

Thanksgiving Camp 2023 at V-Bar

Salmen Scout Reservation

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“A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room.”

- Lord Baden-Powell

LETTER FROM THE CAMP DIRECTOR

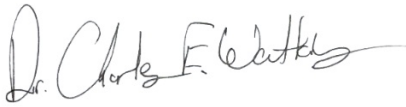
Dear Scoutmasters,

Welcome to the Camp V-Bar Thanksgiving program. We are re-introducing Thanksgiving camp, and trying a different approach. The Merit Badge sessions will primarily be in a “vertical” schedule where each Merit Badge is completed within a day – similar to Merit Badge colleges.

We’ve also shortened it to just the weekend days, as we re-launch the program

We hope that you and your scouts benefit from these design changes.

See you at V-Bar!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Charles F. Watkins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. Charles “Chuck” Watkins

GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION, DATES, FEES

Order ALL merit badge class supplies online: When you register you will pay a program fee for supplies you would have purchased in the Trading Post. Once you have registered and paid the program fee your Scout will receive the supplies during class. Additional supplies will be available on a limited basis in the Trading Post at camp.

GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION	CAMP LOCATION: Salmen Scout Reservation, Camp V-Bar is located in Southern Mississippi approximately 1 ½ hours outside New Orleans, LA. Driving directions found at: http://www.bsa-selacouncil.org/document/general-information-for-camp-guidebook/150802	
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DATES	Friday – Monday, Nov 17-20, 2023
	Check-In: Friday, 5:00pm
	Check-out: Monday

CAMP FEES	Scout Fees	Adult Fees
	\$100 / Early – Deposit by Oct 15	\$50 / Leader
	\$125 / Regular – Paid in Full by Nov 10	
	Registration Closes Nov 10, 2023	
	Deposit of \$50 per registrant (Youth & Adult) due at time of registration	
	All fees must be Paid in Full by close of Registration	

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM FEES					
Leatherwork	18				

ALL merit badge reports are final as of departure from camp. It is the responsibility of UNIT LEADERS to CONFIRM accuracy of reports PRIOR to departure. Any questions regarding merit badge completion must be resolved prior to the unit's departure. In accordance with BSA advancement policy, any incomplete merit badges may be completed with a duly registered merit badge counselor with the approval of the unit leader at any time prior to the scout turning 18.

New Scouts and Arrow of Light Patrol Crossovers do not incur Late Fees

FEES: May be transferred from one Scout to another with written permission from the Scoutmaster.

REFUNDS: Please refer to the council website for the council's policy concerning refunds and refund requests.

<http://www.bsa-selacouncil.org/camping-outdoor-program/council-refund-policy/62964>

Daily Schedule (Draft)

Time	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
5:30 am			Sunrise Hike	
6:00 am		Reveille	Reveille	Reveille
7:00 am		Assembly	Assembly	Assembly
		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8:30 am		AM MB Session	AM MB Session	Troops Depart
12:00 pm		Lunch	Lunch	
1:30 pm		PM MB Session	PM MB Session	
4:45 pm	Troop Check-In	Free Time	Free Time	
5:45 pm	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	
6:00 pm	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
8:02 pm	Opening Campfire (followed by Leader's Meeting)	Evening Program	Closing Campfire	
10:30 pm	Taps	Taps	Taps	

Activity Schedule (Subject to modification)

IMPORTANT! Please have your Scouts review the activity cards on the following pages! There are specific details that they need to know. For example, Welding MB: requires Scouts have appropriate clothing (not shorts and Crocs). There may be pre-requisites or gear required. Also, these can change over time as different MB Counselors provide input, so be sure to review them every camp.

Session	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	Climbing (both days)	
	Engineering	Engineering
	Music	American Business
	Pottery	Animation
	Weather	Swimming*
	First Aid	Nature
	Personal Fitness	First Aid
		Communication
	Nova Shoot! Award (all day)	
Afternoon	Painting	American Business
	Leatherwork	Art
	Fire Safety	Swimming*
	Mammal Study	Oceanography
	Emergency Preparedness	Geocaching
	Fire Safety	Fire Safety

*Swimming – dependent on weather and temperature conditions.

PROGRAM DETAILS

LEGEND FOR PROGRAM AREA CODES



Recommended for any Scout



Adult Training



One Session Program



Two Session / Half Day Program



Eagle required Merit Badge



Prerequisites



Recommended for older Scouts / Venturers



Full Day Program



Additional Fee for Supplies



Cannot be completed at camp

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



**American Business
Merit Badge**



Earning the American Business merit badge can help Scouts learn practical business matters that will be useful throughout life. Learning how businesses function will help you understand society and uncover a number of career options.



**Animation
Merit Badge**



Computer or traditional animation tasks that will test a Scout's creativity, artistic skills, and storytelling abilities.



**Art
Merit Badge**



This merit badge concentrates on two-dimensional art, specifically drawing and painting in various media, including an introduction to design applications in the fields of graphic arts and industrial design.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



Climbing Merit Badge



Basic climbing methods and rappelling techniques are taught at the Climbing Tower. Scouts will have the opportunity to rappel from the gravel pits on the back side of camp during this program.



Communication Merit Badge



"Communication focuses on how people use messages to generate meanings within and across various contexts, cultures, channels, and media. The field of communication promotes the effective and ethical practice of human communication." - US Department of Education
Note: Requirement 5 cannot be completed at camp.



Emergency Prepared- ness Merit Badge



Scouts are often called upon to help because they know first aid and they know about the discipline and planning needed to react to an emergency situation. Earning this merit badge helps a Scout to be prepared by learning the actions that can be helpful and needed before, during, and after an emergency. Emergency Preparedness merit badge is an option for the National Outdoor Badge for Adventure Pre-Req: 1 (First Aid MB), 8b



Engineering Merit Badge



Engineers use both science and technology to turn ideas into reality, devising all sorts of things, ranging from a tiny, low-cost battery for your cell phone to a gigantic dam across the mighty Yangtze River in China.



Fire Safety Merit Badge



The ability to use fire safely is essential to human survival. By earning this merit badge, Scouts will learn to use fire safely and responsibly, how to prevent home fires, and how to handle fire safely, as well as burn prevention, and camping safety.



First Aid Merit Badge



First aid — caring for injured or ill persons until they can receive professional medical care — is an important skill for every Scout. With some knowledge of first aid, a Scout can provide immediate care and help to someone who is hurt or who becomes ill. First aid can help prevent infection and serious loss of blood. It could even save a limb or a life.

Bring: Materials to make a First Aid Kit.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



Geocaching Merit Badge



The word geocache is a combination of "geo," which means "earth," and "cache," which means "a hiding place." Geocaching describes a hiding place on planet Earth - a hiding place you can find using a GPS unit. A GPS (Global Positioning System) unit is an electronic tool that shows you where to go based on information it gets from satellites in space. Optional: Personal GPS



Leatherwork Merit Badge



Scouts who complete the requirements to earn the Leatherwork merit badge will explore leather's history and its endless uses. They will learn to make a useful leather item using the same types of raw materials that our ancestors used. Program fee includes kits



Mammal Study Merit Badge



A mammal may weigh as little as 1/12 ounce, as do some shrews, or as much as 150 tons, like the blue whale. It may spring, waddle, swim, or even fly. But if it has milk for its young, has hair of some kind, is relatively intelligent, and has warm blood, then it is a mammal. Pre-Req: Recommended to start 4 prior to camp



Music Merit Badge



The history of music is rich and exciting. Through the ages, new music has been created by people who learned from tradition, then explored and innovated. All the great music has not yet been written. Today, the possibilities for creating new music are limitless.



Nature Merit Badge



There is a very close connection between the soil, the plants, and all animal life, including people. Understanding this connection, and the impact we have upon it, is important to preserving the wilderness, as well as to our own well-being as members of the web of nature.



Nova Shoot! Award



Explore how projectiles and space affect your life each day. Rockets, satellites, planets, baseballs and flying marshmallows all follow Newtons' Law of Motion. See how these work with hands-on experiments. Pre-Req: Already completed, or taking at camp - one Merit Badge from list in Req 2

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



Oceanography Merit Badge



The oceans cover more than 70 percent of our planet and are the dominant feature of Earth. Wherever you live, the oceans influence the weather, the soil, the air, and the geography of your community. To study the oceans is to study Earth itself. Oceanography is one of the elective merit badges for the William T. Hornaday awards for Boy Scouts.



Painting Merit Badge



This merit badge provides an opportunity for Scouts to learn more about painting, including both the artistic and practical aspects.



Personal Fitness Merit Badge



Personal fitness is an individual effort and desire to be the best one can be. Regardless of their current levels of personal fitness, in the twelve weeks it will take Scouts to complete the athletic requirements for this merit badge, they will be in better shape, feel better about themselves, have more energy, and gain self-confidence in their overall abilities. Bring: Statement for 1b
Note: Requirement 8 cannot be completed at camp.



Pottery Merit Badge



The Pottery merit badge provides an introduction to pottery making, enabling Scouts to gain skill and understanding from actually creating pottery. Completing the requirements will include hands-on production of a work of art, from start to finish.



Swimming Merit Badge



Swimming is a leisure activity, a competitive sport, and a basic survival skill. Scouts who earn this badge will learn about safety when swimming and diving, how swimming can contribute to overall fitness and health, and gain some basic competitive swimming skills



Weather Merit Badge



Meteorology is the study of Earth's atmosphere and its weather and the ways in which temperature, wind, and moisture act together in the environment. In addition to learning how everyday weather is predicted, Scouts can learn about extreme weather such as thunderstorms, tornadoes, and hurricanes, and how to stay safe.

SUGGESTED PERSONAL EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

Scouts BSA Handbook
Signed Annual Health & Medical Form (A, B & C)
Scout uniform (shirt, shorts, socks, belt)
Socks (7 or 8 pair)
Shorts
5 or 6 t-shirts (no tank tops)
Shoes (closed toe) or hiking boots
Hat for sun protection
Underwear
Pajamas or sleeping clothes
Sleeping bag, liner or blanket & sheets
Pillow
Personal first aid kit
Poncho or rain jacket
Towels & washcloth
Soap and shampoo/conditioner
Toothbrush & toothpaste
Comb, brush, & mirror
Feminine hygiene products
Flashlight & extra batteries
Pocket knife & "Totin' Chit"
Insect repellent
Sun screen
Water bottle
Daypack
Notebook, Pen / Pencils
Weather-appropriate outerwear
Completed merit badge pre-requisites
Watch
Fishing rod & tackle
Camera
Bible or prayer book
Work gloves
Dirty clothes bag

Mosquito netting
Money for Trading Post (\$50 recommended, no large bills please)

SUMMER CAMP

Swim suit
Water shoes (aqua socks, etc.) For lake/swimming at the waterfront
Water survival clothing (for Scouts taking the Lifesaving merit badge)

THANKSGIVING & WINTER CAMP

Long pants
Cold-weather hat
Long-sleeved shirt

SURVIVAL KIT (for scouts taking Wilderness Survival merit badge)
Whistle
Ground cloth
Compass
Signal mirror
Sewing kit
Space blanket
Water purification tablets
Waterproof matches

DO NOT BRING

Personal electronic items such as radios, Bluetooth speaker, TV's, electronic games, cell phones, fireworks, sheath or hunting knives, pets, personal firearms & ammunition, jewelry or other expensive items, personal bows & arrows, laser pointers.

SUGGESTED TROOP EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

Patrol flags
Lanterns (propane is best)
Matches / lighters / fire starters
Dining fly(s), poles, & stakes
Rope (1/4" manila)
Tents (if you have them), poles & stakes
Hammers & other hand tools
5-gallon water jugs
Ice chests
Trash bags
Lockable storage container
Troop first aid kit
Compass
Shovels, rakes, hoes, bow saws
Rolls of surveyor's marking tape
Camp chairs
Dutch oven and other cooking and cleanup gear
(gear as needed for cobbler and chili cook-off)
Camp stove, pots and pans (gear as needed for
patrol cooking on Wednesday)

CAMPSITE ENTRANCE/GATEWAY MATERIALS

Troop sign (should include troop number)
Troop flag
U.S. Flag
Twine & poles for lashing

BULLETIN BOARD

Bulletin board provided
Camp roster
Troop duty roster
Scout schedules
Emergency procedures
Push pins, etc. For bulletin board
Fireguard chart

PAPERWORK

Troop advancement records
Troop leaders guide book
Paper BSA medical forms

CAMP V-BAR INFORMATION & POLICIES

Refer to the [Camp V-Bar General Information and Policies](#) for:

- Driving Directions
- Camp Map
- Camp Amenities
- Policies

STAFF CAMP V-BAR

WE WANT YOUR SCOUTS!

On Camp V-Bar Staff

Dear Scoutmasters,

The Camp V-bar staff is committed to providing quality merit badge instruction and exciting evening programs in order to give your Scouts an experience that will last a lifetime.

Working at Salmen Scout Reservation has been one of the most fulfilling and exciting experiences of my life. Staff members learn the value of teamwork, and dedication while honing their Scouting skills, leadership and teamwork skill, and making lifetime friends. These are skills I dedicate my life to and expect nothing less from my staff. If your Scouts join our staff, they will become role models for hundreds of youth and make a valuable impression on the lives of others.

If there are Scouts in your troop who you feel are the best of the best, encourage them to join one of the greatest camp staffs in the country. We have a passion for Camp V-bar and we want to see it grow and become even greater as the years progress. In order to do this, we need new staff members with innovative ideas who are willing to work hard to continue the tradition of making Camp V-Bar the great camp that it is. We want your best Scouts. Have them sign up today!

First we MUST have them submit their resume to the Camp Staff Advisor, Tracy Jones. The resumes can be emailed to Tracy.Jones@scouting.org. If interested Scouts do not have a resume they can download a sample resume from the council website at <https://secure.bsa-selacouncil.org/document/summer-camp-sample-resume/156329>.

Yours in Scouting,

Your Camp V-Bar Staff