

# ADVENTURES AT CAMP THUNDERBOLT

## FOOTHILLS FALL FAMILY CAMPING 2011

OCTOBER 21-23, BERT ADAMS SCOUT RESERVATION

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHAT IS FALL FAMILY CAMPING?

Fall Family Camping is a 3-day/2-night trip for all Pack families held at Bert Adams Scout Reservation near Covington, Georgia. It is the most well attended Cub Scout camping event in the Foothills District (eastern portion of Cobb County) providing Cubs at every level the chance to learn new skills, enjoy active crafts and potentially meet requirements for their ranks depending on the weekend's activities.

The goal of FFC is to give the Cub Scout and his family an opportunity to enjoy the fun and adventure of the outdoors and provide activities that can only be done at the District Level. For many families, it is an entryway to learning more about Scouting and one of its grandest traditions – camping – in a fully organized way.

### WHAT DOES IT COST?

The fee is \$10 per Scout which pays for Bert Adams amenities, entertainment, event supplies, etc. Your Pack may also have a fee for food, items used in your campsite, etc. There is no registration fee for adults.

### WHO CAN ATTEND?

All Cub Scouts and Cub Leaders currently registered with a Pack in the Foothills District and their immediate family members. Siblings in the 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade may also participate in the activities as long as they also pay the \$10 fee.

### WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

Arrive after 4:30 pm, Friday afternoon to set up camp. On Friday evening only, Scouts from the Order of the Arrow will offer grilled hamburger or hotdog dinners (chips and drink included) for \$5.00.

At twilight the “cracker barrel” will begin with a screen-on-the-green movie and popcorn.

Saturday is a full day of planned events with free time for lunch and dinner. It begins with a flag ceremony, followed by four activities in rotations of about an hour each. The day will conclude with an evening flag ceremony followed by camp-wide campfire in the amphitheater. Your Pack may perform a skit or lead a song after demonstrating it to the camp leadership during lunch or dinner.

Sunday morning begins with a flag ceremony and a short non-denominational religious service called Scouts' Own Service. For check-out,

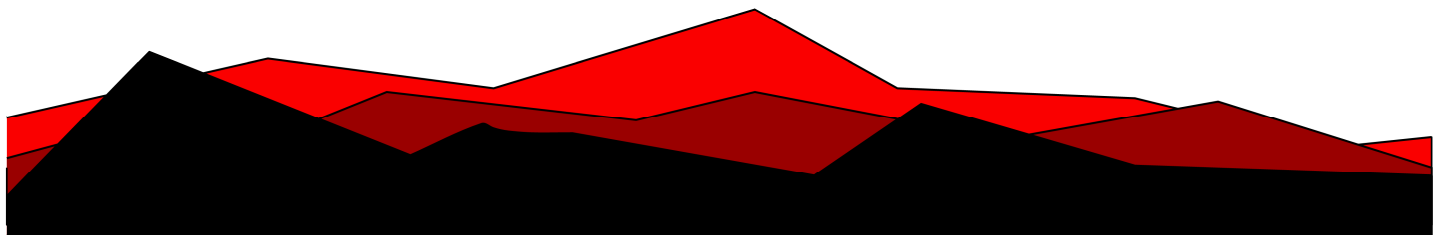
packs will be responsible for cleaning their campsites and common-use areas, each of which must pass inspection as part of the check-out procedures. Common-use assignments will be delegated at check-in.

The schedule includes free time so that Packs and families may relax or plan their own events. Packs are responsible for organizing their own meals.

*NOTE: Packs planning to leave on Saturday night must work with FFC coordinators during registration and check-in to schedule a Saturday evening inspection. The inspection must be conducted before the Pack leaves Bert Adams.*

### HOW SHOULD PACKS PLAN NOW?

Begin advertising to your families about Fall Family Camping. Coordinate adult volunteers to handle different responsibilities such as meal-planning, food purchase, registration, cooking, fire tending, camp inspection, etc. Plan a 60-90 second skit or song for the campfire. Have a Pack cheer ready for roll-call each morning. We'll want to hear those cheers loud and clear!



Registration is handled on the Pack level using the form at the Foothills website. See link at the end. Individual registrations are not allowed. Registration will include the total number of people attending: the number of Cub Scouts, siblings and adults. At check-in, the Pack representative must provide a roster containing the name of **every individual** in camp: include first name, last name and, in the case of Scouts, their rank. Packs must show proof that everyone at camp has a **medical form, parts A & B.**

### **WHAT TO BRING?**

First and foremost, bring your Scout Spirit!

Then bring everything you will need for a comfortable weekend of camping. Activities will occur rain or shine (lightning excluded) so be prepared. Your Pack leadership should discuss how meals are handled and whether you are expected to bring your own food.

Packs should bring their own firewood for their campsite. Do not scavenge for fuel-wood at Bert Adams. If there is wood already stacked in your campsite, that may be used. Packs will also be responsible for cleaning out the fire pit at check-out, so shovels and trash bags are suggested.

Scouts and leaders should wear their "Class A" uniforms while traveling to and from Bert Adams, at Saturday's campfire and at the Flag Ceremony on Sunday morning. During the day on Saturday, Packs are encouraged to wear their Pack t-shirts for *esprit de corp*.

Bert Adams has latrines in each campsite as well as modern, heated restrooms and showers for both genders.

### **WHAT IS THE WEEKEND THEME?**

This is a Greek/Percy Jackson themed weekend. All Packs will be put into one of the god's "houses" and will "compete" together. You are welcome to wear or outfit your Packs based on that theme, but it is not required. Scout guidelines for modesty and youth protection should be followed.

### **ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD KNOW?**

- Campsites do not have electricity. If you need power for medical devices, please plan appropriately. Powered generators are not allowed in camp.
- Campsites do have latrines and running water spigots.
- Main bathhouses have hot water and showers
- The Cub program discourages electronic toys and games (i.e. DS, Gamboy, etc.) at camp. Leave these in the car.
- Inform your parents about Youth Protection Guidelines and the rules about adults **not** entering the youth bathrooms except in emergencies.
- We are looking into providing portable bathrooms for use by females and young siblings. We can't provide one for every campsite, but will located them in convenient areas instead of having to use the latrines.
- Pets are **not** allowed. Fishing is allowed, but not inside the fence perimeter or Aquatics area.
- Campfires in permanent rings only.

### **WHAT ABOUT PARKING?**

Parking is always a concern at Fall Family Camping. Families are allowed to drive to their campsites, unload their gear and then **must** remove their cars to designated parking areas. Do not leave your car in the campsite while you set up camp. Unload, move to a parking area and then return.

Let us reiterate: **cars must not remain** in the camping area nor should they be left in the road way. While this has always been the rule, it has not always been followed. As a result, the rangers at BASR have closed campsites and other non-designated areas to cars using logs and rock barriers. These barriers should not be moved. New rules will be instituted for parking and your Pack may need to provide a shuttle service from your campsite to the parking lot.

**Registration Deadline: October 10, 2011**

**For more information and registration form visit:**

**<http://foothillsbsa.org/cub-scout-district-family-camping>**

