

# Calling of the Council Leaders Guide



Hosted by the Echeconnee Lodge

Central Georgia Council

Camp Benjamin Hawkins

May 3-5, 2019

**Notes from the Event Committee Chairman:** At the turn of the century, we see a lot has happened in our council. The council has asked your OA lodge to throw an event to help you celebrate the century of scouting in our area. The weekend will include using parts of the camp that have been built and improved on over the last century; including, the new Cope and Climbing area, the new docks at the water front, and so much more. Come help us celebrate this glorious occasion. The success of this council starts and ends with you. This is all of our accomplishment to celebrate.

**Notes from the Event Committee Advisor:** "Do you know who the President was in 1919, or how many stars were on the flag back then? How about how many councils' were formed in the BSA program? We do know one that formed that year, our very own Central Georgia Council! The Central Georgia Council was established in 1919 as the Macon Council and officially chartered by the BSA in 1921. Since that time, CGC has served many thousands of prominent alumni and continues to serve over 5,600 youth each year in 24 counties in Middle Georgia. To commemorate this milestone, Echeconnee Lodge #358 is hosting a 100th Anniversary Celebration at Camp Benjamin Hawkins from 3-5 May 2019. This weekend will be filled with events for Scouts, Explorers, and Venturers, plus a full Saturday for Cub Scouts and Webelos. Mark your calendars for this once-in-a-century event, and plan on joining us in May for a great celebration!"

**Disclaimer:** Understand that this is a working document, and plans are still in progress. Games/activities may change based on registration numbers/budget and availability of materials and supplies. The agenda/schedule may also be modified to make sure that enough time is given to all for the events. This guide is designed to give you an idea of what will be going on at the Calling of the Council. This will also give you the information that you need to plan and give information to your Unit.

**Registration:** Registration forms are coming soon! Once available, please send registration forms to the Council. If you are coming with your unit please register together as a unit. Thank you for your help. Registration allows us to make sure enough materials and supplies can be purchased and prepared.\*Fees include: camping, programs, Saturday lunch, and a patch for every scout. There will be a \$5 fee per person if you register after April 20. Registration will close on April 26.

Cost:

Scouts, Explorers, and Venturers	\$30 per person
Cub Scouts	\$25 per person
Adults (participating in activities)	\$30 per person
Adults (not participating)	\$10 per person

**Golf Carts and ATVs:** All golf carts and ATVs are prohibited unless you have a disability and get prior permission from the Lodge Advisor.

**Who can come:** All Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers are invited to stay the entire weekend. All cub scouts are invited to join us on Saturday to participate in the event all the way through campfire.

**Saturday participants only:** Saturday only participants are asked to check-in at CBH dining hall/Camp Office Saturday Morning by 8:30 a.m., and are asked to write SAT ONLY on Registration Forms. (NOTE: Staff are at Flag Ceremony from 8:30-9:00) Please remember no meals are provided(except Saturday lunch), but the parking lot pavilion will be reserved for SAT ONLY participants to prepare, and eat meals.

### **Before Arriving at Camp:**

\*Units are responsible for ensuring that they have appropriately trained Leaders, and a First Aid Kit.

\*Each Unit is responsible for ensuring that scouts have current Medical Forms A&B. The form is to be kept on site at time of campout.

\*Meals are not included,with the exception of Saturday lunch, and are the responsibility of the units.

\*Campsite Assignments will be made upon arrival at Check-in. Please be prepared to set-up Jamboree Style.

\*Please also understand, that more than one unit may be assigned to a campsite.

\*Check-in is 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday Night at the parking lot pavilion, and 8a-8:30a on Saturday Morning at CBH DINING HALL. (No vehicles in camp on Saturday)

\*Participants who do not wish to camp overnight, but want to come Saturday are welcome.

### **Arriving at Camp:**

**WE ARE EXPECTING A LARGE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS!** Units may begin arriving at camp at 5 p.m. Due to the number of attendees and persons that will be in camp at the same time on arrival day, we are asking that each unit choose ONE VEHICLE WITH TRAILER to transport unit gear and equipment to the campsite. This vehicle will receive a Campsite Assignment at the Pavilion located at the parking lot. This vehicle **MUST** be returned to the parking lot by 10 p.m.

**ONLY ONE VEHICLE PER PACK MAY BE IN CAMP AT ONE TIME!!** ALL other vehicles will be asked to park in camp parking lot, and transfer gear onto trailer

traveling to their campsite. We encourage packs to make sure that they have all equipment/items needed as there will be no vehicles allowed in camp throughout the weekend. **NO VEHICLES IN CAMP ON SATURDAY!!** Trailers may remain in campsite, provided they are parked and blocked safely. We understand that everyone may not arrive at camp at the same time. However, only ONE vehicle with trailer, per Unit, will be allowed to drive to campsite on Friday evening. Unit Leaders please help us, by communicating with your participants the move-in policy.

Units camping on the lakeside will receive notification at registration with additional move-in information

**Campsite Assignments/Arrival of Scouts and Families:** Campsite Assignments are made based on unit/campsite size. Please make sure that your unit's participants know their unit number, POC's contact information, understand move-in procedures, and campsite assignment. A camp map is included for you to pass out to your participants upon arrival.

**Check-in/Leaders Meeting:** After stowing gear and setting up camp, Unit Leaders may check-in at CBH Dining hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. to receive Maps, Agendas, Patches, and other important information. **\*Important Leaders Meeting will be held at 9:00 pm, Friday of the event in the Dining Hall.** All units are asked to have a representative to receive important information.

**Meals:** Meals will not be provided by Camp with the exception of lunch on Saturday. Saturday lunch will be provided for all paid attendees. The meal will consist of hot dogs, chips, cookies, and drinks. Each unit will be assigned a meal time. Please instruct all members to gather at the dining hall entrance at the assigned meal time. Units are responsible for their own food and cooking equipment. Activities on Saturday and Sunday morning begin at 9 am, and lunch and dinner breaks will be 1.5 hours each to allow for cooking and clean-up. Cracker Barrel will be provided Friday and Saturday night for those who are camping overnight.

**Flag Ceremonies:** We ask all scouts and leaders to wear their Class 'A' uniforms to the morning and evening Flag Ceremonies. Units are also encouraged to bring their unit flags with stands to post at the Parade Field.

## Packing List:

- \*Unit Flag/Stand
- \*Class A uniform- for morning/evening Flag Ceremonies
- \*Skit, Song, Joke, or Talent for Campfire
- \*Sleeping Bag/Bed Roll
- \*Water Bottle
- \*Tent
- \*Flashlight
- \*Personal Items (Clothing, hygiene items)
- \*rain gear
- \*insect repellent/Sunscreen
- \*Camp Chairs
- \*Cooking Equipment and Food
- \*Pocket Money for the trading Post

**Trash:** Trash can be deposited in the dumpster beside the Dining Hall. Please make sure that all Trash is removed from Campsite.

**Service:** A large part of the Order of the Arrow experience revolves around service. We do cheerful service to our council, our camp, the units we represent, and our communities. We encourage each unit represented at this event to commit an hour of service to camp Benjamin Hawkins. There will be one or more projects you can sign up for and send one or more scouts to work on, in order to further the OA tradition of a brotherhood of cheerful service. We hope that you will take these opportunities and help better Camp Benjamin Hawkins.

**Campfire:** No scouting event is complete without a campfire. At the Calling of the Council we will have two campfires! Friday night's campfire is for Scouts, Explorers, and Venture crew members! Saturday night's campfire is open to all Packs, Troops, Crews, Posts, and their families! We encourage you to bring your

troop's favorite skit to the campfire! Please email the name and a brief description of your skit to [2ndvicechief@echeconnee.org](mailto:2ndvicechief@echeconnee.org) to register your skit. There are a limited number of openings so don't delay! Participation is on a first come first serve basis!

RESTRICTIONS: 1) One skit per unit 2) all skits MUST BE Scout appropriate 3) all skits MUST BE reviewed by the Campfire Committee.

**Range Activities:** Archery, BB's and Rifle will be available at the range on Saturday. Cub scouts may shoot archery and bb's. Boy scouts and Venture Crew may shoot archery and rifle. Times will be assigned for groups to go to the range to avoid waiting. Anyone wishing to shoot rifle will have a mandatory safety briefing on Friday night at 7:30 pm in the dining hall.

**COPE and Climbing:** We will be opening up our new low cope course and climbing tower. The cub scouts will get to boulder and participate in initiative games. Webelos can also participate in the activities that the cub scouts can do as well as rappel. The Scouts and Venturers can climb the tower in addition to all the other activities. Participants must be 13 years old to participate in the Friday night zipline and high cope activities. All participants must sign a wavier before they can participate in any cope or climbing activities. Please print and fill out then bring it to camp with you

Link here: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/19-673.pdf>

**Aquatics:** Canoes and rowboats will be available for sign-out at the water front on Saturday. Also, in preparation for summer camp season, lifeguards will be available for swim checks on Friday night (5:30 – 8:00pm, so if you are trying to get a swim check please come down to the waterfront after you check in.

**Expo:** During the day we will have local businesses out showcasing what they have to offer. This is a great opportunity to see what our community does. We will have members of the GBI, fire department, and other local companies.

**Sunday Service:** 'A Scout Is Reverent...' An Interfaith Service will be available for scouts and parents on Sunday morning. Scouts are asked to wear their Class 'A' uniform.

**Clean-up Sunday:** All units are responsible for making sure there is no trash and/or debris left in their assigned campsite. Leave No Trace. Units will also be assigned a Common Campsite Area to help us Leave No Trace. This will help camp planners leave camp in better condition, or at the least, the same condition that it was found. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Tentative Weekend schedule:

**Friday, 4 May 2019**

5:00pm – 8:00pm Campsite Set-up

5:30pm – 8:00pm Check-In, Main Parking Lot / Campsite Set-Up

Trading Post Open

Zipline Open (Age13+ only), Climbing Area

Unit Swim Checks, Lakefront

7:30pm – 8:30pm Mandatory Rifle safety briefing for anyone planning to shoot rifles, Dining Hall

8:30pm – 9:00pm Campfire, Council Campfire Ring

9:00pm – 9:30pm Senior Patrol Leader / President and Scoutmaster / Crew Advisor Cracker Barrel, Dining Hall

9:00pm – 9:30pm Cracker Barrel, Dining Hall

10:00pm Quiet Time / All vehicles out of camp

### **Saturday, 5 May 2019**

- 7:00am – 8:00am Breakfast
- 8:00am – 8:30am Check-In, Main Parking Lot
- 8:30am – 9:00am Opening Flags, Parade Field
- 9:00am – 10:00am Town Hall with the Council Executive and Chair, Dining Hall (Unit Leaders)
- 9:00am – 5:00pm Scout Camp Showcase and Vendor Expo, Dining Hall Lawn
- 9:00am – 5:00pm Trading Post Open
- 9:00am – 12:00pm Morning Sessions (See Separate Schedule)
- 12:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch, Dining Hall
- 12:00pm – 1:30pm Sign-Up to perform a song or skit
- 1:30pm – 4:30pm Afternoon Sessions (See Separate Schedule)
- 5:00pm – 5:30pm Closing Flags, Parade Field
- 5:30pm – 7:00pm Dinner
- 7:00pm – 8:30pm Closing Campfire, OA Campfire Ring
- 8:45pm – 9:00pm Special Flag Retirement, OA Campfire Ring
- 9:00pm – 9:30pm Cracker Barrel, Dining Hall
- 10:00pm Quiet Time

### **Sunday, 6 May 2019**

- 7:00am – 8:00am Breakfast
- 8:00am – 8:30am Opening Flags, Parade Field
- 9:00am – 9:30am Scouts Own Service, Chapel
- 9:30am – 10:30am Clean-up
- 10:30am Check-out and Departure

## Tentative Saturday activities

Saturday Events									
Time/Event	Shooting Sports, Ranges		Aquatics, Waterfront	Service Project	Climbing/COPE, Towers				Programs/Activities, Parade Field
Morning Session 9:00am-12:00pm	BB Gun (Cub Scouts Only)	Archery (all ages)	Canoe / Rowboats	As Assigned at Check-In	Low COPE	High COPE	Initiative Games	Bouldering	Games of the Past
Afternoon Session 1:30pm-4:30pm	Rifle (Scouts, Explorers, Venturers Only)	Archery (all ages)	Canoe / Rowboats	As Assigned at Check-In	Low COPE	Climbing/ Rappelling	Initiative Games	Bouldering	Games of the Day

**QUESTIONS:** If you have questions please contact, Lou Lilley at [eaglesrocketwoodstock@yahoo.com](mailto:eaglesrocketwoodstock@yahoo.com) or Victor Witsch at [1stvicechief@echeconnee.org](mailto:1stvicechief@echeconnee.org)

We look forward to seeing you there!