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# OUTDOOR EXPLORER



February...

The shortest month of the year...which brings us that much closer to springtime... in approximately 45 days. This first week in February is the first of the Heritage Reservation Cub Scout Family Winter Days at Heritage Reservation. Where we are sad that we can't offer the traditional weekend program, we hope that you will consider coming out for a Saturday with the family to spend time at camp.

If not at Heritage, then we hope that you make some time to find some joy with your Scouts and families playing in the snow (when it isn't too cold!).

Fairer weather is on the horizon, and so is summer camp. If you haven't registered for summer camp yet, follow the links later in this newsletter. Also take note that the links for the virtual leader meetings is in this edition. They are limited to the first 100 participants, so make sure that you reserve your spot early.

We can't wait to see you at camp!

See you on the trail!

- LHC Camping Team

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# BSA SAFETY MOMENT

## WINTER SPORTS SAFETY

### SUMMARY

**Beyond camping, a number of cold-weather activities present challenges to Scouts and leaders, such as alpine or cross-country skiing, ice skating, sledding, ice fishing, and snowshoeing. Essential ingredients for fun include skill training and an awareness of the hazards unique to these activities.**

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Here are a few key points that can help you safely have fun during your winter activities outdoors.

1. Activities should be supervised by mature and conscientious adults.
2. Participants should be aware of the potential dangers of any winter sport, and leaders should stress incident prevention by emphasizing proper technique.
3. Help participants understand the need for using appropriate personal protective equipment such as helmets for sledding, snowboarding, and skiing.
4. Winter sports are more physically demanding. Leaders and youth should be physically fit and capable to participate.
5. Be sure equipment fits each person properly.
6. During sledding, make sure the hill is safe and free of obstacles. Keep sledding paths and participant return paths separate from each other.
7. Talk about and gain support for the basic rules for the activity ... before it begins.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- *Skating* merit badge pamphlet
- *Snow Sports* merit badge pamphlet
- *Guide to Safe Scouting*—[www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss)
- BSA's Scouting Safely—[www.scouting.org/health-and-safety](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety)

# COVID-19 Safety Reminder

The safety of our Scouts, families, volunteers, and staff are our number one priority. The Laurel Highlands Council has implemented procedures to increase cleaning of high touch areas, promote social distancing and mask wearing, as well as new event check-in procedures.

Please remember to:

observe social distancing of at least 6 feet from those who are not members of your immediate household. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you sneeze or cough and immediately throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.

Wear a mask while in public that covers your mouth and nose and refrain from touching your face.

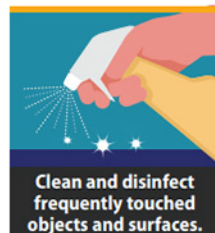
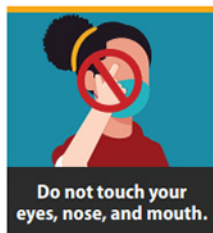
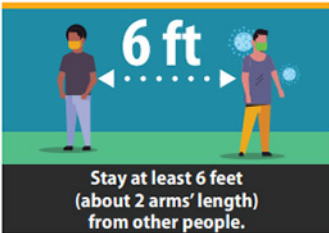
Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

And most importantly, stay home when you are not feeling well except to seek medical attention.

By following these simple guidelines, you will be able to help continue to keep Scouting experiences safe for all.

## Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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For more information click visit:

[Restart Scouting Checklist](#)

[Pre-Event COVID Screening Checklist](#)



**STAY WILD AND FREE**

**Summer Camp Staff**



**2021**



**OUTDOOR**

**ADVENTURE**

Looking for something to do this summer? Consider joining the 2021 Camp Staff at Heritage Reservation. There is something for everyone!

Fill out your application at:

[www.lhcscouting.org/campstaff](http://www.lhcscouting.org/campstaff)

# CUB SCOUT WINTER FAMILY DAYS AT HERITAGE RESERVATION

Winter Days at Heritage Reservation are a tremendous opportunity for Cub Scouts and their families to enjoy a fun-filled day in the great outdoors while experiencing the beauty of winter. Programs will be held Saturdays only from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

February 6, 2021      ~~February 13, 2021~~

February 20, 2021      February 27, 2021

March 6, 2021      March 20, 2021

## PROGRAM FEATURES

Each Winter Day will include the following programs:

- BB shooting
- Archery
- Giant slingshots
- Klondike games - Log sawing and branding
- A tracking activity
- Nature hike

## COST

Cub Scouts & Siblings - \$20.00 until 5 days prior to event, \$30.00 after

Adults - \$8.00 until 5 days prior to event, \$12.00 after

Total weekend participation is limited to 75 people due to COVID-19. Please do not reserve space for individuals without a firm commitment for their participation. Reserving spaces without a firm commitment may result in spaces being blocked for others who wish to participate. There will be NO REFUNDS for this event due to commitments made for staffing and program supplies.



# Campership Applications

The 2021 LHC Campership Application and Application Worksheet are now available for Summer Camp and for Day Camp. Follow the link below for the forms!

The purpose of a campership is to assist those Laurel Highlands Council Scouts with a financial need to attend summer resident camp or Day Camp (NYLT does not qualify). Completion of this form DOES NOT automatically guarantee a campership. Camperships are made on the basis of need and available funds. Requests for campership funding can only be considered for LHC youth attending an LHC resident camp. **THIS FORM IS TO BE USED AS A WORKSHEET. PLEASE BE SURE TO FILL OUT THE CORRESPONDING ONLINE FORM TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION PROCESS BY MARCH 1.** For Parents/Guardians: please return this form to your unit's camping coordinator. Incomplete, unsigned, or applications received after this date will not be considered. Notification of campership awards will go to the Unit Leader and to the parents/guardians. All award amounts are based on early bird discounts.



Campership Forms are located at: <https://www.lhcscouting.org/camping/resources>

## Camping for Scout Families

Are you experiencing some “Cabin Fever” from being inside in your own home? We have a solution for you! This winter, we are able to rent our facilities to Scouting families for a weekend getaway at one of our properties. Families must have at least one person in their household who has a paid registration with Scouting in order to take advantage of this unique opportunity. To register, visit: [www.lhcscouting.org/weekend-camping](http://www.lhcscouting.org/weekend-camping).



# WHERE INDEPENDENCE SAFARI ADVENTURE COMES TO LIFE

Join us on February 24th for the 2021 Cub Scout Summer Camp Information Session.

Register your spot at:

<https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA527&calendarID=297805>

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!

Be sure to have your payments in full by April 1<sup>st</sup> to lock in the Early Bird pricing!

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.lhcsouting.org/camping](http://www.lhcsouting.org/camping)





# 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](http://www.lhcscouting.org/boyscoutcamp)

Be sure to have your payments in full by April 1<sup>st</sup> to lock in the Early Bird pricing!

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

**Join us on February 25th for the 2021 Scouts, BSA Scout Summer Camp Information Session.**

**Register your spot at:**

<https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA527&calendarID=297807>



# Activities at Camp Guyasuta

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>

# Merit Badges at Camp Potomac

Camp Potomac will begin offering merit badges in January - June 2021

- American Heritage
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Electronics
- Fingerprinting
- Pioneering
- Law
- Automotive Maintenance
- Personal Fitness
- Signs, Signals, and Codes
- Nature



You MUST register online as space is limited !! Course pre-work is listed on the registration pages.

Register at: <https://www.lhcscouting.org/about-us/camping/camp-potomac>

# GO EXPLORE!

## 2021 CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Siblings, Parents, and Leaders are invited to join our expedition into the wild as part of our Safari Adventures at Cub Scout Day Camp!

### Highlights to Include:

Scout crafts | Games | BB Guns | Archery Games | More Fun!



Session	Dates	Days of the Week
Mingo Creek	June 9-11	Wed-Fri
Seph Mack	June 16-18	Wed-Fri
South Park	June 16-18	Wed-Fri
Berlin Grove	June 21-23	Mon-Wed
Camp Anawanna	June 21-23	Mon-Wed
Bedford Rod & Gun	June 23-25	Wed-Fri
Settlers Cabin	June 29-July 1	Tue-Thur
Keystone	TBD	Wed-Fri
Camp Baker	July 14-16	Wed-Fri
Cecil Park *	July 26-28	Mon-Wed
Camp Guyasuta	August 2-4	Mon-Wed
Camp Potomac	August 5-7	Thur-Sat

\*Denotes Twilight Camp (Evening Camp)



### 2021 Fees

2021 Day Camps	Pay in Full by 4-1-2021	Pay in Full by 5-1-2021	Pay in Full 5-2-2021 or after
Scout	\$65	\$75	\$90
Sibling	\$55	\$55	\$55
Adult	\$15	\$15	\$15

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[www.lhscouting.org](http://www.lhscouting.org)

Register: <https://scoutingevent.com/527-2021CSDayCamp>



# Beaver Day Save the Date

Are you looking for a way to get out of the house and spend some time in the great outdoors? Dust off the work gloves and get ready to head to camp! Beaver Weekend is an important time each year to help prepare for Summer Camp. Bring your units for a weekend of service and camping!

**Where:** Heritage Reservation

**When:** June 4-6, 2021

Keep an eye out for the registration link on our Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/HeritageReservation](https://www.facebook.com/HeritageReservation) and in future editions of the Outdoor Explorer!



## Short-Term Camp Administrator Training



To meet the new NCAP guidelines, starting in 2021 all one, two, or three night events will have to be overseen and signed off on by a trained Short-Term Camp Administrator.

This training will be a full day. Participants must be present for the entire training to be certified. There will be breaks, however, they will not be long so we recommend participants be prepared.

**When:** Saturday, February 13, 2021

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** Zoom

The Zoom link will be provided to everyone registered on Friday prior to the training  
Cost: \$60

This training certification is valid for 2-years.

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/527-2021STCATraining>



# Leave No Trace Trainer Save the Date

Leave No Trace Trainer helps to minimize the impact that is caused to the land during outdoor adventures. They accomplish this by learning, teaching, and implementing the principles of Leave No Trace, and low-impact camping, using the tools and methods learned in this course.

This weekend-long course is recommended training for:

- Registered youth in Scouts, BSA and Venturing (at least fourteen (14) years of age or older) who are currently, or are looking to become, Outdoor Ethics Guides in their unit, or who wish to strengthen the Outdoor Ethics program in their unit.
- Registered adult leaders (at least eighteen(18) years of age or older) who are currently, or are looking to become, Outdoor Ethics Guide Advisors in their unit, or who wish to strengthen the Outdoor Ethics program in their units.
- Camp Staff for Summer Day or Resident Camps who wish to strengthen the Outdoor Ethics program at their camps.



**When: April 23-25, 2021**

**Where: Heritage Reservation**

# Shooting Sports Training Save the Date

Shooting Sports Trainings

April 23-25, 2021 - NRA Basic Rifle and Shotgun Shooting Course  
(Heritage Reservation)

This course will follow the NRA First Steps training program to teach proper safety, handling, use, and cleaning of rifles and shotguns. For individuals interested in becoming NRA certified Rifle and Shotgun shooting instructors, this course is a mandatory prerequisite no matter what your prior shooting experience. A completion certificate from a basic rifle and shotgun shooting course must be presented in order to be certified as an instructor.

April 30 - May 2, 2021 - NRA Rifle and Shotgun Instructor Course (Heritage Reservation)  
(Contact the Camping Department to Register for this course)



# 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!



2021 Lodge Dues	November 1, 2020 - December 31, 2021	<a href="https://scoutingevent.com/527-OADues2021">https://scoutingevent.com/527-OADues2021</a>
2021 Elections	Contact your Chapter Advisor to Schedule	
Ordeal/Brotherhood/Vigil Weekend at Camp Seph Mack	April 23-25, 2021	Save the date
Ordeal/Brotherhood Weekend	May 21 - 23, 2021	Save the date
Conclave at Camp Conestoga	June 11 - 13, 2021	<a href="https://scoutingevent.com/527-Conclave2021">https://scoutingevent.com/527-Conclave2021</a>

**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.**

## 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>

Visit <https://www.summitbsa.org/orionproject/>



# THE ORION PROJECT

KEEP ON TARGET FOR **ADVENTURE** IN 2021 WITH **THE ORION PROJECT** AT THE SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE



The Summit Bechtel Reserve is throwing open its gates to any Scouts who want to experience everything the Summit has to offer from July 18 to 31. We have combined all our best programs into one adventure called the Orion Project for the 2021 season only.

The Orion Project is a seven-day overnight program that will give Scouts free reign of the Summit. The name of the game is adventure, and with so many great opportunities for BMX, skateboarding, mountain biking, zip lines, canopy tours, challenge courses, climbing, shooting sports, whitewater rafting, and fellowship with Scouts from across the nation, there's lots to experience and choose from. Open to all members of Scouts BSA, Venturing and Exploring.

## THE DATES

ORION 1: JULY 18-24, 2021  
ORION 2: JULY 25-31, 2021

## THE PRICE

ONLY \$910/PERSON

Adult leaders and youth pay the same fee. \*Details on next page

The Summit Staff knows that many plans have changed recently and we're excited to offer this program to help you get out and enjoy the great outdoors. We are confident that our excellent staff and world class facilities will ensure that all our participants have a once-in-a-lifetime experience during their stay at the Summit.

**BONUS:** Want to leave your mark in a big way? One aspect of the program will be to give participants the opportunity to take part in focus groups that will directly impact the next BSA National Jamboree! Participants will get to give their opinions and help define the future of the BSA National Jamboree.





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Happy February Scouters!

We are roughly halfway through winter now. We don't know about you, but seeing a blanket of freshly fallen snow outside makes us want to get out and ski, tube, or make snow angels!

February is traditionally about love and kindness. We ask you to take some time and think about what acts of love and kindness can we show to one another? You may have an elderly neighbor that has a difficult time clearing snow or cannot pick up their groceries because of the weather. Extend a kind hand to help them.

Remember, in all things a Scout is Kind.

See you on the Trails!

Mike Manner - Director of Camping

Amanda Erickson - Program Team Admin.

## Cherry Chocolate Lava Cake



You'll need:

1. 1 can cherry pie filling
2. 1 box of chocolate cake mix
3. 1 can of lemon-lime pop
4. 1 bag of chocolate chips
5. Cooking spray or dutch oven liner
6. Charcoal

Directions:

1. Prepare the charcoal.
2. Line the dutch oven with liner or spray liberally with cooking spray.
3. Dump pie filling into the dutch oven.
4. Layer chocolate cake mix overtop of pie filling.
5. Slowly pour pop over the cake mix. (Go slowly so that it doesn't foam over)
6. Sprinkle the bag of chocolate chips on top.
7. Place the lid on and arrange 8 briquettes in a circle under the dutch oven and 16 on the lid.
8. Bake for approximately 1 hour.
9. Enjoy!