

# OUTBACK PROGRAM

## FOR ARROW OF LIGHT SCOUTS

The Outback Adventure program has been designed to give Arrow of Lights Scouts the greatest opportunity to learn basic Scouts BSA skills and stay excited about Scouting. This program requires some independence and maturity. Scouts are divided into patrols and taught the Patrol Method by our Bert Adams Camp Staff.

The Outback Adventure includes the following elements:

**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** - Saturday 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 Outback campfire program is held at night in Camp Jamison.

**Rappelling** - After returning to Adventure Camp on Sunday participants will complete a 30' rappel.

**Free Swim** - The Outback Adventure also includes a free swim.

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

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

- Water bottle
- Change of clothes for 1 day
- Minimal toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, bar of soap, and a SMALL towel)
- Tent and ground cloth
- Sleeping bag, pad and SMALL pillow
- Rain gear
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Flashlight

*Be Sure to Bring a Water Bottle. DO NOT bring any electronics or phones.*

Parents and Leaders are not required or encouraged to camp in the Outback. Our Staff will provide all needed supervision. We use this as a growing experience of independence for the Youth to prepare them for the Adventures of Scouts BSA. Adult Training and Free Time will be provided to 7 Adults while the AOL Scouts are in the Outback.