

Dear Leaders and Parents,

AHOY MATEYS! This year, we are off to SAIL to Cub Yocona Buccaneer Expedition! Climb aboard our ship to learn new skills, go on adventures and as always, have fun. Throughout the Cubs' voyage through their Adventures, the buccaneers will be on the search for Red Handed Tony's Treasure Chest of Lost Valley Gold!

We have lots in store for this year's camp, and hope this booklet answers any questions you may have.

Our Goal: to provide a safe haven for each Cub Scout amid a beautiful outdoor setting. These fun-filled days spent at camp will make memories that last a lifetime. We also plan to help each cub advance down the Cub Scout Trail.

This guide was assembled and organized to help you plan a successful summer camping experience for each cub in your Pack. As you will see, there is truly something for everyone. Every cub is welcome at Camp Yocona, and in fact, they are why we are here, standing ready to help you in your summer camping efforts. We hope each cub in your Pack gets every opportunity to attend camp this year.

We encourage you to get fully involved in this year's theme: **Buccaneer Expedition**. We will have special events and advancement opportunities.

We look forward to seeing you. **We are trying to work with all of the school schedules so all kids can attend.** Remember the dates for camp are:

Sunday, June 20th – Wednesday, June 23rd

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Cub Yocona

Buccaneer

Expedition

Nature provides us all with a sense of wonder at times, and it is never truer than when spoken of a young cub. Wherever you go, there will always be a new and completely different wilderness to explore, full of whatever your imagination can place in it. The more we learn about our natural world, the more wonders open to us. Come join us at Camp Yocona to celebrate our wilderness and learn a little bit about the things that live around us.

Basic Overview

Cubs will eat meals, perform flag ceremonies, attend morning and night activities, and share a campsite with their Pack. The rest of the day they will be divided into three different **DENS** by rank.

- **Remember rank is what they will be in the fall, not what they were last year. If you just finished 1st grade and were a Tiger, at camp you will be a Wolf.** The following will be grouped together: Tigers (upcoming 1st graders); Wolves (upcoming 2nd graders); Bears (upcoming 3rd graders); Webelos and Arrow of Light (upcoming 4th graders and 5th graders).
- Any leaders or adults with your Pack should be divided between your Pack's cubs and go where you are most needed during rank program time.
- Each group will have a **Staff Leader**. This will be a staff member who will go around with them to all their afternoon activities and to make sure everyone is going in the right direction. They will be responsible for each child's whereabouts at all times and may need additional "volunteer" help. The cubs will break into their groups each afternoon after lunch.
- Activity areas will be run by at least one staff member. Other adults in the group will be there to help the activity leader if needed. The activities will be games, crafts, advancement, waterfront, and shooting sports. We will have a different Night Activity each evening.

Electives

The purpose of resident camp is fun in the outdoors. Cubs that attend Cub Yocona are more likely to remain in Scouting. While advancement is not the focus of summer camp, many opportunities for advancement take place. Our program schedule includes new Cub Adventures and Webelos Achievements. As part of achieving National Standards, the program for Webelos (4th and 5th graders) offers more challenges than the program for Cubs.

PROMOTION

Laying the foundation for a successful summer!

The most successful units see most of their members attending summer camp each year. How do they do it? Through proper planning and promotion, of course! The Cub Master or Den Leader, working with the pack committee, should plan to promote camp at a meeting when the majority of parents can attend. We recommend that promotions be between February and April.

The Pack is the main source of information for Cub Scouts & their families on what camping opportunities are available. If the Pack does not make the information available to the Cubs and their families, they are unlikely to be aware such opportunities exist.

What can the Pack do to promote the camping program?

- Assign one leader to handle camp promotion and paperwork
- Distribute the Cub Camping Flyers provided at District Roundtables
- Actively encourage Cubs to attend camp
- Invite Cub Camping Committee members to make a presentation to your Pack
- Organize a meeting to inform the Cubs and their parents of the opportunities available
- Recruit leadership to accompany Cub Scouts to camp
- Hold fundraising opportunities to help the Cubs raise money for camp (camp card sales work well for this type of fundraising)

Pre-camp Schedule

Unit Promotion and Fundraising	April-May
Beaver Day at Camp Yocona	May 22
All fees paid	June 11

REGISTRATION

YOUTH HAVE FIRST PRIORITY ON CABINS.

Cub Scout fee - \$135
Adult -\$75 Cabin, \$50 Tent

All fees must be paid in full by: June 11, 2021

It is required that each Pack have one individual turn in all forms and money and ensure everyone gets his or her money in on time. This individual should be responsible for online registration at www.yocona.org, which is encouraged. **For print registration, leaders must request a copy of the Pack and personal order form.**

This year, we will be accepting Cub Scout registration for up to 200 scouts for each session. Proper planning is the key. Please use the next few weeks to coordinate these guidelines with the families in your Pack. Choose a session that works best for your group and get the online registration or print paperwork filled out. Be sure to register as soon as possible to insure you get the session your Pack wants.

- Please send a *Pack Registration Form* for your group and a completed *Personal Registration Form* for each person attending in your pack if you are not registering online.
- If you are not paying the full amount for an adult or cub scout, a \$25 **non-refundable** deposit must be made for **each** individual by **May 31, 2021**. Deposits are transferable to new participants but not existing participants. All fees must be paid by **June 11, 2021**

Camperships are available to qualifying scouts. **Camperships do not pay the entire fee.

WELCOME TO CAMP

Check-In

Packs should plan to arrive at camp on the first day of their session between **1:00 & 3:00**. Early arrivals are discouraged, and check-in **will not begin** before 1:00 p.m. **Your unit will be assigned a check-in time by campsite.**

We also ask that you have your Pack arrive at camp together. Only Packs with all campers (adults and cubs) present and the proper health forms will be allowed to check in. Please make prior arrangements with the camp director if you know you will have late arrivals. Car-pooling is encouraged as we have limited parking spaces.

1. Once you arrive at camp, send one leader into the Administration Building for final registration. Bring with you all completed health forms for each person, all medications, and any remaining fees. Please leave the cubs outside the building with a leader or adult from your Pack. **They will not be allowed past the Administration Building until the check-in process is complete.** You will be assigned an attendant to help you through the check-in process.
2. Next you will proceed to the Health Lodge for Medical Check. **Make sure to have medications individually wrapped in a Ziploc bag for each person with their name and pack number clearly written on the bag.**
3. Then, you will proceed to your Campsite. Please unload your gear as quickly as possible. If you find minor repairs needed, please tell the attendant.

An armband will be given to the Cub Master for each camper (youth and adult) at Check-in. This not only shows us that you are a participant of camp but will also act as your meal ticket. Please wear them at all times. It is a good idea to write with a permanent marker on each child's arm band their name, Pack number, and campsite. **We will try to make the check-in go as quickly as possible. Please help us by having all paperwork and other items organized before arrival.**

Vehicles and Parking

Each unit is responsible for the safe transportation of its members to and from camp and to make sure that all vehicles meet BSA Insurance requirements.

Units visiting Camp Yocona from other councils are responsible for attaining the appropriate tour permits and proof of insurance

Parking is provided at the camp entrance for leaders and visitors. **Vehicles must be left in the parking lot at all times.** The only vehicles allowed to operate within the camp property are the vehicles authorized by the Camp Ranger and Camp Director. One unit trailer may be kept near the campsite with prior approval. **Keep your speed under 5 miles per hour when driving on camp property.**

Campsites

Packs will camp together as a group. Each Campsite has cabins with bunks that can sleep 8 people. The cabins are equipped with lights, electrical outlets, and a fan. Each site has a bathhouse with flushable toilets, private showers, and sinks. There will also be a picnic table and fire ring at each site. Campsites will be assigned by the size of the Pack. You may share your site with another Pack. **Packs are in charge of keeping and leaving their campsite and cabins clean.**

Quartermaster

In addition to what is in the campsite, the camp provides equipment through the Camp Quartermaster. Items such as brooms, water hoses, cleaning agents, tools, and American flags are available for checkout. These items must be returned clean and in good condition before the pack can check out. Packs are welcome to bring their own items (as listed) from home.

Leader's Meeting

There will be a Leader's Meeting on Day 1 of each camp session at 5:00. Each Pack needs to send at least one Leader to this meeting. If needed, other meetings may be scheduled.

Flag Ceremony

We will meet at the flagpole each morning to raise the Colors and to do the Pledge and Oath, and each evening before supper to lower the Colors. Packs will stand together for this. Please make sure that your group is on time, and behaves in a respectful manner. If you would like your Pack to perform a ceremony, please let the Program Director know.

Meals

Meals are served in our camp dining hall each day. Professional cooks prepare breakfast, lunch, and supper so your Cub's attention can be on fun. Menus are balanced for the needs of Cub-age youth and are approved by a certified dietician. Your meals will start on the first day with supper and end on the last day with breakfast.

Each Pack will have an assigned table or tables in the dining hall and the waiter system will be used for setting the tables and cleaning up after the meals. Please make a rotation of your cubs for the jobs needed at each meal. **It is important for at least one adult from each Pack to arrive early and stay after each meal to help accomplish these tasks.**

It is our responsibility to keep the dining hall area clean. These tasks include sweeping, mopping, emptying of garbage and liquid buckets, to name a few. (A full list of duties will be given at the Leader's Meeting.) If everyone helps, it can be done quickly. Please have your area checked before leaving.

Please contact the Camp Director in advance if you have any special dietary needs. We will do the best we can in accommodating these needs with the food we have available. Dietary supplements should be brought from home for specific dietary requirements.

Extra Meal Costs

Sometimes Packs have an extra leader or visitor for only a few meals. Extra meals must be coordinated with the camp office in advance so that arrangements may be made. Costs for extra meals are **\$5.00**. Payments for visitor meals must be made in the Administration Building.

Uniforms

Pack leaders are encouraged to work with their Cubs to assure proper uniforms for camp. Only appropriate Scout hats should be allowed. Consult the **Insignia Guide** for proper placement of patches or other insignia.

Uniforms should be worn to the evening flag ceremonies, and to Campfire. Use your time at camp as an opportunity to properly uniform your Cub pack. Registered leaders should also be in Class A uniforms at the proper times.

Leadership

- All Units are required to have at least **2** adult leaders or parents in camp at all times.
- Each **chartered** unit that holds a Friends of Scout presentation by May 31st and achieves a minimum goal of \$50 per registered scout as of the end of the December will receive 1 free adult at camp.

Discipline

Use positive comments to motivate the cubs in your group. **BSA policy states that it is unacceptable to use physical punishment or humiliation as forms of discipline. Be fair and be consistent.** Ask another leader or camp staff member for help if needed. Physical punishment is not acceptable, even to your own child. Youth Protection Guidelines state there is no one on one contact between leaders and scouts.

Buddy System

Establish a buddy system to be used at all times during camp. This means that cubs pair up and stay with that buddy. No cub should ever be away from their campsite wandering around the camp alone. Should you encounter a lone scout, take the time to inquire where their buddy is. When traveling through the camp, make sure that no one enters another campsite unless invited.

Health and Safety

Camp Yocona operates a Health Lodge that is open 24 hours a day and is manned by staff members trained in handling minor accidents and illnesses. In case of an emergency, scouts or leaders will be transported to the hospital in Tupelo. **The Health Lodge is located directly behind the Administration Building.**

If a Cub or Leader has any special medication, it is required to be turned in to the Health Officer at check-in. **Each scout or leader's medication should come in a separate Ziploc bag with their name and pack number clearly written on the bag.** The Health Officer will be responsible for dispensing the medications.

Please be sure to bring a completed Annual Health and Medical Form for each **ADULT AND CUB** attending resident camp with your Pack. This form **MUST** be turned in at Registration on Day 1 of camp session. **No person will be allowed at Cub Yocona without this completed form.** The form is located in the appendix.

Fire Safety

Camp Yocona has a fire and emergency alarm system. This system will be explained at the Leader's Meeting on the first evening you are in camp, and a test of the system will be conducted early in the session.

Trading Post

The Trading Post is located in the middle of camp and stocks a variety of items, such as camp memorabilia (patches, mugs, t-shirts, etc.), program supplies and concession items. We will have the Trading Post open throughout each day.

Cubs will need to have money for the Trading Post and must come with a leader. Recommended spending money for each cub is at least \$40.

Knives may be purchased by any adult in the Trading Post. Knives can be purchased by a scout as long as they have the Whittling Chip card and a parent or adult leader present. **No knives will be sold to any scout who is NOT accompanied by an adult.**

Lost and Found

A central lost and found area is located at the Trading Post. If you lose something during the week, please check there to see if it has been turned in. To make it easier to recover lost items, scouts should clearly mark their personal possessions with their name and pack number.

Visitors/Mail

Each visitor must register at the camp office and obtain a Visitor Armband. All visitors must depart camp no later than 10 p.m. **Exceptions to this policy must be discussed in advance with the Camp Director.**

It may be easier to have mail intended for campers brought to camp with the pack leader for distribution during the session. However, please keep in mind that sometimes, a note from home may bring on a case of homesickness and sometimes it is just what a scout needs. Please include camper name and pack number on all correspondence. The mailing address for camp is:

**Camp Yocona
878 Boy Scout Road
Randolph, MS 38864**

IMPORTANT STUFF

1. Campers must report all accidents, injuries, or lost persons to the Camp Staff

- immediately.
2. Vehicles and trailers may be parked only in areas approved by the Camp Director
 3. Golf carts and vehicles may not be used in camp. The Camp Director can approve exceptions to this rule to accommodate campers with disabilities or for program support.
 4. The speed limit in camp is 5 mph. Drivers may not transport passengers in truck beds.
 5. The Camp Staff must inspect each campsite and approve its condition before its occupants depart.
 6. Music and other sounds should not be heard beyond a campsite. Campers should remain quiet between 10 pm and 7:00 am.
 7. Adults may build fires in existing campfire rings only. Fires must be attended at all times.
 8. Campers may not cut living or standing trees. Do not peel bark from trees.
 9. Campers are not permitted to capture or hunt any animals in camp. Firearms are forbidden.
 10. Smoking in camp is prohibited except in the parking lot.
 11. At least two adult leaders must be present to supervise campers at all times.
 12. All campers must travel with a buddy. No adult should ever be alone with a youth other than his or her son.
 13. Alcoholic beverages, fireworks, portable generators, and electric or liquid fuel heaters are forbidden.
 14. Secure all valuables. The camp is not responsible for any lost or stolen property.
 15. Campers may not bring pets to camp. Visitors' pets are restricted to the parking lot and not allowed in camp without the Camp Director's permission.
 16. Campers must avoid maintenance areas, storage facilities, and construction sites.
 17. There are no secret organizations recognized by the Boy Scouts of America. All Scouting programs are open to parents and leaders.
 18. Proper clothing must be worn for all activities. One-piece bathing suits for women.
 19. There is to be no defacement (GRAFITTI OR VANDALISM) of buildings, picnic tables, or any other structure in camp. Any such vandalism will be charged to the pack(s) involved.
 20. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages, non-prescription drugs, or narcotics is not a part of camp life. These substances are not allowed on camp property and violations provide grounds for immediate dismissal from camp. Further legal action may be taken. NO SECOND CHANCES!

RESIDENT CAMP DAILY SCHEDULE

7:15	Assembly
7:30	Breakfast
8:15	Leaders Meeting
8:20	Walk to First Session
8:35-9:45	First Session
9:45	Walk to Second Session
10:10-11:20	Second Session
12:00	Lunch
12:30	Rest Period
1:00-2:10	Third Session
2:10	Walk to Fourth Session
2:35-3:45	Fourth Session
3:45-5:45	Free Activities
6:00	Assembly
6:15	Supper
After Supper	Evening Activities
10:00	Taps

PROGRAM

Please remember that in the mornings and free times, **PACK LEADERS** are in charge of the whereabouts of their cubs. You may break into smaller groups within your Pack, but an adult must always be close at hand.

Waterfront

- The waterfront will include swimming and is staffed by trained and certified waterfront leaders and BSA lifeguards. All leaders and cubs must pass the swim test in order to use the intermediate and swimmer areas of the waterfront, including canoeing. Webelos taking Aquanot must attempt the swim test.
- Swimming attire is that all youth Boys and Girls have t-shirts and shorts on during their swim times. Swim times will be assigned to each Pack. Please be sure that you follow these times.

Shooting Sports:

The Shooting Sports area is staffed by certified shooting sports personnel and includes BB Guns and Archery. The cubs will be able to spend time on each one in the afternoons. Shooting Sports times will be assigned to each Pack. Please be sure that you follow these times.

COPE: Will not be offered this year

Crafts

The cubs will make a variety of crafts. These activities will be conducted in the Handi-Craft area.

Advancement in Ranks

This will be a time for the Cubs and Webelos to work on their Electives. They will need to bring their rank books, pen, pencil, and notebook.

Scout's Own Worship Service

On the first night of each session we will have a Scout's Own Worship Service. This will be held in the Chapel area. (You may want to bring along Camp Chairs.) If you or someone in your Pack would like to participate in this service, please contact Program Director, Pat Wooten.

After the worship service, all scouts and leaders should make their way to the opening campfire. Please travel as a group to the Trail of Silence and prepare to be entertained by camp staff and special guests.

Program Activities

Each night we will have related games and activities Cub Yocona Buccaneer Expedition.

On the last night of each session, we will have our **Closing Campfire** designed around the camp theme. **We need each Pack to bring a skit, song, etc. to perform at the campfire.** Please have a leader discuss with the Camp Director beforehand the basic idea of what your group plans on performing.



Electives

The following list of advancements is being planned at this time. **Based on participation and scheduling, some advancement items may be added or modified.**

Tigers (Completed Kindergarten)

Floats and Boats

Sky is the limit

My Tiger jungle

Wolves (Completed 1st Grade)

Finding your way

Spirit of the water

Call of the wild Requirement 1, 3a,b, 5

Paws on the path to requirement 7

Running with the pack requirement 7

Air of the World 2e

Bears (Completed 2nd Grade)

Bear Claws

Bear Necessities

A Bear goes fishing / Salmon Run

Webelos (Completed 3rd Grade)

Aquanaut

Castaway

Adventures in science

Webelos walk (Outdoor Code & Leave no Trace)

Arrow of Light (Completed 4th Grade)

Outdoorsman 4 & 5

Scouting Adventure

Engineer

More to come

Leaders Training

Youth protection
Safety afloat
RSO (Range Safety Officer)
Hazards Weather

Notes to the Cub Leader

An e-mail will be sent to each Cub Master detailing what each cub earned at camp. If you do not receive an e-mail, or if you do not have e-mail, please contact the Scout Service Center at 662-842-2871. Be sure to check with your Cub Scout to ensure that they completed all the activities listed. Some activities will be set up at different times apart from the regular rotation (night activities for example), and it is up to the cubs and their leaders to do them. Also remember it is up to the Cub Master and Pack to turn in advancement forms and payment to the Council Office after camp is complete to receive the awards earned.

On the last day, after the Closing Program, each Pack needs to have one adult supervise the cleaning of the campsite to ensure it is done properly. You must have your campsite checked before leaving the camp and everyone must be out by noon. Please follow the check-out procedure listed in your cabin.

Please remember that lunch will not be served on the last day. You will need to make arrangements for your Pack to eat lunch on the way home.

SUPPLY LIST

Pack Equipment

- Pack Flag
- American Flag
- Lanterns
- First Aid Kit
- Camp Chairs
- Ice chest/with extra drinks for your Pack (water is best)
- Snacks for your Pack
- Personal info for each person in your Pack attending (for your records)
- Annual Health and Medical Form-One for each person in your Pack **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Tarps/or Plastic
- Sharpie Markers
- Skit, song, etc. for the Closing Campfire. Be sure to have a leader discuss the basic idea with the Camp Director beforehand.
- Anything dealing with the Safari theme

Packing Tips

1. A daypack (book bag) is recommended for each person at camp to help keep things together while hiking around camp from day to day. Keep your Rank Book, pencil, notebook, water bottle, sunscreen, anything you may need in it. An extra gallon-sized ziplock bag keeps those wet swim trunks off the other dry items.
2. National BSA policy requires that no open-toed shoes be worn while walking on camp property. Sandals can be worn only in the showers.
3. **Crocs are not advisable to wear as camp shoes! Please bring tennis shoes.**
4. Scouts bringing a footlocker or locking suitcases should bring an extra key and give it to their leader. That way, if one key is lost, the spare one will be stored safely.
5. With the heat and humidity of Mississippi, it would be advisable to have a change of clothing for each day at camp.
6. Bring a plastic hanger for your uniform shirt and hang it when it is not being worn. This will help keep it fresh.
7. **PUT YOUR NAME AND PACK NUMBER ON ALL ITEMS!!!!!!**

Personal Equipment

- Uniform
- **Annual Health and Medical Record/turned into leader before arrival (copy in appendix)**
- T-shirts
- Shorts and pants
- Swim trunks
- Underwear
- Socks
- Hat or cap
- Jacket
- Rain gear
- Extra shoes or boots (No Crocs)
- Watch
- Washcloth and towel
- Toilet Items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.) should be put in small case or shower bucket
- Shower shoes
- Plastic Bags/Walmart sacks to keep clothes dry while showering
- Flashlight (with extra batteries)
- Fan
- Sleeping bag/or sheets and blankets
- Pillow
- Camp pad/or inflatable mattress or pool raft
- Foot locker/suitcase
- Spending money (\$40)/wallet
- Sunglasses
- Camera
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Notebook
- Pencil or Pen
- Book for your new Rank
- Water Bottle with strap or canteen/keep with you at all times!!!! There will be places to refill. **VERY IMPORTANT, do not come without one.**
- Daypack (book bag)
- Tent for leaders
- No firearms or ammunition are allowed
- No knives should be brought to camp
- No radios or other electronics
- No cell phones should be brought by Scouts
- No alcohol or tobacco

2021 Resident Camp Pack Registration Form
One per Pack per Session

Session # _____ Campsite _____ (Leave Blank/TBD)

Pack # _____ District: _____

Pack Type (Circle One): BOY GIRL FAMILY

If out of Council, give Council name: _____

Primary Contact Leader: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: C) _____

 H) _____

 B) _____

Family Friends of Scouting Presentation Date: _____

Number of Cubs _____

Number of Female Adults _____

Number of Male Adults _____

*Number of Tigers _____

*Number of Wolves _____

*Number of Bears _____

**Number of Webelos _____

**Number of Arrow of Light _____

*Remember this is the rank they will be next year when school starts.

**Webelos will be in the 4th grade, Arrow of Light will be in the 5th grade.

Personal Registration Form
One per PERSON attending Camp

Session #: _____ Campsite: _____ (Leave Blank/TBA)
 Cabin #: _____ (Leave Blank/TBA)

Circle One: Adult Sibling Cub Scout

Pack #: _____ District: _____

Name: _____

Age: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: C) _____ H) _____ B) _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____
 (Not at camp) Relation _____
 All Phone #'s _____

If Cub Scout or Cub Scout Age, what is your Rank? _____

Is youth attending with a parent or guardian? Yes _____ No _____

Did you attend our Resident Camp last year? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have any special needs? Please list on back.

For Staff Use Only:

Date/Time of Pre-Registration _____

Early Bird _____

Fundraiser _____

Deposit _____

Free

Leader _____