

Northeast Georgia Council's SPRING FAMILY CAMPING



at **CAMP RAINEY MOUNTAIN**

April 24-26, 2026

Parent & Leader Program Guide Book

SCOUT OATH + LAW + THE OUTDOOR CODE = SAFETY



We start this guide with some words about safety. SAFETY FIRST! This guide has safety tips woven throughout the topics. While we are enjoying the outdoors and having fun, as at all scouting events, the underlying rules for personal and group behavior are the ideals found in Scouting: the Scout Law, Scout Oath, and the Outdoor Code.

Scout Law

A Scout is:
Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful,
Friendly, Courteous, Kind,
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty,
Brave, Clean and Reverent.

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best,
To do my duty to God and my country,
and To obey the Scout Law,
To help other people at all times,
To keep myself physically strong,
Mentally awake, and morally straight.

Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to –
Be Clean in my outdoor manners,
Be Careful with fire
Be Considerate in the outdoors, and
Be Conservation-minded.

The Mission of Scouting

“The mission of Scouting America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.”

All attendees are held to the above statements. As members of Scouting America, it is our expectation that all campers and their family adults will demonstrate the same positive values during interactions with staff and each other, as role modeled by the adults around them. Furthermore, these statements, as well as the Scouters Code of Conduct (found in the appendix) should form the foundation of all interaction.

Purpose Of Spring Family Camping

The purpose of the Northeast Georgia Council's Spring Family Camp is to have fun, while strengthening the bonds between a cub scout and their parents/guardians through Scouting. The experience provides a fun, outdoor experience for Cub Scouts and their families. Spending time at camp offers parents a great chance to share quality time with their children. It is a place for parents to see what Scouting is about and to become one of the gang - making memories and sharing experiences. Although activities at Spring Family Camp may count towards advancement for the Cub Scout, the primary focus of the camp is fun, in the outdoors for all participants.

The council-wide invitation to all cub scout packs allows cub scouts and their families to see the wider community of cub scouting, beyond their pack and district, to experience camp programs safely with themed-based fun, through various activities, some of which can only be done outdoors at a council or district level event, while still partially earning some of the elective adventures for the respective ranks.

Following this guide as well as some of the other event documents on the website will help all of us stay safe at Spring Family Camp at Camp Rainey Mountain and still have fun!

Outdoor Camping In General

Cub Scouting offers overnight camping opportunities for Cub Scouts through various types of camps: long-term camps, Arrow of Light den overnight campouts, council-organized short-term or family camps, and pack overnights.

Organized camping is a creative, educational experience in cooperative groups. It uses the natural surroundings to contribute significantly to physical, mental, spiritual, and social growth.

- Camping contributes to good health.
- Camping helps campers develop self-reliance and resourcefulness.
- Camping enhances spiritual growth.
- Camping contributes to social development.
- Camping is an experience in citizenship training.

Welcome to Spring Family Camp!

We are so excited to have you join us in our last spring adventure!

This guide and the other online documents will help you be better prepared with the basics of camping safely while having fun. **The packing list is a good starting point!**

On behalf of all the volunteers in Admin Team and the Station Staff, as well as the professional staff from Northeast Georgia Council, we thank you for committing the weekend to our youth.

See you Soon!

Spring Family Admin Team

GENERAL SPRING FAMILY INFORMATION

What Is Spring Family Camping?

Spring Family is an exciting camping weekend where cub scout families within the Northeast Georgia Council, as well as nearby councils, can join in fun and challenging events, apply leaderships skills and engage in fellowship with Scouts outside of their own Pack. The most important part of Spring Family is for Scouts, Scouters and parents/legal guardians to have FUN! The activities are designed for cubs to have fun, while practicing or learning various Scout Skills as well as teamwork among the dens.

Spring Family Theme

Every Spring Family has a fun theme to promote spirit within the all Packs. The theme this year is “*Navigating Your Way*.” Units are encouraged to incorporate the theme into their pack yells and chants.

Spring Family Camp 2026 has integrated Outdoor Ethics on a very basic level, including the appreciation of nature through the theme itself, *Navigating Your Way*. Activities use elements of nature as well encourage the appreciation of nature in its natural setting. This guide has interlaced the Leave No Trace Seven Principles (LNT) with the various tips and suggestions. The appendix lists the Seven Principles as well as the Youth Version of the words.

For additional information and tips:

<https://scoutlife.org/outdoors/outdoorarticles/168377/9-things-to-know-about-outdoor-ethics/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG8tOygbD4kLVm2gp0-IBGQ/videos>

Spring Family Location

Camp Rainey Mountain, 1494 Rainey Mountain Road, Clayton, GA 30525

DIRECTIONS TO Camp Rainey Mountain

Your GPS directions MAY NOT be correct! Basically located “Approximately 6 miles west of South Carolina and 12 miles south of North Carolina”.

DO NOT USE WARWOMAN ROAD

Google Earth: N34.51’54.92 W83.20’35.60

From Atlanta...

1. Take I-85 North to I-985 North (Towards Gainesville)
2. Stay on I-985 North, this will become Ga. 365 North
3. Stay on Ga. 365 North, this will merge with US 441 North
4. Stay on US 441 into Clayton, Ga.
5. Turn Right at the light on US 76 East
 - a. Walgreens is on the right, McDonald’s is on the left
6. Go 4.2 miles to Rainey Mountain Road
 - a. Look for the brown “**RAINEY MTN SCOUT CAMP**” sign on the right side, just a bit before you need to turn LEFT; Keep a sharp eye out...it’s easy to miss!
7. Look for the granite Camp Rainey Mountain sign on the left corner of that intersection. Turn left.
8. Be mindful of oncoming traffic and neighborhood pets and other wildlife. Continue. The road dead ends into camp.
9. Once you reach the main gate, turn right, into the upper parking lot for temporary check-in parking, and check-in at the Admin Porch.



Spring Family Camping Council Staff

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Camp Cost And Refund Policy

This year's Spring Family cost structure will follow the single cost structure utilized last year, per each family unit. Family unit: the immediate family of the cub scout(s), their 17-year-old and younger siblings, and their parent/legal guardian(s). Extended family adults are not permitted unless they are BSA registered leaders.

When	Amount Per Family (1 per registration)
Early (before 3/26):	\$36 per Family
Regular (3/27-4/16):	\$40 per Family
Late/On-Site (4/17-4/20) (4/25 & 4/26):	\$50 per Family

All food is an additional cost and should be planned of arrival. There is no food service at Spring Family Camp. Please coordinate with your den or pack!

Staff Registration

All attendees must register for this event. This is for security, liability insurance, as well as for any emergency situations. We need to be able to tell any first responders the amount of people we have, in addition to knowing "who" still needs to be located and marked safe.

If you have a cub scout, you still need to do the cub scout family registration for this event: <https://www.nega-bsa.org/family-camp>

If you have NO cub scout and are a registered leader assisting at this event (even at just the unit level if your unit desperately needs you), please Wesley.Rhodes@scouting.org. All *event* staff: Be prepared to send a copy of your SYT certification, Hazardous Weather certification, and other relevant documents.

Refund Policy For Northeast Georgia Council

Payments for Scouting events are non-refundable. Event fees can be credited towards another NE-Georgia Council events taking place during the same calendar year as the original event. Please contact the camping office for more information.

Cool Weather/Rain Camping

This event is a Rain or Shine event. The Council follows the Guide to Safe Scouting for cold weather camping. Please come prepared with additional dry clothes and bedding in case the weather is cooler or wetter than you planned. Wearing closed-toed shoes (a requirement) and dry socks will help not only with the cool weather, but keep your feet safe from the environment, too.

Adults: **Consider enabling WEA (Wireless Emergency Alerts) on your phone.**

<https://gema.georgia.gov/plan-prepare/alerts-and-warnings>

ARRIVING & DEPARTING

Driving And Parking



SAFETY FIRST: Please move at 7 mph when people are present. Headlights and 4-way flashers MUST be on when driving in the campsite areas. Scouts and Parents may be walking on the roads and in the parking area. Keep in mind, that children often *run ahead of*, (or sometimes lag behind) their adults; extra caution by drivers is required.

For check-in parking and event parking, please park in the designated grass area. Do not park on the roads or block any of the buildings. Friday vehicles will be permitted to unload near the respective campsite, but most park overnight in the grass parking lot.

Arriving

- **Friday:** Families may begin arriving with check-in beginning at 5:30 PM on Friday. If you arrive before 5:30 PM, please wait with/for your group in the parking lot until check-in begins. The campsite gate will remain closed until that time. We ask that no families or units arrive before 5:00 PM so that the volunteer staff can be set up and ready for your arrival.
- **Saturday:** Please Park carefully, and go to admin for check-in. As the campsite gate will not open until Sunday departure, be prepared to walk any gear in.

Check In

Each family should send an adult (if there are two in the family), to the check-in area at the Admin Porch. Otherwise, please bring your cub scout(s) with you. There will be multiple lines to facilitate a more efficient check-in process. All staff must also check-in.

Once the family (or staff) has been cleared, a check-in packet will be issued. The packet will contain information for the event, appropriate family (or staff) group wristbands, and the respective campsite assignment.

All Attendees, (including staff, adults, and youth), are issued a wristband. This is for a variety of reasons: registration, Saturday unit rotations, attendance, head counts, and overall security. The wristband must be worn for the entire event.

Unit leaders may NOT “check in” their entire unit. Each family is required to check in separately. This is done for attendance, head counts for rotations, general health and safety reasons, as well as for security. Thank you for understanding.

Vehicles:

All vehicles need to be parked in the grass parking lot. Each vehicle should have a vehicle form placed on the dashboard, once it has been completed, including the campsite location. This is in case camp staff needs to ask a vehicle to move. The form is located on the website:

<https://www.nega-bsa.org/files/55377/2025-Vehicle-Registration>

Quick Need to Know

- **Check-In:** Every pack family. All staff. Park in the parking lot and walk to the check-in area.
- **Medical Forms:** Every single person attending needs a medical form. Either in a pack binder to the Friday leader’s meeting or by individual (to go into the unit binder onsite). Otherwise, **Bring a copy of ALL medical forms.**
- **Medical Screening:** All families and staff should have done a prior to arrival.
- **Friday Arrivals Check-In:** 5:30pm (through 8:30pm) o Friday Check-In
Area: By Admin.
Look for Check-In Signage. All families and staff must check-in.
o Friday Arrivals:
Expect that you will be able to drive to your campsite to unload your gear.
- **Saturday Arrivals:** Check-In at Admin. Expect that you will walk your gear to the campsite.
- **Pack Trailers:** Due to the size of this event, pack and personal trailers are not encouraged. All campsites are shared with multiple units. Please plan accordingly.

Unloading Vehicles

Friday: Each family may request a temporary UNLOADING / LOADING Vehicle permit for the respective campsite.

There are only 2 permits available per campsite, for 15 minutes. The purpose would be to promptly unload the vehicle and then return the vehicle to the main parking lot, and the Vehicle Permit to the Gate Personnel (or to the check-in line). Setting up the tent and other gear should be done after you have parked your car in the field. A delay in returning the permit means the next family is waiting on “you” to return in. A scout is courteous!

Vehicles are NOT permitted to park overnight at campsites for security and emergency safety reasons. The parking lot is the ONLY permissible parking space.

There are limited camp service vehicles operating during this event, and even those are instructed to move only during sessions, not during walking transitions, whenever possible, so as to limit the potential for accidents.

Visitors

Human visitors are welcome at camps. They need to sign in and out at the admin office. For the safety and protection of our campers, all visitors will be required to show a picture ID and wear a wristband while in camp. Visitors should be prepared to walk into camp as no vehicles are permitted.

Pets are not permitted. They are **safer not at camp** due to excited youth campers who may not know how to safely approach and behave around unknown animals.

Saturday Arrivals

Park in a parking lot. Arrive before 8:30 AM to participate in all activities. Check in at the admin building porch and receive your family packet. Put on your wristbands. Be ready to show your medical forms for EVERYONE in your family. The Saturday orientation will begin at 8:30 AM. If you plan to arrive after 9:30 am, please reach out to wesley.rhodes@scouting.org so we will have someone there to check you in.

BRING your temperature-safe lunch with you, in your day pack. The best time to walk in any camp gear will be at lunch time, after you eat. Wagons with thick wheels can be useful if you own one. For safety and security reasons, the campsite gates will not open until Sunday’s departures.

Item To Remember

Make sure your Saturday arrivals check in with Spring Family Admin staff before they participate in events. (You’ll know if they are wearing the correct wristband!) Anyone NOT wearing a wristband needs to check in with admin.

Departing and Check Out



SAFETY FIRST: Each family (and all staff) need to check out with admin before leaving camp; we want to know that you have indeed left. Use this opportunity to double check lost and found.

LEAVE NO TRACE. Please remember to help clean up the campsite and gather any trash. Trash bags should either be taken home with you or placed **into** the dumpster in the parking lot. There is NO roadside pickup of trash bags. Keep our Scoutland clean! LNT #3

Saturday departing families and staff must walk their gear to their vehicle as the campsite gates do not open until Sunday morning. Please check out at the admin building.

Sunday departing families: The campsite gate will be unlocked by 7:00 AM. Please pack up your gear, clean up the campsite, and gather any trash. Have personal gear (and trash bags) ready to go, as close as possible to the “road” nearest your campsite – BEFORE checking out with admin, and BEFORE retrieving your vehicle. Temporary Vehicle Loading Passes may be borrowed from admin. Check out by 10:00 AM Sunday. Only staff vehicles should be on site by 11:00 AM.

Pro Tip for Everyone:

Individual day packs should have the cub scout 6 essentials, especially a filled bottle of water.



<https://vimeo.com/498051015>

PLANNING FOR SPRING FAMILY

Supervisory Ratio

Any group that has adults with children who are not their children, must have a minimum of 2 Scouting America registered adult leaders. A campsite group, for the purpose of this event, will be the families assigned to a particular campsite. Rotation groups will consist of approximately 20-40 cub scouts and their respective family adults and any youth siblings. Most of the members of that rotation group will belong to the same pack. Smaller unit groups may be grouped together for the purpose of rotations, as well as campsite assignments.

Each family group must be led by an adult relative (18 years+) related to the registered Cub Scout. Cub Scouts cannot attend without an adult relative.

Per the Guide to Safe Scouting (<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/>): Cub Scout parents or legal guardians taking part in an overnight Cub Scout program with their own child or legal ward are not required to register as leaders. All adults must review the "**How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide**" that can be found in the front of each Cub Scout Handbook. In addition, the parent or legal guardian must be accompanied by a registered leader at any time they are with youth members other than their own child/ward. All other overnight adults must be currently registered in an adult fee required position.

Camp Rainey Mountain Amenities

LEAVE NO TRACE: Be prepared; it's not just the Scouting America motto, it's also an important life skill. Know before you go; read the guide, review the packing list <https://www.nega-bsa.org/files/55379/Spring-Family-Camping-Packing-List> and the other documents on the website <https://www.nega-bsa.org/family-camp>. Pack/Bring what you need: Weather appropriate clothing, camping gear, food, water, and other scouting essentials. BSA Medical Form. Adults, bring a charged phone with the weather alerts enabled. Consider an extra battery pack for your phone. LNT #1

While Camp Rainey Mountain is set in nature, there are some modern amenities available/provided:

- **Campsites** are shared by several units. The best possible fit for all attending and pre-registered packs are taken under consideration when campsite assignments are made.
- **Electricity** in most campsites, for purposes of *medical devices*.
- **Potable Water** located near most campsites, including at outdoor washing stations/sinks.
- **Picnic tables:** At least 1 per campsite.
- **Fire ring:** At least 1 per campsite. Bring your own grill or grate or charcoal chimneys and other needed cooking gear.
- **Pavillion:** Most campsites have a pavilion.
- **TENT Space and Platforms:** 97% attending families will TENT in their own provided tent. Several of the campsites have wooden tent platforms that will fit beneath a small family tent. Wherever possible, please use the platforms, safely. If the family tent is too large for a platform, please pitch the tent elsewhere.
- **Adirondacks:** Several of the campsites have three-sided sleeping shelters, known here as Adirondacks. These have bunk beds (thin mattresses) with guard rails on the upper bunks. Some of these will sleep just two persons, and some up to eight persons. If considering these, please provide your own tarp with grommets to help block the weather elements. Use is not guaranteed by any unit or family.
- **Latrines and bathhouses:** Most campsites are near an actual bathhouse (showers, sinks and toilets) and the nearby units are required to share in the cleaning duties; Some campsites have additional outdoor latrines.
 - **Barrier free** facilities (showers and bathrooms) are located at: the Johnson & Johnson site, as well as near the Cornelia, Maupin and Alto campsites.
- **Flag Pole:** There is at least one flag pole at each campsite. Units may post their own colors or even a district flag if they brought one.
- **Nature:** Birds, Insects and other Wildlife, Lake (no swimming please), Plants (Flowers, Bushes, Trees), Cleaner Air (minimal car pollution), the Sounds of Nature, the Scenic VIEWS, Sunrises and Sunsets, the STARS, etc.
 - **LEAVE NO TRACE:** Please leave what you find so that others can enjoy nature in all its beauty, but Trash the Trash. (Leave nothing but footprints ON THE PATH and take only pictures.) LNT #3, 4, 6, 7
- **Cell Service.** Cell service may be very intermittent throughout the camp property. *We encourage all attendees to be mindfully present during camp*, to positively and safely Navigate through the camp program. Phone calls and emails should be checked before heading up the mountain to camp. Emergency calls can be made at the admin office using the landline.



- **Wi-Fi Service.** Wi-Fi service will be very limited throughout the camp property. Some signal may be detectable near the dining hall or outside the admin building. The admin wi-fi band is the smallest, is used for the camp admin/program needs and therefore that password can **not** be shared. Thank you for understanding and being mindfully present with your cub scout, your family, and your pack.

Toilet And Bathhouse Facilities

There are several restrooms/bathhouses located across Camp Rainey Mountain. Stalls are for single use (one person at a time). The larger facilities have separate entrances (designated by signs) for both genders as well as for Youth and Adults. Per Youth Protection Policies, all individuals should use the appropriate facility. *A scout is respectful.*

Each group will have a shift at cleaning parts of the bathhouse. Shift sign-up will likely be done at the leader's meeting on Friday. *A scout is clean.*

BRING A ROLL! While the bathrooms are initially stocked with toilet paper, sometimes stalls run out of toilet paper sooner than anticipated. Please let admin know, but **BRING A ROLL** with you to the bathroom; you will need it before you tell admin.... *A scout is thrifty.*

Trading Post

Be sure to visit the Trading Post, near Handicrafts, (as you go to or leave Crafts, Archery and BBs). The Trading Post will be open on Saturday, and offers a variety of items, including uniforms, special Camp Rainey Mountain souvenirs and assorted snacks.

Campsites In General

Campsites will be assigned by Unit size for registrations done on time. Smaller groups will be grouped together. All Families/Packs must plan and provide all their own meals for the event and bring all their own camping and cooking equipment. Unit requests for particular campsites will be taken under consideration but not guaranteed. All campsites are used and shared by several units.

Fire Rings / Campfire



SAFETY FIRST: Please keep all fires contained within the provided fire rings in your campsite; a five gallon bucket of water and a rake or shovel should be nearby. As always, fires must not be left unattended.

Units may also cook with propane or gas stoves that they bring. Liquid fuels are prohibited per the Guide to Safe Scouting. It is also recommended that all units provide fire extinguishers appropriate for the fuel being used in case of cooking area fires.

No flames or heaters are allowed in tents.

In NO case, should youth or adults try to fight fires that are out of control. Fire emergencies should be reported to the camp ranger, the staff advisor or the event chair. (Tell Admin!)



LEAVE NO TRACE: Using the established fire ring helps to protect the area. Watching the fire, making sure it is always under control, as well as completely extinguishing it is part of Leaving No Trace. LNT #5

- Each campsite has an established fire ring. There are no grills or grates over these fire-rings. Units are permitted to use the fire ring for cooking, and if they need a grill or grate, or charcoal chimney or other similar items, they need to be family / unit provided.
- Firewood. Most campsites have available firewood lying around the campsite.
 - **GLOVES** would be a good idea for collecting and handling firewood. Some wildlife, including insects and spiders may be using the wood as a habitat.
- Chopping wood and bushes is to be done by the Camp Ranger only. LNT #4 & 5
- Please make sure **ALL FIRES** are fully extinguished. Sometimes they like to re-light themselves; please pour lots of water (or use the proper extinguisher) on them.

Making a Campfire, from the Webelos Handbook: <https://www.scouting.org/cub-scout-activities/build-a-fire/>

Camp-Fire Safety: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/camp-fire-safety/>

Behavior Around Campfires: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/camp-fire-behavior/>

Meal Planning And Cooking

COORDINATE your meal planning with your fellow participants ahead of time, especially cooking equipment! Food is NOT included in the event registration fee, nor is the dining hall kitchen staffed. This event is **NOT** serving food. Units and families need to plan, bring and cook their own food for the weekend. Some packs plan and coordinate the weekend's meals. Some coordinate just one communal meal. Some prefer families do all planning and cooking on their own due to allergies, special dietary needs and accommodations. Please ask your pack and den leader regarding this. There will likely be an additional cost to reimburse any food for communal purposes.

Families (unless planned by Den or Pack) should BRING...

- **Nutritious FOOD** for the whole weekend. Most families eat before their Friday arrival and bring a Friday evening snack. Plan for 3 meals on Saturday and a Saturday snack. Plan for a lighter Sunday breakfast.
- Cooler (and ice) and sturdy/lockable Dry Food Storage Container. Think SAFE. Cold foods need to be kept cold. Dry foods kept dry. All foods need to be cooked safely (temperature, cleaning etc). Leftovers stored properly. All food prep and meal areas cleaned and sanitized thoroughly and properly.
 - *Camp Rainey Mountain is in its natural environment. Which means insects and wildlife...*
- A sturdy trash bag, ie a contractor bag. If at all possible, if you pack it in, please pack it out. Otherwise, there is a dumpster in the parking lot. **TRASH YOUR TRASH! LNT #3**
- A (small) camp stove and propane, alternatively you can bring a trail grate over one of the provided fire pits and cook open fire! Provide your own CHARCOAL and chimney starter. Scouts should NEVER use liquid lighter fluid.
- Packs should consider at least a two-burner camp stove.
- Pot, skillet or pan, coffee pot, dutch oven and needed accessories
- Cooking utensils, eating utensils, re-usable plates and bowls (we ask that you **LIMIT** the use of paper and disposable products for conservation and waste management purposes while at camp!)
- Wash basin, rinse basin, sanitize basin, "camp" dish soap, (potable running water available near camp sites)

Packs should especially remember:

That since each campsite is shared/occupied by several packs, strongly consider bringing

- "signage" for your pack (think for YOUR portable table, canopy, pack level items)
- Pop-up canopy or dining fly - optional/recommended; Most campsites have a pavilion.
- a small folding table to use as the food prep (or camp stove) cooking area.
- Large plastic tote with snap-on or lockdown lid to store dry food.
- Large chest cooler for the "cold" food; be sure to pick up ICE before (ice is not available at camp)
- Gallon drink cooler for water bottle refilling

Food Safety: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/food-borne-illness/>

Sustainability And Trash; Please LEAVE NO TRACE

Spring Family has set a goal to be a zero-impact event. Units will be encouraged to follow the LEAVE NO TRACE guidelines. Please plan your weekend to help minimize our impact. Burning trash is not an option. LNT #3

Each unit is responsible for their campsite's cleanliness. How?

- 1) Think less paper products and more "re-usable" and "washable". Consider using the 3 container method to wash mess tins: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/03/30/how-to-wash-dishes-at-campsite/>
- 2) "Police lines" or "Trash lines" are often helpful before the unit leaves the campsite. Units and families should bring A sturdy trash bag, ie a contractor bag. If at all possible, if you pack it in, please pack it out. Otherwise, there is a dumpster in the parking lot. Thank you for Trashing the Trash. LNT #3

Rainey Mountain Grace

Through the spirit of camping,
may you bless this food,
Great Creator.
May it keep us strong and steadfast,
in service, devotion, and
conservation,
for the tranquility of these hills.
Amen
Written by Daniel Victorio,
CRM Staff 1994



PROGRAM INFORMATION

Schedule of Events

Parent Orientation / Leader's Meeting

Every unit needs to send at least one adult, preferably a leader, to the Friday evening meeting. All station staff already at camp on Friday should attend the Friday meeting. SATURDAY morning arrivals will attend the Saturday meeting.

Friday's meeting will be at the H. Randolph Holder Dining Hall, starting at 9:30 PM. Saturday's meeting will be on the admin porch, at 8:35 AM.



H Randolph Holder Dining Hall

Meeting Agenda:

1. Review of the unit's medical forms for EVERY PERSON in attendance. Preferably in a unit labeled binder, alpha order, split between youth and adults. Saturday's arrivals should bring their own medical forms.
2. Review the weekend schedule, noting any changes. Further changes may be announced at the Opening Ceremony.
3. Leaders will receive their specific color rotation schedule for Saturday's activities.
4. Reminders for safety and Youth Protection.
5. Emergency Procedures.
6. Other items as necessary.



Please note that the dining hall kitchen is not staffed, and therefore the dining hall does not serve any food. Due to the expected size of the attendance at this Friday evening orientation / meeting, we are being given permission to use the building. The building is also being used for the rangemaster training.

General Program/Activity Descriptions



SAFETY FIRST: Spring Family Camp at Camp Rainey Mountain is in a NATURAL environment. The main road has loose rocks, pits, and dirt (mud), and has rain overflow ditches on either side in most areas. The foot paths may have tree roots, rocks and dirt (mud). BE OBSERVANT. WALK everywhere. Station passing time is 10 minutes...more than enough to WALK there and still get to the nearest latrine/bathhouse. SHOES & SOCKS: Wear them. Should be closed toe & closed back. Athletic type is suggested. (Sneakers etc.)

LEAVE NO TRACE: Please stay on the main trails. Cutting through an unmarked area potentially hurts plants that might not grow back. LNT #2

OPTED IN

Below is a list of general descriptions of the Events your Scouts will do. All events are subject to change depending on available staffing, weather, particular facility availability. Any changes will be announced by Saturday morning at the Opening Ceremony. All dens/units are opted IN for scheduled activities. Groups that opt OUT of a scheduled activity may NOT opt to take another group's scheduled time for the respective activity.

CLOSED-TOE (and closed heel) shoes are important. Athletic-type of shoes are better. Shoes with holes in them unfortunately allow rocks and stinging or pinching insects (like bees and ants) to cause injuries. Shower shoes and slippers can be used while in the shower. Wearing appropriate shoes will help keep you and your family / unit safe.

All scheduled station activities are 25 minutes in length. Please make every effort to arrive one time, to hear the safety briefing and receive instruction. Late arrivals mean less time at that station. Most stations have important safety briefings, required for participation. Please make every effort to be on time.

Activity	Station?	Description	Location
Opening Ceremony, Saturday Morning		Welcome, Flag Raising, Safety Moment, Enrichments	Parade Field
Archery	Yes	Learn and shoot Archery. Session includes required safety briefing. Make sure you have a copy of the signed range permission form. Archery range participation is permitted for 5 years old and older. This is for the safety of all participants.	Archery Range
BB Devices	Yes	Learn and shoot BBs. Session includes required safety briefing. Make sure you have a copy of the signed range permission form. BBs device range participation is permitted for 6 years old and older. This is for the safety of all participants.	Rifle Range
Clay Craft	Yes	Making clay craft, plate or small bowl, with fun designs!	Boathouse Waterfront Shelters
Campfire Program, Saturday Evening		Skits and Songs, performed by the Packs	Stewart Amphitheater
Flag Ceremony, Saturday Late Afternoon		Retiring of the Colors	Parade Field
Skit and Songs	Yes	Prepare skits and songs for Campfire and have them approved;	Stewart Amphitheater

Activity	Station?	Description	Location
Airplanes and Slime	Yes	- Paper airplane building and competition - Slime creation - Coloring pages	<u>Bear Shelter</u>
Field Sports	Yes	Group games	Parade field
Fishing Horse Shoes	Yes	Safety tips, instruction, and casting. Catch and release. Bring your own Fishing gear (supplies are limited) Horseshoes is alternative activity	Meet in front of the tree by Admin (look for the pop-up)
Self- Led Games	Yes	Jenga, cornhole, frisbee, more!!	Bobwhite Shelter
Scout's Own cooldown time	Yes	Reverence, non-denominational, reflection, chill	Franklin Chapel
Scavenger Hunt	Yes	Turn in at Trading Post	Trading post porch

Notes About Ranges:

Due to the safety requirements of the ranges, there are minimum age requirements for participation.

Archery Range: 5 years old is the minimum age requirement

BB Device Range: 6 years old is the minimum age requirement



Prompt attendance is required at the respective range safety briefing, per the assigned time slot for your group. Missed safety briefings can not be made up as this impacts the respective group's time slot, as well as all following groups. Please take care of bathroom needs before arrival. There is a double sided restroom near the ranges, with female (youth and adults) and adult males able to use the outside single stall cubicles, and male youth the inside cubicles. Ranges are staffed by qualified and certified adult leaders who have taken additional training, specifically to staff cub ranges. Some of the staff may have higher qualifications, including USA Archery Level 1 and above Instructor and/or NRA Rifle Instructor, NRA Range Safety Officer, NRA Chief Range Safety Officer. The range staff are in charge of the range. If an eligible youth is unable to safely participate, the youth may be asked to leave the range. If an adult disrupts the range activities, the adult, and possibly the family youth may be asked to leave the range.

Written permission from the youth's legal guardian is required for participation at the respective range. Please download the form from the website, fill it and bring it with you. Smaller units may also do this.

Show the morning range staff. Submit the form at the afternoon range.

Website form location: <https://www.nega-bsa.org/files/55376/2025-Range-Permission-Form>

Adult participation at the range: Yes, take pictures, quietly. Everyone should leave with the same amount of holes and features as they arrived. Yes, listen to the range staff, and if need be, encourage your child to keep the "point" downfield, towards the target...not turning around with it, creating a unsafe environment. 5-year-olds and 6-year-olds MUST have their adult guardian with them at the range. Please ask the range staff where they want you placed. All persons ON the range must wear appropriate safety equipment.

Participation in the range activities is not required.

Missed range time should not be a source of frustration. Please do not ask the range staff to give up their lunch. They need to eat lunch with their family too! Need more range time? Summer camp often allows range time across several days in much smaller groups, and registration/attendance is highly recommended:

<https://www.nega-bsa.org/cs-twi-stem-cmp> . Special bonus for summer camp – those activities are for the 2026-2027 rank adventures! (Spring Family counts towards the 2025-2026 rank adventures.)

Fishing – Reminders & Special Notes



SAFETY FIRST: Please properly dispose of tangled and/or loose fishing lines and unusable hooks. LNT #3. Fishing is a scheduled activity, with initial safety tips and instruction. ON SHORE. Both feet, in closed toe shoes. Youth who are fishing must have their adult nearby.

LEAVE NO TRACE: Fishing is catch and release. If you need help extracting a hook from a fish safely, please ask for assistance from the fishing instructor and helpers. The main fishing instructor is a Certified Angler Instructor!

LNT #6

Since Lake Toccoa is a private lake, adults do not need a fishing license to fish. Please bring your own gear. All fishing must be done in the non-fenced areas. Permissible areas include in front of the admin building, in front of Ballard cabin, and in front of the amphitheater.

Fishing is sometimes an activity that is used as alternative by families and units, instead of another scheduled activity. If this is the case, all equipment must be provided by the family / unit. The equipment provided for the scheduled activity is for that particular group for that particular time slot.

BRING YOUR OWN FISHING GEAR

If you catch a fish, take a picture and post it on Facebook, with these tags:

#Camp Rainey Mountain #SpringFamily26 #NortheastGeorgiaCouncil

#CubScouts #ScoutingAmerica

Optional Activities

While all cub scout units are OPTED IN to all scheduled activities, not all units have experienced all there is Camp Rainey Mountain...and will want to explore.

If opting OUT of a scheduled activity, please let your unit leader know, and ADMIN. This helps us keep us all secure, and aware, in case of emergencies.

Remember, that fishing while a scheduled activity, is often used as an optional one....

HIKING: We ask that you let admin know if you (your family or your unit) goes hiking...Say which trail and who is going, to check out, to check back in. Please make sure you have your cub scout six essentials as a bare minimum, AND a radio or cell phone that will communicate with admin. Appropriate footwear is important. Please be mindful of the weather.

Waterfall / Nature Trail: The most appropriate one for cub scout units is the WATERFALL / NATURE TRAIL (In Camp). The beginning of this trail is located near Russell Campsite approximately 150 yards from the road. This is a great in-camp short patrol hike. There is a waterfall on this trail.

Nature Observation: On the trail, at your campsite, at the lake, on the way to a station. Bring a sketch book. Note the signs of animals and other signs of nature..

Closed EyeLid Contemplation or Nap On Safely: Refresh your battery. Quietly reflect on the role of rest/sleep and being mindful of your mental health as a dedicated adult in the Scouting Program. Sometimes youth need a refresher too. IF you already know you will be missing a scheduled activity, please let your unit leader know. Leaders should let Admin know.



Check it out!

Cub Scout catches RECORD BASS at Camp Rainey Mountain SPRING FAMILY CAMPING 2024

<https://youtube.com/shorts/zJ1VvZlhgD0?feature=share>

BIG ROCK TRAIL (In Camp)

The beginning of this trail is located across from the Demorest Campsite. This is a **STRENUOUS** hike and is not recommended for families with younger youth. It will take approximately 1 hour (for adults and older youth; longer for elementary aged and younger youth) to reach the top at Big Rock, but the view of Camp Rainey Mountain and the beautiful northeast Georgia mountains is worth the effort. Please be sure that everyone on your hike up to Big Rock takes water. Adults must accompany Scouts on this hike. There is a patch available for purchase in the Trading Post for those who complete this hike.

BARTRAM TRAIL (In Camp)

The Bartram Trail stretches from Georgia into North Carolina. The Georgia portion extends 38 miles in the Chattahoochee National Forest. This segment starts from the West Fork of the Chattooga River to the summit of Rabun Bald and on to the Georgia-North Carolina Border. There is good fishing along the way in the many streams that cross or run near the trail. Start from across the road near Demorest campsite. www.bartramtrail.org

PROGRAM EQUIPMENT

Every **scheduled** activity will have its own provided equipment to be used, with one exception: Fishing.

**** Families are encouraged to bring their own fishing equipment, including bait, as available equipment for this is limited.**

CAMPFIRE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Every Pack will participate in the Closing Campfire happening at Stewart Amphitheater. Please prepare a Skit, Song Or a series of Jokes to say in front of the whole Camp. Please see the Campfire Participation Form link on website.

A scout is respectful! Please remember this guidance when planning your skit:

- No name Calling, put-downs, Hazing
- No references to undergarments, nudity or bodily functions
- No cross-gender impersonation at any point in the skit
- No derogatory references to or stereotyping of ethnic or cultural backgrounds, economic situations, or disabilities
- No portrayal of sensitive social issues such as alcohol, drugs, gangs, guns, suicide, etc. – be mindful of this in song lyrics as well.
- Wasteful, ill-mannered, or improper use of food or water including wasting food in ANY way for comedic purpose is not allowed. You may not know the current situation of youth and adults who are in the audience. Many may not have adequate food at home and the wasting of food in any way would further point out this disparity. Additionally there are parts of the world where water is not potable therefore the wasting of water is not appropriate.
- No inside jokes that exclude some of those present
- Do not change lyrics to patriotic songs (“America”, “America the Beautiful”, “God Bless America”, “The Star-Spangled Banner”) or hymns and other spiritual songs
- Do not embarrass anyone – including staff or audience members (even if they are “in on it”) - just because the staff member is in on it, everyone in the audience is not aware of that fact and the appearance is that you are making fun of someone.
- Do not portray violent behavior or any behavior not in line with the Guide to Safe Scouting (ex. pointing “guns” at each other)
- No bathroom humor or skits/songs where a toilet is the punchline or a part of the skit or song.
- No water skits – NO ONE gets wet in any way (includes staff, and even if they are “in on it”)
- No material with sexual overtones
- Do not include anything that is not in keeping with the ideals of Scouting America.



ADULT LEADER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Scouting America Registered leaders are encouraged to take **BBs and Archery Rangemaster Training** during Spring Family Saturday, from 9:00am to 3:00pm, at the H Randolph Holder Dining Hall. This training is good for two years and will allow trained leaders to staff cub ranges at various district and council level events.

Register at: <https://forms.nega-bsa.org/view.php?id=12518331>



Other Adult Opportunities:

Leaders' Spot – Sometimes you just need a minute or two. Get away to a semi-quiet and relaxing area to read or surf the net (WiFi possibly available, Starlink) on the dining hall veranda. Please do NOT disturb the class inside the dining hall. Please make sure that your unit still has enough registered leaders with the group!

For other ideas, please see the optional activities on page 15.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

SAFETY

Guide to Safe Scouting

All Units should follow the Guide to Safe Scouting (<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>)

SECURITY

All youth (participating cub scouts and attending siblings, troop registered youth aides) and adults (parent/legal guardians and leaders) must be registered for this event. Colored wristbands will be given out at check-in. Everyone at the Spring Family must have their wristbands on throughout the weekend. If you lose your wristband, please stop by the Admin office to receive a new one. ALL visitors at camp must stop at the Admin building to receive a visitor's wristband.

YOUTH PROTECTION GUIDELINES

Parents/guardians are encouraged to have current Youth Protection Training and should have already completed the exercises in the **How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide** with their youth, per the required Bobcat adventure in every cub scout rank.

All leaders must have current Youth Protection Certification.

Here are a few Youth Protection Reminders:

Two-Deep Leadership: Two registered adult leaders or one registered adult leader and a parent of a participant Scout, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required on trips and outings. The chartered organization is responsible for ensuring that sufficient leadership is provided for all activities.

No One-on-One Contact: One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. In situations that require a personal conference, such as a cubmaster conference, the meeting is to be conducted in view of the other adults and youth.

Buddy System: Scouts should always utilize the buddy system. Unit leadership should know where each group of buddies are in case of an emergency. Dens are encouraged to travel together, to facilitate appropriate adult leadership.

Respect of Privacy: Adult (parent/guardians and leaders) must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp and intrude only to the extent that health and safety requires. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations. Cell phones should not be used to take pictures while in the bathhouse, or in private tents – these are areas where privacy is expected.

Separate Accommodations: When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of an adult other than their own parent or guardian. **Camp has separate shower and latrine facilities for females, and males, youth and adult.** Please make sure your youth and families are using the correct facilities to adhere to Youth Protection standards.



CAMP RULES TO KEEP US SAFE



SAFETY FIRST: Although the SCOUT LAW and OATH should be the only rules a Scout needs, the following is a list of policies and standards that have been established to ensure that our Camps continue to maintain our excellent safety record:

The Family Camp Rules can be found at: <https://www.nega-bsa.org/files/55382/Spring-Family-Camping-Event-Rules>. The below list is an abbreviated list.

1. Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Protection Guidelines apply in camp! ALL leaders are REQUIRED TO BE TRAINED! All Leaders MUST have current Youth Protection Training.
2. NO rock throwing of any kind.
3. NO fixed-blade sheath knives allowed.
4. NO firearms or any kind of ammunition may be in the possession of any attendee.
5. NO fireworks of any kind are allowed in camp.
6. NO pets or other animals should be brought to camp. (Service dogs are permitted but must have appropriate current paperwork.)
7. Do not use aerosol cans in campsites.
8. All white gas lanterns, propane lanterns, stoves, etc., are to be filled and stored ONLY by adults. Fuel must be secured and locked away.
9. Personal vehicles are not permitted to be operating during camp. The only exception will be service vehicles and those used to transport handicapped Scouts and adults.
10. NO illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages are allowed at camp. Drug laws will be strictly enforced according to the criminal code of the State of Georgia. Alcohol use is strictly prohibited on Northeast Georgia Council, BSA property.
11. NO fires or open flames are allowed in tents, pavilions, or any other structure at camp.
12. Anyone leaving camp at any time must sign out, in the camp office.
13. Each Unit must have adult supervision (over 21) at ALL TIMES while at camp.
14. Camp Rainey Mountain is a tobacco-free facility. This includes the use of vapor e-cigarettes, cigars, or chewing tobacco.
15. The Scout Field Uniform (Class A) is suggested for Saturday's Opening Ceremony, as well as the evening's closing campfire activity. Activity Uniform (Class B) during the day correctly worn, is the most proper dress.
16. All Scouts are to behave at all times in accordance with the Scout Oath and Law. Campers, Leaders & Adults who do not act like Scouts are subject for review by their local Scout Leaders and the camp management. Any person who violates laws or endangers anyone may be asked to leave the camp immediately. It will be the responsibility of the individual Unit's Leaders and/ or parents to remove the Scout/Adult from the camp within a designated time decided by the Camp Director. If a camper, leader or adult is sent home, no refund will be given for programs or services missed.
17. Closed toe shoes must be worn at all times in camp.
18. Camp should be operated for all in attendance in accordance with the information in the Guide to Safe Scouting and Youth Protection Training. Any violation of these guidelines is to be reported to the Camp Director or their designee. All Unit Leaders are expected to follow these guidelines at all times. (The Guide to Safe Scouting is available online).
19. No improper or unauthorized possession or use of any medication in camp.
20. Personal FIREARMS (including bow and arrows) are not permitted in camp.

ARRIVING AND FEELING ILL?

If you or your child is feeling ill, please take care of yourselves and do not attend Spring Family. We love the sharing of ideas and joy, germs not so much. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

FIRST AID

Each unit should bring their own basic first aid kit. Each cub scout should have their own first aid kit, as part of their cub scout essentials.

All medical injuries and illnesses must be reported to the Spring Family Health Staff, at the Admin Building. The Health staff and contact information will be given at the Friday night Meeting / Cracker Barrel. If an event occurs requiring medical attention and the individual can make it to the Admin building, he/she should be escorted there and bring the physical paper copy of the medical form. (Remember to use the Buddy System) If the individual has a serious injury, do NOT move them and Call 911 first and THEN the Camp Health Staff. Medical personnel will be dispatched to the site of the medical emergency as needed.

Along with our on-site care, we have relationships with local health care providers, clinics, and emergency facilities for both non-emergency and emergency care. In the event of a non-life-threatening injury or illness the family will be asked to provide transportation to the local doctor or hospital. In case of medical emergencies needing further care, the nearest EMS site is 12 minutes away! Please see the camp health officer at admin! The main health officer is an Advanced EMT, and we have several other medical professionals amongst our parents, including a nurse.

MEDICAL FORMS

Each family attending Spring Family should have BSA Health Forms A&B (and a copy of the appropriate insurance card), for each cub scout, each adult, and any other family youth in attendance. Essentially, EVERYBODY! Health forms are valid for 12 months from the date they are signed (through the end of the particular month). They must be valid through the date of Spring Family. Download the BSA form at

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

At the Friday Orientation/Meeting: Submit the unit's medical forms for EVERY PERSON in attendance. Preferably in a unit labeled binder, alpha order, split between youth and adults. Saturday's arrivals should bring their own medical forms. All medical forms will be returned at check out to the unit leader.

Arriving families still needing blank medical forms should get these from the Admin, including at the check-in area.



MEDICAL NEEDS / HEALTH LODGE

Medications

See the Scouting America's guidelines on medication use during Scouting events at

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/SAFE USE OF MEDICATION IN SCOUTING.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/SAFE_USE_OF_MEDICATION_IN_Scouting.pdf)

Parents are cautioned against using a BSA event as a "drug holiday" by suspending administration of medications taken regularly by their youth member (or themselves) unless there are specific instructions from a health-care provider.

Taking prescription medication is the responsibility of the individual taking the medication and/or that individual's parent or guardian. The AHMR (the BSA Health Form) also allows for a parent or guardian to authorize the administration of nonprescription medication to a youth by a camp health officer or unit leader, including any noted exceptions.

Prescription medications taken while at camp must be listed on that individual's BSA Medical Form, in a medically approved container, and properly identified with a prescription label. Medications requiring a temperature-controlled environment can be stored at the Med Lodge (at Admin). An adult Leader must accompany any Scout needing access to these medications (except in emergencies). All other medications must be maintained in a controlled manner under locked storage by the respective scout's parents or adult leaders of the Unit at the campsite.

Medical Transportation, Medical Bills

Medical expenses incurred by Scouts and adult Leaders while in camp (doctor bills, hospital fees, etc.) will be billed to the home of the person receiving treatment.

In the event of a non-life-threatening injury or illness the family or the Unit will be asked to provide transportation to the local doctor or hospital.

IMMUNIZATION

The State of Georgia Immunization Unit and recommendations adopted by the Scouting America Health and Safety Support Committee requires all attendees to have adequate immunizations including Tetanus within the last 10 years. To assist in maintaining a healthy and safe environment, all immunizations listed on the BSA Medical Form #680-001 (see appendix for a link) must be current and documented on the BSA Medical Form. Individuals with religious, philosophical, or medical objections to receiving immunizations must document this on a BSA Immunization Exemption Request BSA Form #680-451
<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-451.pdf>

Electrical Medical Needs

We have a limited number of electrical outlets in selected campsites specifically for the convenience of special needs Scouts and Adults who must have their *medical appliances* powered. Please either note this as part of the online registration process or contact the Camping Department in the Council office if your Unit has this need. Bring a LONG outdoor-rated extension cord, as where you and your cub scout decide to pitch your personal tent may be some distance from the actual outlet.

Hydration

Remind Scouts, adults and family youth to drink enough liquids throughout the day. Everyone should bring their own water bottle for the weekend. Potable water is near most campsites.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

**These are taken directly from the Emergency Procedures issued by the NEGA Council.*

The purpose of this plan is to familiarize staff members or any person reading this plan on the procedures to be conducted in the event of an emergency. This plan will cover the following possible situations, protective measures, and how situations will be handled: a missing person, violent intruder, weather hazards, fire, tornado or windstorm, epidemic or mass illness, serious accident or fatality, and special hazards.

Public Communication

All communication with the public or the media regarding any aspect of an incident or other emergency must be provided by the Northeast Georgia Council Scout executive or his/her designee. No council professional staff member, employee, or adult volunteer is authorized to speak on the council's behalf to the public or a member of the media unless designated by the Scout executive.

Request for Outside Assistance

Because of the fluid nature of incidents and emergencies, the event leadership will have the authority to request outside assistance from local emergency authorities. If outside assistance is requested, the event leadership should notify the **incident commander (Camp Ranger)** as soon as practical, and the incident commander should consult with the Scout executive or his/her designee if the situation permits.

Camp Emergency Notification

The emergency notification signal will be an announcement over the camp loudspeaker system. Whenever the signal is sounded, all participants and unit leaders will report to their designated camp site. Unit leaders will take a head count to determine whether any members of their unit are missing. The results of the head count will be reported to the event leadership. The event leadership will inform unit leaders of the nature of the emergency and provide further instruction.

Wild Animals

Emergency Situations:

Immediately notify the **Camp Ranger**. Stations and the Admin team have radios to communicate with the Camp Ranger.

Admin Bldg has the # for the ranger. Station staff area also provided with emergency #s.

The ranger will inform the NEGA staff advisor / professional, and event leadership as to correct procedures.

Can't reach the ranger? Please let admin know as soon as possible. Admin will reach out to the ranger.

All sightings of wild and/or dangerous animals must be reported to the event leadership. The report should include the location and the nature of the wild/dangerous animal. If appropriate, participants should be removed from the area to a safe location. Depending on the nature of the situation, outside assistance may be requested by the event leadership

Contagious Disease

Feeling ill BEFORE the event? Please do not attend; instead seek appropriate medical care.

Feeling ill at camp? See your onsite unit leader immediately for initial assessment.

Have these Symptoms/signs: Fever above 104 F, Chills, Sweats, Nausea and Vomiting, Diarrhea, Headache, Body Aches, Skin Inflammation and/or Lesions. → See the Camp Health Officer in the Admin Building.

If symptoms are contagious, the individual(s) will be isolated from other participants, and plans made to remove the participant(s) from the event – to home or to the Northeast Georgia Medical Center Gainesville for further treatment. Any identified contagious disease will be reported to Hall County EMS and the Hall County Health Department.

Foodborne or Waterborne Illness

Feeling ill at camp? See your onsite unit leader immediately for initial assessment.

Have these Symptoms/signs: Nausea & Vomiting, Diarrhea, Intestinal Cramps, Fatigue, Body Aches. → See the Camp Health Officer in the Admin Building.

If the cause is determined to be a foodborne or waterborne illness, all units will be asked to assess their members for similar symptoms. Affected participants will be treated by the camp health officer or by Hall County EMS if necessary.

If possible, the event will be altered to prevent further impact on participants, if the contamination source is identified. If the cause of the illness/contamination is not identified, Hall County Health Department and the Northeast Georgia Medical Center are notified.

Missing Person

If someone is reported to the event leadership as missing, the emergency notification signal will be sounded. All participants and unit leaders will report to their designated camp site and unit leaders will take a head count as described above. The event leadership will determine whether outside assistance should be requested.

Active Shooter/Violent Intruder

Action Plan

1. ALERT: Sound the Alert! Ensure the evacuation procedure is followed immediately. Call 911 and report any known details.
2. EVACUATE: If an opportunity presents itself, evacuate your location and take as many staff members, participants, volunteers, and visitors with you as possible. Run to the nearest evacuation location and move as far away from the site of the incident as possible. A lull in the shooting does not mean the active shooter is finished.
 - a. If unable to evacuate, lock doors, shut off lights, shut blinds, silence cell phones, and ensure everyone else in the room does the same. Avoid doorways and hallways when evacuating and move as far away from the danger as possible. Assist others in evacuating if possible. If there is any question regarding the location of the threat, run away from the building. Do not run in a straight line.
3. SECURE: Barricade the doors if possible. Lights off. Shut blinds/cover windows, silence cell phones. Hide in an area out of the sight line of the shooter.
4. CONFRONT: If the attacker enters the area where you are locked down, or you encounter the attacker while evacuating, you must use extreme physical force to overcome the threat. Throw objects or strike the attacker with any available weapons. Continue to fight until the attacker is completely disabled.
5. AFTER: Once the attack is over, stay locked down in a safe area until you are removed by the police. DO NOT open the door for anyone. The police will get you out when it is safe. Render first aid in accordance with your training until evacuated by the police.

Hazardous Weather



SAFETY FIRST: If possible, bring **A NOAA Weather Radio**. Double check the batteries.

Enable WEA (Wireless Emergency Alerts) on your phone. <https://gema.georgia.gov/plan-prepare/alerts-and-warnings> Make sure your phone is fully charged before arrival at camp.

Heat Advisory

If the National Weather Service (NWS) issues a heat advisory for Rabun County, the event leadership will remind participants of the importance of drinking at least four quarts of water per day and note that caffeinated drinks such as coffee, soft drinks, and tea are not to be included in the four-quart amount. All participants should be advised to use caution when participating in strenuous activities and long hikes.

*Staying hydrated is important in all weather conditions. Both youth and adults.

Tornado

If the NWS issues a tornado warning for Rabun County, or a funnel cloud is sighted, the emergency notification signal will be sounded. All participants and unit leaders will report to their designated camp site and unit leaders will take a head count as described above.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning

If the NWS issues a severe thunderstorm warning for Rabun County, all department heads/activity leads will be notified immediately by radio and will communicate the warning to their staff. Simultaneously, unit leaders will also be notified. If the warning is issued while participants are dispersed at activities or classes throughout camp, consideration will be given to keeping participants at their current locations until the warning period has passed. Participants in aquatics activities will take immediate shelter in the closest available permanent structure. If the warning is issued outside of scheduled activity/event time, consideration will be given to sounding the emergency notification signal, whereupon all participants and unit leaders will report to their designated camp site and unit leaders will take a head count as described above.

Lightning

At the first sound of thunder, all activities will be immediately halted. All participants will take shelter (not under a tree) in the closest available permanent structure. Activities may resume 30 minutes after the last thunderclap is heard.

Flood

Large amounts of rain falling in a short period of time can result in rising water in Lake Lanier and other low-lying areas. Should this occur, all participants should be moved away from low-lying areas until the danger has passed. Under no circumstances should creeks or streams be entered or crossed on foot or by vehicle until the water levels return to their normal state. Roadways or areas covered by water should not be entered or crossed by vehicles.

Winter Storm

If the NWS forecasts a winter storm for the Camp Rainey Mountain area, consideration will be given to cancelling the event. Units who are scheduled to visit the camp during the period of the forecasted winter storm will be notified by the council office that the camp property will be closed. Should a winter storm occur without warning, the event leadership will contact the units in camp as soon as possible to determine their condition and whether outside assistance is needed.

Fire (Structure and Wildfire)

In the event of a structure fire or wildfire on or near the camp property, the event leadership will notify all units at camp and provide appropriate instructions depending on the type, location, and scope of the fire.

Dam Breach

If water is flowing over the top of the dam, water is running through or from the dam face, or the spillway is running at capacity, all individuals downstream from the dam will be evacuated to higher ground out of the danger area. The event leadership will notify local authorities so that appropriate action can be taken to warn others who are downstream from the dam but not on camp property.

Wild Animals

All sightings of wild and/or dangerous animals must be reported to the event leadership. The report should include the location and the nature of the wild/dangerous animal. If appropriate, participants should be removed from the area to a safe location. Depending on the nature of the situation, outside assistance may be requested by the event leadership.

APPENDICES

1. Scouting America Scouter Code of Conduct
2. SAFE Checklist
3. Leave No Trace Seven Principles
4. Map of Camp Rainey Mountain
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Scouting America Scouter Code of Conduct

On my honor I promise to do my best to comply with this Scouting America Scouter Code of Conduct while serving in my capacity as an adult leader:

1. I have or will complete my registration with Scouting America, answering all questions truthfully and honestly.
2. I will do my best to live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law, obey all laws, and hold others in Scouting accountable to those standards. I will exercise sound judgment and demonstrate good leadership and use the Scouting program for its intended purpose consistent with the mission of Scouting America.
3. I will make the protection of youth a personal priority. I will complete and remain current with Youth Protection training requirements. I will be familiar with and follow:
 - Scouting America Youth Protection policies and guidelines, including mandatory reporting <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>
 - The Guide to Safe Scouting <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>
 - SAFE Checklist <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safe/>
4. When transporting Scouts, I will obey all laws, comply with Youth Protection guidelines, and follow safe driving practices.
5. I will respect and abide by the Rules and Regulations of Scouting America, Scouting America policies, and Scouting America provided training, including but not limited to those relating to:
 - Unauthorized fundraising activities
 - Advocacy on social and political issues, including prohibited use of Scouting America's uniform and brand
 - Bullying, hazing, harassment, and unlawful discrimination of any kind
6. I will not discuss or engage in any form of sexual conduct while engaged in Scouting activities. I will refer Scouts with questions regarding these topics to talk to their parents or spiritual advisor.
7. I confirm that I have fully disclosed and will disclose in the future any of the following:
 - Any criminal suspicion, charges, or convictions of a crime or offense involving abuse, violence, sexual misconduct, or any misconduct involving minors or juveniles
 - Any investigation or court order involving domestic violence, child abuse, or similar matter
 - Any criminal charges or convictions for offenses involving controlled substances, driving while intoxicated, firearms, or dangerous weapons
8. I will not possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations, and policies:
 - Alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana
 - Concealed or unconcealed firearms, fireworks, or explosives
 - Pornography or materials containing words or images inconsistent with Scouting values
9. If I am taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing my functioning or judgment, I will not engage in activities that would put Scouts at risk, including driving or operating equipment.
10. I will take steps to prevent or report any violation of this code of conduct by others in connection with Scouting activities.

SAFE Checklist



Scouts and their parents expect all Boy Scouts of America activities to be conducted safely. To ensure the safety of participants, the Boy Scouts of America expects leaders to use the four points of **SAFE** when delivering the Scouting program.

SUPERVISION

Youth are supervised by qualified and trustworthy adults who set the example for safety.

- Accepting responsibility for the well-being and safety of youth under their care.
- Ensuring that adults are adequately trained, experienced, and skilled to lead the activity, including the ability to prevent and respond to likely problems and potential emergencies.
- Knowing and delivering the program of the Boy Scouts of America with integrity.
- Using qualified instructors, guides, or safety personnel as needed to provide additional guidance.
- Maintaining engagement with participants during activities to ensure compliance with established rules and procedures.

ASSESSMENT

Activities are assessed for risks during planning. Leaders have reviewed applicable program guidance or standards and have verified the activity is not prohibited. Risk avoidance or mitigation is incorporated into the activity.

- Predetermining what guidance and standards are typically applied to the activity, including those specific to the Boy Scouts of America program.
- Planning for safe travel to and from the activity site.
- Validating the activity is age-appropriate for the Boy Scouts of America program level.
- Determining whether the unit has sufficient training, resources, and experience to meet the identified standards and, if not, modifying the activity accordingly.
- Developing contingency plans for changes in weather and environment and arranging for communication with participants, parents, and emergency services.

FITNESS AND SKILL

Participants' Annual Health and Medical Records are reviewed, and leaders have confirmed that prerequisite fitness and skill levels exist for participants to take part safely.

- Confirming the activity is right for the age, maturity, and physical abilities of participants.
- Considering as risk factors temporary or chronic health conditions of participants.
- Validating minimum skill requirements identified during planning and ensuring participants stay within the limits of their abilities.
- Providing training to participants with limited skills and assessing their skills before they attempt more advanced skills.

EQUIPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

Safe and appropriately sized equipment, courses, camps, campsites, trails, or playing fields are used properly. Leaders periodically check gear use and the environment for changing conditions that could affect safety.

- Confirming participants' clothing is appropriate for expected temperatures, sun exposure, weather events, and terrain.
- Providing equipment that is appropriately sized for participants, is in good repair, and is used properly.
- Ensuring personal and group safety equipment is available, properly fitted, and used consistently and in accordance with training.
- Reviewing the activity area for suitability during planning and immediately before use, and monitoring the area during the activity through supervision.
- Adjusting the activity for changing conditions or ending it if safety cannot be maintained.

LNT: Leave No Trace Seven Principles

<https://lnt.org/why/7-principles/>

#	Original Version	Kid Version
1	Plan Ahead & Prepare	Know Before You Go
2	Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces	Choose the Right Path
3	Dispose of Waste Properly	Trash Your Trash
4	Leave What You Find	Leave What You Find
5	Minimize Campfire Impacts	Be Careful With Fire
6	Respect Wildlife	Respect Wildlife
7	Be Considerate of Others	Be Kind To Other Visitors

Camp Rainey Mountain:
1494 Rainey Mountain
Road, Clayton, GA 30525



QUICK EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Property Location: 1494 Rainey Mountain Road, Clayton, GA 30525

Emergency Contact Information

County Emergency Services and Health Department

- Rabun County EMS: 911 or (706) 782-6520
- Rabun County Health Department: (706) 212-0289
- Mountain Lakes Medical Center: 162 Legacy Point, Clayton, GA 30525 (8 miles/~13 minutes from Camp Rainey Mountain); (706) 782-3100

Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

- Rabun Local Emergency Management Agency: (706) 982-5014

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

- Environmental Protection Division (Mountain District): (770) 387-4900
- Law Enforcement Division (Region 2): (770) 535-5499