

## SWAPA FAQ

### Where and when is SWAPA Happening?

SWAPA will take place at Camp Rainey Mountain in Clayton, GA from September 30 - October 2, 2023.

### What are the costs and fees for SWAPA?

Activity Patch is included in the cost of the event. Additional Patches are available for sale during the event.

#### Costs:

##### Youth:

\$20 before September 2nd

\$25 after September 2nd but before September 16th

\$30 after September 16th but before September 30th

##### Adult:

\$10 before September 2nd

\$15 after September 2nd but before September 16th

\$20 after September 16th but before September 30th

#### Food:

\$25 (limited to the first 300 registrants). Covers Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Sunday Breakfast - 4 Meals total

#### Extras:

Ammo - \$5 (unlimited rounds) Purchase at check-in.

Scoutcraft Kits - Various Pricing, available for purchase at the trading post

Fishing Bait and supplies - Various Pricing, available for purchase at the trading post

#### Staff (Youth & Adult):

\$35 (Food Included)

\$15 Saturday Only Volunteers (no meals)

### What accommodations can we expect at SWAPA?

Troops will be assigned a campsite, requests for campsites will not be granted. The logistics team will do their best to avoid shared campsites, however it will depend on the number of event participants. Provisional Scouts will be formed into a provisional troop for the weekend of the event.

Staffers will be housed in the staff cabins.

Adult Volunteers not attending with their troop will have access to the adult staff area.

### What is the leadership structure for SWAPA?

Our event is supported by teams of Adult and Youth volunteers from Sweetwater and Apalachee Districts. Our event committee boasts 15 experienced and passionate adult volunteers, adult volunteers to assist on the day and a dedicated youth staff led by our youth SPL.

A secondary mission of this event is to offer Scouts another opportunity to hone their leadership skills and shape the program to the needs of current scouts in their district. Each program station will be supported by an adult lead. Certain stations, like shooting sports, will follow all NCAP standards and guidelines.

### What program areas will be open at SWAPA?

Currently, we have 8-10 program areas scheduled for Scouts to explore, depending on participant numbers. Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, COPE, Climbing, Dragon Boats, Scout Skills, Handicraft, Orienteering, games, and more to be determined.

Scouts can choose the events they wish to participate in. Most program sessions will be individually attended, not troop attended. There are six session times and most are walk ups. There may be opportunities for units to compete as a troop/crews/patrols during scout games such as ultimate frisbee.

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### **How will check in/out be handled?**

Troops will arrive Friday evening and check-in. There will be an SPL/Leader Meeting on Friday evening going through the schedule and events. This must be attended by each troop. To check out, each unit will be responsible for packing out their trash and completing a campsite inspection before they can checkout at SWAPA HQ.

### **What Shooting Sports will we have, and how will it be handled?**

We will have .22 Rifles and Shotguns available to shoot, Pistols during the cowboy action shoot (14+). Ammo can be purchased at check in. There will be two dedicated safety briefings. Participants, youth or adult, must attend one briefing in order to shoot during the weekend.

Volunteer Instructors are certified NRA Instructors and meet all BSA safety requirements.

#### *Cowboy Action Shooting - Youth and Adult Competitions*

The program offers a fun and safe introduction to cowboy action shooting with pistols, rifles, and shotguns. While attending camp, Boy Scouts and Venturers 14 years of age or older can take part in a special shooting experience with opportunities to shoot single-action .22-caliber pistols, lever action .22-caliber rifles, and 12-gauge or 20-gauge shotguns.

In various old-time western scenarios, Scouts play "good guys" who prove their accuracy by shooting at things like spinning metal targets where they hit the spinner to "ring the bell." All shooters choose their own cowboy action names before starting so the NRA instructors—dressed in cowboy attire—can call them by those names

### **Will there be High Adventure activities?**

There are many high adventure opportunities for Scouts and Crews (age listed) to participate.

- Crate Stacking Challenge (14+)
- Cowboy Action Shooting (14+)
- Scavenger Challenge
- Dragon Boats (Cardboard Regatta)

### **What is the Cardboard Regatta?**

Boats can only be made out of cardboard, duct tape. Flextape, foam, surfboards, sealants etc. are not allowed. There is a max of two crew members in the boat for each team. Multiple boats can be entered per troop, but crew members are only allowed to sail once. Full rules and regulations are available.

We will have an Aquatics Director present as well as adult and youth staffers.

Program areas will be closed during the competition so everyone has an opportunity to participate.

### **3 Award Categories**

- Clipper Cup - Fastest Boat
- Titanic Award - Most Dramatic Sinking
- Spirit Award - Best decorated/most creative boat and costumes

### **Is there a Dutch Oven Competition, how will that happen?**

Adult and Youth Competitions for the best Dutch Oven Dessert. Participants will need to bring their own cooking supplies and dutch ovens. Cooking will occur at each campsite, finished desserts will be presented to the judges outside of the Dining Hall. Winners will be awarded the Silver Spoon.

### **Will the Scouting Museum be open?**

Will be open for set hours during the weekend. Schedule will be provided in the program guide.

### **Will the Trading Post be open?**

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