

2026 RATA-REE

Range and Target Activities Cuboree

September 25 – 27
Lavonia Crest, Bakersville, NC



Leader's Guide

Registration is limited to the first 50 Cub Scouts Participants
in order for Scouts to earn their R.A.T.A. Awards



Fees: The fee for 2026 Cub Scout RATA-REE (Range And Target Activities Cub-O-Ree) will be \$15 for anyone attending, Cubs, Siblings, Leaders and Adults (unless under 5). This covers the cost of a patch and lunch on Saturday. Everyone paying will receive a patch and lunch on Saturday.

Unit Leaders please handle the collection of fees at the unit level and register all participants and attendees as a Pack and register on-line at:
<https://www.danielboonecouncil.org/RATAoRee2026> by September 18th, 2026. Individuals may register if the only ones attending from their pack.

Weather: This is a rain or shine event. Each Cub Scout and attendee must come prepared for any type of weather but events may be modified. It can be cooler in the evenings due to the altitude at 2,471 feet and just a few miles below Carvers Gap on the Appalachian Trail. The grass will most likely be covered in dew in the morning so bring extra shoes and socks!

Address for Camp: Lavonia Crest, 500 Green Creek Rd, Bakersville, NC. Cell service is limited and there will be a wi-fi code for staff and unit leaders only.

Arrival: Check-In is from 4pm to 7pm on Friday for overnight camping. Check for Day Event will be 7:30am to 8:30am on Saturday. Events start at 9am. Please note on registration if camping Friday and/or Saturday night.

Please “Do Your Best” to arrive as a unit and check-in with the designated staff (signs will mark where to check in) . Parking will be in the same field as the campsites so please do not leave vehicles in the tent areas. With vehicles close to the camping area, no running of engines at night to charge phone, please.

Health Forms: A copy of a current BSA Medical Form, Parts A & B, MUST be on hand for each individual camping in your group. (Scouts, Leaders, Parents/Guardians and Siblings) Packs are responsible for keeping Medical Forms, please submit forms for inspection at check-in but the unit will be responsible for keep the forms safe.

Siblings: All siblings MUST be accompanied by a legal guardian during the entire campout.

First Aid: Packs should bring their own first aid kits to handle minor first aid needs. There will be a Health Officer available for more advanced injuries. If an injury occurs that requires off-site medical attention, please contact the health office and notify the event coordinator.

Camping: Packs must follow all Cub Scout Camping rules. All groups MUST have at least 2-Deep Leadership (including one female leader if any females are camping with your pack, siblings included) and the “Buddy System” must be followed at all times.

Campsites: Your group is responsible for your campsite's cleanliness. “Leave No Trace” principles should be followed in setting up your pack’s campsites. No ground fires are allowed, but portable fire pits and grills are acceptable. Lanterns and gas camp stoves are permitted, with proper adult supervision and used outside. NO OPEN FLAMES of any type are permitted in or near tents! Per BSA Guidelines: NO youth or adults are permitted to ride in the back of pickup trucks!

Meals: Lunch on Saturday will be provided. (All Beef Hot Dogs and all the fixin’s). All meals other than lunch on Saturday, should be prepared by your own pack in their campsites. No ground fires allowed but grills and portable fire pits are acceptable in your pack’s campsite. Potable water is nearby. Sinks in the restrooms are the only warm water available for cleaning dishes so using the “three bin system” will be most efficient. Please provide any food allergies when registering. There is an abundance of wildlife in the area. All food must be stored in vehicles or trailers. No food in tents!

Restrooms: Lavonia Crest has very nice indoor restrooms. They will be marked Boys/Men and Girls/Women. All youth should have a buddy or their adult partner with them when visiting the restroom.

Program: All packs will be divided into Ranks in order to provide age-appropriate training for shooting sports (RATA – Range and Target Activities) and other activities. If you have multiple aged Scouts in the Lion and Tiger ranks with only one adult, you will be placed with the youngest rank. A den leader will be with each of the other ranks, Wolf thru AoL.

It is our full intent to complete all requirements for all three shooting disciplines, BB’s, Archery and Slingshots. Leaders and adults are encouraged to lend a helping hand to the volunteers working at each session, to help keep things moving in an orderly fashion. It will be up to the Scout if they finish the requirements, but every effort will be made to offer the opportunity.

Friday Night: Lavonia Crest has a beautiful large fire pit. There are NO GROUND FIRES in the camping area. Portable firepits are acceptable so long as no damage is done to the grass (when you see it, you will understand.) Bring supplies for S'mores for your own pack. We will have the fire going...weather permitting.

Saturday Night Program: Each rank will have a rotation to learn about planning campfires. The skits or songs learned during that rotation may be practiced during free time and the Scouts (and adults) will have the opportunity to perform them at Saturday Night Campfire. Again, bring your own snacks for after Campfire Program.

Items to Bring:

- Tent/Ground Cover
- Sleeping Bag/Bed Roll
- Sleeping pad
- Pillow
- Warm Clothing
- Closed-toed Shoes
- Waterproof/Warm Boots
- Rain Jacket/Poncho
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste/Soap
- Wash Cloth/Towel (no showers on-site)
- Change of Socks/Extra Clothes
- Trash Bag
- Bug Repellant
- Flashlight/Extra Batteries
- Water Bottle
- Mess Kit
- Sunscreen
- Pack or Scouting t-shirt for activities on Saturday. Uniform for Sunday.
- Please leave electronic games, radios and generators at home!!

Camp Rules:

Safety & Supervision:

- Adherence to the Guide to Safe Scouting, including Youth Protection and Camping Policies, is mandatory at all times.
- Two-deep leadership and the Buddy System are consistently required.

Prohibited Items & Activities:

- Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited on camp property.
- Pets are not permitted.

Camp Conduct & Facilities:

- All Scouts camps are a smoke-free environment. If it is necessary, please move away from any program, activity or camping area so you are not visible to Scouts.
- All fires must be attended continuously.
- Firewood is available at the large fire pit area. Please, only adults are to add firewood and to tend to the fire as the reach is very long to the center of the pit.
- Campers are expected to be kind and courteous, avoiding disturbances that could negatively impact others.
- Respect the area and the homes near by. Traffic to homes beyond the camping area is likely. Please do not play in the roads.
- Take good care of camp facilities and equipment. Stay off the fences and flowers and bushes.

2026 RATA-REE Schedule

****Subject to change****

Friday

4:00 - 7:00pm - Check-In, “Do Your Best” to arrive as a Pack! Campsite Set-Up

7:00pm-Gathering around fire pit for your own pack provided S’mores or snacks.

10:00pm Quiet Time

11:00pm Lights Out

Saturday

Breakfast in your pack’s campsite,

7:30-8:30am Check-in for Saturday arrivals

8:45am Opening Flag Ceremony at Stage

9:00-9:50am Rotation 1

10:00-10:50am Rotation 2

11:00-11:50am Rotation 3

12:00pm Camp Provided Lunch under main pavilion

1:00-1:50 pm Rotation 4

2:00-2:50pm Rotation 5

3:00-3:50pm Rotation 6

4:00-7:00 Free Time and Dinner in your pack’s campsites

7:00 pm Campfire @ Lavonia Crest Fire Pit

10:00pm Quiet Time

11:00pm Lights Out!

Sunday

Breakfast in your pack’s campsite

9:00am Scouts own service and closing on the stage or under the pavilion

You may leave as soon as the Scouts Own service is finished and campsites have been inspected. Be safe traveling home!