

# Leader's Guide



**What:** Venturing Training Weekend

**When:** Arrival: November 16, 5 PM  
Departure: November 18, 10 AM

**Where:** St Johns River Base,  
2513 Doctor's Lake Dr.  
Orange Park, FL 32073, US

**How Much:** \$20\*

**Why:** This price includes food, insurance, materials.

**\*First Aid and CPR cost \$20 each or take both for \$30 in addition to the \$20 registration. Registration will go up \$10 on 11/4.**



# Mission and Purpose

## **Mission:**

The Mission statement of the VOA is to promote the development of leadership skills, provide service, and participate in high adventure programs.

## **Purpose:**

The Council VOA shall organize the planning and implementation of the Venturing Program events and training at the Council level. The VOA shall also offer support for the planning and implementation of Venturing program events and training at the District and Unit levels.

The VOA is intended to help develop Venturing in the Council and help strengthen its Crews by:

- Promote and provide Venturing activities and advancement
- Support the overall North Florida program and training efforts
- Provide a communication forum in the Council
- Assisting and supporting Venturing training events
- Provide Venturing event opportunities
- Promote and participate in High Adventure Programs
- Support the units of North Florida Council in their recruitment efforts
- Modeling effective Crew operations
- Providing a learning resource for Venturing

For more information, contact the us at [nfcvoa.org](http://nfcvoa.org) or [nfcscouting.org](http://nfcscouting.org).

# Registration

Register online at [nfcscouting.org](http://nfcscouting.org). Registration closes on Sunday, November 11. A late fee will apply after November 4.

## Check In

Crews must check-in at the Ashley Lodge. Vehicles may be parked by the spaces near the basketball court for the weekend or taken to designated lots that will be discussed once you arrive to camp. Campsites will be pre-assigned. Check-in will begin at 5:00pm and events will start at 6:00pm. No early check-ins allowed.

## Medical and Safety

A BSA Medical form (parts A&B) must be filled out and turned in by each person when they check in, whether they are camping or not. Units should also look to the Guide to Safe Scouting for rules regarding adult supervision required. Training Weekend provides a Medical person on staff that is trained in First Aid. In addition, majority of our Staff are CPR trained and have had significant first aid training. Unit Leaders will make non-emergency transportation to the hospital.

Here are a few important considerations in maintaining a healthy and safe camp:

- Report all accidents and illnesses in the camp to the Medical Officer.
- DRINK LOTS OF WATER!!
- Watch for signs of heat exhaustion.
- Ensure that Scouts wear proper footwear at ALL times to prevent foot injuries. NO OPEN TOED SHOES are allowed at camp except at proper shower facilities.
- No running on camp trails or roads as it causes too many injuries.
- Make sure your Scouts carry plenty of water and drink plenty of water frequently to avoid dehydration.
- All campers (Youth and Adults) are required to bring a current Medical Health form to camp.
- Remind Scouts to wear sunscreen, especially at aquatics areas.
- Use spray pump insect repellent.

# Camp Policies and Procedures

Your cooperation with the policies and procedures described below is essential and greatly appreciated.

- **Adults** – Each Crew must have 2 adult leaders at all times. One female adult must be one of the 2 adult leaders if you are bringing a co-ed unit. Units who cannot meet minimum requirements can be placed in a campsite with other Crews to share leadership.
- **No open toe or open back shoes should be worn while on camp property** (Except when using proper shower facilities). This includes all Venturers, guests, and adults. Shoes **MUST** be worn at all times. Anybody seen wearing improper shoes will be asked to return to their campsite to put on appropriate shoes.
- **Remember this is a co-ed event.** Please wear attire that is appropriate for a scouting Event. No revealing shorts, shirts, or pants. No tank tops. Only one-piece swim suits or tankinis for females, and boxer style swim suits for males.
- **EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION.** Please make sure that the bell is NOT played with at any time during camp. If you should hear the bell ringing please report to the Ashley immediately for further instructions.
- **Automobiles** - No vehicles will be permitted in the Campsites except for loading and unloading of camp equipment during check-in and check-out. Special permission passes will be given out on a case-by-case basis at the check-in table if needed. Traffic on camp roads is for service vehicles and designated emergency vehicles **ONLY**. Golf cart use is prohibited unless there is a medical reason.
- **Parking** – All vehicles will be kept in the assigned parking lot. For safety's sake, no cars may be kept in the campsites unless special permission has been granted by Camp Staff.
- **Liquid Fuels** – Lanterns that burn liquid fuel may be used in camp; battery or propane powered stoves and lanterns are preferred. Liquid fuel must be stored safely. Only battery-operated lights are to be used in tents.
- **Electricity** – Campsite electricity should be used only for camp issues. No electricity should be used for laptops, phones, or other recreational items.
- **Knives** – Sheath Knives are never needed at camp and must be left at home. A pocketknife is permitted, but you may be participating in sports and other activities and it would not be advisable to carry one around all day.
- **Campfires/Charcoal Fires** – open fires may be banned if the camp is declared to be in a fire restricted area. Fires should only be built in the designated fire rings in each camp site. Any fire must be attended by at least one person at all times. Fires should be completely put out before retiring to bed. Shovels and water buckets must also be accessible to the fire ring at all times. Use only appropriate firewood. Do not cut or chop any standing trees.
- **Natural Environment** – Pinecones, timber, and natural debris are to be left on the trees and ground. Pinecone wars, swordfights with sticks and other similar forms of entertainment are not allowed. Fires sticks are not allowed in campfires. What goes in the fire stays in the fire.

- **Fireworks, Firearms, Firewater** – No fireworks, firearms, or alcoholic beverages are permitted on Council property. Anyone found with these items in his or her possession or presence will be dismissed from camp immediately.
  - **Tobacco Use** – Smoking and other tobacco usage is not permitted for those less than 21 years of age on camp. Although adults over 21 may use tobacco, it is expected that they will refrain from tobacco use in front of Scouts or in any buildings. Tobacco products are to be put out completely and disposed of properly.
- Drugs** – Anyone found in the possession or presence of any illegal, illicit, or controlled substances will be dismissed from camp immediately and be turned over to the Sheriff Office. Only drugs prescribed by a physician and on record with the Medical Officer will be allowed.
- **HAZING AND INITIATIONS ARE NOT TOLERATED AT CAMP ECHOCKOTEE!**
  - **Leaving Camp** – NO SCOUTS will be permitted to leave camp without the permission of their Crew Advisor. Any Scout leaving camp at any time for any reason must have an adult who is checking them out and must sign out at the Ashley Lodge with an Adult Leader.
  - **Lost and Found** – If you find a “lost” item, bring it to the Ashley Lodge.
  - **Valuables** – Camp Echokotee or its Staff will not be held liable for damaged, lost, or stolen items.
  - Boy Scouts of America does not allow contact sports such as football.
  - No unauthorized use of the wooden platforms is allowed due to safety concerns.
  - **EVERYONE NEEDS TO DRINK LOTS OF WATER.**
  - **A Scout is Clean.** We need to keep camp (including the latrines) clean.
  - **Official Field Uniform** must be worn properly at designated times! Shirt **MUST** be tucked in.

## Packing List

### Required:

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| ● Water bottle    | ● Towel             |
| ● Sleeping gear   | ● Bug spray         |
| ● Tent            | ● Closed toed shoes |
| ● Field Uniform   | ● Bathing Suit      |
| ● Activity shirts |                     |
| ● Shorts          |                     |
| ● Socks           |                     |
| ● Undergarments   |                     |
| ● Toiletries      |                     |

### Suggested:

- Venturing Handbook
- Pen and paper

# Fall Training Event 2018 Schedule

## Friday

Time	Event	Location
5:00-6:00 PM	Check-in	Ashley Lodge
6:15-7:00 PM	Introduction and Ice Breakers	
7:15-8:00 PM	PSA Training Crew Officer Orientation	
8:05-8:30 PM	Cracker Barrell	
8:35-9:00 PM	Leader's Meeting/Games	
9:05-10:30 PM	Campfire	Campsite
11:00 PM	<b>LIGHTS OUT</b>	

## Saturday

Time	Event	Location
8:00-8:15 AM	Flag	Flag Pole
8:20-9:00 AM	Breakfast	Ashley Lodge
9:05AM-12:00 PM	(Discovery)-ILSC (Discovery)-CPR (Discovery)-Goal Setting & Time Management (Pathfinder)-Project Management (Ranger)-Cave Exploration	Ashley Lodge
12:05-12:30 PM	Games/ Free Time	Activity Field
12:35-1:25 PM	Lunch	Ashley Lodge
1:30-1:55 PM	Games/ Free Time	Activity Field
2:00-4:00 PM	(Discovery)-First Aid (Pathfinder)-Ethical Controversy (Summit)-Mentoring (Ranger)-Backpacking elective	Ashley Lodge
4:00 -5:30 PM	Service Project	Flag Pole
6:00-6:55 PM	Dinner	Ashley Lodge
7:00- 7:45	Personal Reflections	Ashley Lodge

8:00-9:00 PM	Personal Time	Campsite
9:00-10:30 PM	Campfire	Campsite
11:00 PM	<b>LIGHTS OUT</b>	Campsite

### Sunday

Time	Event	Location
8:00-8:15 AM	Flag	Flag Pole
8:20-9:00 AM	Breakfast	Ashley Lodge
9:20-9:45 AM	Ceremony	Chapel
10:00 AM	Clean-Up	Ashley/ Latrines/ Campsite
12:00 PM	Check-Out	Ashley

## Camp Map

