

# Winter Blast

## 2019 Information Guide

Scouts BSA



North Florida Council, BSA  
521 S. Edgewood Avenue  
Jacksonville, FL 32205  
[www.NFCscouting.org](http://www.NFCscouting.org)

Camp Shands  
1453 Baden Powell Road  
Hawthorne, FL 32640  
[www.CampShands.org](http://www.CampShands.org)

Eli Rivera, Camp Shands Director, [Eli.Rivera@scouting.org](mailto:Eli.Rivera@scouting.org)

# DATES & DEADLINES

Early Registration Fee Table (paid by 11/15/19)

\$245.00 per Scout add \$20 for treehouses

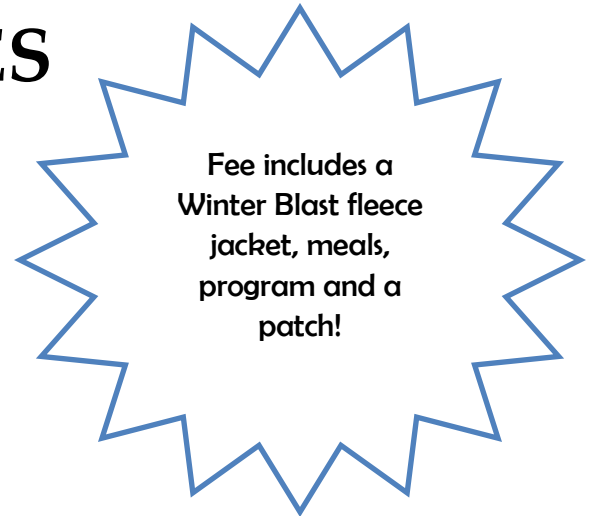
\$80.00 per Adult add \$20 for treehouses

Regular Registration Fee Table (paid after 11/16/19)

\$275.00 per Scout\*

\$100.00 per Adult\*

\*Any registrations after 12/6 we cannot guarantee a fleece jacket.

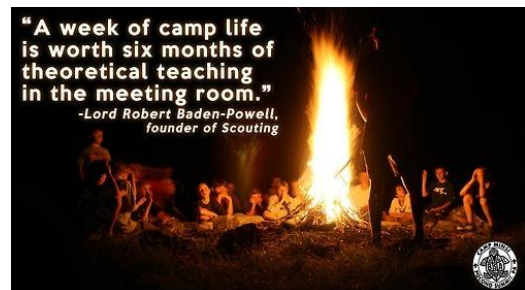


## PAYMENTS

- Payments are payable to NFC, BSA, 521 S. Edgewood Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32205. **[Do not send Payments to camp.]**
- Online payments are also accepted by clicking on Winter Blast the December calendar at [www.nfcscouting.org](http://www.nfcscouting.org).
- Payments must be received to the NFC Service Center on or before the dates indicated above or postmarked by the dates indicated on the pricing schedule.
- All payments should be paid before arrival at camp in order to assure your reservation and participation.

## REFUNDS & TRANSFERS

- All refund requests **must** be made by email to Eli Rivera, Camping Director, at [Eli.Rivera@scouting.org](mailto:Eli.Rivera@scouting.org).
- Refunds will be given under these percentages and dates:
  - 85% of fees will be refunded if request is made with more than two weeks before the start of the event
  - 60% of fees will be refunded if request is made with less than two weeks before the start of the event
  - 40% of fees will be refunded if request is made Up to 5 days after the event
  - Six or more days after the event no refund will be given
- Fees are transferable to another Scout in the same troop.



## ADULT LEADER COVERAGE & FEES

- 8 or more Scouts attending = 1 FREE leader
- Adult leadership may swap out however there is an additional fee of \$30 if the new adult wants a patch and hoodie.

# CONTACT INFORMATION

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[www.NFCscouting.org](http://www.NFCscouting.org)

## **Camp Director**

Eli Rivera

[Eli.Rivera@scouting.org](mailto:Eli.Rivera@scouting.org)

(352)484-7681

## **Registration & Payments**

Carrie Kurtz

[Carrie.Kurtz@scouting.org](mailto:Carrie.Kurtz@scouting.org)

904-388-0591

## **Food Allergies**

Eli Rivera

[food allergies must be disclosed at least 2 weeks in advance in order to make accommodations]

## **Camp Shands**

Ames Lodge

12/27-12/31

352-475-5080

## **Mail to Camp**

Scout's Name & Troop #

Camp Shands

1453 Baden Powell Road

Hawthorne, FL 32640

[mail should be sent early enough so it will arrive during camper's stay in camp]



# POLICIES & PROCEDURES

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## MEDICAL INFORMATION

Every Scout **and** Adult must submit a completed and current **BSA Annual Health & Medical Record** form in order to attend camp; **no exceptions**. Parts A, B & C must be complete.

## Wi-Fi

Adult leaders will find Wi-Fi available at the Ames Administration Building, Leaders Lounge, and Taylor Dining Hall.

## SHOWER HOUSES & BATHROOMS

Please be good to our Shower Houses. Always remember to leave things “better than you found it.” In addition to each person doing their part, a duty roster will be posted which assigns troops the task of cleaning shower houses. A Scout is clean! Do your best!

## DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

We try to accommodate to common dietary restrictions, but in some cases, the participant may need to bring their own food. Any special requests should be communicated via email to camp director, Eli Rivera at [Eli.Rivera@scouting.org](mailto:Eli.Rivera@scouting.org).

## SCOUTMASTER & ADULT LEADERS

A Scout is HELPFUL ... All adults will be asked to mentor and support provisional Scouts. Any adult that has a special skill may apply for staff (and save the fee) by contacting Eli Rivera or Inga Glaspey, staff spots are not guaranteed.

## VISITORS & GUESTS

All visitors must sign in at the Ames Administration Building upon arrival at camp. This is for the safety of our camp. Guests may eat with us (\$4.00 breakfast, \$5.00 lunch, and \$6.00 dinner). Please notify us at the Ames Administration Building so we may be prepared. Upon departure all visitors are required to sign out, too.

## TRADING POST

Camp Shands has a trading post supplied with all sorts of items such as merit badge books, literature, shirts, hats, patches, snacks, and soft drinks. Most Scouts will spend on average \$50 during their stay. We accept all major credit cards.

## PARKING & VEHICLES IN CAMP

Carpooling is highly encouraged! All vehicles must remain on the main roads and park in designated areas. You may drive to the campsite to unload / load however vehicle must be moved within 30 minutes. Troop trailers are welcome to stay in campsites. **The speed limit is 14 mph** and no persons are permitted to ride in the back of vehicles such as trucks or trailers.

## CAMPERS WITH DISABILITIES

Any special accommodation request must be made by email to Carrie Kurtz, camping secretary, at [Carrie.Kurtz@scouting.org](mailto:Carrie.Kurtz@scouting.org). Camp Shands will do its best to assist with special needs.

## CHECK-IN

The camp staff will be prepared to check-in at **9:30 a.m. on Thursday, 12/27**. Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. and merit badge classes will begin after lunch.

## CHECK-OUT

Breakfast on Saturday morning is a continental breakfast for pick up at the Taylor dining hall at 7:00 a.m.

Units should be packed and ready to depart by 8:45 a.m. at the latest. **We urge parents to please be on time**. We will do a final inspection of the campsite.

Scoutmasters Paperwork Pickup (at Ames Admin Building):

- Pick up advancement packets, please review your paperwork carefully. Program Director will be available from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. to answer any questions you may have.
- Pick up patches.

# WINTER BLAST SCHEDULE

TIME	FRI, 12/27	SAT, 12/28	SUN, 12/29	MON, 12/30	TUES, 12/31
7:30		Flag Ceremony & Assembly			Breakfast & MB Pick Up @ 7:00 a.m.
7:45		Breakfast			
8:30		SPL Meeting			
8:45		Leader Briefing			
8:45		Merit Badge Period 1			
10:00	Check-In @	Merit Badge Period 2			
11:15	9:30 a.m.	Merit Badge Period 3			
12:30	Lunch				
1:30	Merit Badge 4			Open Programs	
2:45	Merit Badge 5				
4:30	Troop Time at Campsites				
5:45	Flag Ceremony & Assembly				
6:00	Dinner				
7:00	CPR	Bling Out Hiking Stick	Chess Tournament	Vespers	
7:30	Campfire	Night Hike	Movie Night	New Year Party	
8:15		Star Gazing Party			

## **Camp Shands New Year's Eve Party**

**Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 p.m.**



**Karaoke Competition  
Awards Presentation  
Countdown into 2020 the Camp Shands way!**



# MERIT BADGE SCHEDULE

1 <sup>st</sup> Period	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	4 <sup>th</sup> Period	5 <sup>th</sup> Period
Emergency Preparedness	Search & Rescue	Emergency Preparedness	Search & Rescue	Emergency Preparedness
First Aid	Personal Fitness & Sports	First Aid	Personal Fitness & Sports	First Aid
Ultimate	Personal Management	Ultimate	Personal Management	Dentistry
Astronomy	Geology	Astronomy	Geology	Astronomy
Environmental Science		Fish & Wildlife	Environmental Science	
Basketry	Wood Carving	Basketry	Wood Carving	Basketry
Pottery	Sculpture	Pottery	Sculpture	Pottery
Golf	Metalwork		Metalwork	
Chess	Robotics	Chess	Robotics	Chess
Citizenship in the Community	Citizenship in the Community	Citizenship in the Community	Citizenship in the Nation	Citizenship in the Nation
Citizenship in the Nation	Citizenship in the World	Citizenship in the World	Citizenship in the World	Para Cord Fun
Public Speaking	Communications	Public Speaking	Communications	Public Speaking
Digital Technology	Programming	Digital Technology	Programming	Digital Technology
Duct Tape Fun	Salesmanship	Public Health	Wacky Science	Coin Collecting
	Rifle		Rifle	
Archery		Pulp & Paper	Archery	
First Year Camper Program (GBB)			Aviation	
Electronics	ATV		ATV	

**\*\*Bring Your Own Tent\*\***

# AT-A-GLANCE SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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## Friday, 12/27

- Scoutmaster Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.
- Troop Photo begins @ 5:00 p.m.
- Flag Ceremony @ 5:45 p.m.
- CPR Training @ 7:00 p.m.
- Opening Campfire @ 7:30 p.m.



## Saturday, 12/28

- Scoutmaster Specific @ 8:45 a.m.
- Merit Badge Counselor Training @ 4:00 p.m.
- Bling out Hiking Stick @ 7:00 p.m.
- Night Hike @ 7:30 p.m.
- Star Gazing Party @ 8:15 p.m.

## Sunday, 12/29

- I.O.L.S. @ 8:45 a.m.
- Chess Tournament @ 7:00 p.m.
- Campmaster Training @ 7:30 p.m.
- Movie Night @ 7:30 p.m.

## Monday, 12/30

- I.O.L.S. continues
- Polar Bear Plunge @ 1:30 p.m.
- Nap on Safety Training @ 4:00 p.m.
- Vespers @ 7:00 p.m.
- New Year Eve Party @ 7:30 p.m.





# SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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**Red Cross CPR** ~ get certified, save a life, you'll be glad that you did! Cost is only \$20 and limited to the first 20 paid participants. Class is open to adults and Boy Scouts. Payments may be made in advance using the special program registration form.

**Scoutmaster Meeting** ~ this is a required meeting for at least one adult to attend per unit. We will cover troop assignments, program information, and emergency procedures. SPL welcome to attend.

**Scoutmaster Specific** ~ this course is intended to provide troop leadership with the information and tools needed to lead successful Boy Scout troops. This is a one day free course.

**Campmaster Training** ~ ever wanted to be a Campmaster? Do you have a love for Camp Shands? Campmaster's are the key to weekend camping and we'll explain why, what the role of a Campmaster is, and how to volunteer within Camp Shands. Free class!

**Bling out Hiking Stick** ~ come bling out your very own hiking stick. Our knowledgeable staff will be available to customize and decorate your own hiking stick. We will also have staff available to brand (or mark) your hiking stick, belt, or hat.

**Movie Night** ~ join us in the Meninak Lodge to relax and enjoy a great movie. Anyone taking Citizenship in the Community this will meet one of the requirements.

**IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills)** ~ working as patrols, this hands-on course provides adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. This course is free and is a 2-day course.

**Chess Tournament** ~ do you have the skills to be the chess master? Join us in the Meninak and play against our chess masters! Awards will be presented at New Year Party.

**Night Hike** ~ check your batteries and get your flashlight ready for an evening hike on a brand-new trail at camp. Bring your water bottle and be prepared to walk!

**Star Gazing Party** ~ do you love the stars? Always wanted to know where the Big Dipper is? Our trained staff will show off the sky.

**Polar Bear Plunge** ~ in the spirit of winter, Camp Shands will present the annual dip of the Polar Bear Plunge for Scouts and adults that are willing to brave the cold for a brief dip in the

lake. Be sure to bring towels and warm clothing to change into. Many Polar Bear swimmers dress in costumes! Remember a permission slip must be on file in order to take advantage of this great activity.

**Nap on Safely** ~ learn how to take a proper nap led by trained professionals. This is an adult training only and will receive certification upon completion.

**Troop Photos** ~ troop photos will be taken at the Chapel on Thursday evening before and after dinner hour. The cost is \$8 for a 8x10 or \$6 for a 5x7. The forms will be in the check-in packet.





# MERIT BADGE NOTES & FEE'S

MERIT BADGE	PRE-REQUISITE	NOTES	ADDITIONAL FEE
Archery	None	Make your own arrow to take home.	\$10.00
Astronomy	None	Must attend evening star gazing party.	
ATV	None	Must be at least 14 years of age & permission form. <b>Scouts must provide verification of age (picture ID or birth certificate) and must have long pants and shirt along with over the ankle boots.</b>	\$75.00
Aviation	None	Requires Trip for Discovery Flight	\$35.00
Basketry	None	Scouts will receive kits.	\$15.00
Chess	None	Each Scout will receive a chess set.	\$10.00
Citizenship in Community	Complete 3, 4, 7	Outside classwork will be required.	
Citizenship in Nation	None	Recommended minimum age is 13 yrs. old; outside classwork will be required.	
Citizenship in World	None	Recommended minimum age is 14 yrs. old; outside classwork will be required.	
Coin Collecting	None	Each Scout will receive a coin set	\$30.00
Communication	Complete 5, 8	Recommended minimum age is 13 yrs. old; outside classwork will be required.	
Dentistry	Complete 3	Verification of dental exam	
Digital Technology	Complete Cyber Chip req. 1		
Duct Tape Fun	None	Not a merit badge class. Scouts will receive duct tape to make projects.	\$12.00
Electronics	None	13 years of age required; Each Scout will receive an electronics kit.	\$20.00
Emergency Preparedness	Complete First Aid merit badge	Recommended minimum age is 12 yrs. old.	
Environmental Science	None	2 class period.	
First Aid	None	OPTIONAL: Take Red Cross CPR class.	\$30.00 (optional)

First Year Camper Program			
Fish & Wildlife Mgmt.	None		
Geology	None		
Golf	None	Scout will go to a golf course and requires permission form.	\$40.00
Indian Lore	None	Each Scout will receive a kit.	\$20.00
Metalwork	None	13 years of age required. Course option on Blacksmithing. Permission form is required.	\$20.00
Para Cord Fun	None	Not a merit badge; learn fun uses of para cord.	\$10.00
Personal Fitness & Sports	Complete 1,7, 8 & 4, 5	Prerequisites for both merit badges.	
Personal Management	Complete 2, 8	Finish your budget and weekly schedule prior to camp. Outside work required.	
Pottery	None	Each Scout will make a project from clay to take home.	\$10.00
Programming	Complete Cyber chip		
Public Health	None		
Public Speaking	None	Recommended minimum age is 13 yrs. old.	
Pulp & Paper	None		
Rifle	None	Unlimited ammo!	\$20.00
Robotics	None	Scouts will receive a kit.	\$20.00
Salesmanship	None		
Sculpture	None		\$10.00
Search & Rescue	None		
Ultimate	None	Each Scout will receive a Frisbee.	\$10.00
Wacky Science	None	Not a merit badge; have fun doing experiments daily.	\$7.00
Wood Carving	Complete Totin' Chip	Each Scout will receive a kit including a whittling knife.	\$25.00

# Trading Post Specials

You've Asked. We Listened. Our Trading Post is fully stocked, and we are offering a special packages for your Scout or for yourself. All orders must be placed by December 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Sweet Tooth Bag

**\$18.00**

We've got a bag full of candy to fill your favorite Scout's (or Scouter's) desire. Package includes Camp Shands logo drawstring tote bag filled a variety of candy bars and sweets.

Retail Value: \$25

## Sweet Tooth XL Bag

**\$30.00**

So your Scout has a serious sweet tooth problem? We strive to meet that challenge by making our sweet tooth bag XL! The Scout (or Scouters), will receive a Camp Shands logo drawstring tote bag filled with a variety of candy bars and sweets, a Camp Shands logo slushy mug with five free refills and a Camp Shands logo deck of playing cards.

Retail Value: \$40

## The Caffeine Nut Package

**\$9.00**

Sit back, relax, and enjoy a refreshing cup of Starbuck's coffee with our exclusive Camp Shands coffee mug. The package includes: (6) Starbuck's K-cup which can be used at the Scoutmaster Lounge and a Camp Shands coffee mug plus plenty of sugar and creamer.

Retail Value: \$14.00

## Comforts of Home Package

**\$12.00**

We'll pack a care package full of treats including a camp slushy mug and pass for unlimited slushies for the week. We'll even include a post card for your scout to mail back home!

Retail Value: \$21.00

# DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

www.CampShands.org  
1453 Baden Powell Road  
Hawthorne, FL 32640

## From South Jacksonville:

- BLANDING BLVD (FL-21) South
- Continue to MEROSE on FL-21
- LEFT onto BADEN POWELL ROAD
- Arrive at camp for your Scouting Adventure!

## From North Jacksonville:

- I-10 WEST to LAKE CITY
- Take EXIT #343 onto US-301 towards STARKE
- LEFT onto FL-26
- RIGHT onto FL-21
- LEFT onto BADEN POWELL ROAD
- Arrive at camp for your Scouting Adventure!

## From Gainesville:

- EAST UNIVERSITY AVENUE
- SLIGHT RIGHT onto FL-20 (SE HAWTHORNE ROAD)
- LEFT onto FL-21
- RIGHT onto BADEN POWELL ROAD
- Arrive at camp for your Scouting Adventure!



## PERSONAL GEAR TO BRING TO CAMP

Long-sleeve shirts

Pants

Socks

Underwear

Jacket or Sweatshirt

Rain gear

Sleep wear

Sneakers & Hiking boots

Dry pack to carry items

Toilet items (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, tooth paste, deodorant, and hair brush)

Sleeping bag & Pillow

Personal first aid kit

Flashlight, batteries

Wallet, money

Notebook and pen

Scout handbook

Merit Badge books

Bug repellent

Water bottle

Sun screen lotion

Scout uniform

## Winter Blast 2019 Individual or Troop Form

If paying for multiple youth and/or adults use this form **and** the unit roster. If using this form for an individual please put participant name under name below.

**To register use this form or go to [www.CampShands.org](http://www.CampShands.org) to register on-line.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Boy Scouts @ \$245 by 11/15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Boy Scouts @ \$275 after 11/16 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Boy Scout Adults @ \$80 by 11/15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Boy Scout Adults @ \$100 after 11/16 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Boy Scout Adults @ FREE = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hoodie & Patch (extra) @ \$35 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Hoodie Sizes (hoodies tend to run small)

YM \_\_\_\_\_ AS \_\_\_\_\_ AXL \_\_\_\_\_

YL \_\_\_\_\_ AM \_\_\_\_\_ 2XL \_\_\_\_\_

AL \_\_\_\_\_ 3XL \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method (Circle One): Cash Check Visa MasterCard Discover Amex

Credit Card Information:

Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature for Authorization: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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*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 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian Name) (Relationship to Scout)

of Scout \_\_\_\_\_. I give permission for my son to  
(Scout's Name)

Participate in the Polar Bear Plunge during Winter Blast 2019 and to earn his Polar Bear Plunge Patch.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian Signature)



I, \_\_\_\_\_ am the Scoutmaster of the above Scout  
(Scoutmaster's Name)

from Troop \_\_\_\_\_ and I certify that he has passed the 1<sup>st</sup> Class Swim Test in

the last 6 months.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Scoutmaster's Signature)

## Field Trip Permission Slip

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for my son  
\_\_\_\_\_ to leave Camp Shands for (your  
initials are required):

\_\_\_\_\_ Golf Merit Badge (Scouts will go off-site to play a round of golf)

I understand my child will be under the supervision of registered adult volunteers and that this will entail transportation in the volunteers personally owned vehicle which will be occupied by other adult leaders and scouts.

Parent Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Scout is not able to take Aviation and Golf as they will be off-site at the same time. Scouts will also miss part of their merit badge classes which could result in a partial.



Metalwork Merit Badge Blacksmith Workshop – Release of Liability

SUPPLEMENTAL CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN METALWORK MERIT BADGE BLACKSMITHING OPTION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS:

I/we hereby acknowledge that participating in Metalwork merit badge with the option of Blacksmithing involves a risk of injury including but not limited to the following: heat or fire injuries, accidents involving hot or molten metal, fire and hammer blows.

I accept and assume these risks in giving consent for the undersigned Scout to participate in such activities, understanding that certain risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the program. Although our program has worked to minimize these risks, some are inherent in the craft of blacksmithing.

I understand the instructors and other adults involved in this activity will exercise due caution and care and if a misfortune or accident occurs, it will be addressed and managed promptly and responsibly. I release and hold harmless the North Florida Council, Camp Shands, its agents, employees, and officers from any and all actions, or causes of actions of any nature for personal injury and property damage of any kind arising in a way from my child's participation in Metalwork with the option in Blacksmithing.

Scouts Name \_\_\_\_\_

Scouts Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Program  
Participation and Hold-Harmless Agreement Camp

**Camp Shands** from the **North Florida Council** will be conducting an ATV program at camp. Scouts will be instructed how to ride on and drive an ATV. Scouts will be taught ATV safety and will drive on a training course, then on approved trails only. Scouts will be on the unit individually and in control of the power and brakes. Scouts will be required to wear a helmet, goggles, gloves, over-the-ankle boots, long-sleeve shirts, and long pants. Scouts are expected to abide by all safety rules and the instructions of the camp instructor(s).

I, the undersigned, give my child, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to participate in this program. I understand that participation in the activity involves a certain degree of risk. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for my child to participate in the activity. I understand that participation in the activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by the rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, the ATV Safety Institute, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

**For safety, my child and I agree that he/she will do the following or he/she will be removed from the program.** Because space is limited, any additional cost associated with participation in this program will not be refunded.

1. Complete the ATV safety class taught at **Camp Shands**.
2. Wear all required safety gear at all times on or around the equipment.
3. Follow all safety rules provided in the training class.
4. Follow the instructions of the camp staff instructor(s).
5. Maintain control of the ATV at all times and remain within the speed determined to be safe by the camp instructor(s).
6. Be in full compliance with all local, state, and federal guidelines, including age restrictions and original equipment manufacturer standards.
7. Respond to the camp satisfaction survey from the Boy Scouts of America as it evaluates the ATV program.

Participant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian printed name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (for survey purposes only): \_\_\_\_\_

