRE

FRIDAY- At the final time that Camp gathers for the week, the staff will recognize the outstanding efforts by Troops and individuals. Troops will also have the chance to make presentations to those who made a difference. Troops are invited to present a song, skit, or cheer to the Camp. Senior Patrol Leader’s will plan this portion of the Campfire at their daily meeting and Troop presentations must be approved in advance.
ADULT LEADER OPPORTUNITIES

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 TRAINING

SCOUTS BSA LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING
The latest SBLST course will be taught at Camp to get your untrained leaders trained in Scoutmaster fundamentals. Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 10:15 AM

IOLS TRAINING
The latest IOLS course will be taught at Camp to get your untrained leaders trained in their outdoor skills. Monday – Thursday 2:00 – 4:00 PM, Friday 10:30 – 12:00 PM. Participants will need to provide food to compete in the Iron Chef Competition.

TROOP COMMITTEE CHALLENGE
This is an opportunity for Troop Committee Members to get trained. All Scout Leaders are welcome on Monday from 10:30 until noon.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR TRAINING
How many of you counsel Merit Badges within the Troop? How many of your Counselors are Trained beyond YPT? Wednesdays from 10:30 until noon.

ADULT LEADER SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING
We are proud to offer the following training sessions during the Camp week:

• Safe Swim Defense / Safety Afloat
• Trek Safely
• Paddle Craft Safety
• Climb On Safely
• On-line training through my.scouting.org

STEM NOVA MENTOR TRAINING
Learn to be a STEM Nova Mentor and see how you can add STEM into your Scouting Program.
ADULT LEADER ACTIVITIES

SCOUTMASTER SKEET SHOOT
Test your skills at one of Scouting’s ultimate challenges. Wednesday at 7:00pm at the shotgun range. Must attend a Monday or Tuesday Shotgun class for a safety orientation.

IRON CHEF COMPETITION
Make a Camp dessert using our mystery ingredient! The mystery ingredient will be unveiled on Tuesday morning. Entries must be ready for tasting on Tuesday night as a part of the Adult Leader Steak Dinner. Participants should be prepared with their own cooking equipment and to bring/shop for remaining ingredients.

CAMP GOLF TOURNAMENT
You don’t need to bring your clubs for this. Make your set of clubs and compete in a round of Camp Golf with your fellow Scouters on Friday morning after the Scoutmaster Brunch.

BERT ADAMS HISTORY & ADVENTURE TOUR
Learn about Camp’s unique history and explore some of our facilities. A multi media event you will not want to miss. Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM

SCOUTMasters LOUNGE
The Ashley Leaders building is a place for Unit Leaders to get away. We will have a coffee pot brewing and the Wi-Fi is available for your use to get online to check email or to take online training.

ADULT LEADER’S BRUNCH
Enjoy a gourmet brunch on Friday in the dining hall as part of our Leaders meeting.

STEAK DINNER
Hang out with your Troop for evening flags on Tuesday, but then don’t go to the dining hall! The best dinner in Camp begins at 6:00pm and all Leaders are invited. Visit with our Council Executive Staff during this feast.
GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

WI-FI SERVICE/INTERNET ACCESS
The primary spot for dedicated adult access to the Internet is at the Ashley Leaders building, but we have a strong WiFi network throughout Love Dining Hall as well. With the strong cell signal it is possible most anywhere in Camp to create your own mobile Hot Spot.

SERVICE PROJECTS/GUEST INSTRUCTORS
We are always in need of your expertise, whether it is for an improvement to a facility or instructing a special merit badge course. Let us know your talents and interests.

RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

UNIT PARTICIPATION RIBBON
All Units attending Camp will receive a participation ribbon for their Unit flag.

HONOR TROOP AWARD
Troops can qualify for a special recognition at Bert Adams. The Honor Troop Award is presented to all Troops that complete the requirements that include Campsite inspections, Camp improvement projects, being on time for meals and assemblies.

CAMP RANGER AWARD
This is a special award presented by our Bert Adams Camp Rangers to those Units accomplishing significant work projects in areas designated by the Rangers. Projects must be requested by noon on Tuesday. This is different than the conservation or improvement project required for the Honor Troop award.

SCOUTMASTER MERIT BADGE
Why let your Scouts have all the FUN? All adult volunteers are encouraged to get involved and earn the Scoutmaster Merit Badge during their stay.