

Mecklenburg Scout Reservation Facilities

The Properties Committee of the Mecklenburg County Council Boy Scouts of America is proud to welcome you to Mecklenburg Scout Reservation. The camp is located on McDowell County and home of Boy Scout summer camp at Camp Grimes. Located on a 85 acre lake in the foothills of South Mountain, summer days are warm and nights are cool. We have consistently strived to provide the best possible facilities and equipment to support the year round camping program. A listing of camp facilities is provided below. Camp Grimes programs and facilities are available to person with special needs and abilities. We make every reasonable effort to meet the needs of all campers. A camp map is available on the Mecklenburg Scout Reservation and the Mycampgrimes.org website. To reserve a facilities, you can logon to the Mecklenburg Scout Reservation website and make your selection form the reservation system.



Archery Range - The Archery Range is located at the back of Camp Grimes next to Lake Calhoun. The range is operated during summer camp by camp staff. The camp provides arrows, bows and targets for year round programming. It can be scheduled by troops during other times of the year. Troops and Crews can schedule the range on the Mecklenburg Scout Reservation system.



Adult Restrooms Shower House - Camp has a heated and A/C adult shower house with male and female restrooms. There are seven separate shower rooms that can be used by men or women. It is located on the road next to the open air shelter. The building is open year around for adult use only.



Activity Field—The Activity Field is located off the main road as you enter Camp Grimes. The field offers space for games. It has soccer goals. There is one outdoor full length basketball court.



Campfire Ring - A new campfire ring that seats 550 plus campers was completed in 2013. It has lights and a sound system. It is used for the Sunday and Friday night camp fires during summer camp and can also be used year round by groups at Mecklenburg Scout Reservation. It has an above ground fire pit as the center point of the ring.



Campsite 1 - Is located just off the main road between the Carter Lodge and the dining hall. It is equipped with a permanent shelter, picnic tables, fire ring, water, flag pole, and tent platforms. The site can camp up to 44 people. Tent platforms remain in the campsite year round, but tents and cots are provided only during summer camp.



Adirondack Outpost -There are three Outpost Adirondacks located on the property. There is one on the front near the main gate, a second one located next to Lake Calhoun and one on the back road exit from camp at the top of the hill. These structures have floors and tin roofs. Each has a fire ring near.



Administration Office - The main office is located just pass the main parking lot. It is on the right side of the building where the health lodge is located. This is where the administration of summer camp is handled. In the off season, you will find the Campmaster located here. There is WIFI at this location year round. There are chairs on the porch for you to enjoy.



ATV Field - The ATV Field is where the ASI Safe Riding Classes are conducted. It is located on the side of the property that touches Highway 226. You enter from the gate on Highway 226. Safe riding training is conducted at summer camp and on weekends year round.

Blacksmith Shop - The Blacksmith shop is located in the Frontier Area. It is an early period structure with dirt floors and a fully function forge. Programs are run during summer camp and on weekends when requested by troops. Troops must schedule the Blacksmith prior to any weekend program.



Cabins Senior - There are 6 senior staff cabins located off the main road across from the main parking. Each cabin has two single beds. These cabins are used by camp staff during summer camp. During the off season, the cabins can be reserved on the Mecklenburg Scout Reservation System. There is cost for the use of these cabins. The cabins have doors, windows, showers, heat, A/C and electric power.



Cabin Staff - There are 12 staff cabins located off the main road across from the Administration Building. Each cabin has bunk beds that sleep four. There are mattress and deck in each unit. These cabins are used by camp staff during summer camp. During the off season, the cabins can be reserved on the Mecklenburg Scout Reservation System. The cabins have doors, windows and electric power.



Carter Training Lodge –The Dick Carter Training Lodge is located in the Staff Cabin area. It has one large training room, and two separate shower and restroom areas. It is used by Camp Grimes staff during summer camp and can be reserved during the off season. There is water, cooking stove, heat and A/C.



Climbing Walls and Rappelling Wall - MSR has an Outside climbing and an inside climbing wall. On one side of the wall is a rappelling wall. Programs are run year round at both the inside and outside walls. The camp zip line starts at the top deck and runs always across the field.. A climbing instructor is required to use the walls. A cope director is required to use the zip line.



Cope - Next to the climbing tower is the high and low cope areas. The high cope has two cables. Low cope has many elements . A cope director is required to use these elements.

Campsite 2 - Is located off the main road between the Carter Lodge and the dining hall. You turn to the right just before the Handicraft Shelter. It is equipped with a permanent shelter, picnic tables, fire ring, water, flag pole, and tent platforms. The site can camp up to 44 people. Tent platforms remain in the campsite year round, but tents and cots are provided only during summer cam.

Campsite 3 - Is located just off the main road behind the Handicraft Shelter. It is equipped with a permanent shelter, picnic tables, fire ring, water, flag pole, and tent platforms. The site can camp up to 28 people. Tent platforms remain in the campsite year round, but tents and cots are provided only during summer camp.



Campsite 4 - Is located just off the main road near the Archery and Rifle Range. You can follow trails around the lake to the swim area. It is equipped with a permanent shelter, picnic tables, fire ring, water, flag pole, and tent platforms. The site can camp up to 28 people. Tent platforms remain in the campsite year round, but tents and cots are provided only during summer camp.

Campsite 5 - Is located just off the main road near Youth Shower House 2. You can follow trails around the lake to the swim area. It is equipped with two permanent shelters, picnic tables, fire rings, water, flag pole, and tent platforms. The site can camp up to 84 people. Tent platforms remain in the campsite year round, but tents and cots are provided only during summer camp. During summer camp, this site maybe divided and have two different troops camping in it for the week.



Campsite 6 - Is located just off the main road on the way to the Archery and Rifle Range. You can follow trails around the lake to the swim area. It is equipped with a permanent shelter, picnic tables, fire ring, water, flag pole, and tent platforms. The site can camp up to 28 people. Tent platforms remain in the campsite year round, but tents and cots are provided only during summer camp.



Campsite 7 - Is located on the road in front of the dining hall. You can follow trails around the lake to the swim area. It is equipped with a permanent shelter, picnic tables, fire ring, water, flag pole, and tent platforms. The site can camp up to 46 people. Tent platforms remain in the campsite year round, but tents and cots are provided only during summer camp. It is near shower house 1.

Campsite 8 - Is located on the road in front of the dining hall near the youth shower house number 1. You can follow trails around the lake to the swim area. It is equipped with a permanent shelter, picnic tables, fire ring water, flag pole, and tent platforms. The site can camp up to 52 people. Tent platforms remain in the campsite year round, but tents and cots are provided only during summer camp. This campsite is setup so it can house two troops during summer camp

Campsite 9- Is located on the road in front of the dining hall just behind the youth shower house 1. You can follow trails around the lake to the swim area. It is equipped with a permanent shelter, picnic tables, fire ring, water, flag pole, and tent platforms. The site can camp up to 64 people. Tent platforms remain in the campsite year round, but tents and cots are provided only during summer camp.

Campsite 10- Is located on the road that goes pass the Nature Lodge (turn just before the main parking lot). You can follow trails around the lake to the swim area. It is equipped with a permanent shelter, picnic tables, fire ring, water , flag pole, bench seating and tent platforms. The site can camp up to 54 people. It has a one person shower that is available during summer camp. The shelter has electric power year round. Tent platforms remain in the campsite year round, but tents and cots are provided only during summer camp.



Campsite 11- Is located on the road that goes pass the Nature Lodge. The left hand turn is before you reach the Nature Lodge.. You can follow trails around the lake to the swim area. It is equipped with a permanent shelter, picnic tables, fire ring, water, flag pole, and tent platforms. It has a one person shower that is available during summer camp. The shelter has electric power year round. The site can camp up to 86 campers. Tent platforms remain in the campsite year round, but tents and cots are provided only during summer camp. This campsite can be divided to allow two troops to camp there during summer camp.



Campsite 12- Is located on the road in front of the dining hall just behind the youth shower house number 1. You can follow trails around the lake to the swim area. It is equipped with a permanent shelter, picnic tables, fire ring, water, flag pole and tent platforms. The site can camp up to 28 people. Tent platforms remain in the campsite year round, but tents and cots are provided only during summer camp.

Campsite 13- Is located on the road in front of the dining hall just behind Outdoors Skills shelter and the dining hall. It is equipped with four Adirondacks (2 built 2012 and 2 plan for build 2013) that sleep 8 campers each, picnic tables, water, flag pole, fire ring and tent platforms. The site can camp up to 52 people. Electric power is available in the campsite. Tent platforms remain in the campsite year round, but tents and cots are provided only during summer camp.



Chapel—The chapel is located below the dining hall shelter at the base of the hill and is available for reflection and vespers. It seat about 200 campers.



Compound - The camp has a compound where the camp tools and equipment is stored. For safety, this area is off limits to none staff without the permission of the Camp Ranger. If you have a problem and need a tool, please contact a staff person.



Dining Hall - The camp dining hall is located in the center of camp and is a good reference point for other program areas. The dining hall is used for food service during summer camp and camp wide events. It can be reserved for large events during most of the year. It is not open for cooking during the winter months. It is not heated or cooled. It can seat about 500 people at one time.



Duplex Building - There is one duplex building with two separate units. Each unit has two bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom. Each has a separate screened porch. The building are used for summer camp staff. During the off season, these units can be reserved. They have bath rooms, heat and A/C.



First Year Program Shelter –This is the location of the summer camp first year camper program. It is an open shelter with a storage area for equipment. The open shelter can be used during off season, but the storage area will not be opened.



Fishing Cabin –The fishing cabin is located next to the Campfire Ring and Lake Calhoun. It has the ability to sleep two with heat and A/C. There are no restrooms in the area. It is mainly used for the summer camp fishing programs. It has a cabinet with fishing gear for year round use.



Frontier Cabin - There is a fully functioning early American cabin located in the Frontier Area. It is used for programming year round. It can be reserved to sleep in over night during the off season. It has a functioning fire place were you can warm your self and cook your dinner at the same time. There are a few old time beds in the up stairs loft.



Health Lodge - Located in the center of camp next to the Administration Building. The health lodge has all the items needed for first aid at camp. There are two AED machines and other supplies. It has a room for campers needing short term care. It is staffed during summer camp. During the off season, campers will need to contact the Camp Ranger or the Campmaster for access.



Heritage Art Center - This is not your normal art center. It has wood working, wood carving and other wood working equipment from early American times. All projects are hand made with not power tools.



Hornet's Nest Building –The Hornet's Nest Building is used for NYLT and the summer camp scoutmaster dinner. It has a small kitchen, restroom and larger dinning room. It is equipped with few pots, heating and A/C. You can use it during the day, but sleeping is not allowed. There are male and female restrooms just outside as well. There is a small shelter outside with two gas grills.



Hornet's Nest Campsites –Next to the Hornet's Nest Building are campsites. These site are for campers to bring their own tents. Sites have picnic tables, fire rings and water in the area. There are male and female restrooms with showers in the area. There are also RV sites with electric.



Long Hunter Cabin –The Long Hunter cabin is fully enclosed and has a tin shed attached. This area is part of the Frontier area.



Lumber Jack Area - This is a program area with hawk throw, two man log sawing, log rolling and pole climbing. This area requires camp staff to run the events.



Mountain Bikes –The camp has 15 mountain bikes that can be used by camper year round. Summer camp run the program during weeks of summer camp. The remainder of the year, campers can check out the mountain bike and ride the trails around camp. The bike shop is located behind the First Year Camper Program shelter. You can reserve them on the camp website.



Nature Lodge –The Nature Lodge is a two story building that promotes plants and animals around camp. During summer camp, the bottom of the building is home to local animals on show. It is located on the road that runs in front of the parking lot, on the way to Campsite 10.



Nichols Shelter - Is located on the left as you enter camp. It is an open shelter that can be used for programming. There is water at this location.



Open Shelters - This is the hub of camp. It is the area where many people meet. It is the location of the Trading Post and many picnic tables. It is a great place to eat or just hang out. It has WIFI service and a fire place.



Planetarium –The Planetarium is located in the same area as the Open Shelter. It can show you the night stars anytime of the day.



Rifle Range - The Rifle Range is located at the back side of Camp Grimes. This is where 22 rifles and pistols programs are run. The range can shoot 8 at a time. During summer camp, it is staffed by camp staff. In the off season, campers can run their own program with the proper certificated instructors (two required).



Scout Craft Shelter –Located behind the dining hall. This shelter is used for summer camp programming.



Scoutmaster Lounge - Located off the Open Shelter Building. It is the place for scoutmasters to work and recharge. It has WIFI, electric and A/C. There is a washer and dryer in the next room over.



Shotgun Range –The range is located at the back of Camp Grimes just pass the Rifle Range. It is equipped with three different throwers. Shotgun are provided for year round use. . During summer camp, it is staffed by camp staff. In the off season, campers can run their own program with the proper certificated instructors (two required).



Trading Post - Located at the Open Shelter, the Trading Post is open for business during summer camp only. It has all the supplies you need for summer camp.



Waterfront –The spot that everyone wants to be at during summer camp. There is a Boat House for the row boats, sail boards, sail boats, ski boat, canoes and kayaks. The PFD and paddles are stored in the back room. Boats can be used year round with proper adult supervision. Refer to the Guide to Safe Scouting. The boats can be reserved on the Mecklenburg Scout Reservation System.



The swim shelter is where the instruction for all swimming programs are conducted. First aid supplies are also stored in the shelter.



All the water activities are conducted on the 85 acre Lake Calhoun. The swim area is set up for the Boy Scout different swim abilities.



Youth Shower Houses - There are two youth shower houses with each having 8 showers. Both locations have A/C and hot water. One is located on the road to the shooting ranges and the other is on the road to campsite 8, 9 and 12.

