

SELA Council America 250th Anniversary Camperall



**October 16th-18th, 2026
Camp V-Bar
Perkinston, MS**

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Welcome!



Over the last 250 years, America has gone through many changes in size and structure. Southeast Louisiana has also undergone many changes in its shorter but storied history.

- Our Council name has changed from New Orleans Council to New Orleans Area Council to Southeast Louisiana Council
 - Our Districts have seen changes in size and name
 - Our Council Camp has moved from Camp Salmen in Slidell, LA to Camp V-Bar at the Salmen Scout Reservation in Perkinston, MS.
 - Our membership has gone from older boys to including younger Scouts in the "new" Cub program to adding Tigers, then Lions and most recently young women to our programs.
- This Council has produced almost 9000 Eagle Scouts in its 100+ years.

This America 250th Anniversary Camperall is a celebration of all things Scouting as well as the Birthday Party for America. We can't wait to see all of you at Camp V-Bar enjoying a weekend full of great events and activities.

Camperall is open to all levels - Cub Scouts, Scouting America, Venturing, Sea Scouts and Explorer Scouts. We will also need a large number of Staffers to help ensure this event is a success.

Registration is available at

Southeast Louisiana Council and our Outdoor Committee is looking forward to hosting a fantastic weekend of Celebration, Commemoration and Fellowship for all of our Scouting Family.

Please read this guidebook carefully as there will be several special accommodations and adjustments made to our normal event setup and participation.

We hope to see you there to help us Celebrate America and Scouting!

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Register at: www.bsa-selacouncil.org/250

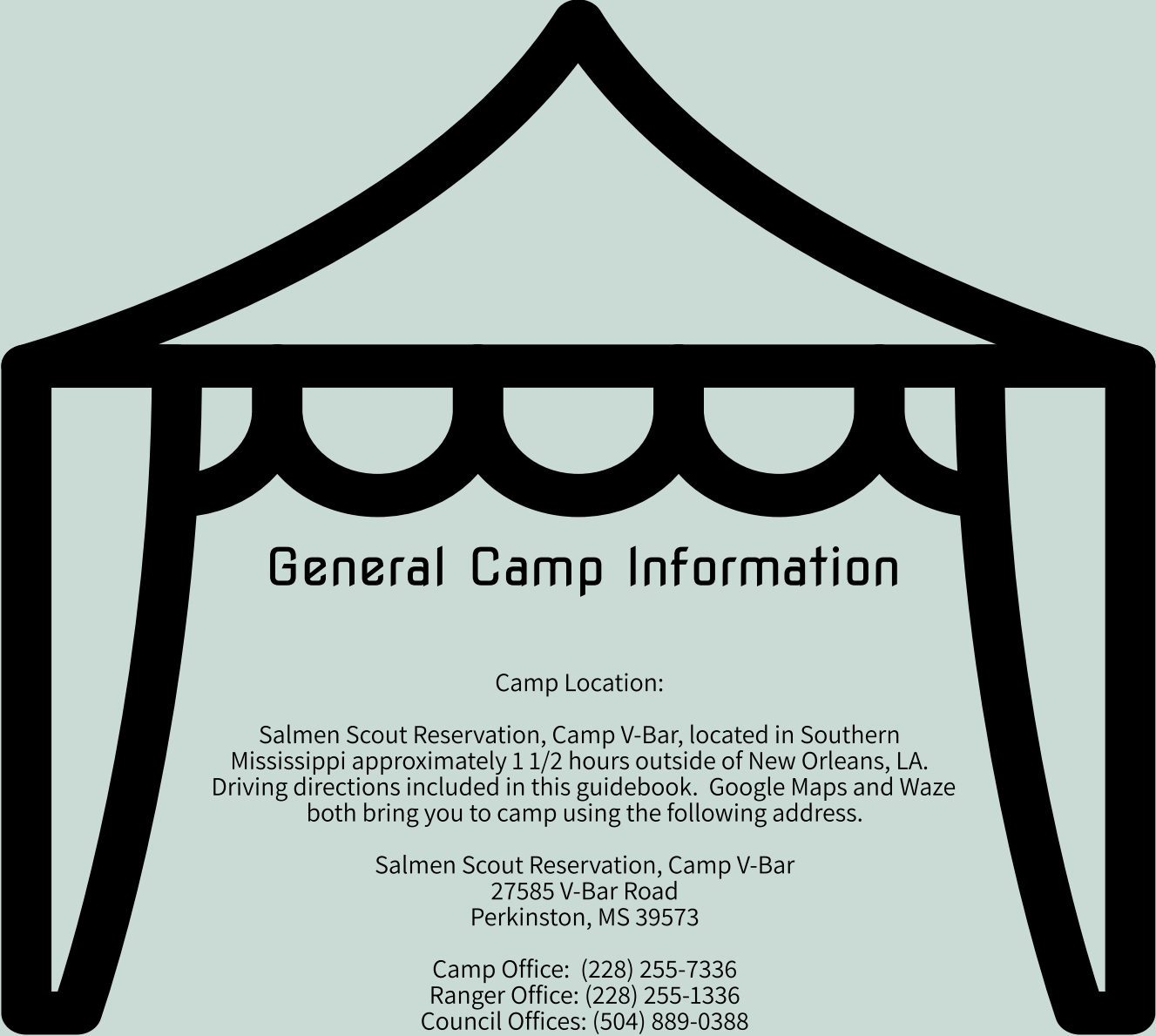


***A Message From
our Council***

For nearly half of our nation's history, Scouting has shaped the very character of the citizens who keep the promise of freedom alive. As we celebrate America's 250th anniversary, we honor a legacy of leadership, service, and reverence for the land we call home. The same timeless values that built our past now guide a new generation of scouts to chart the course for our nation's bright future!

***A Message From
our District
Executive***

Scouting America builds the foundation of our nation's future by instilling timeless values of character, leadership, and selfless service in our youth. By teaching young people to respect the environment, guide others, and lift up their communities, scouting shapes the very citizens who keep America strong and united.



General Camp Information

Camp Location:

Salmen Scout Reservation, Camp V-Bar, located in Southern Mississippi approximately 1 1/2 hours outside of New Orleans, LA. Driving directions included in this guidebook. Google Maps and Waze both bring you to camp using the following address.

Salmen Scout Reservation, Camp V-Bar
27585 V-Bar Road
Perkinston, MS 39573

Camp Office: (228) 255-7336
Ranger Office: (228) 255-1336
Council Offices: (504) 889-0388

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Don't let the grass
grow under your feet
and register today!

REGISTRATION & FEES

Be Sure to Check Out All Your Options.....

Make sure to read all of the options carefully before you log on to register. Given the nature of this event, there are multiple ways in which to join us and have some fun!



Fees: \$25 (includes camping overnight Friday & Saturday)
\$20 (Saturday ONLY - NO Camping)
\$40 - Late Registration

Early Registration - Ends **OCTOBER 2nd** at midnight

Late Registration - **October 3rd** through **October 8th**

NO registration accepted after October 8th. **NO WALK INS ALLOWED AT CAMP**

Meals in Dining Hall are unavailable. Your Unit must do their own cooking in their campsites.



Registration includes access to all scouting level specific activities and 1 event exclusive GHOST Council Shoulder Patch shown below. Additional patches MAY be available for purchase during the event.

Cubs



Scouts BSA



Special registration option: Take the Liberty in Action challenge and earn a commemorative patch only available this year! Please select this option during registration. SPOTS ARE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 30 REGISTRANTS WHO SELECT THIS OPTION! This will replace your morning sessions for Scouts BSA and your afternoon session for Cubs. The cost is \$5. Check the box during registration!

Registration Dates:
Early Closes: October 2nd
Late Closes: October 8th

[Register Here:](http://www.bsa-selacouncil.org/250)
www.bsa-selacouncil.org/250

Online camp registration closes at MIDNIGHT on the last day noted above. **No registration will be accepted after the final date to register, or at camp.** Registration will ONLY be accepted online (No manual registrations are accepted at the Council Service Center).

Registrations may be done on an individual basis, but it is much easier when the entire group registers together. We suggest having a "Camperall Coordinator" within your Unit to handle collecting funds from your members, registering campers and distributing information to your members.

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>



No event can run without a staff and for this event, staffing is one of the most important factors in order to produce a successful celebration of our 250th Celebration. Please read the following information carefully before you register.

Fee **\$20** - This covers the cost of your staff patch and meals, however, if your unit is at camp and cooking, we encourage you to eat with your unit.

Registration

www.bsa-selacouncil.org/250

All Staff **MUST** register online at the special staff link for the event. Staff patches will **ONLY** be given to those individuals who have officially registered for the event. Please register by the Early Registration deadline of October 2nd so that we can place you in the event. Staff members are expected to work their assigned hours and area.

Staff Meeting

October 10th - Camp
VBar 9:00 - 4:00
Lunch will be served



Patch will NOT be available for sale!

We will be meeting the weekend before the event at Camp VBar to talk about assignments, set up for the event and practice for the closing campfire. Come out and help us make this a great event.

Additional Information

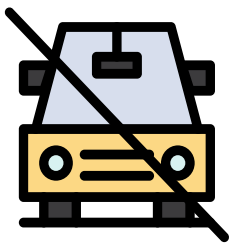
- We need a lot of additional help for this event. If your Unit is attending the event, please have at least one of the adults in your unit volunteer to help during the day for a 2 hour shift.
- Shift volunteers should register as a regular attendee. Shifts will be assigned during the leader meeting Friday night or after morning assembly Saturday morning.

Schedule - Friday



3:00 p.m. - Check in Gate Opens

9:30 p.m. - Check in gate closes (if arriving after 9:30 please check in at Admin Building on Saturday Morning after flag)



7:15 p.m. - No trailers allowed in camp after 7:15 p.m.

This is a safety issue - we do not want vehicles driving through camp after dark. Also, we will need trailers in place before tents start going up to ensure we have enough space for everyone. Please contact the Co-Chairs if you need accommodations in regards to the time



8:00 p.m. - Leader Meeting

Join us in the **Dining Hall** to learn all about Saturday activities, get answers to your questions, pick up patches, etc.



10:30 - Lights Out

Schedule - Saturday

8:45		Flag Poles by Administration ✓ Please Line up in lines so that we can fit everyone in around the flag
9:00 - 12:00		Morning Sessions ✓ See Program Guide for Specifics ✓ Programs are Level Specific - refer to Program Guide, Program Signs and wristband colors to identify your program options
12:00 - 1:00		Lunch ✓ If Camping - Return to campsite to prepare and eat your lunch ✓ If just up for the day - find a nice spot and spread out a blanket and eat your picnic lunch or buy lunch from one of the food trucks at camp
1:00 - 4:00		Afternoon Sessions ✓ See Program Guide for Specifics ✓ Programs are Level Specific - refer to Program Guide, Program Signs and wristbands colors to identify your program options
6:00 - 7:30		Dinner ✓ If Camping - Return to campsite to prepare and eat your dinner ✓ If Just up for the day - find a nice spot, spread out a blanket and eat your picnic dinner.
8:02		Bonfire on the Levee ✓ Join us for a special Bonfire on the Levee ✓ Please make sure to sit close together on the levee. We will have a lot of people needing to sit down. ✓ Leave the Top of the levee open for emergency access & for people with disabilities. Do Not sit on the road

Preparation for Camperall

- All units are required to cook their own meals at this event. We will have too many participants to provide food through the dining hall. Dining hall will provide meals for STAFF ONLY.
- There will be food trucks available during the lunch hour if you wish to purchase food through them.
- If at all possible, register your entire unit together. We will be assigning campsites based on unit size. Also, be aware due to the sheer number of attendees, units will be sharing campsites with other units.
- BSA rules require that Scouts BSA/Venturing/Exploring Scouts Camp in separate areas than Cub Scouts. We will have separate areas designated for Cubs and Older Scouts. Be aware that if you have Scouts in multiple levels, you will not be able to camp together - for example: Little brother is a Cub Scout and big sister is a Scouts BSA. The Cub Scout and parents will camp with the Pack in the Cub area. The Scouts BSA will camp with her Troop in the Troop area. Please see FAQ at end of Guidebook for clarification.
- BSA rules require that for Scouting America, Venturing, Sea Scouts & Explorer Scouts, all adults attending with the unit must be registered with BSA in order for that unit to camp overnight.
- Wi-fi will not be available to participants. Please make other accommodations if you need access to wi-fi.
- If you need a CPAP machine when you sleep, please be sure to bring your own battery power to run it. We will not have enough electrical outlets nor strength on our grid to support multiple CPAP machines for our campers. Example of a battery that will work with a CPAP machine: Renogy 72000mAh 266Wh 12v Power Bank with 60w PD. You will also need a 12-volt adapter for your CPAP machine. No portable generators please.
- All participants and staff must bring a completed and signed Annual Health and Medical Record form parts A & B to the event. These forms will be kept at your campsite with your unit.
- One vehicle - pulling the unit camp trailer will be allowed into camp prior to 6:00 p.m. on Friday. Once the trailer is unhooked and secured, the vehicle MUST return to the parking lot. We will not have any extra room for trailer vehicles to remain in camp. No other vehicles will be allowed past the parking lot except those with special permission (i.e. staff vehicles, handicapped) after 6:00 p.m. on Friday or during the event.

Program Details

Listed below are some, but not all of the activities that will be happening at camp during the America 250th Anniversary Camperall

Cub Level Programing

- Shooting Sports - BBs
- Fishing (Bring your own equipment)
- Gaga Ball
- Castle
- And many more!

Scouts BSA and higher Programming

- Shooting Sports - Rifle, Archery, and Shotgun
- Pioneering
- Minuteman
- Tent Pitching
- Fire Building/String Burning
- Shooting Sports
- Climbing Tower
- Relay Races
- Pen Turning
- And More!

General Programming

- Early American Games
- Scouting Museum
- Early American Parade
- Pioneering Village
- Hayrides
- Card Trading
- STEM - rocks/minerals
- Crafts
- Jamboree on the Air
- Leatherwork
- Rope Making
- Branding
- Candle Making
- Flag Etiquette

Special Activities

- Astronaut Talk
- Blacksmith
- Liberty in Action challenge (must register; limited spots)

Theme Challenge

Units are encouraged to select a theme from our 250 years of history. It can be a decade, historical event, or time period, for example colonial outfits or 70s clothing. Units can consider making their trading cards match the theme chosen. Units can participate in the parade celebration using the outfits created around their theme.

Come out and join the fun and discover all the great things taking place during our America 250th Anniversary celebration!

Competition



Tug of War

Put together your team and challenge for bragging rights as the 2024 VBar Tug of War Champion

- Cub Division - Teams of 10 consisting of 2 adults and 8 Cub Scouts
- Scouts BSA/Venturing/Exploring/Sea Scout Division - Teams of 8 Scouts - NO ADULTS
- Adult division - Teams of 8

Sign up Friday at the Admin office at Camp VBar

Cobbler Competition

Do you think you make the best camp cobbler? Put your cooking to the test. Bring the ingredients to camp for your best cobbler and enter the 250th Anniversary Cobbler Competition.

- Competition is open to all participants. (please let us know if you are competing in this event)
- Must cook cobbler in a 12" or larger Dutch oven
- All Cobblers must be brought to the Dining Hall Porch by 6:30 p.m.
- Bring a list of allergens, if any, with your cobbler
- Once judged, cobbler will be offered to anyone interested in taste testing. Taste testing begins at 7:00 p.m.
- Stop by on your way to get a seat at the Campfire show!



Service

What would Scouting be without Service? To help celebrate our nation's 250th Anniversary, we are bringing Scouting for Food to Camp. Bring canned goods with you and drop at off when you check in or later at the drop zone in the Dining Hall. Food will be distributed to local food banks supported by Southeast Louisiana and Scouting for Food.

America 250th Anniversary Events



SELA Council History Museum

Visit our Camp Training Center and see our SELA Council History Museum. Volunteers have spent the last few months gathering items that represent our council's history from Scouters around the area. Come in and check out some of the historical items they have collected.

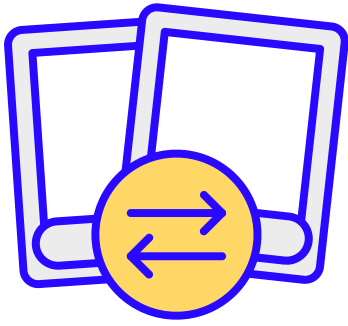
Early American Town

Join us as we travel back to visit an early American settlement! With games, demonstrations, branding, rope making, a parade, and much more, you don't want to miss the opportunity to live a day in the life of our founders!

Saturday Evening Bonfire

What better way to celebrate 250 years as a nation than with our evening Bonfire on Saturday. Join us on the levee for lots of laughs, celebration and fun as our Staff entertains us with skits and songs and retires our nations flag.

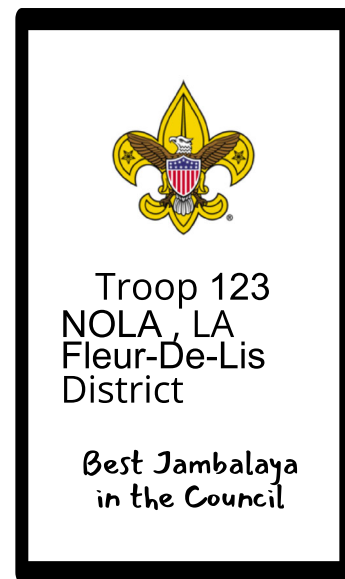




Camp VBar Trading Card Scavenger Hunt

The Camp VBar Trading Card Scavenger Hunt has two components:

Example:



Before Camp:

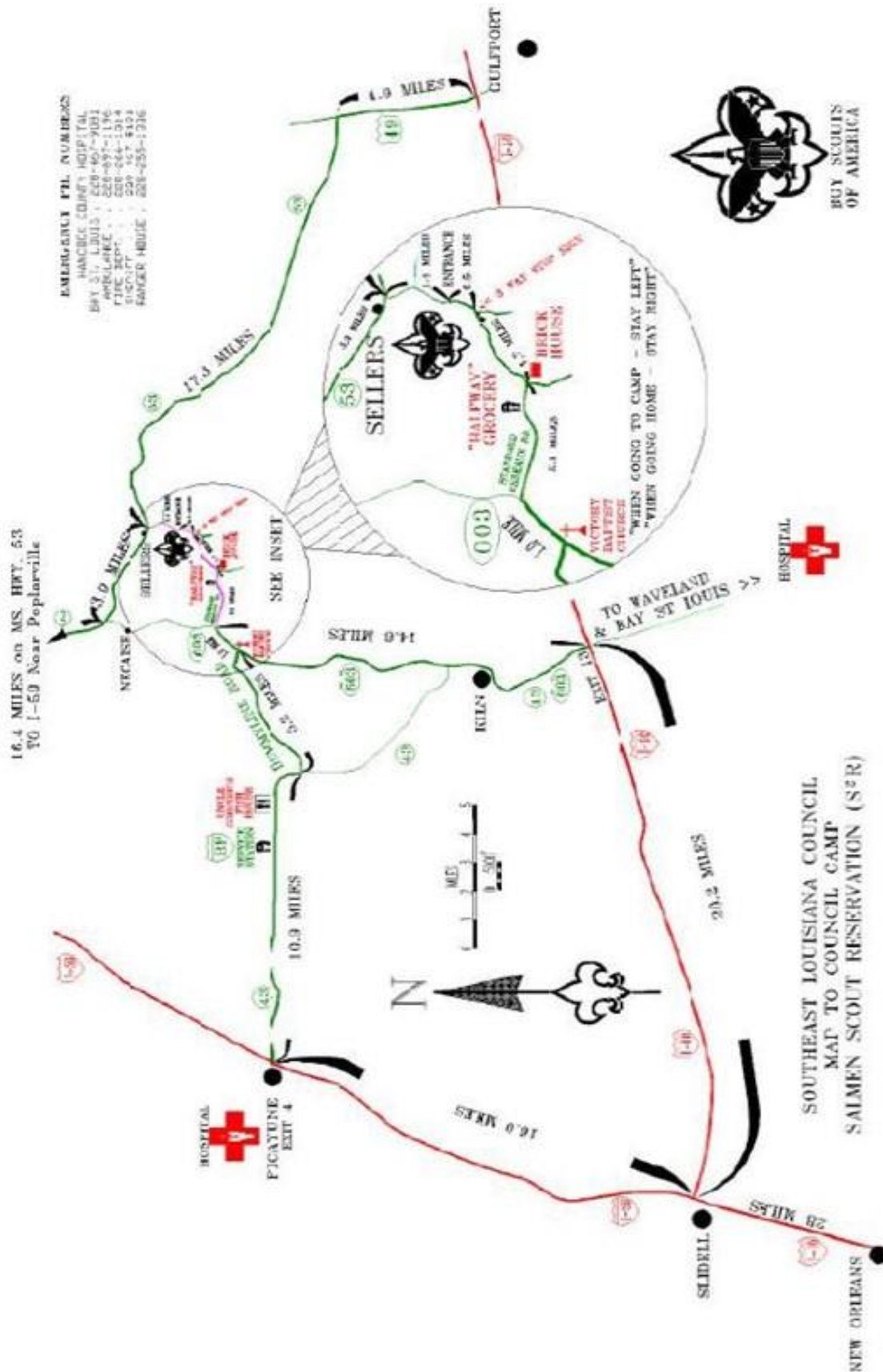
- Design your own unit Trading Card (see example). Include your unit number, when you were founded, favorite summer camp (wait, that's VBar!), what your unit is know for, number of total Eagles or anything else you can think of. The design is up to you as include your unit number.
- Using 10 per sheet business card template/paper, print out 1 sheet (10 cards) per participant (adults can play too) and bring to camp.

At Camp:

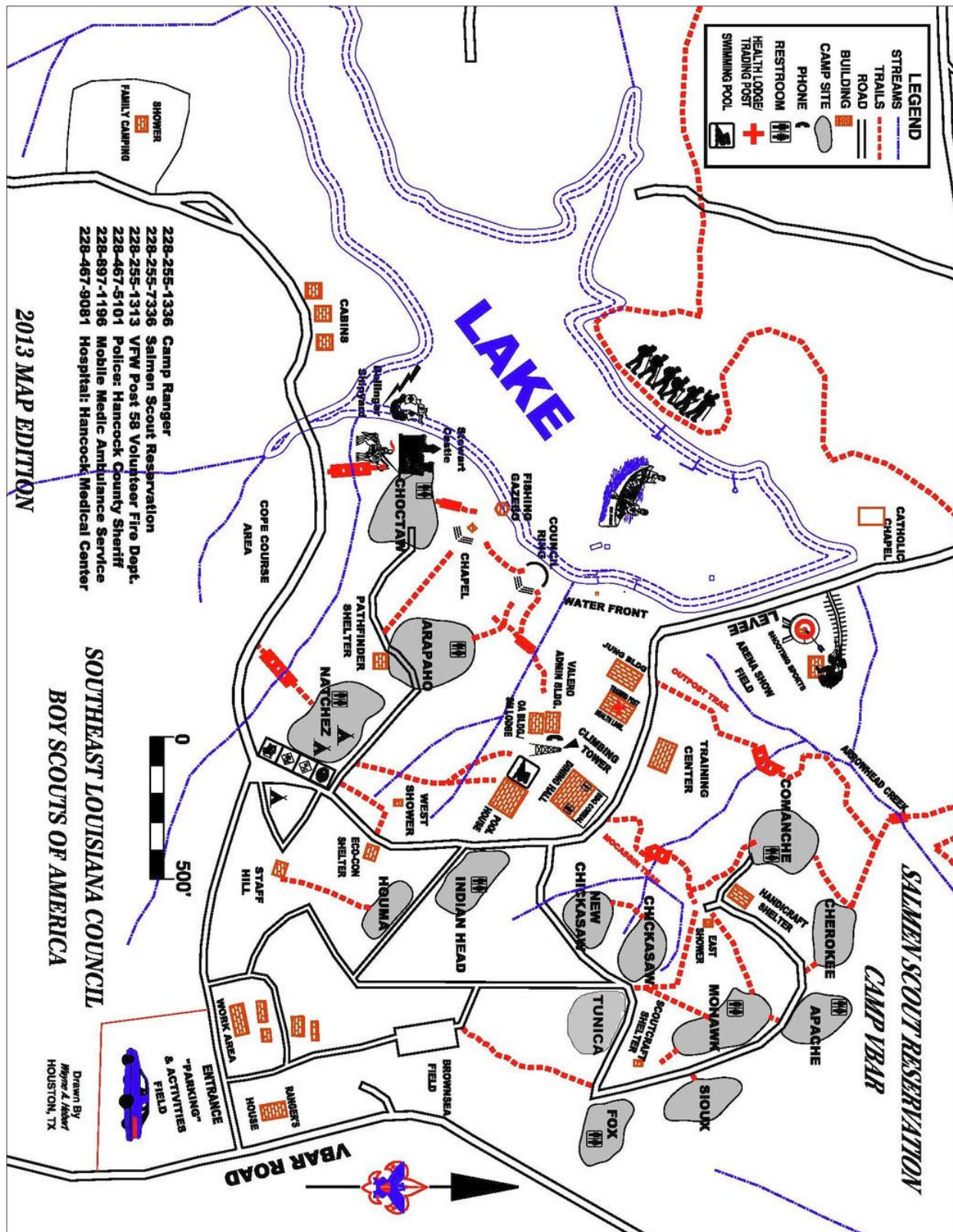
You can collect Trading cards three ways:

- Find members of other units who have made cards and trade your unit card for theirs. This is a great way to meet new people, find out about other adventures such as Venturing, Sea Scouts and Exploring.
- Visit the many different sites around camp and pick up a trading card while you are there. For example: Go to the Trading Post to get a snack and pick up the Trading Post Trading Card, or Visit the SELA Museum in the Training Center and pick up a card there.
- Last but not least, find one of our SELA Council dignitaries such as our Council President, Scout Executive or Health Officer and get a card from them.
- There may even be a couple of us walking around with a trading card stash that we are willing to trade a card with you, but you have to ask.
- So come out and have fun visiting all that activities that VBar and the 250th Celebration Camperall have to offer.
- A Full list of cards at camp (not including unit cards) will be available at the Administration office. Just stop by and pick one up.

Map to Camp



Map of Camp



Personal Packing List

This is meant to serve as a guide. Use your judgement in choosing what to bring to camp.

Individual Scout Equipment		DO NOT BRING	
☐	Annual Health & Medical Form (1 each)	☐	Any Expensive items
☐	Family Person Tent	☐	iPads/Tablets
☐	Tarp for under the tent	☐	TV's
☐	Sleeping Bag/blanket & sheets	☐	Electronic Games
☐	Sleeping Pad & Pillow	☐	Personal Fireworks
☐	Clothes (including uniform)	☐	Hunting Knives
☐	Jacket (for cooler mornings/evenings)	☐	Pets
☐	Pajamas/sleeping clothes	☐	Personal Firearms and/or ammunition
☐	Socks & closed toe shoes/hiking boots	☐	Personal Bows & Arrows
☐	Shower shoes (for use in shower only)		
☐	Towel & Washcloth		
☐	Soap & Shampoo		Some Items Sold in Trading Post
☐	Toothbrush & Toothpaste		
☐	Comb, Brush, mirror	☐	Sodas, Snacks & Ice Cream
☐	Personal First Aid Kit	☐	Slushies
☐	Flashlight & extra batteries	☐	Flashlights & batteries
☐	Poncho/Rain Jacket	☐	Camp apparel & gadgets
☐	Insect repellent (non-aerosol)	☐	Soap, Shampoo & other toiletries
☐	Sunscreen	☐	Some items from the Scout Shop
☐	Water bottle/Canteen/Cup	☐	Some microwavable Foods
☐	Wagon to haul items to campsite	☐	Knives

Note to Individual Cub Families: We understand that this might be your first time coming to camp or even your first time camping. Make sure to have a BSA Annual Health & Medical record filled out for EVERY participant. You can download the form by going to scouting.org/forms and scrolling down to the Annual Health and Medical Record and then clicking the section "All Scouting Events." It is okay to come without your Pack and just bring your family and your Cub Scout.

Families must camp together, and no other, un-related children are allowed to sleep in a tent with another family.

Remember, you must carry all of your gear to your campsite so we suggest packing lightly. Some wagons are available to use to move gear to the campsites, however, you may also bring your own. We suggest loading as much gear into the Pack/Troop trailer as possible before leaving for camp as the trailer will be allowed into camp.

NO CARS ARE ALLOWED TO DRIVE BACK TO CAMPSITES. Pack/Troop trailers are allowed to be pulled to the campsite. Once secured, the pulling vehicle must be returned to the parking lot. It may not remain in the campsite. Due to the volume of campers at this event, all Unit trailers must be in camp before 6:00 p.m. on Friday.

If arriving after dark, please have your flashlights readily accessible. Camp is not well lit.

Please wear shoes appropriate for walking on uneven ground. No open-toed shoes allowed.

Unit Packing List

☐	Lanterns (Propane is best)		Campsite Identification Materials
☐	Matches/lighters		
☐	Dining fly & Poles/pop up tent & stakes	☐	Unit Sign (include Unit #'s)
☐	Rope	☐	Unit Flag
☐	Hammer & other hand tools	☐	U.S. Flag (optional)
☐	5-gallon water jugs	☐	Twine & poles for lashing
☐	Ice Chests with ice		
☐	Trash Bags		
☐	Unit First Aid Kit		Paperwork
☐	Lawn Chairs		
☐	Cooking Stoves/BBQ/Dutch Ovens	☐	Annual Health Form (kept with unit)
☐	Scout Mess Kit (or paper products)	☐	Parking Permit – One per Vehicle
☐	Bundles of Firewood		
☐	Food		

Note to Packs & Cub Families: Please check with your Pack leadership to see what the Pack is bringing for everyone to use together. It is wise to have a meeting prior to the event so everyone knows exactly what is happening, do meal planning, understand what equipment the unit has and what the individual families need to bring, etc.

Campsites will be laid out efficiently so that everyone will be able to fit. Please pack conservatively and be considerate of your neighbors when setting up camp. Staff will be available at each campsite to help with the arrangement of tents and dining flies.

If anyone in the unit is in need of electrical power for medical devices, please bring your own battery to power the device. We do not have enough outlets and power in the grid to support so many medical devices.

Note to Troops/Crews/Ships/Posts: Please be aware that space will be at a premium. Some camp practices such as creating a "gate" to your campsite may not be possible at this campout. Most campsites will be shared with at least one other unit so be courteous and kind to your fellow Scouts. This campout may require some additional planning with meal prep if your unit is volunteering to Staff the event as well.



PARKING TAG

All vehicles must be parked at the entrance to camp!

Southwest Louisiana Council

Camperall

This vehicle parking tag must be displayed on the dashboard at all times to help us reach you during the campout in the event we need to contact you regarding this vehicle

Name _____

Unit Type & Number _____

District _____

Campsite (if Camping) _____

America 250th Anniversary Camperall Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the deadline to Register?

A: Early deadline is October 2nd. Late Deadline is October 14th. NO registration will be accepted after October 14th.

Q: Can I register an entire unit or is registration just by individual?

A: Registration can be accomplished either way. The registration page allows you to register anywhere from single individual to the entire unit. It also gives you the opportunity to register to participate as a Staffer for the event.
www.bsa-selacouncil.org/250

Q: How much does it cost?

A: Camping Friday & Saturday - \$25 per person, Saturday Day Only - \$20, Late Registration Fee - \$40 per person Camping or Day only, Liberty in action class - \$5

Q: What if I only want to attend during the day on Saturday?

A: That is a great option if you don't feel like camping. Register for that option then come up Saturday morning to enjoy the event. Pack a picnic lunch and dinner and have fun. Don't forget to stay for the closing program on the levee.

Q: Is there a t-shirt available this year?

A: No, We encourage units to design their own 250th shirts to wear for the celebration. We will have exclusive patches for this event that you can only get at the event while supplies last.

Q: How will the event work?

A: Activities for all levels will be available throughout Camp VBar. All Activities will be first come first served. Scouts will be able to participate in the activities they wish with no rotation schedule. Some activities will be available to only Cubs or only Scouts BSA and above. The Event Program will have more specific information.

Q: Will there be any competitions during the event?

A: There will be several opportunities (see Guidebook for more information):

1. Tug of War Competition – Cub, Scouts BSA and above as well as adult categories
2. Cobbler Cookoff open to everyone including adults
3. Scouts BSA Troops will also be able to participate in a few "Camporee" style competition during the event.

Q: The Guidebook says we must have our Unit Trailers in camp before 6:00. What do we do if we can't make it there by that time?

A: The Guidebook has been updated to an arrival time of 7:15. This allows you to arrive before dark. The reason behind this time is to provide for being able to safely park the trailer in the campsite before dark and before too many of the tents have been set up. If you cannot make it to camp with your trailer before 7:15, you must contact one of the co-chairs to make special arrangements.

Q: Our Pack and Troop share many adults in common and the Guidebook says that we will not be camping together but in separate locations. This will make it difficult for both units to attend. How will this issue be addressed?

A: The Guide to Safe Scouting regulates that "unregistered adults cannot camp with Troops." However, Packs camp as Family units with unregistered adults. To accommodate our "crossed" units but adhere to the Guide to Safe Scouting, we will set your units up in separate campsites that are in close proximity to each other so that leadership can still participate with each unit. Please encourage all attending adults to take YPT training so that they are aware of the regulations.

Q: Will there be food available for purchase?

A: Due to the numbers attending the event, the dining hall will not be open to units, but only for Staff. However, we are trying to arrange to have food trucks available to offer lunch to those who wish to purchase their meal from the trucks rather than cook in camp. Some simple items are always available in the Trading Post.

Q: Please explain the trading cards? Not sure what we are supposed to do.

A: Many of the activity areas will have a trading card for the participants to collect as they go around during the day. There will also be special cards available from certain personnel at the event. We encourage units to develop their own trading card (on business card stock) so that their Scouts can trade with Scouts from other units. In the end, Scouts will have a cool collector's item from the event.

Q: Where can I find more information about the event?

A: Download the 250th Anniversary Camperall Guidebook from the Council website. Be sure to check back periodically as we will be updating the Guidebook as more activities and events are finalized. Registration and information can be found at www.bsa-selacouncil.org/250

Q: Will there be any special 250th Anniversary items available at the event?

A: Yes, there will be! Be sure to check out our Trading Post at camp!

Q: Who can I contact if I have any questions?

A: For Cubs related questions, contact Jonathan Bridier; jonathan_bridier@yahoo.com. For Scouts BSA related questions, contact Ryan Arsenaux; t150neworleans@gmail.com