



WOODRUFF SCOUT CAMP | 2023  
**PROGRAM GUIDE**

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# WOODRUFF

## AT A GLANCE

Established in 1980, Woodruff Scout Camp has incredible facilities, is located in a beautiful natural mountain setting, and delivers a summer camp program second to none.

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69 merit badges  
available in 2023

180

Staff members  
dedicated to you

42

Seasons of experiences  
delivered!

### FACILITIES

**1600** Acres in the cool North Georgia Mountains

**23** Campsites, all within 6/10 of a mile of the dining hall

**low 80s** Typical summer daytime high temperatures with  
nighttime lows in the 50's

**1** Dining hall meal shift with all you can eat buffet  
dining

**5** Mobile Lunch Spot locations to pick up and enjoy  
your portable lunch daily



# NEW FOR 2023!

New merit badges added to the program for 2023 include Insect Study and Radio plus a new Woodruff Ecologist Program in the Nature Area offers older Scouts a deep dive into environmental studies and the Pathfinder Adventure offers an on-site week long buffet of fun.

Visit our expanded aquatic park, Beavershark Park, and experience our new 16 foot Summit Express slide. Our Nature and STEM areas have new afternoon offerings for all Scouts and adults. Increased offerings for adults include both training and recreational options.

Our expanded interpretive program offerings at Kendell Crossing is a can't miss activity in the afternoon at Hemlock Field. Come down in the afternoon and travel back in time, enjoy a game of horseshoes and sit in the shade and sip on a root beer.

# REGISTRATION

Merit badge and select program registration takes place on our online platform at [www.CampWoodruff.org](http://www.CampWoodruff.org). For more details, see the Online User Guide.

Program registration dates open to registered units that are current with their November & February 1st payments at staggered time slots. Each week’s registration opens at 9 am EDT.

- WEEK 1 - April 10, 2023**
- WEEK 2 - April 11, 2023**
- WEEK 3 - April 12, 2023**
- WEEK 4 - April 13, 2023**
- WEEK 5, 6 & 7 - April 14, 2023**

Woodruff offers a lot of programs, but don’t feel that you must schedule something every period of every day. While you will want to fill each morning, we suggest leaving free time in the afternoons and evenings for a visit to Kendell Crossing, aquatics activities or one of our many camp activities.

Most afternoon programs, including a number of merit badges, are offered on a “drop in” basis and don’t require pre-registration. Only capacity limited programs require pre-registration in the afternoon and evening activity periods.

Each Scout at Woodruff has one off-site activity included in their camp fee. If a Scout wants to do more than one off-site activity, they can add that activity for an additional fee. Adults are welcome and encouraged to participate in off-site activities; however, the adult fee does not include this activity and is subject to an additional charge. Scouts and adults should register for off-site activities at the same time as merit badge registration. See the Off-Site Activities page for more details.

Although our on-line system is the best way to get your Scouts signed up for the programs they want, there will be a drop/add opportunity after the Opening Campfire on Sunday night for late additions or Scouts desiring a last minute change to their schedule.



## PROGRAM VALUE

Our outlook on fees is very different from most camps; other than handcraft kits, our basic camp fee covers all activities at camp. No extra fees to get in the way of fun!

Shooting Sports	\$0
Whitewater Rafting	\$0
Aquatics	\$0
COPE/Climbing	\$0
Art/Pottery/Sculpture	\$0
Laurel Mountain Program	\$0
News Team Program	\$0
Horsemanship/Trail Rides	\$0

Some merit badges, such as Space Exploration and Basketry, require a kit to be purchased for completing required projects. Recommended budgets are noted on merit badge listing pages. All kits are available in the Trading Post. Adults can participate in off-site whitewater or horse ride activities for a \$50 fee.





# SCHEDULING

Woodruff Scout Camp programs are split into three blocks of time: morning, afternoon, and evening. Each block provides a different type of program experience for Scouts making their week at Woodruff productive for advancement as well as fun!

BREAK FAST	1	2	3	4	LUNCH 5	6	7	DINNER	8
MORNING					AFTERNOON			EVENING	

## MORNING | 1 - 4 | ADVANCEMENT

Mornings are dedicated to advancement through our comprehensive offering of 67 different merit badges and our Mountaineer First Year Scout Program. For older Scouts, the Laurel Mountain Program, Woodruff Naturalist and Woodruff News Team are offered to give scouts the opportunity for new experiences every summer at Woodruff. Note that some morning programs require two, three or even all four morning program blocks.

## AFTERNOON | 6 & 7 | OPEN TIME

Scout camp is a time for Scouts to have fun and experience all that Scouting offers. Our afternoon program is designed for Scouts to engage in programs that they find attractive without the structure of pre-registration for most programs. Advancement opportunities still abound. Scouts may “drop in” to work on select merit badges in many program areas. Some merit badges with capacity limitations do require pre-registration. Check the program areas below for details. Many merit badges require work outside of the morning program. Head to the ranges to work on shooting qualification or use free time to complete those more difficult merit badges. Afternoons are also for our off-site adventures: whitewater rafting or a horseback trail ride. Every youth registration includes one free off-site activity so don’t miss out on the fun. Just make sure you register for which adventure and day you want to go!

## EVENING | 8 | TROOP & PATROL TIME

After dinner, many program areas are open just like in the afternoon. Scouts can head to their favorite area or try something new. From opening and closing campfires to our famous Flag Retirement Ceremony, there are many activities your troop will want to attend as a troop. For patrols, we offer group activities such as Team Stand Up Paddleboard, COPE and field sports. For the more ambitious, sign up for our Canoe Overnighter patrol overnight activity.

# MERIT BADGES

The Woodruff staff is committed to delivering quality merit badge sessions where Scouts complete the requirements as stated. Our goal is that they have fun and learn at the same time. We offer a wide variety of merit badge and certification programs.

While Scouts should take merit badges they are interested in, many merit badges are academically and physically demanding. Please allow your Scouts to have an enjoyable week by encouraging them to sign up for age appropriate merit badges that they can enjoy and complete.

## MERIT BADGE SESSIONS

Merit badge sessions are held during four morning periods beginning at 8:30. Some sessions require two periods (1 & 2 or 3 & 4). Merit badges are also offered during afternoon sessions with some requiring pre-registration and others accepting Scouts on a “drop in” basis. See the Program Schedule for specific class times that merit badges are offered in 2023.

Some merit badges, particularly in the Nature area, may require afternoon fieldwork sessions. Shooting Sports merit badges require afternoon or evening time for target qualification, rifle cleaning, and making a bow string. Scouts taking these badges should plan on one or more afternoons to complete their requirements.

Many merit badges offered in the afternoon are offered during Periods 6 and 7 on either Monday-Tuesday or Wednesday-Thursday. This allows Scouts to take an afternoon merit badge class while still participating in other afternoon activities including a river trip.





**RECOMMENDED FOR ALL SCOUTS**



**SWIMMING**

**RECOMMENDED FOR 2ND YEAR+ SCOUTS**



**LIFE SAVING**



**CANOEING**



**KAYAKING**



**SMALL BOAT SAILING**



**ROWING**



**WATER SPORTS**



**WHITEWATER**

Requires Kayaking merit badge plus two afternoon trips



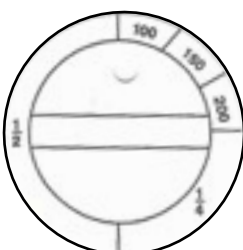
**MOTOR BOATING**



**STAND UP PADDLE BOARD**

Award, not merit badge

**CLASSES & CERTIFICATIONS**



**SWIM LESSONS**

Not a merit badge



**BSA LIFEGUARD**

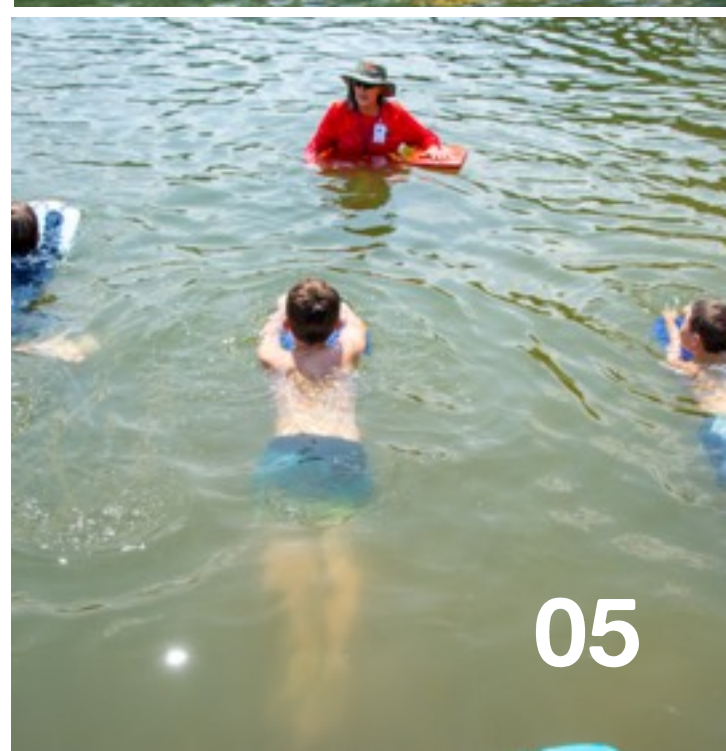
Must be 15 years old

BSA Lifeguard is an all day, full week program. It is a certification, not a merit badge. Participants will get one afternoon "off" to go on a river trip.



**AQUATICS**

Aquatics merit badges and summer camp go hand-in-hand. Woodruff provides all equipment. All aquatic merit badges require Scouts to qualify as BSA Swimmer during the swim check. Scouts should wear swim wear that is suited for active water sports, such as swim trunks or board shorts for males and one-piece suits or tankinis for females.







**RECOMMENDED FOR ALL SCOUTS**



**ART**



**GRAPHIC ARTS**



**MOVIEMAKING**



**MUSIC**



**PHOTOGRAPHY**  
Requires Cyber Chip



**POTTERY  
& SCULPTURE**

**AFTERNOON DROP-IN MERIT BADGES**



**\*WOOD CARVING**  
Budget \$10



**\*LEATHERWORK**  
Budget \$20



**\*BASKETRY**  
Budget \$15



**FINGERPRINTING**

Wood Carving, Basketry, and Leatherwork merit badges may require more than one afternoon to complete.

\*May require purchase of a kit at the Trading Post depending on what project the Scout chooses.



# STUDIO ARTS

Woodruff's Mack Mountain Studio is an artist's mecca where Scouts can explore their creative side. Some merit badges are taught in formal morning sessions while others are offered in the afternoon as drop in activities. The Studio is also open in the afternoon for anyone wanting to practice their wood carving, leatherwork or basketry skills.





## RECOMMENDED FOR ALL SCOUTS



**ANIMATION**



**ASTRONOMY**

Requires evening observation time



**CHESS**



**RADIO**



**\*SPACE EXPLORATION**

Budget \$15

## RECOMMENDED FOR SCOUTS AGE 13+



**GAME DESIGN**



**ROBOTICS & DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY**

Requires Cyber Chip

## RECOMMENDED FOR FOR SCOUTS AGE 14+



**WELDING**

Must be 14 to enroll in Welding merit badge

\*Requires purchase of a kit at the Trading Post.



## STEM

The Woodruff STEM Lab provides all the technological support needed to explore the fast paced world of science, technology, engineering and math. In the afternoons, the lab will be open for playing with robots and working on STEM related merit badges.







**RECOMMENDED FOR ALL SCOUTS**



**FIRST AID**



**HORSEMANSHIP**  
Offered as a two-day  
afternoon merit  
badge.



**SCOUTING HERITAGE**

**LIFE  
SKILLS**

All merit badges except Horsemanship and Scouting Heritage are held during the morning session periods. First Aid and Personal Fitness merit badges are offered during the afternoon periods as well.

**RECOMMENDED FOR 2ND YEAR+ CAMPERS**



**PERSONAL  
FITNESS**

Req.1b and 8 not  
completed at camp



**EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS**



**RECOMMENDED FOR 3RD YEAR+ CAMPERS**



**CITIZENSHIP  
IN THE NATION**

Req. 7 not  
completed at camp



**CITIZENSHIP  
IN THE WORLD**



**COMMUNICATION**







**RECOMMENDED FOR 2ND YEAR+ CAMPERS**



**COOKING**

Req. 4c, d & e not completed at camp



**CAMPING**

Req. 4b, 5e, 7b, 8d and 9a, b & c not completed at camp



**EXPLORATION**

Afternoon expedition required to complete



**PIONEERING**



**ORIENTEERING**



**GEOCACHING**



**SEARCH & RESCUE**



**SIGNS, SIGNALS, & CODES**



**WILDERNESS SURVIVAL**

Tuesday night overnighter required to complete at camp

**RECOMMENDED FOR 3RD YEAR+ CAMPERS**



**CYCLING**

Req. 7c, d: Scouts will do both 2 mile rides and both 5 mile rides. The two 8 and 22 mile rides will need to be completed at home.



# OUTDOOR SKILLS

Outdoor Skills merit badges lie at the heart of Scouting's outdoor camping program. In addition to traditional outdoor Scout skills, the merit badge offerings have expanded to include many new merit badges that appeal to modern camping enthusiasts.







**RECOMMENDED FOR 2ND YEAR+ CAMPERS**



**ARCHERY**



**RIFLE SHOOTING**

**FOR SCOUTS AGE 14+**



**SHOTGUN SHOOTING**

Must be 14 years old  
to enroll

Scouts should commit additional time in the afternoon and/or evening sessions to develop shooting skills and complete the shooting qualification requirements. In addition, during one of the afternoon sessions, Scouts must provide time to either clean a rifle (about 30 minutes) for the rifle shooting merit badge or make a bowstring (about 1 hour) for the archery merit badge. The camp provides all equipment and supplies for shooting sports. Please do not bring personal firearms or archery gear to camp.

**RECOMMENDED FOR 3RD YEAR+ CAMPERS**



**CLIMBING**



**COPE**

COPE is an experiential  
program and not a  
merit badge

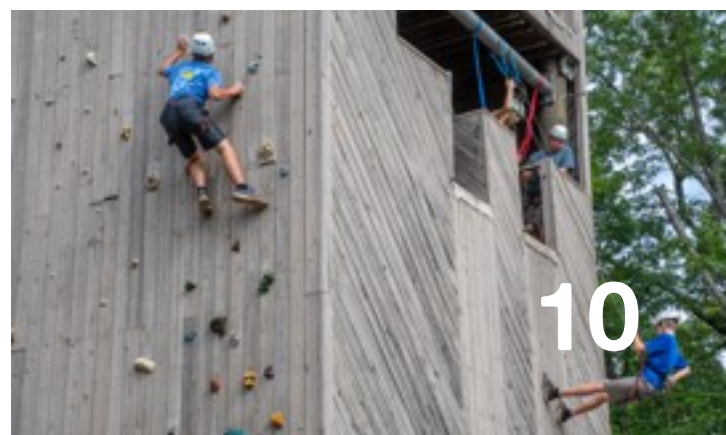
# SHOOTING SPORTS

Woodruff offers instruction in Archery, Rifle Shooting, and Shotgun Shooting merit badges under the direction of Boy Scouts of America National Camping School Shooting Sports Directors, National Rifle Association and/or USA Archery certified instructors. All instructors in the shooting sports program are certified according to BSA, NRA and/or USA Archery standards.



# CLIMBING

The Climbing Merit badge  
is 2 periods in length.







## RECOMMENDED FOR ALL SCOUTS



### FISHING

Fishing poles are available for use during instruction, must bring own tackle.



### NATURE & MAMMAL STUDY



### WEATHER

## RECOMMENDED FOR 2ND YEAR+ CAMPERS



### ARCHAEOLOGY

Requires out of class fieldwork



### GEOLOGY & MINING IN SOCIETY



### INSECT STUDY



### REPTILE & AMPHIBIAN STUDY

Req. 8 not completed at camp



### FORESTRY & PLANT SCIENCE

Plant Science req. 5 not completed at camp



### OCEANOGRAPHY



### BIRD STUDY

## RECOMMENDED FOR 3RD YEAR+ CAMPERS



### ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Requires out of class fieldwork



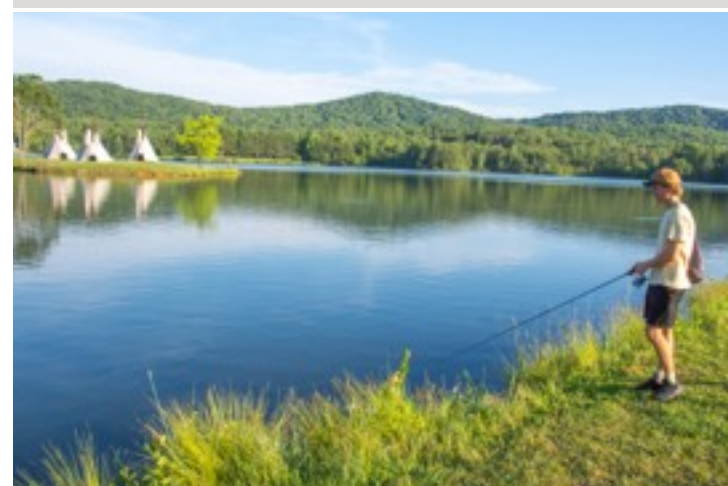
### FLY FISHING

Equipment is provided. Must be age 13+ to register



# NATURE

The Donnell & Goldman Nature Areas at Woodruff are state of the art facilities. Many Nature merit badges are academic and instruction is based on the youth having completed a specified level at school. Some Nature merit badges require extensive fieldwork and projects. Scouts should plan to spend some afternoon or evening time to complete these badges.







## ADVANCED PROGRAMS

WOODRUFF NEWS TEAM

LAUREL MOUNTAIN

WOODRUFF NATURALIST

WHITEWATER  
CHALLENGE

WOODRUFF PATHFINDER

WOODRUFF ECOLOGIST

# SPECIAL PROGRAMS

## FIRST YEAR SCOUTS: MOUNTAINEER

The Woodruff staff is committed to delivering a quality First Year Scout program that leaves a Scout wanting to come to camp again and again. Our goal is that they have fun and learn at the same time.

Taking place during two morning activity periods, the Mountaineer Program allows new Scouts to integrate into the activities of the rest of the troop for the majority of their week with two open morning activity periods for merit badges and an open schedule for all afternoon periods.

## OLDER SCOUTS: ADVANCED PROGRAMS

For the older Scout with a few years of camp under their belt who is looking for a little more out of Summer Camp this year, Woodruff offers five separate older Scout programs appealing to a variety of interests so there is something for every Scout!

The Whitewater Challenge program is an all-week off-site adventure program. The Woodruff Pathfinder program is an all-week program with most of its activities at Woodruff. The Laurel Mountain, Woodruff Ecologist and Woodruff News Team programs offer a different camp experience while staying and playing with their troop. These on-site programs allow older Scouts the opportunity to continue to lead their troop during the Summer Camp session.

Whichever program they choose, Woodruff offers a unique program that will keep your older Scouts engaged in Scouting and excited to return to camp.





# MOUNTAINEER

## WOODRUFF'S PROGRAM FOR FIRST YEAR SCOUTS

The Mountaineer Program is designed for those Scouts who have either just crossed over from Webelos or have limited Scout camping experience. Basic Scout skills for the inexperienced Scout form the basis of the program. After being divided into Mountaineer patrols, Scouts will complete a different Mountaineer Adventure each day. During these adventures, Scouts are instructed in basic Scouting skills including knife, axe & saw, knots & pioneering, orienteering, nature, first aid, citizenship and more.

### SWAG

All Mountaineer participants receive a "Mountaineer" t-shirt and Mountaineer patch to commemorate their week at camp.

### SCHEDULE

Mountaineer is a two-hour program held every morning all week. The remainder of the day, Scouts are free to participate in any program or merit badge that interests them.

### 5 MILE HIKE

All Scouts can participate in the Mountaineer five mile hike on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. No pre-registration is required for the five mile hike.

## LEADER PARTICIPATION

We recommend each troop assign at least one adult to actively work with their Scouts in the Mountaineer Program. This includes observation, assistance with safety, discipline and active participation in the five-mile hike. This is an excellent opportunity for adult leaders to forge a bond with their new Scouts that will last throughout the Scouts' career and life.

## SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Monday	Brasstown Adventure
Tuesday	Coosa Adventure
Wednesday	Springer Adventure
Thursday	Yonah Adventure
Friday	Orienteering Day and Celebration





# NEWS TEAM

## WOODRUFF'S OUTDOOR JOURNALISM PROGRAM

The Woodruff News Team is designed for those Scouts who want to spend the week diving into the world of fast paced journalism. In addition to working on four unique merit badges, News Team members create and publish a daily newspaper, develop video news broadcasts and create and distribute content for the Woodruff Facebook and Instagram feeds. This program is an all morning session every day. The remainder of the day the News Team will be free lancing to develop content that may interest them while participating in free activities around camp with their friends.

### LODGING

News Team operates on Woodruff Scout Camp as a morning activity. Participants will camp with their troop throughout the week.

### FEES

There is no additional fee for participating in the News Team program.

### AGE

Due to the special requirements and materials, this is suggested for Scouts 14 and older or 13 and have completed 8th grade.



**GRAPHIC ARTS**



**JOURNALISM**



**MOVIEMAKING**



**PHOTOGRAPHY**

Requires Cyber Chip

### ADVANCEMENT

Participants in the News Team program have the opportunity to complete the Graphics Arts, Journalism, Moviemaking and Photography merit badges.





# LAUREL MOUNTAIN

## WOODRUFF'S PRIMITIVE CRAFT EXPERIENCE

The Laurel Mountain Program is conducted during an extended class covering all four morning periods at Kendell Crossing, our forge and primitive craft center located in Hemlock Field. Each morning, Scouts will work on the Woodwork merit badge using primitive hand tools and the Metalwork merit badge in our blacksmithing forge.

### LODGING

Laurel Mountain operates on Woodruff Scout Camp as a morning activity. Participants will camp with their troop throughout the week.

### FEES

There is no additional fee for participating in the Laurel Mountain program.

### AGE

Due to the nature and difficulty of the activities, this is suggested for Scouts 14 and older or 13 and have completed 8th grade.



**METALWORK**



**WOODWORK**

### ADVANCEMENT

Participants in the Laurel Mountain program will have the opportunity to complete the Metalwork and Woodwork merit badges.





# WHITewater CHALLENGE

## THE ULTIMATE WHITEWATER EXPERIENCE

Whitewater Challenge is for older scouts who desire a lot of additional river experiences in an independent program, the ultimate whitewater experience. Activities for this week-long adventure include rafting, kayaking and canoeing on rivers in Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina. Scouts will have the chance to experience and learn kayak work, whitewater rafting, capsizing, stroke and paddle work, reading rivers, canoe handling skills and paddle skills – such as side slips, eddy turns and peel outs.

### LODGING

Whitewater Challenge operates at an off-camp outpost. Participants will stay in cabins with bunk beds.

### FEES

There is an additional \$50 fee for all youth participants and \$100 fee for all adult participants (above the regular camp fee)

### AGE

Due to the nature and difficulty of the activities, this is suggested for Scouts 14 and older or 13 and have completed 8th grade.

### SCHEDULE

<b>MONDAY</b>	Flat water canoe and kayak practice at Finger Lake
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Whitewater rafting trip on the Nantahala River
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Canoeing trip on the Tuckaseegee River
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Whitewater rafting and kayaking on the Nantahala River
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Whitewater rafting on the Middle Ocoee River

### ADVANCEMENT

While this is not an advancement oriented program, it is possible for Whitewater Challenge participants to complete some requirements in various merit badges. No formal advancement reports will be provided.

Whitewater Challenge is available to Scouts attending Woodruff with their troop or crew or Scouts may register individually to participate without their troop or crew.





# WOODRUFF PATHFINDER

## A SCOUT ACTIVITY SMORGASBORD

The Woodruff Pathfinder program is for older Scouts who want additional outdoor challenges, both physical and mental. This program packs a lot of adventure into one week. Scouts will experience advanced programs in most areas on camp including mountain biking, hiking, shooting sports, COPE & climbing as well as the thrill of rafting both the Nantahala and Ocoee rivers. Finish off the week with an overnigher on Teepee Island and you'll find your way to a ton of adventure and maybe discover a new passion as well!

### LODGING

Participants will spend all nights on camp. Most nights participants will stay with their troop but may elect to participate in up to two overnights to special areas of camp.

### FEES

There is an additional \$50 fee for all youth participants and \$100 fee for all adult participants (above the regular camp fee)

### AGE

Due to the nature and difficulty of the activities, this is suggested for Scouts 14 and older or 13 and have completed 8th grade.

### SAMPLE OF PATHFINDER ACTIVITIES

COPE	Mountain Biking	Shotgun
Rifle	8 Man SUP	Beavershark Park
Canoeing	Hiking	Whitewater Rafting
Archery	Kendell Crossing	Climbing
Geocaching	Overnigher on Teepee Island	
	and much more!	

### ADVANCEMENT

While this is not an advancement oriented program, it is possible for Pathfinder participants to complete some requirements in various merit badges. No formal advancement reports will be provided.

Woodruff Pathfinder is available to Scouts attending Woodruff with their troop or crew or Scouts may register individually to participate without their troop or crew.





# WOODRUFF ECOLOGIST



## WOODRUFF'S IMMERSIVE ECOLOGY PROGRAM

The Woodruff Ecologist program is designed for those Scouts who want to spend the week diving into the world of conservation, ecology and natural resource management. In addition to working on a number of nature merit badges, Ecologist team members will venture far beyond the traditional camper's footprint to observe differences in ecology from wetlands to dry ridge-tops and learn to identify and care for the wildlife that calls Woodruff home. This program is an all morning session every day.

### LODGING

The Woodruff Ecologist program operates on Woodruff Scout Camp as a morning activity. Participants will camp with their troop throughout the week.

### FEES

There is no additional fee for participating in the Woodruff Ecologist program.

### AGE

Due to the nature of the topics and material covered, this program is suggested for Scouts 14 and older or 13 and have completed 8th grade.



### ADVANCEMENT

Participants in the Woodruff Ecologist program have the opportunity to complete a number of nature merit badges. The specific merit badges will be determined by the projects the Ecologist team chooses to tackle each week.



# RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

## KENDELL CROSSING

Our living history village at Hemlock Field is a popular place to visit in the afternoon. Blacksmithing, candle making, gardening, slingshots, ax throwing and a mercantile with root beer are among the many activities featured.

## OPEN ACTIVITIES

At Woodruff, afternoons are focused on fun! This is the time to experience new challenges, build teams and hone skills in many different program areas. Over 25 open activities are offered every afternoon to keep Scouts challenged and busy! Some activities require pre-registration as noted.

## OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES

Youth camp fees include one free off-site activity, either whitewater rafting on the Nantahala (for younger Scouts) or the Ocoee (for older Scouts) or a horseback trail ride. Additional off site trips are available for a fee. Register for these activities during merit badge registration.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Each day features nighttime activities, like the spoof merit badge or flag retirement ceremony, and gatherings and seminars for various Scouting programs. Don't miss the Polar Bear Plunge, a particularly invigorating experience very early on Thursday morning! No registration is required for any of these activities.

## EVENING TROOP/PATROL ACTIVITIES

Kick up the fun factor of your Woodruff experience with a canoe overnighter to an outpost campsite or a special dinner at Kendell Crossing. Register your troop or patrol for these adventures during regular merit badge registration.







# KENDELL CROSSING

## WOODRUFF'S 1893 HOMESTEAD VILLAGE

Come down to Hemlock Field in the afternoon and experience Kendell Crossing, our interpretive living history program, and sample life, skills and crafts common to a homestead in North Georgia circa 1893. Visit for a moment or spend all afternoon, there is a ton of activities to experience at Kendell Crossing.



**VISIT**

**Kendell Crossing**

**at Old Hemlock Field**

**Step back in time to 1893!**

Blacksmithing Demonstrations

Branding

Horseshoes

Candlemaking

Cornbread Cooking

Log Cabin Construction

Chess and Wood Carving

Tomahawks and Sling Shots

Quilting and Crewel Work

Mercantile with Root Beer

Goats and Chickens

Gardening

**Open Weekdays**

**2 o'clock until 4:30 o'clock**







# OPEN ACTIVITIES

## AQUATICS

You could spend all your free time in our aquatics area and never be bored. From free swim and boating to our unique aquatic park, Beavershark Park, and Team Paddleboards, there is something for everyone at the waterfront!

### MILE SWIM

The Mile Swim is offered on Friday afternoon. Participants must attend practice sessions 3 out of 4 days. Sessions are held each day at 2:00; 3:30 or 7:00 pm in order to participate. There are no “make-ups” for the Mile Swim or practice sessions if canceled due to weather.

### BEAVERSHARK PARK

Woodruff’s aquatic park, Beavershark Park, offers lots of options and one unforgettable experience. Features include our new 16 foot Summit Express slide, a 20 foot bouncer, the uniquely challenging Aquaclimb wall and the 40-foot “BLOB” offering an airborne experience like no other! Each Scout fee includes one Beavershark Park admission at no extra charge.

### STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING

Join us in the aquatics/small boat area in the afternoons to try out our SUP’s and learn about the exciting sport of stand up paddleboarding. You can even earn the BSA Stand-Up Paddleboarding Award!

### TEAM STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING

Do you like stand up paddleboarding? Well the fun just got eight times better! Bring your patrol to the waterfront in the afternoon to try out our gigantic team stand up paddleboards. Teamwork is a must!

### AQUATICS ADVANCEMENT

Younger Scouts can come down to the Aquatics Area any afternoon to work on their 2nd Class and 1st Class swimming requirements. Bring an adult leader to witness and sign-off on your accomplishments.



## MACK MOUNTAIN STUDIO

### LEATHERWORK, WOOD CARVING, AND BASKETRY

Leatherwork, wood carving, and basketry tools and knowledgeable staff are available at the Studio each afternoon for any Scout or Scouter who wants to hone their skills or work on merit badge projects.







## INTERNATIONAL VILLAGE

Learn about Scouting beyond our borders at our International Village where Scouts can discover how Scouts in other countries camp, identify opportunities for international awards and explore international events BSA Scouts can attend.



## COPE & CLIMBING

### CLIMBING & RAPPELLING

Offered during each of the afternoon and evening activity periods, our climbing area includes tower wall & climbing chimneys and rappelling wall. For all climbing activities, shoes must be capable of being tied securely.

### COPE

COPE consists of different challenges for a patrol that involve teamwork and problem solving, with tests of agility and individual skills. Participants start with low COPE exercises, building towards high COPE work on the climbing tower and other challenges using off the ground elements.

### LOW COPE – TEAM BUILDING

Ideal for your Troop's Patrol Leaders Council, a group of adult leaders, Crew Leadership, or combination. This is offered during afternoon periods. Minimum number of participants is 6.



### BOULDERING WALL

We have a great bouldering wall up the hill in our COPE/Climbing area. This wall provides an additional challenge for all climbers.







## OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

### FIELD SPORTS

Field sports equipment will be available to check out during the afternoon and evening periods at the activity field. Equipment available includes soccer balls, volleyballs, softball equipment, footballs, Air O Sport® and Frisbees®.

### DISC GOLF

Woodruff has a disc golf course near the camp entrance. Bring your own discs or pick up needed supplies at the camp office.

### MOUNTAIN BIKING

Experience some of the best on-site mountain biking in Scouting. Take a ride on Woodruff's fantastic mountain bike trails including our challenging MTB skills course. Our fleet of new GT Avalanche Mountain Bikes are available to check out during the afternoon and evening periods, riding under staff supervision.

### WOODRUFF HIKER

Take a hike! Woodruff has a variety of great trails ranging from the 1.4 mile Davis Inn Trail to the 8 mile Ridge Trail allowing hikers of all sizes and ability to explore the Woodruff backcountry. Stop by the camp office to pick up a map and find out about hiking options. Complete three Woodruff trails to qualify for the Woodruff Hiker Award.

### ORIENTEERING COURSE

The Woodruff orienteering course will satisfy the First Class orienteering requirement. The course begins and ends at the Mountaineer Pavilion. Pick up a course map at the camp office.

### GEOCACHING

Try out geocaching, a high-tech treasure hunt using GPS devices, during your week at camp. There are twenty geocaches to find around camp. Really like geocaching? Try for the Woodruff Geocaching Challenge award. You will need a GPS or a cellular device with GPS to participate.

### GA-GA

What is ga-ga? It's a fast paced, high energy version of dodge ball played in an octagonal pit. Participants try to hit other competitors below the knee with a large rubber ball. If you're hit, you're out; last ga-ga player standing wins.





## SHOOTING SPORTS

Summer Camp may be the only opportunity many youth ever have to learn firearm safety and try to shoot a bulls-eye. You can walk up after completing a safety briefing during an afternoon session. Our certified range staff will provide instruction and all necessary equipment.

### ARCHERY

Experience the excitement of drawing an arrow, taking aim and hitting a target up at our archery range. Archery provides a great way to combine physical exercise with developing powers of coordination and concentration. Fit five arrows in the target's center and earn the "Golden Arrow".

### RIFLERY

Take aim and try your hand with our .22 rifles. Fit five shots in the diameter of a dime and earn your "Dime Award". There's never an ammo charge to shoot rifles at Woodruff.

## STEM

### ANIMATION, ROBOTICS AND MORE

In the afternoons, our STEM lab will be open for Scouts to try their hand at animation, robotics or even 3D printing or just to play a game of chess. Check the open STEM schedule at camp and discover a new passion.

## NATURE & CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

Visit the Nature Lodge to learn about the environment and wildlife around the camp. Many species that live on the camp property are on display. Go fishing in the lake, observe the constellations on a clear night away from the city lights, or attend a Woodruff Wildlife Talk.

### FISHING

Fishing is available at Woodruff in our fabulous mountain lake. Fish from the bridge, the Nature dock or most of the shoreline. You will need to bring your own fishing pole and tackle. A fishing license is not required. We encourage catch and release; however, it is permissible to keep a reasonable number of fish for eating while at camp.

### WOODRUFF WILDLIFE TALK

Presentation about the characteristics, habits and habitats of the animals found at Woodruff and those on display at the Donnell Nature Center.







# OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES

## RIVER TRIPS

### NANTAHALA WHITEWATER RAFTING

A Class II-III river, the Nantahala is ideal for younger Scouts (1st and 2nd year). With a wealth of rapids running the length of the river it provides a wonderful introduction for all to the excitement of whitewater rafting. Buses leave for the Nantahala at 12:45 pm from the Main Pavilion.

### OCOEE WHITEWATER RAFTING

The Ocoee River presents rafters with a phenomenal 5 mile stretch of back-to-back Class III-IV rapids that leaves rafters with very little down time and a lot of action! The State of Tennessee requires all participants rafting on the Ocoee River be at least 12 years old. Because the Ocoee is a more advanced whitewater experience, we recommend a Scout be 13 years old or have two previous trips on the Nantahala or similar river before signing up for the Ocoee. Buses leave for the Ocoee at 12:45 pm from the Main Pavilion.

## HORSE RIDES

### HORSEMANSHIP MERIT BADGE

Those signed up for Horsemanship merit badge will have one off-site trail ride and one afternoon session in the Main Pavilion. On the off-site day, buses leave for the ride at 12:45 pm from the Main Pavilion.

### HORSE TRAIL RIDE

The trail ride offered for the Horsemanship merit badge is also available as an afternoon activity for those who just want to go on a horseback ride. Buses leave for the ride at 12:45 pm from the Main Pavilion.

Youth camp fees include one off-site activity (a river trip on the Nantahala or Ocoee, Whitewater merit badge or a horseback trail ride with or without Horsemanship merit badge). Additional trips are available for a fee. Choose the day and activity that you would like to do and sign up at the same time as merit badge registration. Off-site transportation is provided free of charge. Meet at 12:45 in the main pavilion the day of the trip. All river trip participants must pass the BSA Swim Test. Waiver forms, signed by a parent, are required for each participant for all off-site programs.





# SPECIAL PROGRAMS

## MONDAY

### MOUNTAIN MUSIC CELEBRATION

Come on down to Kendell Crossing Monday evening for a special night of traditional Appalachian music and dance.

## TUESDAY

### SPOOF MERIT BADGE

On Tuesday evening, Woodruff will offer a special “spoof” merit badge class at the Council Ring. Come for an evening of light hearted fun.

### THEATER UNDER THE STARS

On Tuesday evening immediately after the Spoof Merit Badge, join us at the Council Ring for a show shown on our big screen.

### ORDER OF THE ARROW ACTIVITIES

Tuesday is OA Day at Woodruff. Our Order of the Arrow Lodge, Egwa Tawa Dee, holds events throughout the day for all Scouts. All Arrowmen should bring their OA Sash to wear on OA Day.

### PATCH TRADING NIGHT

On Tuesday evening in conjunction with our Order of the Arrow reception, patch trading will occur at the Carlock Pavilion. Bring your patches to trade with Scouts from around the country on Tuesday night.

## WEDNESDAY

### FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

An outstanding and moving flag retirement ceremony will be held on Wednesday each week at 9:00 PM. This is a don't miss event! Meet at the flagpole near the camp entrance. Field Uniform (Class A) requested.





## THURSDAY

### POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

Brave souls with plenty of warm blood flowing should join the Lifeguards of Justice at the waterfront at 6 am on Thursday morning for a refreshing plunge into Woodruff Lake. After thawing out, purchase a special Polar Bear Plunge patch at the Trading Post. All swimming levels may participate in the Polar Bear Plunge.

### LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR

The Council Advancement committee will be hosting a Life to Eagle seminar at the Donnell Nature Center after the Adult Leader Dinner on Thursday. Interested Scouts and adult leaders are invited to attend.

### OPEN BOATING NIGHT

Join the Boating League of Doom as they take over the lake for a fun night of open boating throughout Lake Woodruff.

### ADULT LEADER STEAK DINNER

The Adult Leader Steak Dinner will be held at the Main Pavilion on Thursday evening. This is a great event for the Staff to honor our troop leaders for their support of Woodruff Scout Camp. All adults that are registered on camp are welcome.

## FRIDAY

### CAMP-WIDE GAME

This activity begins Friday afternoon at 3:30 in the activity field. All troops are encouraged to enter a team.

### VESPERS SERVICES

Three religious services will be offered during the week at camp:

#### CATHOLIC MASS

- Nature Lodge  
Sunday at 7:15 PM

#### INTERFAITH SERVICE

- John's Chapel  
Sunday at 7:15 PM
- John's Chapel  
Wednesday at 8:15 PM





# EVENING TROOP/PATROL ACTIVITIES

## CANOE OVERNIGHTER

This is a troop/patrol activity. Participants will canoe across the lake, after the evening activity period, to an outpost camp and spend the night – returning before breakfast in the morning. This is a non-staffed activity. Troops should ensure they have enough adult leadership in place. Backpacking style tents are available for checkout for this event. The campsite also offers a hammock camping area with permanent hammock posts. Woodruff is a participant in the Hennessy Hammock Camping Program and has a supply of hammocks available to check out or you may bring your own.

## HOMESTEAD DINNER

This is a troop/patrol activity. Join the Kendell Crossing staff during the evening meal time to prepare and enjoy a special meal at Kendell Crossing. This is a limited availability program on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.





# CAMP DINING

## ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET DINING

At Woodruff our approach to eating is a little different than most Scout camps. Our breakfasts and dinners are served in our dining hall delivered through a buffet style all you can eat self serve format. This allows Scouts and adult leaders to get the food they want and the amount they need to fill up. All campers are served through one meal service for both breakfast and dinner freeing time on the camp schedule for more fun and activities. Vegetarian options are provided for every meal and an extensive salad bar is featured every dinner.

## THE LUNCH SPOTS

### - YOUR MID-DAY DINING EXPERIENCE

Lunch offers a unique and popular dining experience at Woodruff. Lunch Spots are conveniently located throughout camp so there is a Lunch Spot close by regardless of where your Period 4 program is. You can grab a portable hot entree and select from a variety of sides to build your own custom “grab and go” lunch to enjoy nearby or back at your campsite. No hiking to the dining hall and waiting in line for lunch. The fast moving Lunch Spot delivery will give you an extra hour of time in the middle of the day to relax and enjoy camp.

## ADULT LEADER STEAK DINNER

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# AWARDS

## TROOP AWARDS

Troops can qualify for special recognition awards at Woodruff. The Honor Troop and Scouting Traditions Awards recognize those troops who engage in a breadth of activities and demonstrate excellence during their week at camp. Troops that have attended Woodruff for 10 to 40 years are honored through our Loyal Troop Program.

## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Woodruff has a variety of individual awards that can be pursued during your free time by youth and adults alike. The Woodruff Explorer Award, Woodruff Hiker and Geocaching Award are for the more physically active Scouts and Scouters while the Sustainability Award encourages Scouts to learn about and engage in sustainable activities while at Woodruff. The Firemaster Award recognizes Scouts who can show off their fire-building skills. For adults only, the Adult Leaders Merit Badge is a fun way to engage in all types of activities during your week at camp.







# TROOP AWARDS

## HONOR TROOP AWARD

Woodruff challenges all troops to show its Scouting spirit and earn the Honor Troop Award. Requirements are based on criteria deemed instrumental for a troop to have a great week at camp.

## SCOUTING TRADITIONS CHALLENGE

Do you have an enthusiastic and super-engaged troop? The Scouting Traditions Award is for you! This award recognizes troop participation throughout camp and encourages all Scouts to get the most out of their week at Woodruff.

## LOYAL TROOP PROGRAM

Many troops have attended Woodruff Scout Camp for 10, 20 or even more years. We appreciate your loyalty to Woodruff and recognize it with a special participation ribbon and special patches for each member of your troop at five year increments and by identification on our honor board in the dining hall.





# INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

## WOODRUFF EXPLORER AWARD

The Woodruff Explorer award is all about being physically active each day while at Woodruff. Completing a Woodruff hike, the Mile Swim, the Polar Bear Plunge or taking a canoe overnighter all could be steps toward earning this new award in 2023!

## WOODRUFF SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Practice sustainability while experiencing the great outdoors at Woodruff. Choose to participate in four sustainability activities during your week and earn the Woodruff Sustainability Award!

## WOODRUFF GEOCACHING CHALLENGE

Explore Woodruff while completing the Geocaching Challenge, a high-tech treasure hunting game played by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. You will need a GPS or a cellular device with GPS to participate in the Geocaching Challenge.

## ADULT LEADER'S MERIT BADGE

This award is for adults only! Why let your Scouts have all of the fun? All adult volunteers are encouraged to get involved in activities at Woodruff Scout Camp and earn the Adult Leader's Merit Badge.

## WOODRUFF HIKER AWARD

Woodruff maintains an extensive backcountry trail network ready for you to explore. Complete three established Woodruff Hiker trails and earn the coveted Woodruff boot. Stop by the camp office for a trail map and information on hiking options.

## WOODRUFF FIREMASTER

This award is sure to be hot this summer. Build fires four different ways to capture this tough and prestigious award.

## WOODRUFF WATER WARRIOR AWARD

Super-active aquatic Scouts can earn this award through a combination of aquatic merit badges and other aquatics activities.





# ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult leaders don't have to sit on the sidelines and watch their Scouts have all the fun. Woodruff offers a number of opportunities for adult leaders while in camp including training, teaching, challenges and fun!

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Every Scout deserves a trained leader. We offer a full schedule of training options for adults from Position Specific Training and IOLS to more advanced courses in aquatics, first aid and cooking. There is something for everyone at Woodruff!

## ACTIVITIES

While we want you to spend as much time as possible with your Scouts at camp, we have some special morning activities just for adults while your Scouts are in their instructional periods. Every day has a new adventure. Pick an old favorite or try something new, adults get to play at Woodruff too!

## SERVICE

Do you have a heart for serving while at camp? There are a number of opportunities at Woodruff. Assist as a camp commissioner, help in the dining hall or complete minor repairs during the week. If you have a special skill, we would love to hear from you.

## AMENITIES

Just because you are at camp doesn't mean you have to rough it. From special food options to a quiet place to relax or work, there are lots of amenities provided for adults at Woodruff to make your week more comfortable and productive.







# TRAINING

For your enjoyment and the benefit of your Scouts, a variety of adult training programs will be offered during your week here. Class registration for the training courses indicated will open at the same time, and in the same place, as the merit badge registration.

## POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING AND TROOP COMMITTEE CHALLENGE

These courses are designed to help Scouters learn how to effectively carry out their Scouting roles.  
No Fee

## INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS (IOLS)

This hands-on course provides adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the outdoors. Upon completion, leaders will feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required to obtain the First Class rank. Along with Scoutmaster Position Specific Training, this course is required of all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters registered in Scouts BSA Troops in order to be considered “trained”. A two day, all day course, participants must attend both days to complete training. Fee: \$10 per participant includes lunch on Wednesday.

## BUILDING A HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAM IN YOUR TROOP

Learn about the four national high adventure bases – Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier, Philmont and Summit Bechtel Reserve as well as how your troop can reserve, plan and execute a high adventure trip and unlock Scouting's adventure for your older Scouts. Includes practical tips and tricks for conducting a successful high adventure program.  
No Fee



## BACKCOUNTRY CHEF

A hands-on course where you will learn different types of cooking techniques and unique recipes to try with your Scouts on campouts. Lunch is included in this course. Fee: \$10 per participant





## AQUATICS TRAINING

### BSA LIFEGUARD

BSA Lifeguard is a two-year training designation awarded to those who meet prescribed requirements in aquatics skills, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, first aid, and emergency action. It is designed for those individuals that will have professional related lifeguard duties (resident summer camp, recreational pool work, etc.). As such, participants should plan a full week/all day commitment.

Participants will be required to take a C-Pro (CPR for Professional Rescuer) Course. Participants in the BSA Lifeguard Course will be automatically registered for the C-Pro class.

No Fee unless C-Pro is needed (\$65)

### AQUATICS SUPERVISION: SWIMMING & WATER RESCUE

Swimming & Water Rescue provides BSA leaders with information and skills to prevent, recognize, and respond to swimming emergencies during troop swimming activities. It expands the awareness instruction provided by Safe Swim Defense training to include basic water rescue skills. The class will be two days at the aquatics area.

Participants must attend both days.

No Fee

### AQUATICS SUPERVISION: PADDLE CRAFT SAFETY

Paddle Craft Safety expands on Safety Afloat training to include the basic skills and knowledge needed for a troop leader to confidently assess his or her ability to supervise float trips using canoes or kayaks. The class will be two days at the boating area. Participants must attend both days.

No Fee

While training is a popular and important adult activity, the primary mission of the Woodruff staff is to provide an excellent summer camp experience to the youth who attend camp. Every effort will be made to offer quality adult training to the extent it doesn't diminish the focus on the youth at camp.





### RED CROSS CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

#### RED CROSS CPR W/AED & STANDARD FIRST AID

Upon completion of this course, attendees will be Red Cross Certified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid for two years. The course requires 2 1/2 hours to complete.  
Fee: \$45 per participant.

#### CPR FOR PROFESSIONAL RESCUER (C-PRO)

This course is for those who use CPR in their professional life, or those that would like to expand their knowledge. The course requires that all participants complete 6 hours of training and pass a test. Participants in the BSA Lifeguard Course will be automatically registered for this class.  
Fee: \$65 per participant.

#### AMERICAN RED CROSS WILDERNESS FIRST AID

Take your standard first aid skills to a higher level. Planning a trip to the back country where rescue may be hours away? Going to Philmont, Northern Tier, Sea Base or Summit Bechtel Reserve? You might find yourself in a situation requiring not only first aid, but also care until evacuation or rescue.

Participants, who complete all course requirements, receive a two-year American Red Cross certification. The course requires that all participants complete 16 hours of training that include classroom and outdoor sessions and be CPR certified. Homework will also be required which can be completed during down time at camp. This course is open to all adult leaders.  
Fee: \$75 Fee per participant.

## ADULT LEADER AMENITIES

#### LEADER LOUNGE

Woodruff offers a dedicated lounge area for our adult leaders. There's always a pot of coffee on as well as lots of good fellowship. You can just "kick-back" and relax for a few minutes or catch up on work that can't wait until you return home. The Leaders Lounge is located at the Troop Services Building.

#### ADULT LEADER MESS

Woodruff offers a special corner of the dining hall with supplemental food items just for adults. From grits and oatmeal in the morning, to special soups, sides and desserts at dinner, you never know what treat will appear to make your week a little more special.

#### CELL PHONE COVERAGE & WIFI

Woodruff has excellent coverage with AT&T with an on-site cell tower and good coverage with T-Mobile. The adult leader lounge provides internet access via wifi.





# ACTIVITIES

While most of the afternoon and evening recreational programs at Woodruff are available to adults as well as Scouts, a variety of special “adult only” programs will be offered in the morning during your week here.

## ADULT PADDLE BOARDING / TEAM PADDLE BOARDING

Join us in the aquatics/small boat area to try out our SUP's and learn about the exciting sport of paddle boarding. Try out the newest addition to Woodruff's waterfront, our Team Standup Paddleboards. At 13 feet long and holding up to 8 people, it takes SUP to the next level.

## MACK MOUNTAIN HIKE

A special morning adult only hike up to Woodruff's highest point, this 700 foot climb will get your heart pumping while exploring some of Woodruff's more remote areas.

## SPORTING ARROWS

Sporting Arrows is like shooting clay pigeons, but for archery! Join us for a morning of shooting arrows at a fast moving target.

## ADULT LEADER COOK-OFF

Bring a sample of your best cooked dish to the Outdoor Skills area at 2 pm on Friday for the adult leader's cook off competition. The winner will be announced at the Friday night closing campfire.

## TREE TALK & WALK

Join our Woodruff Nature Advisor for a walk in the woods. Learn about all of the trees and plants at Woodruff, how to identify them and what special uses they may hold. This is a can't miss activity for adult nature lovers.