

Black Creek District Presents:

Cub Scouts-The Adventure Begins



Centennial Year Cuboree

Who: All registered Cub Scouts and their family members

What: District-sponsored Cuboree is a fantastic outdoor camping adventure for boys and their families

When: October 22-24, 2010 (Please read on for times.)

Where: Camp Shands, Hawthorne, FL

How: Fill out the registration form and return to your pack or the North Florida Council office

We have so MANY great changes in store! Come join in the adventure!

How do we register as a Pack? (Preferred Method)

First, assign a Pack Cuboree Coordinator. Register as a Pack by collecting an Individual Registration Form and payment from each family that wishes to participate. Fill out the Pack Registration Form included in this guide. Remember to send one Pack check for the total fee for your Pack. Do not send the individual family checks to Council. The Pack Cuboree Camp Coordinator will receive the most updated information regarding the event. Please remember to include an email address for this person.

Mail to or drop-off the completed Pack Registration Form, the Individual Participant Registration Forms, and the Pack check at the Customer Service desk at the North Florida Council office **no later than October 8, 2010** to be eligible for campfire giveaways.

How do I register just my family?

Fill out the Individual Registration Form included in this guide. Attach correct payment to the form. You can mail or turn it in at the Customer Service desk at the North Florida Council Office **no later than October 8, 2010** to be eligible for campfire giveaways.

What about medical forms?

Completion of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Form is a MUST for EVERY person on site the weekend of Cuboree. Sections A and C must be completed. You do NOT need a doctor to fill these portions out. You can fill out/print the form from this site:

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf

All medical forms are to be turned at **Leader Cracker Barrel** Friday evening.

How/where do I check in?

Check in will run Friday, October 22 from 4PM to 8PM and Saturday from 7AM-8AM. Please DO NOT arrive earlier than 4PM on Friday unless you are volunteering your talents. Upon entry of Camp Shands, follow the check in signs to the registration table. You will be given campsite assignments, schedules, and other pertinent information at this time. Please drive slowly, and watch for pedestrians. No vehicles will be allowed at the campsites on Friday after 8:30PM and on Saturday after 8:30AM. You will have to carry your gear in by foot otherwise.

If you are arriving outside of the check in "windows" on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, you MUST check in at the Ames Lodge. Signs will be posted from the main camp road.

All checked in, now what?

You will be directed to your Pack's campsite. Please unload your gear, and immediately move your vehicle to the designated parking area. There is NO parking at the campsites. Unit trailers may be unhitched at the campsite. Please remember to keep all roadways clear as most are one lane. Drive slowly, and watch for darting pedestrians known as Cub Scouts.

What else is going on Friday night?

The fun weekend begins with a Cub-friendly movie and popcorn under the stars (or under a roof, weather permitting). All parents, siblings, and scouts are invited to join in on the affair.

An adult leader from each Pack, most likely your Camp Coordinator, should attend the Leader Cracker Barrel. Not only is this a great opportunity to meet other scouters, but you will receive updated information about the weekend's events. All medical forms and the unit attendance sheet must be turned in at this time.

What's happening on Saturday?

Your Pack will follow a rotation schedule. You'll be assigned a number to follow along on the schedule. Here is a tentative agenda to give you an idea of what to look forward to:

8:30- Opening Ceremony @ Flag Pole
9:00-11:50AM- 3 Morning Activity Sessions
11:50AM-1:30PM- Lunch Break
1:30-4:20PM- 3 Afternoon Activity Sessions
4:20-8:00PM- Dinner and Campfire Preparation
8:00PM- Campfire Extravaganza!
10:00PM- Lights out

What sort of "activities" are you talking about?

Of course, the cub scouts will have a hand at both BB and archery! We also have adventures in geocaching, Cub crafts, physical fitness loop, and rockets planned. These are subject to change, but we hope not!

What about Sunday?

A Scout's Own morning service will be offered after Opening Flag Ceremony at the flag pole. All Pack's are to be checked out by Noon on Sunday. Be careful driving your vehicle to your campsite to load up your gear. Please do not park...pack up and head back to the parking lot, if you are not ready to leave.

Do we have to check out?

Yes! You must check out at the Meninak Lodge Registration Table. Your campsite MUST be clean before you may check out. All medical forms will be returned to the Camp Coordinator for your Pack upon successful check out.

What if I have to leave during camp?

If you must leave during the event, you must check out at the Ames Lodge. We are required to keep an accurate attendance of all people on site. Please help us by following this rule: Always check in or out if you are coming or going to/from camp!

OK, there has got to be a rules section, right?

Of course! We'll keep it pretty simple, though.

1. Each unit must have at least one adult in attendance that has the following training:
BALOO, Youth Protection, and Hazardous Weather

Suggestion: If you do not have a BALOO trained leader, find another pack that does to "buddy" up with for the event. Please note this on your Pack Registration Form so the staff can keep your packs together in the same campsite.

2. Practice "Leave No Trace" throughout the whole weekend. Please remind Cubs and all new families what this means. Each unit is responsible for cleaning up their campsite prior to check out. This includes the bathrooms. There are designated dumpsters for nightly trash removal.

3. Use the "Buddy System" at all times! No child should be seen by his/her self. Parents are responsible for their own children at ALL times. Please stay away from all areas that are off-limits. This includes waterfront and operating ranges other than ones in use for our Cuboree.

4. Campfires will be allowed as long as there is not a burn ban in effect for Putnam County. The campfire must be attended by an adult at all times. Please use only wood that you have provided or that is in each camp site firewood pile. Cutting down trees or vegetation will not be permitted. No bonfires, please.

5. Keep all food stored properly in tight-lid containers. Remember, you are staying in woods that happen to house critters. As generous as it may seem, please don't share your food with them.

6. ALL PEOPLE AT CAMP SHANDS MUST WEAR CLOSED TOE SHOES OR BOOTS. Tennis shoes or boots are the best option due to the activity-based weekend. NO Crocs, sandals, flip flops, etc. will be allowed at any time. Shower shoes used during bathing are the ONLY exception. You will have to leave if you cannot abide by this rule. Suggestion: Bring an extra pair of shoes for each person as backup. Better safe than sorry.

7. Alcohol, firearms, and sheath knives are prohibited at camp. Smoking is only allowed at the designated spot behind Meninak Lodge. BSA asks that tobacco (smoke and smokeless) not be used in front of children.

I can handle those rules. Gee! I even want to help out!

We can ALWAYS use more help to make the Cuboree even more fun! You can choose to help out all weekend or just part of the time. Let us know ahead of time so we can place you in a spot that works out best for you and the program. Please contact Alison Duvall for more information: 904-718-7563 or alisonduvall@comcast.net.

Still have questions??

Give Cuboree Committee Chair, Alison Duvall, a call at 904-718-7563, or send her an email at alisonduvall@comcast.net.