

Outdoor Blast 2019

Important Weekend Information



PARKING

Camp Meriwether has very limited parking and with all the participants expected this weekend, please consider carpooling.

Once you park, unload all your equipment needed for the day/weekend and proceed with your gear down to Village 1, Daisy Den Unit Shelter to Check In.

Carts are available at the Arts & Crafts pavilion near the parking lot to carry your gear to your sleeping unit. If you use a cart, please return it promptly to the pavilion so others can use it. We will not be the only campers @ Camp Meriwether.

WEEKEND CAMPERS & TRAINERS

Camp Meriwether is located south of Atlanta, so please take this into account when planning your departure and arrival at camp. Rush Hour starts as early as 3:00p.m. on Fridays. Consider leaving early and stopping closer to camp, and having dinner. See the Map to Camp Meriwether for a list of restaurants at the Newnan/Shenandoah Exit (#47 on I-85 South).

When you arrive in the Parking Lot, make sure to get your *Health History* and flashlight ready.

If you are arriving after 9 pm call 770-927-1020. Ask them to inform us of your late arrival. You may need to enter a gate code.

SATURDAY DAY CAMPERS

Please plan to arrive at Camp Meriwether about 30-45 minutes prior to class time to give you enough time to park, walk down to the Daisy Den Unit Shelter, Check-In and get to class.

When you arrive in the Parking Lot, make sure to get your *Health History* and *Photo Release* ready.

Don't forget to bring your camp chair, water bottle and class supplies with you when you come down to Check In.

OLDER GIRL DAY CAMPERS

Please plan to arrive at Camp Meriwether about 30-45 minutes prior to class time to give you time to park. Walk down to Village 1, Daisy Den Unit Shelter, Check-In and get to class.

When you arrive in the Parking Lot, make sure to get your *Health History*, *Girl Scout Behavior Agreement* and *Permission Slip* ready.

Don't forget to bring your camp chair, water bottle and class supplies with you when you come down to Check In.

CHECK-IN and CHECK-OUT

Check-In & Check-Out is at the Daisy Den Unit Shelter.

For Check In:

Have your *Health History*, *Photo Release* and any other forms out and ready.

Walk down to Daisy Den to Check In.

WEEKEND CAMPERS – @ Check In, you will sign up for your Unit Kaper (clean up task to be completed after classes on Sunday).

Proceed to your sleeping unit, unpack your gear and return the cart, if used,

Then, enjoy fellowship with other Leaders and Trainers until the campfire activities or class (if you registered for one).

DAY CAMPERS - proceed immediately to your class.

For Check Out:

You MUST Check Out before leaving camp!

If you want your *Health History* back, you can collect it as you Check Out. If not picked up, it will be shredded about a week later.

WEEKEND CAMPERS-Make sure you have done your Unit Kapers before checking out Sunday.

Friday Evening Check-In: 5:00-9:00p.m.

Saturday Morning Check-In: 7:30- 8:30p.m.

Saturday Afternoon Check-Out: 4:30-6:30p.m.

Sunday Afternoon Check-Out: 12:15 - 1:30p.m.

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Girl Scout Minor & Adult HEALTH HISTORY

All campers must bring with them to check-in a completed Girl Scout Minor & Adult Health History form.

You can download this by visiting the home page and looking under forms & docs.

<http://www.girlscoutsatl.org>

If you sent this completed form in with your registration, it will be filed and at camp.

You may pick up your Health History as you leave camp, or if left at camp, it will be shredded afterwards.

** Please print and complete the Girl Scout Minor & Adult Health History before coming to camp.

PHOTO RELEASE

We are very excited about the Outdoor Blast and want to share pictures taken at the Outdoor Blast on our website and any future publications about the OB.

Your photo release option is located as check boxes on the first page of your registration.

If you opt not to have your or your daughter's photo published, when our photographers arrive to take pictures, please step to the side and out of the way of the photo. Prior to taking the picture, we will announce our intention if it doesn't interrupt the class. It is your responsibility to step to the side or notify the photographer that you do not wish to be photographed.

Photos taken will be used with the sole purpose to document and promote the Outdoor Blast. They will not be shared for any other reason.

CAMP STORE

For your convenience, the Camp Meriwether camp store will be open twice during the weekend:

Saturday: 2:00pm – 3:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00am – 11:00am

The camp store is located on the right side of the porch of the Dining Hall near the flag pole.

They usually bring the items for sale out onto the porch, so it will be easy to spot. They accept cash, checks, credit cards and Cookie Dough.

MEALS FOR THE WEEKEND

This event's meals are planned for the outdoors, keeping cost low and labor to a minimum so there's more time for learning.

Food is NOT ALLOWED in sleeping areas. Any food you bring MUST be secured in the unit closet. If you bring food, it's best in a hard cooler (not a fabric one-little critters can still get into those). Make sure to put your name on anything you put in the closets.

Menus:

Campers in cooking classes for lunch and/or dinner will eat the meal they cook in class.

All other campers in non-cooking classes for lunch and/or dinner will have all-camp communal meals in the Daisy Den Unit Shelter.

*Everyone should bring an insulated mug or water bottle to camp for beverages (water with flavor packets as well as coffee and hot water for tea or cocoa).

Weekend Menus will be posted on the website around February 15, 2019. Please look at the website menus and if there are any dietary concerns, send us an email by March 15 so we can accommodate your needs.

Outdoor Class Meals:

Individuals registered to take *Outdoor Cooking*, *Dutch Oven Cooking*, or *Platform & Pitched Tent Camping* must bring their dunk bag (plate, bowl, cutlery, and an insulated mug in a mesh bag).

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EMERGENCY PLAN FOR ALL CAMPERS

During the weekend only three emergency signals will be used:

1. FA Assist (location) - will be used by the nearest instructor to call for first aid assistance should someone get hurt, injured, or experience a medical condition.
2. Signal 4 - will be used to indicate a situation where further action may be required and while waiting for help to arrive, take a head count and remain calm.
3. Code Red - requires immediate evacuation to a safe place designated currently as the parking lot unless notified as to another location.
 - a. All Weekend Campers will be grouped in their sleeping unit
 - b. Day Campers will be Grouped into a Day Group
 - c. All Girl Campers will be grouped into a Girl Group

Each group will have an emergency team member assigned who is responsible for making sure all participants and instructors are accounted for should any serious emergency arise.

There will be first aid kits located in all unit shelters should a minor scrape need attention. For safety reasons all treatment should be logged on the *OB Unit Treatment Log* located in each First Aid Kit and reported to the event coordinator at the end of each day.