

FAMILY PREPARATION GUIDE

**RED, WHITE AND BLUE
TO OUR VETERANS
OUR SCOUTS SALUTE YOU!**

**RIVERBEND DISTRICT CUBOREE
Cub Scout Family Campout
NOVEMBER 11th – 13th, 2016**

**CAMP SHANDS
FAMILY PREPARATION GUIDE**

This guide is provided to assist all Cub Scout families in the district prepare for River Bend District's Cuboree. While we have attempted to provide as much information as possible, you may have questions. Please ask your Pack Cubmaster or Campmaster to get your questions answered. Or contact the Event Director Bruce Ennis at 260-4941 (home) or 353-5111 (work).

Our mission is to provide each Scout, Scout leader and adult in the River Bend District the most positive and fun camping experience on a district level this year. Our purpose is to get Scouts and their families excited about the Scouting program and the great outdoors. Those of us involved with Cuboree firmly believe it is a catalyst to help Scouts stay in Scouting. We are committed to provide this program, regardless of obstacles and keep the high quality for which Cuboree is noted.

AS A STAFF, WE PLEDGE ON OUR HONOR TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE BEST AND MOST POSITIVE EXPERIENCE.

REGISTRATION and MEDICAL FORMS

The individual Participant Registration form in the back of this packet must be signed and turned in **to your Pack** with registration fees payable to your Pack. The Pack will turn in a single payment with the registration forms. Your Pack leadership will set a due date for registration.

The early registration fee for each Scout/Sibling is \$15.00, whether camping or not. This includes a commemorative patch. Adult registration is \$10.00 and will include a patch. Children under 4 are free. T-shirts can be ordered for \$10.00, which must be paid with your registration, by October 21, 2016. **After October 21st the fee will be \$20.00 for each scout/sibling and adults will be \$15.00. Please register by October 21st to ensure that purchased t-shirts will be available the Cuboree weekend. Do not mail forms in after October 21st, fax or hand deliver to the council office. Please have your receipt with you at Cuboree because late registration is not always given to Cuboree staff. Your evidence of payment will avoid us collecting from you that weekend. If you have not registered by November 6th and still plan on coming, please register/pay that weekend. We can only accept cash/check, please have the correct amount if paying in cash. You will need to come to the camp office Friday or Saturday to register/pay.**

Each person (child and adult) who attends, whether camping or not, is considered a participant and MUST fill out an Annual BSA Health and Medical Record form, parts A&B. Your Pack leadership will provide these forms or you can locate one on the North Florida Council website, at www.nfscouting.org Adult Volunteer Resources medical forms

Your pack leadership will give you a form that needs to be filled out for each automobile that attends Cuboree. Please fill out this form and bring it with you. Failure of having the form with you and filled out will delay your entrance into Cuboree.

As you enter Cuboree you will be given a wrist band. It is important that the wristbands are worn the entire time you are at Cuboree and not removed.

CONTACT NUMBER

The contact phone number for Camp Shands is 352-475-5080. This should be used for EMERGENCY ONLY!

AQUATICS CENTER CLOSED FOR THIS EVENT

The Aquatics Center is closed for this event and that area is **OFF LIMITS**. For the safety of all campers, please ensure your scouts, parents, siblings and anyone camping with your unit refrains from visiting that area.

SEVERE WEATHER

Should severe weather hit north Florida during the week prior to Cuboree, please contact your Cubmaster or Campmaster to get an update on the status of the event. In the event of severe weather during the event you will be instructed as to where you should take emergency shelter.

SATURDAY EVENING PROGRAM

Guests are invited to attend the Saturday Evening Program. Please plan to arrive by 6 pm.

SERVICE PROJECT

In addition to the fun aspects of Scouting, we would like to do a service project to benefit St. Michaels Soldiers. This year they will be sending items that fit in stockings and include mostly snack and fun items. We will be collecting items for these packages that are delivered to our soldiers. Please bring items from the following list:

- Sandwich crackers (such as Keebler or Lance)
- Small Cookie Packs (such as Keebler, Lance, Nutter Butter, Oreo, etc.)
- Hard Candy (butterscotch, jolly ranchers, cinnamon discs, etc.)
- Granola & Breakfast Bars
- Protein Bars
- Nuts / Seeds (sunflower, pumpkin)
- Trail Mix / Dried Fruit
- Beef Jerky / Slim Jims
- Pop Tarts
- Instant Oatmeal
- Drink Powders (for water bottles)
- Hot Cocoa/Cider (individual packets)
- Puzzle Books
- Playing Cards
- Yoyo's / Slinkys
- Handheld games / puzzles
- Nerf balls / small baseballs, footballs, etc. / super balls
- Hacky Sacks
- Wooden/Styrofoam airplanes
- Comic books
- If you would like to play with it, they will too...just make sure it will fit in a stocking

Please check with your Pack on collecting these items. The director from St. Michaels Soldiers will be joining our evening program on Saturday.

GETTING THERE

Camp Shands is located just south of Melrose, Florida, off of State Road 21 (SR21), about a 75 minute drive from Mandarin. Participants can enter the camp and go to their pre-assigned campsite beginning at 3:00 on Friday, November 14th. Maps are included in the back of this guide.

Directions

1. Take I-295 North across the Buckman
2. Exit on US17 (First Exit) and take a left (South)
3. US17 to Green Cove Springs
4. Right on SR16 (West)
5. Stay on SR16 through Penny Farms
6. Left at light on to SR21 at start of Camp Blanding
7. Stay on SR21 through Keystone Heights and Melrose
8. Take a left on Baden Powell Road about 2 miles past Melrose. There is a sign on the right side of the road.
9. Camp Shands is on the right after about 3 miles

OR

- After crossing the Buckman exit on Blanding south (left). Blanding is SR21. Just stay on it through Melrose and follow the directions 8 and 9 above.

OR

- Take SR13 (San Jose) south to SR16 west and cross the Shands Bridge into Green Cove Springs. Then follow the directions 5 – 9 above.

Participants can enter the camp and go to their pre-assigned campsites **beginning at 3:00 p.m., Friday, November 11th**. No entrance permitted prior to that time. The gate will close at 10:00 p.m. and reopen at 6:30 a.m. Saturday morning. If you are planning to arrive on Saturday, please arrive by noon at the very latest.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Vehicles **WILL NOT** be allowed to remain at the campsite. You can drop off your gear at the site but then must return your vehicle to a designated parking location within 30 minutes of dropping off your gear. Shuttles will be available to return drivers to the Meninak Lodge from the parking lots. These shuttles are provided for arrival and departure only and are not to be used as a taxi service throughout the weekend. The Shuttle will run from 5 pm to 11 pm Friday evening, until approximately 8 am on Saturday, for a short time after the Saturday Evening Program, and again on Sunday morning. Parking passes will be given as you enter Camp Shands. The passes will be filled out and should be placed where they can be seen so that all vehicle owners can be found if needed. For security reasons we do not want any unidentified vehicles in camp. Please keep in mind violations of this policy may affect the rules imposed at future events. Parking in the Meninak lot will be limited to handicap parking and unit VIP parking. Contact your Campmaster for further information about the unit VIP parking.

TRAFFIC WILL BE RESTRICTED ON SATURDAY. Arriving vehicles will be directed to the parking lots after 7:30 am. All vehicles must be out of the campsites by 8:00 am, at which time the roads will be shut down for pedestrian traffic only. Vehicles will be allowed to the campsites between 12:15 pm and 12:30 pm for packing in and packing out. Campers departing on

Saturday must be packed out and their vehicle out of the campsite by 12:45 pm. Arriving campers may drive to the camp sites to unload between 12:15 and 12:30 pm. Incoming traffic will be halted at 12:30 pm. All vehicles must be out of the camp sites by 12:45 pm, at which time the roads again will be shut down for pedestrian traffic only. SPEED LIMIT THROUGHOUT THE CAMP IS 15 MPH!

EVENTS

The opening ceremonies for Cuboree are scheduled for Saturday morning promptly at 8:30 a.m. All Scouts, adults, and volunteers should gather around the flagpole near the Meninak Lodge BEFORE 8:30 a.m. Dens will begin their activities immediately following.

Games

Each Pack will sponsor a game for Cubs (Tiger/Wolf/Bear) to participate in. Dens will rotate around the games during their assigned time at the games field. Webelos will participate separately in activities designed especially toward their Arrow of Light requirements and skills to help them transition from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. The activities will be led by Boy Scouts so it should be a good introduction to Boy Scouts. Webelos should bring their bicycle helmet for the obstacle course. Gloves will be provided though you may also bring your own.

BB and Archery

There will be 1 BB gun range that accommodates 48 scouts at a time and 2 archery ranges. Each Pack will need to provide volunteers based on the number of registered scouts to assist in the operation of the ranges. One volunteer must be BB Range Master certified. Your Pack leader will work with the parents on these volunteer assignments. Assignments will be given at the Friday night leaders' meeting and **the volunteers must be present for a meeting at the Meninak Lodge at 8:00am on Saturday morning.** In order for your Pack to shoot BB, your Pack **must** provide a BB Range Master certified volunteer. Siblings will be able to shoot only if time allows. Cub Scouts have priority. Due to a change in BSA safety rules, parents will not be allowed on the BB Range.

Scavenger Hunt

This is the fun time for adults. During lunch on Saturday be prepared to hunt down items of curiosity and the obscure. Rules are provided to Pack leaders.

Saturday Evening Program

A gathering of recognition, music, and jocularity! Come for a dose of Scouting tradition. Guests are cordially invited to attend the Saturday Evening Program and should plan to arrive by 6 pm. The main road into Camp Shands will be filled with campers moving toward the program site starting about 6:30.

HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES

No open toe or open back shoes can be worn while at Camp Shands. This includes all Cubs, siblings and adults. Anybody seen wearing improper shoes will be asked to return to their campsite to put on appropriate shoes.

Stove and lantern fuel must be stored safely.

Only battery operated lights are to be used in tents.

Scouts SHALL NOT bring or carry knives or fire starting equipment, even if they have completed the appropriate activity pins. Adults shall not carry sheath knives but may carry a pocketknife. No whittling while walking!

No fireworks or personal firearms are allowed.

Open campfires/charcoal fires may be banned if the camp is declared to be in a fire-restricted area. It is suggested that you plan to use only camp stoves for cooking. Adults should be reminded of the extreme possible injury to children and exercise appropriate caution. Fires should only be built in the designated fire rings in each camp site. **Any open fire must be attended by at least one adult at all times.** Fires should be completely put out before retiring to bed. Shovels and water buckets must be accessible to the fire ring at all times.

Use only appropriate firewood. **Do not cut or chop any standing trees.** Each pack should plan on bringing their own firewood for the weekend.

Please do not wash any dishes in the sinks located in the camp sites. Washing dishes in this manner causes waste to go to the septic tanks and creates a blockage issue at the site. Washing of dishes should occur by using the Boy Scout three dish pan form of washing. All solid materials should be wiped from the dish by a paper towel that is then disposed. The dish should then be placed in hot soapy water and scrubbed. Next it should be dipped in warm water that contains a cap of bleach. Finally the dish should be dipped in clear water for rinsing. After this process is complete the dishes should be left in the air to dry.

The bell in the field by the Meninak lodge is an **EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION** bell. Please make sure the bell is not played with at any time during camp. If you should hear the bell ringing please report to your assigned emergency notification site for further instruction: camp sites 1-4 and 13-14 go to the Meninak Lodge, camp sites 5-11 and 16 go to the Taylor Dining Hall.

Please keep in mind when using propane lanterns that they should be monitored by adults. Many battery operated lanterns look just like gas lanterns and children are accustomed to picking them up by the top. This has resulted in severe burns.

All drivers of vehicles transporting Scouts must be over 21. All vehicles should be equipped with seat belts and each passenger must be wearing them. **No individual shall ride in the cargo area of Station Wagons, Trucks or Vans.** Cars are not permitted in the Campsites except for loading and unloading. Pop up campers and RVs will not be allowed.

Boy Scouts of America does not allow contact sports such as football.

NOBODY will be allowed at the Lake/Water's edge, the Aquatic Center, or on or around the climbing tower. This includes fishing and swimming.

Please remember that the Aquatic Center is closed for this event and is OFF LIMITS. Safety is our top concern.

Only Staff members will be allowed at the tree houses and Taylor Dining Hall except for severe weather.

Smoking should not be done in front of the scouts. If smoking is done make sure all cigarettes and cigars are put out completely and butts are disposed of properly.

No unauthorized use of the wooden tent platforms is allowed due to safety concerns. Many platforms have metal tent frames on them. **THESE ARE NOT JUNGLE GYMS AND ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE KEPT OFF THEM.**

No Pets are allowed.

No alcoholic beverages will be permitted at any point during Cuboree. Any person found to have alcohol will be asked to leave as soon as it is determined the individual can leave in a safe manner.

Campsite electricity should be used only for camp health issues and Pack programs. No personal use is allowed.

If playing a radio please be considerate of those around you and keep the volume to an appropriate level.

DRINKS - You may bring juice, Kool-Aid type drinks or just plain water. For hot drinks in the morning and evening hot chocolate, hot tang and hot Jell-O are good. **All CAMPERS NEED TO DRINK LOTS OF WATER.**

Be prepared. Pack your rain gear where you can get at it in case you need it. Also, plan on ways to keep your gear dry while setting up camp.

Remember this is a family event for people of all ages. Please wear attire that is appropriate for display in public.

Uniform - Have your boys wear a Pack T-shirt, or a common shirt, during Saturday activities. Keep their uniform shirt for Saturday night and Sunday services.

A Scout is clean. Talk to your Cubs before the camp out about sanitation. We need to keep camp (including the latrines) clean.

Pine cones and natural debris are to be left on the trees and ground. Pinecone wars, sword fights with sticks and other similar forms of entertainment are not allowed.

Practice setting up ALL tents and rain flies and operating your stoves and lanterns a couple weeks before. This will make camp set up much easier.

Fire sticks are not allowed in campfires. “What goes in the fire stays in the fire.”

Care should be taken when using insect repellent. Know how you and your family react to the active agents in the repellent and what strength to use. Stronger repellents made to be applied to clothing should not be applied directly to the skin. **READ THE PRODUCT DIRECTIONS!**

In the interest of minimizing trash that needs to be disposed of all new tents should be removed from their boxes before coming to camp.

SUGGESTED PERSONAL EQUIPMENT FOR ALL CAMPERS

soap	washcloth	towel	toothbrush	toothpaste
comb	bug spray	Scout Shirt*	medicines**	
coat/jacket	rain poncho	long pants	belt	hat
extra pr socks	2 t-shirts	shorts	pj's or sweats	extra shoes
day pack	sunscreen#	wet one towelettes or waterless hand cleaner		
carabiners##				

* Scouts should leave colors, progress beads, Tiger Totems, and other loose uniform items home

** Medicines requiring refrigeration can be dropped off at the Ames Lodge/First Aid station.

#Roll-on rather than sprays

##Carabiners are used to clip drinking cups onto your belt loop

SUGGESTED CAMPING GEAR FOR ALL CAMPERS

tent	ground cloth	tent stakes	camp chairs	foam pad
pillow	large trash bags	hammer	flash lights	batteries
WATER BOTTLE		sleeping bag or 3 to 4 blankets		toilet paper

OPTIONAL

Scout book	paper/pen	snacks	inexpensive camera
Film	sunglasses	inexpensive watch	

SUGGESTED CAMPSITE EQUIPMENT FOR ENTIRE PACK

(Your Pack leader will coordinate who needs to bring any of these.)

camp stoves	fuel	lanterns	rope
rain canopies	camp tables	wash basins (3)	dish soap
pots & pans	paper towels	large trash bags	firewood
food/snacks	blankets	shovel	water buckets
Hot drinks (Chocolate, Cider, Jell-O, Tang, Coffee, Teas)			toilet paper*

*Packs must supply own toilet paper. Bathroom cleaning supplies will be provided.

Please note vehicles will be able to drop gear off at your Campsite before proceeding and remaining at the parking areas. We will be parking a lot of cars so please be considerate and utilize the parking areas wisely. Pack light, pack sensible and use your pack trailer to reduce the amount of time cars will be needed in the campsites. Bring only the camping equipment you will need. Vehicles will not be allowed to remain at the campsites.

We are going green

Make sure to bring your own cup or water bottle with a carabiner to carry with you on Saturday. To get water from our water containers.

Leave your new tent box at home.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

November 11th (Friday)

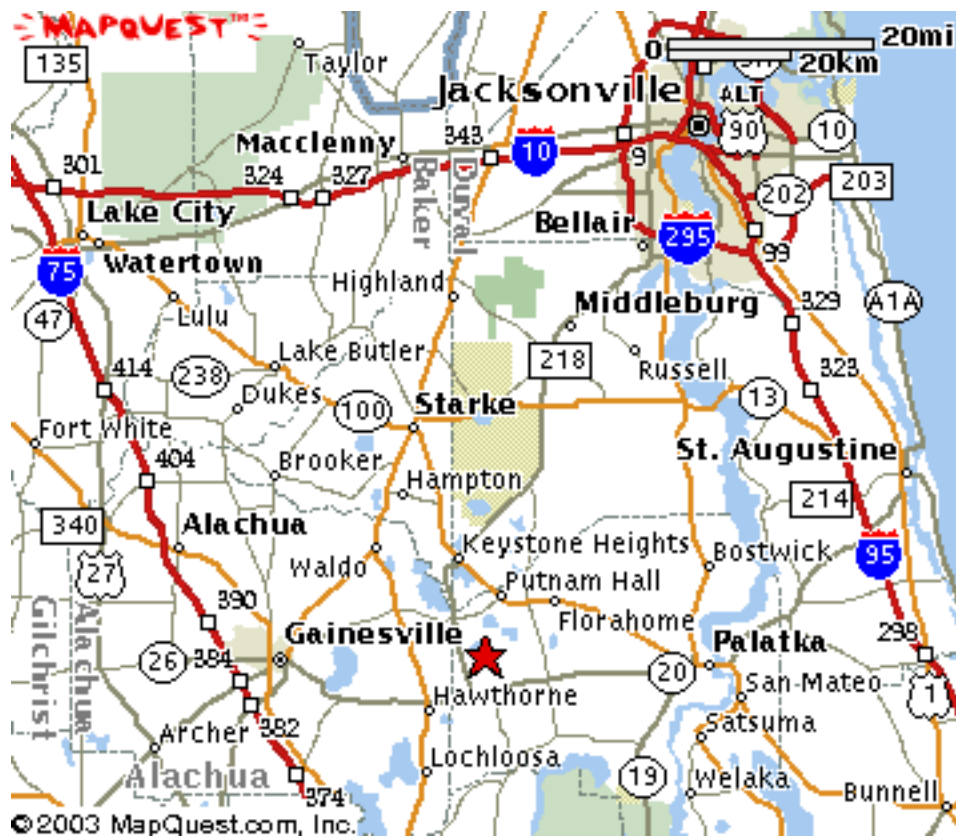
Entry no earlier than 3:00 p.m.
3 p.m. - 10 p.m. - arrival/set up camp
9:00 p.m. - Leaders' meeting @ Meninak Lodge
10 p.m. - Gates closed, CARS OUT OF CAMP SITES
10:15 – Youth staff meeting @ Meninak Lodge
11 p.m. - Taps - QUIET PLEASE/LIGHTS OUT

November 12th (Saturday)

6:30 a.m. - Gates open - check in/set up camp
6:30 a.m. - Reveille
8:00 a.m.– Range volunteers meet at Meninak Lodge
8:00 am - Game supervisors/officials meeting
8:30 a.m. - Opening Flag Ceremony Meninak Lodge
ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE PRESENT
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm – Activities/Campsite Inspections
12:15 - 12:45 p.m. – Scavenger Hunt
12:00p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Activities/Campsite Inspections
4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. -- Free Time/Service Time/Dinner/
Pack programs
6: 30 p.m. – Packs gather in Meninak field
7:00 p.m.– 8:30 p.m. – Evening Program
8:30 p.m. -- 11:00 p.m. -- Free time activities
9:00 p.m. -- Leaders' meeting @ Meninak Lodge
10:00 p.m.-- Gates close
11 p.m. - Taps - QUIET PLEASE/LIGHTS OUT

November 13th (Sunday)

7 a.m. - Reveille/gates open
8:30 a.m. - Chapel Service @ Meninak field
9 a.m. - Closing program/Spirit ribbons presentation @
Flag Pole
9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Clean up/breakdown/inspection/
check out
11:30 a.m. – Camp vacated



Turn in to your Pack

River Bend District CUBOREE

November 11 thru 13 2016 - Camp Shands

Chapel Service - Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Games - Scavenger Hunt
Archery & BB Gun Safety Training

Family Camping

FAMILY REGISTRATION

Please fill out this form completely, including ALL persons of all ages who will be attending Cuboree, whether camping or just for the day.

*** A current BSA Class I Health Form for each person attending must be on file with your pack in order to attend ***

FEES: Cubs/Siblings: \$15 each (includes patch)

Adults: \$10 each (includes patch), children under 4 free

T-shirts: \$10 each Youth - S, M, L

\$10 each Adult - S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Payment after Oct 21st, \$20.00 per scout/sibling, \$15.00 Adult

PLEASE:

*All registrations must be done through your pack.

*Sign form and return with payment to your pack.

*Make check payable to your pack.

THANK YOU!

Please PRINT: Check here if more Cub Scouts, Adults or Siblings are listed on back.

Cub Scout(s): Please circle rank (Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelo). Indicate T-shirt size, if purchased (\$10 each).

Name _____ Tiger Wolf Bear Webelo **Size:** Youth____ or Adult____

Name _____ Tiger Wolf Bear Webelo **Size:** Youth____ or Adult____

Adult(s): Please list all adults who will attend. Indicate T-shirt size if purchased (\$10 each)

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ **Size:** Youth____ or Adult____

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ **Size:** Youth____ or Adult____

Address _____ Apt # _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (Other) _____

E-mail: _____

Sibling(s): Please list all siblings and their ages. Indicate T-shirt size if purchased (\$10 each).

Name _____ Age _____ **Size:** Youth____ or Adult____

Name _____ Age _____ **Size:** Youth____ or Adult____

1. I understand no alcoholic beverages are allowed.
2. I understand vehicles are not allowed in campsites other than to unload and load.
3. I understand fires, if not under a burn ban, are allowed in designated fire rings only.

Adult Signature _____ **Date** _____



FEES DUE

____ # of Cub Scouts @ \$15 each = _____

____ # of Adults @ \$10 each = _____

____ # of Siblings @ \$15 each = _____

____ # of T-shirts @ \$10 each = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED = _____

Add \$5 per person to fee if paid after

October 21st