



# Cub Adventure Weekend 2026

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**CAMP HORNE • COTTONDALE, ALABAMA**

May 22–25, 2026 | Memorial Day Weekend

★ **LIBERTY IN ACTION** ★

## **Cubs Celebrating First Responders**

Honoring Those Who Run Toward Danger So Others Can Run to Safety

## **Leader & Parent Guide**

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## About Our Theme: Liberty in Action

### ★ LIBERTY IN ACTION: CUBS CELEBRATING FIRST RESPONDERS ★

This year's Cub Adventure Weekend carries a theme that connects our Memorial Day setting to a powerful lesson about courage, service, and what it means to be a hero: Liberty in Action.

Every day across America, men and women put on a uniform and run toward danger so that the rest of us can run to safety. Police officers, firefighters, paramedics, EMTs, military personnel, and other first responders embody the Scouting values of bravery, helpfulness, and duty to community. Memorial Day gives us a solemn moment to honor those who gave everything. Liberty in Action gives our Cubs an entire weekend to discover, celebrate, and be inspired by the heroes who keep our communities safe.

Throughout the weekend, Scouts will participate in special first responder–themed programming and demonstrations, meet real heroes from our communities, take part in ceremonies honoring the fallen, and learn what it means to answer the call. Whether your Scout dreams of being a firefighter, a police officer, or a medic — or simply wants to understand what makes these heroes special — Liberty in Action is designed to inspire a lifetime of service.



**FIREFIGHTERS**



**POLICE & RESCUE**



**PARAMEDICS & EMS**

**"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." — The Scout Oath**

## Welcome to Cub Adventure Weekend!

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Dear Pack Leaders and Families,

Welcome to what promises to be an extraordinary camping experience for the Cub Scouts of the Black Warrior Council! We are thrilled to present the inaugural Cub Adventure Weekend, a brand-new, family-inclusive event held over Memorial Day weekend at Camp Horne in Cottondale, Alabama.

This year's theme, Liberty in Action, honors the first responders who protect and serve our communities every day. As we camp together and set aside time to remember America's fallen military heroes, we will celebrate the courage, selflessness, and dedication of those who answer the call when others are in need.

Please read this guide carefully, share it with your families, and do not hesitate to reach out. We look forward to seeing your Scouts discover what it means to be — in their own young way — heroes in action.

Yours in Scouting,

**Walter Davie**

*Camp Director, Cub Adventure Weekend 2026*

## Camp Program Goals

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In accordance with Scouting America's aims and mission, the Cub Adventure Weekend is designed to advance the following goals for every participant:

- Character Development — Cubs will live the Scout Oath and Law through hands-on experiences, ceremonies, and interactions with first responder role models who demonstrate bravery, integrity, and service.
- Citizenship — Through meaningful Memorial Day programming, Cubs will gain a deeper understanding of patriotism, sacrifice, and what it means to be an American citizen who gives back to their community.
- Physical Fitness — Active, outdoor programming, including water activities, outdoor skills, and sports — will encourage physical engagement and healthy habits.
- Family Togetherness — The weekend is designed as a family experience. Parents and siblings are integral participants, building shared memories and strengthening family bonds through the Scouting adventure.
- Advancement — Age-appropriate advancement opportunities will be woven into program rotations so that every Cub can progress in their Scouting journey.
- Fun with a Purpose — Above all, every activity is designed to be joyful, memorable, and meaningful. Scouting is a game, and this weekend is designed to be the best game of the year.

All areas of camp program are evaluated annually against end-of-session survey results to continuously improve program effectiveness. Leaders are encouraged to complete the post-event survey and share their feedback.

## About This Event

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The Cub Adventure Weekend replaces the traditional Cub Resident Camp format in direct response to feedback from pack leaders and families across the council. The change reflects a commitment to making cub camping more accessible, more meaningful, and more fun.

### Why the Change?

- Parents want to attend alongside their Cubs, and more families are available on weekends
- Memorial Day weekend provides additional time for families to travel and participate
- A weekend format allows for greater volunteer and staff support
- An opportunity to honor American military heroes with meaningful ceremonies
- The potential to significantly increase attendance across the council

## Memorial Day: Why It Matters

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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 and has since expanded to include all American military personnel who gave their lives in sacrifice for their country.

**Memorial Day is for those who died in service. Veterans Day honors all who have served. This distinction is important for every Scout to understand.**

The Liberty in Action theme extends this spirit of honor to the first responders who serve on the front lines of our communities every day — police, fire, EMS, and emergency personnel who carry on the tradition of sacrifice that Memorial Day commemorates.

### On-Site Ceremonies

Special flag ceremonies, a formal Memorial Day observance, and moments of reflection honoring our fallen will take place throughout the weekend. All Scouts are expected to participate respectfully in these ceremonies. Leaders and parents are encouraged to help prepare their Scouts for what these moments mean.



## 2026 Cub Adventure Weekend Schedule “At a Glance”

FRIDAY, MAY 22	
6:00 PM	Check-In Begins, Registration, Campsite Setup
8:00 PM	Opening Ceremony & Welcome
9:00 PM	Pack/Family Time in Campsites
10:00 PM	Taps/Quiet Time

	SATURDAY, MAY 23	SUNDAY, MAY 24
7:00	Reveille	Reveille
7:20	Flag Ceremony	Flag Ceremony
7:30	Breakfast	Breakfast
8:30-Noon	Morning Program Rotations “Liberty in Action” Activities	Morning Program Rotations First Responder Demonstrations
12:30	Lunch	Lunch
1:00-1:30	Rest Period	Rest Period
1:30-5:00	Afternoon Program Rotations	Afternoon Program Rotations
5:00-6:00	Pack/Family Free Time	Pack/Family Free Time
6:05	Flag Ceremony	Flag Ceremony
6:15	Dinner	Dinner
Evening Programs	- Memorial Day Program - Liberty in Action Evening Campfire	- Chapel Services - Liberty in Action Awards & Recognition Campfire
10:00	Taps/Quiet Time	Taps/Quiet Time

**Important Notes:**

- Please stress with parents to not arrive at camp before 6:00 pm. Staff have to have time to gather & get in place so we can help you have as smooth a check-in process as possible.
- Car pool as much as possible to assist with parking.

MONDAY, MAY 25	
7:00 AM	Reveille
7:20 AM	Flag Ceremony
7:30 AM	Breakfast
8:30-10:00	Final Program Activities
10:00 AM	Closing Memorial Day Flag Ceremony – Moment of Remembrance
10:30 AM	Camp Concludes, Pack Up, Depart – Safe Travels!



## Registration & Fees

Registration is managed through the Black Warrior Council. Participation under pack leadership is preferred. Individual families may attend independently if their pack is not participating as a unit.

### Cub Adventure Weekend Camp Fees

<b>Cub Scouts</b>	<b>\$120</b>
<b>*Registered Adults</b>	<b>\$75</b>
<b>Adults (Parents)</b>	<b>\$75</b>
<b>Siblings</b>	<b>\$75</b>

\* One FREE registered adult with every 6 Cub Scouts.

Fee includes camp patch, food Saturday breakfast through Monday breakfast, and all program materials.

**TO REGISTER ONLINE**, visit the Cub Adventure Day webpage for the registration link.

(<https://www.bwc-bsa.org/cubadvweekend2026>)

**TO SUBMIT A PAPER APPLICATION AND PAY AT THE SCOUT SERVICE CENTER**, go to this guide's appendix for the application.

## Campership Applications

A limited number of camperships are available for true need. Applications are due by April 30<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the Campership application is available on the Scouts BSA Resident Camp webpage and contained at the end of this guide.

## Refunds & Financial Assistance

Requests for refunds will only be accepted for medical illness or injury to the Scout, medical illness or injury to an immediate family member, or mandatory attendance to summer school during the scout's scheduled summer camp week. Requests for refunds for these reasons must be submitted **within 10 days after the unit attended camp**, with supporting documentation to the Black Warrior Council Service Center (by email: [walter.davie@scouting.org](mailto:walter.davie@scouting.org), or by mail: PO Drawer 3088, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403). Written refund requests should be submitted to the Council Service Center and should include the Scout's name, unit number, date of attendance, reason for refund, and documentation to support refund request.

Due to commitments made by the Council to hire staff and purchasing of program supplies, camp materials, and food for summer camp, refund amounts will only be available for those funds not already obligated and unrecoverable to the camp. Refunds will be issued to the unit via check or will be moved into the unit's account after the unit has attended camp. No refunds will be issued for unsupported requests.

## Adult Leadership

Packs must attend under their own unit leadership with a minimum of two registered leaders who have current Safeguarding Youth training. If Cubs are of both genders, then there must be at least one male and one female registered leader.

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.



## Risk Advisory Statement

**IMPORTANT: Please read this statement before attending camp.**

Outdoor camping activities involve inherent risks that cannot be completely eliminated. By registering for and participating in Cub Adventure Weekend, participants and their families acknowledge that outdoor activities including, but not limited to, swimming, shooting sports, climbing, hiking, campfire activities, and exposure to natural environments carry some degree of risk.

The Black Warrior Council and Camp Horne staff take every reasonable precaution to minimize risk, including adherence to Scouting America’s National Camp Accreditation Program standards, the Guide to Safe Scouting, and all applicable Scouting America policies. All activities are supervised by qualified staff and conducted according to established safety protocols.

Participants are responsible for honestly disclosing all relevant health information on the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record form. Leaders are responsible for knowing the health needs of their Scouts and communicating those needs to camp staff. The Guide to Safe Scouting (available at [scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/](https://scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/)) governs all Scouting activities and should be reviewed by all participating adult leaders prior to camp.

## Know Before You Go

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### Packing List

Label every item with the Scout's name and pack number. These items are recommended for each camper:

#### Clothing

- Scouting uniform (Class A — shirt, neckerchief/slide) for ceremonies and meals
- Activity clothing for daytime program (Class B t-shirts, shorts, pants)
- Light jacket or sweatshirt (May evenings can be cool)
- Rain gear / poncho
- Underwear and socks for the full weekend
- Closed-toe shoes or hiking boots (required for all program activities)
- Appropriate swimwear and towel
- No sleeveless shirts or tank tops in program areas

#### Camping Gear

- Sleeping bag
- Ground cloth or sleeping pad
- Pack or duffel bag
- Water bottle (labeled with name and pack number)
- Small pillow
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Personal first-aid kit

#### Personal Items

- Toothbrush, toothpaste, comb or brush, soap, bath towel, and washcloth
- Deodorant, sunscreen (SPF 30+), and bug repellent
- Spending money for Trading Post (\$20–\$30 suggested)

#### VERY IMPORTANT — Do Not Forget

- Completed BSA Annual Health & Medical Record, Parts A & B — required for ALL participants — medical forms MUST be signed by the parent/guardian within one year of camp
- Copy of medical insurance card
- Prescription medications in original containers with pharmacy label
- Required medical equipment (nebulizers, EpiPens, etc.)

**Make sure all items are clearly marked with the Scout's name and pack number!**

#### What to Leave at Home

- Firearms, ammunition, or sheath knives
- Alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs
- Fireworks of any kind (including sparklers)
- Pets (unless pre-approved service animals with documentation)
- Personal archery equipment, BB guns, or slingshots
- Expensive electronics or large amounts of cash

## Health Information

### Annual Health & Medical Forms

ALL participants — Scouts AND adults — must have a completed BSA Annual Health and Medical Record on file at the camp health lodge before participating in any activities. Required sections:

- Part A: Informed Consent, Release Agreement & Authorization — required for all events
- Part B: General Information / Health History — required for all events

Forms must be signed within the past 12 months. Pack leaders should collect all forms from their families before check-in and deliver them to the health lodge upon arrival. Forms are available at [scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/](https://scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/)

**NO participant may join program activities without a completed, current health form on file at the health lodge.**

### Camp Health Officer

A qualified Camp Health Officer is on-site and on call at all times. The health lodge is the first point of contact for any medical concern, illness, or injury.

<b>Health Lodge Location</b>	Will be posted at check-in and marked on the camp map
<b>Hours</b>	Open daily during program hours; on-call 24 hours
<b>After-Hours Access</b>	Alert a staff member at any time — staff can reach the CHO immediately
<b>Medical Supervisor</b>	The Council Health Supervisor (a licensed physician) provides medical oversight for the camp

**ALL ACCIDENTS — no matter how minor — must be reported to the Camp Health Officer immediately so they can be recorded in the First Aid Log. Do not wait to see if an injury seems serious. Report everything.**



Camp Horne Health Lodge

## PERSONAL MEDICATIONS

The taking of prescription medication is the responsibility of the individual taking the medication and/or that individual's parent or guardian. A leader, after obtaining all the necessary information, may agree to accept the responsibility of making sure a youth takes the necessary medication at the appropriate time, but BSA does not mandate or necessarily encourage the leader to do so. As stated in Guide to Safe Scouting, all medications (including those which are part of first aid kits) must be kept secured when not in use except for inhalers, Epi-Pens, or a similar medical device, which should be with the Scout at all times and made known to leaders and health officer. If the leader does not want to take responsibility for the medication, it can be turned in to the health officer at the Health Lodge for dispersal.

Important reminders about prescriptions:

*-Must be in the original container with the original label containing:*

*Prescription Number   Patient Name   Date Filled   Physician's Name   Dosing Prescribed*

## Health Check-In & Illness Policy

All participants will complete a brief health screening at check-in on Friday. Leaders should ensure that all Scouts and adults are free from communicable illness before arriving. Leaders should also not send sick Scouts to camp. Anyone developing a fever, vomiting, or other illness at camp may be required to return home for the safety of all participants.

## Communicable Disease Protocol

Camp Horne follows Scouting America's procedures for communicable disease management. If a communicable illness is identified in camp:

- The Camp Health Officer will assess the situation and make the determination on participant exclusion
- Participants with confirmed or suspected communicable conditions will be separated from the general camp population
- The Camp Director will notify affected families promptly
- Camp staff will follow standard infection control procedures including increased sanitation in affected areas
- Decisions on whether to continue or modify programming will be made by the Camp Director in consultation with the CHO

Leaders should notify the Camp Health Officer immediately if they become aware of any illness in their group that may be communicable, including but not limited to gastrointestinal illness, strep throat, pink eye, lice, or COVID-19.

## Camp Health & Safety Policies

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The following policies ensure the safety and well-being of all participants. All leaders, parents, and Scouts are expected to know and follow these policies. These policies are grounded in Scouting America's Guide to Safe Scouting, which governs all Scouting activities and is available at [scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/](https://scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/)

### Photography & Social Media

Black Warrior Council staff may photograph program activities for promotional use. If you do not wish your Scout to be photographed, please notify camp staff at check-in. When sharing your own photos on social media, please be mindful of the privacy of other families — never post photos that identify other Scouts by name without parental permission.

### Buddy System

The buddy system must be used at all times. No Scout should ever be alone. Scouts must always have at least one buddy, and leaders must know the location of all Scouts in their group at all times.

### Curfew and Quiet Time

Lights Out is at 10:00 PM each night. All Scouts must be in their tents or sleeping areas by Lights Out. A minimum of nine hours of sleeping time is scheduled each night.

### Drugs and Alcohol

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited. Any participant found with or using these substances will be immediately removed from camp. This applies to all participants, including adults.

### Firearms, Weapons, and Knives

Personal firearms and ammunition are not permitted on camp property. Sheath knives are not permitted. Pocketknives for Scouts who have earned their Whittling Chip are permitted only during designated activities and under direct supervision. All shooting sports equipment will be under the direct supervision of trained and certified range officers at all times.

### Fires

Fires are only permitted in designated fire rings. No fires in tents or shelters. Campfires must be attended at all times and fully extinguished (dead cold) before leaving the area or going to sleep. In dry or hazardous conditions, the Camp Director may restrict all open fires.

### Fireworks

Fireworks of any kind are strictly prohibited at Camp Horn, including sparklers and firecrackers. Violations will result in immediate dismissal from camp.

### No Hazing

Physical hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any Scouting activity at Camp Horn or anywhere else. This prohibition is absolute and applies to all participants regardless of age or position.

### No Bullying

Verbal, physical, and cyberbullying are prohibited in Scouting. Camp leadership takes bullying reports seriously. Any participant observed engaging in bullying behavior will be addressed by camp staff and leadership. Repeated or severe bullying may result in dismissal from camp.

## Discipline

Discipline used at Camp Horne must be constructive and must reflect Scouting's values of kindness, respect, and personal growth. Corporal punishment is never permitted under any circumstances. Leaders are expected to handle behavioral issues through positive reinforcement, natural consequences, and calm, respectful conversation. Issues that cannot be resolved by pack leadership should be escalated to the Camp Director.

Members of Scouting America are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Physical violence, theft, verbal insults, drugs, and alcohol have no place in the Scouting program and may result in dismissal from camp.

## Personal Property

The Black Warrior Council and Camp Horne staff are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property. Please label all items. Valuables and large amounts of cash should be left at home.

## Pets

Pets are not permitted at Camp Horne with the exception of pre-approved service animals with documentation provided to camp leadership prior to arrival.

## Smoking and Vaping

Smoking and vaping are prohibited in any area where youth may be present. Adults who smoke should do so away from all youth and program areas.

## Uniforms

Scouts are encouraged to wear their Scouting uniform (Class A) for all flag ceremonies, meals, and evening programs. Activity uniforms (Class B) are appropriate for daytime activities. Appropriate attire is required for all activities. Revealing clothing or inappropriate swimwear is not permitted.

## Vehicles

All vehicles must park in designated parking areas. Vehicles may not be driven in campsites or program areas except during check-in and checkout. Speed limit in camp is 5 mph at all times.

## Dangerous Wildlife

Camp Horne is located in a natural outdoor environment where wildlife encounters are possible, including venomous snakes, wasps and stinging insects, and other local fauna. Leaders and families should be aware:

- Teach Scouts to observe wildlife from a distance and never touch or approach an unknown animal
- Shake out shoes and clothing that have been left outside before putting them on
- Check sleeping bags and gear before use
- If a venomous snake or dangerous animal is encountered, move Scouts away calmly and notify camp staff immediately

## Lost and Found

A lost and found will be maintained at the camp office. Please check at checkout for any missing items. Items not claimed by checkout will be held for 30 days then donated.

## Youth Protection Standards

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The safety and well-being of every Scout is the highest priority at Camp Horne. Scouting America's Youth Protection policies apply to all participants and staff throughout the weekend, without exception. All registered adult leaders must have completed Youth Protection Training through [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) within the past two years prior to attending camp.

### No One-on-One Contact

No adult may have one-on-one contact with a Cub at any time. Adult interactions with youth must be visible and interruptible. If an adult needs to speak privately with a Cub, a second adult must be present and the conversation must take place in a visible area.

### Separate Sleeping Accommodations

Separate accommodations for adults and youth are required. No youth is permitted to sleep in the tent or shelter of an adult, except in the case of a child sleeping with their own parent or legal guardian. When camping, youth and adults must use separate sleeping areas. Showers are labeled by gender, and youth and adults must shower at different times or in separate facilities.

### Privacy of Youth

Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp and may intrude only to the extent that health and safety require. Adults must similarly maintain their own privacy in such situations.

It is inappropriate to use any device capable of recording or transmitting visual images inside or within five feet of shower houses, restrooms, changing areas, or other areas where privacy is expected by participants. This prohibition applies to all participants, adults and youth alike, and violations will result in immediate dismissal from camp and may be reported to law enforcement.

### Constructive Discipline

Discipline used in Scouting must be constructive and must reflect Scouting's values. Corporal punishment is never permitted under any circumstances. Youth leaders are monitored by adult leaders to ensure that peer guidance is always appropriate, respectful, and consistent with Scouting values.

### Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse

All individuals involved in Scouting are personally responsible to immediately report to law enforcement any belief or good faith suspicion that any child is or has been physically abused, sexually abused, neglected, or subjected to any other form of abuse or exploitation. This is not optional and does not require certainty — a good-faith suspicion is sufficient.

Reports must be made directly to local law enforcement and/or the state child protective services agency. The Camp Director must also be informed. Leaders should not conduct their own investigation. After reporting to law enforcement, the incident must also be reported to the Black Warrior Council Scout Executive following Scouting America's incident reporting procedures.

**If you suspect a child has been abused, call law enforcement FIRST. Do not investigate yourself. Then notify the Camp Director.**

## Camp Services

### Campsites

Packs will be assigned a campsite prior to the weekend. Assignments will be communicated to pack leaders before arrival. Packs are responsible for maintaining their campsites in a clean and orderly condition. Based on 2025 feedback, we are working to improve hot water availability and accessibility accommodations. Specific accessibility needs should be communicated to camp leadership prior to the event.



### Dining

Meals are served in the camp dining hall. All participants should arrive at their designated time, wait inside, clean up after meals, and observe posted dining hall rules. Meals provided include breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday and Sunday, plus breakfast on Monday morning.

### Special Dietary Needs

If any participant has a dietary restriction or allergy, please communicate this at registration and again at check-in. We will do our best to accommodate reasonable dietary needs. Our kitchen is not a fully allergen-free environment.

### Indoor Programs for Inclement Weather

Alabama weather in May can change rapidly. In the event of sustained rain, severe heat, or other inclement weather conditions, Cub Adventure Weekend has planned indoor program alternatives for all scheduled outdoor activities. If weather forces a program change, announcements will be made and leaders will be directed to alternate locations. No program time will be lost due to weather. The Liberty in Action program was designed with indoor contingencies for every activity.

### Trading Post

The Camp Horne Trading Post will be open during designated hours. It carries snacks, drinks, Scouting materials, and Liberty in Action camp merchandise including patches, t-shirts, and first responder-themed keepsakes. Some items will be available for pre-order and that information will be sent to leaders.

## Program Overview & Activities

Cub Adventure Weekend 2026 is built around the Liberty in Action theme and five programming pillars:

<b>FUN &amp; FAMILY</b>	<b>FIRST RESPONDER HONOR</b>	<b>ADVANCEMENT</b>	<b>OUTDOOR SKILLS</b>	<b>WATER ADVENTURES</b>
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Detailed rotation schedules and rank-specific programming will be released in the full Leader's Guide in January 2026. The following is an overview of planned activities.

### Program Rotations

- Shooting Sports — BB guns and/or archery under certified range officers
- Swimming and aquatic activities at the pool — conducted under Safe Swim Defense (see below)
- Crafts and hands-on projects with first responder themes
- Outdoor skills stations — rope tying, knots, compass, first aid basics, nature study
- STEM and ecology activities
- Gaga ball pit and team sports
- Fishing in designated areas

### Safe Swim Defense

All aquatic activities at Cub Adventure Weekend will be conducted in full accordance with Scouting America's Safe Swim Defense policy. Safe Swim Defense requires eight elements: qualified supervision, personal health review, safe area, lookouts, ability groups, buddy system, swim check, and discipline. Leaders are encouraged to review Safe Swim Defense at [scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org) before arriving at camp.

Any camper not previously classified must complete a swim classification at check-in before participating in swimming activities. Pre-camp swim test forms completed by a qualified administrator are accepted. Any camper not classified will be designated a non-swimmer until a camp swim check is completed.

### Special Programs & Ceremonies

- Liberty in Action Opening Ceremony — Friday night welcome and theme launch
- Memorial Day Ceremony — Flag retirement, moment of remembrance, and tribute to the fallen
- Opening and closing campfires with camper participation
- Liberty in Action Awards & Recognition — Sunday closing campfire
- Arrow of Light (AOL) exclusive activities — special programming for senior Scouts
- Water activities and friendly competitions throughout the weekend

## First Responder Programming

### ★ LIBERTY IN ACTION: MEET THE HEROES ★

The heart of the Liberty in Action theme is giving Cub Scouts the chance to encounter, learn from, and be inspired by real first responders. We are working with local agencies in the Tuscaloosa and Cottondale area to bring authentic first responder experiences to Camp Horne. Planned and anticipated program elements include:

#### Fire Department Experience

- Live demonstration by a local fire company at camp — equipment, truck walk-arounds, and gear explanation
- Fire safety education station: stop, drop, and roll; home escape planning; what firefighters do
- Scouts may have the opportunity to try on firefighting gear and handle equipment (age-appropriate)
- Wildfire awareness and forest fire prevention — connecting to our outdoor environment

#### Law Enforcement & Search and Rescue

- Visit from local law enforcement including possible K-9 demonstration
- Search and rescue techniques — how rescuers find lost hikers (ties to wilderness survival skills)
- Community protection discussion: what police officers, sheriffs, and deputies do every day
- Safe messaging for Scouts about when and how to call 911

#### Emergency Medical Services

- EMS and paramedic visit: what happens when you call 911 for a medical emergency
- Basic first aid demonstration — age-appropriate first aid activities for Scouts
- CPR awareness — why it matters and the basics (Lions through AOL appropriate levels)
- Hands-on bandaging and basic care stations

#### Military & Veterans Honor

- Veterans Day vs. Memorial Day education for all Scouts
- Flag ceremony led with veterans' participation where available
- Stories of service: audio or video tributes from local veterans
- Memorial Day wreath-laying or candle ceremony honoring the fallen

#### Advancement Connections

First responder program activities are being designed to connect to Cub Scout advancement requirements including:

- First Responder adventure loop/pin requirements (Wolves, Bears, Webelos)
- Cyber Chip safety components
- Emergency preparedness activities
- Citizenship and community components across all ranks

We anticipate that many Scouts will leave camp deeply inspired. Encourage your Scouts to ask the first responders questions, thank them for their service, and think about how they can serve their own communities — starting right now, in their own dens and packs.

## Directions to Camp Horne

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### Camp Information

<b>Camp Name</b>	Camp Horne
<b>Location</b>	13633 Keenes Mill Rd. Cottondale, Alabama (near Tuscaloosa)
<b>GPS / Maps</b>	Search “Camp Horne Cottondale AL” in your navigation app
<b>Council</b>	Black Warrior Council, Scouting America
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://bwc-bsa.org/cubadvweekend2026">bwc-bsa.org/cubadvweekend2026</a>

### Getting to Camp

Specific GPS coordinates and turn-by-turn directions will be provided in the January 2026 full Leader’s Guide and posted on the camp website. Cell phone signals may be limited in the camp area — leaders are strongly encouraged to download offline maps or print directions before departing. Preview the route before the weekend.

# APPENDIX

**Map of Camp Horne**

**Registration Application**

**Campership Application**

# Camp Horne

(13633 Keenes Mill Rd., Cottdale, AL 35453)



- Map Key**
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| 1. Hulsart Training Center/Museum | 15. Old Dining Hall (Staff Area) |
| 2. Dining Hall                    | 16. Climbing/Rappelling Tower    |
| 3. Program Storage Bldg.          | 17. Warehouse                    |
| 4. Livingston Chapel              | 18. Lower Hulsart Parking Lot    |
| 5. Trading Post                   | 19. Scoutcraft Area              |
| 6. Swimming Pool                  | 20. Boat Docks                   |
| 7. Health Lodge                   | 21. Trailblazer Pavilion         |
| 8. Handicraft Pavilion            | 22. Boat House                   |
| 9. Warren G. Finney Council Ring  | 23. Program Pavilion             |
| 10. Sunday Night Council Ring     | 24. Range & Target Area Complex  |
| 11. OA Lodge                      | 25. Pool Pavilion                |
| 12. Hopi Cabin                    |                                  |
| 13. Blackfoot Cabin               |                                  |
| 14. Ecology Cabin                 |                                  |



## Cub Adventure Weekend 2026 Registration Application

**\* Registration for camp is not confirmed until payment is received. \***

Person Completing this Application:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pack Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_ Cubmaster \_\_\_ Den Leader \_\_\_ Committee Member \_\_\_ Parent

### Attendance Count

Registrant Type	Number
Cub Scout	
Registered Adult Leader	
Adult (Parent, Not Registered)	
Sibling (not a Cub Scout)	

#### NOTE:

This box is to indicate the TOTAL number of participants, by type (Cub, Registered Adult, etc.). When completing the registration/payment section below, adjust the numbers to reflect any FREE leaders based on 1 FREE registered leader for every 6 paid Cubs.

### Registration/Payment Details

**\*Registration for Cub Adventure Weekend is Due by Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>\***

Registrant Type	Number	Per Person	Total
Cub Scout		\$120	
Registered Adult Leader (*One Free for every paid Cub Scouts)		\$75	
Adult (Parent, Not Registered)		\$75	
Sibling (not a Cub Scout)		\$75	
<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>			

Application may be made by:

1. Submitting in person and paying fees in person at the Scout Service Center (2700 Jack Warner Parkway, Tuscaloosa).
2. Mailing application, with fee, to the Scout Service Center (if mailing, please use this address: P.O. Drawer 3088, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403)

Questions, please call the Scout Service Center at (205) 554-1680.

\*\*If you have submitted a Campership Request (due by May 5, 2026), you should receive a reply no later than May 8<sup>th</sup>. Camperships are only for registered Cub Scouts. \*\*

**HARRY E. BOVAY, JR. FOUNDATION CAMBERSHIP**  
**RESIDENTS OF ALL COUNTIES**  
 Cub Adventure Weekend 2026

Applicant Information			
Last Name:	First Name:		M.I.:
Address:			Apt #:
City:	County:	State:	ZIP Code:
Troop:	District: (circle) River Mountain Prairie	School:	Date of Birth:
Parent's Name:		Emergency Phone:	
Email Address:		Annual Household Income:	

Camperships are ONLY for registered Cubs and will be allotted under the direction of a volunteer committee and the Council Program Director, to families who need the help.

Campership funds are provided by the Harry E. Bovay, Jr Foundation and other gifts made by Friends of Scouting.

**PARENT OBLIGATION**

- Register the Cub Scout in the Packthrough which he/she is applying for the campership.
- Complete Annual Health Screening Form, Parts A & B.
- No more than \$75 will be provided for a campership.
- Pay balance of the total camp fee of \$120

**COUNCIL AND CAMP RESPONSIBILITY**

1. Provide tents and health service at camp
2. Camp provides 3 meals each day in the dining hall
3. Camp provides opportunities for swimming, activities, rifle range, archery, hiking, and campfires
4. Provide a campership in the amount not to exceed \$ 75. Amount Requesting: \$\_\_\_\_\_

I (We) have read the above requirements for the campership and agree to the provisions.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian Scoutmaster

**Signatures REQUIRED!**

**\*\*ALL Campership Applications must be received no later than May 5, 2026 at the Council Office.\*\***

**Cub Adventure Weekend**  
**May 22 (6pm) until May 25 (11am), 2026**