


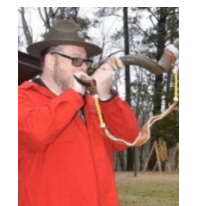









Key Camp Staff for 2024 Resident Camp

Wayne “Sleepy” Harris Camp Director	
	Dr. Wayne “Sleepy” Harris serves as the Camp Horne Resident Camp Director. Wayne has an extensive background in Scouting. He has served on the program staff, commissary staff, and as Aquatics Director. He has worked on the camp staff in other councils within the BSA and even abroad. Wayne is Wood Badge trained, serves as a Unit Commissioner, chair of the Council’s Aquatics Committee, and is the Lay Advisor for the Aracoma Lodge. Wayne is a middle school science teacher in the Tuscaloosa County School System. Wayne is an Eagle Scout from Troop 41 in Demopolis.
Charlie Plasters Program Director	
	Mr. Charlie Plasters is in his 34 th year of scouting and is excited about serving as Program Director. Charlie is an Eagle Scout in the 1994 Eagle class of Troop 15 from West Point, Mississippi. He has served on more than 10 summer camp staffs from two different councils. Mr. Plasters is the Cubmaster of Pack 477, Assistant Scoutmaster of a new Boy troop, Committee Chair of troop 477-G, and the River District Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner. Charlie participated in Wood Badge course SR-516, has served on Wood Badge staff, and will be the Wood Badge course director in 2026. He is in his 17 th year as a Biology teacher and is currently at Brookwood High School.
Scott Posey Trailblazers Director	
	Mr. Scott Posey returns to Camp Horne from his previous service as a former member of the camp staff having served as camp commissioner, First Year Camper Director, Asst. Aquatics Director, and Aquatics Director. Scott has served a total of 4 years on the Camp Horne Staff. Scott is an Eagle Scout from Troop 126 in Jasper. During his time in Scouting, he was very active in the OA serving on the ceremony team, and also was an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 89.
Daniel Western Aquatics Director	
	Although this will be his first year on the Camp Horne staff, Daniel Western has been serving the youth of Tuscaloosa for the past seven years as a den leader, cub master, and now scoutmaster of Troop 90B. Daniel is an Eagle Scout from the Heart of America council’s Troop 59 in Kansas City, MO. He is Wood Badge trained and has served on Wood Badge staff. Despite never earning Music merit badge as a youth, Daniel now teaches music theory at the University of Alabama and is a professional saxophonist, composer, and arranger.
Tim Patrick Camp Ranger	
	Mr. Tim Patrick serves as the Camp Horne Ranger, a position he has held for 11 years. Tim grew up in Troop 28 in Cottondale under a previous Ranger, Mr. John Price. Tim has attended several sessions of National Camp School to include, Ranger, Climbing, and Shooting Sports. Tim and his family live year-round on the Camp Horne property and he works tirelessly to keep Camp Horne ready for Scouts to enjoy. Tim has been involved in the Scouting program for 22 years.
Greg Whitis Ecology Director	
	Mr. Greg Whitis has a bachelor’s degree in Zoology from the University of Iowa State and a master’s degree in Aquaculture from Auburn University. He has an extensive background in Scouting. Greg served as den chief, visited multiple BSA high adventure bases, including the Northern Teir, Florida Sea Base, and visited Philmont Scout Ranch. Greg is Wood Badge trained and served on Wood Badge staff for two courses. He has served as Summer Camp Ecology Director from 2018 - 2023. He is the current Program Specialist for the Prairie District.

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James Ford Shooting Sports Director	
	<p>Mr. James Ford has served in multiple positions at Camp Horne starting as a Counselor-in-Training (C.I.T.) in 1977. He has worked as a Program Aide, Aquatics Aide, Assistant Aquatics Director, Assistant Cook, Commissioner, Field Sports Director, Staff Advisor, Museum Support Staff, and Scrap Metal Specialist. James has attended National Camp School for Project COPE and Shooting Sports. He was awarded the Warren G. Finney Camp Horne Service Award in 2012. James' current position is Shooting Sports Director where he has done a bang-up job for the last three years. He is an Eagle Scout from Troop 89.</p>
Noah Brown Outdoor Skills Director	
	<p>Mr. Noah Brown has been a part of scouting for over seven years and attained the rank of Eagle in 2020. He has been a part of the Camp Horne Staff for three years and is now going into his fourth summer. In 2023, Noah attended National Camp School to complete certification as the Outdoor Skills Director. He is originally a member of Troop 45 in Starkville, MS but soon transitioned to Troop 56 in Hamilton, AL. Noah is looking very forward to this year's summer camp.</p>
Jimmie Hardin Trading Post Manager	
	<p>Mrs. Jimmie Hardin has served on Camp Staff for the past three years working in the Trading Post. She has been involved with Troop 45 Boy Scouts, Pack 45 Cub Scouts and Post 45 Indian Dance Team in Fayette for 35 years. Mrs. Hardin has served as a Den Leader and Cubmaster for Pack 45, Troop and Post Committee Chairperson, and female chaperone for the girls on the Indian Dance Team. Mrs. Hardin has participated in Wood Badge and has served on staff for four Wood Badge courses, including being the Wood Badge Course Director in 2017.</p>
Karla Barksdale Handicraft Director	
	<p>Mrs. Karla Barksdale was born into a Scouting family and Karla has spent 33 years as a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient, Troop Leader, and Council Trainer. She served as an OA Dance Mom and Assistant Venture Crew Advisor for two different crews. She has been involved in the Black Warrior Council as both a an Assistant Scoutmaster, Merit Badge Counselor, and has served on the Camp Horne Staff for 5 years. Camp Horne is my HAPPY PLACE!!!</p>
Jaques Behar Commissioner & Climbing Director	
	<p>This will be Mr. Jacques Behar's thirty-second year on camp staff. He has worked virtually all over different camps scattered across the United States. He has served in multiple unit, district, council, area and National roles in his thirty-eight years in Scouting. He currently holds Boy Scout National Camping School Certifications in Aquatics, C.O.P.E., Management and Program and is a Red Cross Instructor for Wilderness and Delayed First Aid. Jacques has three boys, all Eagle Scouts and the boys and their sister all received the Exploring Gold Award. For Jacques, Scouting is not just an activity it is his passion.</p>