

Camp Orr is your *X-treme Camping* Destination!

Why Camp Orr High Adventure Base?

Camp Orr High Adventure Base, located near Jasper, Arkansas is the only BSA accredited High Adventure Base sheltered on all sides by the National Park Service. This ensures a healthy biosphere of wildlife and vegetation, back yard access to scenic backpacking and float trips, awesome climbing opportunities, and a therapeutic isolation from the cares of the outside world. Nearly 600 acres of the scenic Buffalo National River Wilderness Area are available for long-term summer camping for Boy Scouts of all ages and abilities. Opportunities include backpacking, canoeing, rock climbing, rappelling, shooting sports, swimming, and many others. Facilities include a 520-person dining hall, trading post, platform tent campsites and shower facilities. It is the perfect home away from home for your Troop.

What Programs Does Camp Orr Offer?

Camp Orr offers a merit badge based summer camp experience, as well as opportunities to participate in our Climbing, Trekking and Floating High Adventure programs. There are nearly 40 merit badges available, along with aquatics opportunities ranging from Instructional Swim to BSA Lifeguard and mile swim!

Buffalo Trail -- First Year Camper Program

While this program is often misconstrued as a Trail to First Class, we at Camp Orr feel that there is more that a new Scout needs in his first summer at camp. Scouts will find more of an emphasis on making the most of their camping opportunities, effective use of the patrol system and teamwork. In the end, they will have completed many of the requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. However, they will not feel like they just walked down the list of requirements, pushing through to get them done. The Scouts will also complete the requirements for the Totin' Chip and the Firem'n Chit by the end of the week. This program is held each morning, 9am-12noon. The Scouts should have the opportunity to choose from several merit badges to work on in the afternoon and make use of Instructional Swim if needed. They will also have the opportunity to participate in the evening activities.

Merit Badge Program

Camp Orr offers a variety of challenging merit badges to Scouts of all ages in the areas of Aquatics, Shooting Sports, Ecology, and Handicraft. The Buffalo River Wilderness Company (BWRC) is a special program area where Backpacking, Orienteering, Wilderness Survival, Geo-caching, Pioneering, Fishing, First Aid, and Emergency Preparedness are taught.

STEM and Nova @ Camp

STEM is part of an initiative the Boy Scouts of America has taken on to encourage the natural curiosity of youth members and their sense of wonder about professional fields through existing programs. From archery to welding, Scouts can't help but enjoy the wide range of STEM-related activities. At Camp Orr we offer many different merit badges that help fulfill requirements for the Nova and Super-Nova Awards. STEM-related merit badges that are offered include Archery, Astronomy, Bird Study, Canoeing, Environmental Science, Fish and Wildlife Management, Forestry, Geo-caching, Geology, Mammal Study, Nature, Orienteering, Reptile and Amphibian Study, Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting, Soil and Water Conservation, Weather, and Welding.

High Adventure Programs

The Climbing / Repelling Program is one of the most exciting and adventurous programs Camp Orr has to offer. We require Scouts to have completed the 8th grade or be at least 13 ½ years of age to participate in this program. After completing this weeklong program successfully, Scouts will acquire the Climbing Merit Badge.

Participants begin by learning basic first-aid associated with climbing, knot tying, gear and apparel, and belaying techniques and skills. We then move to Orr's fifty-foot high climbing tower where they will learn and practice basic climbing and belaying techniques under the leadership of some of Northwest Arkansas's best climbers. After getting their hands wet on the tower, they dive deep into the natural bluffs of the Ozark Mountains. At Horseshoe Canyon Ranch (HCR), they experience some of the best climbing routes in Arkansas (and arguably the Midwest). Other natural sites in and around Camp Orr also provide high quality climbing and repelling ranging in difficulty from 5.5 (easy) to 5.10a (high moderate). Participants in the Climbing Program stay at Camp Orr each night but venture out to different sites during the day.

Trekking Options

Hiking the Buffalo River Trail makes for some of the most beautiful hiking in the country as it runs along the Buffalo River's banks. It also passes through historic sites preserved for all to see and along bluffs overlooking the river in all its beauty. For those who want a beautiful but challenging experience, this is perfect; the terrain is challenging, with lots of uphill sections and rarely a flat place. However, it is well worth it to be able to overlook miles of the river winding its way through the mountains, walled by giant, ancient bluffs. We will supply you with meals and an experienced guide.

BACKPACK BONANZA: This trek is not for the faint of heart or the easily-exhausted. The highest of the high adventure, **top physical condition is needed for this undertaking.** The Buffalo River Trail offers arguably the most scenic hiking in the region. Scouts also have the chance to earn the *Hiking merit badge* with this option. If the merit badge is chosen by the trekking group, be prepared to traverse the trail Monday-Friday and put in at least 60 miles.

River Run: Here Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the *50-Miler Award* in no time at all. Put-in will be at the prime spot based on river levels for the week we set off, but any given stretch of the Buffalo River is prime floating by anyone's standards. This trek is Monday-Friday but can be shortened based on request and distance covered. Enjoy the Buffalo River to its fullest extent with this option.

Historic Trails (New in 2016!) Do your Scouts have a passion for history or simply desire to go home with the coveted *Historic Trails Award*? If so, then this is certainly the option to pursue. Scouts will have the opportunity to hike to, visit and/or camp at up to two local historic sites, while delving into the rich history of each in the process.

Hybrid: Get the best of both worlds with this indecisive game changer! See all that the Buffalo River has to offer: from the tops of the bluffs to the seat of a canoe. The most customizable of the four options, Scouts are able to work with our staff in planning this itinerary to satisfy their desires both on the river and the trail. Priority (regarding location and starting activity) in the planning process will be determined by river levels among other factors.

Special Programs

Camp Orr provides many exciting special activities and programs that are fun for Scouts and Scouters alike. Your week will include campfire programs, a Dutch oven cook-off, an ice cream social, Hollerin' Holler, and the infamous "**Legend of Smokey Joe.**" There are also many trainings and recreational opportunities available for the adult leaders.

What Does It Cost?

The traditional merit badge based program is \$260 for in-council youth and \$285 for out-of-council youth. The Trekking and Climbing programs are \$320 for in-council youth and \$355 for out-of-council youth.

Need More Information?

Summer Camp at Camp Orr High Adventure Base is an unforgettable experience. For Leader's Guides and to learn more about Camp Orr and what it offers, please visit the following link: <http://www.westarkbsa.org/camping>

X-TREME Camping IS Who We Are!