

DAVID COMSTOCK MEMORIAL

Weekend on Ropes

October 11-13, 2019



LEADER GUIDE

WHERE: Camp Orr
WHEN: OCTOBER 11-13, 2018
WHO: TROOPS AND CREWS
CHECK IN: Friday from 6:00-10:00PM
CHECK OUT: Sunday at 12:00PM

FEES*: \$30 per participant by Sep 24 (\$40 Late)
**includes facility use, shirts, patches and program features*
\$10 ADDITIONAL FOR HORSESHOE CANYON TREK

Registration: ONLINE @ www.westarkbsa.org

The *David Comstock Memorial Weekend On Ropes (WOR)* is an excellent opportunity to expose your scouts to the fun and adventure of climbing activities in the Westark Area Council. Over 20 years ago, this event was started by David Comstock who worked to provide superior climbing opportunities in our council. This event is located at Camp Orr where there are numerous climbing and rappelling sites available.

All participants who sign up on time get a t-shirt and patch. We will continue the Horseshoe Canyon Trek this year as well. This trek is for seasoned scouts 14 years or older that would like to spend all day Saturday climbing at Horseshoe Canyone Ranch; a nationally recognized climbing venue just down the street from Camp Orr. The Horseshoe Canyon Trek will be offered to only 30 participants, so please sign up quickly.

Is your troop new to climbing or rappelling? No worries. **Westark Area Council will be providing all the necessary gear for this weekend.** If you or your unit has personal harnesses, helmets, belay devices, and gloves please bring them to registration Friday night for inspection.

Outdoor activities will include multiple climbing and rappelling sites, tower program, and indoor activities such as the indoor tread wall. Adults and older youth can participate in *Climb-On-Safely* training as well. This training is for unit leaders planning to take their units climbing or rappelling. Are you a trained Level 1 or Level 2 instructor? If so, volunteering to staff one of our program sites will give you continuing education towards your recertification requirements.

REGISTRATION

We would prefer that all units sign up via the website www.Westarkbsa.org. Early registration fee is only \$30 per participant. Afterwards the fee will increase to \$40 per participant. There is an additional daily use fee of \$10 for the Horseshoe Canyon Trek. Fees go towards the use of our facilities at Camp Orr, patches, T-shirts, and most importantly to help maintain your council climbing equipment.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Weekend on Ropes is an excellent opportunity to expose your scouts to the fun and adventure of climbing and rappelling activities in the Westark Area Council during the cool fall months in the Ozarks. This event provides youth the opportunity to participate in program outside of the normal summer camp program times. The guidance and supervision of trained council climbing instructors will ensure your youth have a safe and exciting time.

While sites change year to year as we look to add variety to the program, some of the sites that may be open include 40' Ranger's Bluffs, 65' Pancake Rappel, and a 35' crack climb. Experienced participants have access to rappel our 235' Gar Hole Bluff. The climbing tower will be open as well providing a learning environment for first time rappellers and climbers. Scouts participate in the program as a unit and decide which sites they would like to experience. Some sites are advanced and require that participants have a certain level of rappelling experience to ensure their safety. They will be able to meet these requirements during the weekend.

Westark Area Council provides the helmets, harnesses, ropes, and hardware required for units to participate in all program areas. However, if your unit has personal climbing gear it **MUST** be inspected and approved during check-in procedures on Friday night.

Please be prepared to eat and camp as a unit. No meals will be provided by Camp Orr. Bath house facilities may be available for use depending on temperatures. However, the dining hall will be for program and inclement weather use only.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Check-in will be set up in the dining hall. When checking in, unit leaders must provide a current Annual BSA Medical Record Parts A, B, and C. They also need and the Parental Consent and Hold Harmless Form for all participants.

At check in, unit leaders will receive the unit's campsite location, information regarding site locations, and confirmation of start times or changes to program due to inclement weather.

Please make sure you have at least one leader at the leader meeting **Saturday morning at 7:00AM** to receive important updated information regarding site openings and procedures for the day.

Your unit may bring unit climbing gear (e.g. helmets and harnesses). These must be presented to staff for initial inspection during the check-in procedures.

Please note that WAC climbing instructors have the authority to disqualify any piece of gear for use *at any time* during the event. For example, if a harness was approved at check in, but an instructor running a site the next day feels that there is a problem with the harness, they have the authority to require use of a different harness for that site or the duration of the weekend. Please understand that this is for the safety of participants and climbing instructors providing program.

PARTICIPANT GEAR LIST

Here is a list of personal items that each participant should bring with them to the event:

- ✓ Water bottle filled with water
- ✓ Food or snacks to eat while waiting in line or hiking between sites
- ✓ Rain jacket for inclement weather or fleece
- ✓ **NO baggy clothing.** All clothing must fit properly so it doesn't interfere with climbing gear
- ✓ Small first aid kit for scrapes or blisters on the trail
- ✓ Leather Gloves for rappelling - these **must fit** (NO NYLON GLOVES)
- ✓ Flashlight or head lamp for evening program

PROGRAM AGENDA

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO INSTRUCTOR AVAILABILITY AND INCLEMENT WEATHER)

Friday

6:00 PM Check-in in dining hall and gear inspection begins

Saturday

7:00 AM Leader's meeting at the back of the dining hall on the patio

8:00 Opening flags and announcements in front of dining hall
- Horseshoe Canyon Trek leave for HCR after flags!

8:30 Program areas open – please see attached area map

- A. Dining Hall Activities (Tread Walls, Ascending, Crate Stacking)
- B. Pancake Rappels
- C. Natural Rock Climbing Area
- D. Tower Activities (rappelling and climbing)
- E. Ranger Bluff Area (Rappels, Tyrolean Traverse)
- F. Living History (Rappels, Tyrolean Traverse)
- G. Gar Hole

9:00 Climb-on-Safely Training for adult leaders in the dining hall

12:00 PM Units can eat lunch at camp or at program areas. Instructors will eat lunch at program areas and certain sites may shut down temporarily for a short lunch break.

4:30 Program areas begin to shut down for the evening depending on wait times

5:00 All program areas close for dinner

6:30 Dessert cookoff in dining hall for troops will be judged

7:00 Night rappels and climbing at tower

Sunday

8:00 AM Select program areas will open depending on demand

8:30 Vespers at the Chapel

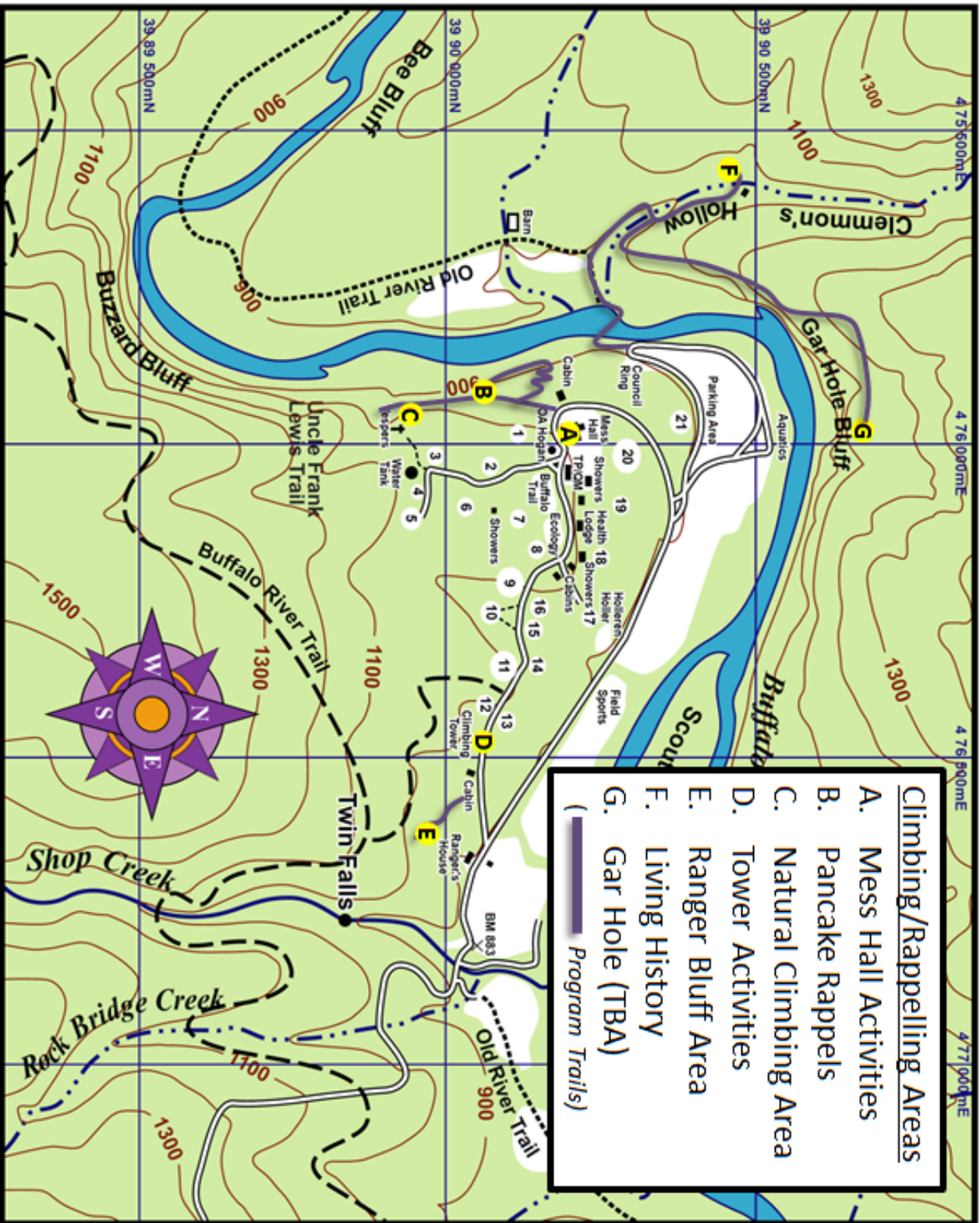
10:30 Program areas begin to shut down

11:00 All program areas close for check-out

12:00 Unit check out

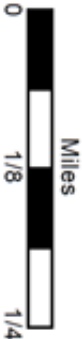
CAMP ORR HIGH ADVENTURE BASE

Westark Area Council, Boy Scouts of America



- Campsite Locator**
1. Dogwood
 2. Cherokee
 3. Trail's Peak
 4. Elk
 5. Greenbriar
 6. Rattlesnake
 7. Hickory Heights
 8. Bobcat
 9. Osage
 10. Sequoyah
 11. Sioux
 12. Shady Valley
 13. Blackfoot
 14. Deer
 15. Fox
 16. Polecat
 17. Limestone
 18. Cedarvale
 19. Sassafras
 20. Staff Area
 21. River Trail

UTM Zone 15S, NAD27.
 2007 magnetic declination is 2.0 degrees East.
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 Camp Orr is located on the Buffalo National River, 8 miles NW of Jasper, Arkansas off Highway 74.
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Unit Type & Number: _____ District & Council: _____

Unit Leader(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Leader Phone #: _____ Leader Cell Phone #: _____

Email: _____

All participants, with no exceptions, must bring with them to check-in a current **BSA Medical Record Parts A, B, and C**, and completed **Westark Hold Harmless Agreement** signed by their parent or guardian if they are a youth.

1. Total # of Unit Participants: _____ X \$30 = \$ _____

2. Total # attending HCR trip: _____ X \$40 = \$ _____
(Addition \$10/day fee for Horseshoe Canyon Ranch, only 30 slots available!)

3. Total # of Unit Instructors: _____ X \$0 = \$ _____
(Registered instructors do not pay a fee if they will be helping staff a site)

Total Participants _____ Total Fees: \$ _____
(Please complete t-shirt order form for all participants)

T-SHIRT ORDER FORM, (Must be received by Sep 24)

PARTICIPANTS NAME (First and Last)	Youth or Adult	SHIRT SIZES (Adult Sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL only)
<i>Johnny Scout</i>	<i>Youth</i>	<i>Medium</i>
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Horseshoe Canyon Trek

Scouts 14 and older



Again, we will be offering the Horseshoe Canyon Trek. This trek will give scouts the opportunity to climb all day Saturday at Horseshoe Canyon Ranch. Scouts must be 14 years old or belong to a venture crew.

Horseshoe Canyon Ranch is a working dude ranch with full amenities. But we will focus solely on their climbing routes. With over 300 climbing routes on site, Horseshoe Canyon Ranch is known across the United States as a premier southern climbing destination. The ranch is located just west of Camp Orr by about 7 miles. Those attending this trek will leave early Saturday morning and return before dinner time Saturday afternoon. The goal is to offer unfettered access to some of the best climbing in the state and around the country.

Westark Area Council climbing instructors will travel with the trek to the ranch. We will also need the help of unit leaders to maintain our youth to adult ratios for safety. All participants in will need to bring with them a few things.

Things to Bring on the HCR Trek:

1. Day pack with personal items including 2 full water bottles, flashlight, and bug spray
2. Appropriate clothing and gear for the weather
3. Personal climbing gear if you have it (Harness, belay device, shoes, & helmet)
4. A sack lunch with abundant snacks during the day
5. Small first aid kit with a few Band-Aids, disinfectant wipes, etc.

Coordination of this trek will be unique. We will need the help of unit leaders to shuttle scouts to the ranch Saturday morning. This means that your youth attending the trek will need to be ready to leave right after flag ceremony Saturday morning at 8AM. Additional details and weather updates will be given at the HCR leaders meeting Saturday morning at 7AM at the Hogan for all units who have youth attending this trek. All participants must have an up to date BSA Medical Record Parts A, B, and C as well as the Westark Hold Harmless Agreement signed by their parent or guardian if they are a youth.

We are limiting this trek to the first 30 participants that sign up. This ensures that we will have enough instructors on site as well as resources available at Camp Orr. If all goes well, we may look at increasing the number of participants at future events. You will register your youth online as attending the Horseshoe Canyon Trek. The cost is \$40 total, which includes a \$10-day pass to the ranch.

Participants can also visit the HCR gift shop to buy a souvenir once the day is done. Visit their website at <https://horseshoecanyonduderranch.com/>.

Parental Consent and Participant Hold Harmless Agreement

For Westark BSA Climbing & Rappelling Activities

I understand that participation in the climbing and rappelling activities offered through the Boy Scouts of America, Westark Council, involves a certain degree of risk that could result in injury or death. In consideration of the benefits to be derived and after carefully considering the risk involved, and in view of the fact that the Boy Scouts of America is a not-for-profit organization in which membership is voluntary and having full confidence that precautions will be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of myself/son/daughter;

I have given (name of self/son/daughter) _____ my consent to participate in the climbing and rappelling activities at "Weekend on Ropes" at Camp Orr and/or Horseshoe Canyon Ranch.

Further I hereby release and hold harmless and waive all claims I may have against the Boy Scouts of America, the Westark Council BSA, activity coordinators, all employees, volunteers, or other organizations associated with "Weekend on Ropes".

I certify that this participant can meet the health and physical fitness requirement of this event. In the event of illness or injury occurring to myself/son/daughter while involved in this event, I consent to x-ray examination, anesthesia, and/or medical or surgical diagnostic procedures or treatment considered necessary in the best judgment of the attending physician and performed by or under the supervision of a member of the medical staff of the hospital furnishing medical services. It is understood that in the event of serious illness or injury reasonable efforts to reach a parent, spouse, or concerned party will be made.

Participant Signature*

Date

**If the participant is under 18 years old, his or her parent/guardian MUST sign below.*

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name

Emergency Contact #

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Emergency Contact Name

Emergency Contact #

A completed copy of this form must be presented at Check-In for each participant along with an up to date BSA Medical Record Parts A, B, and C.