

BERT ADAMS SCOUT CAMP

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PROGRAM GUIDE

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AT A GLANCE

Established in 1927, Bert Adams Scout Camp has modern, comfortable facilities, rolling fields, and shady campsites. Our summer camp program has a wide variety of activities, and expert staff, meaning you can choose the adventure that is perfect for you.

75

Merit Badges & Special Programs available in 2025

85

Staff members dedicated to you

98

Seasons of experiences delivered!

FACILITIES

1300 Acres in the beautiful Georgia Piedmont, great for biking!

29 Campsites; including our modern Adventure Camp sites

mid-high 80s Typical summer daytime high temperatures with nighttime lows in the 60's

2 Cool off in your choice of two aquatic settings; pool or lake

6 Buildings with free Wi-Fi access



NEW FOR 2025!

Since the sunsetting of the BSA Lifeguard, we are offering the American Red Cross Lifeguard training. The fee for this training is \$55. There are several prerequisites. Please see page 28 of the program guide for details.

Our RC track received track improvements over the winter to enhance the racing experience.

We are bringing back the Line & Tinder class for our first year campers, or Scouts that need those requirements.

New Merit Badge offering for 2025: Theater, Public Speaking, Sustainability, Aviation, Chemistry, Energy, Railroading, Search & Rescue and Graphic Arts.

New Adult Training & Program: Angler Educator, Adult Fly Tying, Adult Stand Up Paddleboarding & Kayaking Awards,

REGISTRATION

Merit badge and select program registration takes place on our online platform at www.campbertadams.org. For more details, see the [Summer Camp Class Registration Guide](#).

Program registration dates open to registered units that are current with their November, February & April 1st payments at staggered time slots. Each day of registration opens at 9 am EDT.

WEEK 1 - April 23, 2025

WEEK 2 - April 24, 2025

WEEK 3 - April 25, 2025

WEEK 4 - April 25, 2025

Bert Adams offers a lot of programs, but don't feel that you must schedule something every period of every day. While you will want to fill each morning, we suggest leaving free time in the afternoons and evenings for a visit to one of our many optional open program activities.

Many afternoon programs, including a number of merit badges, are offered on a "drop in" basis and don't require pre-registration. Only capacity limited programs require pre-registration in the afternoon and evening activity periods.

Although our online system is the best way to get your Scouts signed up for the programs they want, there will be a drop/add opportunity after the Opening Campfire on Sunday night for late additions or Scouts desiring a last minute change to their schedule.



PROGRAM VALUE

Our outlook on fees is very different from most camps; other than handicraft kits, our basic camp fee covers all activities at camp. No extra fees to get in the way of fun!

Aquatics \$0
Art/Pottery/Sculpture \$0
COPE/Climbing \$0
Metalwork \$0
Shooting Sports \$0

Some merit badges, such as Space Exploration and Basketry, require a kit to be purchased for completing required projects.

Recommended budgets are noted on merit badge listing pages.

All kits are available in the Trading Post.



CHECK-IN

Upon arrival, please choose an adult representative to meet us in the **Bill Loble Room (Lower Dining Hall)** and complete the following steps.

Business Check-In

Confirm your roster, including the number of Youth, Adults, Males, and Females. Learn your outstanding balance (if any). Find out your campsite assignment. Pick up bracelets.

Annual Health & Medical Record

Turn in Annual Health & Medical Records and pre-camp health questionnaire. Then pick up buddy tags. Keep these handy for when you visit aquatics!

Program Information

Request printed schedules (if needed), to be picked up from the office after dinner. Learn about immediate program updates. Review the remaining schedule for Sunday.

Add/Drop

After campfire on Sunday, request necessary schedule changes in the dining hall. Please remember, we cannot guarantee all schedule changes can occur, but we will do our best to accommodate every request.

As a designated adult checks your unit in, a Troop Guide will take your unit on a tour which will include the following.



Meet your Troop Guide outside of the **Love Dining Hall**.



Go into the **Dining Hall** and sit at your assigned meal table, then listen and learn about the **dining room flow**.



Meet our **Range and Target Activities Team** at the **Cub Range** near the Love Dining Hall.



Visit the **Health Lodge** for a **Bike Safety talk**.



Find your **campsite**. Complete a canvas check. Discuss what to do **in case of severe weather**. Then **get dressed** for swim checks (if needed).



Aquatic Safety Talk and **Swim Checks**



Head back to your **campsite** and put on **Field Uniforms (Class A)**.



Have your **group photo** taken in the **Amphitheater**. Then enjoy **free time** until 5:45!

CHECK-IN FAST PASS

Complete the following ahead of camp to finish check-in speedy quick!

- ❑ Mail your unit's [Annual Health and Medical Records](#) to camp 2 weeks before you come.

Mailing Address:

Bert Adams Scout Camp, Health Lodge
218 Scout Road, Covington, GA 30016

- ❑ Print and complete the [pre-camp health questionnaire](#) before you arrive at camp.
- ❑ Complete swim checks before arriving at camp. Bring a copy of [appropriate swim check records](#) completed by an appropriately certified aquatics person.
- ❑ Bring printed class schedules from Tentaroo.
- ❑ Keep Field Uniforms (Class A) readily accessible.

CHECK-OUT

Before your unit leaves camp, please be sure to designate an adult to complete the following steps.

Business Check-Out

On Thursday or Friday, make an appointment with the Business Manager for Business Checkout. Pay balance owed (if any) and make a deposit to reserve your unit's spot for next summer! Be on the lookout for the commissioner team, who will be completing a post camp canvas check.

Pick Up Your Swag

On Friday, after closing campfire, collect your unit's swag bag. This bag will include patches, ribbon, awards, and reports.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Bert Adams Scout Camp programs are split into three blocks of time: morning, afternoon, and evening. Each block provides a different type of program experience for Scouts, making their week at Bert Adams productive for advancement as well as fun!

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|------------|---------|---|---|---|-------|-----------|---|--------|---------|
| BREAK-FAST | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | LUNCH | 5 | 6 | DINNER | 7 |
| | MORNING | | | | | AFTERNOON | | | EVENING |

MORNING | 1-4 | ADVANCEMENT

Mornings are dedicated to advancement through our comprehensive offering 65 different merit badges and our Rawhide First Year Scout Program. Note that some morning programs require multiple morning or afternoon program blocks. These are noted in the Merit Badge Schedule.

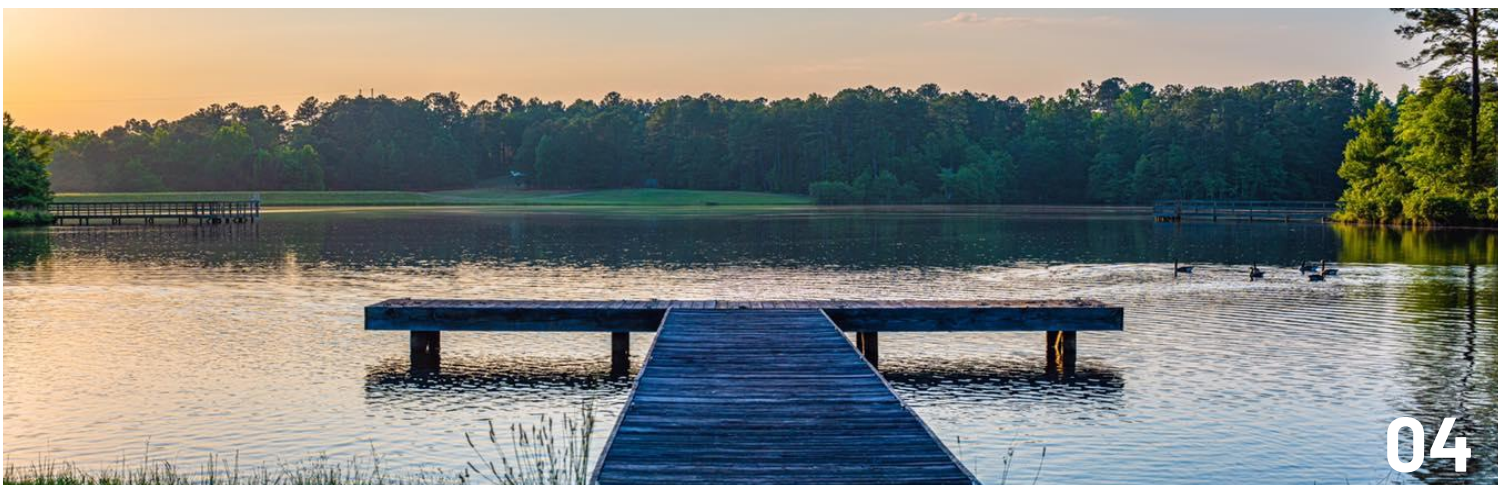
AFTERNOON | 5 & 6 | OPEN TIME

Scout camp is a time for Scouts to have fun and experience all that Scouting offers. Our afternoon program is designed for Scouts to engage in programs that they find attractive without the structure of pre-registration for most programs such as open swim, open shoot, open climb, open boating, and chess. Advancement opportunities still abound. Scouts may "drop in" to work on select merit badges in some program areas. Some merit badges with capacity limitations do require pre-registration.

Many merit badges require additional work from the morning program. For example, Scouts can head to the ranges to work on shooting qualification. Scouts could also use their free time to catch a fish for Fishing merit badge or to complete those more difficult merit badges.

EVENING | 7 | TROOP & PATROL TIME

After dinner, many program areas are open just like in the afternoon. Scouts can head to their favorite area or try something new. From opening and closing campfires to our famous Flag Retirement Ceremony, there are many activities your troop will want to attend as a troop. For patrols, we offer group activities such as swimming, climbing, and field sports.



MERIT BADGES

The Bert Adams staff is committed to delivering quality merit badge sessions where Scouts complete the requirements as stated. Our goal is that they have fun and learn at the same time. We offer a wide variety of merit badge and certification programs.

While Scouts should take merit badges they are interested in, many merit badges are academically and physically demanding. Please allow your Scouts to have an enjoyable week by encouraging them to sign up for a variety of age appropriate merit badges that they will be motivated to enjoy and complete.

MERIT BADGE SESSIONS

Merit badge sessions are held during four morning periods beginning at 8:30. Some sessions require two periods (1 & 2 or 3 & 4). Merit badges are also offered during afternoon sessions with some requiring pre-registration and others accepting Scouts on a “drop in” basis. See the Program Schedule for specific class times that merit badges are offered in 2025.

Many merit badges offered in the afternoon are offered during Periods 5 and 6 on either Monday-Tuesday or Wednesday-Thursday. This allows Scouts to choose to take an afternoon merit badge class while still participating in other afternoon activities. For example, scouts could visit the Fort and take Basketry, Woodworking, etc. or they could go to the ranges and participate in open shoot, or go to the waterfront for the various water activities, go to STEM and play with robots or RC cars, etc.

Some merit badges, particularly in the Nature area, may require afternoon fieldwork sessions. Shooting Sports merit badges require afternoon or evening time for target qualification and rifle cleaning. Scouts taking these badges should plan on one or more afternoons to complete their requirements.

RECOMMENDED FOR ALL SCOUTS



SWIMMING



RECOMMENDED FOR SCOUTS 2ND YEAR & ABOVE



LIFESAVING



CANOEING



KAYAKING



SMALL BOAT SAILING



ROWING



KAYAKING BSA AWARD



MOTORBOATING
Boater Education Course Required



SNORKELING BSA AWARD



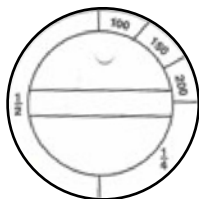
STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING AWARD

AQUATICS

Aquatics merit badges and summer camp go hand-in-hand. Bert Adams provides all equipment. All aquatic merit badges require Scouts to qualify as BSA Swimmer during the swim check. Scouts should wear swim wear that is suited for active water sports, for example, swim trunks or board shorts for males scouts and one-piece suits or tankinis for females scouts.



CLASSES & CERTIFICATIONS



SWIM LESSONS
Not a merit badge



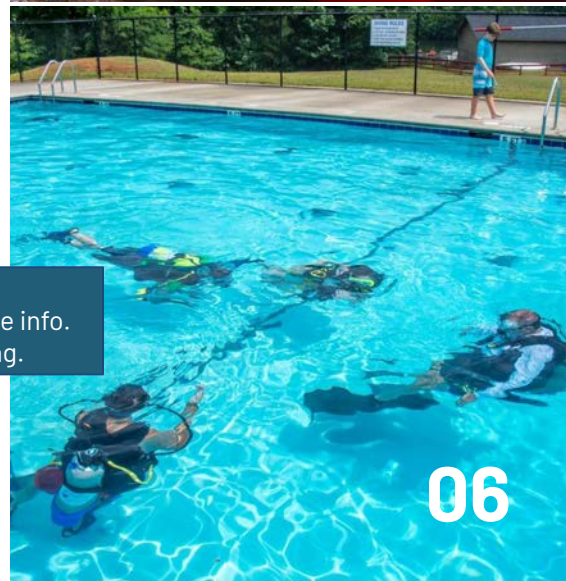
ARC LIFEGUARD
Must be at least 15 years old

Fee: \$55
See p. 28 for more info. about this training.

*BSA Lifeguard is an all day, full week program. It is a certification, not a merit badge. All aquatics merit badges are subject to partial completions due to weather.

Can be completed in full at camp.

Some requirements must be completed outside of camp.



RECOMMENDED FOR 3RD YEAR+ CAMPERS



CLIMBING



COPE

COPE is an experiential program and not a merit badge

CLIMBING TRAINING FOR YOUTH (16+)

Anchoring 101 Training is now available to 16+ participants. Participating youth must have completed the Climbing Merit Badge to join this training. The class will cover multiple anchor systems and how a safe anchor is made.

We are now offering **Intro to Sport & Lead Climbing**. This is an introductory course designed to give some insights on how to lead and sport climb, learn about hands on techniques such as how to clip and maintain low drag on your rope as you climb, and review types of gear and gear maintenance.

We are also offering **L1 COPE/Climbing Instructors Training** for 16+ youth and adults. This Program will run in conjunction with the morning Climbing Merit Badge and COPE Classes during the week. There will be two mandatory classes in the evening as well. Please see p. 28 of the Program Guide for more details. At the successful completion of this program, you will be given an L1 Card and a training record to take back to your council for their review.

See the Program Schedule for details on when these classes are offered.



CLIMBING

Do you love to climb? Climbing helps you to build mental toughness and physical strength while mastering a set of skills. Join us and climb as high as the trees at the Bert Adams climbing tower!



COPE PROGRAM INFORMATION



COPE stands for...

Challenging
Outdoor
Personal
Experience


The COPE Program consists of group initiative games, trust events, and high and low ropes course. Some activities involve a group challenge, while others develop individual skills and agility. Participants climb, swing, balance, jump, rappel, and devise solutions to a variety of problems.


Project COPE (2004 ed.). Boy Scouts of America. 2011.

The 8 goals of COPE are...

1. Communication
2. Planning
3. Trust
4. Teamwork
5. Leadership
6. Decision making
7. Problem solving
8. Self-esteem



 Can be completed in full at camp.

 Some requirements must be completed outside of camp.

RECOMMENDED FOR ALL SCOUTS



PERSONAL FITNESS



CYCLING



GOLF
(Disc Golf)



SPORTS & ATHLETICS



FIELD SPORTS


Join the Field Sports staff in learning about Personal Fitness and taking part in earning various sporting merit badges. Have you tried out our new Disc Golf course yet? Bike rentals are available at the beginning of the week for those who do have a bike of their own; there will be an item of note during the Sunday flag lowering with further details.




Special Note from the Bert Adams Staff:

Adult Leaders and Youth are more than welcome to bring your own bicycles. You will need to bring your own protective equipment. If your bike needs repair, you may take it to the bike shop on Monday during classes to see if they can help.

We will offer **limited** bike and helmet rentals free of charge starting on Monday afternoon. You will be able to use the bike and/or helmet for the remainder of the week.

 Can be completed in full at camp.

 Some requirements must be completed outside of camp.

RECOMMENDED FOR ALL SCOUTS



ANIMATION



ART



MUSIC



MOVIEMAKING & PHOTOGRAPHY

Requires Cyber Chip



POTTERY & SCULPTURE



THEATER



***WOOD CARVING**

Budget \$10

AFTERNOON DROP-IN MERIT BADGES



***BASKETRY**

Budget \$15



FINGERPRINTING



INDIAN LORE



***LEATHERWORK**

Budget \$20

Wood Carving, Basketry, and Leatherwork merit badges may require more than one afternoon to complete.

*May require purchase of a kit at the Trading Post depending on what project the Scout chooses.

Can be completed in full at camp.

Some requirements must be completed outside of camp.



HANDICRAFT

Bert Adams' Handicraft program area is an artist's mecca where Scouts can explore their creative side. We offer merit badge classes as a formal morning session or in the afternoons as a drop-in class (if your scout has no class). Handicraft is also available in the afternoon for anyone wanting to practice their wood carving, leatherwork or basketry skills.

RECOMMENDED FOR ALL SCOUTS



CHESS



DISABILITIES AWARENESS



FIRST AID

RECOMMENDED FOR 2ND YEAR+ CAMPERS



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

RECOMMENDED FOR 3RD YEAR+ CAMPERS



CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION




CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD




COMMUNICATION



PUBLIC SPEAKING

 Can be completed in full at camp.

 Some requirements must be completed outside of camp.

LIFE SKILLS

The Life Skills staff at Bert Adams covers a wide variety of topics, from the more fun classes like Chess and Signs, Signals, and Codes to the more serious but ever-important merit badges like First Aid and Citizenship in the World. Test your chess skills with the Staff's daily Chess Tournament in the afternoons!



RECOMMENDED FOR ALL SCOUTS



ARCHAEOLOGY

Requires out of class fieldwork



FISHING

Fishing poles are available for use during instruction, must bring own tackle.



NATURE

RECOMMENDED FOR 2ND YEAR+ CAMPERS



ASTRONOMY

Requires evening observation time



GEOLOGY



FORESTRY



OCEANOGRAPHY



SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

RECOMMENDED FOR 3RD YEAR+ CAMPERS



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Requires out of class fieldwork

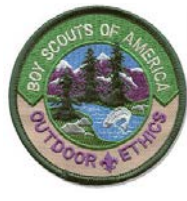


FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT



FLY FISHING

Equipment is provided.



LEAVE NO TRACE 101

Not a Merit Badge. Open to both Youth and Adults.



SUSTAINABILITY

AFTERNOON DROP-IN MERIT BADGES

These classes require out of class fieldwork.



BIRD STUDY



INSECT STUDY



MAMMAL STUDY



REPTILE & AMPHIBIAN STUDY

Can be completed in full at camp.

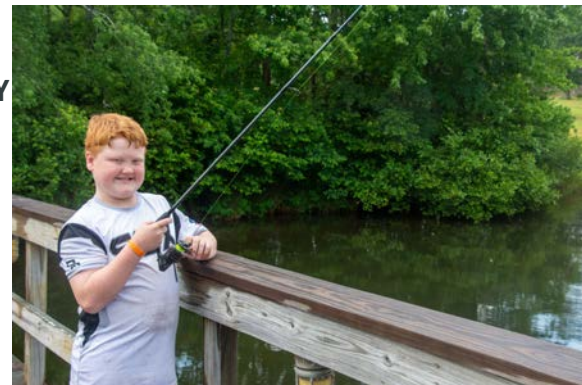
Some requirements must be completed outside of camp.



NATURE

Join the Nature/Ecology Staff at the Langford Nature Lodge at Bert Adams, a state-of-the-art facility.

Many Nature merit badges are academic but exciting. Some Nature merit badges require extensive fieldwork or projects, some of which may need completion during afternoon or evening sessions.



RECOMMENDED FOR ALL CAMPERS



CAMPING



COOKING



SIGNS, SIGNALS,
& CODES

RECOMMENDED FOR 2ND YEAR+ CAMPERS



BACKPACKING
& HIKING



GEOCACHING



ORIENTEERING

RECOMMENDED FOR 3RD YEAR+ CAMPERS



METALWORK



PIONEERING



SEARCH & RESCUE
Evening Scenario
(Thursday) Required



WILDERNESS
SURVIVAL

Can be completed in full at camp.

Some requirements must be completed outside of camp.



OUTDOOR SKILLS

Outdoor Skills merit badges lie at the heart of Scouting's outdoor camping program. In addition to traditional outdoor Scout skills, the merit badge offerings have expanded to include many new merit badges that appeal to modern camping enthusiasts.



RECOMMENDED FOR ALL SCOUTS



ARCHERY



RIFLE SHOOTING

RECOMMENDED FOR 2ND YEAR+



SHOTGUN SHOOTING

Must be able to demonstrate proper safe handling and operation of a shotgun.

Scouts may need to commit additional time in the afternoon and/or evening sessions to develop shooting skills and complete the shooting qualification requirements.

The camp provides all equipment and supplies for shooting sports. Please do not bring personal firearms or archery gear to camp.


Important Note:


All Range & Target Activities merit badges require scouts to bring a water bottle with a screw on lid (not a bladder or drinking straw) and a writing utensil.

RANGE & TARGET ACTIVITIES

Bert Adams offers instruction in Archery, Rifle Shooting, and Shotgun Shooting merit badges under the direction of Boy Scouts of America National Camping School Shooting Sports Directors, National Rifle Association, and USA Archery accredited instructors. Scouts will learn how to handle and work firearms safely with our dedicated, experienced staff.



 Can be completed in full at camp.

 Some requirements must be completed outside of camp.

RECOMMENDED FOR ALL SCOUTS



AVIATION



CHEMISTRY



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY
Requires
Cyber Chip



ELECTRONICS



ENERGY



ENGINEERING



GAME DESIGN



GRAPHIC ARTS



INVENTING



PROGRAMMING



RAILROADING





ROBOTICS



***SPACE EXPLORATION**
Budget \$15

*Requires purchase of a kit at the Trading Post.

 Can be completed in full at camp.

 Some requirements must be completed outside of camp.



STEM

Ranging from Inventing to Space Exploration, the Bert Adams STEM program provides all the technological support, excited, experienced staff, and fun, engaging classes throughout the day to explore the entirety of the ever-changing, fast-paced world of science, technology, engineering and math.





RAWHIDE

BERT ADAMS PROGRAM FOR FIRST YEAR SCOUTS

We designed the Rawhide Program for those Scouts who have just crossed over from Webelos or have limited Scout camping experience. Basic Scout skills for the inexperienced Scout form the basis of the program. After being divided into patrols, the Scouts will complete activities helping them advance and learn the skills often used in Scouting. During these adventures, Scouts learn basic Scouting skills, including knife, axe & saw safety and use, knots & pioneering, orienteering, first aid, and more.

SWAG

All Rawhide participants receive a Rawhide patch to commemorate their week at camp.



SCHEDULE

Rawhide is a two-hour program held every morning all week. The remainder of the day, Scouts are free to participate in any program or merit badge that interests them.

5 MILE HIKE

All Scouts can participate in the Rawhide five mile hike. No pre-registration is required for the five mile hike.

TENDERFOOT TO 1ST CLASS WRAP UP

HELP SESSION

The Tenderfoot to first class wrap-up class is an open program offered during period 5 Monday & Wednesday. Scouts can drop in and ask for help to learn how to complete requirements that they may be struggling with. Our goal is to EDGE these scouts so that their unit leadership can then sign off on mastery.

LINE & TINDER REQUIREMENT

REQUIREMENT COMPLETION OPPORTUNITY

Scouts in the Rawhide program can choose to join us at the pool on Thursday during 5th period to complete this requirement. Scouts in attendance must be a Swimmer and should bring a filled water bottle, swimsuit, and towel. This exercise satisfies 1st Class Requirement 6e.

LEADER PARTICIPATION: We recommend each troop assign at least one adult to actively work with their Scouts in the Rawhide program. This includes observation, assistance with safety, discipline and active participation in the five-mile hike. This is an excellent opportunity for adult leaders to forge a bond with their new Scouts that will last throughout the Scouts' career and life.

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

OPEN ACTIVITIES

At Bert Adams, afternoons become less structured for those who desire a little more freedom. This is the time to experience new challenges, build teams and hone skills in many different areas of study. Various Program areas offer afternoon classes that you can walk up to and earn the merit badge in a day or two.

CAMP-WIDE PROGRAMS

In the afternoons and evenings, you'll find that there are many program options for scouts and leaders alike. Join us as we kick off the week with opening campfire, where we will get to know the Bert Adams staff, sing songs, and see lots of great skits! Here are some other things to look forward to throughout the week:

- Interfaith Service
- OA Day
- Bert Adams History Tour
- Adult Leader Steak Dinner
- Flag Retirement Ceremony
- Viking/Highland Games
- Camp-Wide Games
- Closing Campfire

Keep reading to find details about the above activities and more!



OPEN ACTIVITIES

AQUATICS

OPEN SWIM

Take a dip in our pool or waterfront in the afternoon and evening to relax and round out your day. Practice swimming and refine your skills as needed for merit badge sign offs as well!

OPEN BOATING

Join our aquatics staff and conquer the lake with our kayaks, canoes, row boats, and sail boats. Be on the lookout for the beaver shark!

MILE SWIM

The Mile Swim is offered on Friday afternoon. Participants must attend practice sessions 3 out of 4 days. Sessions are held each day in the afternoon, after lunch in order to participate. Practice sessions may be canceled due to weather.



ADULTS ONLY SWIM

Take a kid free moment to cool off in the pool at this adults only activity.

HANDICRAFT/LIFE SKILLS

LEATHERWORK, WOOD CARVING, BASKETRY, AND FINGERPRINTING

Leatherwork, Wood Carving, and Basketry are available at the Fort each afternoon for any Scout or Scouter who wants to hone their skills or work on merit badge projects. All you need to do is walk in and say you want to work on whichever specific merit badge. Make sure you have the proper kit! You can purchase them at the Trading Post if needed!

CHESS TOURNAMENT

Compete against campers and staffers alike to test out your problem solving skills. Those who are working on the Chess merit badge will need to compete to fulfill a requirement. Try out our giant chess board too!

OPEN JAM SESSION

Whether you play an instrument, or just want to watch, come jam out with our Camp Staff at the Fort!



COPE & CLIMBING

CLIMBING, RAPPELLING, & ZIP LINING

Offered during each of the afternoon activity periods, our climbing area includes tower wall & climbing chimneys and rappelling wall. For all climbing activities, shoes must be capable of being tied securely.

BOULDERING WALL

We have a great bouldering wall up the hill in our COPE/Climbing area. This wall provides an additional challenge for all climbers.

GAME NIGHT AT THE TOWER

Come and play some board games with us! Bring a friend or two and challenge each other in some old school fun.

NIGHT CLIMB

See climbing through a whole new lens! Join our team of COPE and Climbing experts and try out climbing at night.

ADULTS ONLY CLIMB

Calling all adults who enjoy reaching new heights! This one's for you. Join our staff on Monday evening and sharpen those climbing skills.



NATURE

Visit the Langford Nature Center to learn about the environment and wildlife around the camp. Many species that live on the camp property are on display. Go fishing in the lake, or observe the constellations on a clear night away from the city lights.

FISHING & SNAGGIN' WITH RICK

Fishing is available at Bert Adams in our fabulous fresh water lake. Fish from the bridge or most of the shoreline. You will need to bring your own fishing pole and tackle. A fishing license is not required. We encourage catch and release; however, it is permissible to keep a reasonable number of fish for eating while at camp. Join Rick at Tom's Diner from 6:00 am - 7:00 am Monday-Thursday and earn the coveted Snaggin' with Rick button!

BIRD, INSECT, MAMMAL, & REPTILE & AMPHIBIAN STUDIES

Cool off inside and expand your wildlife knowledge by participating in these intriguing drop-in merit badges. One merit badge will be offered each day, so be sure to pay attention to the schedule!

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

FIELD SPORTS

Field sports equipment will be available to check out during the afternoon and evening periods at the Arnold Pavilion. Equipment available includes soccer balls, volleyballs, softball equipment, footballs, disc golf, and Frisbees®.

DISC GOLF

Bert Adams has a disc golf course in Gorman field. Bring your own discs or pick up needed supplies at the Arnold Pavilion.

TRAIL BIKING

Experience some of the best on-site trail biking in Scouting. Take a ride around the Diamond J trail. We have bikes available to check out on a first come, first serve basis. We encourage everyone to bring a bike and helmet to camp.

BERT ADAMS HIKER

Take a hike! Walk the Bert Adams Diamond J Trail from the camp entrance, around the camp, and back again. Stop by the camp office to pick up a map. Complete the Diamond J trail and take a picture at least 3 selfie spots to qualify for the Bert Adams Hiker Award. Pick up details at the camp office.

ORIENTEERING COURSE

The Bert Adams orienteering course will satisfy the First Class orienteering requirement. The course begins at the flagpole on the parade field front of the Love Dining Hall. Pick up a course map at the camp office.

GEOCACHING

Try out geocaching, a high-tech treasure hunt using GPS devices, during your week at camp. There are ten geocaches to find around camp. Really like geocaching? Try for the Bert Adams Geocaching Challenge. You will need a GPS or a cellular device with GPS to participate. Find more detailed information in the camp office.

GA-GA

Ga-ga is a fast paced, high energy version of dodgeball, played in an octagonal pit. Participants try to hit other competitors below the knee with a large rubber ball. If you're hit, you're out; last gaga player standing wins. You can find our ga-ga pits over by the pool.



SHOOTING SPORTS

Summer Camp may be the only opportunity many youth ever have to learn firearm safety and try to shoot a bullseye. You can walk up after completing a safety briefing during an afternoon session. Our NRA & National Camp School certified range staff will provide instruction and all necessary equipment.

ARCHERY

Experience the excitement of drawing an arrow, taking aim and hitting a bullseye up at our archery range. Archery provides a great way to combine physical exercise with developing powers of coordination and concentration. Fit five arrows in the target's center and earn the "Golden Arrow".

RIFLE

Take aim and try your hand with our .22 rifles. Fit five shots in the diameter of a dime and earn your "Dime Award". There's never an ammo charge to shoot rifles at Bert Adams.

SHOTGUN

Take aim with our 12 and 20 gauge shotguns. Hit 5 clays in one relay and earn a "Golden Clay" award.

SCOUTMASTER TOP-SHOT CHALLENGE

The Scoutmaster Top Shot Challenge will put the best 2 shooters from each unit against other rival Troops in a truly one of a kind event at the Bert Adams Range Complex. The winning team, of this epic event, will win an ice cream social for their Troop on Thursday night.

BERT ADAMS SHOOTING SPORTS CHALLENGE

Join our shooting sports staff in the afternoons, and sharpen your skills at any of our ranges. See if you can meet the challenges put forth and win one of many individual Bert Adams exclusive shooting sports awards.



CAMP-WIDE ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

CHECK-IN

After checking in, your unit will embark on a tour, led by a Bert Adams Troop Guide. The tour includes the Dining Hall, Health Forms, Campsite, Hard Shelter, Swim Checks, Group Photo.

OPENING CAMPFIRE

Meet us at the flagpole and follow us to the amphitheatre as we kick off a great week of camp! Enjoy skits and songs and meet our camp staff.

MONDAY

ORDER OF THE ARROW ACTIVITIES

Monday is OA Day at Bert Adams. Our Order of the Arrow Lodge, Egwa Tawa Dee, holds events throughout the week for all Scouts. All Arrowmen should bring their OA Sash to wear on OA Day.

PATCH TRADING & OA TRADING POST NIGHT

On Monday evening, in conjunction with our Order of the Arrow reception (with ice cream!) and patch trading will occur at the Triple J Pavilion. Bring your patches to trade with Scouts from around the country on Monday night, or spend some money in our Lodge Trading Post.

TUESDAY

ADULT LEADER STEAK DINNER

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CAMP-WIDE ACTIVITIES CONTINUED...

WEDNESDAY

VIKING/HIGHLAND GAMES

Brave souls with plenty of warm blood flowing should join our lifeguards at the waterfront at 6 am on Wednesday morning for a refreshing plunge into Lake Bulow Campbell. All swimming levels may participate in the Viking/Highland Games.

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

An outstanding and moving flag retirement ceremony will be held on Wednesday each week at 9:00 PM. This is a don't miss event! Meet at the flagpole near the camp entrance. Field Uniform (Class A) requested.

THURSDAY

BERT ADAMS HISTORY TOUR

Who was Albert Adams? Why Covington, GA? Get answers to these burning questions and more on the locally famous Bert Adams Scout Camp History Tour, with our very own BASC Historian Alan Malone! The tour is on Tuesdays at 10:30 starting in the Bill Loebler Room.

FRIDAY

CAMP-WIDE GAME

This activity begins Friday afternoon at 3:30 in the main activity field by the Love Dining Hall, at the flagpole. All troops are encouraged to enter a team.

STAFF VS. CAMPER ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Come challenge our staff for a rigorous game of ultimate frisbee after dinner at Henderson Field. Be there or be square!

CLOSING CAMPFIRE

Now it's your turn to be a part of our campfire program! Troops should submit a skit to the Staff SPL at Tom's Diner on Friday starting at 4:00 pm. Many awards will be given out as we celebrate this week's accomplishments!

VESPERS SERVICES

A religious service will be offered during the week at camp:

INTERFAITH SERVICE

Sunday at the Amphitheater at 7:15 PM

CAMP DINING

DINING IN THE LOVE DINING HALL

Leading the way in helping us to make sure that every single participant at Bert Adams is happy and well fed are our executive chef, buffet specialist, dietary specialist, and tenacious cook team!

This year, we will be serving all of our meals at the Love Dining hall in a self-serve buffet style with the help of the awesome Bert Adams Camp Staff. A cold bar (for ex. cereal, salad, fruit, etc.) will be offered at each meal in addition to the buffet line. This allows all participants to get the food they want and the amount they need to fill up.

Dietary restrictions such as vegetarian, gluten free, nut free options and many others will be available for all campers with these restrictions at every meal and can be retrieved through the special dietary line.

Please be sure to indicate food allergies upon registration and by filling out this form: [BASC Food Allergies Form](#).

Reach out to Claudette Cunnold at claudette.cunnold@scouting.org with questions.

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AWARDS

TROOP AWARDS

Troops can qualify for special recognition awards at Bert Adams. The Honor Troop Award recognizes those troops who engage in a breadth of activities and demonstrate excellence during their week at camp.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Bert Adams has a variety of individual awards that can be pursued during your free time by youth and adults alike. The Bert Adams Hiker and Geocaching Award are for the more physically active Scouts and Scouters. The Firemaster Award recognizes Scouts who can show off their fire-building skills. Scouts can challenge themselves and sharpen their skills at the ranges and earn a variety of individual Bert Adams Shooting Sports Challenge awards. For adults only, the Adult Leaders Merit Badge is a fun way to engage in all types of activities during your week at camp.

TROOP AWARDS



HONOR TROOP AWARD

Bert Adams challenges all troops to show its Scouting spirit and earn the Honor Troop Award. Requirements are based on criteria deemed instrumental for a troop to have a great week at camp.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS



BERT ADAMS CONSERVATION AWARD

Practice conservation while experiencing the great outdoors at Bert Adams. Conservation is the preservation, protection, or restoration of the natural environment and of wildlife. Conservation practices support ecological, human, and economic health and vitality. This award was designed to build awareness of conservation and conservation practices.



BERT ADAMS GEOCACHING CHALLENGE

Explore Bert Adams while completing the Geocaching Challenge, a high-tech treasure hunting game played by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. You will need a GPS or a cellular device with GPS to participate in the Geocaching Challenge.



SCOUTMASTER MERIT BADGE

This award is for adults only! Why let your Scouts have all of the fun? All adult volunteers are encouraged to get involved in activities at Bert Adams Scout Camp and earn the Adult Leader's Merit Badge.



BERT ADAMS HIKER AWARD

Bert Adams maintains a trail called the Diamond J, and it is ready for you to explore! Stop by the camp office to pick up a map. Complete the Diamond J trail and take a picture at a minimum of 3 selfie spots to qualify for the Bert Adams Hiker Award. Bring your evidence to the office to let us know you have completed the requirements for the award.



BERT ADAMS FIREMASTER

This award is sure to be hot this summer. Build and light fires four different ways to capture this tough and prestigious award.



BERT ADAMS SHOOTING SPORTS CHALLENGE

Join our shooting sports staff in the afternoons, and sharpen your skills at any of our ranges. See if you can meet the challenges put forth and win one of many individual Bert Adams exclusive shooting sports awards.



BSA COMPLETE ANGLER

Scouts who earn Fishing, Fly Fishing, and Fish and Wildlife Management and complete one of the projects for the BSA Complete Angler Recognition will be eligible for the BSA Complete Angler patch!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult leaders don't have to sit on the sidelines and watch their Scouts have all the fun. Bert Adams offers a number of opportunities for adult leaders while in camp including training, teaching, challenges and fun!

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Every Scout deserves a trained leader. We offer a full schedule of training options for adults from Position Specific Training and IOLS to more advanced courses in aquatics, first aid and cooking. There is something for everyone at Bert Adams!

ACTIVITIES

While we want you to spend as much time as possible with your Scouts at camp, we have some activities just for adults while your Scouts are in their instructional periods. Every day has a new adventure. Pick an old favorite or try something new, adults get to play at Bert Adams too!

SERVICE

Do you have a heart for serving while at camp? There are a number of opportunities at Bert Adams. Assist as a camp commissioner, help in the dining hall or complete minor repairs during the week. If you have a special skill, we would love to hear from you.

AMENITIES

Just because you are at camp doesn't mean you have to rough it. From special food options to a quiet place to relax or work, there are lots of amenities provided for adults at Bert Adams to make your week more comfortable and productive.





ADULT TRAINING

For your enjoyment and the benefit of your Scouts, a variety of adult training programs will be offered during your week here. Class registration for the training courses indicated will open at the same time, and in the same place, as the merit badge registration.

POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING

These courses are designed to help Scouters learn how to effectively carry out their Scouting roles.

- Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster
- Troop Committee Position
- Merit Badge Counselor

No Fee

INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS (IOLS)

This hands-on course provides adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the outdoors. Upon completion, leaders will feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required to obtain the First Class rank. Along with Scoutmaster Position Specific Training, this course is required of all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters registered in Scouts BSA Troops in order to be considered "trained". A two day, all day course, participants must attend both days to complete training.

Fee: \$20 per participant includes lunch on Wednesday.

BACKCOUNTRY CHEF

For those Scouters whose camp cooking is ready to go beyond quesadillas, to include nearly gourmet, downright delicious mains and sides that, let's face it, their scouts won't eat. Sauté, braise, and bake your way to campsite cooking that elevates your weekend away to a little bit of fancy in the forest. Led by gourmand guides Jason and Natalie, you'll recharge your energy for outdoor cooking, including how to provision your patrol box, how to stage and execute meal and cooking planning, and adopt practical gourmet techniques that take your outdoor dining from just "meh" to "yeah, baby!"

Fee: \$20 per participant

ANGLER EDUCATOR

Everything you need to know to take your Scouts fishing! The program is designed to give a student who has never fished the skills and knowledge, both practical and ethical, to go to a pond and be immediately successful.

Fee: \$5 per participant

AQUATICS TRAINING

AMERICAN RED CROSS (ARC) WATERFRONT LIFEGUARD

This pool and turbid water lifesaving training is designed for those individuals who are aspiring to become professional lifeguards or further support their Units & Councils.

To become a Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguard, you must meet the following prerequisites: Be at least 15 years old by the end of the course, Pass a prerequisite skills evaluation, Pass a written exam with a score of at least 80%, Attend all scheduled course times for a total of 26 hours, Complete the Waterfront & Deep Water Criteria, Pass the final skills assessment.

Skills Evaluation Prerequisite: Swim 350 yards using freestyle (overhand forward motion) and breaststroke - Tread water for 2 minutes without using hands - swim an additional 200 yards using breaststroke or freestyle, Swim 20 yards, submerge to retrieve a 10 lb object, and return swim on back while holding the object in 120 seconds or less, Swim 5 yards - surface dive - retrieve 3 submerged objects 5 yards apart while remaining immersed - surface and swim an additional 5 yards. *Fee: \$55 per participant*

AQUATICS SUPERVISION: SWIMMING & WATER RESCUE

Swimming & Water Rescue provides BSA leaders with information and skills to prevent, recognize, and respond to swimming emergencies during troop swimming activities. It expands the awareness instruction provided by Safe Swim Defense training to include basic water rescue skills. The class will be five days for two hours each morning at the aquatics area. Participants must attend all days. Participants must pass Prerequisites per Scouting America. *No Fee*

AQUATICS SUPERVISION: PADDLE CRAFT SAFETY

This training provides guidelines for safe float trips which is required of unit leaders. It expands Safety Afloat training to include the skills, as well as the knowledge, needed for a unit leader to confidently supervise canoeing or kayaking excursions. The program will cover Basic canoeing and basic kayaking options on flat water. Open to any registered adult leader or Scout 15 or older. *No Fee*

CLIMBING TRAINING

L1 COPE & CLIMBING INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

We are now offering L1 COPE/Climbing Instructors Training for adults. This Program will run in conjunction with the morning Climbing Merit Badge and COPE Classes during the week. There will be two mandatory classes in the evening as well. Please see the adult training schedule for more details. At the successful completion of this program, you will be given an L1 Card and a training record to take back to your council for their review.

**The L1 card provided is for Atlanta Area Council Climbing Activities Only! You will be required to understand and retain your councils' approvals on policies and procedures as far as COPE and Climbing in your home council.*

**The L1 in no way allows you to lead or guide a scout group on a climbing adventure without the presence of a certified AMGA Guide or a NCS COPE/ Climbing Director.*

No Fee

While training is a popular and important adult activity, the primary mission of the Bert Adams staff is to provide an excellent summer camp experience to the youth who attend camp. Every effort will be made to offer quality adult training to the extent it doesn't diminish the focus on the youth at camp.

RED CROSS CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

RED CROSS CPR W/AED & STANDARD FIRST AID

Upon completion of this course, attendees will be Red Cross Certified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid for two years. The course requires 2 1/2 hours to complete.

Fee: \$60 per participant

AMERICAN RED CROSS WILDERNESS FIRST AID

Take your standard first aid skills to a higher level. Planning a trip to the back country where rescue may be hours away? Going to Philmont, Northern Tier, Sea Base or Summit Bechtel Reserve? You might find yourself in a situation requiring not only first aid, but also care until evacuation or rescue.

Participants, who complete all course requirements, receive a two-year American Red Cross certification. The course requires that all participants complete 16 hours of training that include classroom and outdoor sessions and be CPR certified. Homework will also be required which can be completed during down time at camp. This course is open to all adult leaders.

Fee: \$85 Fee per participant

ADULT LEADER AMENITIES

LOUNGE AROUND CAMP

Bert Adams offers dedicated wifi in a variety of places such as our Dining Hall, Bill Loeble Room, or the Ashley Leader Center and a variety of places in between. You can always find coffee in the Dining Hall. You can just find a spot you like to “kick-back” and relax for a few minutes or catch up on work that can’t wait until you return home.

ADULT LEADER MESS

Bert Adams offers a special nook in the dining hall with supplemental food items just for adults. From grits and oatmeal in the morning, to special soups, sides and desserts at dinner, you never know what treat will appear to make your week a little more special.

CELL PHONE COVERAGE & WIFI

Bert Adams has excellent coverage with AT&T with an on-site cell tower and good coverage with Verizon and T-Mobile. We have many buildings around camp that have wifi access capabilities.



ADULT ACTIVITIES

While most of the afternoon and evening recreational programs at Bert Adams are available to adults as well as Scouts, a variety of special "adult only" activities will be offered in the morning during your week here.

ADULT ONLY SWIM

Take a break and enjoy some adult only time at the pool during our Adult Only Swim.

MILE SWIM

Challenge yourself to complete one of Scouting's most physical challenges, swimming nonstop for a mile.

ADULT CLIMB

Reach new heights and show your scouts how its done on our zip line, rappelling, and climbing tower.

SCOUTMASTER TOP-SHOT CHALLENGE

Adults can join us at the Bert Adams Range Complex where 2 shooters from each unit compete for a chance to win an ice cream social for their Troop, hosted by the range staff.

WACKY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Challenge yourself and your adult friends by making a homemade club on our three hole course.

LEAVE NO TRACE

Learn about the knowledge of Leave No Trace and it's 7 principles and understand the importance of Leave No Trace in outdoor activities.

ADULT OPEN RANGE

Adult Open Shoot: Rifle Range Games, Sporting Arrows

ADULT FLY TYING

Join us and learn the art of tying successful flies for fishing!