

Leaders' Guide

Winter Blast 2024



January 12-15, 2024

Camp Durant

Updates & Changes

- 11/16/23 Added Merit Badge Schedule – Page 7
- 11/16/23 Updated Page Numbers
- 11/16/23 Updated Food Service Information – Page 11
- 1/8/24 Updated Merit Badge Classes – Pages 6-9
- 1/8/24 Updated all Page Numbers
- 1/8/24 Notes from first Virtual Leader's Meeting –
 - Check-in Friday Night: entrance road then follow directions given by Staff in the Administration Parking Lot.
 - Verify vehicle knows correct campsite for the Unit.
 - Verify Roster – is anyone **not** attending that is registered?
 - Check-In Packets available in the Grand Lodge – will include:
Class Schedules & General Information
 - Unit Leader Meeting at 9:30 PM in Grand Lodge Friday Night
 - Communication/Logistics – Staff with radios at Sullivan & Grand Lodge
 - Merit Badge Sign-off of requirements – goal to have entered into Tentaroo 1 week AFTER the event closes (Monday, January 22nd)
 - If your Unit is departing Sunday Evening? We need to know
 - We need help with transportation with the following:
 1. Saturday Morning to Camp Reeves after breakfast
 2. To the local Airfield after lunch
 3. From Reeves back to Durant at 4:50 PM
 - We need assistance to help serve meals. The need is 12 servers at each meal to help with the 4 serving lines at the Saturday & Sunday meals.
 - Fridge space in the Grand Lodge is available for medicines or those bringing food to cover food allergies.
 - Campfire has been added to Sunday Night schedule (this is optional) provided by the Communications Class.

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Welcome

On behalf of the entire staff, welcome to the
7th Annual Winter Blast at Camp Durant

We are sure you will have an awesome experience, and the staff is ready to deliver the best program possible. The materials contained in this guide will assist you in preparing for your camping experience. Please take note that this information is what we have planned at this time, but, all details are subject to change. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility!

We look forward to a great weekend in January with all of you!

Contacts

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Camp Office: 910-948-2382 (Call during event)

Raleigh Office: 919-872-4884

Ranger's Residence: 910-948-3258 (emergency only)

January 12-15, 2024
Camp Durant
4637 Old Carthage Road
Carthage, NC 28237



Details and Dates

Fees

Scout: \$ 100.00
Adult: \$ 50.00

Deadlines

Numbers registration opens 11/01/2023
Class registration opens 9am 12/01/2023

Participants

We encourage all male and female Scouts to attend! Scouts will camp in designated sites according to Youth Protection Guidelines.

Leadership

Each Scout is required to be accompanied by 2 Unit Leaders. Units must have two-deep leadership—female units must have an attending female leader—in accordance with Youth Protection Guidelines.

There will be a virtual meetings offered on January 4th & January 9th for Scoutmasters, SPLs, and Adult Leaders. A meeting link will be emailed to the Unit Contact that registered you Unit in Tentaroo. The link will also be available on the Council Website and social media pages. Details will also be emailed to the Unit Leaders.

Merit Badge Instructors will have separate information meetings.

Documentation Required

All youth and adult attendees must bring to camp:

- Current, signed BSA Personal Health and Medical Record Parts A, B1, and B2 with a current copy of their health insurance card. This will remain with Unit Leaders during camp.
- https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf

Merit Badge Opportunities

Classes offered are subject to change and may include the following:

Classes will be filled on a first come, first served basis via Tentaroo registration. Scouts are not guaranteed to get their first choice of classes and enrollment may be shifted to accommodate social distancing. Classes will be limited. All scouts should be registered for classes in both day and evening sessions.

***Not all badges can be completed at camp.**

***Pre-requisites will be expected to be completed prior to attendance.**

***We will sign-off only on requirements completed at camp.**

Merit Badge Booklets can be downloaded from:

[All Merit Badges A-Z | Boy Scouts of America \(scouting.org\)](https://www.scouting.org/meritbadges/)

All ages/ranks

American Business
American Heritage
Art
Astronomy
Automotive Maintenance
Aviation
Backpacking
Basketry
Camping
Chess
Cit. in the Community
Cit. in the Nation
Cit. in the World
Climbing
Communications
Electricity
Fingerprinting
Fishing
Fire Safety

Home Repair
Indian Lore
Inventing
Leatherwork
Nature
Orienteering/Geocaching
Photography
Pioneering
Pulp and Paper
Radio
Safety
Scouting Heritage
Search and Rescue
Soil & Water Conservation
Sustainability
Traffic Safety
Weather
Wilderness Survival (Overnight
Required)
Wood Carving

Min. age 13 by 4/15/2023

Archery
Emergency Preparedness
Environmental Science
Personal Fitness
Rifle Shooting

Min. age 13 and 1st Class

First Aid

Min. age 14 and 1st Class

Engineering
Personal Management
Shotgun Shooting
Metalwork



Merit Badge Schedule

Class schedule – by badge						
Offering	Saturday 9:00 - 12:00	Saturday 2:00 - 5:00	Saturday 7:00 - 8:30	Saturday 8:30 - 10:00	Sunday 9:00 - 12:00	Sunday 2:00 - 5:00
Eagle-required						
Backpacking-A		Grand Lodge C				
Backpacking-B			Grand Lodge C	Grand Lodge C		
Backpacking-C					Grand Lodge C	
Camping-A	Aquatics Building					
Camping-B		Aquatics Building				
Camping-C					Aquatics Building	
Camping-D						Aquatics Building
Cit in the Community-A	Sullivan D					
Cit in the Community-B		Sullivan D				
Cit in the Community-C			Sullivan D	Sullivan D		
Cit in the Community-D						Sullivan E
Cit in the Nation-A	Sullivan E					
Cit in the Nation-B	Sullivan B					
Cit in the Nation-C			Sullivan E	Sullivan E		
Cit in the Nation-D					Sullivan E	
Cit in the Nation-E					Sullivan C	
Cit in the World-A		Sullivan B				
Cit in the World-B		Sullivan E				
Cit in the World-C			Sullivan B	Sullivan B		
Cit in the World-D						Sullivan B
Communications-A	Sports Building					
Communications-B		Sports Building				
Communications-C					Museum (Beluga Club)	
Emergency Prep-A		STEM Building	STEM Building	STEM Building		
Emergency Prep-B					STEM Building	STEM Building
Environment Science-A		Grand Lodge B	Grand Lodge B	Grand Lodge B		
Environment Science-B					Grand Lodge B	Grand Lodge B
First Aid **-A	Health Lodge Porch	Health Lodge Porch				
First Aid **-B					Health Lodge Porch	Health Lodge Porch
Personal Fitness-A	Grand Lodge A	Grand Lodge A				
Personal Fitness-B					Grand Lodge A	Grand Lodge A
Personal Management-A			Grand Lodge A	Grand Lodge A		
Personal Management-B					Sullivan B	
Sustainability-A		Admin Building				
Sustainability-B						Admin Building

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Offering	Saturday 9:00 - 12:00	Saturday 2:00 - 5:00	Saturday 7:00 - 8:30	Saturday 8:30 - 10:00	Sunday 9:00 - 12:00	Sunday 2:00 - 5:00
Shooting Sports						
Archery-A	Archery Range	Archery Range				
Archery-B					Archery Range	Archery Range
Rifle Shooting-A	Rifle Range	Rifle Range				
Rifle Shooting-B					Rifle Range	Rifle Range
Shotgun Shooting-A	Shotgun Range	Shotgun Range				
Shotgun Shooting-B					Shotgun Range	Shotgun Range
Other						
American Business-A	Admin Building					
American Business-B						Handicraft Building
American Heritage-A	Ecology Building					
American Heritage-B					Admin Building	
Art-A	Sullivan A					
Art-B					Sullivan D	
Astronomy-A			Sullivan Main Room	Sullivan Main Room		
Automotive Maintenance-A	Quartermaster	Quartermaster				
Automotive Maintenance-B					Quartermaster	Quartermaster
Aviation-A	Grand Lodge D	Grand Lodge D				
Basketry-A			Handicraft Building	Handicraft Building		
Basketry-B						Handicraft Shelter
Chess-A	Grand Lodge B					
Chess-B						Sullivan Main Room
Climbing-A	Climbing Tower	Climbing Tower				
Climbing-B					Climbing Tower	Climbing Tower
Electricity-A		Sullivan A	Sullivan A	Sullivan A		
Electricity-B					Sullivan A	Sullivan A
Fingerprinting-A			Armstrong Shelter			
Fingerprinting-B				Armstrong Shelter		
Fingerprinting-C					Armstrong Shelter	
Fingerprinting-D						Armstrong Shelter
Fire Safety-A			Quartermaster	Quartermaster		
Fire Safety-B						Museum (Beluga Club)
Fishing-A	Fish Camp					
Fishing-B					Fish Camp	
Home Repair-A	Taws Cabin	Taws Cabin				
Home Repair-B					Sports Building	Sports Building
Indian Lore-A			Ecology Building	Ecology Building		
Indian Lore-B						Ecology Building
Inventing-A			Museum (Beluga Club)	Museum (Beluga Club)		
Inventing-B						Sullivan C

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Leatherwork-A	Handicraft Shelter					
Leatherwork-B					Handicraft Shelter	
Metal Work *-A		Handicraft Forge	Handicraft Forge	Handicraft Forge		
Metal Work *-B					Handicraft Forge	Handicraft Forge
Nature-A		Ecology Building				
Nature-B					Ecology Building	
Orienteering & Geocaching-A	Sullivan C	Sullivan C				
Photography-A	Grand Lodge C					
Photography-B					Grand Lodge D	
Pioneering-A	Scoutcraft Shelter	Scoutcraft Shelter				
Pioneering-B					Scoutcraft Shelter	Scoutcraft Shelter
Pulp and Paper-A		Handicraft Building				
Radio-A	Sullivan Main Room					
Radio-B					Sullivan Main Room	
Safety-A			Grand Lodge D	Grand Lodge D		
Safety-B						Grand Lodge D
Scouting Heritage-A			Sullivan C	Sullivan C		
Scouting Heritage-B						Sullivan D
Search and Rescue-A		Annex Shelter				
Search and Rescue-B			Admin Building	Admin Building		
Search and Rescue-C					Annex Shelter	
Search and Rescue-D						Annex Shelter
Soil & Water Conservation-A	Museum (Beluga Club)	Museum (Beluga Club)				
Traffic Safety-A		Sullivan Main Room				
Traffic Safety-B			Aquatics Building	Aquatics Building		
Weather-A	STEM Building					
Weather-B			Sports Building	Sports Building		
Weather-C					Grand Lodge Porch	
Weather-D						Grand Lodge C
Wood Carving-A	Handicraft Building					
Wood Carving-B					Handicraft Building	

Merit Badge Session

Worksheet for Individual Scouts

For Internal Unit Use Only

There are three Merit Badge Sessions on Saturday, two on Sunday giving each Scout the opportunity to work on up to six different merit badges. The schedule is the same for both days. Some badges require more than one session. For each session, choose a first, second, and third choice writing them in the spaces below. Return this completed form to your Scoutmaster for approval. Online registration will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Scout Name: _____ Unit: _____

Age on January 12, 2024: _____ Council: _____

Rank on January 12, 2024:

_____ Scout _____ Tenderfoot _____ Second Class
 _____ First Class _____ Star _____ Life _____ Eagle

Session	Times	1 st Choice Course	2 nd Choice Course	3 rd Choice Course
1 Sat	9:00-12:00			
2 Sat	2:00-5:00			
3 Sat	7:00-10:00			
1 Sun	9:00-12:00			
2 Sun	2:00-5:00			

Camp Facts

Medical Needs

Unit Leaders/Scouts are responsible for administering medications and keeping said medications located in a secure place. Refrigeration, if required, is available at the Health Lodge. There will be a staff medic to assist with medical emergencies. The camp utilizes 911 services for Moore County. BSA health forms should be kept in camp by Unit Leaders.

Refunds

After class registration occurs, if refunds are needed, please contact Lauri Gillie (laureen.gillie@scouting.org).

Full Refunds Requests must be submitted 30 days prior to event

30 to 15 Days before event – only a 50% Refund will be issued

15 to 0 Days before event – NO REFUND will be issued (Unless there are extenuating circumstances).

Cancellation

If state or local guidelines change, pandemic conditions change, or the Occonechee Council cancels the event for any other reason, refunds will be issued.

Leaving Camp/Visitors

For your protection, all campers (youth and adult) who leave camp must check out with the Camp Office. If a camper must leave camp and is picked up by a parent or guardian, a driver's license must be provided to the camp office for that camper to leave. If any participant leaves camp during the weekend, he or she is not allowed to re-enter camp. No visitors will be allowed on site during the event.

Parking

All vehicles are allowed to park at the campsite. Personal vehicles are not allowed to be driven in camp. Handicap driving passes will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Tobacco

In accordance with National BSA policy, and as outlined in the Guide to Safe Scouting, the use of tobacco on the Occoneechee Scout Reservation is prohibited.

Drugs and Alcohol

The BSA prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and operated by the BSA.

Emergencies

If an emergency is declared, a camp-wide siren will be signaled, and everyone will report to the Grand Lodge. Leaders should account for all members and wait for further instruction from event staff.

Uniforms

Field uniform (Dress, Class A) for Check-in/Check out

Activity Uniform (Class B) for Merit Badge Classes

Checkout Process

Units may check out from the event either after dinner Sunday night from the Grand Lodge or Monday morning after breakfast from the Grand Lodge. Event Staff will be available to assist with check-out, exit packet, patches, etc. at both of these times from the Grand Lodge.



Polar Bear Splash

Join in the Polar Bear Splash! Bring your swim suit and run into the lake and earn a special patch. This is a non-swimmer event and open to all campers and leaders on Saturday morning after breakfast at 8:15 AM.

Food Services

Meals

All meals will be served in the Grand Lodge Dining Hall. Please check the schedule for menus and times. The kitchen will not be able to accommodate dietary/allergy needs and restrictions for this event. The menu has been provided and if needed, you may have to supplement for those with dietary/allergy restrictions. We will not be adjusting the fees for these needs/restrictions.

Each Unit will provide a clean-up crew for each meal to clean their tables and the floor in their dining area for each meal. Brooms, dust pans, cleaning towels and cleaning spray will be provided.

Trading Post and Grill

The trading post and grill will be in operation during your stay. Hours will be limited. MasterCard and VISA will be accepted.

Winter Blast Menu

Sat. & Sun. meals will have water, coffee, hot tea, hot cocoa, fresh apples and fresh oranges

SATURDAY:

Breakfast –

Mountain Man (egg, potatoes, cheese)
Link Pork Sausage
Biscuits and White Gravy
Instant Oatmeal
Cereal Bar – Assorted Cereal
Yogurt and Berries
Milk, Orange Juice and Apple Juice

Lunch -

All Beef Hot Dogs
Chili (beef)
Potato Wedges
Freshly Baked Cookies
Fountain Brinks

Salad Bar –

Lettuce, Cheese, Onion, Bell Peppers, Chick Peas, Olives, Tomatoes, Cucumber, Tuna Salad,
Beets, Chopped Hard Boiled Eggs, Black Beans, Coleslaw, Crackers, Ranch & Balsamic Dressings
Chicken Noodle Soup
Condiments provided

Dinner:

Roasted Chicken
Baked Potato Bar (Cheese, Sour Cream, Bacon, Chili & Butter)
Steamed Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Salad Bar
Chicken Noodle Soup
Apple Cobbler with Whip Cream
Fountain Drinks

SUNDAY:

Breakfast -

Country Fried Steak
Scrambled Eggs
Biscuits and White Gravy
Grits
Cereal Bar
Yogurt and Berries
Milk, OJ, Apple Juice

Lunch –

Chicken Tenders
Mac & Cheese
Mandarin Oranges
Freshly Baked Cookies
Salad Bar
Vegetable Minestrone Soup
Condiments & Fountain Drinks

Dinner –

Lasagna with meat
Garlic Bread
Steamed Mixed Vegetables
Crumb Cake
Salad Bar
Vegetable Minestrone Soup
Fountain Drinks

MONDAY: Grab & Go Breakfast

Assorted Danishes
Muffins
Bagels and Cream Cheese
Any available leftovers will be offered
Coffee

Winter Blast Schedule

*** Please note: Schedule is subject to change ***

FRIDAY:

- 5:00 – 9:00 Check-in at Grand Lodge
- 6:00 – 9:00 Instructors to locate and drop off materials to class locations
- 9:30 - 10:00 Unit Leader Meeting in the Grand Lodge

SATURDAY:

- 7:15 Morning Troop Assembly-Flag Raising at Grand Lodge
- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast in Grand Lodge –
**Polar Splash after breakfast @ 8:15
- 9:00-12:00 Merit Badge Session 1
- 12:30 – 1:30 Lunch in Grand Lodge
- 2:00-5:00 Merit Badge Session 2
- 5:15 Evening Troop Assembly at Grand Lodge Flag Poles
- 5:30-6:30 Dinner in Grand Lodge
- 7:00-10:00 Merit Badge Session 3
(Fingerprinting offered 7-8:30 & 8:30-10:00)

SUNDAY:

- 7:00 Morning Troop Assembly – Grand Lodge Flag Poles
- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast in Grand Lodge
- 9:00-12:00 Merit Badge Session 4
- 12:30 – 1:30 Lunch in Grand Lodge
- 2:00-5:00 Merit Badge Session 5
- 5:30-6:30 Dinner in Grand Lodge
(Units electing to depart camp will check-out with Staff from the Grand Lodge during dinner.)
- TBD Movie Night or Sunday Night Football TBD
Campfire (Optional) this is provided by the Communications Class

MONDAY:

- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast in Grand Lodge – Grab & Go
- 9:00 Check-out and depart for home

Camp Durant 2024 Winter Blast Hoodie

Winter Blast Hoodie – the perfect home for your newly earned Polar Splash Patch!

This terrific souvenir can be yours for only \$40.00!
Larger Sizes are more see form

ALL HOODIES MUST BE PRE-ORDERED AND PAID IN ADVANCE

Orders can be entered & paid via your Troop Accounts in Tentaroo or complete and return the t-shirt order form no later than **Friday, December 8th, 2023** to Lauri Gillie - laureen.gillie@scouting.org who will enter your order into your Troop Tentaroo Account. You will then be able to pay directly into Tentaroo, call a payment into the Council Office, or mail a check to the Council Office.

Hoodies will be available to pick-up at check-in.

ADULT SIZES ONLY

Winter Blast

Hoodie Order Form

Please return to laureen.gillie@scouting.org by December 8th, 2023

Troop Number: _____

Troop Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Contact Email: _____

SIZE	QUANTITY	X	COST	TOTAL
ADULT SMALL		X	\$40.00	
ADULT MEDIUM		X	\$40.00	
ADULT LARGE		X	\$40.00	
ADULT XLARGE		X	\$40.00	
ADULT 2X		X	\$42.00	
ADULT 3X		X	\$43.00	
ADULT 4X		X	\$44.00	
ADULT 5X		X	\$45.00	
TOTAL T-SHIRTS			TOTAL DUE	\$

Payment must be made in advance.

Frequently Asked Questions

When does class registration begin and end on Tentaroo?

Begins December 1st, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Will Scouts be guaranteed their first choice of classes?

No, but we hope that by offering a wide variety of classes, there will be multiple options to fit every scout's needs.

Where are scouts expected to be when they are not in class?

We hope all scouts will be taking merit badge classes for all sessions. If a scout does not have a class, he or she will be expected to be in the troop's assigned campsite. The Grand Lodge will not be open to scouts and all indoor spaces available will be used for courses. Scouts and units should be prepared to have unit members in their campsite when not in another assigned space. This includes unit oversight which adheres to BSA Youth Protection policies.

Will the number of scouts be limited?

The total number of scout participants in camp will be limited to 400. Slots will be filled on a first paid, first served basis. No registration will be complete until paid in full. Classes sizes will be limited.

Will there be limits on the number of leaders a unit may bring to camp?

No.

When are registrations finalized?

Registration will not be final until paid in full.

Will there be any camp wide activities?

Flag Ceremonies – 2 on Saturday & 2 on Sunday

Polar Bear Splash

Movie Night or Pro Football Sunday Night.

There will be no camp-wide ceremonies or vesper services.

What are the departure times?

Units should depart camp by Monday 9 a.m. All campsites and bathhouses should be cleaned and fires out cold before departing.

Where may I find a camp map?

A printable map is available here:

<https://campdurant.com/download/2743/>

Classes will be held throughout camp; personal schedules will include locations.

How are campsites assigned?

Campsites will be assigned by camp staff based on unit size.

Will there be a working sink in the campsite?

All campsites will have open bathhouses including sinks & toilets

How are meals being handled?

All meals are to be provided in the Grand Lodge Dining Hall for those with paid event registrations. Trading Post will be open on a limited basis.

How will Unit Leaders receive communication from staff during the weekend?

Staff will be in the Grand Lodge and also be available via camp radio network during the event. Should we need to communicate with Unit Leaders for non-emergent issues, we will find Unit Leaders in their campsite or elsewhere in camp. For emergent issues, Camp Staff will take immediate appropriate action and contact all Event Staff and/or Unit Leaders via radio and/or cell phones.

What if we have questions during the weekend?

Winter Blast Staff will be at the Grand Lodge to assist Unit Leaders when needed. Scouts should go to their unit leaders for assistance first.

Will there be any meetings on Friday night?

Yes, there will be a Unit Leader Meeting in the Grand Lodge at 9:30 p.m.

Will other information be communicated to unit leaders?

There will be virtual meetings for Scoutmasters, SPLs, and Instructors. Further information on those will be sent to troops in advance.

See you Soon!

