

2019
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

2019 STSR Winter Camp

Dates of Camp

December 27-30, 2019

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 20th.** 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.

Merit Badge Registration:

All registration will be done on-line at www.gulfcoastcouncil.org

Some Merit Badge classes have limited space and registration is on a first come first serve basis.

You do not need to pay on-line. If you choose not to pay on-line, when you get to the payment page, click on the mailbox icon and you can either deliver your payment to the Scout Service Center or mail it to

Gulf Coast Council
9440 University Pkwy
Pensacola, FL 32514

Adult Leadership

STSR follows BSA's YPT standards and guidelines.

# 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, Welding-- \$10

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)

Merit Badge	Periods Offered
ATV	Period 1 and 2
Aviation	Period 1 and 2
Chess	Period 2 or 4
Citiz in Nation	Periods 1,2,3,or 4
Fishing	Period 3
Home Repair	Periods 1 and 2 or 3 and 4
Law	Periods 1 or 3
Leatherwork	Period 1
Public Speaking	Periods 2 or 4
Rifle	Periods 1 and 2 or 3 and 4
Shotgun	Periods 1 and 2 or 3 and 4
Welding	Periods 1 and 2 or 3 and 4

Class Notes and Pre-requisites

2 Period classes

ATV, Aviation, Rifle, Shotgun, and Welding all require additional time, thus they are 2 session classes. Thus they are offered 2 time periods. If a scout signs up for one of these classes in 1st or 3rd period, they are automatically signed up for period 2nd or 4th period class. All other classes are 1 period classes

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.

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

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.

When you register your scouts for ATV, please make sure you registered them by their age

Citizenship in the Nation

2. Do the following:

a. Visit a place that is listed as a National Historic Landmark or that is on the National Register of Historic Places. Discuss with your counselor what you learned about the landmark and what you found interesting about it.

b. Tour your state capitol building or the U.S. Capitol. Discuss what you saw while visiting it and what you learned about its functions in local communities and how it serves the nation.

c. Tour a Federal Facility. Discuss with your counselor what you saw there and what you learned of its functions and what interested you.

d. Choose a national monument that interests you. Using books, brochures, the Internet, and other resources, find out more about the monument. Discuss with your counselor what you learned and explain why it is important to this day.

3. Watch the evening news for five days straight and discuss with your counselor about national issues and explain how it affects your family and friends.

6. Write a speech of national historical importance. Learn about the author and who gave the speech, what the importance of the speech is at that time it was written, and how it applies to the American citizens, then choose a sentence and explain why it is important to you.

8. Name two senators and the member of Congress from your Congressional District. Write a letter to them concerning national issues and show it to your counselor.

Public Speaking

The scouts should briefly read over Robert's Rules of Order. We will discuss this and there is a test!

Rifle and Shotgun:

Because of the limited space, please do not register scouts that have already earned these merit badges for these merit badges at Winter Camp

Welding

All scouts must have long pants, long sleeve shirts, and boots for this class. \$10 fee

Polar Bear Plunge

The morning of the 30th, 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 permission from their parents to do this. Please have the parents sign the permission slip found in back of the leaders guide.

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.

Merit Badge Class Locations will be distributed at check in.

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.

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) 436-6336

Fax: (850) 436-6337

Address:

Spanish Trails Scout Reservation

315 Pat Covell Rd

Defuniak Springs, FL 32433

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

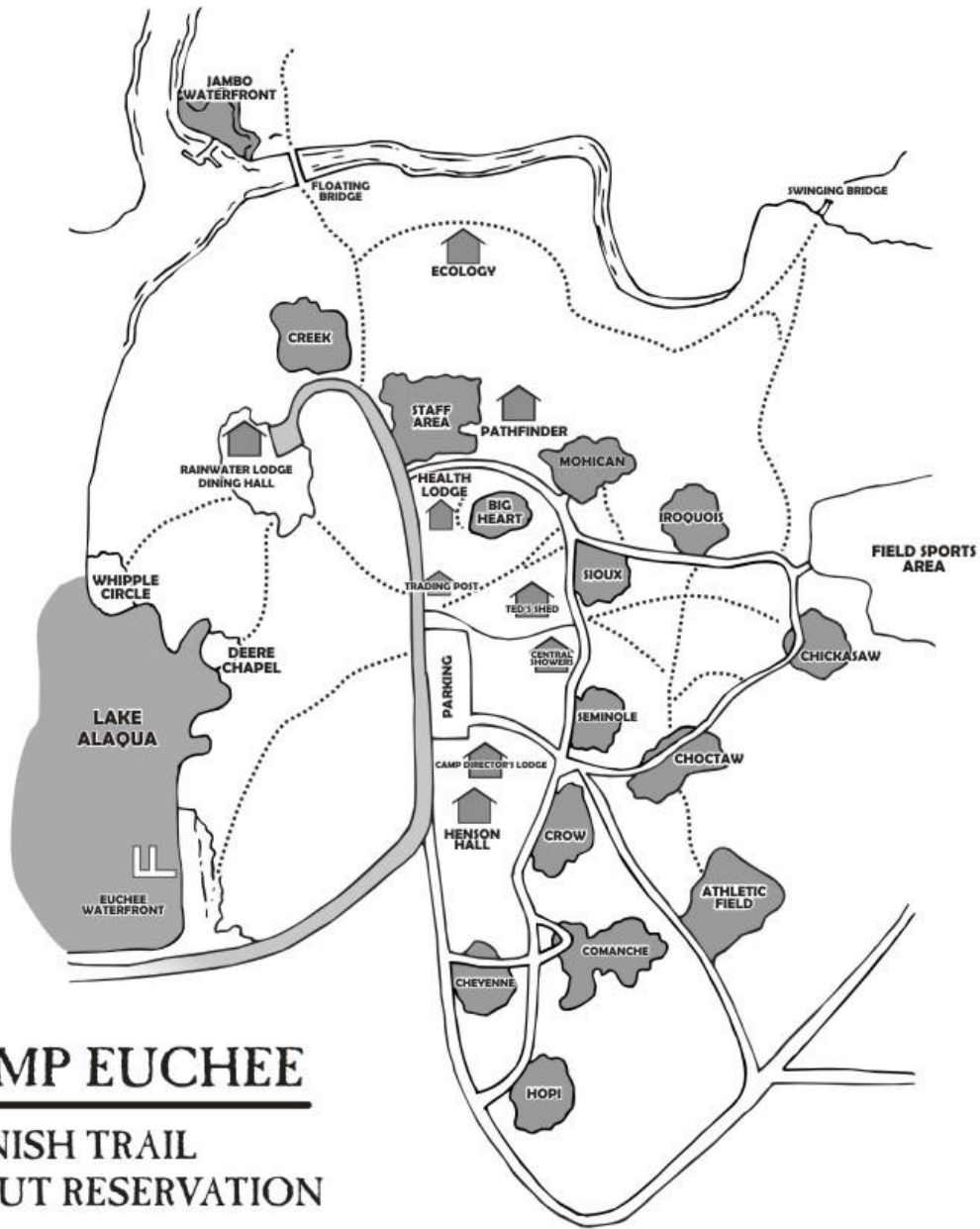
Health Lodge

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.



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