



**4th Annual Winter Blast at Camp Shands
Boy Scout Week**

December 26—December 31, 2011

For Boy Scouts and Adult Leaders

Scouts may attend on their own or with their Troop

Each Scout gets a patch and a "hoodie" sweatshirt

Cost \$200 by November 18, 2011

Cost \$240 after November 18, 2011

No sweatshirt guaranteed after December 2nd

Space limited to the first 220 paid Boy Scouts

Registration form on the last page of the program packet

Annual BSA Medical Form Required

Bring your own tent and a warm sleeping bag

Check in Dec. 26, 10 am—Check out Dec. 31, 10 am

Programs include Merit Badges

CPR and Wilderness First Aid for adults & older youth

Two day Leave No Trace course for adults & older youth

All meals included in price

Winter Blast 2011 General Information

Boy Scouts

- Check in is Monday, December 26, 2011 at 10 am. Check out is December 31, 2011 at 10 am.
- Winter Blast Cost includes food, a Winter Blast hoodie sweatshirt, and a Winter Blast council strip.
 - Scout cost is \$200 if paid in full by November 18, 2011 and \$240 after November 18, 2011.
 - Leader cost: 1st Leader free with 8 Scouts from Troop, 2nd Leader free with a troop of 16 or more Scouts. All other leaders' fee: \$90 each. Swapping out leaders during the week is ok, however there is a charge (\$30) for the new adult's sweatshirt and patch if they would like one.
 - **Pease fill out a registration form for each adult.**
- All participants in Winter Blast; youth, adult, or staff must complete a current BSA medical form signed by a physician. Medical forms are available online, via email or at the council service center.
- Camp Shands will have a trading post during Winter Blast. Scouts may want to bring \$25 - \$30.
- A Scout is "Helpful" . . . Winter Blast runs on volunteer Scout and Scouter power, all adults registered at Winter Blast are expected to help in the watching, mentoring and helping not only your personal Scouts, but provisional Scouts as well. All adult leaders that positively demonstrate this part of the Scout Law will receive a staff patch at the closing New Year's Party.
- Each Scout and adult must bring his own tent, a sleeping bag rated to 20 degrees, and a ground mat or cot. Troops may camp as a unit, or Scouts may sign up individually (provisional). All Scouts will be assigned an adult to go to for accountability.
- The temperature could range from the teens to the high 70's. Parents make sure your son is prepared for a winter camping experience. The free Winter Blast Hoodie should not be his only jacket. Layered clothing has more flexibility.
- All camp rules apply. No heaters of any kind allowed in tents.
- Zero tolerance for practical jokes, hazing or abuse.
- There will be an opening Campfire on Monday night and a Scout appropriate New Year's Party and closing on Friday night.
- Movies with a PG rating or lower will be shown at night, if this rating is not acceptable please let the camp director know in writing via e-mail.
- **Refund Policy: (Parents read carefully)** All refund requests must be made via e-mail. Refunds are available as follows.
 - 80% until November 4, 2011.
 - 50% from November 5, 2011 – November 23, 2011.
 - No refunds after November 23, 2011 except for the death of an immediate family member or serious illness (doctor's note required). In any case no refunds will be given over 80%.
- Contact Info:
 - North Florida Council Camping Secretary – Debra Dow – (904)265-3801 debra.dow@scouting.org
 - Winter Blast Camp Director – Brian Patterson (904)265-3814 spatters@bsaemail.org

Program Information

The following Merit Badges will be offered at Winter Blast.

| Merit Badge | Pre-Requisites | Notes | Additional Fee |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|----------------|
| American Cultures | None | | |
| American Heritage | None | | |
| Animal Science | None | | |
| Archery | None | | |
| Art/Fingerprinting | None | These will be completed in one period | |
| Astronomy | None | Additional time required at night outside of class | |
| Aviation | None | Permission form required, flight Thursday | \$20.00 |
| Bird Study | None | Offered for the first time in 2011 | |
| Chess | None | BRAND NEW merit badge introduced Sept. 2011 | \$5.00 |
| Cinematography | None | Recommended minimum age is 13yrs old | |
| Citizenship in Community | Complete 3, 4, 7 | Recommended minimum age is 12yrs old | |
| Citizenship in Nation | None | Recommended minimum age is 13yrs old | |
| Citizenship in World | None | Recommended minimum age is 14yrs old | |
| Coin Collecting | None | Each Scout will receive a set of old US Coins | \$25.00 |
| Communications | Complete 5 & 8 | Recommended minimum age is 13yrs old | |
| Computers | None | Recommended minimum age is 12yrs old | |
| Crime Prevention | None | | |
| Dentistry | Complete 3 | | |
| Electricity | None | Recommended minimum age is 12yrs old | |
| Electronics | None | Recommended minimum age is 14yrs old. Each Scout will receive an electronics kit | \$10.00 |
| Emergency Preparedness | First Aid merit badge & Complete 8C | Recommended minimum age is 12yrs old | |
| Fire Safety | None | | |
| First Aid | None | Option for additional fee (not required to complete merit badge) American Red Cross First Aid 3-year Certification | \$25.00 |
| Fishing | None | Each Scout will receive a new rod & reel, tackle, & bait | \$40.00 |
| Geo Caching | None | First time offered at Camp Shands | \$20.00 |
| Graphic Arts | None | | |
| Horsemanship | None | Additional Permission Form Required, field trip | \$45.00 |
| Medicine | Complete 7 | Recommended minimum age is 13yrs old | |
| Nature | None | | |
| Photography | None | | |
| Public Speaking | None | Recommended minimum age is 13yrs old | |
| Pulp and Paper | None | Recommended minimum age is 13yrs old, Field Trip | |
| Robotics | None | Fee includes your own Ollo Action Robot Kit | \$35.00 |
| Scouting Heritage | Complete 4A or 4B or 4C | | |
| Surveying | None | Recommended minimum age is 13yrs old with knowledge of trigonometry and geometry | |
| Traffic Safety | None | | |
| Vet Medicine | Complete 6 | Recommended minimum age is 13yrs old, Field Trip | |
| Wood Working | None | | |

MERIT BADGE SCHEDULE

| 1 st Period | 2 nd Period | 3 rd Period | 4 th Period | 5 th Period | 6 th Period |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| American Heritage | Public Speaking | Public Speaking | American Heritage | American Cultures | American Cultures |
| Dentistry | Dentistry | Medicine | First Aid | First Aid | First Aid |
| Aviation (2 periods) | | Wood Working (2 periods) | | Traffic Safety | Traffic Safety |
| Communications | Communications | Surveying | Surveying | Scouting Heritage | Scouting Heritage |
| Computers | Computers | Chess | Chess | Robotics | Robotics |
| Nature | Pulp and Paper | Pulp and Paper | Nature | Bird Study | Bird Study |
| Archery (2 periods) | | Archery (2 periods) | | Geo Caching | Geo Caching |
| Citizenship in the World | Citizenship in the World | Citizenship in the Community | Citizenship in the Community | Citizenship in the Nation | Citizenship in the Nation |
| Electronics | Electronics | Electricity | Electricity | Graphic Arts | Graphic Arts |
| Cinematography | Photography | Cinematography | Photography | Cinematography | Photography |
| Art/Fingerprinting | Coin Collecting | Art/Fingerprinting | Coin Collecting | Fingerprinting/Art | Citizenship in the Community |
| Crime Prevention | Fire Safety | Crime Prevention | Fire Safety | Emergency Prep | Emergency Prep |
| Fishing | Astronomy | Vet Medicine | Animal Science | Animal Science | Astronomy |
| Green Bar Bill First year Camper Program | | | | | |
| Horsemanship offered on Wednesday | | | | | |

Merit Badge Information

- **Merit Badges with pre-requisites should be completed before arriving at Winter Blast.**
- We have tried to identify all pre-requisites but each Scout should check badge requirements in advance.
- Merit Badge registration is online at www.campshands.org upon full payment of Winter Blast fees for Provisional Scouts or Troops. Usernames and passwords will be issued by the Camping Department. A Valid email is required on the registration form.
- Some merit badges have limited room, so register early.
- Only a limited number of merit badge books are available so you may want to buy in advance.
- Some merit badges have field trips. When you register your Scout for Winter Blast you are granting permission for additional field trips.
- Aviation Merit Badge is limited to the first 12 participants that pay fees in full and sign up for the merit badge online. Scouts that sign up for this badge will be sent an additional permission slip and will travel to Palatka for a plane ride on Friday!
- Horsemanship merit badge will travel off site on Wednesday morning and merit badges will need to be made up for 1st, 2nd and 3rd periods. (please see schedule as to make up time)
- **ALL MERIT BADGE ADDITIONAL FEES ARE TO BE PAID AT REGISTRATION on December 26, 2011. Horsemanship fee must be paid in cash.**

Special Programs at Winter Blast

- **Green Bar Bill First Year Camper Program** – First year campers may take the Green Bar Bill First Year Camper Program. This program is designed for Scouts that are Tenderfoot rank or below and will focus on basic Scouting skills required to reach First Class rank.
- **1st Annual Winter Blast 5 K** – Please join us on Tuesday December 27 at 7 am for the 1st Annual Winter Blast 5 K. You can register for \$12 by December 2, 2011 using the special programs form in this guide and get a *1st Annual Winter Blast 5K – I Got Sand in my Shoes* T-shirt. You can also show up and run the day of the race for free with no shirt provided.
- **Youth Hunter Safety Course:** Youth Hunter Safety will be offered at Thursday December 29 at 7 pm. If you have completed Rifle MB, Shotgun MB, Archery MB and Fish and Wildlife Management MB; or in the process of completing them during Winter Blast, you may take the free Florida Hunter Safety Course.
- **Red Cross CPR:** There will be a Red Cross CPR class on Monday December 26 at 7 pm. Check in at Meninak Lodge. Cost is \$25 and limited to the first 20 paid participants. Class will be taught in two groups of 10 and is open to Boy Scouts or adults. Payments may be made in advance using the special program registration form.
- **Wilderness First Aid:** Wilderness First Aid will be offered Tuesday, December 27 at 8 am – Wednesday, December 28 at 8 pm. Check in at Ames Lodge. Current CPR certification is required and all participants must be at least 14 years old. Cost of Wilderness First Aid is \$50 for Winter Blast participants or \$100 for those only attending for this training. Boy Scouts do not have time to participate and take merit badges. Participation is limited to the first 10 paid participants. Five meals are included and camping is available. Payments may be made in advance using the special program registration form.
- **Two Day Leave No Trace Course:** Two Day Leave No Trace Training will be offered Thursday, December 29 from 8 am - Friday, December 30 at 7 pm. Check in at Ames Lodge. Participants must be at least 14 years old. Cost is \$40 for Winter Blast participants or \$90 for those taking only this course. Payments may be made in advance using the special program form.
- **NATIONAL MEDAL FOR OUTDOOR ACHIEVEMENT:** Two of the hardest requirements for this award are Wilderness First Aid and the two day Leave No Trace training. Camp Shands is pleased to be able to offer these two requirements. Information on this award will be offered on Monday evening.
- **Polar Bear Plunge:** Everyone that takes the Polar Bear Plunge will earn the Polar Bear Plunge Patch. On December 30, 2010, all Scouts that have passed their 1st Class Swim test in the last 6 months will be allowed to do the Polar Bear Plunge into Lake Loyal. Each Scout **MUST** have a parental permission slip and the proof of swim test form from their Scoutmaster. Do you have what it takes?

The Boy Scouts of America, North Florida Council
 2011 Boy Scout Winter Blast Schedule

| Time | Mon. Dec. 26 | Tues. Dec. 27 | Wed. Dec. 28 | Thurs. Dec. 29 | Fri. Dec. 30 | Sat. Dec. 31 |
|----------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 7:00 AM | | Reveille and Winter Blast 5K | Reveille | | | |
| 7:45 AM | | Flag Ceremony | | | | |
| 8:00 AM | | Breakfast | | | | |
| 8:00 AM | | Wild. 1st Aid Check in | Travel to Horsemanship | Leave No Trace Check in | | |
| 8:45 AM | | 1st Period | | | | MB Pickup |
| 10:00 AM | Check In and Set Up Camp | 2nd Period | | | | Depart |
| 11:15 AM | | 3rd Period | | | | |
| 12:30 PM | LUNCH | | | | | |
| 1:30 PM | 4th Period | | Field Trips | | 4th Period | |
| 2:45 PM | 5th Period | | MB Catch-up | | 5th Period | |
| 4:00 PM | 6th Period | | Spec. Program | | 6th Period | |
| 5:15 PM | Free Time | | | | | |
| 5:45 PM | Flag Ceremony | | | | | |
| 6:00 PM | Dinner | | | | | |
| 7:00 PM | CPR Class till 10 | Free Time | | Hunter Safety till 9 | | |
| 8:00 PM | Opening Campfire | | Merit Badge Catch Up | | New Year's Party and Closing | |
| 9:00 PM | | Movie Night | | Movie Night | | |
| 10:00 PM | Lights Out | | | | | |

Winter Blast 2011 Payment Form

Event Code: 172

Please detach this portion & mail with payment or bring in person to:

*The North Florida Council, BSA
Attn: Camping Department
521 S. Edgewood Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32205*

To Sign up as a unit Circle one Sign up as a: Pack Troop Crew/Ship
Packs or troops are required to complete the attached troop or pack roster.

To Sign up as an individual - Circle one: Webelos Adult Webelos Scout
Boy Scout Adult Boy Scout
Venturing Adult Venturer Scout

Individual - Circle Shirt Size: YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL AXXXL

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ Unit Type & # _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PAYMENT METHOD (CIRCLE ONE) CASH CHECK VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER
Please make Checks payable to North Florida Council, BSA

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|---|------------|
| _____ Webelos Scouts @ \$135 by Nov. 18 | = \$ _____ |
| _____ Webelos Scouts @ \$150 after Nov. 18 | = \$ _____ |
| _____ Webelos Adults @ \$60 each | = \$ _____ |
| _____ Boy Scouts @ \$200 by Nov. 18 | = \$ _____ |
| _____ Boy Scouts @ \$250 after Nov. 18 | = \$ _____ |
| _____ Venturing Scout @ \$200 by Nov. 18 | = \$ _____ |
| _____ Venturing Scout @ \$240 after Nov. 18 | = \$ _____ |
| _____ Boy Scout/Venturing Adults @ \$90 | = \$ _____ |

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Credit Card Information:

Name as it appears on card: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature for Authorization: _____ 3 Digit Security Code: _____

NOTE: By submitting a registration form, you are authorizing the North Florida Council, BSA to take photos of your Scout and family for promotional purposes ONLY. Photos will not be sold or utilized for any use outside of youth and volunteer recruitment by the North Florida Council, BSA.

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

Permission Slip

I _____ am the _____ of Scout
(Parent or guardian name) (Relationship to Scout)

_____. I give permission for him to jump into
(Scout's name)

Lake Loyal during Winter Blast 2011 and earn his Polar Bear Plunge Patch.

(Parent or guardian signature)

I _____ am the Scoutmaster of the above Scout from
(Scoutmaster's Name)

Troop _____ and I certify that he has passed the 1st Class Swim test in the last 6
months.

(Scoutmaster's Signature)

Winter Blast Roster

Circle one: Cub Scout Pack Boy Scout Troop Venturing Crew/Ship

To be turned in with registration form

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|--------------------------------------|
| Unit # _____ |
| Leader _____ |
| Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____ |

| Youth Name | Shirt Size | Youth Name | Shirt Size |
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