

Flint River Council's

Spook-o-Ree

2020

Parent & Leader Guide



Lawhorn Scouting Base

October 10

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WELCOME LETTER

Scouts and Scouters,

First and foremost, thank you for participating in the Flint River Council Spook-o-Ree! We are truly excited that you and your family will be attending our event.

Being a Cub Scout is an incredible experience and Spook-o-Ree is one of the best opportunities to experience the adventures outdoors. For young Cub Scouts, this means multiple days of program and activities not otherwise accessible to this age group. Each year our Spook-o-Ree adjusts the games, activities and trail to make the experience a unique one for all of our families, first timers and returning participants.

Spook-o-Ree is a great opportunity to develop memories that last a lifetime. A typical Spook-o-Ree will include a full weekend of camping, with games, archery, bb guns, campfire activities, a spooky trail and more. The mission of our Spook-o-Ree here at the Lawhorn Scouting Base is to provide Cub Scouts with the opportunity to learn and practice new skills, make new friends, gain confidence in the outdoors, experience huge amounts of fun, and better prepare Scouts to earn their Arrow of Light and continue on the Trail to Eagle into Scouts BSA.

Our staff is very excited to have you visit Lawhorn Scouting Base and have worked very hard to prepare for your arrival. This dedicated group of volunteers looks forward each year to the excitement and fun of Spook-o-Ree! It is truly their favorite part of the fall; and we know you and your families will feel the same way about this unique experience.

As part of our preparation, our staff has designed this Spook-o-Ree experience with the following goals in mind:

1. HAVE FUN!
2. Participate in outdoor camping.
3. To learn, use and refresh current and new Scouting skills.
4. Become familiar with and comfortable in the natural surroundings of Lawhorn Scouting Base.

We at Lawhorn Scouting Base like to have the Cub Scouts partake in a full camp experience and our caring and trained staff will help each Scout enjoy their outdoor experience. If this is something you would like to assist with this year or in the future, please email us at Lawhorn@Scouting.org or contact the Flint River Council Camping Department at 470-481-1057.

Once again, thank you for your time and support. We are personally very grateful to you and your family; and, we hope that you have a blast with us at camp. So, come relax, and enjoy your stay at Lawhorn Scouting Base and this year's Spook-o-Ree.

Yours in Scouting,

Alan Johnson
Spook-O-Ree Committee Chair
Flint River Council

ATTENDEES

Spook-o-Ree is open to all registered Cub Scouts and their Packs regardless of district or council.

All Scouts that cannot attend overnight are encouraged to attend on Saturday for activities. Please check in no later than 9:00 a.m. on Saturday to ensure that no activities are missed for your Scouts. **Please pack a lunch and water bottles for the day.**

Spook-o-Ree is a family event – all family members are welcome to attend. There is no charge for siblings 4 and under, but please register them for our activity counts. They are deducted from charges as part of the registration process.

Siblings may participate in activities, but we ask that the Cub Scouts are allowed to do the activities first to ensure that all Scouts get a turn. We work our schedules based on registered Scouts and Siblings so there should be plenty of time for everyone's enjoyment of each activity. **National BSA Policy does not permit scouts and children under 5 years of age to participate in BB gun shooting. (see Age Appropriate Guidelines publication 680-685.pdf) .**

All Scouts and Siblings must be under supervision at all times.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

Lawhorn Scouting Base is comprised of two sub-camps named Camp Thunder and the Flint River Adventure Area. Please make sure you know which sub-camp you will be using and enter the appropriate address into your GPS unit.

Flint River Adventure Area
1166 Dripping Rock Road
Molena, GA 30258

Camp Thunder
508 Thundering Springs Road
Molena, GA 30258

The main phone number at camp is 706-647-9539. It is manned only during weekend events or during our summer months for Scouts BSA Summer Camp. Please contact the Camping Department at 470-481-1057 if it is not during a weekend event for assistance, directions, etc.

REGISTRATION POLICIES

Spook-o-Ree 2020 is a Day Event so registration is much simpler. If your Unit is interesting in camping opportunities outside of the event, please contact the Camping Department at 470-481-1057 or Lawhorn@Scouting.org. We are here to help!

The registration for Spook-o-Ree will open on the second Wednesday of August of each year

****EVERYONE MUST BE SIGNED UP ONLINE 1 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EVENT START DATE.****

No late or walk-up registrations will be taken.

Feel free to call us with questions 470-481-1057. There will be plenty of room for everyone.

FEES

Scouts Age Youth	: \$20 per person
Adults	: \$ 5 per person
Under 5	: Free

Spook-o-Ree is a family event and all family members are welcome to attend! Adults and siblings over the age of 5 must register at the above rates. Families with more than 4 Scout age children will only be charged for 4 scout age children plus adults. Please register siblings for our counts for activities. Under age 4 participants will be deducted as part of the registration process.

Pre-ordered t-shirts - \$12 standard sizes, \$14 extended sizes (2XL - 4XL)
Some shirts will be available at the Trading Post in limited supply at a cost of \$14/\$16

PAYMENTS

We have multiple methods of payment available to you to meet your needs.

Online Payments: Payments for this event can be made online through the registration process at www.FlintRiverCouncil.org. Once your registration is complete and payment is credited, you will receive an automated email from Doubleknot for verification. Please bring this payment verification with you to camp to verify any payment issues.

Phone Payments: A credit card payment can be made over the phone with our council office in Griffin by calling 470-481-1057. These phone payments are credited through Doubleknot within 36 hours and you will receive an automated email from Doubleknot for verification. Please bring this payment verification with you to camp to verify any payment issues.

For your own security, credit card payments should NOT be left via voice mail or email.

Mail Payments: Payment can be made by checks sent through the mail at least 2 weeks prior (Please no CASH in the mail!) Notate on the check: Spook-o-Ree, Weekend #__, Pack #__ and the name if different than the name on your reservation.

Mail Payments to: 1361 Zebulon Road, Griffin, GA 30224.

Camp Payment: Any remaining fees must be paid upon arrival at Howard Lodge (Camp Thunder base camp) or the Health Lodge (Flint River Adventure Area base camp) depending on your reservation location.

REFUNDS

Cancellations must be made by October 2, 2020 (week 1) or October 9, 2020 (week 2) at 5:00 P.M. to be eligible for a full refund. No refunds will be given for cancellations received within 7 days of the event start date, but these funds can be applied to future Lawhorn Scouting Base events under the following circumstances:

1. Serious illness of Scout prevents the Scout's attendance.
2. Emergency family matters prevents the Scout from attending.
3. The Scout's family moves from the council territory, making it impossible for the Scout to attend.

CAMPERSHIPS

No scout should be denied the opportunity to attend camp due to family financial constraints. The Flint River Council allows for camperships to be distributed on an as needed basis. Scout families may apply for a campership for Scouts only, provided that:

1. The Scout actively participated in a Council fundraiser
2. Is an active participant in their Pack.
3. Has parent(s)/guardian(s) who are active in Scouting
4. Applies timely with the District Executive for the Scout's district for campership assistance.

PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

Please make sure that all parents in your Pack are aware of their Pack information, including a phone number they can call or text in an emergency. For many parents, this is their first outing with their new Scouts and Lawhorn Scouting Base can be intimidating. Our Camp Customer Service Specialist will forward maps, gathering information, etc. during the week leading up to the event. Please make sure that this information is forwarded to ALL Scout families that will be participating. This is especially crucial for those Packs making a Pack reservation. We do not have individual email addresses for the members of your Pack and cannot send them information directly.

Units are encouraged to travel together to arrive at Spook-o-Ree at the same time. This is considered a best practice and is not a requirement but will ease the concerns of your new scouting parents. Scouts should travel to camp in their Field Uniform (Class "A" uniform.) Please make sure that your families have their required medical forms and paperwork needed for all attendees.

CHECK IN & CHECK OUT

Check in starts at 8:00 a.m., please have proof of registration and payment in hand. Also, for those checking in an entire Pack, it is not necessary that all participants are at check in. One member of a family or one Pack representative can complete the check in process. Once all funds are accounted for and check in is complete, you will be given wrist bands for all registered guests. Wrist bands must always be worn during the event. Wrist bands will NOT be given to a pack representative with incomplete Unit Rosters. Please work with your families on a Pack plan for check in. It is the responsibility of the Pack to communicate with members if you prefer a Pack check in or an individual family check in.

Late check ins – Check ins will end at 9:45 am on Friday evening. If you are unable to check in before this time, please come to Howard Lodge and staff will assist you in getting to your group.

Check Out & Departures

Program ends on Saturday at 5:45 pm. There is no formal check-out procedure

COMMUNICATION

Camp staff will be in communication with your Cohort Guide throughout the event. Should you have any issues requiring the attention of camp staff, please report them to your Cohort Guide.

SOCIAL DISTANCING / PPE

The Flint River Council has taken many steps to ensure that the Georgia State Governor's regulations are followed, while still putting on a great program for your family. The addition of cohorts and Cohort Guides will minimize your contact with others while on camp property.

Health screenings will take place prior to any participant entering camp. Program activities will be held outdoors (or under pavilions) and equipment will be cleaned and sanitized after use by each cohort. A dedicated Cleaning Team will ensure that bathhouses remain clean and sanitized throughout the weekend.

Hand sanitizing stations will be located throughout camp. All participants are encouraged to wash their hands and sanitize frequently. Masks are optional and not required.

There will be no camp-wide ceremonies or services.

WHAT IS A COHORT?

A cohort is defined as a group of people banded together or treated as a group. You will be pre-assigned to a cohort of approximately 25-30 people prior to arrival. Your cohort will eat together and travel to and participate in activities together throughout the event according to your pre-assigned schedule.

Cohorts will be arranged by Pack as much as possible. Individual families registering without a Pack will be assigned to a cohort. Interaction between cohorts should be limited as much as possible to enforce social distancing guidelines.

WHAT IS A COHORT GUIDE?

Your Cohort Guide (CG) will be a dedicated volunteer assigned to your cohort. They are there to offer structure, advice, and to ensure that all camp rules, policies, and procedures are followed during your time at camp.

TOP 10 CAMP ISSUES

(Not in any order)

1. Families arriving at camp that do not know their Pack number or Pack leadership names.
2. Wrong type of shoes; no shoes; brand new shoes. (Remember NO Crocs, NO Keens, NO Sandals. Feet must be fully covered from the ankle down).
3. No water bottle (EVERYONE needs a water bottle to prevent dehydration)
4. Not enough dry socks
5. Lack of foul weather gear; no poncho, no rain jacket, etc.
6. Forgetting items on the "essential" list.
7. Personal items not marked.
8. Unnecessary items brought to camp making the experience more difficult.
9. Families arriving at camp that do not know their schedules.
10. Scouts and Scouters forgetting their smiles and Scout spirit at home.

CAMP POLICIES

Visitors: All visitors must register at Howard Lodge (Camp Thunder) or the Health Lodge (Flint River Adventure Area) and receive a visitor wristband.

All scouts, adult leaders, and camp staff while on the camp property (from check-in through checkout) will be required to wear a participant wristband. Staff members will immediately report anyone they do not recognize or whose presence in camp is in question. Participants who notice an unfamiliar person in camp should notify a staff member immediately. Only the Camp Ranger can ask someone to leave the camp property.

Vehicles in camp: Personal vehicles are not permitted to park outside of designated parking areas or drive through camp. There will be no transporting of youth or adults to any program area using a personal vehicle while camp is in session. If anyone needs to be transported for medical reasons, please advise the Camp Director. Absolutely no riders in the back of trucks or on trailers will be permitted.

Pets: Pets are not allowed at Spook-o-Ree. This includes during drop off, set-up, or pick up and applies to visitors and staff alike. Service animals are exempt from this rule.

Discipline & Standards of Conduct: ALL Scouts camping at Lawhorn Scouting Base will live up to the principles and value of the Scout Oath and Law. Please share the following with your Unit.

- Lawhorn Scouting Base follows the Youth Protection Guidelines and the Guide to Safe scouting. As volunteers and staff, we are responsible for keeping our Scouting environment free from harassment and abuse, whether physical, verbal, or mental.
- The Scout Oath and Law are the code of behavior. They are all that are needed, and unit leadership is responsible for enforcing these rules and discipline those Scouts that break them.
- In the case of intra-unit conflicts or problems, the unit leadership of the Scout involved is responsible for disciplining each of its own Scouts involved. If it is an issue between parents that cannot be resolved quickly and peacefully, a member of Camp Administration must be notified to ensure that any disagreements do not linger.
- Camp Administration is available and prepared to aid in establishing communications in the event of inter-unit problems.

Telephone Policy: One telephone land line is in Howard Lodge at Lawhorn Scouting Base. It is a business phone, so calls must be restricted to those of an urgent nature and should be made by an adult. Messages will be taken and delivered in an emergency, but texting of leadership directly is encouraged.

Lost & Found: Lost and found will be maintained inside the administration building at each base on Lawhorn Scouting Base. (Howard Lodge – Camp Thunder and Health Lodge – Flint River Adventure Area). We do not mail items back home so please stop by and check the lost and found before leaving the property. Items located after the event may be picked up at the Griffin office starting 1 week after the event is over to allow time for transporting items from camp to the office. Any items not claimed 30 days after the event will be donated.

First Aid: Basic First Aid is to be provided by your units in your campsite so please bring your Pack first aid kit with you to camp. Any medical needs beyond basic first aid should be immediately reported to the Camp Medic on site. Check for ticks daily!

Food at camp: Packs and Participants are responsible for bringing their own food and means of preparing it. You will need a brown bag lunch for the Day. You will be eating with your Cohort. Please observe the BSA Leave No Trace guidelines.

Water: Potable running water is available at Lawhorn Scouting Base in or near each campsite. Please bring suitable water containers for storing drinking water. In addition, each participant should carry an individual water bottle throughout the program on Saturday. Proper hydration is important to keeping our Scouts and Scouters healthy.

Toilets: Flush toilets are available in central bathhouses at Lawhorn Scouting Base with both hot and cold running water. There are also shower facilities available if desired. Please respect the facilities – it is everyone's responsibility to keep the restroom areas clean throughout the weekend. DO NOT place trash, soft drink cans, or food waste in the shower house trash cans. Please do not wash dishes in the bathroom sinks.

BANNED ITEMS

Alcoholic Beverages and illegal drugs: No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are allowed in camp. Violators will be reported to the appropriate local authorities and required to leave camp immediately.

Tobacco: NO TOBACCO USE IS ALLOWED IN ANY BUILDING OR PROGRAM AREA. This includes electronic forms of tobacco use. Campers and staff under 18 may not use tobacco products at camp. Adults who must use tobacco products are asked to do so in designated areas and away from youth. These are both national and local council policies.

An announcement will be made regarding where smoking will be permitted.

Fireworks: Any individual found to have/had fireworks in his/her possession in camp will be dismissed from camp immediately.

Firearms: Personal firearms are against National and Local BSA policies. Please do not bring them. All equipment and ammunition necessary for any stations or activities will be provided by Lawhorn Scouting Base.

Fires: Fires will only be permitted at the digression of the camp ranger. If there are no fire bans, fires are to be built only in designated fire rings and under proper supervision with the fireguard plan in place. As a reminder, National policy prohibits use of open flames in tents. This includes mosquito coils, catalytic heaters, gas lanterns, stoves, candles, and smoking material. All our tents are marked **"NO FLAMES IN TENT"**.

Fires must always be supervised. Extinguish your fire completely before the last adult leaves the site and before sleeping.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Youth Protection: All adults, parents, leaders and guests 18 or older must have current (within the last two years) Youth Protection Training. This training can be taken online and should be completed before attending camp. This online class can be found at www.myscouting.org.

Showers and Latrines: We have multiple central bathhouses which allow adult and youth to use the facilities in separate lockable rooms. These separate facilities should always be respected. This is part of the national policy for Youth Protection.

Medical Forms: ALL campers, both youth and adult, MUST bring a BSA Annual Health and Medical Record when they check in to camp. This form will be emailed to all participants leading up to the event. This medical form should be turned in to your Pack representative before arriving to camp, in order to address all medical concerns and allergies. These forms will be kept with your Pack representative. If there is no medical form on the property, the Scout will, unfortunately, be sent home until a medical form is acquired. There is no refund for any time lost under these circumstances. The medical form is a National BSA requirement.

For Spook-o-Ree, it is only necessary to complete parts A and B of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record. Part A is to be completed by a parent/guardian in full – their will be no pharmacy at Camp and all required medicine dispensing is the responsibility of the attending parent or guardian.

To participate in activities at camp, Part A must be completed in full and signed. It is the Pack's responsibility to review medical forms and make sure that all release and consent information has been signed for each participant.

Buddy System: All Units will be required to use the buddy system. Unit leaders should keep up with the location of your Scouts. There should be no Scouts left in campsites at any time without adult supervision and the required two-deep leadership (2 - 21+ Trained Adults).

Shoes: In order to prevent foot injuries, all youth in camp (including visitors) must wear sneakers or boots at all times throughout camp. Pool shoes may ONLY be work at the waterfront and in the shower. When walking between the campsite and the waterfront or shower facilities, sneakers or boots MUST be worn.

Drinking water: We cannot stress enough the importance of staying hydrated even during cold snaps during Spook-o-Ree. We encourage that your Scouts drink plenty of water (not soda) during camp. There will be ample opportunities to obtain water at camp. Each Scout and family member should bring their own water bottle, or canteen to camp, along with a way to secure it to him or herself for use throughout the day.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Fire or Disaster:

- Report a fire to the camp office or staff member immediately.
- The office will contact the ranger and fire department (if appropriate) and sound 2 blasts on the siren.
- 3 short siren blasts indicates that all participants should move quickly to the flagpole, get an accurate head count, and wait for further instructions.
- If fire can be seen from your campsite, move to the main road of camp by the safest route.
- After the event has been resolved, the “all clear” signal will be given (1 long blast)

Missing Camper/Lost Person

- Report any suspected missing persons to the check in locations (Howard Lodge – Camp Thunder or Health Lodge – Flint River Adventure Area) immediately.
- The Camp Director will immediately be notified.
- Staff personnel will search all public areas and check all campsites

If at this point the missing person has not been found, the 3 short blasts siren will be sounded for everyone to return to their campsites for a proper head count. Runners will be sent to all campsites to report these head counts to the administration. If the individual is not located, the Camp Administration will notify the local authorities and a grid search will be conducted. 1 long blast will signal the all clear.

Imminent Bad Weather: In the case of imminent bad weather approaching, one long blast of the siren will be sounded. One long blast of the emergency siren means seek immediate shelter in a hardened building (dining hall facilities, cement block shower house facilities, etc.) or seek low shelter. Once the bad weather has passed, return to your campsite and do an immediate head count and await instructions runners will be sent to verify your head count numbers. Upon verification that all campers are in their campsites and accounted for, the “all clear” will be sounded and activities will resume as appropriate.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program for Spook-o-Ree will consist of several stations which will include bb guns, archery, crafts, field games and more with the purpose being to have fun, strengthen Scout skills, teamwork, knowledge and preparedness for each scout. Each unit will be provided with additional program schedules the week of the event with your check in packets. Please stick to the schedule as indicated as rotations are set based on the sizes of the Packs involved. This will help us to ensure that all rotations have enough time to fully participate in the activity as assigned.

Awarding recognition for any achievements earned at Spook-o-Ree is the responsibility of the individual Packs and not the Spook-o-Ree program or Lawhorn Scouting Base.

Patches are given for each registered Scout in attendance. Parents that wish to purchase additional patches may do so in the trading post on Saturday.

T-shirts: T-shirts for the event may be pre-purchased as part of the online registration process. Only pre-ordered t-shirts are guaranteed to be in stock. There will be a limited supply of t-shirts available at the trading post to be purchased during the event. Please make sure to pre-order your t-shirt to guarantee your size is available.

Trading Post: The trading post will be open. The Camp Thunder Trading post is located off Howard Field directly across from Howard Lodge. The Flint River Adventure Area trading post is located next to the Health Lodge/Administrative building. These trading posts are maintained as a service to our campers. They are stocked with a selection of scout items, souvenirs, t-shirts and refreshments. Please encourage your Scouts and parents to bring spending money to enjoy our store services.

Meals: Spook-o-Ree does not provide food and drinks. All meals, snacks, and drinks are the responsibility of each participating Pack or family.

Clothing: The “uniform of the day” will be a Pack t-shirt (“Class B”) or other Scouting appropriate t-shirts.

Weather: Be prepared! The weather at Lawhorn Scouting Base has been known to change several times in one day, let alone a weekend, so be prepared. Check the weather forecast. Bring appropriate gear. Bring rain gear. Bring insect repellent. Hats are strongly encouraged as is sunscreen. Ensure your Scouts have enough gear to handle any situation. Stay dry. Change clothes each night before bed for warmth.

Tentative Schedule

MONDAY	Cohort 01	Cohort 02	Cohort 03	Cohort 04	Cohort 05	Cohort 06	Cohort 07	Cohort 08	Cohort 09	Cohort 10
9:00 -10:00										
10:00 - 11:00	BB Guns 1	BB Guns 2	Archery 1	Archery 2	Field Games 1	Field Games 2	Canoeing 1	Canoeing 2	Hay Ride 1	Hay Ride 2
11:15 - 12:15	Archery 1	Archery 2	Field Games 1	Field Games 2	Canoeing 1	Canoeing 2	Hay Ride 1	Hay Ride 2	BB Guns 1	BB Guns 2
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch/Pumpkins	Lunch/Pumpkins	Lunch/Pumpkins	Lunch/Pumpkins	Lunch/Pumpkins	Lunch/Pumpkins	Lunch/Pumpkins	Lunch/Pumpkins	Lunch/Pumpkins	Lunch/Pumpkins
14:15 - 15:15	Field Games 1	Field Games 2	Canoeing 1	Canoeing 2	Hay Ride 1	Hay Ride 2	BB Guns 1	BB Guns 2	Archery 1	Archery 2
15:30 - 16:30	Canoeing 1	Canoeing 2	Hay Ride 1	Hay Ride 2	BB Guns 1	BB Guns 2	Archery 1	Archery 2	Field Games 1	Field Games 2
16:45 - 17:45	Hay Ride 1	Hay Ride 2	BB Guns 1	BB Guns 2	Archery 1	Archery 2	Field Games 1	Field Games 2	Canoeing 1	Canoeing 2

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9:00 -10:00										
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11:15 - 12:15	Cohort 9	Cohort 10	Cohort 1	Cohort 2	Cohort 3	Cohort 4	Cohort 5	Cohort 6	Cohort 7	Cohort 8
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch/Pumpkins	Lunch/Pumpkins	Lunch/Pumpkins	Lunch/Pumpkins	Lunch/Pumpkins	Lunch/Pumpkins	Lunch/Pumpkins	Lunch/Pumpkins	Lunch/Pumpkins	Lunch/Pumpkins
14:15 - 15:15	Cohort 7	Cohort 8	Cohort 9	Cohort 10	Cohort 1	Cohort 2	Cohort 3	Cohort 4	Cohort 5	Cohort 6
15:30 - 16:30	Cohort 5	Cohort 6	Cohort 7	Cohort 8	Cohort 9	Cohort 10	Cohort 1	Cohort 2	Cohort 3	Cohort 4
16:45 - 17:45	Cohort 3	Cohort 4	Cohort 5	Cohort 6	Cohort 7	Cohort 8	Cohort 9	Cohort 10	Cohort 1	Cohort 2

2015 Spookoree Flint River Adventure Area



Sample



Activity Locations

- Movie - SP
- BB #1 & #2 - 5
- Archery #1 - 1
- Archery #2 - 2
- Campfire - SP
- Interfaith Svc. - SP
- Wrist Rockets—3
- Spooky Trail - 4
- Reptile Show—SP

Don't forget to visit the Trading Post across from Scout-Parents Park for snacks, drinks, t-shirts and more!

Remember:
No open flames, lanterns, heaters, etc. in tents for any reason.

Have a question?
T [redacted] 299
for an answer!
7:30 a.m. —
9:30 p.m.