Istrouma Area Council

Special Ops Weekend

Leaders Guide

Camp Avondale

July 31 - Aug 2, 2020

Disclaimer: All items in this document are subject to be revised for public health protocols.
Dear Unit Leader,

The 2020 Istrouma Area Council Special Ops weekend will be held at Camp Avondale on July 31- Aug 2, 2020. The cost is $40.00 per youth and $10.00 per adult. The theme for this weekend is Special Ops. The safety of our youth, adult leaders, and staff are the utmost priority throughout this event. We will be following guidance from the Center for Disease Control, Boy Scouts of America, our local health departments and our council Health and Safety Committee to reduce the exposure of COVID-19 to all parties involved in this activity. To make this event a success, the Istrouma Area Council needs your unit’s participation (Scouts BSA, Venturing, Exploring, Sea Scouts). Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there.

Note: Limited to 100 youth only. No limit on adults.

Sincerely,

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General Information

**Fees and registration:** $40.00 per youth and $10.00 per adult. These fees will cover camp rental fees and program supplies. All units must register online as a unit. No individual registrations. Limited to 100 youth only.

**Type of Campout:** The Special Ops weekend is based on fun, outdoor activities, and learning. The day will be filled with hands-on activities. Scouts will have a lot of fun and learn problem-solving through training demonstrations and practical exercises.

**COVID-19:** Our world as we once knew it has changed completely in how we do things in our daily lives, and that is no different in Scouting. There will be protocols and procedures we will follow to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in all Scouting activities. There will be separate documents explaining the processes and procedures we will follow throughout the weekend. Face masks and handwashing will be the norm of activities throughout the weekend. Pre-screenings will be done by unit leaders before you leave for Camp Avondale at your departure location. If you are ill, please do not attend as you will be asked to return home to keep others from falling ill.

**Communicable Disease Documents:** On the Council website there will be several documents laying out procedures to mitigate the spread of communicable diseases while at camp. Please print out, read, and sign these documents, and they will be turned in upon check-in at camp.

**Description:** Units will be participating in an outdoor learning environment.

**Materials:** Each Scout will bring a day pack containing face masks, hand sanitizer, drinking water, compass, flashlight, small first aid kit, pocketknife, whistle, raingear, and any other small personal items needed. You will be carrying this daypack throughout the day.

**Check-in** 5:00pm - 8:30pm on Friday, July 31st. Enter the main gate of Camp Avondale from Hwy 10.

  **Check-In Procedures at the Main Gate (Remain in Vehicle for Further Instructions)**

  “Patience is a virtue” as we check everyone in while keeping everyone safe.

  - Once acknowledged by Camp Staff, please follow instructions carefully.
  - Upon arrival at camp, Scouts, Scouters and Staff need to wear their face coverings.
  - Each Scout or Scouter may have their temperature checked upon arrival to camp.
  - **Documents to be turned in and reviewed by Camp Staff upon arrival:**
    - Signed At-Risk Statement
    - Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist – please print your name at the top of the checklist
    - Once through this check-in process you will then be told your campsite and directed to Camp Avondale and reminded that one vehicle per unit in the campsite at a time.
    - All vehicles need to be in the parking lot by 9:30pm on Friday Night. The campsite gate will be locked on Friday Night at 9:30pm and unlocked on Sunday Morning.

**Parking:** Park all vehicles in the Camp Avondale parking lot. Each unit will be allowed to drive one vehicle with the trailer to the campsite and unload equipment. Units can leave the trailer by the road, but the vehicles must be parked in the parking lot. There is no driving in the campsites.

**Campsites:** Campsites will be assigned by the number of persons in your unit attending. You will be given your campsite location upon check-in.
**Fires:** All fires must be built in the established fire rings and must not be left unattended.

**Food:** All units will be responsible for their own food for the weekend. There will be hotdogs, chips, and drinks for sale at the Trading Post Friday night for a small fee. Please bring spending money.

**Garbage disposal:** Pack it in and pack it out. A dumpster will be located near the silver gate.

**Bathrooms:** Each campsite is equipped with flush toilets and showers.

**First aid:** Each unit is to have a first aid kit in their campsite at all times. Each unit is responsible to have a copy of the BSA medical form for every adult and youth attending. Thomas Townsend will be our Health and Safety Officer for the weekend.

**Cracker Barrel:** There will be a Cracker Barrel Friday night at 7pm-9pm. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be for sale for a small charge. We will hold a leaders/SPL/Staff briefing on the Dining Hall porch from 8pm-8:30pm to give instructions for Saturday’s activities.

**Uniforms:** Special Ops attire can be worn.

**Headquarters:** HQ will be located at the Administration Building.

**Check out:** Sunday morning Aug 2nd after breakfast. All units should be out of camp before 10am on Sunday. Please clean your bathrooms and place your garbage in the dumpster on your way out.

**PACKING LIST**

- **SLEEPING BAG**
- **RAINGEAR**
- **COMPASS**
- **FLASHLIGHT**
- **BUG SPRAY**
- **WATER BOTTLE**
- **SMALL FIRST AID KIT**
- **DAY PACK**
- **PERSONAL ITEMS**

**YOU CAN WEAR CAMMO GEAR FOR THE SPECIAL OPS MISSIONS**
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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY
5:00pm-8:30pm - Arrive, Check-In, and set up camp. Units will camp in the Camp Avondale area.
7:00pm-9:00pm - Cracker Barrel at the Trading Post. Food will be sold.
9:00pm-9:30pm - Leaders/ SPL/ Staff briefing on the porch of the Dining Hall.
9:30pm - Trading Post/Return to campsites
10:30pm - Lights out

SATURDAY
**** All are Approximate Times ****
6:00am-8:00am - Wake up and eat breakfast in your campsite.
8:30am - Assembly at the Dining Hall. Flag rising and event instructions.
9:00am-12:00pm - Special Ops missions. There will several locations used.
    Each troop will be instructed where to go.
12:00pm -1:00pm - Lunch in your campsite.
1:15pm - Assemble at Dining Hall.
1:30 pm- 5:00pm - Special Ops missions continued.
5:00pm-6:45pm - Return to campsite for dinner.
7:00pm - Assemble at COPE Pavilion for instructions.
7:00pm-10:00pm - Nighttime Special Ops missions.
11:00pm - Lights out

SUNDAY
7:00am- 8:30am - Wake up and have breakfast in your campsites.
9:00am - Break camp and depart.