

CAMP V-BAR



THANKSGIVING CAMP 2024 LEADERS GUIDE

Salmen Scout Reservation
Perkinston, MS



Online Registration

<http://www.bsa-selacouncil.org/ThanksgivingCamp>



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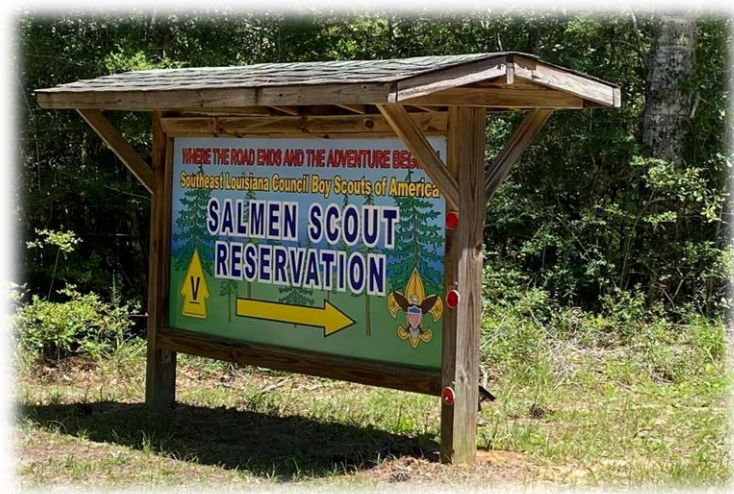
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"A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room."

- Lord Baden-Powell



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LETTER FROM THE CAMP DIRECTOR

Dear Scoutmasters,

Welcome to the Camp V-Bar Thanksgiving program! We re-introduced Thanksgiving Camp last year and tried a different approach. The Merit Badge sessions remain in a “vertical” schedule where each Merit Badge is completed within a day – similar to Merit Badge colleges.

We also shortened the camp last year to just the weekend days, as we re-launched the program.

We hope that your Scouts and you liked these design changes and return to camp this year.

The camp also continues to offer quality instruction for over twenty different merit badges. And the camp schedule continues to include various activities in the afternoons and evenings to make Camp V-Bar one of the most fun camps in the country!

The Council also has been engaging in other initiatives to improve both the program and physical facilities at Camp V-Bar. For fish and wildlife management, Mississippi Department of Wildlife and Fisheries representatives have visited camp to collaborate in efforts to enhance both the wildlife environment and fishing from the lake. The waterfront facilities have been repaired and improved, and the Dining Hall continues to undergo needed repairs and upgrades. Several other efforts also have been undertaken for potential upgrades to existing facilities and the addition of new, exciting features to camp. You can join in these efforts by reading information later in this guide about earning the Conservation Good Turn Award!

Feel free to contact Maria Foret, the Camp Staff Advisor, or me if you have any questions about the program, merit badges, or anything else to do with camp.

See you in 2024 at Camp V-Bar!



Dr. Charles “Chuck” Watkins



GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION, DATES, AND FEES

Order ALL merit badge class supplies online: When you register, you will pay a program fee for supplies you would have purchased in the Trading Post. Once you have registered and paid the program fee, your Scout will receive the supplies during class. Additional supplies will be available on a limited basis in the Trading Post at camp.

GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION	CAMP LOCATION: Salmen Scout Reservation, Camp V-Bar, is located in southern Mississippi approximately 1½ hours outside New Orleans, Louisiana. Driving directions found at: http://www.bsa-selacouncil.org/document/general-information-for-camp-guidebook/150802	
	Salmen Scout Reservation, Camp V-Bar 27585 V-Bar Road Perkinston, MS 39573	Southeast Louisiana Council, BSA 4200 South I-10 Service Road West Metairie, LA 70001
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DATES	Friday – Monday, November 22-25, 2024
	Check-In: Friday, 5:00pm
	Check-out: Monday

CAMP FEES	Scout Fees	Adult Fees
	\$110 / Early – Deposit by October 15, 2024	\$60 / Leader
	\$135 / Regular – Paid in Full by November 15, 2024	
	Registration Closes November 15, 2024 Deposit of \$50 per registrant (Youth & Adult) due at time of registration All fees must be Paid in Full by close of registration	

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM FEES				
Leatherwork	\$18			

ALL merit badge reports are final as of departure from camp. It is the responsibility of UNIT LEADERS to CONFIRM accuracy of reports PRIOR to departure. Any questions regarding merit badge completion must be resolved prior to the unit's departure. In accordance with BSA advancement policy, any incomplete merit badges may be completed with a duly registered merit badge counselor with the approval of the unit leader at any time prior to the Scout turning 18 years old.

New Scouts and Arrow of Light Patrol Crossovers do not incur Late Fees.

FEES: May be transferred from one Scout to another with written permission from the Scoutmaster.
REFUNDS: Please refer to the council website for the council's policy concerning refunds and refund requests: <http://www.bsa-selacouncil.org/camping-outdoor-program/council-refund-policy/62964>.

“The real way to happiness is to give it to others.”
-Lord Baden-Powel

Daily Schedule

Time	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
5:30 am			Sunrise Hike	
6:00 am		Reveille	Reveille	Reveille
7:00 am		Assembly	Assembly	Assembly
		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8:30 am		AM MB Session	AM MB Session	Troops Depart
12:00 pm		Lunch	Lunch	
1:30 pm		PM MB Session	PM MB Session	
4:45 pm	Troop Check-In	Free Time	Free Time	
5:45 pm	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	
6:00 pm	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
8:02 pm	Opening Campfire (followed by Leader's Meeting)	Evening Program	Closing Campfire	
10:30 pm	Taps	Taps	Taps	



Activity Schedule (subject to modification)

IMPORTANT! Please have your Scouts review the activity cards on the following pages! The information contains specific information that the Scouts need to know such as pre-requisites or required clothing or gear. Also, the information may change over time as different Merit Badge Counselors provide input, so be sure to review them every camp.

Session	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	Climbing (both days)	
	Engineering	Engineering
	First Aid	American Business
	Music	Animation
	Personal Fitness	Communication
	Pottery	First Aid
	Weather	Nature
		Swimming*
Afternoon	Emergency Preparedness	American Business
	Fire Safety	Fire Safety
	Leatherwork	Art
	Mammal Study	Geocaching
	Painting	Swimming*

***Swimming – dependent on weather and temperature conditions.**



PROGRAM DETAILS

LEGEND FOR PROGRAM AREA CODES



Recommended for any Scout



Recommended for older Scouts / Venturers



Adult Training



One Session Program



Full Day Program



Two Session / Half Day Program



Eagle required Merit Badge



Additional Fee for Supplies



Prerequisites



Cannot be completed at camp

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



American Business



Earning the American Business merit badge can help Scouts learn practical business matters that will be useful throughout life. Learning how businesses function will help you understand society and uncover a number of career options.



Animation



Computer or traditional animation tasks that will test a Scout's creativity, artistic skills, and storytelling abilities.



Art



This merit badge concentrates on two-dimensional art, specifically drawing and painting in various media, including an introduction to design applications in the fields of graphic arts and industrial design.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



Climbing



Basic climbing methods and rappelling techniques are taught at the Climbing Tower. Scouts will have the opportunity to rappel from the gravel pits on the back side of camp during this program.



Communication



"Communication focuses on how people use messages to generate meanings within and across various contexts, cultures, channels, and media. The field of communication promotes the effective and ethical practice of human communication." - US Department of Education

Note: Requirement 5 cannot be completed at camp.



Emergency Preparedness



Earning this merit badge helps a Scout to be prepared by learning the actions that can be helpful and needed before, during, and after an emergency. Emergency Preparedness merit badge is an option for the National Outdoor Badge for Adventure.

Pre-Req: 1 (First Aid MB), 8b



Engineering



Engineers use both science and technology to turn ideas into reality, devising all sorts of things, ranging from a tiny, low-cost battery for your cell phone to a gigantic dam across the mighty Yangtze River in China.



Fire Safety



The ability to use fire safely is essential to human survival. By earning this merit badge, Scouts will learn to use fire safely and responsibly, how to prevent home fires, and how to handle fire safely, as well as burn prevention, and camping safety.



First Aid



First aid – caring for the injured or ill until they can receive professional medical care – is an important skill for every Scout. With knowledge of first aid, Scouts can provide immediate care and help to someone who is hurt or who becomes ill. First aid can help prevent infection, blood loss or save a limb or a life.

Bring: Materials to make a First Aid Kit.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



Geocaching

Any

1

The word geocache is a combination of "geo," which means "earth," and "cache," which means "a hiding place." Geocaching describes a hiding place on planet Earth - a hiding place you can find using a GPS unit. A GPS (Global Positioning System) unit is an electronic tool that shows you where to go based on information it gets from satellites in space.



Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills



This 1½ day course expands on the concepts and themes introduced in Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training and provides Scouters with the confidence to take youth into the outdoors. Specifically, this hands-on program gives adult leaders a practical introduction to the patrol method by teaching many of the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors.



Leatherwork

Any

1

\$

Scouts who complete the requirements to earn the Leatherwork merit badge will explore leather's history and its endless uses. They will learn to make a useful leather item using the same types of raw materials that our ancestors used.

Program fee includes kits



Mammal Study

Any

1

Pre



A mammal may weigh as little as 1/12 ounce, as do some shrews, or as much as 150 tons, like the blue whale. It may spring, waddle, swim, or even fly. But if it has milk for its young, has hair of some kind, is relatively intelligent, and has warm blood, then it is a mammal.

Pre-Req: Recommended to start 4 prior to camp.



Music

Any

1

The history of music is rich and exciting. Through the ages, new music has been created by people who learned from tradition, then explored and innovated. All the great music has not yet been written. Today, the possibilities for creating new music are limitless.



Nature

Any

1

There is a very close connection between the soil, the plants, and all animal life, including people. Understanding this connection, and the impact we have upon it, is important to preserving the wilderness, as well as to our own well-being as members of the web of nature.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



Painting

Any

1

This merit badge provides an opportunity for Scouts to learn more about painting, including both the artistic and practical aspects.



Personal Fitness



1



Pre



In the twelve weeks it will take Scouts to complete the requirements for this merit badge, they will be in better shape, feel better about themselves, have more energy, and gain self-confidence in their overall abilities.

Pre-Req / Bring: Statement for 1b

Note: Requirement 8 cannot be completed at camp.



Pottery

Any

1

The Pottery merit badge provides an introduction to pottery making, enabling Scouts to gain skill and understanding from actually creating pottery. Completing the requirements will include hands-on production of a work of art, from start to finish.



Swimming

Any

1



Swimming is a leisure activity, a competitive sport, and a basic survival skill. Scouts who earn this badge will learn about safety when swimming and diving, how swimming can contribute to overall fitness and health, and gain some basic competitive swimming skills



Weather

Any

1

Meteorology is the study of Earth's atmosphere and its weather and the ways in which temperature, wind, and moisture act together in the environment. In addition to learning how everyday weather is predicted, Scouts can learn about extreme weather such as thunderstorms, tornadoes, and hurricanes, and how to stay safe.

SUGGESTED PERSONAL EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

Scouts BSA Handbook
Signed Annual Health and Medical Form (A, B & C)
Scout uniform (shirt, shorts, socks, belt)
Bible or prayer book
Camera
Comb, brush, and mirror
Completed merit badge pre-requisites
Daypack
Dirty clothes bag
Feminine hygiene products
Fishing rod and tackle
Flashlight and extra batteries
Hat for sun protection
Insect repellent
Money for Trading Post (\$50 recommended, no large bills please)
Mosquito netting
Notebook, pen and pencils
Pajamas or sleeping clothes
Long pants (for Horsemanship)
Personal first aid kit
Pillow
Pocket knife and "Totin' Chit"
Poncho or rain jacket
Raingear or weather-appropriate outerwear
Shoes (closed toe) or hiking boots
Shorts
Sleeping bag, liner or blanket and sheets
Soap and shampoo/conditioner
Socks (7 or 8 pair)
Sunglasses
Sunscreen
Toothbrush and toothpaste
Towels and washcloth
T-shirts (5 or 6/no tank tops)
Underwear
Watch
Water bottle
Work gloves

SUMMER CAMP

Swimsuit
Water shoes (aqua socks, etc.)
Water survival clothing (for Scouts taking the Lifesaving merit badge)

THANKSGIVING AND WINTER CAMP

Cold-weather hat
Long pants
Long-sleeved shirt

SURVIVAL KIT (for Scouts taking Wilderness Survival merit badge)

Compass
Ground cloth
Sewing kit
Signal mirror
Space blanket
Waterproof matches
Water purification tablets
Whistle

DO NOT BRING

Personal electronic items such as radios, Bluetooth speaker, TVs, electronic games, cell phones, fireworks, sheath or hunting knives, pets, personal firearms & ammunition, jewelry or other expensive items, personal bows and arrows, laser pointers



SUGGESTED TROOP EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

Patrol flags
Lanterns (propane is best)
Matches / lighters / fire starters
Dining fly(s), poles, & stakes
Rope (1/4" manila)
Tents (if you have them), poles & stakes
Hammers & other hand tools
5-gallon water jugs
Ice chests
Trash bags
Lockable storage container
Troop first aid kit
Compass
Shovels, rakes, hoes, bow saws
Rolls of surveyor's marking tape
Camp chairs
Dutch oven and other cooking and cleanup gear (gear as needed for cobbler and chili cook-off)
Camp stove, pots and pans (gear as needed for patrol cooking on Wednesday)

CAMPSITE ENTRANCE/GATEWAY MATERIALS

Troop sign (should include troop number)
Troop flag
U.S. Flag
Twine & poles for lashing

BULLETIN BOARD

Bulletin board provided
Camp roster
Troop duty roster
Scout schedules
Emergency procedures
Push pins, etc. for bulletin board
Fireguard chart

PAPERWORK

Troop advancement records
Troop Leader Guidebook
Paper BSA medical forms



CAMP V-BAR INFORMATION AND POLICIES

Refer to the [Camp V-Bar General Information and Policies](#) for:

- Driving Directions
- Camp Map
- Camp Amenities
- Policies



Earn the Conservation Good Turn Award

Since 1910, conservation has been an integral part of the program of the Boy Scouts of America. The BSA has been a positive force in conservation and environmental efforts. Scouts have rendered distinguished public service by helping to conserve wildlife, energy, forests, soil, and water. Past generations of Scouts have been widely recognized for undertaking conservation Good Turn action projects in their local communities.

Scouts of today have grown up hearing words such as ecosystem, biodiversity, and climate change. They recognize the need for, and the benefits of, conserving natural resources. Scouts understand that we all must work together for the betterment of the land, forests, wildlife, air, and water.



Much has been accomplished in recent years by individual Scouts and through unit conservation Good Turns. Much more needs to be done both in our communities and at Camp V-Bar.

To Earn The Conservation Good Turn Award

The Conservation Good Turn Award is an opportunity for Scout troops to carry out a Conservation Good Turn while at Camp V-Bar.

- The Scouting unit leader contacts Maria Foret (maria.foret@scouting.org) before camp or the Camp Director or Program Director while at camp and offers to carry out a Conservation Good Turn project.
- A worthwhile and needed project will be identified that the unit can accomplish.
- Working together, the unit and the Southeast Louisiana Council representative plan the details and establish the date, time, and location for carrying out the project.
- The Scout earns the Conservation Good Turn Award by participating in the planned conservation project to the satisfaction of the unit leader.
- The unit leader completes the application by clicking [here](#) (or obtaining one at camp) and then submits it to the Camp Director or Program Director for the unit to be recognized.
- Individual patches for recognition of youth and adults participating in the project may be purchased by the unit at the Southeast Louisiana Council Scout shop.



WE WANT YOUR SCOUTS ON THE CAMP V-BAR STAFF!

Dear Scoutmasters,

The Camp V-Bar staff is committed to providing quality merit badge instruction and exciting evening programs to give your Scouts an experience that will last a lifetime.

Working at Salmen Scout Reservation has been one of the most fulfilling and exciting experiences in their lives for many of the staff members. Camp V-Bar staff members learn the value of teamwork and dedication while honing their Scouting skills, leadership and teamwork skills, and making lifetime friends. These skills will benefit your Scouts for the rest of their lives. If your Scouts join Camp V-Bar's staff, they will become role models for hundreds of youths and make a valuable impression on the lives of others.

If you have Scouts in your troop who you believe to be the best of the best, encourage them to join one of the greatest camp staffs in the country. We have a passion for Camp V-Bar, and we want to see it grow and become even greater as the years progress. To accomplish this goal, we need new staff members with innovative ideas willing to work hard to continue the tradition of making Camp V-Bar a great camp. We want your best Scouts. Have them sign up today!

First, we **MUST** have the Scout submit a resume to the Camp Staff Advisor, Juan Prado. Upon completion, the resume should be e-mailed to juan.prado@scouting.org. If interested Scouts do not have a resume, a sample resume may be downloaded [here](#).

Yours in Scouting,

Your Camp V-Bar Staff

