

2026 Guide



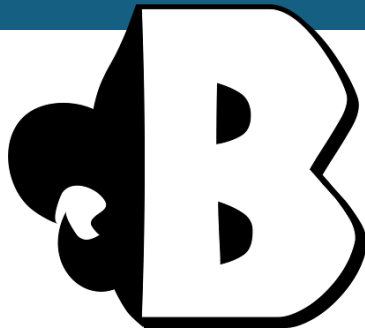
BOXWELL RESERVATION SCOUTS BSA SUMMER CAMP



Boxwell — Where Your Adventure Begins

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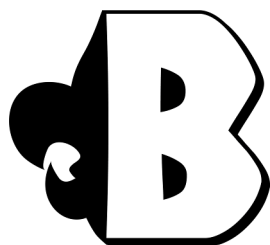
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Dear Scouters,

Thank you for choosing **Boxwell Reservation** for your summer adventure. This guide is designed to help you plan an incredible week for your Scouts and leaders. We are confident that you will be impressed with our enhanced program, facilities, location, and dedicated staff.

2026 Theme: *Red White and Boxwell*

This year, we're celebrating America's spirit with the theme *Red White and Boxwell*! Scouts will experience patriotic fun all week long with special activities, competitions, and camp-wide events. From campfires to troop challenges, your Scouts will feel the pride of celebrating Scouting and America together at Boxwell.

Program Highlights

At Boxwell, your Scouts will immerse themselves in nature, encountering deer, turkeys, hawks, and even the occasional bald eagle.

We've **updated our merit badge program** to better serve Scouts' needs. Instead of attending classes daily, Scouts will now participate in a **block system**, where each merit badge is taught in a **single, dedicated day**. This new format allows for deeper learning, more hands-on experience, and greater flexibility throughout the week. Local experts and counselors are partnering with us to ensure every Scout enjoys a top-notch program.

Our first-year Scout program, **Brownsea**, continues to be one of our most popular options, helping Scouts advance from Tenderfoot to First Class in just one week. Scouts will earn their first eagle feather, patch, and work on the **Scouting Heritage Merit Badge** as they tour our Boxwell Museum. Troops can compete for the **Golden Broom Award**, **Spirit of the Camp Award**, and test their endurance on challenging hikes like **Boot Camp** or **Punisher**, with recognition at our Thursday night campfire.

Boxwell Offers a Wide Array of Activities

- **Range and Target:** Rifle, shotgun, tomahawk throwing, archery, muzzleloaders, cowboy action shooting, and new this year—**pistol shooting** and an **advanced archery program**.
- **Outdoor Adventures:** Ga-Ga ball, rappelling, ziplining, drone flying, star parties, triathlon, OA cracker barrels, Dutch oven competitions, and memorable campfires.
- **STEM Opportunities:** Robotics, nuclear science, animation, and other science and engineering merit badges.
- **Skilled Trades Center:** The Roy Grindstaff Skilled Trades Center offers 10 hands-on merit badges including welding, automotive maintenance, and plumbing.
- **COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience):** High & low ropes courses, climbing wall, & team-building activities.
- **Aquatics:** Sailing, watersports, canoeing, kayaking, motorboating, snorkeling, and Scuba BSA

Our Staff

Our camp wouldn't be complete without our staff—highly qualified, well-trained, and enthusiastic Scouts from troops just like yours. They're dedicated to helping your unit have the **ultimate Summer Camp experience**. If you have Scouts or adults interested in joining our staff, please visit www.mtcscouting.org/campstaffopportunity for more information.

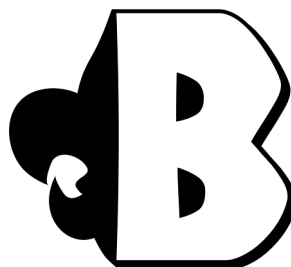
We understand the responsibility you have in making your week at Scout Camp educational, fun, and memorable for your troop. Our staff is prepared to assist you every step of the way.

We look forward to seeing you at Boxwell for the

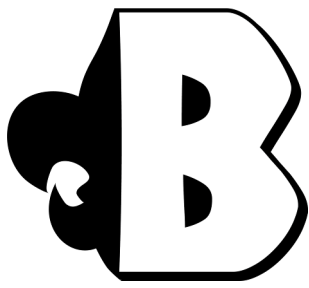
2026 *Red White and Boxwell* Summer Camp!

Sincerely,

Jason Flannery (Camp Director) &
The Middle Tennessee Council



Be a Scout
Be Awesome
Be Prepared
Be the Camp



BOXWELL RESERVATION is nestled in the heart of Middle Tennessee, 30 miles east of Nashville on Old Hickory Lake with 9 miles of shore line and rolling hills. This Reservation is unique and serves two separate camps, Camp Stahlman and Camp Craig. At camp you will only need to bring your personal gear as we provide a canvas tent, cot and mattress, great food and an excellent staff to provide you a great program. Camp has a lot to offer—you may see deer, turkeys, hawks, listen to owls at night, go fishing, see pesky raccoons and could even see a Bald Eagle. Scouts are able to spend time doing cycling, rifle shooting, shotgun, tomahawk throwing, and more. Scouts can also play ga-ga ball, go rappelling, go down the zipline, fly a drone, see the stars and planets at our Star party and enjoy our amazing campfires. Camp has made a lot of changes in the past years, and we look forward to providing your Scouts a great summer program!

Boxwell Reservation and its camps are nationally accredited by Scouts BSA

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Merit Badges
available

175

Dedicated
staff members

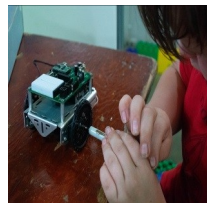
100+

Years of MTC
serving Scouts



Shower Houses

All 6 shower houses at both camps are air conditioned, all in one with a shower, toilet and sink area.



STEM Center Programs

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Center offers 10 related merit badges.



Pfeffer Boat Harbor

Sailing, skiing, motorboating and more.
Scouts can also earn their TN Boating Certification.



Skilled Trades Program

This program allows older scouts to earn 11 skilled trades merit badges.



The Pool

Olympic size pool, 2 slides, snorkeling and the Scuba Experience.



Cowboy Action

Scouts can shoot a .22 revolver, lever action rifle and a side by side shotgun.

Camp Stahlman and Camp Craig

Each camp has a waterfront area, rifle range, conyard, handicraft, activity area and a trading post.

Boxwell is...

ADVENTUROUS

Delighted that your Troop is a part of Boxwell Reservations Adventures

ENTHUSIASTIC

Joyfully committed to your most exciting camp experience yet

DIVERSE

Valuing individuals and celebrating the differences that make us each special

FRIENDLY

Striving to live the values of the Scout Oath and Law in all we do

INNOVATIVE

Finding creative ways to deliver exceptional programs and inspire innovation in others

SERVICE-DRIVEN

Happy and honored to serve you and your troop this summer



Action Archery

A type of archery where foam discs fly through the air as the archer's goal is to strike the disc.

Very challenging and fun!



Brownsea Program

Designed for our first year campers to help them move forward from Tenderfoot to First Class Rank.

Registration

Registration for summer camp is handled through your troop; individual registration is only available for those attending as a Provisional camper, in which case the Middle Tennessee Council will place you with a troop for the week. To register your troop, you will first need to select your week of camp and decide which camp—**Camp Craig** or **Camp Stahlman**—you will attend. Both camps offer the same programs, but Boxwell is unique in offering two full camps operating simultaneously. Next, select a campsite that can accommodate your troop size. Once your site is chosen, complete the registration form and submit the \$200 site fee. Please note, this fee is non-refundable, but if your troop attends, it will be applied toward your total balance. Once your troop registers we will send you a confirmation email.



2026 Camp Cost

Middle Tennessee Council Scouts

Early Bird before or on March 25, 2026

Camp Fee: \$375.00

Provisional Camper: \$375.00

Second Week Camper: \$350.00

Regular March 26, 2026 or after

Camp Fee: \$400.00

Provisional Camper: \$400.00

Second Week Camper: \$375.00



Out of Council Scouts

Early Bird before or on March 25, 2026

Camp Fee: \$400.00

Provisional Camper: \$400.00

Second Week Camper: \$375.00

Regular after March 26, 2026

Camp Fee: \$425.00

Provisional Camper: \$425.00

Second Week Camper: \$400.00

Adult Fee: First 2 Adults: Free Additional Adult: \$150.00

Payments: Payments can be sent to the following:

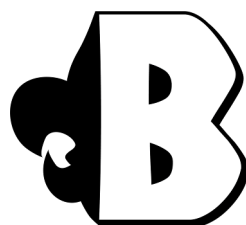
Middle Tennessee Council

c/o Camping Department

P.O. Box 150409

Nashville, TN 37215

For payments over the phone, please call 615-383-9724. Credit cards will be charged a 3% fee



- First Payment Due **1/29/2026**
\$100.00 per Scout
- Merit Badge Classes Open **2/5/2026**
- Second Payment Due **3/25/2026**
\$100.00 per Scout
- Campership Deadline **4/11/2026**
- Camperships Notified **4/29/2026**

Final balance for Summer Camp is due before or at the twelve days out meeting.

Camp Stahlman		Camp Craig	
Site Number	Max Capacity of Site	Site Number	Max Capacity of Site
1	66	1	24
2	44	2	28
3	32	3	36
4	42	4	48
5	28	5	32
6	40	6	66
7	38	7	32
8	60	8	24
9	30	9	30
10	30	10	32
11	34	11	14
12	38	12	36
13	40	13	30
14	36	14	42
15	58	15	52
16	44	16	42
17	80	17	40
		18	24
		19	22

Important Dates / Refund Policy



Week	Dates of Camp	Pre-Camp Meeting 6:30 PM
Week 1	June 7-13	Tuesday, May 26
Week 2	June 14-20	Tuesday, June 2
Week 3	June 21-27	Tuesday, June 9
Week 4	July 5-11	Tuesday, June 23

*Pre-camp meetings are held in person and virtually, twelve days before your week at camp. The meeting is at 6:30 pm (CT). If you are attending in person, join us at the Middle Tennessee Council Office, 3414 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37215. If you are participating virtually, a link will be sent.

Important items that will be covered at the pre-camp meeting

Pay balance of camp, if not already paid in full. Units who have not paid in full by 12-day out meeting will be charged an additional \$50 processing fee. Topics covered in meeting. Verify the number youth and adults. Learn about summer camp program changes /updates. Turn in copies of medical forms and review medical screening procedures. Review merit badge schedules and make necessary changes. Review assignment of check-in time and procedures. Review dining hall procedures and let the staff know of dietary needs. Answer any additional questions. Turn in other Medical and MESH forms.

Per Scout Refund Policy	By Date
100 % Refund	April 15, 2026
50 % Refund	May 15, 2026
No Refund	After May 31, 2026
Any refund request must be submitted by the Troop to the Council.	

Provisional Camper

Some Scouts are unable to attend Boxwell with their troop. We want all Scouts to have the opportunity to attend. Scouts can sign up as a provisional camper and the Council will assign them to a unit attending camp. Once a Scout is connected with an attending unit, Scout, parents, and unit leaders will work together to help the Scout become part of the unit for the summer camp week.

Second Week Camper

Scouts who choose to attend more than one week of camp at Boxwell can also take advantage of the Second Week Camper opportunity. Scouts will be charged for each additional week. Because no scheduled activities are provided over the weekend.

Forms are available at our website



NAVIGATING TO BOXWELL RESERVATION

Check-in Time

Sunday 1:00 p.m.— 4:30 p.m.

Each troop is giving a check in time at the 12-day out meeting. Please follow these times as it helps us be better prepared for your troop's arrival.

On arrival, please follow the signs to your specific camp. Once you have arrived to the camp's parking lot, our staff will assist in unloading your gear and place it at your site marker. Then your gear will be taken to your campsite.

Units may leave a trailer in the campsite, but all cars must be moved to designated parking areas as soon as gear has been unloaded. Do not block the roads! Please note that transporting Scouts or adults in the bed of a pickup truck or trailer is against Scouting America policy and not allowed under any circumstances.

Leaders need to go to the dining hall for the check-in process where they will get:

- Review of roster and payments
- Class review and changes
- Medical review
- Dining hall orientation
- Range and Target review
- Pick up class materials
- Ask questions
- Camp schedules and maps etc.

Camp Address:

1284 Creighton Lane

Lebanon, TN 37087

Then follow signs to your camp!

After you check-in at your campsite, the troop will need to change into swim gear. Your troop guide will give you a tour of camp and take you to the waterfront for a swim test and overview of Aquatics.

CHECK-IN/OUT: EARLY OR LATE

If your Scout must arrive later than Sunday or depart earlier than Saturday, please make sure your adult leader knows your plans! They will need to fill out the Scout Release form at the Admin Building (Crab).

When checking out / leaving camp: always sign in and out at the Admin Building (Crab). If you need help finding your troop, please ask our Admin Staff at the Crab as they are always delighted to help!



TYPICAL DAY at SUMMER CAMP!

- 7:00 AM** Flag assembly, morning program and inner camp communications
- 8:00 AM** Breakfast, songs, and fun
- 9:00 AM** Merit badge session
- 12:00 PM** Lunch, songs, gizmo, and fun
- 2:00 PM** Merit badge session
- 4:30 PM** Open areas: rifle, handicraft, fishing, swimming, canoeing, archery, or Trading Post
- 6:20 PM** Flag assembly, evening program and inner camp communications
- 6:30 PM** Dinner, songs, and fun
- 7:30 PM** Dining hall party, star party, hiking, campfire, OA cracker barrel
- 8:30 PM** Open time
- 10:00 PM** Everyone in their campsites - Taps



Clothing Guidelines & Program Needs

When choosing clothes for any Scouting activity, please follow these guidelines:

- ◇ Wear clothing and footwear that are safe for the activity.
- ◇ Be respectful. Avoid clothing with words, images, or symbols that could be seen as offensive, including anything political, violent, sexual, or promoting disrespect toward any group.
- ◇ Scouts may wear alternative headgear or clothing for religious, cultural, or medical reasons if it's safe to do so.

FIELD UNIFORM (CLASS A)—Recommended for arrival at Boxwell, dinner, opening & closing campfires, chapel, and the Flag Retirement Ceremony.

ACTIVITY UNIFORM (CLASS B)—During the day and after dinner, shorts and a Scout related or Scout appropriate t-shirt are recommended.

SWIMWEAR—Swimwear should be secure, clean, and designed specifically for swimming.

COPE & CLIMBING CLASSES — Scouts are required to wear closed toed shoes in these areas and bring leather gloves.

RANGE & TARGET CLASSES—Scouts are required to wear closed toed shoes in these areas.

HANDICRAFT AREA—Leather gloves.

SNORELKING — Bring your own to ensure fit. NO full face masks/integrated snorkels.

MUSIC — Bring your own instrument.

SKILLED TRADES CLASSES—Scouts should wear clothing that they can get dirty. Scouts will be changing the oil, handling tires, painting and working with their hands. In welding we require Scouts to wear closed toed shoes, blue jeans, and a long sleeve shirt that is not synthetic. In woodwork Scouts need leather gloves (*Welding, Automotive Maintenance, Plumbing, Painting, Home Repairs, Electricity, Architecture, American Business, American Labor, and Workwork*)

The weather at Boxwell is unpredictable, be prepared for varied temperatures including hot days, cool nights, and the occasional “liquid sunshine.”

Average Temps at Boxwell

June: Highs 90's— Lows 60's

July: Highs 100's— Lows 70's

UNIT Equipment

- ◇ Troop and patrol Flag
- ◇ American Flag
- ◇ First Aid kits
- ◇ Bow saws
- ◇ Lanterns
- ◇ Broom
- ◇ Water coolers
- ◇ Dining fly
- ◇ Hand soap
- ◇ Duct tape

Suggested Camp Packing List

We recommend packing in a camp trunk. Most have wheels for easy moving and fit under the camp cots. Be sure to label it with the Scout's name. It is common to collect camp stickers for trunks.

Remember the Scouts are responsible for packing with your help -- they won't remember what they have if you're the one to pack it! Look over the packing list carefully. Please have your Scout pack everything on the list.

LABEL EVERYTHING, especially things that will leave the campsite like day packs, water bottles, hats, etc.

CLOTHING ITEMS

- ◇ Scout Field Uniform
- ◇ Undergarments for the week
- ◇ T-shirts or other shirts
- ◇ Socks
- ◇ Shorts
- ◇ Long pants (it's cool at night)
- ◇ Long shirt or jacket
- ◇ Lightweight shoes (closed-toed)
- ◇ Shower shoes
- ◇ Hiking boots or heavy duty shoes
- ◇ Poncho or raincoat
- ◇ Hat
- ◇ 1 or 2 swim gear (suits)

OTHER STUFF YOU MIGHT WANT

- ◇ Footlocker (Containers greater than 14" in height will not fit under cots)
- ◇ Watch
- ◇ Wallet
- ◇ Flashlight
- ◇ 2 or 3 sets of new batteries
- ◇ Safety pins
- ◇ Money
- ◇ OA Sash
- ◇ Work gloves
- ◇ Battery operated fan
- ◇ Alarm clock

FOR SLEEPING (on cots)

- ◇ Sleeping bag/bedding
- ◇ Pillow and pillow case

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND COMFORT

- ◇ Sunglasses
- ◇ Towels (bathing and swimming)
- ◇ Washcloths
- ◇ Insect Repellent
- ◇ Band-Aids
- ◇ Mirror
- ◇ Sunscreen
- ◇ Dirty clothes bag
- ◇ Water Bottle
- ◇ Personal Toiletries
 - ◇ Soap
 - ◇ Shampoo
 - ◇ Deodorant
 - ◇ Toothpaste/Toothbrush/Floss
 - ◇ Foot powder
 - ◇ Comb or hairbrush

ADVANCEMENT

- ◇ Scout Handbook
- ◇ Small pocketknife
- ◇ Day Pack
- ◇ Sleeping bag for overnight activity
- ◇ Fishing tackle
- ◇ Pencils or pens
- ◇ Notebook or writing paper
- ◇ Merit badge books
- ◇ Kits/special equipment for classes

Campsites are located throughout the wooded areas of camp. Each site has access to a shower house which includes a water faucet. Tents are approximately 9'6" by 7'6" and are placed on platforms throughout each campsite. Each tent is equipped with two folding cots to house two people. Youth sharing tents must be no more than 2 years apart in age. Hammocks may be used as an alternative to tent camping. Boxwell requires the use of a "tree strap" or other band wider than 2 inches for securing your hammock to trees.

[Any equipment or camp property damaged by the Troop will be replaced by the Troop]

[The Troop is financially responsible for any monetary loss to the Council]

SWIM CHECKS on Arrival Day



Swim checks will be conducted at the waterfront on Sunday afternoon. All Scouts and adult leaders are designated as swimmers, beginners, or non-swimmers, based on standardized Scouting America swim classification tests:

Swimmer Test

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth. Level off and swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be completed in one swim without stops and must include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

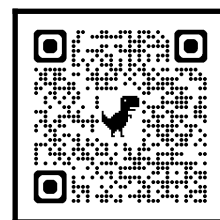
Beginner Test

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and swim 25 feet on the surface. Stop, turn sharply, resume swimming and return to the starting place. Anyone who has not completed either the beginner or swimmer tests is classified as a **nonswimmer**.

Pre-Camp Swim Check

If you have taken a pre-camp swim test, please use the unit swim form on the website and follow all the steps to ensure not having to retake the test. These troops will still have an orientation from our Aquatics staff on arrival day, but they will not have the chance to swim that day. You will receive your Buddy Tags at the waterfront.

Please take a copy of the unit swim form and work with the waterfront director to record your Scouts' swim test this year to use outside of summer camp activities. Please keep a copy of your swim test form to use throughout the year—MTC does not keep copies of these forms.



Note: At Boxwell we have a lot of water access at camp with waterfronts, boat harbor and a pool. Some Scouts will need to have 3 sets of buddy tags: one for the waterfront, boat harbor, and pool.

The Aquatic staff reserves the right to re-test any Scout or leader at any time if the Aquatics Director is concerned for the safety of any participant.

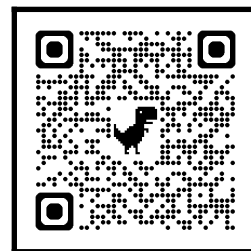


Communication

During Camp

Boxwell Remind App

Leaders, stay up to date with our text messaging system (Remind). This service is just for the leaders. You will need to download the app to get the updates: <https://www.remind.com/apps> or scan the QR CODE. The information for the Remind app will be announced at the 12-day out meeting and at check in. This app will send out reminders, class changes, information on weather, deals in the trading post, and more. Make sure your leaders have the app to stay up to date during camp.



SUNDAY NIGHT ORIENTATION MEETING

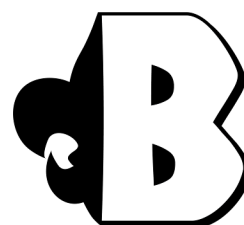
Adult Leader and Senior Patrol Leader

Dining hall 7:15 p.m.

Scoutmaster/ Adult Leader Round Table

Monday—Wednesday— Friday

10:00 a.m. at the Dining hall



CAMP RULES:

As a Scouting facility, the foremost rules for personal and group behavior are the ideals found in Scouting. Beyond the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law, and Outdoor Code, the following rules are enforced at Boxwell Reservation:

- All cars must be parked in designated parking areas. Only specially authorized vehicles are allowed in campsites or on the roads.
- No UTVs or ATVs are permitted.
- Closed toed shoes must be worn at all times at camp. Sandals are allowed only at the showers.
- Throwing rocks is strictly forbidden.
- No flames, fires, or fuels of any kind are permitted inside tents.
- No personal skateboards, inline skates, or mountain boards are permitted.
- Personal firearms and bows are not permitted.
- Sheath knives are not permitted.
- No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances are allowed on camp property.
- No fireworks of any kind are permitted on camp property.
- All guests are required to check-in at the camps Admin Building (Crab) upon arrival.
- No underage or non-registered youth are allowed in camp. Please do not bring younger siblings to camp.
- No pets are allowed in camp.
- No running in camp.
- No E-bikes are allowed on camp properties
- Please show RESPECT for others at the shower houses
- Curfew—No Scout will be allowed to leave their campsites after 10:00 P.M. unless accompanied by two adults.

Knife Policy

Choosing the best knife for the task at hand is important. The Scouting neither encourages nor bans fixed-blade knives, nor sets a limit on blade length, but many councils and Scout camps have restrictions on the types of knives that Scouts can use. **Always use a knife that is both appropriate and within any established guidelines.**

As a camp, Boxwell has banned them summer camp and winter camp. If your troop is here on a troop event and the troop allows them they are okay. Some troops allow older mature scouts to carry them. Units need to review Totin Chip Requirements in the campsite. (See Scouting policy on Knife Safety)

Buddy System

For the safety and security of our Scouts, we require the buddy system be adapted by leaders at every campsite and that Scouts not leave the campsite without a buddy. The buddy systems helps Scouts travel through camp without issue or incident. Scouts should not wander off alone. Leaders and camp staff will often ask Scouts, “Where’s your buddy?” Please help us implement this valuable measure at Boxwell by educating your unit on buddy system best practices.

Adult Leadership

Each unit must have responsible adult leadership. Each unit in camp is required to have at least two adult leaders present at all times. Units that are unable to secure two-deep leadership should contact their district committee to make arrangements to combine with another unit or make other arrangements for their Scouts at Summer Camp. Leaders must be present day and night.

Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth or female adult program participants.

All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered as an adult volunteer or an adult program participant. Adult volunteers must register in the position(s) they are serving in. **ALL UNITS MUST BRING THEIR OWN LEADERSHIP. Boxwell Summer Camp Staff is not responsible for your troop's leadership.**

VEHICLES IN CAMP:

The Council has established Policy and Procedures for safely managing Vehicles in Camp. The policy follows the guidelines established in the Guide to Safe Scouting as they relate to Boxwell Reservation.

- NO PRIVATE VEHICLES will be allowed beyond the camp parking lot for any reason other than documented disability or pre-approved vehicles used to pull trailers to campsites for the delivery of troop and personal gear.
- Weather permitting, trailers will be allowed in campsites. However, vehicles used to pull trailers must return to the designated parking lot within one hour of delivering the trailer to the campsite.
- Personal gear of campers and troops without trailers will be transported to and from the campsite by camp personnel using camp vehicles.
- All cars must be parked in designated parking areas. Only specially authorized vehicles are allowed in campsites or on the roads.
- All program and administration sites are within convenient walking distance of all campsites.
- CAMP-WIDE SPEED LIMIT IS 25 MPH / WITHIN CAMPSITES 5 MPH
- No one under the age of 18 will be allowed to drive on the reservation with the exception of arriving at respective camp parking lot.
- Visitors must park in the visitor parking lot and check in at the Admin Building before proceeding to camp. NO PARKING ALONG ROAD!!
- After checking-in, please proceed to the designated parking lot in your respective camp.
- Safety belt restraints are required at all times in all vehicles while on reservation. The passenger number per car is not to exceed the number of safety belts in the vehicle.
- Scouting Policy states "there is no riding in the back of a pickup truck or a trailer, covered or uncovered."
- For safety & conservation, vehicles used in camp will be limited to individuals designated as Administrative Staff.

Parents Information

Send your Scout some Mail during Summer Camp!!!!

Please send with the following Information

**Scout Name—Troop Number—Week Number Boxwell Reservation—(Craig or Stahlman)
1284 Creighton Lane, Lebanon, TN 37087**



If you want your Scout to receive mail, send it with a unit leader or mail it the week before your Scout is at camp.

Family Night

Friday nights are a special at camp. If you'd like to join us for dinner, we would be delighted for you to experience some of what your Scout has seen and learned throughout the week. Family members can join Scouts for dinner (just \$8.00 / ticket and can be purchased at the Admin Building). After dinner, you'll have some time to see the unit's campsite and camp!

Important details:

1. You can arrive anytime after 4:30 p.m. on Friday. ALL visitors must check-in at the Admin Building (Crab).
2. Please let your scoutmaster/unit leader know ahead of time if you plan to attend. This will help both your unit and the dining hall to plan accordingly.
3. Feel free to visit the Trading Post (7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

Paperwork...Paperwork...Paperwork!

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Annual Health & Medical Records & MESH Form

- All Scouts and leaders attending camp must submit an Annual Health & Medical Record – Parts A, B and C completed prior to camp. Part C must be signed by a licensed health care provider such as an MD or PA.
- Complete health forms before coming to camp. This need to be submitted with the troop at the 12-day out meeting. Boxwell does not have provisions to provide physical examinations on site.
- Health forms must be dated and signed within the last 12 months.
- Anyone who does not have a current and properly signed health form will be restricted from all camp activities until a proper form is submitted and re-viewed.
- At the end of the week, health forms will be returned at check-out. Forms left at camp will be shredded.
- MESH forms is to be completed for anyone attending camp.
- In accordance with BSA requirements, any participant without a fully completed form and copy of an insurance card will not be allowed to remain at camp or participate in any events until the health form is submitted. Additionally, during the screening, should any participant exhibit signs of illness that may be contagious, they will be asked to return home. Any medicine left at the campsite, must be under lock and key.
- Please bring a First-Aid Kit for your troop

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Special Dietary Request

If your Scout has specific food restrictions or needs, please have your leader complete the Dietary / Allergy Request Form at least two weeks prior to arrival at camp.

We are able to accommodate many typical food needs. While vegetarian options are provided for every meal, vegan options are not assured. Campers requiring a vegan or Celiac diet should be prepared to provide their own food. If you decide to bring your own food, we will provide proper storage and assist you in warming it as necessary.

3

Waiver Forms for Activities

All Scouts taking Scuba BSA and Range & Target programs need a signed waiver form. This waiver will be their ticket to participate in the program.



These Forms all can be found on our website at mtcscouting.org/scoutsbsasummerncamp

MERIT BADGE / PROGRAM

Boxwell Summer Camp offers 56 merit badges. Thursday morning is open program time. Scouts are able to work on merit badges they have not completed or need more assistance to complete.

We offer other activities at Boxwell that are not merit badge based. Please check them out as well. We offer:

Scuba BSA Experience—Stand Up Paddle Board—Triathlon—Action Archery—Mile Swim—Advance Archery—Cowboy Action —Advance Shotgun—Snorkeling—First Steps Pistol Program—NRA Light Rifle—Muzzle Loading— Boating Safety Certification—Advanced COPE—COPE

Registration for classes and programs will open on
February 5, 2026.

The Council has developed a list of recommended merit badges based upon the Scout's experience. Scout leaders, use your best judgment in determining merit badges for your Scouts.

There are several merit badges that require extensive work and cannot be completed at camp. Scouts are asked to review merit badge requirements online to be prepared for class.

We have broken up our merit badge and other programs into sections and areas to help you understand all that we offer at Boxwell Reservation.





BROWNSEA

First Year Scout Program



This program is designed for Scouts in their first years in Scouting. The program emphasizes basic scouting skills, teamwork and requirements toward rank advancement. Scouts are formed into patrols and work within their patrols throughout the week. Staff will be serving as Troop Guides, and work with participants to instill the values of the Scout Oath and Law during skill instruction, teambuilding, and advancement exercises. First year Scouts will leave with an improved understanding of the Scouting program and requirements for advancement.



Tenderfoot



Second Class



First Class

Brownsea is a unique program offered at the Beany Elam program area. This full week program will cover Tenderfoot thru First Class requirements and, for an added bonus, work on Scouting Heritage merit badge. The success of this program relies on the assistance and supervision of Scout leaders. We ask that you send a Scout leader to assist during the week. After completing the Brownsea program Scouts will earn the Brownsea patch and a sticker from the museum.

Brownsea program will cover: The Fitness Test, Hiking, Navigation, First Aid, Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, Nature, Knots and Lashing, Cooking, Flag Ceremony, Aquatics, and Scouting Heritage merit badge.

Tenderfoot: 1c, 2c, 3a, 3b, 3c, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 6a, 6b, 7a

Second Class: 1b, 2d, 2f, 2g, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 4, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e, 8a, 8b

First Class: 1b, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 4a, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6e, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f

Scouting Heritage Merit Badge: 1, 2, 3, 4c, 7, 8



VERY IMPORTANT: Scouts will need to bring their handbook, water bottle, swim suit, mess kit, compass, paper, pencil, and will need to make and bring their own personal first aid kit. Please have Scouts bring a day pack with all this gear and a small foldable camp stool or chair. Please have Scouts' name and troop labeled on all personal items.

STEM Merit Badges



ANIMATION



CHEMISTRY



PROGRAMMING



RADIO



NUCLEAR SCIENCE



ROBOTICS



ENGINEERING



ELECTRONICS



MODEL DESIGN
AND BUILDING



DRAFTING

STEM merit badges are taught at Parnell where scouts will have hands-on learning!

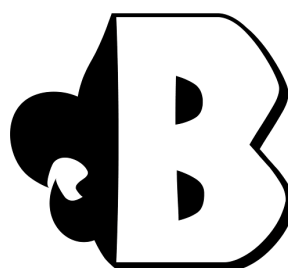
ROY GRINDSTAFF SKILLED TRADES PROGRAM AT PARNELL



Boxwell is excited to support the need for more well-trained skilled trades workers in our country while simultaneously offering scouts additional merit badges to be earned during summer camp. The Middle Tennessee Council has created a skilled trades program. The Roy Grindstaff Skilled Trades Center is equipped with both service bays and classroom space. Scouts are eligible to learn from professionals in merit badge classes where they are likely to discover lifelong hobbies and prospective career paths.



Merit Badges include: Welding, Automotive Maintenance, Plumbing, Painting, Home Repairs, Electricity, Architecture, American Business , American Labor, and Woodwork.



Merit Badge Program

First-Year Program Suggestions

If your scouts are not taking Brownsea we would recommend taking Weather, Basketry or First Aid, Fishing.



ASTRONOMY



BASKETRY



FIRST AID



FISHING



LEATHERWORK



MAMMAL STUDY



MUSIC



SCOUTING HERITAGE



WEATHER



WOOD CARVING



SPACE EXPLORATION

Astronomy: Must go to Star Party on Monday Night.

Basketry: Kit will be given to Scout.

First Aid: Must bring own home made First Aid Kit.

Fishing: must bring own pole and tackle.

Leatherwork: Kit will be given to Scout.

Music: must bring own instrument.

Scouting Heritage: Will need to complete 5 & 6.

Space Exploration: Kit will be given to Scout

Wood Carving: Need to bring own leather gloves that fit, kit will be given to Scout.

Recommended Second Year Merit Badge Program (Including all Merit Badges offered at the First Year level)



ARCHERY



CAMPING



**EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS**



**ENVIRONMENTAL
SCIENCE**



FORESTRY



KAYAKING



NATURE



PERSONAL FITNESS



PIONEERING



**REPTILE AND
AMPHIBIAN STUDY**



RIFLE SHOOTING



SWIMMING

Forestry: Will need a blank field book. Personal Fitness: Bring clothes to work out in and tennis shoes. Pioneering: Suggestion is to bring work gloves. Swimming: Must pass swim test as swimmer. If scout doesn't pass, then instructional swim is available at the waterfront.

Recommended Third Year and Longer Merit Badge Program (Including all Merit Badges offered at the First and Second Year level)



CANOEING



CLIMBING



**FISH AND WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT**



GEOCACHING



LIFESAVING



MOTORBOATING



ORIENTEERING



ROWING



SHOTGUN SHOOTING



SMALL BOAT SAILING



WATER SPORTS



WILDERNESS SURVIVAL

Canoeing: Bring water shoes. Climbing: Closed toe shoes, gloves, water bottle. Motorboating: Hat, sunscreen, water bottle. Rowing: Bring water shoes. Small Boat Sailing and Water Sports: Bring water shoes, hat, sunscreen, water bottle. Wilderness Survival: Bring water bottle and must attend Wilderness Survival overnight experience.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Boxwell Triathlon

Course details - A one-mile run, three-mile bike ride, 50-yard swim

Location: In/around Fehrmann Training Center - 10:00 am each Thursday

Details:

- Scoutmasters will have access to a signup sheet at the first Scoutmaster meeting.
- Positions are available on a first come, first served basis. There are only 20 slots total available (10 slots per camp). Boxwell has a limited number of bikes and helmets. You may bring your own mountain bike and helmet, but will still need to be one of the first 10 from your camp to sign up in order to participate. Each campsite will be given the opportunity for one Scout to participate before extra spots are opened to any one site.
- This is a strenuous event. Please sign up *only* if you are a strong runner, cyclist, and swimmer (you must have a blue “swimmer” armband).
- Please bring your own helmet if you are able. You will also need appropriate shoes and swim attire.

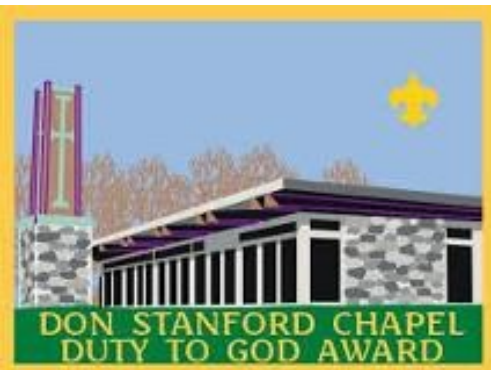
The winner of the Boxwell Triathlon will be recognized at Thursday Night Campfire!



Duty to God Program

A Scout is Reverent in his/her own way

Each day at Boxwell, you will encounter God’s handiwork. The Boxwell *Duty to God* program will encourage you to recognize and reflect. The *Duty to God* patch is earned by participants who complete the following: attend Wednesday service at each camp’s Chapel. Participate in at least one daily devotional with your unit, and lead your unit in saying Grace before a meal. Turn in the completed form at the Trading Post. Patches are \$3.00 each.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Boxwell Bootcamp Hike

Think you are tough enough to handle Boxwell Bootcamp? *The Bootcamp Hike* is a great opportunity to explore Boxwell and its history, get some light activity, earn a free patch (or second year rocker), and set yourself apart from the crowd! Who will have the most participants – Camp Craig or Camp Stahlman? Help your camp earn bragging rights for the most participants. This hike is very popular and you won't want to miss out. Earn your patch by attending either the Tuesday or Wednesday hike (or both if you are ambitious) AND the Thursday hike. See you at the flagpole at 5:30 a.m. with your water bottle, Scout spirit, and appropriate attire.



Punisher Night Hike

If you are feeling brave and adventurous, why not join us for the *Punisher Night Hike*? This three-mile hike takes you through the creepy woods of Boxwell after dark when critters could be lurking in the shadows as you trapse through their haunts. Meet at your camp flagpole, a bit before dark, on the night the hike is announced to take place. Be prepared with water, a flashlight, and appropriate attire. On Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.

Glow in the dark Punisher t-shirts are available for purchase in the Trading Post for qualifying participants.



Trail of Courage Program

In 2017, the Middle Tennessee Council began a program at Boxwell Reservation called the Trail of Courage. The program continues today as it encourages young men and women to make healthy life choices. Leaders over the course of the week will speak to your Scouts daily about this program in the campsite, where you will review these topics with your Scout. For reference, please review the Trail of Courage booklet given to each troop at check-in. The Trail of Courage program guides Scouts as they learn about topics such as fitness, nutrition, and overall healthy choices. The booklet also highlights the negative effects and consequences associated with the use of tobacco products.

DINING HALL

Dining Hall Information/Procedures

Meals are served in our indoor, air-conditioned facilities. The dining hall will be set up to serve only the number needed for each serving period (meal). The maximum number allowed by the Fire Code will determine the number of tables and chairs allowed at each meal. Scouts may refuse offered items, but additional items will not be made available until “seconds” are served/announced.

Guests wishing to eat in the dining hall with their Scouts need to purchase meal tickets at the Admin Building. Prices are: \$6.00 Breakfast – \$7.00 Lunch – \$8.00 Dinner

Procedures:

- The Sunday afternoon tour will visit the dining hall where the troop will be assigned tables based on 1 table per 8 people in attendance at camp.
- Each troop will appoint *two cleanup monitors* per assigned table.
- At their designated mealtime, troops will enter the dining hall silently and remain standing beside their assigned tables.
- After everyone has entered, all will remain silent during announcements and grace.
- Following grace, please be seated - tables will be dismissed by staff to line up for serving.
- Prior to the end of the meal period, all are encouraged to participate in the meal time programs.
- Following program, everyone will be dismissed except the table monitor.
- At this time, the clean up window will open and monitors may return trays and clean tables.

Meal - check website for current menu

Careful consideration has been put into the preparation of our camp menu. Our goal is to provide scouts with well-balanced meals and good nutrition in adequate quantities to help them build strong bodies and find success in their overall camping experience. Available at each meal will be: condiments according to the meal being served, peanut butter and jelly, and salad bar with fruit (at the very least a choice of apple or banana). Cold cereal will be available in at least four flavors, juice will be available in at least two flavors, and drink stations will have water and milk at all meals. Coffee is available for adults and staff. Non-carbonated drinks will be available for lunch and dinner. We regularly review surveys and take suggestions for meal ideas.

AROUND THE CAMPSITE

Leader Appreciation Dinner

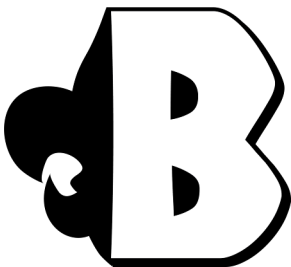
On Thursday at 5:30 p.m., leaders are invited to attend an Appreciation Dinner at Cubworld dining hall. There will be a brief program and time to connect/communicate with other leaders. You will receive a gift from the Middle Tennessee Council as a special thank you for all that you do. Leaders registered at camp all week will be provided with tickets to the dinner. If you need additional tickets for other guests, they are available at the Admin Building for just \$8.00 each.

Camp Security - Visitors at Camp

It is of vital importance for security to be aware of those on property. While we do have security cameras at the camp entrance, we ask ALL visitors to check in at the Admin Building (Crab). Please park across from the building to check in. Be sure to sign in upon arrival and sign out before you leave.

Everyone on property must wear identification that signifies legitimate participation in the program. Wristbands, such as those used in hospitals, are Boxwell's method of identification. Units will be reminded during check-in and throughout the week of the importance of this safety procedure.

Persons in camp without either a visitor's nametag or camp participant wristband will be escorted to the office to sign in (staff will determine if that person is eligible to remain on camp property).



AROUND THE CAMPSITE

Shower House

Boxwell Shower Houses are designed for troops. Sites will be asked to help clean and maintain shower houses throughout the week. Please make our camp staff aware of any needs related to the shower houses. Bring your own soap and toiletries. Remember that a Scout is clean and as such is tasked with taking personal responsibility to keep restrooms and shower houses as clean as possible. Please remember to shut and lock the door behind you when using the restroom. We respectfully ask that two leaders help supervise/inspect/monitor facilities during peak usage hours at camp.

Bus Information

It is important for Scouts to be on time, to know where they are going, and to be able to move about Boxwell with ease. The size of Boxwell Reservation can make this a challenging task as Merit Badge classes are spread across the Reservation. The bus is provided for Scouts and classes have built-in accounts for travel time, but Scouts should also be diligent about how they manage their time. Scouts are expected to be courteous and kind and will be reported for destruction or lack of self-discipline on the bus.

Fires, Firefighting and Chemical Fuel Policy

The danger of fire exists everywhere in camp. The camp staff is prepared to handle firefighting in camp, but you should be prepared to stop or slow the fire until help arrives. Fireguard charts are furnished and must be posted in camp and should be inspected daily by the unit leader to see that responsibilities are assigned and carried out. Failure to sign the Fireguard Chart will result in an unsatisfactory mark during campsite inspection. National BSA policy permits the use of liquid fuel only under the direct supervision of a knowledgeable adult leader. Gasoline (Fuels, flammable liquids) and other flammable substances are to be stored in the approved fuel storage area in camp (Contact the Camp Commissioner). You must take your empty fuel tanks with you when you leave camp! Open flames (i.e. candles, Sterno, kerosene lanterns, cigarettes, etc.) are strictly prohibited in tents. Fire extinguishers are provided at each site and should not be played with or removed from the site. Fire extinguishers remain on the property of Boxwell Reservation.

If a Extinguisher is discharged from horseplaying the Troop will be charged \$100 to help pay to refill.

General Cleanliness

Please be clean in all that you do. Trash barrels are provided in each campsite and throughout camp. Please always do your best to leave camp better than you found it.

AROUND THE CAMPSITE

Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Policy

Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are strictly prohibited on Council properties. Violators will be asked to leave. Scheduled prescription drugs must be placed in the care of personnel at the Health Lodge. If Scout Leaders are not comfortable or need assistance in administering medication, the Health Lodge is available. Scouts are not allowed to smoke or use tobacco at camp. Adults are asked not to smoke around or in sight of Scouts and to always use the designated smoking areas in camp. There is absolutely no smoking in buildings or in tents.

An important way adult leaders can model healthy living is by following the policies on alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youths, are better off without tobacco in any form and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any Scouting America activity involving youth participants. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking. All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants.

As outlined in the [Scouter Code of Conduct](#), Scouting activities are not a place to possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations, and policies: alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana.

In addition, the Code of Conduct specifies that if you are taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing any functioning or judgment, you will not engage in activities that would put youth at risk, including driving or operating equipment.

Pet Policy

Pets are not permitted at camp. This applies to staff, leaders, campers, and visitors.

CPAP

Please maintain the National Jamboree standard of using a battery-powered machine.



AROUND THE CAMPSITE

Trading Post

Trading Posts are a hub of camp life at both Camps Craig and Stahlman. Each trading post is well-stocked with supplies for merit badge classes, t-shirts, hats, knives, mugs, flashlights, Aerobie light-up discs, soft drinks, water, ice cream, snacks, and a camp favorite, refillable ICEEs in stadium cups!

Trading Post hours are posted outside each facility but are generally open daily from 8:30 am — 9:00 pm with the exception of Wednesdays when trading posts close at 5:00 pm. Hours may change as camp schedules demand.

The Trading Post Meal Deal is available check during lunch on specific days and includes a large all-beef hamburger or brat. Tickets are available at the Trading Post.

Scouts visit the trading posts often throughout the week for refreshments, fun, and supplies. Please send money with your Scout if you wish for this to be part of his/her experience. We highly recommend that troops establish a troop banking system with an adult leader as banker in order to help safeguard and distribute money that the Scouts bring to camp. We cannot be responsible for lost or stolen personal items. We do accept all major credit cards.

We appreciate having adult leaders make random and frequent visits to the trading posts for a bit of extra supervision. We also encourage adult leaders to periodically accompany their Scouts to the trading post to help model and encourage honest and mature behavior. Scouts are asked to leave backpacks outside of the trading post while shopping. Please help us enforce this to make it easier for trading post staff. Shoplifting carries severe and immediate punishment.



Health and Safety

A safe and enjoyable experience has always been the focus of Scouting. The camping experience at Boxwell Reservation is no exception. In the event of an emergency, Boxwell has immediate response capability with a Wilson County Emergency Management team located only three (3) miles away. We also have Emergency Medical Staff onsite (working out of the Health Lodge) and available by radio contact 24/7. Highpoint Health - Sumner Ascension Saint Thomas is located just five (5) miles from Boxwell and is a state-of-the-art medical facility that has provided care and support to the surrounding area for 60 years. Emergency transportation by ambulance is only a radio call away, and we have established a Pre-designated Emergency Landing Area (PELA) with Vanderbilt Life Flight. The Wilson County Sheriff's Department makes random checks of our facility and is ready to assist in the event of any emergency.

Health Lodge - 615-997-5625

The Middle Tennessee Council Health & Safety Committee has determined that for the safety of Scouts and adults at camp, everyone that comes to camp must understand that it is a privilege to be at Boxwell. If medical attention or recommendation is refused, the patient may be asked to leave Boxwell. Boxwell Reservation takes the safety of each camper very seriously and pledges to do the utmost to see that they have a safe and enjoyable environment in which to pursue the great ideals of Scouting.

We have a Mental, Emotional, and Social Health (MESH) plan in place during summer camp.

Camp Emergencies

In the case of a weather emergency, campers should seek protective shelter. Once the weather emergency has passed, campers should report to their campsites. Campers should remain in the campsites until the "All Clear" signal has been given. Leaders should review these procedures with their campers.

With the exception of a weather emergency, all campers are to report immediately to their camp's flagpole upon hearing the emergency signal.

The following emergency signal will be used:

In an inclement weather we will sound the alarm

- The alarm will sound like **(long beeps)**
- When this is heard, make your way to your respective dining hall for further information
- When its "Safe" to go back to your Campsite we will sound another alarm that will sound like **(five short beeps 9X)**

Boltech System

A lightning detection system has been installed at Boxwell. Lightning can be detected several miles away and warnings given to the campers. We also monitor the Wilson Emergency Management Association channel. They contact us for any emergencies that arise. NOAA-Weather station is monitored 24/7 at the reservation.

Emergency Action Plan

In the event of a camp emergency, notify the Camp Director, Program Director, Camp Ranger, and/or the Camp Medical Office immediately. Where an emergency involving a camper is concerned, the appropriate Scoutmaster should be contacted. Emergency phone numbers are posted throughout camp.

Order of the Arrow – Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge

If you would like the OA to visit your Troop to promote Boxwell or conduct a unit election, contact your OA Chapter Chief or Advisor.

You may also contact our Lodge Chief.

www.wa-hi-nasa.org

OA Hosts Cracker Barrel and Brotherhood for
OA Members at Summer Camp

2026 OA Schedule	
March 3-8	Spring Summit at Boxwell
April 17-19	Section E3 Conclave
May 29-31	June Induction at Boxwell
Wednesdays in June/July	Summer Camp Cracker Barrel
August 7-9	August Induction at Boxwell
September 18-20	Fall Fellowship at Boxwell
December 5	Winter Banquet
December 26-30	Winter Camp at Boxwell