

*I thought I would answer a few questions, just to clear up any confusion.*



## **SAW 2021: Information, FAQ's and more...**

- **Is SAW a family event?** No, it is not. This event is for Scouts and adults: Scouts BSA, Venturers, Webelos and their leaders or parent. We have nothing planned and no room for anyone but the scouts. Please no siblings.
- **What if they come along and stay at our campsite and bring their own food?** The only people in your campsites should be scouts and leaders or a parent who has registered for the event and paid.
- **Can parents come up on Saturday and just walk around with their Scout?** If they insist, but they must register for the event. That means they have to pay.
- **If we have our two deep leadership, do the rest of the adults have to pay?** Yes, everyone on site needs to be registered and paid. (Think of it like the fair, even if you only wander the midway, you have to pay to get into the event.)

**No one in your Troop, Pack or Crew will be allowed to stay if they have not registered and paid for this event. Everyone must wear a wristband for the whole event. Anyone without a wristband will be asked to leave.**

SAW pays a fee for everyone that attends the event--whether they stay the weekend or just come for Saturday. This helps keep our camp running. If you have any problems with these issues, please see Joanne Moniger or the campmasters on duty.

- **Can you tell me what campsite we're staying in?** No, due to the high attendance we don't give out the campsites before the event. Your campsite will be listed on your check-in packet.
- **What if we don't like the site, can we move?** No, the sites are assigned based on the number of people in each pack or troop. If you move, you will crowd the other sites.
- **Please be considerate. Space is at a premium.** Bring the smallest tents possible for your group. No Taj Mahal tents (ones that sleep 10 people) unless 10 Scouts are staying in it!
- **Can my scout change his classes at the event?** Classes may be changed on Friday night or Saturday morning of the event in the SAW office. Please don't go to any class without checking the availability. Each class is limited by a roster to provide the program supplies for a certain number of youth. We strive to solve your class problems, but class changes are subject to availability.
- **I would like to take some of the adult training classes offered at SAW, where do I sign up?** A list of training opportunities and their locations & times will also be in the check-in packets. Walk-ups are welcome at those supplemental opportunities. **Make sure you have your BSA ID# (located on your BSA membership card), so you will get credit for the class you completed.**
- **How can I go to the adult classes if I have to stay with my Webelos?** Planning is the secret. Review the adult class schedule offered at check-in. Take turns with your other parents to attend classes. Half attend the morning classes; the other half attend the afternoon ones.

**All classes are from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., then from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.,  
This includes Adult Training.**

- **What time is check-in?** Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. or 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please assign Leader to pick up the check-in packets. If you have scouts camping and scouts just coming for the day on Saturday, please pick up both packets at the same time. That helps keep the lines shorter on Saturday morning. **Make arrangements to meet your Saturday only scouts in a designated area and let them know. Please don't come early and ask for your campsite. The packets will be handed out starting at 5 p.m.**

**No trailers or vehicles are allowed in the campsites. NO EXCEPTIONS. Trailers will be directed to the main parking lot to a designated area, you may unload into a vehicle (truck) for transport to your site or pack it in by foot. NO TRAILERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE TO CAMPSITES. Unload on the road closest to your campsite no driving into the campsites. Please follow the directions of the Parking Lot Crew and park where directed.**

- **Campfires?** Yes, campsite fires are allowed in fire rings. Fires are to be supervised and should be cold to touch when retiring. Some wood is scattered throughout camp, or you may bring what you need. Fires should not be over knee high. This means no bonfires per the Camp Rangers.
- **Last year I didn't get the right t-shirts sizes?** All shirts are in adult sizes and are ordered six weeks prior to the event. To better ensure that everyone gets a shirt, last year's attendance helps provide extra shirts. Orders are filled based on registration dates. The earlier you pay, the better chance for the correct sizes. After November 3<sup>rd</sup>, shirts are not guaranteed.
- **Are the Scouts BSA using Blue Cards?** No, the Advancement Chair for your Unit will go back into Tentaroo after SAW to check the completion of the Scout's MBs, Blue cards can be printed from this task.
- **How do I know if a Merit Badge has pre-requisites?**  
Check the **2021 Merit Badge Pre-reqs & Preparation sheet**, available on the SAW website page.
- **Complete or Partial Merit Badges at SAW: Not all Merit Badges will be completed at SAW**, some require month long commitments, preparation before class, bring items with you, etc... MBC's will make arrangement for sign off on completion. Again, read the pre-req & preparation form.
- **Can I sign my Scout up by himself or do I have to sign up with the troop?** SAW is Unit Registration only. Please sign up with your troop. This allows the troop to keep records for advancement as well as verify who is attending.
- **No provisional campers. No dropping scouts off for the day, scouts must be accompanied by their Leaders and/ or parents the entire event. Use the correct scout to Leader ratios listed in the Guide to Safe Scouting.**
- **My Unit can't figure out how to use the online registration?** Check out the Tentaroo instructions on the SAW page, <https://www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/SAW>
- **We registered my Unit early and picked all the classes, now when I come back to pay, all the classes say FULL.**

You must pay in full when you register, the classes are in queue until payment, meaning if the classes start to fill and you're not paid, they will go to the Unit with a paid registration...so pay when you register to avoid having to reselect classes.

- **What precautions are you taking due to Covid -19?** – In accordance with the CDC, the National BSA and the GSC – check out the GSC Covid-19 Operational Procedures - <https://www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/SAW>. These guidelines will be updated as needed.

**Just a reminder...No Alcohol, Tobacco, firearms, or illegal substances are allowed at any Boy Scout event. If at any time you find someone in your campsite not following these guidelines, please report it to the SAW directors or one of the campmasters.**

**Thanks, as always.... See you on November 19<sup>th</sup>!**

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