

Cub Adventure Weekend 2026 PREVIEW MEETING



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Topics to Discuss

- Camp Leadership
- Camp Dates (May 22 – 25, 2026)
- Rationale for Change of Event
- Memorial Day Emphasis
- Feedback from 2025 Leader Surveys
- Timeline
 - roll out of info to units
 - action steps needed by units
- Programming/Scheduling Questions
- Commitment form
- Volunteer Planning & Staff Support
- Additional Feedback - Questions!

2026 Cub Adventure Weekend

<https://bwc-bsa.org/cubadvweekend2026>



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Cub Adventure Weekend May 22-25, 2026 Camp Horne

13633 Keenes Mill Rd
Cottondale, AL 35453



About Camp Horne

Camp Horne is 488 acres of fun and opportunity! The camp has six campsites, dining hall, swimming pool, two lakes, outdoor chapel, shooting sports complex (rifle, archery, and shotgun), climbing/rappelling tower, outdoor skills areas, ecology area, handicraft pavilion, numerous pavilions, and much more. Scouts have been attending summer camp at Camp Horne for 102 years!



Our Mission

The goal for Cub Adventure Weekend is that every Cub Scout has a fun-filled experience where the ideals of Scouting are strengthened. As Cubs participate in camp programming, the values of family, citizenship, character development, and personal fitness are furthered in their daily walk of life.

During this special Memorial Day weekend, emphasis will be placed upon honoring the memories and sacrifices of those who have, and who continue, to serve our country.

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Cub Adventure Weekend Leadership



CAMP DIRECTOR
Walter Davie



ASST. CAMP DIRECTOR
John Godwin



PROGRAM DIRECTOR
Charlie Plasters

Cub Adventure Weekend Dates & Rationale

May 22-25, 2026

Check-In Friday May 22
(6:00 – 8:00 pm)

Saturday & Sunday, May 23-24
Full program days

Monday, May 25
Program & Camp Concludes by 11 am

Why the Change from Cub Resident Camp?

- Parents want to attend with their Cub & more are off on weekends
- Memorial Day weekend gives most additional time
- Ability to have more staff support
- Honor heroes with special ceremonies.
- Increase Attendance

Commitment Form Needed from Each Unit by End of November

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Memorial Day Emphasis

Memorial Day honors and mourns all U.S. service members who died while serving in the armed forces. Originally called Decoration Day, it began after the Civil War to honor fallen soldiers and has since expanded to include all American military personnel who gave their lives in sacrifice for their country.

Who is honored:

All U.S. service members who died in the line of duty.

Origin:

The holiday's roots are in local observances after the Civil War, with the first national commemoration called for in 1868.

Purpose:

To remember and honor the sacrifices of those who died fighting for the nation and to reflect on the cost of war and freedom.

Contrast with Veterans Day:

Memorial Day is for those who died in service, while Veterans Day honors all who have served in the U.S. military.

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Feedback from 2025 Leader Surveys

Facilities

- Hot water a concern in some campsites
- Accessibility needs for those with disabilities needs to be better
- Maybe a better door on Adirondacks for safety?
- Need bathrooms at Ecology area
- AC in dining hall is AWESOME!
- New parking lot was much needed
- Pool bathrooms need updating
- Handles on dining hall doors (outside) are needed
- Chickasaw had only 1 bathroom on stall on Day 1; difficult with 20 people in line
- Tuscarora hot water issues were ongoing (worked with Tim and things got better but still issues)

Camp Staff

- They were welcoming and kind
- Great job!
- Staff were very helpful
- Some staff could be better prepared to teach loops
- Showed great energy!
- Great attitude and very helpful
- Great customer service and attention to detail

Food Service

- Meals great, salad option was wonderful to have
- Need more ice in drinks at times
- Food was wonderful, green beans tasted real!
- Call for dishes sooner – some meals we had to wait
- Love the “inside” premeal wait instead of being out in heat
- French fries undercooked; chicken wrap meal took a long time to get through the line
- Cubs loved hot dogs, hamburgers, mac & cheese
- Would like to see some healthier main course meals and possibly increase serving size for adults

Program & Activities

- Great opening & closing campfires ++
- Time to fish was welcomed
- Loved rope tying & learning about the animals
- Enjoyed snack break at trading post
- Did great job with crafts, shooting sports, swimming
- Kids love gaga ball pit
- Need easier to understand schedule
- Great job understanding rank requirements
- Would like to see game rotation for all ages
- I loved the evening knife skills event
- Kids enjoyed the age-appropriate activities and interacting with others
- AOLs LOVED having an exclusive activity for them

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Timeline to Roll Out Leader/Parent Information



October

- Promotional Zoom Meeting Held

November

- Leader Guide (admin section) released
- Fees & Payment Schedule
- Commitment Form Submissions from Packs

January

- Programming Plans Released
- FULL Leaders' Guide Available

March

- Pre-Orders for SWAG Materials (extra patches, t-shirts, etc.) Begins
- Zoom Meeting: Full Program Opportunities Presented



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Programming & Scheduling Questions

Program Planning is in Progress Now – Outline of Thought:

- **FUN, FAMILY TIME!**
- Inspirational & Impactful ceremonies and reminders about the importance of Memorial Day
- Advancement opportunities, outdoor skills, and RATA
- Some activities levelled by rank, age – AOL special activities
- Family inclusive
- A LOT of water activities and competitions



FUN!

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Commitment Form Needed from ALL Packs

In order to be able to provide the best Cub Adventure Weekend experience, we need to be able to plan effectively. A lot of that depends on information we receive from Cub Packs.

We are asking EVERY Cub Pack to submit a **Commitment Form** no later than **November 21st** to let the camp leadership know of your participation plans. The form is available on the Cub Adventure Weekend webpage.

- Participation under Pack Leadership is preferred
- Individual families may also attend on their own IF their Pack is not participating as a unit

We understand the information provided is a “best guess”. We need planning numbers to create those WOW moments for your families.



Volunteer Planning & Staff Support

The primary staffing will come from the regular camp staff but this is a NEW event and we welcome your ideas, input, and for those interested, we can utilize some volunteer staff support.

If you have an interest in helping plan this event or volunteering as a staff member for the event, please let us know! A volunteer form is available on the Cub Adventure Weekend webpage.

Final Thoughts or Questions???



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