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Boy Scout Camps

Council Camps



Each Campsite is equipped with a flagpole, trashcan, faucet, and latrine (Except Eagle and Mountain Goat) with washbasin. On the side of the latrine is a bulletin board that the troop can use to post assignments, notices, and duty rosters. Camp Comer has two air-conditioned shower and restroom facilities for camp-wide use. Patrol sites are pre-established in each campsite. Most Campsites have some Adarondaks that sleep four and tents on platforms that sleep two. Some sites may be occupied by more than one troop. Troops are encouraged to construct gateways to their campsites. The Hawk Campsite is a **HANDICAPPED ONLY** site; if you do not have a scout or leader that is handicapped that site will not be available.



There are four troop campsites; each campsite has a latrine, picnic table and fire ring. Water may be obtained at spigots near the pavilion. Garbage is disposed of at the Tannehill trash dumpster. Each unit is responsible for providing its trash bags and taking garbage to the trash dumpster. The campsites have a number and a name. Make reservations at a Greater Alabama Council Service Center; be sure to specify the campsite or sites desired. Large troops should consider reserving more than one campsite. Campsite #1, C.W. Sellers holds roughly 25 Scouts. Campsite #2, Doc Baker is suitable for about 30 Scouts. Site #3, Jim Lewis and Site #4, Byron Wilson will hold around 20 and 12 Scouts, respectively. Please note that these capacities are flexible, and the numbers given are only meant to be a general guideline for planning and making reservations. Camp Jack Wright has a central parking/activity area that also includes an activity pavilion. The campsites are all located in close proximity to the parking lot. The camping fee is \$1 per Scout/Scouter per night and is payable to the Tannehill Park Ranger at the gate at check-in. The ranger will issue a Camp Jack Wright gate key and give directions to camp. No camping is allowed on the third weekend of each month from March to November.



Camp Sequoyah has been in operation since it was dedicated on June 29, 1972 and is a part of the Frank Spain Scout Reservation, which encompasses 1,447 acres of prime wilderness. The camp's centerpiece is the 80-acre Lake Cross. Camp Sequoyah has the best programming and facilities that Scouting has to offer and has plenty of opportunities for advancement with four class periods each day. However, most of the afternoon is left free for troops to schedule their own programs or take advantage of the great activities planned by the camp. Older Scouts may want to go to Xtreme Adventure Base for the week. We can arrange transportation to and from XAB for them. Each Campsite is equipped with a flagpole, trashcan, faucet, and latrine with washbasin, two flush toilets and two hot-water showers. On the side of the latrine is a bulletin board that the troop can use to post assignments, notices, and duty rosters. There is a designated leaders area for each campsite, and patrol sites pre-established in groups of four tents each. Each tent, including the leaders, sleeps two people. Many sites will be occupied by more than one troop. We ask that if you have an exceptionally large troop you use those sites that are designated for larger troops. Each troop must bring their trash to the dining hall every morning at breakfast and place it in the dumpsters beside the loading dock. Campsite inspections will be performed every morning after breakfast to check for trash, latrine cleanliness, fireguard chart postings, and general neatness.

Please remain on the main trails and roads in camp and do not wonder through other campsites. These sites are your homes for the week, and we need to respect each other's privacy.

****The Turkey Flats Campsite is a HANDICAPPED ONLY site, if you do not have a scout or leader that is wheel chair restricted, that site may not be available. This site does not have its own shower building.**

Each Council camp is available for use throughout the year. Troops will need to bring their own tents. Contact the Council for information about the camps.

High Adventure

High Adventure Bases



The Locations

The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base operates nine different adventures out of three different locations: two in the Florida Keys, and one in Marsh Harbour, Bahamas.

The adventures Coral Reef Sailing, Sea Exploring Adventure, Scuba Adventure, Scuba Certification, and Live Aboard Scuba Adventure operate in the Florida Keys at Mile Marker 73.8 at Sea Base on Lower Matecumbe Key located 75 miles south of Miami (Lower Matecumbe Key - MAP). Out Island Adventure and Keys Adventure programs operate in the Florida Keys on Summerland Key at Mile Marker 23.8 at the Brinton Environmental Center located 125 miles south of Miami (Summerland Key - MAP). (Key West, the southernmost point in the Keys, Florida and the continental United States, is located at Mile Marker zero.) Bahamas Adventure and Bahamas Tall Ship Adventures operate out of the Bahamas Sea Base in Marsh Harbour, Abaco, Bahamas, located about 100 miles east of Fort Lauderdale. (For mailing and physical address, visit the contact page.)

Scouting's most complete aquatic facility offers a complete variety of water activities from SCUBA diving to sailing "Tall Ships". All participants have the opportunity to swim, snorkel, and fish among the most beautiful coral reefs in the northern hemisphere.

The Facility

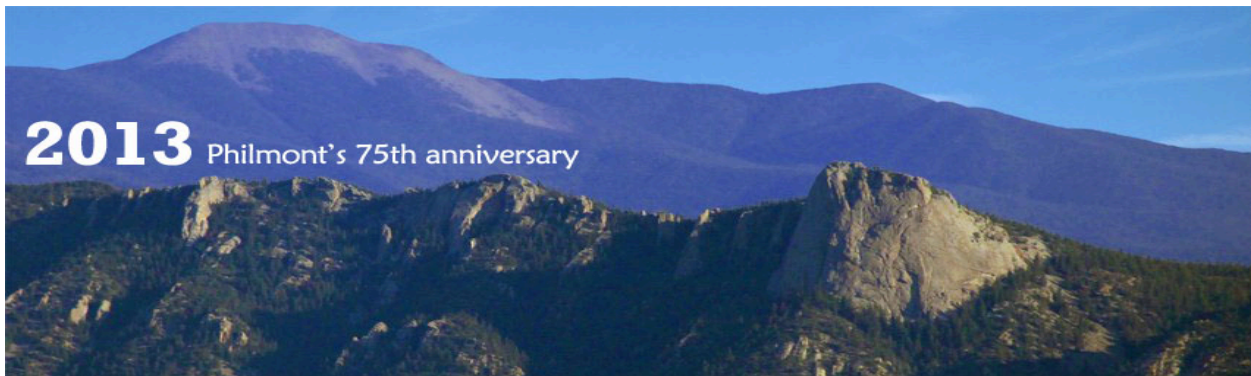
The elevated dormitories look out across Florida Bay to one of the many bridges that separate the Gulf of Mexico from the Atlantic Ocean. The harbor has a 300 foot pier for the sailing yachts, as well as many smaller docks for the base's fleet of power boats. SCUBA instruction is offered in special diving tanks complete with an underwater viewing port. The Ship's Store (Trading Post) sells many items that you may have forgotten and items to take home to help you remember your adventure.

Only a few miles offshore, an extensive underwater living coral garden forms a barrier reef protecting the islands. Here, among pillars of living coral, you come face to face with thousands of multi-hued tropical fish in water so clear that while swimming, you have the sensation of floating in mid-air. The area abounds with legends and tales of unequalled adventure. Even to this day, the lure of discovering a buried treasure burns in the hearts of true adventurers.

Telephone: 305-664-4173

Postal address: P.O. Box 1906, Islamorada, FL 33036

Physical address: 73800 Overseas Hwy, Lower Matecumbe Island, Florida Keys 33036



Philmont Scout Ranch, The Boy Scouts of America's premier high-adventure base, challenges Scouts and Venturers with more than 200 square miles of rugged New Mexico wilderness. Backpacking treks, horseback cavalcades, and training and service programs offer young people many ways to experience this legendary country. Adults have opportunities of their own at the Philmont Training Center. World-class courses and seminars cover all aspects of Scouting—all amid Philmont's dramatic scenery.

Facilities and Activities

Since Philmont's first camping season in 1939, more than 700,000 Scouts, Venturers, and their leaders have participated in the rugged challenge of its backpacking program. Base camp isn't quite so rugged, offering the luxuries of a dining hall, showers, platform tents, and a trading post. A medical center is available, as are chapels for different religious faiths. The ranch and surrounding area offer many places to go and things to do. The Kit Carson and Philmont museums and the Seton Memorial Library are well worth visiting before or after your trek. Nearby towns such as Cimarron and Springer are windows to the region's rich history.

Camping and Adventure

Philmont Scout Ranch provides an unforgettable adventure along its hundreds of miles of rugged, rocky trails. Program features combine the best of the old West (horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, chuck wagon dinners, and interpretive history) with exciting challenges for today (rock climbing, burro racing, mountain biking, and rifle shooting) in an unbeatable recipe for fast-moving, outdoor fun. There's a lot more to Philmont than backpacking. Other programs include horseback expeditions called Cavalcades; extended expeditions called Rayado Treks, a 20-day advanced backpacking trek; R.O.C.S., the 21-day Roving Outdoor Conservation School; Order of the Arrow Trail Crew, a 14-day trail-building and hiking program; and Ranch Hands, a 16-day program in which participants work with the Horse Department and experience a Cavalcade.

**Philmont Training Center
Philmont Scout Ranch
Route 1, Box 35
Cimarron, NM 87714
Phone: 505-376-2281
Fax: 505-376-2629**

E-mail: trainingcenter@philmontscoutranch.org



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA NORTHERN TIER HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAM

Northern Tier is the Boy Scouts of America's gateway to adventure in the Great Northwoods. In the summer, scouts from Northern Tier's three wilderness canoe bases explore millions of acres of pristine lakes, meandering rivers, dense forests and wetlands in Northern Minnesota, Northwest Ontario and Northeast Manitoba. In the winter, Northern Tier is home to the Okpik Cold-Weather Camping program, the BSA's premier winter high adventure program. Fall programming is also available.

Activities

Northern Tier offers wilderness canoe trips. There are no lodgings along these trips, and aircraft and motorboats are heavily restricted. Typical treks may cover 50 to 150 miles and take 6 to 10 days. With each crew is a staff member called an "Interpreter", formerly known as a "Charlie Guide."

History

Northern Tier is the BSA's oldest national High Adventure program, outfitting scouting groups for canoe trips since the summer of 1923. The Charles L. Sommers Base has been home to the program since 1941.

North America's Canoe Country, a vast series of navigable lakes and rivers spanning thousands of square miles, is one of the last great wildernesses on the continent. This boreal forest of waterfalls and bogs, bears and wolves, granite crags and waist-deep mud remains nearly as much of a wilderness as it was for the first fur traders who explored the area in the 1600s. Two centuries after the fur trade's peak in the early 1800s, our participants still follow in the footsteps of the French-Canadian voyageurs, paddling the same waters and straining over the same portage trails.

Email: info@ntier.org

Phone: 218.365.4811

Fax: 218.365.3112

Mailing Address:

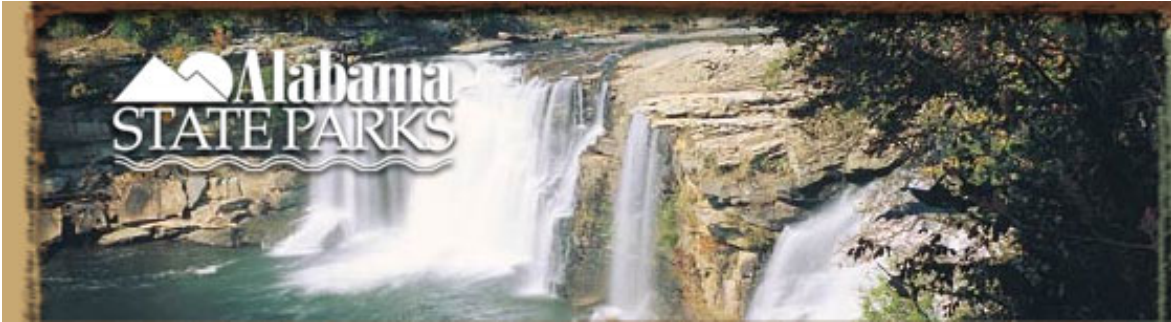
PO Box 509, Ely, MN 55731

Physical Address:

14790 Moose Lake Rd

Ely, MN 55731

State Parks



Camp names that appear in italics are within the boundaries of the Greater Alabama Council

Bladon Springs State Park

**3921 Bladon Road
Bladon Springs, AL 36919
Park Office and Fax: (251) 754-9207**

Centering around four mineral springs, this 357-acre park in Choctaw County provides modern campsites, shelters, tables and grills for daytime and nighttime family outings.



Blue Springs State Park

**2595 Highway 10
Clio, AL 36017
Park Office and Fax: (334) 397-4875
Swimming Pool: (334) 397-8703
bluespringsstpk@mindspring.com**

Fed by a crystal-clear underground spring, the park's swimming pool and spring pool are the center of attention in this 103-acre park. Other complementing facilities include picnic shelters, tables, grills, comfort stations, playground, tennis courts and modern or primitive campground.

Buck's Pocket State Park

393 County Road 174

Grove Oak, AL 35975

Park Office: (256) 659-2000

Fax: (256) 659-2752

buckspocketstpk@farmerstel.com

As the story goes, Buck's Pocket is where all the defeated public officials go to lick their wounds after an unsuccessful election. We don't know if this story is true, but we do know this park is secluded in a natural pocket of the Appalachian Mountain chain. This is a 2,000--acre nature lover's dream. Uniquely located, the park's picnic area offers a canyon rim natural vista into the pocket below. The pocket itself, on an upstream tributary of Lake Guntersville, hosts an improved campground, complete with tables, grills, shelters, laundry, comfort station, playground and hiking trails. A boat launch and fishing area are also provided seven miles downstream at Morgan's Cove on Lake Guntersville.

Cheaha Resort State Park

State Park:

19644 Highway 281 Delta, AL 36258

Park Office: (256) 488-5111

Park Fax: (256) 488-5885

cheahastpk@acs-isp.com

Park Resort:

2141 Bunker Loop Delta, AL 36258

1-800-846-2654 or (256) 488-5115

Lodge Fax: (256) 488-5649

cheahastld@acs-isp.com

At 2,407 feet above sea level, Cheaha Mountain is the highest point in Alabama. This 2,799-acre mountaintop retreat provides breathtaking scenery year-round. A spectacular sunset becomes the perfect complement to an excellent evening dining experience at the park restaurant. During the day you



can enjoy hiking, swimming or photographing the natural beauty of the Cheaha Mountain area. Then, after an exhilarating day you can retire to a comfortable hotel room, mountainside chalet or one of our newly renovated cabins. Or you may choose to stay closer to nature at a primitive campsite.

Chewacla State Park

124 Shell Toomer Parkway

Auburn, AL 36830

Park Office: (334) 887-5621

Fax: (334) 821-2439

chewaclastpk@mindspring.com

Chewacla's 696 scenic acres are a delightful pause from nearby interstate traffic. Tranquil park facilities include a 26-acre lake, rental boats, swimming area, playgrounds, hiking trails, a modern campground and picnic areas with tables, grills and shelters. There are newly renovated rustic cabins you are bound to fall in love with. Chewacla State Park is a great place to get away for some rest and relaxation or the perfect place to stay the weekend of the big ballgame. You can watch the sunset on the lake from your cabin and enjoy the fireplace on a cool fall day.

Chickasaw State Park

26955 U.S. Highway 43

Gallion, AL 36742

Park Office and Fax: (334) 295-8230

Rambling in rural Marengo County, you will find Chickasaw's 520-acre roadside park. It has campsites, wading pool, hiking trails, a barbeque grilling pavilion, plus other large pavilions and picnic areas perfect for group-size cookouts and gatherings. This park is also located adjacent to a handicapped-accessible, state-operated hunting facility.



DeSoto Resort State Park

State Park:

13883 County Road 89

Fort Payne, AL 35967

Park Office: (256) 845-0051

Park Fax: (256) 845-8226

Campground: (256) 845-5075

desotostpk@mindspring.com

Park Resort:

265 County Road 951

Fort Payne, AL 35967

1-800-568-8840 or (256) 845-5380

Lodge Fax: (256) 845-3224

desotostld@mindspring.com

In the rustic tradition of the Civilian Conservation Corps, DeSoto State Park is accented by rushing waterfalls and fragrant wildflowers. The atmosphere of the CCC further enhances the restaurant, lodge and cabin facilities. Nestled atop beautiful scenic Lookout Mountain, this 3,502-acre park also provides modern chalets and campsites, as well as a picnic area, swimming pool, tennis courts, nature center and hiking trails. During your stay, you can photograph DeSoto Falls or hike to Indian Falls and along the West Fork of Little River.

Floral State Park

22738 Azalea Drive

Floral, AL 36442

Park Office and Fax: (334) 858-6425

floralastatepark@gtcom.net

Stretching along the shores of beautiful 500-acre Lake Jackson, this compact 40-acre park offers swimming, paddleboat rentals, fishing and picnicking, as well as a complete community building and a modern lakeside campground. Located on the Alabama/Florida line,



this park has the perfect climate for campers seeking to avoid those harsh winter months up north.

Frank Jackson State Park

100 Jerry Adams Drive

Opp, AL 36467

Park Office: (334) 493-6988

Fax: (334) 493-2478
fjackson@oppcatv.com

This 2,050-acre park is proud to serve as your premier fishing destination with its 1,000-acre stream-fed lake. As the primary park attraction, Lake Jackson, in addition to providing outstanding fishing and swimming opportunities, also features shoreline picnic areas. Lakefront camping sites with cable TV hookups and a nice modern bathhouse make it a great camping destination. There's a natural island, with a boardwalk and walking path, for the explorer in you.

Gulf State Park

State Park:

20115 State Highway 135

Gulf Shores, AL 36542

P.O. Box 437

Gulf Shores, AL 36547-0437

Park Office: (251) 948-7275

Park Fax: (251) 948-7726

gulfstpk@gulftel.com

Campground:

22050 Campground Rd.

Gulf Shores, AL 36542

Campground Reservations:

(251) 948-6353 or 1-800-252-7275

Campground Fax: 251-948-4570

**Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (except
holidays and weekends)**



Located in the city of Gulf Shores on the coast of Alabama. White sun-kissed beaches, a surging surf, seagulls and seashells are here to greet you at Gulf State Park. Consisting of 6,150 acres with 2 miles of sugar white sand beaches, Gulf State Resort Park has modern and primitive camping, cottages, marina, trails and fishing. What more could you ask for? How about tennis, group pavilions, nature programs and picnic areas? Yes, we have it.

Joe Wheeler Resort State Park

State Park:

**201 McLean Drive
Rogersville, AL 35652
Park Office: (256) 247-5466 Park Fax: (256) 247-1449
Campground: (256) 247-1184 Cabins: (256) 685-3306
Golf Pro Shop: (256) 247-9308
Elk River Group Lodge: (256) 247-5466
joewheelerstpk@mindspring.com
Park Resort:
4401 McLean Drive
Rogersville, AL 35652
1-800-544-5639 or (256) 247-5461
Lodge Fax: (256) 247-5471
joewheelerstld@mindspring.com**

This resort park, containing 2,550 acres, is divided by the Tennessee River, which forms the 69,700 acre Wheeler Lake in northwest Alabama, a fisherman's paradise! Stroll along the landscaped banks of Wheeler Lake. You might see deer or an eagle or much more of the wildlife so abundant at Joe Wheeler State Park.

Lake Guntersville Resort State Park

**State Park:
7966 Alabama Hwy. 227
Guntersville, AL 35976
Park Office: (256) 571-5444 Park Fax: (256) 571-9043
Campground: (256) 571-5455
1-800-760-4108
guntersvillestpk@mindspring.com
Park Resort:
1155 Lodge Drive
Guntersville, AL 35976
1-800-548-4553 or (256) 571-5440
Lodge Fax: (256) 571-5459
guntersvillestld@mindspring.com**

In the Tennessee Valley, overlooking the majestic 69,000-acre Guntersville Reservoir, this park ranges over 6,000 acres of natural woodlands. The park has an 18-hole championship golf course, a beach complex, fishing center, hiking trails, nature programs and a day-use area. Modern campground and lake view cottages on the lake, coupled with a resort lodge on the pinnacle of Taylor Mountain, and

chalets on the ridge-tops provide a selection of overnight accommodations beyond comparison.

Lake Lurleen State Park

13226 Lake Lurleen Road

Coker, AL 35452

Park Office: (205) 339-1558

Fax: (205) 339-8885

lakelurleenstpk@mindspring.com

Named for Alabama's only female governor, Lurleen B. Wallace, this 1,625-acre park is a scenic lakeside retreat set on the banks of a 250-acre lake. The park facilities include a modern campground, campstore, activity building, picnic area, play area, pavilions, beach with bathhouse, fishing piers, boat rentals and boat-launch areas.

Lakepoint Resort State Park

State Park:

104 Lakepoint Drive

Eufaula, AL 36027-9202

Campground: (334) 687-6676

lakepointstpk@mindspring.com

Park Resort: Hwy. 431 North

Eufaula, AL 36027

1-800-544-5253 or (334) 687-8011

Lodge Fax: (334) 687-3273

lakepointstld@mindspring.com

This picturesque 1,220-acre park near the Alabama-Georgia line complements the beautiful 45,200-acre Lake Eufaula, otherwise known as the "Bass Capital of The World." The park has a modern campground, vacation cottages, picnic areas, tennis courts, 18-hole golf course and an extensive marina complete with launch facilities, boat slips, bait and tackle and a sales and service area.



Meaher State Park

5200 Battleship Parkway East

Spanish Fort, AL 36577

Park Office and Fax: (251) 626-5529

This 1,327-acre park is situated in the wetlands of Mobile Bay and is a day-use picnicking and scenic park with modern camping for overnight visitors. A boat ramp and fishing pier will appeal to every fisherman. A self-guided walk on two nature trails includes a boardwalk that gives you a nice view of the Mobile Delta.



Monte Sano State Park

5105 Nolen Avenue

Huntsville, AL 35801

Park Office: (256) 534-3757

Fax: (256) 539-7069

montesanostpk@mindspring.com

Monte Sano's 2,140-acre mountaintop retreat combines the history of the park's 1930s Civilian Conservation Corps-era cottages with the technology of the Space & Rocket Center City below. In the midst of the city, one can still retreat to the park to enjoy scenic hiking trails, picnic areas, modern campsites and quaint, rustic cottages with an unforgettable view.

Oak Mountain State Park

200 Terrace Dr.

P.O. Box 278

Pelham, AL 35124

Park Office: (205) 620-2520

Office Fax: (205) 620-2531

Cabin Reservations: (205) 620-2524

Information & Pavilion Reservations: (205) 620-2524

Campground Office: (205) 620-2527

Golf Course/Pro Shop: (205) 620-2522 Demonstration Farm: (205) 620-2526

Wildlife Rehabilitation Center/Treetop Nature Trail: (205) 620-7930
Fishing Center: (205) 620-2528
Boarding Stables: (205) 620-3575
oakmountainstpk@mindspring.com

As Alabama's largest park, Oak Mountain provides 9,940 acres of pine-studded ridges and lush green hardwood bottoms. The park offers vacation cottages, golf, pro shop with snack bar, improved camping, picnicking, swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, mountain bike trails, backpacking, a demonstration farm and horseback riding facilities. With the largest area and variety of outdoor recreational pursuits, Oak Mountain is sure to provide excitement for every member of the family!

The Wildlife Center: Located in Oak Mountain State Park, it is the largest wildlife rehabilitation center in Alabama and cares for over 2,000 injured and orphaned wild creatures each year. Visitors may view the rehabilitation process through one-way glass and learn about native species. The Treetop Nature Trail offers close-up views of unreleasable hawks and owls in natural habitat enclosures from an elevated walkway in the woods. Open every day, it is handicapped accessible.

Paul M. Grist State Park
1546 Grist Road
Selma, AL 36701
Park Office and Fax: (334) 872-5846
pgriststpk@mindspring.com

Tranquility prevails in the beautiful 1,080-acre park as visitors enjoy the relaxing atmosphere around the park's 100-acre lake.

Recreational opportunities include swimming, fishing, boating, picnicking, hiking and camping.

Rickwood Caverns
370 Rickwood Park Road



Warrior, AL 35180-3568
Park Office and Fax: (205) 647-9692
rickwoodstpk@mindspring.com

Experience the thrill of Rickwood's miracle mile of underground caverns! The 260 million-year-old limestone formations, blind cave fish and underground pool are just a few of the natural wonders exhibited in the colorful cavern. The park features an Olympic-sized swimming pool, picnic area, hiking trails, miniature-train ride, campground and souvenir store!

Rickwood Cave reveals that it was carved from an ocean bed-shell fragments and fossils of marine life are clearly visible along the cavern ceiling and walls. Many curiosities are featured on guided tours of the "miracle mile" at Rickwood Caverns State Park.



Roland Cooper State Park
285 Deer Run Drive
Camden, AL 36726
Park Office: (334) 682-4838
Fax: (334) 682-4050
rolandcooperstatepark@frontiernet.net

Rolling along the 22,000-acre Dannelly Reservoir, this 236-acre park features a nine-hole golf course with clubhouse, spacious vacation cottages, modern campground with bathhouse, laundry and campstore; and a scenic picnic area with tables, grills, pavilions and comfort station. With fishing so popular in the reservoir, the park also provides boat launching facilities and bait and tackle amenities.

Wind Creek State Park
4325 Alabama Highway 128
Alexander City, AL 35010
Park Office: (256) 329-0845
Fax: (256) 234-4870
windcreekstpk@mindspring.com

This park spans 1,445 acres along the shores of scenic Lake Martin, which is a 41,000-acre clear-water reservoir perfect for fishing, swimming and boating. Park facilities include the largest state-operated campground in the United States with 636 sites, many of which are waterfront sites allowing campers to fish, swim and boat right out their back door. Other facilities include a marina, campstore, fishing pier, hiking trails, playground and picnic areas with tables, grills and shelters. Ten rental cabins are currently under construction at Wind Creek State Park.



Wildlife

Refuge

Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge

2700 Refuge Headquarters
Road Decatur, AL 35603
(256) 353---7243
FAX: (256) 340---9728
E---mail: wheeler@fws.gov

Wheeler NWR offers a variety of recreational opportunities including a Visitor Center, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, fishing, hunting, hiking, boating, and educational interpretive programs. A wildlife observation building provides visitors an opportunity to view various types of wildlife. From November through February, thousands of ducks and geese use the display pool adjacent to the building. Hummingbirds and butterflies are attracted to the blooming flowers in the backyard wildlife area during spring, summer, and fall months. The Refuge offers five hiking trails ranging in length from 200 yards to four miles. Six improved boat launch areas provide access to the Tennessee River (Wheeler Reservoir) and several of its tributaries. Bank fishing opportunities also exist.



Points of Interest

U.S.S. Alabama

Mailing address: P.O. Box 65, Mobile, AL 36601--0065

Telephone: (251)433--2703

Fax: (251)433--2777

Email: btunnell@ussalabama.com

**Opens: 8:00am (Daily except
Christmas) Closes: 4:00pm October--
March**

6:00pm April--September

Admission fees: Age 12 & up: \$10.00

Ages 6--11: \$5.00

under age 6: Free

Qualified public or private school groups of ten or more will receive a \$ 3.00 per person rate to visit the Park. Special meal packages are also available. Advance reservations and arrangements must be made.

You do not need a reservation to visit Battleship Memorial Park, but advance notice is appreciated if you are in a group of 10 or more.

Groups of 10 or more adults qualify for a net, non---commissionable admission fee of \$9.00 per person.



Qualified group tour escorts and bus drivers (2 comp per coach) are always admitted free with their group's paid admission.

Reservations can be made to stay aboard the ship.

Places to Hike

Shiloh National Military Park

By Mail
Shiloh National Military
Park 1055 Pittsburg
Landing Rd Shiloh, TN
38376

Visitor Information

Phone: 731 689 5696

Park
Headquarters 731
689 5275

Shiloh National Military Park was established in 1894 to preserve the scene of the first major battle in the Western theater of the Civil War. The two-day battle, April 6 and 7, 1862, involved about 65,000 Union and 44,000 Confederate troops. This battle resulted in nearly 24,000 killed, wounded, and missing. It proved to be a decisive victory for the federal forces when they advanced on and seized control of the Confederate railway system at Corinth, Mississippi. The battlefield contains about 4,000 acres at Shiloh and an interpretive center at Corinth, Mississippi. The park has within its boundaries the Shiloh National Cemetery along with the well preserved prehistoric Indian mounds that are listed as a historic landmark. The Shiloh battlefield is located in Hardin County, Tennessee, on the west bank of the Tennessee River nine miles southwest of Savannah, Tennessee, with an additional park unit located in the city of Corinth, Mississippi, twenty---three miles southwest of Shiloh.

Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP

By Mail

Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP

P.O. Box 2128

Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742

By Phone



Visitor Information 706-866-9241

Between 1890 and 1899 the Congress of the United States authorized the establishment of the first four national military parks: Chickamauga and Chattanooga, Shiloh, Gettysburg, and Vicksburg. The first and largest of these, and the one upon which the establishment and development of most other national military and historical parks was based, was Chickamauga and Chattanooga. It owes its existence largely to the efforts of General H.V. Boynton and Ferdinand Van Derveer, both veterans of the Army of the Cumberland, who saw the need for a national park to preserve and commemorate these battlefields during a visit to the area in 1888.



Tour and Activity Plan

Q. Why should I complete a tour and activity plan?

A. The tour and activity plan is a planning tool for best practices to be prepared for safe and fun adventure. Completing the plan may not address all possible challenges, but it can help ensure that appropriate planning has been conducted, that qualified and trained leadership is in place, and that the right equipment is available for the adventure.

In addition, the plan helps to organize safe and appropriate transportation to and from an event, and defines driver qualifications and minimum limits of insurance coverage for drivers and vehicles used to transport participants.

Q. When do I need to complete a tour and activity plan?

A. Times when a tour and activity plan must be submitted for council review include the following:

- Trips of 500 miles or more; or**
- Trips outside of council borders (exception: not to your council-owned property); or**
- Trips to any national high-adventure base, national Scout jamboree, National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Summit Bechtel Reserve, or a regionally sponsored event; or**
- When conducting any of the following activities outside of council or district events:**
 - Aquatics activities (swimming, boating, floating, scuba, etc.)**
 - Climbing and rappelling**
 - Orientation flights (process flying plan)**
 - Shooting sports**

- Any activities involving motorized vehicles as part of the program (snowmobiles, boating, etc.)

Regardless, the tour and activity plan is an excellent tool that should be included in preparation for all activities, even those not requiring it. It guides a tour leader through itineraries, travel arrangements, two-deep leadership, supervision qualifications, and transportation.

Learn more about the tour and activity plan at 1bsa.org

S i t e s t o S e e

Check out these sites for more information

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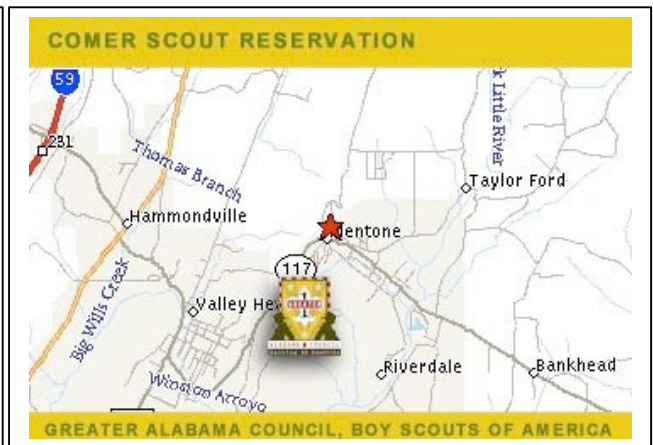
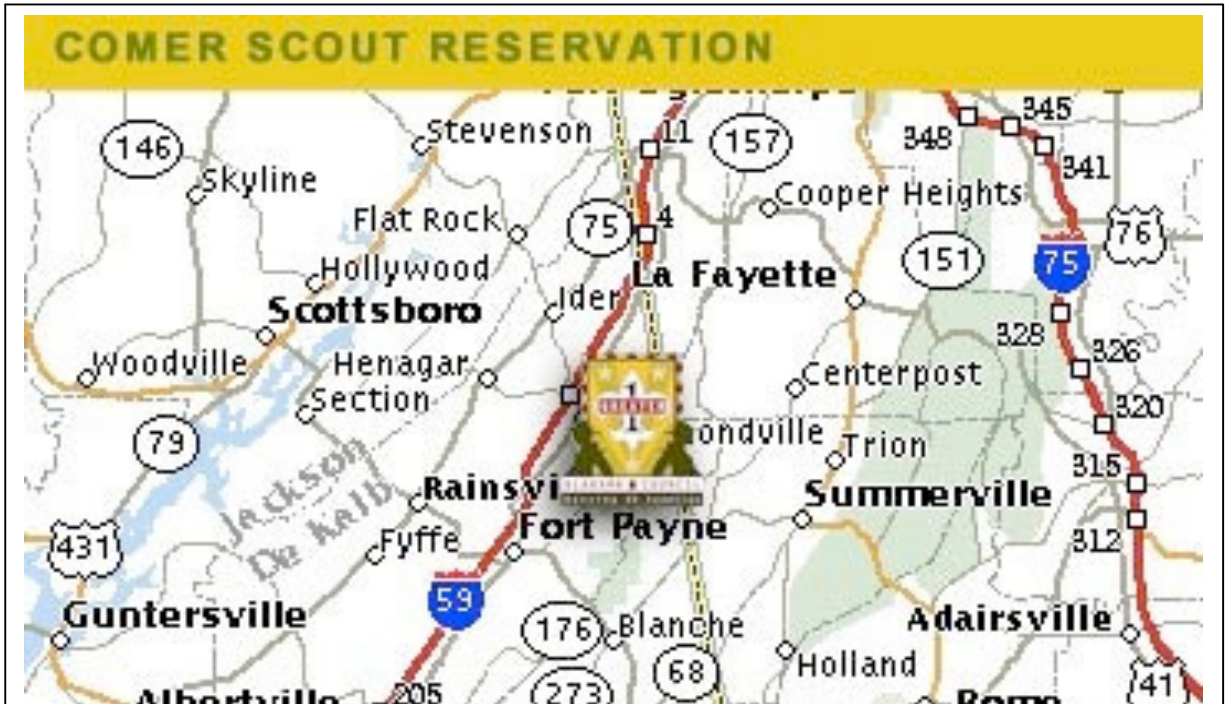
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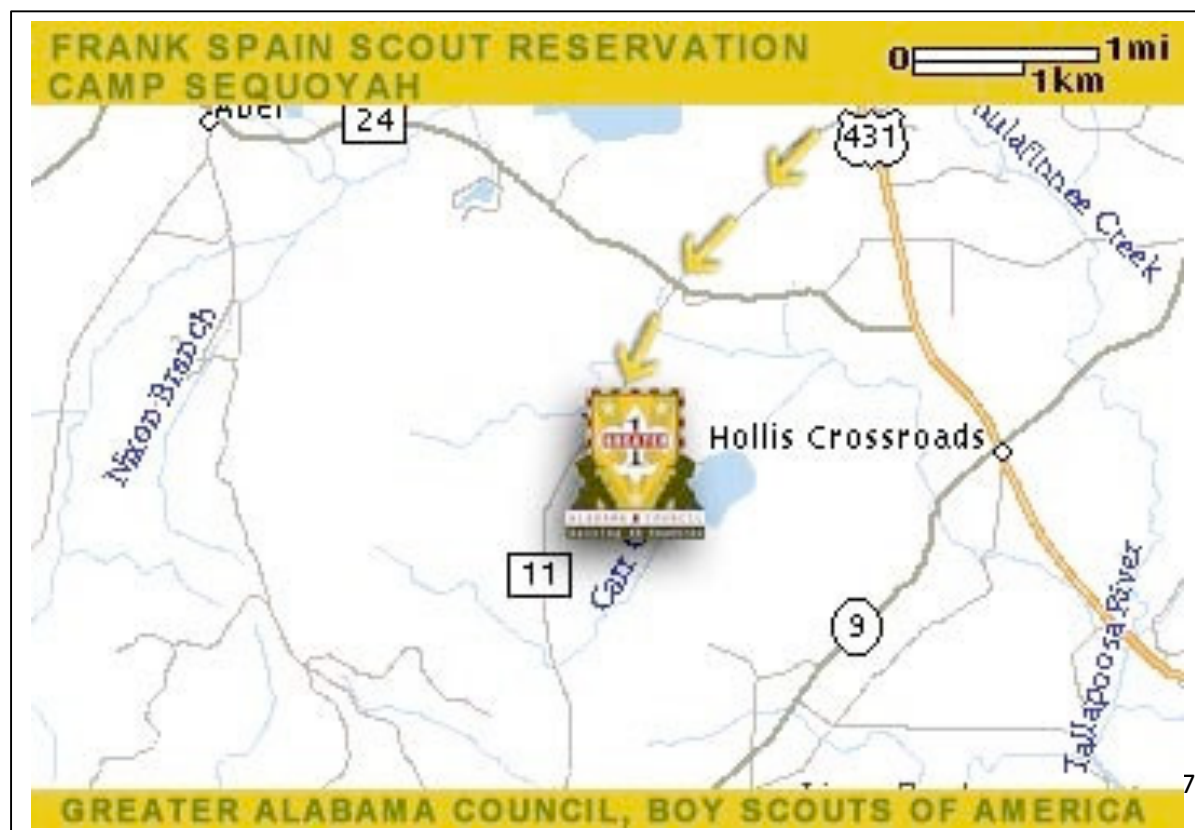
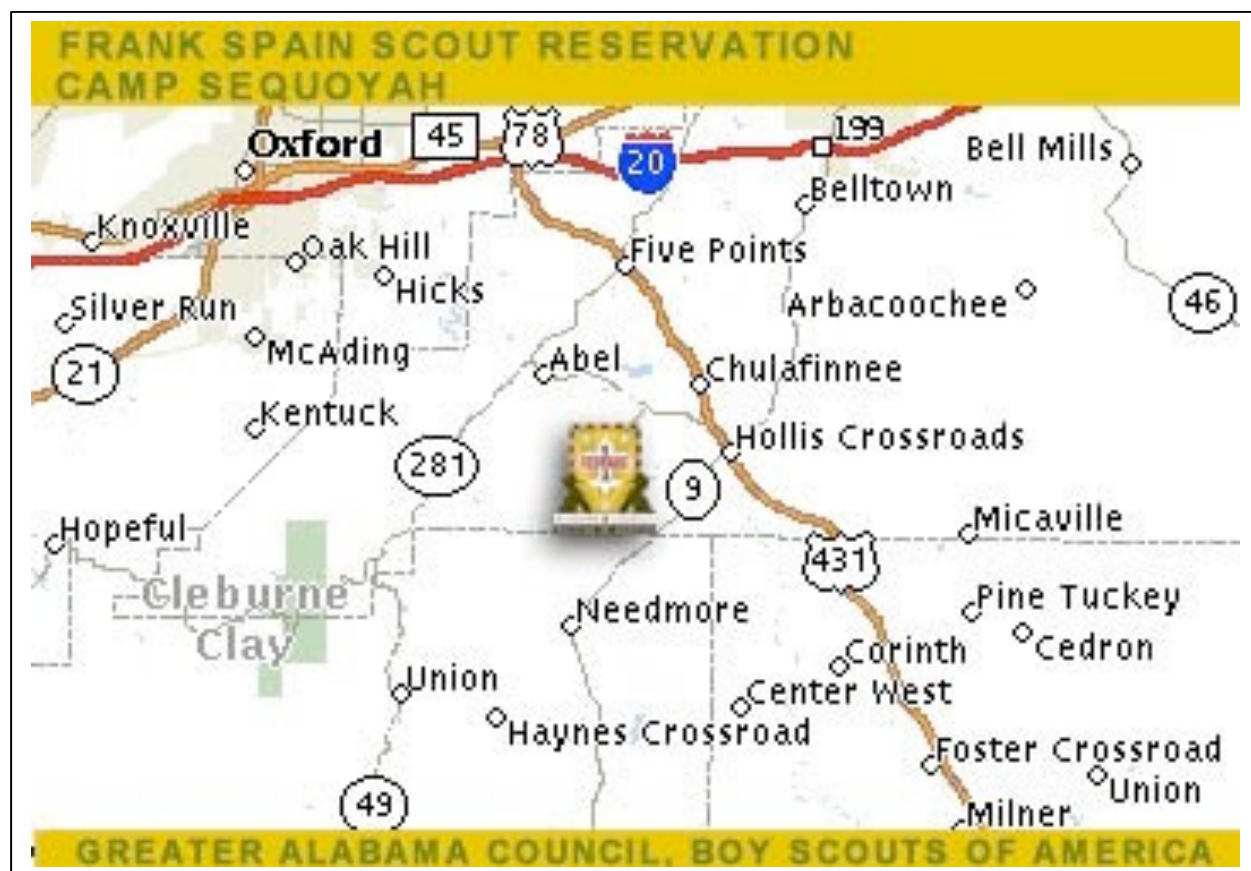
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The Order of the Arrow in the Greater Alabama Council

Purpose of the OA

The Order of the Arrow's Purpose is fourfold:

To recognize those campers – Scouts and Scouters – who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, and by such recognition, cause other campers to conduct themselves in such manner as to warrant recognition.

Recognition is an important part of the Scout program, and helps build character values by rewarding a Scout's drive for achievement and self---esteem. As Scouting's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow recognizes those in Scouting who are active examples of the Scouting principles of cheerfulness, helpfulness, trustworthiness – all the central virtues of Scouting. Furthermore, the OA challenges each of its members to continue to live up to these ideals, thereby promoting these ideals back to those in your unit.

To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.

The Order of the Arrow was founded at a Scout summer camp, and believes in the outdoor method as an integral part of the Scouting goal of building character, citizenship and fitness in its participants. In camp, Scouts interact toward a common goal, and in doing so, exercise skills that are important in the maturation of boys into valuable members of society. As such, the OA embraces the camping traditions that have stood the test of time with the Scouting program, and serves to keep the spirit of the outdoor program alive.

To promote Scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of the unit's camping program, both

year--round and in the summer camp, as directed by the camping committee of the council.

Under the direction of the Greater Alabama Council's Camping Committee, the Coosa Lodge of the Order of the Arrow is committed to promote Scout camping. The OA believes that the goals of Scouting can be best achieved by a year---round program of unit camping, and the programs of the Coosa Lodge reflect the desire to be helpful to your Unit in meeting these goals.

To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others. As adult leaders in the Scout program, our goal is to help you in your goal of molding your Scouts into responsible leaders. The Order of the Arrow program emphasizes service to others as a central theme of leadership, and provides a framework through which to experience service as a building block in shaping the character of our youth. The Coosa Lodge also believes that youth membership retention is another benefit of the Order of the Arrow program. As a youth in Scouting matures and completes individual advancement goals, he can turn to the OA as a source of further opportunity to experience Scouting. Youth members who stay with the Scouting program longer typically achieve higher ranks of advancement, serve as camp staff, and ultimately choose to give back to Scouting in adulthood.

Eligibility

To become a member, a youth must be a registered member of a Boy Scout troop or Varsity Scout team and hold First Class rank. The youth must have experienced 15 days and

nights of camping during the two years before his election. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long---term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short---term camps. Scouts are elected to the Order by their fellow troop or Varsity team members, following approval by the Scoutmaster or Varsity Scout Coach.

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