2013 Woodruff Summer Camp - Leader Update (031413)
Woodruff - Scouting's Southern Paradise

Welcome to Woodruff Summer Camp for 2013! The Leader Update(s) will provide needed information that will allow you to better plan your adventure at Woodruff in 2013. We will also post all updates on atlantabsa.org/woodruff.

Thank you for choosing Woodruff as your destination in 2013, we promise you an experience not to be equaled at any other summer camp.

Notes from the Program Director (Fred Gates)

Balanced Program - The best program at camp is the one that offers a healthy balance between recreation and advancement, free time and structured activity, group events and individual pursuits. Each Scout should be allowed to enjoy his surroundings, pursue his interests and build friendships.

There are more activities at camp than anyone can accomplish in a single week, which is why we suggests Scouts and Adult Leaders select a small number of activities to enjoy rather than trying to cram too many experiences into the week.

Scouts and Adult Leaders are not obligated to take part in every activity. Young Scouts in particular seem to enjoy spending their week fishing, catching frogs, and swimming, rather than being rushed from activity to activity; it is important to remember that Scouts grow and learn just as much from these leisurely pursuits as they do from earning Merit Badges and picking up camping skills.

One of the goals of the Boy Scouts is to foster a love of the outdoors, and sometimes that is best accomplished by simply being outdoors.

Here are some tips:

Be aware of which badges require the most skill, endurance, or written work, since those will require more time during the week. Examples of these are: Environmental Science, Lifesaving, Archery, Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting, Pottery and Climbing.

Merit badge work at camp can be made easier if the Scout does some advanced work at home. Camp is not an ideal place for Scouts to complete written work. Scouts can prepare by completing their written work before arrival. Obtaining the Merit Badge pamphlet and at least knowing the requirements is a great place to start.

Don't forget to schedule rest time. That's right, rest. Too often Scouts don't take the time to sit back and enjoy the beauty Mother Nature has to offer. This goes for Scoutmasters as well.

Program Registration Website:
Program registration will open beginning in April. Refer to the 2013 Leader Guide for additional info. Program registration opens to registered units that are current with their February 1 payments. You will not be able to "log in" to the site prior to your start date. Again, program registration will be done on the www.atlantabsacamp.org website beginning with a staggered registration starting on April 1st. An separate leader update/email will be sent out later this month with sign-up instructions.

Camp Information/Website:
This year all of the camp information, forms and links will be maintained on the Atlanta Area Council website: atlantabsa.org/woodruff,

Again, we will use the council website (atlantabsa.org) to post camp info. The camp website; www.atlantabsacamp.org will only be used beginning with program registration in April.

Camp Stats:
Woodruff is **full** for all weeks. Occasionally there may be some slots open, but this is not likely. Be sure to make your 1st payment, since units that fail to pay, risk getting dropped from camp.
PS: Late notice – we might be able to accommodate 1 or 2 small troops in Week #6.

Leader Guide for 2013:
The Leader Guide for camp has been posted to the Woodruff Summer camp page; atlantabsa.org/woodruff. Here is the link:
http://atlantabsa.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=119265

Camp Forms:
Look for more forms and additional information to be posted. Recent additions; Merit Badge Pre-Requisites, Mountain Man – What's Covered, Early Arrival, Arrival by Bus, Provisional Camping form, User Guide for online registration, Roster Upload Instructions and more.
Check: www.atlantabsa.org/woodruff often for updates. Link: http://www.atlantabsa.org/boy-scout-summer-camp/woodruff-summer-camp/woodruff-2013-summer-camp-program-information/49934

Merit Badge / Activity Schedule:
Be sure to reference this document for details on class listings/schedules. Also use the Merit Badge Pre-Requisites form to assist in your planning

Handicraft Kit Prices
Reference the Merit Badge Pre-Requisites form, it lists the estimated price for kits.

Leader Training Reservation Form and Schedule:
This year, all adult training opportunities that require pre-camp registration will be on one form (not on the program website) that must be completed and sent to the AAC. Courses that will be on this form; Scoutmaster Training, Red Cross C-Pro and CPR, Red Cross First Aid, Red Cross WRFA, Advanced Outdoor Cooking. Look for this form to be available by the 2nd week of April.
Note: Changes in pricing of Red Cross classes/certifications have caused this form to be delayed.

Provisional Campers:
If you have Scouts that are looking to add a 2nd week to their Woodruff Experience, or just need to come on a different week from your troop, then refer them to the Provisional Camper form at atlantabsa.org/woodruff. Provisional programs are only offered on camp week's 5, 6, 7.

Facebook for Woodruff:
We maintain a facebook page for Woodruff. If you are a FB user, you can follow activities and events at camp, as well as enjoy some pictures of past activities. Look for: www.Facebook.com/WoodruffSR

Promo Video – 2013 Woodruff:
We have an updated video available for your viewing and recruiting pleasure! Just follow this link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ZCdmuc6ADk. We will be posting another video soon, but this is a great intro to Woodruff. Look on the website: www.atlantabsa.org/woodruff , for links to this and other promotional videos.

Moisture Wicking T-shirts – Available:
If your unit has an interest in a real nice moisture wicking t-shirt, they are available for pre-order. Check out the form at: atlantabsa.org/woodruff. http://www.atlantabsa.org/document/2013-woodruff-moisturewicking-custom-troop-t-shirts-030913/123618

Unit Custom Camp T-Shirt – Available:
If you are looking at a better value traditional camp T (50/50 blend), check out the order form for this year's custom T-shirt. http://www.atlantabsa.org/document/2013-t-shirts-custom-summercamp-030913/123617

1st Payment Due – February 1st:
A reminder that $100 per scout was due by February 1, 2013 to the Atlanta Area Council. Calculate this payment based on your best estimate of youth attending camp. No leader fees are due at this time. Your unit will not be able to access the Online Program Registration site if your February payment ($100 per Scout) has not been made. Please use the payment form at this link: http://www.atlantabsa.org/document/2013-boy-scout-summer-camp-payment-form-woodruff-011013/120497

Unit Updates:
Please remember to keep us updated on any Point of Contact (POC) changes for your unit. If you would like to make any changes, email the change to Donna Horne – Program Center Assistant at email: dohorne@bsamail.org. You do have the option to have a second contact name. Note: The Point of Contact (POC) of record will receive all information distributed. The POC then should share this information with their unit.

Special Note / Troop Participant #'s: Units have until 2 weeks prior to camp to adjust their numbers. If they are already registered, it is ok to add more Scouts. If you see large changes in numbers (+/-), please notify Donna Horne immediately either by email or letter.

Special Requests:
You will have the opportunity when the program website opens in April, to record any "special requests" that impact your unit or individuals in your unit. Note that this is the ONLY WAY to communicate those issues/challenges to us. Those requests might impact medical support, food allergies, campsite location, electricity, etc. Please **do not** communicate those items to us in any other medium.

Thank again for choosing Woodruff as your camp destination in 2013!