

Laurel Highlands Council
Monthly Camping Newsletter



OUTDOOR EXPLORER



Happy Fall Scouters!

What an exciting time! Fall is traditionally the kick off of the Scouting year, and where it may look a little different this year we are still hearing that units are getting out camping and finding new ways to meet so that their youth can continue their Scouting journey.

Here in the camping department we've had some pretty exciting things come up in the past month that we are eager to share with you in this issue! Everything from training opportunities to weekend camping and all that is in between.

We are hearing that now, more than ever, people are turning to camping as their major outlet. Take some time to let your communities know that the Boy Scouts of America are the experts in how to camp. You never know, you might end up with a few new families to add to your unit!

As always, we are excited to hear about the things that you're doing, so don't hesitate to share them!



See you on the trail!

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Monthly Safety Moments

Campfire Safety

SUMMARY

Who doesn't love a glowing camp fire at the end of the day? However, to make sure it won't be your tent that burns, let's look at some good fire safety practices.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Handbooks for each program—Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouting—have useful tips for camp fires. These include the following:

NO FLAMES IN TENTS! Even if the tent has a vent for a wood-burning stove, don't use it. Instead, set up a dining fly. Then, at least 3 feet away from the dining fly, set up a camp stove for your cooking area. The NO FLAMES rule also applies to candle lanterns, citronella coils, or anything else that is ignited by a flame.

Infrared heaters—the type commonly used at worksites by construction crews—should also never be placed inside a tent.

Matches, lighters, and items used as fire starters such as shredded paper or paraffin wax and sawdust should be stored outside of your tents in a secure box or bag. Items that are “smellables” and could attract wild animals like bears should be placed in a “bear bag” and hung in a tree away from the campsite. Camp stoves, which typically have two or more burners and use propane, butane, or white gas as fuel, should be set up properly, following the manufacturer's instructions. A solution of soapy water should be used to test for gas leakage at all threaded connections.

Also make sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions when igniting the burners on a camp stove.

[Click here for the BSA Safety Moment about Camp Fire Safety](#)



Camping Updates

There have been a few recent changes to the council's cabin and lodge rental status. Beginning on October 1st, units are now able to reserve cabins at our camps at 50% capacity for sleeping. Those numbers have been changed in the reservation system to reflect the new sleeping occupancy.

If your unit wishes to rent a cabin or building, the process is the same as renting a campsite. You must contact Amanda Erickson at Amanda.Erickson@scouting.org to receive an access code in order to complete your online booking.

As a result of these changes, we have updated our COVID-19 guidelines for rentals. That document can be [HERE](#) or at www.lhscouting.org/weekend-camping.

We are still accepting Scout family camping experiences this fall. If your family would like to spend the weekend taking in the beautiful views from one of our camps. Please don't hesitate to make a reservation and spend the weekend!

Each person who is attending an activity will need to fill out and bring with them the COVID-19 Participant Waiver. This applies to both youth and adults. The waiver can be found [HERE](#) or at www.lhscouting.org/weekend-camping.

Unit Meeting Spaces

Let us help you get back to your Scout meetings!

If your unit is in need of meeting space this Fall due to COVID-19 restrictions, we have space for you. There are a limited number of facilities available at our camps that units can rent during the week, Monday through Thursday.

Visit: <https://www.lhscouting.org/weekend-camping/camping/unit-meeting-spaces> to reserve your space!



Activities at Camp Guyasuta

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Haunted Trail at Camp Guyasuta
Featuring Hay Ride, Climbing, and Bonfire !!!



Activities begin at 3:00 p.m. Trail will be open from 3:00-6:00 p.m. (NO SCARE) and 6:00-9:00 p.m. (SCARE)

ALL participants MUST have a signed Consent Form. You may print and bring filled out form, we will have form available at entrance. Camp Trading Post will be open and there will be food for sale.

Advance tickets must be purchased online

\$15.00 per person October 4 - 15

Wristbands will be mailed until October 10, 2020 then they can be picked up at Camp Guyasuta before Thursday, October 15 or on Saturday, October 17 at the event.

\$20.00 per person at the gate

Don't forget consent forms MUST be filled out for each participant and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/527-2020HauntedGuyasuta>

Merit badges give scouts the opportunity to investigate around 120 different areas of knowledge and skills. The merit badge program plays a major role in the scouting advancement program and participation can begin as soon as a Scout registers with a troop. Each Scout can explore topics from American Business to Woodworking as they have an interest. The only limitations are their ambition and availability of adult merit badge counselors to offer instruction.

Camp Guyasuta will begin offering merit badges in September 2020 - February 2021.

- Horsemanship
- Motor boating
- Archery
- Photography
- Emergency Preparedness
- Auto Maintenance
- Digital Technology
- Scouting Heritage
- Communication
- Citizenship in the Nation/Community/World
- First Aid
- Architecture.



If there is a merit badge you are looking to have offered let us know as we will continue to add to the program.

You MUST register online as space is limited !!

<https://campguyasuta.org/scouts>

OPEN

HOUSE

Heritage Reservation
Saturday, November 7
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

<https://scoutingevent.com/527-HROpenHouse>



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Cub Scout
Activities

- BB guns
- Archery
- Slingshots
- Open Fishing
- Games
- Camp Tours



Scouts, BSA
Activities

- Rifle
- Shotgun
- Climbing
- Open Fishing
- Scout Skill stations
- Camp Tours

AND MORE!

Simple lunch will be available for purchase



Winter Weekends 2021

The Laurel Highlands Council is excited to announce that there will be 9 opportunities for units to participate in the Heritage Winter Weekends starting the weekend of January 22, 2021.

Registration will open on
November 1, 2020

RANGER WORK DAYS



Lend a hand at Heritage Reservation during one of our upcoming Ranger Work Days. Fall projects will include work on staff sites, rebuilding fire breaks, tree cutting, and other general maintenance. Projects will be socially distanced and following other COVID safety precautions. Lunch will be provided.

So we can plan projects and lunch, please email Ranger Dave (david.wilkins@scouting.org) or Ranger Tony (tony.amrhein@scouting.org) if you plan to attend.

Be sure to Like the Heritage Reservation Facebook Page for more events and added work days!
<https://www.facebook.com/HeritageReservation/>

Order of the Arrow Allohak Menewi Lodge #57



There are still a few Order of the Arrow events remaining in 2020!
Follow the links below to sign up!



October Service Weekend at Camp Anawanna	October 22-24, 2020	https://scoutingevent.com/527-ANAWANNAOA2020
Lodge Family Banquet	November 8, 2020	https://scoutingevent.com/527-OAFamilyBanquet20
2021 Lodge Dues	Opens November 1, 2020	https://scoutingevent.com/527-OADues2021

Due to COVID-19 you must be temperature screened prior to entry to the event. You will also be subject to COVID-19 screening questions and waivers.

We are pleased to announce that we will be having our annual Family Lodge Banquet on November 8, 2020.

- \$30 per person until 10/16
- \$35 per person from 10/17 - 11/1
- \$40 per person from 11/2 - 11/7

Philmont 2021

Join the Boy Scouts of America, Laurel Highlands Council for a trip to Scouting's paradise, Philmont Scout Ranch in July 2021. Space is limited and first come, first serve.

Philmont's signature program is the backcountry trek. Each trek expedition provides opportunities for participants to:

Explore the high country of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in northeastern New Mexico.

Experience the thrill of climbing mountains over two miles high.

Participate in a wide array of fun activities that teach Scouting skills including Archeology, backpacking, camping, climbing, fly fishing, forestry, horsemanship, panning for gold, burro racing, shooting, Indian lore, and much more.

Develop leadership, group dynamics, wilderness problems solving, and outdoor skills.

Crews hike Philmont's mountains, spending nights at various backcountry camps. At staffed camps, crews participate in a variety of programs presented by Philmont backcountry staff. Programs include horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, rock climbing, rappelling, shooting spar pole climbing and interpretive programs such as home steading and a mountain man rendezvous.



Scouts and Scouters must be in top physical condition.

For more information and to register, visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/527-Philmont2021>



JULY 18-24, 2020

SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE

COST: \$1,200 - \$1,300

- Cost includes program fees, meals from Sunday dinner to Saturday breakfast, transportation, contingent shirt/hat
- Participants only need to provide personal gear, Summit provides meals, tents, and campsite items.

PROGRAM

- Half-day introductory level experience at each high adventure area
- Whitewater rafting on the New River
- Ride on The Big Zip - 3/4 mile zip line
- Evening programs

PARTICIPANTS

- Open to all Scouts, BSA youth and Venturers aged 13+
 - Max contingent of 55*

*Adults initially limited to 10 spaces and waitlist



INDEPENDENCE SAFARI WHERE ADVENTURE COMES TO LIFE

Explore our world and the animals in it as we go on an Independence Safari! Journey through the jungles, Savannah's, and forests with our Camp Independence Guides learning skills that will carry your Cub Scout on the trail of life.

Multiple camp sessions are offered throughout the summer. We're sure to have an opportunity that fits your family's schedule perfectly. Even if your den or pack is not coming to camp or you can't come at the same time, you are still welcome to join us at Camp Independence. Join us for your own Independence adventure!

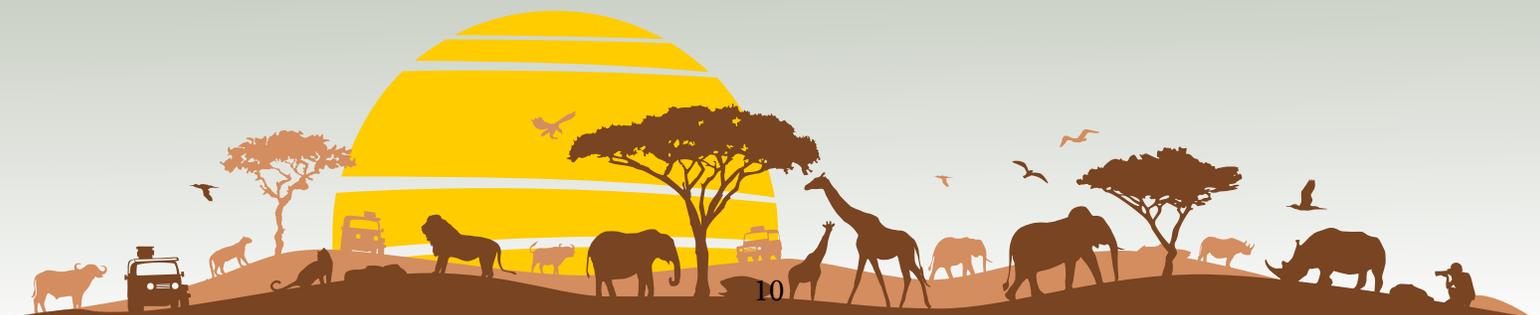
Our fully furnished campsites offer wall tents on platforms, covered picnic tables, latrines with wash basins, and campfire circles for your use. Want to bring your own camping equipment with you? Go for it!

Session	Session Date	Session Days
Rookie Camp	June 19-20, 2021	Saturday - Sunday
Cub Scout Resident Camp	June 20-23, 2021	Sunday - Wednesday
Webelos Resident Camp I	June 25-28, 2021	Friday - Monday (3 Nights)
Webelos Resident Camp II	June 29-July 3, 2021	Tuesday - Saturday (4 Nights)
Pack Camp I*	July 9-12, 2021	Friday - Monday
Pack Camp II*	July 16-19, 2021	Friday - Monday
Pack Camp III*	July 23-26, 2021	Friday - Monday
Pack Camp IV*	July 30 - August 2, 2021	Friday - Monday

*Denotes session that includes an option for Webelos to arrive on Thursday for an extra day of Webelos specific programs. Adults participating with the extra day must be fully registered with the BSA as the session is longer than 72 hours.

BOOK YOUR ADVENTURE TODAY!

For more information, [visit: www.lhcscouting.org/camping](http://www.lhcscouting.org/camping)



Camps Freedom & Liberty 2021

2021 Registration Open for Camps Freedom & Liberty

The Laurel Highlands Council operates two outstanding summer resident camps for Scouts BSA as well as a high adventure program. Heritage Reservation in Farmington, Pennsylvania is home to both Camp Liberty, a patrol cooking camp, and Camp Freedom, a dining hall camp as well as our high adventure program, Eagle Base.

Both camps balance merit badge opportunities with fun outdoor adventures and have programs for older Scouts.

Opened in 1980, Heritage Reservation is the premier Scout camping facility in southwestern Pennsylvania. Heritage Reservation encompasses 2000 acres, includes the 270-acre Lake Courage, and is home to three full summer camps - two for Scouts BSA and one for Cub Scouts - as well as a high adventure program. Program highlights at each of Heritage Reservation's Scouts BSA camps include over 40 merit badge offerings, the Day Trek older Scout program, the ATV Adventure program, water-skiing, C.O.P.E., and much, much more.

Follow the link to reserve your space! www.lhcscouting.org/boyscoutcamp

Session	Session Date
Week 1	June 20-26, 2021
Week 2	June 27-July 3, 2021
Week 3	July 4-10, 2021
Week 4	July 11-17, 2021
Week 5	July 18-24, 2021
Week 6	July 25-31, 2021





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Stop and listen...do you hear it? The soft breeze coming through the trees...the crunching leaves under your feet. It is October!

By now we are sure that you have decorated your houses for fall and/or Halloween and are beginning to put away the summer clothes for the boots, hoodies, and jeans that we all know and love. Apple cider has hit grocery store shelves and there are pumpkins on most doorsteps.

This weather was MADE for camping, and we have plenty of space for you at all of our camps this fall. Take this opportunity to be with friends and fellow Scouts in a way that is easy to social distance.

We'll keep the fire lit for you!

See you on the Trails!

Bill Park - Director of Support Services

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Dutch Oven Pumpkin Pie Cake



You'll need:

1. 1 can pumpkin puree (15 oz)
2. 1 can sweetened condensed milk (14 oz)
3. 2 eggs
4. 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice
5. 1 yellow cake mix
6. 1/2 can lemon-lime pop
7. 1 cup pecans (optional)
8. Charcoal

Directions:

1. Prepare charcoal
2. Line the dutch oven with liner or spray with cooking oil.
3. Mix the pumpkin puree, sweetened condensed milk, eggs, and pumpkin pie spice in a bowl and pour into bottom of dutch oven.
4. Sprinkle yellow cake mix over top of the pumpkin mixture.
5. Slowly pour in the can of lemon-lime pop.
6. Sprinkle pecans on top and cover with lid.
7. Place 16 charcoal briquettes on the lid and 8 briquettes in a circle underneath the dutch oven.
8. Bake approximately 45 minutes - 1 hour.
9. Remove coals and enjoy!