Coosa Lodge SPRING POWWOW BOY SCOUT TROOP CUB SCOUT PACK

LEADER GUIDE

COMER SCOUT RESERVATION MENTONE, ALABAMA MARCHILLS 2015 Every spring, in the woods high atop Lookout Mountain, Order of the Arrow members (Scouting's National Honor Society) gather at Comer Scout Reservation in Mentone to celebrate the Order's history and honor Scouting's American Indian heritage. Newcomers join alongside seasoned experts to expand our traditions of American Indian dancing, Indian regalia and crafts, and a whole lot of interesting exhibits. **Once again, we're inviting all of you!**

This Year Lodge and Council leadership have decided to improve upon an already great program! That's right folks there will be advancement opportunities, not just Merit Badges. But Cub Scout Belt Loops, and Webelos Pins. They'll be opportunities to learn more about Scouting and rich American Indian heritage, including making a piece your own handmade Indian regalia. Did we mention we are practically opening up the camp in the afternoon for all sorts of fun?! All three ranges (that's Archery, Rifle, and Shotgun) plus BB shooting as well. Not to mention the council renowned Thunder Bird will be open for units to sign up at the event to take a guided Hike. We will also have a big camp service project that scouts can participate in to fill up the hours needed to reach the next rank.

Saturday's program will culminate with an exciting Spring Pow-wow and expo. The pow-wow will celebrate and pay tribute to our American Indian heritage, featuring talented drummers, singers, and dancers from across the southeast as they wear regalia based on authentic Iroquois and Plains Indian designs and perform traditional dance styles such as grass, fancy, and traditional. The Expo is an awesome festival Jam-packed with awesome activities. Make your own Indian items, and let loose on all the booths and activates have planned. If you have been to a Spring Pow-Wow before, you do not want to miss this!

□ Boy Scout Indian Craft Booths

WEEKEND

OVERVIEW

- □ Cub Scout Indian Craft Booths
- □ 2017 National Jamboree Booth
- Indian Regalia Booth
 - □ Head Dress Picture Booth
 - GAC Summer Camp Program Booth
 - GAC Camp Use Booth
 - **Ultimate Frisbee Game**
 - □ High Adventure Opportunities

- □ Branding Booth
- □ NYLT and Wood Badge Booth

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- □ Birds of Prey Demonstration
- □ Cherokee Indian History Booth
- □ Hide Tanning Booth
- Dance Classes
- \Box And much more!

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As a crescent moon rises over Camp Comer, join us in the Flatt Rock Council Ring for our closing show produced by nationally recognized Coosa Shows group. Webelos will have a special opportunity to participate in unique Crossover and Arrow of Light ceremony performed by nationally recognized teams from Coosa Lodge.

After the Coosa show, join us for an ice cream social, patch trading, and OA Lodge display!

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Did we mention there's a patch? Everyone will receive a Coosa Lodge Order of the Arrow event patch just for attending!

Once you arrive at the site, report to the PowWow Headquarters. Have your



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Unit Registration Sheet completed with all youth and adults attending from your unit. It will be helpful if the unit leader pays for everyone when registering. There will be designated separate camping areas for Troop and Packs. You will be expected to camp in your applicable designated campsites. Maps, a schedule of events and patches will be available at PowWow Headquarters when you check in. Just look for the Registration signs!

DATE: March 11th, 12th & 13th, 2016; Friday night (optional), Saturday and Sunday morning.

LOCATION: Comer Scout Reservations (see directions & maps at the end of this document)

DRESS: Official Scout Uniform should be worn when you arrive, at Coosa Show and Campfire program and for Sunday's Scout's Own services. Units should wear Activity Uniforms at other times.

FOOD: Once again, due to overwhelming demand we have increased our meals served at this event. Now all meals will be served! That's right, Friday Cracker Barrel, All meals Saturday, and Breakfast on Sunday. The Coosa Lodge will also host an Ice Cream Social Saturday night following the show free of charge.

REGISTRATION: The Registration fee will be \$30.00 per person (Scouts and Adults) for those registering prior to March 1st, \$35 per person after that date. This fee includes: Insurance, Camping Fee, Food, Craft Supplies, plus a PowWow Patch for each participant. If you have Webelos that want to participate in the OA Crossover Ceremony at the Saturday Coosa Show please notify the Registrar and make sure you sign up all Webelos from your unit on the Crossover form there. **Pre-Registration will be offered at <u>www.coosa50.org</u> you may also mail the attached form into the Birmingham Scout office.**

ARRIVAL: Units should check in on Friday between 5:00 and 8:15 at Staff HQ (look for signs) and Saturday between 8:00am and 2:00pm.

CAMPSITES: Camping is by Unit and campsites will be assigned upon check-in. Trash cans in each campsite should be used and trash bags taken to the entrance of the campsite by the road when the unit departs Sunday morning. Upon breaking camp Sunday morning, your campsite needs to be cleaned up and left cleaner than you found it. All campfires must be properly extinguished and cleaned.

FACILITIES: Bath houses have separate youth/adult restrooms. Instruct your unit to use appropriate rest room.

PARKING: Parking will be restricted to the parking lot areas only. Roads into camp and the area

around the Parade Field must be kept clear for camp staff and emergency vehicle use. Each overnight unit will be allowed to bring in vehicles to load and unload equipment then must park those vehicles in the camp or overflow parking lot. Each unit will be allowed to keep a unit trailer in their designated campsite.

FIRST AID: Medical staff will be in attendance to take care of any minor medical emergencies. Each using must have BSA Health Forms on all participants. They will be retained by the unit but must be readily available and accessible to the first aid staff at all times. Unit leaders are responsible to ensure prescription medication for scouts are turned into the First Aid station for dispension. Please have a leader with a cell phone give his number as an emergency contact for scout's families. If an emergency occurs, report to the First Aid station.



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Please mail with payment to the Greater Alabama Council Birmingham Scout Office: 516 Liberty parkway Birmingham, Al 35242.

You may also register online at <u>www.coosa50.org</u>.

You may pre-register for Advancements online, or onsite at the event. Be Warned, Merit badges will fill up quickly at onsite registration.

March $11^{th} - 13^{th}$, 2016						
Unit # <i>Adi</i>	ılt Leader:	ler: Youth Leader				
Troop: Pack:	_ <i>Crew:</i>	Number of S	couts an	d Adults	::	
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We are attending as day v	isitors only: Yes	No				
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List any additional youth and/or adult names on a separate form and attach and submit together.

For questions or more info contact us at powwow@coosa50.org



Comer Scout Reservation March 11th – 13th, 2016

Friday Night March 15th

5:00 PM - 8:15 PM	Registration Opens (Staff, Troops and Packs)
8:30PM - 10:00 PM	Registration Ends (Staff meeting in SM Lounge)
8:30 PM- 10:30 PM	Movie & and Cracker Barrel in Dining Hall (Everyone
Welcome!)	
11:00 PM Lights Out /	Quite Time Taps

Saturday March 16th

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7:00 AM- 7:45 AM	Breakfast in Dining Hall		
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Registration (for late arriving units and OA members)		
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Advancement Session #1 (see locations at Check in)		
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Trading Post Open (Snacks, OA and Indian items)		
10:05 AM – 12:05 PM	Advancement Session #2 (see locations at Check in)		
12:20 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch (Pick up Sack Lunch on the Parade Field)		
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Spring EXPO! (Parade Field and Program Areas)		
1:00 PM – Return	Thunder Bird Trail Hike Bring Lunch (Meet @ Parade Field)		
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Camp Service Project Sign Up at Registration (Meet @ Flag pole)		
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	PowWow (Indian Dancing in Circle on Parade Field)		
5:00 PM - 6:15 PM	Free Time and Supper (Troop & Packs on their own)		
6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Pre-Show Fun and Celebration – Council Arena		
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Coosa Show and Crossover Ceremony – Council Arena		
8:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Ice Cream Social (Parade Field)		
8:30 PM – 10:30 PM	Patch-A-Palooza & Movie (Dining Hall)		
11:30 PM	Lights Out / Quite Time Taps		
Sunday March 17 th			
7:30 AM- 8:00AM	Breakfast in Dining Hall		
8:30 AM -9:00 AM	Scout's Own & Vespers (meet at Flagpole)		
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Check Out		

Camp Emergency Preparedness Plan Summary

This Camp Emergency Preparedness Plan has been developed for this event. All units should review to familiarize themselves with their responsibilities under the Plan.

CAMP EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

- ***** In the event of an weather emergency is declared, the signal will be one long blast lasting 3 to 5 seconds which will be repeated after about a 30 second pause. Upon receipt of the weather emergency signal, units should proceed to the nearest shower house move to the inner most walls.
- * In the event an emergency is declared that is not weather releated, an emergency signal will be sounded. The signal will be three short (3 second) air horn or siren blasts and repeated after a 30 second pause. Upon receiving the emergency signal, all Scouts and leaders must gather on the Parade Field in front of the Dining Hall and wait for further instructions.
- * Units will be briefed by the staff as to the nature of the emergency and what corresponding action is to be taken as expedient as possible.

LOST PERSON(S)

Lost persons should be reported to the Camp Office or First Aid Station as soon as practical.

OVERNIGHT UNITS

Units participating must camp either by units or as contingent units with appropriate two deep adult leadership. No youth will be allowed to stay overnight without appropriate adult leaders. During unit check-in (at the Staff HQ), each unit participating in the event must have a registered *adult* individual as their Unit Leader.

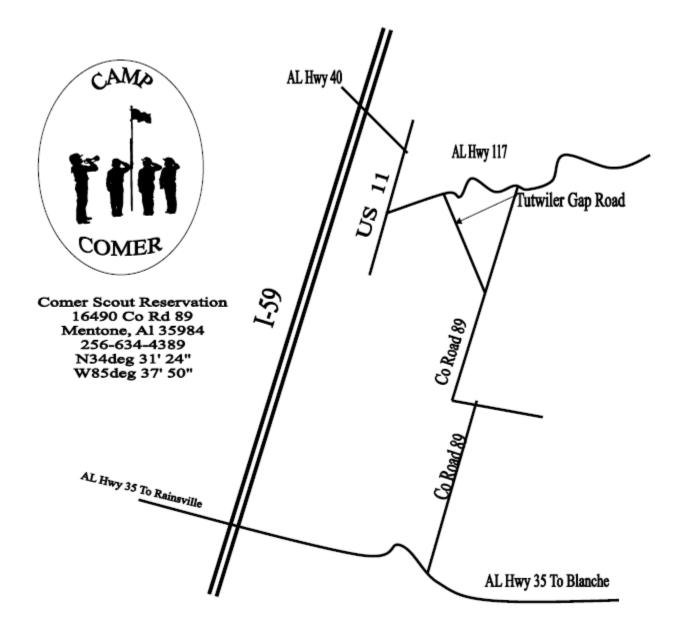
DAY VISITORS

Visitors for the day must check in upon arrival. Any persons found on camp property failing to register and without appropriate wrist band will be removed from the premises.

THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED FROM EACH UNIT :

- □ The name of the leader in charge at camp and emergency backup [including phone number(s)]. This should be someone not at the camp who can be reached in the event an emergency arises impacting the adult leadership of the unit.
- □ The unit is camping is their designated campsite.
- □ Keep up with their youth/adults that camping with or visiting their unit.
- □ Make First Aid Office personnel aware of any pertinent medical information concerning individuals in their unit that could affect timely and effective emergency care.
- □ Each unit will be responsible for ensure prescription medications are dispensed to members of their unit by the First Aid staff
- □ Has a copy of a current BSA medical form for each of their members.
- □ Units leaving the camp, for any reason, should check out with Registration or at the Camp Office. Individuals leaving camp, for any reason, should check out with their unit leaders.

Directions to Comer Scout Reservation



FROM THE SOUTH

Exit at AL Hwy 35, go right Thru Ft Payne (Watch for left turn and right turn) and up the mountain. At

the top, take Co Rd 89 Left 6 miles to STOP sign Go left .9 miles to STOP. Go right 1 mile to Comer **FROM THE NORTH**

Exit AL Hwy 40, go left 1 mile to US 11, go right 300 ft. to AL HWY 117, go left 2.8 miles to Tutwiler

Gap Road, Go right 1 mile to County Rd 89. Go right 2.4 miles to Comer.

