

Aquatics Adventure Weekend 2026



Boarding Manual Float Plan Forms

Northeast Georgia Council, BSA

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Scoutland on Lake Lanier**

To: Senior Patrol Leaders, Parents and Leaders

From: Phil Nichols, ADVISOR

**RE: Aquatics Adventure Weekend 2026
July 31 - August 2 ~ September 4 - 6**



Dear SPL,

Thank you for your interest in Aquatics Adventure Weekend 2026. We are excited about this opportunity to bring Aquatics to your Unit's year-round program. Enclosed in this package you will find important material to help you and your unit prepare for this weekend event.

Please review the schedule with your Scoutmaster and your Troop. The schedule is very packed and we want to make sure that everyone is where they need to be. Remember, be flexible, some parts of the schedule may change to better suit the needs of the whole camp.

Everyone (youth and adults) is required to attend Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat Training upon arrival. Please be prepared with pencil/pen and something on which to write. If you are not arriving until Saturday, please bring a copy of having completed the training online.

Please call the Jefferson Service Center with your registration questions at 706.693.2446. The cost per scout is \$65 (additional \$20 for Motor Boating and Water Sports). If you are adding additional scouts to your roster, please contact the Jefferson Service Center at least ten days prior to your scheduled event. The non-participating adult fee is \$40. Please call to find out the current programs being offered on the weekend you are participating. **Food is provided** for this weekend to save time for activities.

Mail balance payment to:
Northeast Georgia Council, BSA
Aquatics Adventure Weekend
PO Box 399
Jefferson, GA 30549

Program Schedule

Friday

6:00 pm – Check-In – **PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 6PM**

- Review Medical Forms
- Balance of fees
- Class Changes/Class Registration
- Swim Checks if needed

9:45 pm - Cracker Barrel (SPL Meeting immediately following)

11:00 pm – Lights out

Saturday

7:00 am – Reveille

7:30 am – Breakfast - Cleveland Hall

8:00 am – Saturday Check In – Admin

8:00 am – Swim Checks – Waterfront

9:00 am – Classes begin – Waterfront

11:45 am – Classes Dismissed

12:00 pm – Lunch at Cleveland Hall, followed immediately by Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat Class

1:30 pm – Program begins

4:45 pm – Classes Dismissed

5:45 pm – First Aid Requirements – Cleveland Hall

6:15 pm – Dinner – Cleveland Hall

7:00-8:30 pm – Free Swim – Waterfront

7:00-8:30 pm – Open Boating – Waterfront

11:00 pm – Lights out

Sunday

7:00 am – Reveille

8:00 am – Breakfast at Cleveland Hall

8:30 am – Chapel Service at Cleveland Hall

9:00 am – Break Camp

10:00 am – Departure

What to Bring

- ❑ Swim shorts
- ❑ Scout Uniform
- ❑ Hat
- ❑ Sunscreen
- ❑ Sun glasses
- ❑ Pencil / Pen
- ❑ Writing pad
- ❑ Scout Handbook
- ❑ Merit Badge Pamphlet
- ❑ Parental Consent Form
- ❑ Med Form (Including Part C)
- ❑ Sandals or flip flops (on the waterfront only)
- ❑ Hiking boots or comfortable hiking shoes
- ❑ Toiletries
- ❑ **Water bottle**
- ❑ Towel
- ❑ Extra towel
- ❑ Camp chair
- ❑ Sleeping bag / pillow
- ❑ Tents/dining fly

What we provide

- ❑ Boats
- ❑ PFD's
- ❑ Paddles
- ❑ Oars
- ❑ Rescue Equipment
- ❑ Presentations
- ❑ Trained Staff
- ❑ Qualified Aquatics Instructors
- ❑ BSA Lifeguards/ Trained Merit Badge Counselors
- ❑ **Meals are provided by the camp!!!!** Please plan to eat your meals with us at Cleveland Dining Hall. Meals are provided as part of your fee!
- ❑ Fun!

Fees

- ☐ Participants (adult/youth) = \$65 per participant
- ☐ Motorboating/Water Sports = extra \$20 per participant
- ☐ Adults = \$40 per adult non-participant

- ☐ Late fee/Day of registration = \$75 per scout



Program Description

Food

Because of the intense program schedule, **MEALS ARE PROVIDED** for the entire weekend. Units should not plan their own meals as this will cut into valuable program time. If you have specific dietary needs, feel free to bring your own food or call ahead to make other arrangements. Meals served are as follows:

Friday – Late Cracker Barrel

Saturday – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Sunday – Breakfast

Check-In Procedures

Please check in at the Administration Building for your campsite assignment. If accommodations are not adequate upon arrival, suitable arrangements will be made AFTER Safe Swim Defense.

After swim checks and check in please change quickly in to dry clothes and move to Cleveland Hall for Session 1. ALL HANDS are required to attend.

FORMS

Because this is an aquatics event ALL participants should have Annual Health and Medical Record, Parts A, B & C are preferred for this event.

Merit Badge Programs

Most aquatics merit badge courses require the use of or demonstration of CPR as taught by the America Red Cross or the America Heart Association. Scouts should have participated in either a training course or a certification course. Scoutmasters will be responsible for this requirement before coming to camp. CPR training is not offered at Aquatics Adventure Weekend. Also, First Aid requirements will be reviewed but there is little time to demonstrate one-on-one. Please have these requirements finished before camp as well.

Training

All participants should attend Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat training which is offered during the Weekend. This is an important training session, especially for adults, for use while on scout aquatics outings. Please review this information before attending.

Participation

Adults should participate in the program with their scouts so they will be more qualified in the future. Our purpose is to provide a program that helps units help themselves. As a leader you should feel confident in planning and conducting safe, year-round, aquatics programs.

Motor boating/Water Sports

Scouts have the opportunity to earn the Motor Boating Merit Badge or the Water Sports Merit Badge (not both). We can always use an extra experienced adult to assist with this program. Motor boating and Water Skiing classes leave the docks at posted times so please be ON TIME to sessions.

Small Boat Sailing

Sailing is for older scouts who have passed the swimmers test. Because of the inherent dangers that exist while under sail, some scouts may be excluded from this program at the instructor's discretion. Other programs will be provided to better prepare scouts that wish to participate but are not able. Small boat sailing participants will earn that merit badge.

Canoeing

Participants will earn the Canoeing Merit Badge. Scouts should have a clear understanding of First Aid and CPR and should pass the swimmers test.

Kayak Merit Badge

Participants will earn the Kayaking Merit Badge. Scouts should have a clear understanding of First Aid and CPR and should pass the swimmers test.

Swimming/Lifesaving

Participants will earn the respective Merit Badge.

**Check Out Procedures- LEAVE NO TRACE**

Staff members will inspect campsites before you depart. Please advocate with your scouts the Leave No Trace policy and leave your campsite better than you found it! Carry all trash to the dumpster in the parking lot.

General Information:

*Cars must be parked in the parking lot, NO CARS in camp during program times.

*Personal boats are welcome, there is limited dock space available during Aquatics Weekends. Please be prepared to either anchor in Scoutland Cove or trailer to the boat ramp on Saturday morning.

*PWC's or personal watercrafts are not allowed for use by any scout or adult on Boy Scout property. Please do not bring these types of craft to Scoutland.

*Fishing for scouts 16 and older must have a fishing license.

*Campsites are assigned upon arrival.

Troop/Crew/Ship Roster

Unit No. _____ District _____

Council _____

Date (circle one): First Weekend (July 31-August 2) Second Weekend (Sept 4-6)

of Scouts _____ Leader's Name _____

Scout's Name	Age	Program	Swimming Ability	Partial Req. (instructor use only)

Please have the Unit Roster filled out and ready to turn in at the SPL meeting immediately following the Cracker Barrel on Friday night.

Phone # _____

Email _____