

2018
STSR Winter
Camp Leader's
Guide

Dear Leaders,

Thank you for considering STSR Winter Camp as part of your scouting program. We have strived to assemble a quality program of merit badge offerings. We hope you will join us. If you have any questions, please contact the Council Service Center at 850-436-6336 or visit us online at <http://gulfcoastcouncil.org/>

Thanks again for considering our program.

Council Program Director
Jim Boksa

2018 STSR Winter Camp

Dates of Camp

December 27-30, 2018

Check in: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm December 27

Check out: 11:00 am December 30

Camp Fees

The fee for winter camp will be \$125 per scout. This will include all meals starting supper on the 27th through Breakfast on the 30th. **All fees must paid by December 22nd.** We are setting a maximum number of scouts at 100 this year, so get your registration in early because it will be on first come first serve basis.

Registration For Winter Camp, T-shirt orders, merit badges

You must pre-register and pay the \$50 deposit. Once you pay your deposit, the contact person will receive an e-mail with a link to register for merit badges, pre-order t-shirts, and pay the rest of the fees.

Adult Leadership

In accordance with BSA policy, STSR requires that at least 2 adult leaders be in camp with each unit. To help with this requirement, two leaders may attend camp at no charge regardless the number of scouts

attending. Additional leaders pay according to the following chart.

# of Scouts	1 st Leaders/Adults	2 nd Leaders/Adults	3 rd Leaders/Adults	4 th Leaders/Adults	5 th Leaders/Adults
1 – 16	Free	Free	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
17 – 24	Free	Free	Free	\$20.00	\$20.00
25 – 32	Free	Free	Free	Free	\$20.00
33 - 40	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free

Tentage

All units will be responsible to provide their own tents for winter camp

Activity Fees

Additional activity fees are needed for ATV-- \$25, Rifle -- \$15, Shotgun -- \$20, Archery-- \$15, Welding-- \$15

Check-in Procedure

Your troop should plan to arrive at camp between 2:00 and 5:00 pm on Tuesday. No one will be allowed into camp prior to 2:00 pm. When you arrive at camp, all vehicles should park in the main parking lot. The Scoutmaster or his designees and the Senior Patrol Leader should then go to Henson Hall to begin the check-in process.

At check-in be prepared to:

Present a final troop roster of all boys and adults in attendance with the troop. Also be prepared to make any necessary merit badge changes. Please bring no more than 2 people to check in. Campsites will be shared between units and assigned at based on Troop size.

REMEMBER: EVERYBODY MUST HAVE A CURRENT AND SIGNED MEDICAL FORM. Parts A & B are required

After visiting the Henson Hall, you will be permitted to drive into camp to unload all gear.

You are then free until evening flags, which is at 5:45 pm followed by dinner.

Check-Out Procedure

Check-out will begin following breakfast and go till 11am at Henson Hall. The 30th is a qualifying day if you have not qualified on the shooting range or if you need to turn in work to the merit badge instructor **If your troop needs an earlier check-out time please let us know by noon Friday**

At any time after breakfast you can drive into camp to collect all gear and pick up your patches and advancement records from Henson Hall.

Please take the time to look over your records and ask any and all questions you may have. It will be much more difficult to answer questions regarding advancements after camp.

Camp Policies & Procedures

- Every troop must maintain two-deep leadership at all times.
- Personal firearms, ammunition and archery are not to be brought to camp.
- No fireworks, alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are allowed in camp. Possession of these will be grounds for dismissal from camp without a refund.
- The proper BSA uniform is to be worn at all times. This means the Field Uniform is to be worn at evening flags and dinner. The activity uniform should be worn the rest of the time.
- Vehicles must be left in the parking lot at all times. The only vehicles allowed in camp are the Ranger's Vehicle, Health Officer's and the Camp Director's vehicle.
- Everyone coming in to or leaving camp must check in and out at Henson Hall
- No open toe shoes are to be worn at camp.
- Smoking is not allowed in camp.
- All scouts and leaders MUST have a current BSA health form to participate in camp.
- Radio frequencies 1 and 2 are for camp staff uses only. Please stay off of these frequencies.
- Scouts and leaders should abide by the Scout Oath and Law
- Staff areas are off limits to all campers and leaders, please respect their privacy

Program (tentative, actual list will be available on the on-line registration)

MB	B'Fast	Morning		Lunch	Afternoon		Dinner	Evening
		1	2		3	4		
Start	7:30	8:30	10:30	12:30	1:30	3:30	5:45	7:00
End	8:15	10:20	12:20	1:15	3:20	5:20	6:45	8:30
Scholarship			X			X		
Communication*		X						
Journalism					X			
Archery		X**			X**			
First Aid*		X			X			
Emergency Prep*			X			X		
CPR (youth and adults)		X**			X**			X (28 TH ONLY)
Leatherwork		X						X
Chess			X					
Fishing					X			
Welding		X**			X**			
ATV		X**						X
Shotgun		X**			X**			
Citizenship in the Nation*		X	X		X	X		
Home Repair		X**			X**			
Weather			X			X		

CLASS SCHEDULING NOTES

- An X indicates that a specific class will be offered in that period
- *Eagle Required
- Except as noted, all merit badge sessions will be held on both days December 28th and December 29th.
- **Two period classes. Registering for these classes will take both periods 1 & 2 or periods 3 & 4 classes. These classes are ATV, Archery, Home Repair, Rifle, Shotgun, and Welding
- Welding Merit Badge might require class time after dinner
- Archery, Rifle, and Shotgun will have class the evening of the 27th. This class is mandatory for anybody planning on taking these classes.
- In ATV we will be able accommodate 3 14 or 15 year old scouts and 3 16+ year old scouts. Please make sure you choose the correct class for your scout(s)
- If a scout has already earned a merit badge, please do not register for the merit badge again

PROGRAM AND MERIT BADGE NOTES

Merit Badge Class Locations will be distributed at check in.

Merit Badge Registration:

Once Registration form and payment are received by Council, the contact person will receive an email with a login and password along with instructions on how to register for Merit Badges. Some Merit Badge classes have limited space and registration is on a first come first serve basis.

Blue Cards:

STSR Winter Camp will use Blue Cards, please have blue cards completely filled out and ready to turn in to the Merit Badge instructors on the first day of class. Blue cards will be returned as part of the check-out package.

ALL Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Program

Scouts will learn care and proper maintenance of safety equipment and A.T.V.'s, A.T.V. safety procedures, respect for the environment, and basic operation and handling of the A.T.V.

To be eligible to participate in the A.T.V. Pilot Program Scouts must:

- Be at least 14 years old
- Have a photo ID with name, date of birth, & home address
- Bring: Long pants (blue jean or heavy cotton preferred), long sleeve shirt, leather over the ankle boot.
- Have a parent or guardian sign a Hold Harmless Agreement to participate in the A.T.V. program. We will send the form to you.

There will be a fee of \$25 for fuel and maintenance.

www.atvsafety.org

The A.T.V. Safety Institute's (A.S.I.) website contains a FREE A.T.V. Safety E-Course. This course is highly recommended for participants prior to participating in the ATV Pilot Program.

Welding Merit Badge

Requires all scouts to have long pants, long sleeve shirt, and closed toe shoes or boots

Fishing Merit Badge

Please bring your own fishing pole

Polar Bear Plunge

The morning of 29th, we will have a REAL Polar Bear Plunge in the icy waters of Lake Alaqua at 6:30. Bring a swimsuit and towel and brave the cold. All scouts must have parental permission to participate. Please use form in this book for parents' signatures.

All merit badge instruction is conducted by qualified adults. We hope that the quality of this instruction exceeds any you have experienced in a camp setting.

Personal Equipment List

- Tent
- Sleeping Bag/Sheets & Blankets (expect cold temperatures -- wishful)
- Raingear
- Jackets/Vests/Sweaters (layered as needed)
- Scout Uniform
- Shirts (3)
- Long Pants (3)
- Socks (4)
- Underwear (at least 3 + thermal underwear)
- Hat
- Sleepwear
- Comfortable Shoes (2 pair)
- Towel & Washcloth
- Toiletries (soap, toothbrush & paste, floss, deodorant, etc.)
- Shower Shoes
- Pillow
- Laundry Bag
- Medical form and any prescriptions with physician's instructions
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Flashlight
- Notebook, Pens, & Pencils
- Water Bottle
- Wristwatch
- Alarm Clock (battery)
- Camp Chair
- Merit badge books

General Information

Contact Information

Phone: (850) 476-6336

Fax: (850) 436-6337

Address:

Spanish Trails Scout Reservation

315 Pat Covell Rd

Defuniak Springs, FL 32435

If sending mail to a camper please be sure to send it to his attention and their troop number. Camp mail will be given out at the lunch time assembly.

Health Lodge

Spanish Trails Scout Reservation operates a 24-hour health lodge for all medical emergencies. Please remember to check in all medications with the Health Officer.

STSR

Since 1961, Spanish Trail Scout Reservation has served the scouts of the Gulf Coast Council. With over 1400 acres, STSR is one of the largest camps in the southeast. It offers a full range of facilities: a 40-acre lake for swimming, canoeing, and fishing; a dining hall; and numerous places to camp.

The camp has undergone numerous improvements since then and is continuing to change and improve to meet the needs of today's scouts and leaders.

The Spanish Trails Scout
Reservation Polar
Plunge/Swim
When: December 29, 2018

Time: 6:00am
Who: Adult and Youth Scouts



Rules:

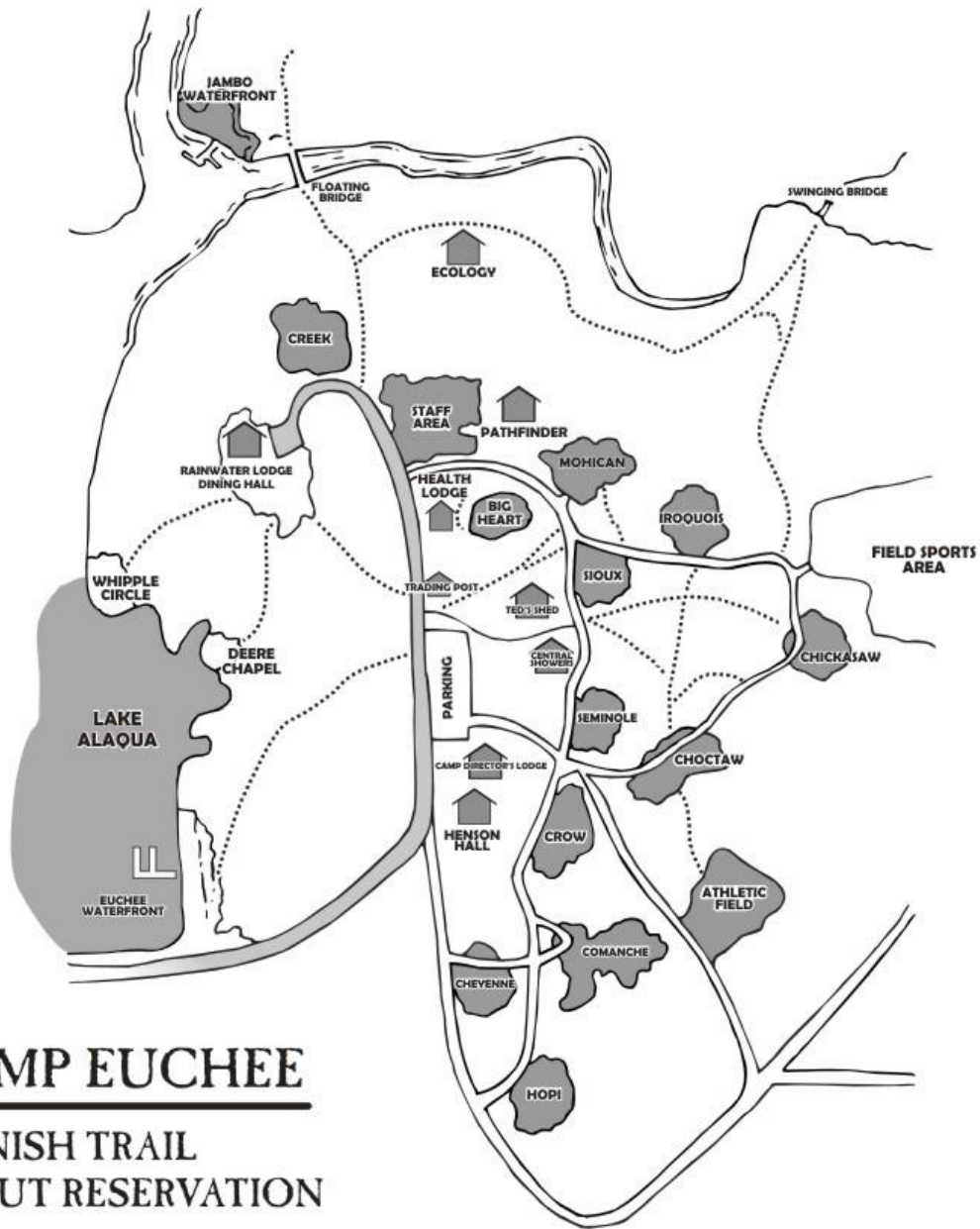
To successfully complete the Polar Bear Plunge/Swim, you must go under the water with your body, only allowing your head to be above water. If you want to go totally under the water and or swim, you are welcome to do so.

Reward:

The above highly collectable Polar Bear Swim Gulf Coast Council Winter Camp Patch.

I would bring a towel or two; the Temperature should be around 30-40 degrees.

All scouts must be listed on the Polar Bear Plunge Roster, with parent's signature, to be allowed to participate.



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