



Camp Simpson Winter Camp Leader Guide



Winter Camp is an outdoor camping and merit badge earning opportunity held at Camp Simpson during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. This camp allows participants to have a week of fun while testing their skills as scouts and earning valuable merit badges.

A *volunteer camp staff* provides program instruction, guidance, and supervision in a variety of merit badges Winter Camp will focus predominantly on Eagle Scout required as well as trade- and craft-oriented merit badges. Scouts also benefit by time with Scouts from other troops, making new friends, learning new methods, sharing ideas, and enjoying the fellowship of camp-wide campfires, games and competition.

This camp is slower paced and less formal than Winter camp, which allows for more collaboration between troops. Winter Camp is limited to 200 Scouts.

OBJECTIVES

- Provide advancement opportunities for Scouts
- Familiarize youth with the Scouting program through the outdoor experience
- Stimulate Troop programming before, during, and after attending camp
- To have FUN!

WHERE IS CAMP

Camp Simpson, Bromide, Oklahoma
6535 Coatsworth Rd, Milburn, OK 73450

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Camp Simpson Winter Camp Schedule

Sunday, December 27th – Wednesday, December 30th

Register online at: [Winter Camp](#)

CHECK-IN ----- 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. Sunday, December 27, 2026

CAMP ENDS ----- 5:30 P.M. Wednesday, December 30, 2026

DEPARTURE ----- by 10:00 A.M. Thursday, December 31, 2026

Check-in will be held in the Carlock Lodge.

**MAX CAPACITY FOR WINTER CAMP IS 250
INDIVIDUALS, SO REGISTER EARLY!**



Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What is the leadership policy during camp?

Answer: Camp Simpson always follows the national policy of two-deep leadership. Winter Camp Troop leaders can include your Troop Committee members, Scout Parents, members of your Sponsoring Institution, and all interested, responsible adults in your community with a current Adult Application and Youth Protection Training Certificate.

Both Troop Leaders must be at least 21 years of age--there are absolutely no exceptions. A mature Scouter is a must. This results in more fun for adults and a better program for the Scouts.

The first two leaders for your troop may attend for FREE. Additional Adult Leaders beyond the 2 free, are \$50 each.



Section 1

General Camp Information



Registration Procedures

Campsite Reservations

The Reservation Fee is \$100.00 for each troop. The deposit will be deducted from the Troops' final camp fees. Deposits allow units to reserve campsites and are due no later than October 15th, 2026.

The campsites will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Troops participating in the Adopt-A-Site program will have first preference for their site. If they do not file reservations for the site on time, they will forfeit rights to the site for winter camp. All units must reserve their choice of dates and campsites by completing Troop registration online. The reservation will not be considered finalized until the deposit has been processed by our online reservation system.

Please submit your Troop Registration, Deposit, and estimation of participants as soon as possible to ensure your spot. You will not be charged for individual scouts until you begin individual registration. You will be able to assign merit badge sessions to your scouts after registration.

Every unit, both in-, and out-of-council is eligible for the early bird payment schedule below. Any out-of-council troop that reserves a campsite at Simpson is guaranteed the same privileges and opportunities as in-council troops. They shall also share the same responsibilities, rules, and regulations.

Camp Fees

Camp Simpson is **all-inclusive** – all activities are covered by your registration fees. The following deadlines are in place to ensure an orderly and timely registration and allow our administration to make proper arrangements for programming and dining accommodations.

Once a scout is registered during the normal registration timeframe, they are locked into the normal pricing. To lock in the normal pricing the deposit below must be paid at the time of registration. Merit Badge registration will be available as soon as the individual deposit is paid.

Register by November 7, 2026 for Early Bird Pricing.

- Sept. 1st – Troop Camp and Site Reservation \$100
Includes Campsite reservation and estimation of participants.
Early Registration Begins \$140
Merit Badge Registration Opens once Scout registration paid.
- Oct 15th – Last day to Reserve a Troop Spot at Winter Camp
- Nov 8th – Normal Scout Registration Begins \$175
- Dec 8th – Registration Ends and all Payments Due



Equipment Rental

Troops wishing to use the tents and cots provided by the camp may do so for \$15 per tent and \$10 per cot. These rentals can be paid for using the online registration system.

Camperships:

Campership applications are available in section IV of this leader guide and must be submitted to the Council Service Center no later than **Nov 7th, 2026** for consideration. Applicants must be registered Scouts in the Arbuckle Area Council. Approved funds will be awarded to applicants on a first-come-first-served basis. Before applying for camperships, we encourage Scouts to demonstrate their best efforts to earn their way to camp.

Provisional/Maverick Camping

Maverick camp is available to any **individual Scout** whose troop cannot attend Winter Camp. Troops in attendance are asked to “adopt” these Scouts, so they can experience Winter Camp.

The Maverick program requires that a Scout is registered and must have parent and their Scoutmaster’s approval. Registration for Maverick Camp should be done by the parents through the online registration link. No troop can send more than four Mavericks to camp. More than four must have adult supervision from their respective troop. Any exceptions must be approved by the Arbuckle Area Council Service Center.

Provisional/Maverick campers will pay the standard camp fee for a week at camp.

Adult Leader Fees

Two leaders from each troop will be free of charge to allow the two-deep leadership policy to be followed with little difficulty. Both Adults in charge of your troop must be at least 21 years of age – THERE ARE ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS. Each additional leader registration is \$50.

Refund Policy

The campsite reservation fee will be refundable until November 7th, 2026. Scout and adult fees are transferable within your unit at any time. *The cancellation of an individual reservation that cannot be transferred within your troop will be subject to the following:*

- a. **A MAXIMUM REFUND of \$50.00 of the camper fee may be available if there has been a justifiable emergency after November 30th, 2026.**
- b. **All refund requests must be made in writing to the Arbuckle Area Council Office c/o Camp Director, P.O. Box 5309 Ardmore, OK 73403.**
- c. **All refund requests must be made by November 30th, 2026.**

Acts-of-Nature that prohibit units from participating in Winter Camp will receive refunds minus the cost of program expenses. Any other special circumstances will be handled on an individual basis.



Camp Policies

In addition to the following camp-specific policies and health and safety policies, Camp Simpson conforms to the BSA publication Guide to Safe Scouting and National Camp Standards.

Parking & Vehicle Use

Due to **national policy**, vehicles are not permitted in the campsites. Vehicles should only be driven during camp under special circumstances and must be parked in a designated area. Parking areas are: in front of the Carlock Lodge, the Health Lodge, and designated areas for campsites. **Vehicles will not be allowed to park at any campsite.** Any vehicle used on camp roads must display an approved permit. All approved vehicles must stay on designated roads and follow standard road laws. Motorcycles are not allowed. Troops are allowed one vehicle and one trailer NEAR (not in) the campsite.

All drivers must be over the age of 18 with a valid driver's license. Excessive speed in camp will result in the suspension of driving privileges for an individual. **The beds of trucks, the cargo area of utility vehicles, and trailers must never be used for passengers while on campgrounds, no exceptions.** Violations will result in revoking driving privileges.

Behavior

All participants are expected to act following principles of the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and the Guide to Safe Scouting.

Alcohol and illegal drugs are strictly forbidden on Camp Simpson grounds regardless of age.

Any violations are grounds to be dismissed or sent home from Camp Simpson.

Tobacco products or vapor devices may be used in DESIGNATED areas ONLY. Any violations are grounds to be dismissed or sent home from Camp Simpson.

Medications may be dispensed by the Health Officer at the Health Lodge or in agreement with the Health Officer and adult leader. Any violations are grounds to be dismissed or sent home from Camp Simpson.

We will enforce all local, state, and federal laws where violations involving the above are reported.

Uniform

All Scouts and Scouters are to be in the Scout Field Uniform at the evening meal for the flag retrieval, and campfires. All other times we request leaders and scouts dress in Activity Uniform (Class B). Details on the uniforms can be found here: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/troop-resources/scouts-bsa-uniform/>.

Leaving Camp

For safety and accountability, we ask that everyone attending camp and the families of scouts attending camp understand that no one is to leave camp without first getting permission from their Unit Leader, and second, the permission of the Administration. Anyone, adult or youth, who leaves Camp for any reason must sign out at the Health Lodge and sign back in upon return.



Damages to Equipment and Facilities

Any damages discovered in camp equipment or facilities should be reported upon arrival. Any intentional misuse or abuse of camp equipment or facilities resulting in damage will be charged to the offending troop account and should be cleared before leaving camp.

Telephone

The telephone number for Camp Simpson is 580-638-2388.

There is only one phone line to the camp, and it is restricted for emergency use only.

Only unit leaders in camp may access the phone and must accompany any Scout who needs to make an emergency phone call.

Prohibited Items and Activities

The following items are prohibited at Camp Simpson:

1. Cell phones, tablets, mp3 devices, radios, stereos, and other electronic devices.
These devices seriously degrade the experience for Scouts and Scouters alike and are prohibited at camp. IF a Scout needs such a device at camp, it should be kept in locked confinement with the unit leader and only used in an extreme emergency.
2. Clothing with offensive words or designs including heavy metal or drug-related themes.
Clothing and hats should be in good taste.
3. Personal weapons, firearms, bows and arrows, fireworks, and any kind of ammunition.
POSSESSION OF THESE ITEMS WILL RESULT IN DISMISSAL FROM CAMP.

Lost & Found

Lost and found items will be kept at the Mabee Dining Hall until the end of winter camp. After the conclusion of winter camp, all items will be transferred to the council service center in Ardmore and kept until the first of February. Leaders should encourage Scouts to mark all possessions with their name and troop number.

Bicycles

Personal bicycles will be allowed during Scout Camp.

You must follow BSA safety regulations (*Guide to Safe Scouting*) as well as pedestrian safety.

Visitors

Persons who enter the camp must report to the Camp Health Lodge before going anywhere else on camp. All visitors MUST alert the Camp Director of their visit a **minimum of one day before arrival**. Any visitors who arrive without prior permission from the Camp Director and/or do not check-in before traveling through camp will be escorted off camp property.



Health & Safety Policies

First Aid

The first aid station is in the Health Lodge. It is staffed 24 hours a day by persons trained to handle minor accidents and illnesses.

Any injury or illness should be reported to the Health Officer.

Special arrangements for the treatment of more serious cases have been made with hospitals in Ada and Tishomingo.

Prevention of Dehydration and Heat Exhaustion:

Please prepare Scouts to counter common health issues, especially dehydration and heat exhaustion. Every camper should carry a water bottle with them and drink plenty of water while at camp.

Medical Form

Each Scout and Scouter must have an approved BSA medical exam form signed by a certified and licensed health care professional within the last 12 months. Medical forms are included in section IV and may be reproduced. A physical examination is required for all Scouts who attend camp. Be sure that each Scout brings this form, filled out by their doctor and signed by their parents. This examination will also be required for every leader and adult volunteer. Each camper must have had a tetanus shot within the last ten years. Camp Simpson will not give tetanus shots.

SCOUTS & ADULT LEADERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO CHECK-IN AT THE CAMP WITHOUT A MEDICAL EXAMINATION FORM OR OTHER CERTIFICATION BY A REGISTERED PHYSICIAN.

Medication in Camp

All medication being used by individuals at camp should be reviewed by the Health Officer during check-in. All medication should be kept in the troop campsite and secured by the Scoutmaster unless required by the Health Officer. All medications brought to camp must be in the original prescription bottles so that exact identification and dosage can be determined. Any exceptions to this must be cleared and approved by Health Officer upon arrival at camp.

Campers with Disabilities and Special Needs

If a Scout or adult needs some extra help to enjoy the camp experience, please let us know! Unit leaders should contact the Council Office/Camp Director before camp regarding campers with special needs that require assistance from the camp staff. Arrangements should be made in writing so the preparation can be accurate and complete.

CPAP Machines

It is recommended that CPAP users acquire a battery for their machine to use at camp. There will be access to charge batteries daily. No vehicles are permitted in campsites to power CPAP machines.



Roll Calls

To ensure the health and safety of your troop, a roll call should be conducted at each meal. Any missing camper should be reported to camp administration immediately so appropriate search procedures can be started.

NO CAMPERS ARE TO BE LEFT AT THE CAMPSITE WITHOUT SUPERVISION!!

Shoes

To prevent foot injuries, we must insist that everyone wears “Closed-Toed” shoes at all times. It is highly encouraged that you have a pair of closed-toed shoes for activities and a pair of closed-toed shoes for the campsite. This will allow shoes to air out and reduce the risk of injury.

Pets in Camp

No pets are allowed in camp unless first approved by the Scout Executive and Camp Director.

Insurance

Supplementary health and accident insurance are maintained on every Scout and registered adult leader in the Arbuckle Area Council.

Out of Council troops should maintain their own coverage.

Emergency Alarms

Camp Simpson has an alarm system. Everyone must be aware of the fire alarm system and the weekly test. This will be explained at the opening evening leaders' meeting. Camp Simpson is monitored for severe weather 24 hours a day during the Winter camp season by the Carter County Emergency Management Center.

Leader Meetings

A meeting of troop leaders and key camp staff is held Monday evening after the campfire in the Dining Hall by the fireplace.

Special announcements and policies will be discussed.

A daily leader/SPL meeting will be held with the Program Director on the porch of the Dining Hall immediately after breakfast. Other leader meetings will be announced during the week as needed.



Other Important Information

Religious Services

A nondenominational service will be held on Wednesday at 6:45 AM before the morning flag ceremony at the Choate Chapel or Dining Hall if the weather is hazardous. The Chapel is also available for individuals or troops throughout the week.

Trading Post

Camp Simpson maintains a well-stocked trading post, which is open throughout the normal operating hours of camp. The camp store offers snack food items and drinks, camp T-shirts and hats, assorted merit badge pamphlets, camping supplies, and a limited amount of Official Scout Uniform parts. It is suggested that each Scout bring at least \$60.00 to spend on items throughout the week. The Trading Post can accept cash, check, debit cards, and credit cards for payment.

Special Meal Requests

Requests should be included in your individual scout's online registration in the "special needs" section. It is the Scout leader's responsibility to notify the council of these needs. Special identification will be used to assist the camp staff in recognizing the Scouts that have special food requirements. (This is for diabetics and/or religious requirements as well as allergy purposes.)

Information for Parents

Scoutmasters and leaders are responsible for informing each scout's parents or guardians about the camp dates and who will be responsible for the troop at camp.

We recommend Winter Camp Troop Leaders discuss what type of tents the Scouts will sleep in and something about their campsite with the parents of participating scouts. Dining facilities at Camp Simpson will accommodate about 250 people and the food will be prepared by an experienced head cook and kitchen crew.

A person trained in first aid and working under the direction of the Health Officer will be on duty at all times at the Health Lodge. Arrangements are made with the local hospital to handle any cases requiring hospitalization or medical help.



Suggested Items to Bring to Camp

Individual Equipment

Make copies for all your Scouts. All items should be labeled with the Scout's name.

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| ☐ Completed BSA Medical Form | ☐ Raingear / Poncho | ☐ Hand sanitizer |
| ☐ Prescribed Medications | ☐ Flashlight & extra batteries | ☐ Daypack/Small backpack |
| ☐ Scout Uniform (Class A & Class B) | ☐ Sheets/Blankets, or Sleeping Bag | ☐ Journal / Notebook & Pencil |
| ☐ Scout Handbook | ☐ Insect Repellent (Bug Spray) | ☐ Merit Badge Pamphlets |
| ☐ Proper clothing for the weather/layers clothing. | ☐ Comfortable hiking boots/shoes with proper insulation. | ☐ Money for Trading Post |
| ☐ Extra Socks | ☐ Pocket knife (No Sheath Knives) | ☐ Religious Literature (Bible, etc.) |
| ☐ Extra Shoes | ☐ Hat, bandana | ☐ Work Clothes (for Service Proj.) |
| ☐ Extra Shorts & Long Pants | ☐ Sunscreen/lip balm | ☐ Gloves (for Service Proj.) |
| ☐ Underwear (1 for each day) | ☐ Personal First Aid Kit/tick kit | ☐ Headgear (70% of body heat is lost through top of head) |
| ☐ Toiletries (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, comb, mirror, etc.) | ☐ Water Bottle | |
| ☐ Tent w/stakes or tie downs | ☐ Ground cloth | |

Note: Some merit badges or high adventure activities require specific gear.

Optional Equipment

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| ☐ Backpack | ☐ Watch |
| ☐ Compass | ☐ Sun glasses |
| ☐ Camera | ☐ Sewing Kit |
| ☐ Fishing Gear | ☐ Extra Blankets |
| ☐ Camping Chair | |

Patrol Equipment

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| - Troop Flag/Pole | - Troop First Aid Kit |
| - Lanterns | - Patrol Flags (American, State, Unit) |
| - Matches/Firestarter | - Dining Fly / Canopy |
| - Water Jug/Ice Chest | - Camp Chairs |
| - Tent / Tarps | - Trash Bags |
| - Utensils, Cups | - Charcoal and/or Wood (dinner Wed) |
| - Rope | |



Arrival and Check-In Procedures

Arrival at Camp Simpson should be no earlier than 1:00 p.m. on Sunday and no later than 3:00 p.m. We ask for your cooperation on this time as early arrival causes unnecessary waiting and late arrival causes your troop to miss the planned check-in orientation. The camp gates will be closed prior to 1:00 PM to all units unless previously discussed. If you need to make other arrangements, please contact the Arbuckle Area Council Service Center at 580-223-0831.

Out of council troops must have proof of insurance in hand at the time of check-in.

Upon your arrival at the Carlock Lodge parking lot, the Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader will proceed inside for check-in with the Camp Director, Program Director, and Health Officer. During check-in, Scoutmasters will receive the scout's schedules, pay any additional program fees as needed, and verify registration paperwork. The Health Officer will ask that you turn in all the medical forms at that time.

SCOUTS AND ADULT LEADERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO CHECK-IN AT THE CAMP WITHOUT A CORRECTLY FILLED OUT BSA MEDICAL FORM AND OTHER CERTIFICATION BY A REGISTERED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL.



Dining Hall Procedures

To accommodate the Scouts and Scout Leaders during winter camp, the following Dining Hall Procedure has been set up.

1. All meals are served Cafeteria Style. Each troop reports to the side of the dining hall and lines up in front of the flagpole at mealtime just before the flag ceremony or announcements.
2. Each troop will have the same table for each meal throughout the week. Tables will be assigned with place cards with the name of their campsite to avoid any confusion.
3. Two Scouts from each troop will have the responsibility of setting up and cleaning up the tables and the surrounding floor area before and after each meal.
4. A duty roster needs to be developed and posted in a prominent place in each troop campsite.
5. Scouts should wear a Field Uniform to the evening meals. Scouts can leave when dismissed by Camp leadership.



Daily Camp Schedule

SUNDAY	EVENT	LOCATION
1:00 PM	Check-In	Carlock Lodge
5:20 PM	Flag Retrieval	Dining Hall
5:30 PM	Dinner	Dining Hall
6:45 PM	Period 5 Begins	Program Areas
8:30 PM	Opening Campfire	TBD
9:00 PM	Cracker Barrel	Dining Hall
9:30 PM	Scoutmasters Roundtable	Dining Hall
10:30 PM	Taps	Campsites

MONDAY	EVENT	LOCATION
7:15 AM	Flag Ceremony	Dining Hall Parade Field
7:30 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:10 AM	SM/SPL Meeting	Dining Hall
8:30 AM	Program Areas Open	Program Areas
12:00 PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
1:30 PM	Program Areas Open	Program Areas
5:15 PM	Flag Retrieval	Dining Hall Parade Field
5:30 PM	Dinner	Dining Hall
6:45 PM	Period 5 Begins	Program Areas
8:30 PM	Order of the Arrow S'more Social	Dining Hall
8:30 PM	Troop Competition	Dining Hall Parade Field
10:30 PM	Taps	Campsites

TUESDAY	EVENT	LOCATION
6:45 AM	Chapel Service	Choate Chapel or Dining Hall
7:15 AM	Flag Ceremony	Dining Hall Parade Field
7:30 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:10 AM	SM/SPL Meeting	Dining Hall
8:30 AM	Program Areas Open	Program Areas
12:00 PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
1:30 PM	Program Areas Open	Program Areas
1:30 PM	Winter Camp Staff Interviews	Carlock Lodge
5:15 PM	Flag Retrieval	Dining Hall Parade Field
5:30 PM	Dinner	Dining Hall
6:45 PM	Period 5 Begins	Program Areas
10:30 PM	Taps	Campsites

WEDNESDAY	EVENT	LOCATION
7:15 AM	Flag Ceremony	Dining Hall Parade Field
7:30 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:10 AM	SM/SPL Meeting	Dining Hall
8:30 AM	Program Areas Open	Program Areas
12:00 PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
1:00 PM	Troop Competition	Dining Hall Parade Field
1:30 PM	Program Areas Open	Program Areas
4:30 PM	Summer Camp Staff Interviews	Carlock Lodge
5:15 PM	Flag Retrieval	Dining Hall Parade Field
5:30 PM	Closing Ceremony	Dining Hall
6:00 PM	Dinner	Dining Hall
7:15 PM	Game Night	Dining Hall
10:30 PM	Taps	Campsites



Section 2

Merit Badge & Rank Advancement



Merit Badge General Information

CAMP SIMPSON 2026

MERIT BADGE ADVANCEMENT AT CAMP

Merit badge registration is open as soon as registration fee is paid for a youth participant beginning August 15, 2026. Please register as soon as possible as many classes fill very quickly.

The Camp Simpson staff offers vital merit badge classes for scouts of all ranks. The classes offered focus on specific skills and interests, including shotgun and rifle, horsemanship, and tradecrafts. Each of our merit badge classes is offered daily with additional meeting time with teachers if needed.

To have a successful merit badge program, we encourage your Scouts to come to camp prepared with a notebook, pen, and any personal equipment they may need for their classes. Some badges are easily earned at camp while others take longer, so our camp staff will work to ensure they complete as much as possible while at camp and plan what else needs to be completed.

Merit badge classes are done in group sessions. It is advised that the Scoutmaster checks with their Scouts to see that the individual Scout has satisfactorily completed the work before leaving camp.

All Scouts should obtain and carefully review the merit badge pamphlet for each merit badge to be taken. Merit badge pamphlets will be made available for purchase at camp in the Trading Post. The requirements for each merit badge can be found on the BSA Merit Badge Website at <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>.

The Scoutmaster must study the merit badge requirements to determine what requirements you may not be able to complete at camp. It is recommended that these requirements be completed before camp.

Completion records will be updated throughout the week and will be available to download after camp is completed from the registration website.

You will register your scout for merit badge sessions (must be paid registration) using the MyCouncil portal located at [Winter Camp](#). Register as soon as possible as some classes have size limits.

MERIT BADGE PREREQUISITES

Camping – Requirements #: 9

Citizenship in the Community - Requirements #: 7c

Citizenship in the Nation - Requirements #: 2 B and C

Family Life - Requirements #: 3

Personal Management – Can be completed if 2 and 8 are completed before or started before camp

Personal Fitness - Requirements #: 8



Section 3

Special Programs & Activities

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Special Activities

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Opening Campfire	8:30 PM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Chapel Service	6:45 PM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Family Night / Closing Ceremony Family Night Dinner (\$5/visitor) Game Night	5:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:15 PM



Order of the Arrow at Camp

Wisawanik Lodge #190

A National Brotherhood of Scout Honor Campers

The Order of the Arrow is a National Brotherhood of Scout Campers built around the lore of the Native Americans, the ideals of Scouting Brotherhood, cheerful service to others, and the outdoors. Its purpose is to recognize Scouts and Scouters who exemplify the Scout Oath and law with attention to cheerful service.

SCOUT MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Unit Approval-** To become eligible for election, a Scout must have the approval of their unit leader before the election.
2. **Camping Requirements-** A Scout must have at least 15 days and nights of camping according to the standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The 15 days and nights must include one long-term camp (6 consecutive days) within the two years before the election. The balance of the requirements must be made up of short-term or overnight campouts.
3. **First Class Requirement-** A Scout must have attained the rank of First Class to be eligible for election.
4. **Elections-** Unit leaders should contact the Chapter Chief or Chapter Adviser early in the year to arrange for an election team to visit a regular Troop Meeting to conduct an official election. It may be necessary to do this at camp if teams are not available.
5. **Induction-** To be inducted into the Order of the Arrow, candidates must participate in the Ordeal and Ordeal Ceremony, the details of which are passed on following the Call-Out Ceremony.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAPTER IN YOUR DISTRICT FOR AN ELECTION **BEFORE** COMING TO CAMP.

- * * Out-of-Council Troops may have their candidates called out at Camp Simpson if they present an approval letter from the leadership of their Lodge.

Section 4

Camp Forms

Camperships

Purpose

To provide a fund to assist deserving Scouts who otherwise cannot meet the attendance fees to attend long-term camping opportunities sponsored by the Council.

General

Many Scouts need and deserve help in meeting the expense of attending Scout camping opportunities. We believe that many individuals, firms, and organizations will contribute to such a fund if it is solicited and fairly administrated. The Campership Fund Program recognizes that some Scouts need more help because of a greater need.

The fund is not unlimited and varies from season to season. All Scouts who receive Camperships will be required to earn part of the fee following the 9th Scout Law, “A Scout is Thrifty,” unless there are circumstances that make this impossible.

No investigation will be made as the Unit Leader is presumed to have intimate knowledge of the circumstance. Details of application, approval, and administration must be such that there is no embarrassment to the Scout or their family. All applications must be received at the Scout Office for review by the Campership Committee.

Policies

1. Campership funds will be awarded from applications on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications may be submitted earlier, but confirmation of Camperships will begin November 10, 2026.
2. For a campership to be considered, the Scout must pay 50% of the early bird fee to the troop.
3. NO MORE THAN HALF—and sometimes less than half—the total attendance fee will be granted from Campership funds unless justified.
4. Applications must indicate any circumstance that prevents the Scout from earning part of the fee by their efforts.
5. The Campership Committee will review all applications.
6. Applications are available in the forms section of this book and must be submitted to the Council Service center.
7. Applicants must be registered Scouts in the Arbuckle Area Council.

Camp Simpson

2026 Winter Camp Campership Application

Name _____ Troop # _____ Rank _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ District _____

- 50% Reservation Fee Required of Scout by Nov. 7th _____ 50%
- Amount Scout & Family Will Pay _____
- Amount troop or institution will pay _____
- Amount of Campership Requested (not more than ½ of fee) _____
- Total Fees _____

Remarks:

This is to certify that I have personally talked with the above Scout regarding their attendance at Camp Simpson.

Signature of Scoutmaster _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Parent's or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Office only:

District Executive Signature _____ *Date* _____

Scout Executive _____ *Date* _____



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ACTIVITY CONSENT FORM AND APPROVAL BY PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

This form is recommended for unit use to obtain approval and consent for Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Scouts BSA, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and guests (if applicable) under 21 years of age to participate in a den, pack, team, troop, or crew trip, expedition, or activity. This form is required for use with flying permits and should be attached to the flying permit application. It is recommended that parents keep a copy of the form and contact the tour leader in the event of any questions or in case emergency contact is needed. Additional copies of this form along with the Guide to Safe Scouting are available for download from Scouting Safely at www.scouting.org

First name of participant and middle initial _____ Last name _____

Address _____ Birth date (month/day/year) ____/____/____ Age during activity _____

Additional address (need street address if you have a P.O. box) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Has approval to participate in _____
(Name of activity, orientation flight, outing trip, etc)

From _____ to _____
(Date) (Date)

- ☐ Without restrictions
☐ Special considerations or restrictions: _____

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I understand that participation in the activity involves a certain degree of risk. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for myself or my child to participate in the activity. I understand that participation in the activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by applicable rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

In case of an emergency involving my child, I understand every effort will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the medical provider selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child. Medical providers are authorized to disclose to the adult in charge examination findings, test results, and treatment provided for purposes of medical evaluation of the participant's parents or guardian, and/or determination of the participant's ability to continue in the program activities.

Participant's signature _____ Date _____

Parent/guardian printed name _____

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____

Area code and telephone number (best contact and emergency contact) _____ E-mail (for use in sharing more details about the trip or activity) _____

Contact the adult tour leader with any questions:

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____



Please return form to: Arbuckle Area Council, BSA, PO Box 5309, Ardmore, OK 73403
(580) 223-0831 fax 223-4991
Return by November 8, 2026

WINTER CAMP MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR'S SIGN-UP FORM

If you would like to assist in instructing a merit badge at Winter Camp, please choose the merit badge or badges you feel you would be comfortable instructing from the list in this manual.

The Winter Camp staff is an all-volunteer staff; therefore, we will need some help in instructing the merit badges.

Name _____ Troop _____

I would be available to instruct the following merit badges during Winter Camp

Period 1 _____ 8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

Period 2 _____ 10:15 A.M. – 11:45 P.M.

Period 3 _____ 1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Period 4 _____ 3:15 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.

Period 5 _____ 7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

I feel, in order for me to do an excellent job, the most I can instruct during each session is _____
Scouts.

I will need the following resources to assist me in my instruction:

Please enclose a copy of your outline on how you plan to do the instruction and how you plan to cover the requirements.

Signature _____

Date _____

Home Phone _____ Work _____

Phone _____

The best time to contact me is _____

E-mail Address _____



Camp Simpson

