



WOODRUFF SCOUT CAMP | **2022**
PROGRAM GUIDE

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WOODRUFF

AT A GLANCE

Established in 1980, Woodruff Scout Camp has incredible facilities, is located in a most beautiful natural setting, and delivers a summer camp program second to none.

67

67 merit badges available in 2022

180

180 Staff members dedicated to you

41

41 Seasons of experiences delivered!

FACILITIES

1600 Acres in the cool North Georgia Mountains

23 Campsites, all within 6/10 of a mile of the dining hall

low 80s Typical summer daytime high temperatures with nighttime lows in the 50's

1 Dining hall meal shift with all you can eat staff served buffet dining



NEW FOR 2022!

8 new merit badges added to the program for 2022 including American Heritage, Graphic Arts, Mammal Study, Music, Nature, Oceanography, Search & Rescue and Scouting Heritage.

New individual awards challenge both Scouts and Scouters to get the most out of their week at Woodruff! The Woodruff Firemaster Award will test Scouts' fire building skills while the new Silver Boot Award recognizes Scouts and Scouters who are physically active in a variety of ways during camp.

Expanded interpretive program offerings in the afternoon at Hemlock Field.

New adult opportunities: training, recreation, & service.

REGISTRATION

Merit badge and select program registration takes place on our online platform at www.CampWoodruff.org. For more details, see the Online User Guide.

Program registration dates open to registered units that are current with their November & February 1st payments at staggered time slots. Each week's registration opens at 9 am EDT.

- WEEK 1 - April 11, 2022**
- WEEK 2 - April 12, 2022**
- WEEK 3 - April 13, 2022**
- WEEK 4 - April 14, 2022**
- WEEK 5, 6 & 7 - April 18, 2022**

Woodruff offers a lot of programs, but don't feel that you must schedule something every period of every day. While you will want to fill each morning, we suggest leaving free time in the afternoons and evenings for a hike to the Nicholson Cabin, aquatics activities or one of our many camp activities.

Most afternoon programs, including a number of merit badges, are offered on a "drop in" basis and don't require registration. Only capacity limited programs require pre-registration in the afternoon and evening activity periods.

Each Scout at Woodruff has one off-site activity included in their camp fee. If a Scout wants to do more than one off-site activity, they can add that activity for an additional fee. Adults are welcome and encouraged to participate in off-site activities; however, the adult fee does not include this activity and are subject to an additional fee. Scouts should register for off-site activities at the same time as merit badge registration. See the Off-Site Activities page for more details.

Although our on-line system is the best way to get your Scouts signed up for the programs they want, there will be a drop/add opportunity after the Opening Campfire on Sunday night for late additions or Scouts desiring a last minute change to their schedule.



PROGRAM VALUE

Our outlook on fees is very different from most camps; we charge a little more money for our basic camp fee vs. incremental fees at camp. No extra fees to get in the way of fun!

Shooting Sports	\$0
Whitewater Rafting	\$0
Aquatics	\$0
COPE/Climbing	\$0
Art/Pottery/Sculpture	\$0
Laurel Mountain Program	\$0
News Team Program	\$0
Horsemanship/Trail Rides	\$0

Some merit badges, such as Space Exploration and Basketry, require a kit to be purchased for completing required projects. Recommended budgets are noted on merit badge listing pages. All kits are available in the Trading Post.



SCHEDULING

Woodruff Scout Camp programs are split into three blocks of time: morning, afternoon, and evening. Each block provides a different type of program experience for scouts making their week at Woodruff productive for advancement as well as fun!

BREAK FAST	1	2	3	4	LUNCH	5	6	DINNER	7
	MORNING					AFTERNOON			EVENING

MORNING | 1 - 4 | ADVANCEMENT

Mornings are dedicated to advancement through our comprehensive offering of 67 different merit badges and our Mountaineer First Year Scout Program. For older Scouts, the Laurel Mountain Program and Woodruff News Team are offered to give scouts the opportunity for new experiences every summer at Woodruff. Note that some morning programs require two, three or even all four morning program blocks.

AFTERNOON | 5 & 6 | OPEN TIME

Scout camp is a time for Scouts to have fun and experience all that Scouting offers. Our afternoon program is designed for Scouts to engage in programs that they find attractive without the structure of pre-registration for most programs. Advancement opportunities still abound. Scouts may “drop in” to work on select merit badges in many program areas. Some merit badges with capacity limitations do require pre-registration. Check the program areas below for details. Many merit badges require work outside of the morning program. Head to the ranges to work on shooting qualification or use free time to complete those more difficult merit badges. Afternoons are also for our off-site adventures: whitewater rafting or a horseback trail ride. Every youth registration includes one free off-site activity so don't miss out on the fun. Just make sure you register for which adventure and day you want to go!

EVENING | 7 | TROOP & PATROL TIME

After dinner, many program areas are open just like in the afternoon. Scouts can head to their favorite area or try something new. From opening and closing campfires to our famous Flag Retirement Ceremony, there are many activities your troop will want to attend as a troop. For patrols, we offer group activities such as Team Stand Up Paddleboard, COPE and field sports. For the more ambitious, sign up for our Canoe Overnighter patrol overnight activity.

MERIT BADGES

The Woodruff staff is committed to delivering quality merit badge sessions where Scouts complete the requirements as stated. Our goal is that they have fun and learn at the same time. We offer a wide variety of merit badge and certification programs.

While Scouts should take merit badges they are interested in, many merit badges are academically and physically demanding. Please allow your Scouts to have an enjoyable week by encouraging them to sign up for age appropriate merit badges that they can enjoy and complete.

MERIT BADGE SESSIONS

Merit badge sessions are held during four morning periods beginning at 8:30. Some sessions require two periods (1 & 2 or 3 & 4). Merit badges are also offered during afternoon sessions with some requiring pre-registration and others accepting Scouts on a “drop in” basis. See the Program Schedule for specific class times that merit badges are offered in 2022.

Many merit badges, particularly in the Nature area, require afternoon fieldwork sessions. Shooting Sports merit badges require afternoon or evening time for target qualification, rifle cleaning, and making a bow string. Scouts taking these badges should plan on one or more afternoons to complete their requirements.

Many merit badges offered in the afternoon are offered during Periods 5 and 6 on either Monday-Tuesday or Wednesday-Thursday. This allows Scouts to take an afternoon merit badge class while still participating in other afternoon activities including a river trip.





RECOMMENDED FOR ALL SCOUTS



SWIMMING



RECOMMENDED FOR 2ND YEAR+ SCOUTS



LIFE SAVING



CANOEING



KAYAKING



SMALL BOAT SAILING



ROWING



WATER SPORTS



WHITEWATER

Requires Kayaking merit badge plus two afternoon trips



MOTOR BOATING



STAND UP PADDLE BOARD

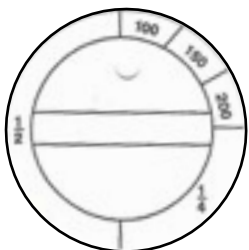
Award, not merit badge

AQUATICS

Aquatics merit badges and summer camp go hand-in-hand. Woodruff provides all equipment. All aquatic merit badges require Scouts to qualify as BSA Swimmer during the swim check. Scouts should wear swim wear that is suited for active water sports, such as swim trunks or board shorts for males and one-piece suits or tankinis for females.



CLASSES & CERTIFICATIONS



SWIM LESSONS

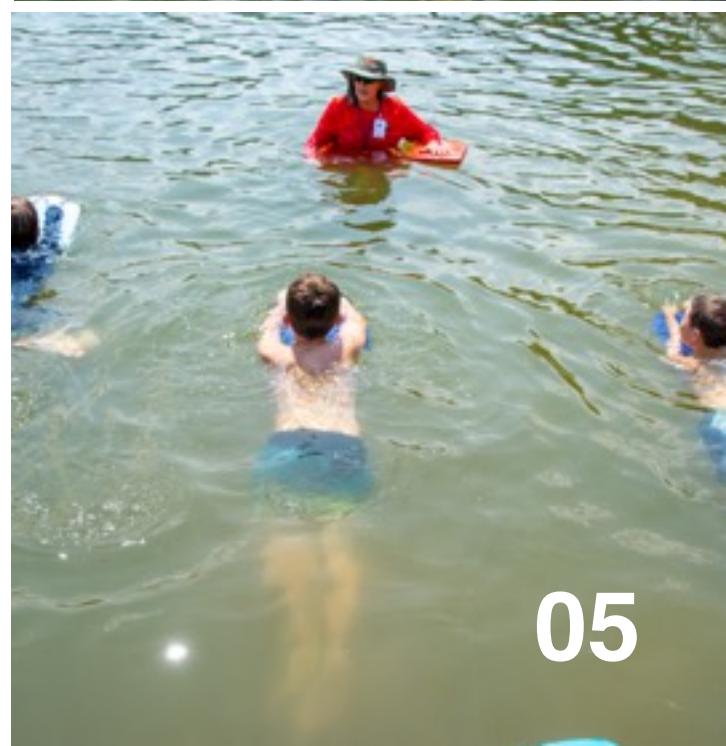
Not a merit badge



BSA LIFEGUARD

Must be 15 years old

BSA Lifeguard is an all day, full week program. It is a certification, not a merit badge. Participants will get one afternoon "off" to go on a river trip.





RECOMMENDED FOR ALL SCOUTS



ART



GRAPHIC ARTS



MOVIEMAKING



MUSIC



PHOTOGRAPHY
Requires Cyber Chip



POTTERY & SCULPTURE



AFTERNOON DROP-IN MERIT BADGES



***WOOD CARVING**
Budget \$10



***LEATHERWORK**
Budget \$20



***BASKETRY**
Budget \$15



FINGERPRINTING



STUDIO ARTS

Woodruff's Mack Mountain Studio is an artist's mecca where Scouts can explore their creative side. Some merit badges are taught in formal morning sessions while others are offered in the afternoon as drop in activities. The Studio is also open in the afternoon for anyone wanting to practice their wood carving, leatherwork or basketry skills.

Wood Carving, Basketry, and Leatherwork merit badges may require more than one afternoon to complete.

*May require purchase of a kit at the Trading Post depending on what project the Scout chooses.



RECOMMENDED FOR ALL SCOUTS



ANIMATION



ASTRONOMY

Requires evening observation time



CHESS



***SPACE EXPLORATION**

Budget \$15

RECOMMENDED FOR SCOUTS AGE 13+



GAME DESIGN



ROBOTICS & DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Requires Cyber Chip

RECOMMENDED FOR FOR SCOUTS AGE 14+



WELDING

Must be 14 to enroll in Welding merit badge

*Requires purchase of a kit at the Trading Post.



STEM

The Woodruff STEM Lab provides all the technological support needed to explore the fast paced world of science, technology, engineering and math. On some afternoons, the lab will be open for playing with robots and working on STEM related merit badges.





RECOMMENDED FOR ALL SCOUTS



FIRST AID



HORSEMANSHIP
Offered as a two-day
afternoon merit
badge.



SCOUTING HERITAGE



**LIFE
SKILLS**

All merit badges except Horsemanship and Scouting Heritage are held during the morning session periods. First Aid and Personal Fitness merit badges are offered during the afternoon periods as well.

RECOMMENDED FOR 2ND YEAR+ CAMPERS



PERSONAL FITNESS

Req. 1b and 8 not
completed at camp



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



AMERICAN CULTURES & AMERICAN HERITAGE

Requires attending
an afternoon cultural
festival



RECOMMENDED FOR 3RD YEAR+ CAMPERS



CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION

Req. 2 not
completed at camp



CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD



COMMUNICATION





RECOMMENDED FOR 2ND YEAR+ CAMPERS



COOKING

Req. 4c, d & e not completed at camp



CAMPING

Req. 4b, 5e, 7b, 8d and 9a, b & c not completed at camp



EXPLORATION

Afternoon expedition required to complete



PIONEERING



ORIENTEERING



GEOCACHING



SEARCH & RESCUE



SIGNS, SIGNALS, & CODES



WILDERNESS SURVIVAL

Tuesday night overnigher required to complete at camp

RECOMMENDED FOR 3RD YEAR+ CAMPERS



CYCLING

Req. 7c, d: Scouts will do both 2 mile rides and both 5 mile rides. The two 8 and 22 mile rides will need to be completed at home.



OUTDOOR SKILLS

Outdoor Skills offers merit badges which lie at the heart of Scouting's outdoor camping program. In addition to traditional outdoor Scout skills, the merit badge offerings have expanded to include many new merit badges that appeal to modern camping enthusiasts.





RECOMMENDED FOR 2ND YEAR+ CAMPERS



ARCHERY



RIFLE SHOOTING

FOR SCOUTS AGE 14+



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SHOTGUN SHOOTING

Must be 14 years old to enroll

Scouts should commit additional time in the afternoon and/or evening sessions to develop shooting skills and complete the shooting qualification requirements. In addition, during one of the afternoon sessions, Scouts must provide time to either clean a rifle (about 30 minutes) for the rifle merit badge or make a bowstring (about 1 hour) for the archery merit badge. The camp provides all equipment and supplies for shooting sports. Please do not bring personal firearms or archery gear to camp.

RECOMMENDED FOR 3RD YEAR+ CAMPERS



CLIMBING



COPE

COPE is an experiential program and not a merit badge

SHOOTING SPORTS

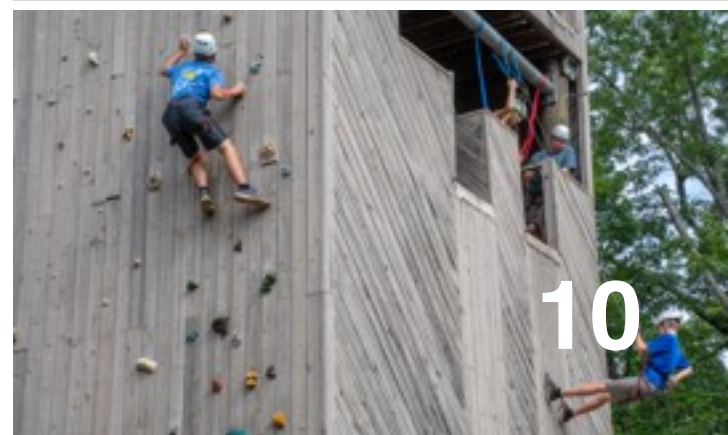
Woodruff offers instruction in Archery, Rifle Shooting, and Shotgun Shooting merit badges under the direction of Boy Scouts of America National Camping School Shooting Sports Directors, National Rifle Association and/or USA Archery certified instructors.

All instructors in the shooting sports program are certified according to BSA, NRA and/or USA Archery standards.



CLIMBING

The Climbing Merit badge and COPE are 2 periods in length.





RECOMMENDED FOR ALL SCOUTS



FISHING

Fishing poles are available for use during instruction, must bring own tackle.



NATURE & MAMMAL STUDY



WEATHER



RECOMMENDED FOR 2ND YEAR+ CAMPERS



ARCHAEOLOGY

Requires out of class fieldwork



GEOLOGY & MINING IN SOCIETY



BIRD STUDY



REPTILE & AMPHIBIAN STUDY

Req. 8 not completed at camp



FORESTRY & PLANT SCIENCE

Plant Science req. 5 not completed at camp



OCEANOGRAPHY



NATURE

The Donnell & Goldman Nature Areas at Woodruff are state of the art facilities. Many Nature merit badges are academic and instruction is based on the youth having completed a specified level at school. Some Nature merit badges require extensive fieldwork and projects. Scouts should plan to spend some afternoon or evening time to complete these badges.



RECOMMENDED FOR 3RD YEAR+ CAMPERS



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Requires out of class fieldwork



FLY FISHING

Equipment is provided. Must be age 13+ to register



ADVANCED PROGRAMS

WOODRUFF NEWS TEAM

LAUREL MOUNTAIN

WHITEWATER CHALLENGE

WOODRUFF XTREME

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

FIRST YEAR SCOUTS: MOUNTAINEER

The Woodruff staff is committed to delivering a quality First Year Scout program that leaves a Scout wanting to come to camp again and again. Our goal is that they have fun and learn at the same time.

Taking place during two morning activity periods, the Mountaineer Program allows new Scouts to integrate into the activities of the rest of the troop for the majority of their week with two open morning activity periods for merit badges and an open schedule for all afternoon periods.

OLDER SCOUTS: ADVANCED PROGRAMS

For the older Scout with a few years of camp under their belt who is looking for a little more out of Summer Camp this year, Woodruff offers four separate older Scout programs appealing to a variety of interests so there is something for every Scout!

The Whitewater Challenge and Woodruff Xtreme programs are all-week off-site adventure programs. The Laurel Mountain and Woodruff News Team programs offer a different camp experience while staying and playing with their troop. These on-site programs allow older Scouts the opportunity to continue to lead their troop during the Summer Camp session.

Whichever program they choose, Woodruff offers a unique program that will keep your older Scouts engaged in Scouting and excited to return to camp.



MOUNTAINEER

WOODRUFF'S PROGRAM FOR FIRST YEAR SCOUTS

The Mountaineer Program is designed for those Scouts who have either just crossed over from Webelos or have limited camping experience. Basic Scout skills for the inexperienced Scout form the basis of the program. After being divided into Mountaineer patrols, Scouts will complete a different Mountaineer Adventure each day. During these adventures, Scouts are instructed in basic Scouting skills including knife, axe & saw, knots & pioneering, orienteering, nature, first aid, citizenship and more.

SWAG

All Mountaineer participants will receive a "Mountaineer" t-shirt to commemorate their week at camp.

SCHEDULE

Mountaineer is a two-hour program held every morning all week. The remainder of the day, Scouts are free to participate in any program or merit badge that interests them.

5 MILE HIKE

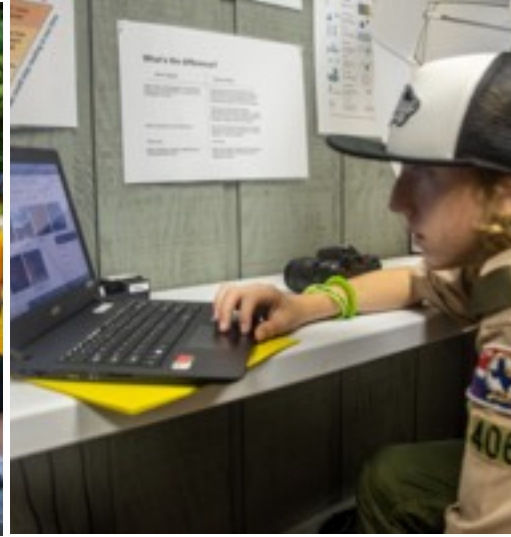
All Scouts can participate in the Mountaineer five mile hike on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. No pre-registration is required for the five mile hike.

LEADER PARTICIPATION

We recommend each troop assign at least one adult to actively work with their Scouts in the Mountaineer Program. This includes observation, assistance with safety, discipline and active participation in the five-mile hike. This is an excellent opportunity for adult leaders to forge a bond with their new Scouts that will last throughout the Scouts' career and life.

ORIENTATION

A Mountaineer Orientation Meeting is held on Sunday night for Adult Leaders involved with this program. At least one adult from each troop should attend this meeting.



NEWS TEAM

WOODRUFF'S OUTDOOR JOURNALISM PROGRAM

The Woodruff News Team is designed for those Scouts who want to spend the week diving into the world of fast paced journalism. In addition to working on four unique merit badges, News Team members create and publish a daily newspaper, develop video news broadcasts and create and distribute content for the Woodruff Facebook and Instagram feeds. This program is an all morning session every day. The remainder of the day the News Team will be free lancing to develop content that may interest them.

LODGING

News Team operates on Woodruff Scout Camp as a morning activity. Participants will camp with their troop throughout the week.

FEES

There is no additional fee for participating in the News Team program.

AGE

Due to the special requirements and materials, this is suggested for Scouts 14 and older or 13 and have completed 8th grade.



GRAPHIC ARTS



JOURNALISM



MOVIEMAKING



PHOTOGRAPHY

Requires Cyber Chip

ADVANCEMENT

Participants in the News Team program have the opportunity to complete the Graphics Arts, Journalism, Moviemaking and Photography merit badges.



LAUREL MOUNTAIN

WOODRUFF'S PRIMITIVE CRAFT EXPERIENCE

The Laurel Mountain Program is conducted during an extended class covering all four morning periods at our newly constructed forge and primitive craft center located in Hemlock Field. Each morning, Scouts will work on the Woodwork merit badge using primitive hand tools and the Metalwork merit badge in our blacksmithing forge.

LODGING

Laurel Mountain operates on Woodruff Scout Camp as a morning activity. Participants will camp with their troop throughout the week.

FEES

There is no additional fee for participating in the Laurel Mountain program.

AGE

Due to the nature and difficulty of the activities, this is suggested for Scouts 14 and older or 13 and have completed 8th grade.



METALWORK



WOODWORK

ADVANCEMENT

Participants in the Laurel Mountain program will have the opportunity to complete the Metalwork and Woodwork merit badges.



WHITEWATER CHALLENGE

THE ULTIMATE WHITEWATER EXPERIENCE

Whitewater Challenge is for older scouts who desire a lot of additional river experiences in an independent program, the ultimate whitewater experience. Activities for this week-long adventure include rafting, kayaking and canoeing on rivers in Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina. Scouts will have the chance to experience and learn kayak work, whitewater rafting, capsizing, stroke and paddle work, reading rivers, canoe handling skills and paddle skills – such as side slips, eddy turns and peel outs.

LODGING

Whitewater Challenge operates at an outpost camp. Participants will stay in cabins with bunk beds.

FEES

There is an additional \$50 fee for all youth participants and \$100 fee for all adult participants (above the regular camp fee)

AGE

Due to the nature and difficulty of the activities, this is suggested for Scouts 14 and older or 13 and have completed 8th grade.

SCHEDULE

- MONDAY** Flat water canoe and kayak practice at Finger Lake
- TUESDAY** Whitewater rafting trip on the Nantahala River
- WEDNESDAY** Canoeing trip on the Tuckaseegee River
- THURSDAY** Whitewater rafting and kayaking on the Nantahala River
- FRIDAY** Whitewater rafting on the Middle Ocoee River

ADVANCEMENT

While this is not an advancement oriented program, it is possible for Whitewater Challenge participants to complete some requirements in various merit badges. No formal advancement reports will be provided.

Whitewater Challenge is available to Scouts attending Woodruff with their troop or crew or Scouts may register individually to participate without their troop or crew.



WOODRUFF XTREME

A BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN ACTIVITY SMORGASBORD

The Woodruff Xtreme is for older Scouts who want additional outdoor challenges, both physically and mentally. This program packs a lot of adventure into one week. Scouts experience mountain horseback riding, single track mountain biking, hiking and swimming in the Blue Ridge mountains, a high ropes course and zipline as well as the thrill of rafting both the Nantahala and Ocoee rivers. It's an Xtreme amount of action and an Xtreme amount of fun!

LODGING

Participants will spend three nights off site in cabins with bunk beds and showers and two nights at a primitive campsite (tents provided)

FEES

There is an additional \$50 fee for all youth participants and \$100 fee for all adult participants (above the regular camp fee)

AGE

Due to the nature and difficulty of the activities, this is suggested for Scouts 14 and older or 13 and have completed 8th grade.

SCHEDULE

- MONDAY** Horseback ride, hike and swim at Blue Hole
- TUESDAY** Nantahala Lake canoe trek, hiking, and fly tying clinic
- WEDNESDAY** Fly casting clinic and mountain biking, trail camping
- THURSDAY** Whitewater rescue clinic and Nantahala River rafting trip
- FRIDAY** Whitewater rafting on the Middle Ocoee River

ADVANCEMENT

While this is not an advancement oriented program, it is possible for Woodruff Xtreme participants to complete some requirements in various merit badges. No formal advancement reports will be provided.

Woodruff Xtreme is available to Scouts attending Woodruff with their troop or crew or Scouts may register individually to participate without their troop or crew.

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

OPEN ACTIVITIES

At Woodruff, afternoons are focused on fun! This is the time to experience new challenges, build teams and hone skills in many different program areas. Over 25 open activities are offered every afternoon to keep your Scouts challenged and busy! Some activities require registration as noted.

OFF SITE

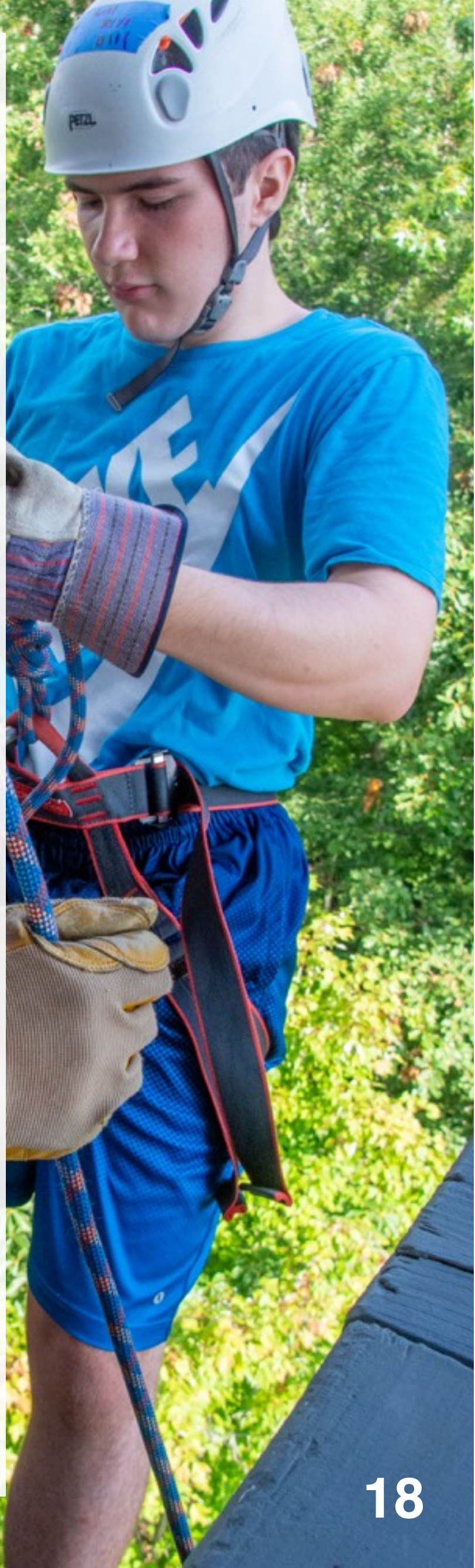
Youth camp fees include one free offsite activity, either whitewater rafting on the Nantahala (for younger Scouts) or the Ocoee (for older Scouts) or a horseback trail ride. Additional off site trips are available for a fee. Register for these activities during merit badge registration.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Each day features nighttime activities, like the spooft merit badge and flag retirement ceremony, and gatherings and seminars for various Scouting programs. Don't miss the Polar Bear Plunge, a particularly invigorating experience very early on Thursday morning! No registration is required for any of these activities.

CANOEING OVERNIGHTER

Kick up the challenge factor of your Woodruff experience with a canoeing overnighter to an outpost campsite. Register your troop or patrol for this adventure during regular merit badge registration.





OPEN ACTIVITIES

AQUATICS

MILE SWIM

The Mile Swim is offered on Friday afternoon. Participants must attend 3 out of 4 practice sessions held each day at 2:00; 3:30 or 7:00 pm in order to participate. There are no “make-ups” for Mile Swim if canceled due to weather.

THE “BLOB” AND AQUACLIMB WALL

Each afternoon, Woodruff’s 40-foot “BLOB” offers an airborne experience like no other! Our super-cool and uniquely challenging Aquaclimb wall challenges scouts with the alternative sport of aquatic climbing. Scouts must be classified as a “Swimmer” to participate in these activities.

PADDLE BOARDING

Join us in the aquatics/small boat area in the afternoons to try out our SUP’s and learn about the exciting sport of paddle-boarding. Earn the BSA Paddleboarding Award.

TEAM PADDLE BOARDING

Do you like stand-up paddle boarding? Well the fun just got eight times better! Bring your patrol to the waterfront in the afternoon to try out our gigantic team stand up paddle boards. Teamwork is a must!

MACK MOUNTAIN STUDIO

LEATHERWORK, WOOD CARVING, AND BASKETRY

Leatherwork, wood carving, and basketry tools and knowledgeable staff are available at the Studio each afternoon for any Scout or Scouter who wants to hone their skills or work on merit badge projects.



KENDALL CROSSING AT HEMLOCK FIELD

HOMESTEADING ACTIVITIES

The newly created living history village at Hemlock Field will be a popular place to visit in the afternoons. Blacksmithing, candle making, gardening, log hewing, ax throwing and a mercantile with root beer are among the many activities featured. Basketry and Wood Carving merit badges will also be offered with a historical focus.

BRANDING

A Woodruff or Scouting brand will transform your favorite walking stick, hiking boots, or brand-able mug (available in the Trading Post) into a souvenir with a story. We will be branding things each afternoon at the Diamond J Blacksmith Shop in Hemlock Field.

COPE & CLIMBING

CLIMBING & RAPPELLING

Offered during each of the afternoon and evening activity periods, our climbing area includes tower wall & climbing chimneys, rappelling and a zip-line. For all climbing activities, shoes must be capable of being tied securely.

C.O.P.E.

Project C.O.P.E. consists of different challenges for a patrol that involve teamwork and problem solving, with tests of agility and individual skills. Participants start with low COPE exercises, building towards high COPE work on the climbing tower, zip line, and other challenges using off the ground elements.

LOW C.O.P.E. – TEAM BUILDING

Ideal for your Troop's Patrol Leaders Council, a group of adult leaders, Crew Leadership, or combination. This is offered daily. Minimum number of participants is 6.

BOULDERING WALL

We have a great bouldering wall up the hill in our Climbing/COPE area. This wall provides an additional challenge for our climbers.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

FIELD SPORTS

Field sports equipment will be available to check out during the afternoon and evening periods at the activity field. Equipment available includes soccer balls, volleyballs, softball equipment, footballs, Air O Sport® and Frisbees®.

DISC GOLF

Woodruff has a disc golf course near the camp entrance. Bring your own discs or pick up needed supplies at the camp office.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Take a ride on Woodruff's established mountain bike trails. Bikes are available to check out during the afternoon and evening periods, riding under staff supervision.

WOODRUFF HIKER

Take a hike! Woodruff has a variety of great trails ranging from the 1.4 mile Davis Inn trail to the 8 mile Ridge trail allowing hikers of all sizes and ability to explore the Woodruff backcountry. Stop by the camp office to pick up a map and find out about hiking options. Complete three Woodruff trails to qualify for the Woodruff Hiker Award.

ORIENTEERING COURSE

Woodruff maintains an orienteering course that will satisfy the First Class orienteering requirement. The course begins and ends at the Mountaineer Pavilion. Pick up a course map at the camp office.

GEOCACHING

Woodruff maintains a number of geocaches around camp. Try out geocaching, a high-tech treasure hunting game equipped with GPS devices, during your week at camp. Really like geocaching? Try for the Woodruff Geocaching Challenge award. You will need a GPS or a cellular device with GPS to participate.

GA-GA

What is ga-ga? It's a fast paced, high energy 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're hit, you're out; last ga-ga player standing wins.



SHOOTING SPORTS

Summer Camp may be the only opportunity many youth ever have to learn firearm safety and try to shoot a bulls-eye. You can walk up after completing a safety briefing during an afternoon session. Our certified range staff will provide instruction and all necessary equipment.

ARCHERY

Experience the excitement of drawing an arrow, taking aim and hitting a target up at our archery range. Archery provides a great way to combine physical exercise with developing powers of coordination and concentration. Fit five arrows in the target's center and earn the "Golden Arrow".

RIFLERY

Take aim and try your hand with our .22 rifles. Fit five shots in the diameter of a dime and earn your "Dime Award". There's never an ammo charge to shoot rifles at Woodruff.

STEM

ROBOTICS

On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, our STEM lab will be open for robotics games. Try to grab, scramble and stack your way to building something cool with a robot.

NATURE & CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

Visit the Nature Lodge to learn about the environment and wildlife around the camp. Many species that live on the camp property are on display. Go fishing in the lake, observe the constellations on a clear night away from the city lights, or attend a Woodruff Wildlife Talk.

FISHING

Fishing is available at Woodruff in our fabulous mountain lake. Fish from the bridge, the Nature dock or most of the shoreline. You will need to bring your own fishing pole and tackle. A fishing license is not required. We encourage catch and release; however, it is permissible to keep a reasonable number of fish for eating while at camp.

WOODRUFF WILDLIFE TALK

Presentation about the characteristics, habits and habitats of the animals found at Woodruff and those on display at the Donnell Nature Center.



OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES

RIVER TRIPS

NANTAHALA WHITEWATER RAFTING

A Class II-III river, the Nantahala is ideal for younger Scouts (1st and 2nd year). With a wealth of rapids running the length of the river it provides a wonderful introduction to the excitement of whitewater rafting.

OCOEE WHITEWATER RAFTING

The Ocoee River presents rafters with a phenomenal 5 mile stretch of back-to-back Class III-IV rapids that leaves rafters with very little down time and a lot of action! The State of Tennessee requires all participants rafting on the Ocoee River be at least 12 years old. Because the Ocoee is a more advanced whitewater experience, we recommend a Scout be 13 years old or two previous trips on the Nantahala or similar river before signing up for the Ocoee.

HORSE RIDES

HORSEMANSHIP MERIT BADGE

Those signed up for Horsemanship merit badge will have one off-site trail ride and one afternoon session in the Nature Center. On the off-site day, the class leaves at 12:45 pm from the main pavilion.

HORSE TRAIL RIDE

The trail ride offered for the Horsemanship merit badge is also available as an afternoon activity for those who just want to go on a horseback ride.

Youth camp fees include one off-site activity (a river trip on the Nantahala or Ocoee, Whitewater merit badge or a horseback trail ride with or without Horsemanship merit badge). Additional trips are available for a fee. Choose the day and activity that you would like to do and sign up at the same time as merit badge registration. Off-site transportation is provided free of charge. Meet at 12:45 in the main pavilion the day of the trip. All river trip participants must pass the BSA Swim Test. Waiver forms, signed by a parent, are required for each participant for all off-site programs.



SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY

SPOOF MERIT BADGE

On Tuesday evening, Woodruff will offer a special “spooof” merit badge class at the Council Ring. Come for an evening of light hearted fun.

THEATER UNDER THE STARS

On Tuesday evening immediately after the Spooof Merit Badge, join us at the Council Ring for show shown on our big screen.

WEDNESDAY

ORDER OF THE ARROW ACTIVITIES

OA Day is Wednesday at Woodruff. Our Order of the Arrow Lodge, Egwa Tawa Dee, holds events throughout the day for all Scouts. All Arrowmen should bring their OA Sash to wear on OA Day.

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

An outstanding and moving flag retirement ceremony will be held on Wednesday each week at 9:00 PM. This is a don't miss event! Meet at the flagpole near the camp entrance. Field Uniform (Class A) requested.





THURSDAY

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

Brave souls with plenty of warm blood flowing should meet at the waterfront on Thursday morning at 6 AM for a refreshing plunge into Woodruff Lake. After thawing out, purchase a special Polar Bear Plunge patch at the Trading Post.

LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR

The Council Advancement committee will be hosting a Life to Eagle transition seminar at the Donnell Nature Center after the Scoutmasters Dinner on Thursday. Interested Scouts and leaders are invited to attend.

OPEN BOATING NIGHT

Join the Boating League of Doom as they take over the lake for a fun night of open boating throughout Lake Woodruff. Be sure to make it out to Tee Pee Island for ice cream!

LEADER STEAK DINNER

The Scout Leader adult steak dinner will be held at the Main Pavilion on Thursday evening. This is a great event for the Staff to honor our unit leaders for their support of Woodruff Scout Camp. All adults that are registered on camp are welcome.

FRIDAY

CAMP-WIDE GAME

This activity begins Friday afternoon at 3:30 in the activity field. All troops are encouraged to enter a team.

VESPERS SERVICES

Three religious services will be offered during the week at camp:

CATHOLIC MASS

- Nature Lodge
Sunday at 7:15 PM

INTERFAITH SERVICE

- John's Chapel
Sunday at 7:15 PM
- John's Chapel
Wednesday at 8:15 PM



OVERNIGHT PATROL ACTIVITY

CANOE OVERNIGHTER

This is a unit/patrol activity. Participants will canoe across the lake, during the evening activity period, to an outpost camp and spend the night – returning in the morning. This is a non-staffed activity. Units should ensure they have enough adult leadership in place. Backpacking style tents are available for checkout for this event. The campsite also offers a hammock camping area with permanent hammock posts. Woodruff is a participant in the Hennessy Hammock Camping Program and has a supply of hammocks available to check out or you may bring your own.

AWARDS

TROOP AWARDS

Troops can qualify for special recognition awards at Woodruff. The Honor Troop and Scouting Traditions Awards recognize those troops who engage in a breadth of activities and demonstrate excellence during their week at camp. Troops that have attended Woodruff for 10 to 40 years are honored through our Loyal Troop Program.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Woodruff has a variety of individual awards that can be pursued during your free time by youth and adults alike. The Silver Boot Award, Woodruff Hiker and Geocaching Award are for the more physically active Scouts and Scouters while the Sustainability Award encourages Scouts to learn about and engage in sustainable activities while at Woodruff. For adults only, the Adult Leaders Merit Badge is a fun way to engage in all types of activities during your week at camp.





TROOP AWARDS

HONOR TROOP AWARD

Woodruff challenges all troops to show its Scouting spirit and earn the Honor Troop Award. Requirements are based on criteria deemed instrumental for a troop to have a great week at camp.

SCOUTING TRADITIONS CHALLENGE

Do you have an enthusiastic and super-engaged troop? The Scouting Traditions Award is for you! This award recognizes troop participation throughout camp and encourages all Scouts to get the most out of their week at Woodruff.

LOYAL TROOP PROGRAM

Many troops have attended Woodruff Scout Camp for 10, 20 or even more years. We appreciate your loyalty to Woodruff and recognize it with a special participation ribbon and special patches for each member of your troop at five year increments and by identification on our honor board in the dining hall.



INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

WOODRUFF SILVER BOOT AWARD

The Silver Boot is all about being physically active each day while at Woodruff. Reaching step goals, completing a Woodruff hike, the Mile Swim or the Polar Bear Plunge or taking a canoe overnighter all could be steps toward earning this new award in 2022!

WOODRUFF SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Practice sustainability while experiencing the great outdoors at Woodruff. Choose to participate in four sustainability activities during your week and earn the Woodruff Sustainability Award!

WOODRUFF GEOCACHING CHALLENGE

Explore Woodruff while completing the Geocaching Challenge, a high-tech treasure hunting game played by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. You will need a GPS or a cellular device with GPS to participate in the Geocaching Challenge.

ADULT LEADER'S MERIT BADGE

This award is for adults only! Why let your Scouts have all of the fun and recognition? All adult volunteers are encouraged to get involved in the activities at Woodruff Scout Camp and earn the Adult Leader's Merit Badge.

WOODRUFF HIKER AWARD

Woodruff maintains an extensive backcountry trail network ready for you to explore. Complete three established Woodruff Hiker trails and earn the coveted Woodruff boot. Stop by the camp office for a trail map and information on hiking options.

WOODRUFF FIREMASTER

This award is sure to be hot this summer! For Scouts only, After covering fire safety and fire science requirements, build fires five different ways to capture this tough and prestigious award.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult leaders don't have to sit on the sidelines and watch their Scouts have all the fun. Woodruff offers a number of opportunities for adult leaders while in camp including training, teaching, challenges and fun!

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Every Scout deserves a trained leader. We offer a full schedule of training options for adults from position specific training and IOLS to more advanced courses in aquatics, first aid and cooking. There is something for everyone at Woodruff!

ACTIVITIES

While we want you to spend as much time as possible with your Scouts at camp, we have some special morning activities just for adults while your Scouts are in their instructional periods. Every day has a new adventure and no advance sign up is necessary. Pick an old favorite or try something new, adults get to play at Woodruff too!

SERVICE

Do you have a heart for serving while at camp? There are a number of opportunities at Woodruff. Assist as a camp commissioner, help in the dining hall or complete minor repairs during the week. You may assist merit badge instruction in many areas or if you have a merit badge you want to teach we would love to hear from you. We can add your offering to the camp registration system for the week and time you are available.

AMENITIES

Just because you are at camp doesn't mean you have to rough it. There are a number of amenities provided for adults at Woodruff to make your week more comfortable and productive.





TRAINING

For your enjoyment and the benefit of your Scouts, a variety of adult training programs will be offered during your week here. Class registration for the training courses indicated will open at the same time, and in the same place, as the merit badge registration.

POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING AND TROOP COMMITTEE CHALLENGE

These courses are designed to help Scouters learn how to effectively carry out their Scouting roles.

No Fee

INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS (IOLS)

This hands-on course provides adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the outdoors. Upon completion, leaders will feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required to obtain the First Class rank. Along with Scoutmaster Position Specific Training, this course is required of all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters registered in Scouts BSA Troops in order to be considered “trained”. A two day, all day course, participants must attend both days to complete training. Fee: \$10 per participant.

BUILDING A HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAM IN YOUR TROOP

Learn about the four national high adventure bases – Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier, Philmont and Summit Bechtel Reserve as well as how your troop can reserve, plan and execute a high adventure trip and unlock Scouting's adventure for your older Scouts. Includes practical tips and tricks for conducting a successful high adventure program.

No Fee



DUTCH OVEN COOKING 101

An introductory hands-on course where you will learn how to cook in Dutch ovens including recipes to try on campouts. Lunch is included in this course.

Fee: \$10 per participant



AQUATICS TRAINING

BSA LIFEGUARD

BSA Lifeguard is a three-year training designation awarded to those who meet prescribed requirements in aquatics skills, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, first aid, and emergency action. It is designed for those individuals that will have professional related lifeguard duties (resident summer camp, recreational pool work, etc.). As such, participants should plan a full week/all day commitment.

Participants will be required to take a C-Pro (CPR for Professional Rescuer) Course. Participants in the BSA Lifeguard Course will be automatically registered for the C-Pro class.

No Fee unless C-Pro is needed (\$65)

AQUATICS SUPERVISION: SWIMMING & WATER RESCUE

Swimming & Water Rescue provides BSA leaders with information and skills to prevent, recognize, and respond to swimming emergencies during unit swimming activities. It expands the awareness instruction provided by Safe Swim Defense training to include basic water rescue skills. The class will be two days at the aquatics area. Participants must attend both days.

No Fee

AQUATICS SUPERVISION: PADDLE CRAFT SAFETY

Paddle Craft Safety expands on Safety Afloat training to include the basic skills and knowledge needed for a unit leader to confidently assess his or her ability to supervise float trips using canoes or kayaks. The class will be two days at the boating area. Participants must attend both days.

No Fee

While training is a popular and important adult activity, the primary mission of the Woodruff staff is to provide an excellent summer camp experience to the youth who attend camp. Every effort will be made to offer quality adult training to the extent it doesn't diminish the focus on the youth at camp.



RED CROSS CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

RED CROSS CPR W/AED & STANDARD FIRST AID

Upon completion of this course, attendees will be Red Cross Certified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid for two years. The course requires 2 1/2 hours to complete.

Fee: \$45 per participant.

CPR FOR PROFESSIONAL RESCUER (C-PRO)

This course is for those who use CPR in their professional life, of those that would like to expand their knowledge. The course requires that all participants complete 8 hours of training and pass a test. Participants in the BSA Lifeguard Course will be automatically registered for this class.

Fee: \$65 per participant.

AMERICAN RED CROSS WILDERNESS FIRST AID

Take your standard first aid skills to a higher level. Planning a trip to the back country where rescue may be hours away? Going to Philmont, Northern Tier, Sea Base or Summit Bechtel Reserve? You might find yourself in a situation requiring not only first aid, but also care until evacuation or rescue.

Participants, who complete all course requirements, receive a two-year American Red Cross certification. The course requires that all participants complete 16 hours of training that include classroom and outdoor sessions and be CPR certified. Homework will also be required which can be completed during down time at camp. This course is open to all adult leaders.

Fee: \$75 Fee per participant.

LEADER AMENITIES

LEADER LOUNGE

Woodruff offers a dedicated lounge area for our unit leaders. There is always a pot of coffee on, newspapers & other reading materials available, as well as lots of good fellowship. Or you can just “kick-back” for a few minutes! The Leaders Lounge is located at the Troop Services Building.

ADULT LEADER MESS

Woodruff offers a special corner of the dining hall with supplemental food items just for adults. From grits and oatmeal in the morning, to special soups, sides and desserts at dinner, you never know what treat will appear to make your week a little more special.

CELL PHONE COVERAGE & WIFI

Woodruff has excellent coverage with AT&T with an on-site cell tower and good coverage with Verizon. The adult leader lounge provides internet access via wifi.



ACTIVITIES

While most of the afternoon and evening recreational programs at Woodruff are available to adults as well as Scouts, a variety of special “adult only” programs will be offered in the morning during your week here.

ADULT PADDLE BOARDING / TEAM PADDLE BOARDING

Join us in the aquatics/small boat area to try out our SUP's and learn about the exciting sport of paddle boarding. Try out the newest addition to Woodruff's waterfront, our Team Standup paddle boards. At 13 feet long and holding up to 8 people, it takes SUP to the next level.

MACK MOUNTAIN HIKE

A special morning adult only hike up to Woodruff's highest point, this 700 foot climb will get your heart pumping while exploring some of Woodruff's more remote areas.

SPORTING ARROWS

Sporting Arrows is like shooting clay pigeons, but for archery! Join us for a morning of shooting arrows at a fast moving target.

ADULT LEADER COOK-OFF

Bring a sample of your best cooked dish to the Outdoor Skills area at 2 pm on Friday for the adult leader's cook off competition. The winner will be announced at the Friday night closing campfire.