



Hornaday Conservation Weekend Guidebook

Nov. 8-10, 2019



Dear Scouter:

Welcome to the William T. Hornaday Conservation Weekend!

The Hornaday Conservation Weekend staff looks forward to seeing you at this exciting event.

In this guidebook, you will find some important information regarding schedule, map, what to pack and merit badges, etc. Also, make sure to check out our website (atlantabsa.org) for any updates. If you still have any questions or concerns, please call Mary Chesser at 770-401-1395 or send an email to hornaday@atbsa.org.

Every member of the Hornaday Conservation Weekend Staff joins me in welcoming you to this great event.

Yours in Scouting,

The Hornaday Conservation Weekend Registration Team



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What is the Hornaday Conservation Weekend?

The Hornaday Conservation Weekend is an overnight camping event for Scouts BSA Troops or Venturing Crews. Classes will be offered in Outdoor Ethics, Conservation Project Planning & multiple conservation-themed merit badges.

We will offer 18 of the Hornaday Award Merit badges (including all six of the required merit badges) and Scouts will have the opportunity to enroll in up to three merit badges presented by our dynamic instructors.

We will have midway where Scouts can meet with conservation organizations and talk about project opportunities. This is a great opportunity to find the right organization that has project opportunities in the area you want.

The event will include a Hornaday Seminar explaining the award and how to earn it for Troops, Crews, and individual Scouts. And most importantly, information on how to create, execute, and document a Hornaday Award Conservation Project.

Educational Sessions

Attendees will have an opportunity to register for multiple merit badge clinics throughout Saturday and Sunday. In addition, educational sessions on Outdoor Ethics, Conservation Project Planning, and the William T. Hornaday Awards will also be offered.

- **Merit Badge Classes (*Choose up to 3*)**
Energy -- Environmental Science -- Fish and Wildlife Management -- Forestry -- Public Health -- Soil and Water Conservation -- Nuclear Science -- Bird Study -- Fishing -- Geology -- Fly Fishing -- Pulp and Paper -- Insect Study -- Landscape Architecture -- Nature -- Oceanography -- Reptile and Amphibian Study -- Weather
- **Other Classes**
Leave No Trace Trainer



Registration:

The Hornaday Conservation Weekend is open to all registered youth in Scouts BSA Troops or Venturing Crews. Scouts must be 12yrs old by Nov. 8, 2019 and Youth Leave No Trace participants must be 14yrs old by Nov. 8, 2019.

All registration will be done on line at <https://www.campwoodruff.org/hornaday>.

Cost:

- Early Bird Registration - \$75 thru May 31st
(Note – Must be 12yrs old by Nov 8th)
- Regular Registration - \$90 June 1st – October 25th
(Note – Must be 12yrs old by Nov 8th)
- Leave No Trace Trainer - \$55 - Max 24 participants
 - Early Bird Registration - \$55 thru May 31st
 - Regular Registration - \$75 June 1st – October 25th
 - (Note – Must be 14yrs old by Nov 8th)
- Adult Attendee - \$55

All registered participants will receive a Hornaday patch and a long-sleeve tee-shirt to be worn throughout the weekend including during meal time.

Volunteers/Staff

We are looking for volunteers in the following positions:

1. Merit Badge Counselor
2. Logistics Staff
3. Administration Staff
4. Operations Staff
5. Commissioner
6. Food Service
7. General Staff

Registration is \$40 for the weekend. Each adult volunteer will be provided a Hornaday patch and a Hornaday tee shirt and meals. If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions, register at <https://www.campwoodruff.org/hornaday>.



Location:

The course will be held at Woodruff Scout Camp, 31 Woodruff Drive, Blairsville, GA 30512, <https://www.campwoodruff.org/files/19436/Directions-to-Woodruff> . All attendees will Check-in and Check-out at the Main Pavilion as your pass through the gate. Attendees will get their campsite assignments, t-shirts, submit any missing paperwork and receive any further instructions. Additional parking instructions will be provided at this time.

Schedule:

Hornaday Conservation Weekend will be from November 8-10, 2019. Final schedule to be issued at the end of October 2019.

Check in & Check Out

Check-in will be at the Main Pavilion at 5:30PM – 8:00PM Friday night. Friday late check- ins should check in at the Dining Hall until 10PM. There will be a map of assigned tent locations and latecomers can register the next day at the Dining Hall.

Saturday check-ins will be from 7-8 AM at the Dining Hall.

Sunday checkout will start at 12:00 PM at the Main Pavilion and scouts will be picked up from same location.

General Sessions		
Friday Night		
Check In	5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Main Pavilion
Note: LNT attendees must be checked in by 6:30 to start class by 7PM.		
Gathering	7:00 PM- 10:00 PM	TBD
Instructor - Prerequisite check-off	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	TBD
Cracker Barrel	9:00 PM- 10:00 PM	Dining Hall
Quiet Time	11:00 PM	All Campsites
Saturday		
Flag Ceremony	7:00 AM	Activity Field
Check In	7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Dining Hall
Breakfast	7:15 AM – 7:50 AM	Dining Hall
Session 1	8:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Program Areas
Conservation Mid-ways	11:00 AM – 1:30 PM	In Front of Dining Hall
Lunch	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Dining Hall



Session 2	1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Program Areas
Flag Lowering	5:30PM	Activity Field
Dinner	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Dining Hall
Hornaday Workshop	7:30 PM -9:00 PM	Dining Hall
Cracker Barrel	9:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Dining Hall
Quiet Time	11:00 PM	All Campsites
Sunday		
Flag Raising	7:00 PM	Activity Field
Interfaith Service	7:15 AM – 7:30 AM	Chapel
Breakfast	7:30 AM - 8:15 AM	Dining Hall
Session 3	8:15 AM – Noon	Program Areas
Dismissal	Noon	

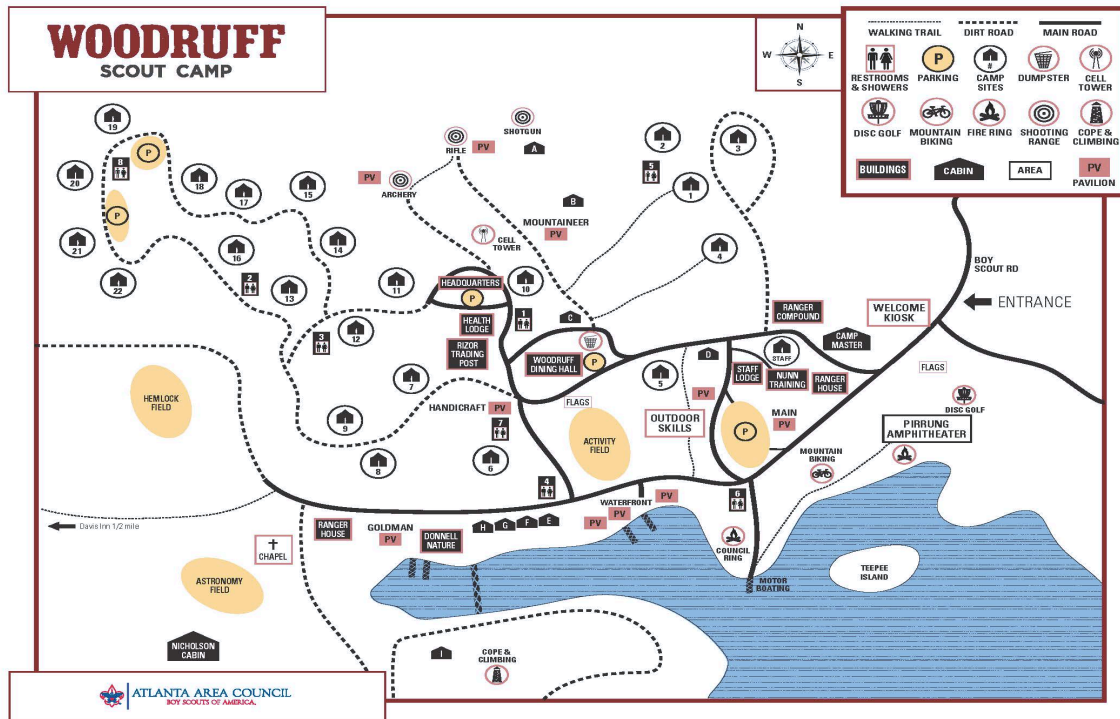
Leave No Trace Schedule will be sent by the LNT course directors under separate correspondence.

Parking:

Parking is limited to designated areas at Woodruff. Please be courteous of pedestrian traffic during the weekend. There will be staff to direct adult drivers to long-term parking over the weekend. Only authorized vehicles with a pass on the windshield will be allowed to drive around during the weekend.



Map:



Dietary or Physical Limitations:

If you have a dietary or physical limitation, we ask that you please bring that to our attention now. Please contact us at hornaday@atbsa.org.

Housing/Tent area:

We will be camping in assigned camp areas at Woodruff. We recommend that scouts bring the appropriate camping gear (small tents to accommodate 1-3 scouts). We will attempt our very best to accommodate troops to pitch their tents together. We are asking scouts to consider sharing tents where possible. Leave No Trace participants will be camping in a separate area.

Meals:

All meals will be provided. Please bring a re-useable water bottle. If you have any dietary restrictions, please contact us at hornaday@atbsa.org. We will make every effort to accommodate your dietary restriction.

Merit Badges



For each merit badge selected, a blue card needs to be signed by unit leader and has the scout's information prior to course.

Some merit badges will have a prerequisite activity that must be completed prior to earning the merit badge. Listed below is a list of merit badges with prerequisites that may be worked on before the weekend. Merit badge counselors will contact attendees with updated prerequisites before event.

Hornaday Conservation Weekend Merit Badge Prerequisites

The following requirements must be complete prior to the Hornaday Conservation Weekend to earn the merit badge.

Merit Badge	Prerequisite Requirements
Energy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Find an article on the use or conservation of energy. Discuss with your counselor what in the article was interesting to you, the questions it raises, and what ideas it addresses that you do not understand. <p>http://online.fliphtml5.com/fedq/pzuz/#p=59 Taking Advantage of Nature, by Clifford Daniel, PE, CEM Prerequisite</p> 2. Conduct an energy audit of your home. Keep a 14-day log that records what you and your family did to reduce energy use. Include the following in your report and, after the 14-day period, discuss what you have learned with your counselor. Prerequisite - See attached PDF. 8. Find out what opportunities are available for a career in energy. Choose one position that interests you and describe the education and training required. Prerequisite
Environmental Science	1,2, the Scout's will need to complete (and heavily document) requirement #3 categories a-g prior to the weekend. It is best documented on the free MB Worksheet that can be downloaded at http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Environmental_Science and 6
Fish and Wildlife Management	5
Forestry	1 and 8
Public Health	1; 2 a,b,c; 3; 4; 6 a,b; and 8 Please print and bring with your workbook pages



Soil and Water Conservation	7e
Fishing and Fly-Fishing	Please familiarize yourself with the required knots you get to tie in fishing as we will not have time to learn from scratch. Then you will be knot able. Fishing requirement 4. Fly fishing requirement 3.
Geology	5
Landscape Architecture	5
Nature	4a and 4b1
Nuclear Science	4a,4b,4c,or 4d
Oceanography	8
Pulp and Paper	7e
Reptile and Amphibian Study	8a or 8b
Weather	9a or 9b

Follow this link to the most current version of merit badge requirements. Link will be updated by Sept. 1, 2019.

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>

Merit badge class acknowledgements will be on sheets that each counselor submits for scouts. They are collected after the end of the Saturday classes and will be returned to the scout during check out. Sunday merit badge session acknowledgements will be distributed by the merit badge counselor to the scout at the end of class.



What to Bring

REFERENCE: *Boy Scout Handbook, chapter 9, Camping*

Overnight gear, outdoor essentials, and appropriate clothing are the heart of camping equipment. Carry a light load of only what you need to keep yourself safe and make a good camp; leave all unnecessary items at home.

Use lightweight backpacking tents for two only - no wall or large recreation types.

Uniforming:

The official BSA uniform will be worn during portions of the weekend. An “activity uniform” consisting of your uniform pants, socks, belts and an activity shirt will be worn at other times. Comfortable “camp clothes” may be worn in camp sites during off hours. We will be providing a long sleeve activity shirt (Class B) as part of the registration. We encourage all out participants to wear their Hornaday activity shirt during the weekend

All of your equipment should be able to fit into one backpack or duffle bag. We will live in a camp setting while on course. Camp latrines and water are close by.

PERSONAL OVERNIGHT CAMPING GEAR -

- Boy Scout Handbook*

OUTDOOR ESSENTIALS

- Pocketknife
- First-aid kit
- Extra clothing
- Rain gear
- Water bottle filled with potable water
- Flashlight
- Matches and fire starters
- Sun protection
- Map and compass
- Clothing for the season (warm-weather or cold-weather)
- Backpack
- Rain cover for backpack Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Ground cloth
- Tent

Eating Kit

Drinking Cup for hot drinks

Additional Items:

Personal Hygiene & Toilet articles
Towels, washcloths
Bath soap, shampoo
Toothbrush & Toothpaste
Medications
Camp stool/chair
Pen/pencil & pad (for notes)

Optional Items:

Alarm clock
Moccasins or slippers to wear at your campsite
Camera/film
Religious book
Sunglasses
Personal size blanket/afghan
Money for trading post



BSA Annual Health & Medical Record

A current part A and B of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record will be required at check-in and returned at check-out.

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

Due to HIPAA guidelines, medical records cannot be emailed or faxed.

All medical forms will be returned to the participants upon completion of the weekend. Those not retrieved will be shredded on Sunday.

Youth Protection Certificate

All adults attending the Hornaday Conservation Weekend must have a current Youth Protection Training. If your YPT training date was not added at registration, a copy of the certificate will be needed at check-in.

As we all know, Youth Protection is part of the adult registration process. If you do not have a current (un-expired YPT certificate), please log into my.scouting.org and take the online course. It takes about 65 minutes to complete.

Trading Post

We will have a trading post that will include snacks, tee-shirts, patches, etc. We will take cash, checks and credit cards (minimum purchase \$10.00 for credit cards)

Increment Weather

In the case of increment weather, the following shelters will be available: Dining Hall, Bathhouse or any permanent building near your current location.

Electronic Devices

We ask that participants limit their use of electronic devices when not attending a course, and usage only between dinner and lights out. There are limited locations to recharge devices, and scouts are advised to bring their own portable chargers.



Cancellation & Refund Policy

Cancellations must be in writing. Cancellation requested before September 31, 2019 will receive a 100% refund of the registration fee. No refunds are given if a cancellation is requested after September 31.

Substitutions are not allowed. If you wish to switch a participant, please cancel the attendee and submit a registration for the new participant. Fees applied will be based on the registration date.

No-shows, or registrants who do not submit a written explanation for cancellations, will not be eligible for a refund. Refunds cannot be deferred or transferred to other programs.

Leave No Trace Course

Participants enrolled in the Leave No Trace Course will received specific course instructions from the Leave No Trace Course directors.

To be credited with the LNT course, it is mandatory that participants start their class on Friday night. This is a minimum 16-hour course and to end on time, the instructors will need all attendees to be mindful of the limited time this weekend offers for activities outside of the LNT course.



Q&A

1. I can't get there on Friday, can I still arrive Saturday? We ask that all MB attendees arrive Friday in order to meet with their MB counselors to check with pre-requisites and other course requirements. If you cannot make the Friday check in, there is limited time on Saturday morning before MB clinics begin.
LNT attendees must arrive on Friday as their course begins at 7:00 until 10:00 PM that evening.
2. **I have a CPAP, can I get electricity to my tent?** There are limited areas with electrical outlets. You must provide your own extension cord and we will do our best to accommodate you to the closest outlet available.
3. **Can I bring a hammock instead of a tent?** Due to the unpredictability of the weather in November, we recommend tent camping.
4. **Will I be able to get with my MB counselor after the weekend to complete my MB?** Yes, you will need to arrange this with the merit badge counselor.
5. **Can I bring my own food?** No, unless you have special dietary requirements.
6. **How much money should I have?** There is a trading post with drinks, snacks and souvenirs so plan accordingly. Credit card purchases will require a \$10 minimum purchase.
7. **What's a mid-way?** Special groups will be exhibiting information for Hornaday conservation projects.
8. **Is there going to be another one of this type of event again?** Yes. We hope to make this an annual council event.
9. **Are siblings allowed?** Non-scouting siblings are not allowed. Only registered participants (scouts who are 12 years as of Nov. 8, 2019 and scouters)
10. **Are pets allowed?** No, pets are not allowed at Woodruff except for service animals.
11. **Are the MB locations far apart?** There will be designated merit badge locations through out Woodruff. Ample time will be provided to travel to each location.
12. **What are our break times?** Please refer to the weekend schedule. Each morning will begin with a Flag ceremony and lights out by 11PM each night.
13. **What are the bathroom facilities arrangements?** Bathroom accommodations will be provided for individual use.
14. **Where is the medical office located?** The medical building is located up the hill from the dining hall.
15. **Can I go fishing if I don't participate in the fishing or fly-fishing MB?** Due to the program schedule, extra activities may not be possible.
16. **Do I need to really need to bring a chair?** Yes, pack a lightweight portable chair for use at the merit badge clinics, campsite, etc.
17. **What are the leadership requirements for troop attendance at this event?** The Hornaday Conservation Weekend is an individual registration event. We have adults staffing the event along with Scouters attending with their Scouts. There is no requirement for leaders from your unit to attend, however any Scouters wanting to attend are welcome and encouraged to attend.
18. **Will I be able to complete the merit badge during the weekend?** If prerequisites are completed prior to course, the merit badge should be able to be completed.