

AOL RESIDENT CAMP

2026



HALE SCOUT RESERVATION
INDIAN NATIONS COUNCIL
JUNE 28 - JULY 1st, 2026

WELCOME TO HSR!

Welcome to AOL Resident Camp 2026 – Trail to Troop at Hale Scout Reservation! On behalf of our entire camp staff, I am excited to welcome you to what promises to be an unforgettable week of adventure, growth, and preparation for the next step in your Scouting journey.

AOL Resident Camp is designed specifically for Arrow of Light Scouts who are preparing to cross the bridge into Scouts BSA during their 5th grade year in school. Throughout this event, participants will experience the patrol method, outdoor skills, teamwork, and leadership opportunities that mirror the Scouts BSA program—all while enjoying the fun and excitement that make camp at Hale so special.

Our program blends hands-on opportunities, outdoor adventure, and camp traditions with a focus on confidence and independence. From skill instruction and games to campfires and shared experiences, our goal is to help each Scout leave camp feeling prepared, capable, and excited about the trail ahead.

Hale Scout Reservation has been a place of Scouting memories for generations, and we take great pride in providing a safe, welcoming environment where Scouts can learn, try new things, and grow. Our trained staff is committed to delivering a high-quality program and ensuring that every Scout has a positive and meaningful camp experience.

Thank you for choosing Hale Scout Reservation for this important milestone. We look forward to welcoming you to camp and sharing an incredible week on the Trail to Troop.

Sincerely,

Roger Findahl
Camp Director



AOL Trail to Troop

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Talihina · Oklahoma · 74571

[May - July Only]

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Summer 2026 Program

June 28 to July 1st

2026 SUMMER CAMP PRICES MASTER LIST

Camp Fees

Early Bird- Youth \$190
Deadline : March 15

Early Bird - Adult \$120
Through May 1

Regular Fee-Youth \$200
March 16 - May 15

Regular Fee - Adult \$125
Through May 15

Late Youth \$225

Beginning May 16

Late Adult \$150

Beginning May 16

Preparing Arrow of Light Scouts for Scouts BSA

Trail to Troop Camp is designed specifically for rising 5th graders earning their Arrow of Light. It provides a safe, structured, and age-appropriate introduction to Scouts BSA while still feeling familiar and supportive for Cub Scouts and their families.

Purpose of Trail to Troop Camp

This camp serves as a bridge between Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA. Rather than focusing only on activities, Trail to Troop helps Scouts understand how troop life works and builds confidence before they cross over.

What Makes This Camp Different

Designed for Arrow of Light Scouts - All programming is built around the needs of 10–11 year olds. Scouts are not mixed with older youth, and expectations are developmentally appropriate. This short, well-structured format is perfect for first-time campers. Scouts gain independence while still receiving close guidance and support.

Introduces Scouts BSA skills and structure
Scouts learn: - Patrol method basics
- Teamwork and leadership
- Personal responsibility
- How a Scouts BSA camp operates

Hands-on skill development
Activities focus on practical Scouts skills including:
Basic outdoor and camping skills
- Knots and simple problem-solving
- First aid and safety awareness
- Navigation and campsite routines

Safe, supportive adventure

Camp is led by trained staff in a controlled environment. Adventure is balanced with clear routines, supervision, and strong safety standards.

Encourages confidence and retention

Trail to Troop helps Scouts see what comes next in Scouting, reducing anxiety about the transition and increasing excitement about joining a troop.

Meaningful transition experience

The program includes a symbolic moment that helps Scouts emotionally mark the step from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA.

What Parents and Leaders Can Expect

- Age-appropriate supervision and instruction
- Clear schedules and consistent routines
- A strong emphasis on safety
- Purposeful programming focused on growth—not just entertainment

In Short

Trail to Troop Camp helps Arrow of Light Scouts: - Build confidence - Learn skills needed for Scouts BSA - Feel comfortable with the crossover process - Experience success at camp

This camp is designed to ensure Scouts begin their troop experience prepared, confident, and excited for the next step in their Scouting journey.

- Scout fee includes all program fees, tent camping, food, etc. Scouts and adults only need to bring their personal gear for this adventure.
- Units must make their final payments for camp on or before May 15th. No refunds of overpayment or cancellations will be made after May 15th. The only exceptions are emergencies where units may be asked to provide documentation.
- Scouts will receive the Early Bird discounted price of \$190 per Scout if paid in full on or before March 15th.
- Additional Scouts or Adults added after the May 15th, deadline or participants not paid in full by May 15th will pay a \$25 late fee per person. The unit-paid fees are only transferable within the same unit.
- No refunds of overpayment or cancellations will be made after May 15th.
- Please note that we hire our staff and make equipment purchases based on the number of participants you have reserved with us. As we purchase equipment, supply food, and hire our staff those funds are no longer available for refunds. Refunds will not be available for vacations, sports, band, events, summer school, school events, or changing one's mind.
- Refund requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis and must be submitted in writing. The request explaining the extenuating circumstances must be sent within 14 days of the scheduled reservation date. Any request concerning a medical illness must be accompanied by a doctor's statement. If approved the money will be refunded to the entity paying the original fee within 30 calendar days of the approval.
- Requests must be sent to the council office at Indian Nations Council, 4295 S Garnett Road, Tulsa, OK 74146 or emailed to camp@okscouts.org.

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11.23

CAMP CHECK-IN

Arrival and Check-In Procedures

Arrival Window:

Scouts are scheduled to arrive at camp between 1:00 PM and 3:30 PM on Sunday.

Alternative Check-In Arrangements:

If your unit is unable to check in during the standard arrival window, please notify us at least two weeks in advance to coordinate alternative arrangements.

On-Site Check-In Process

1. Medical Re-Check and Documentation Submission:

All Scouts and adult leaders are required to report to the camp office for a medical re-check and to submit the necessary documentation listed below.

2. Campsite Assignment and Equipment Unloading:

A staff member will direct your unit to your assigned campsite. There, you can begin unloading equipment and review campsite arrangements with the staff.

3. Vehicle Parking:

After unloading, all vehicles must be moved to the designated parking area. Troop trailers are permitted to remain at the campsite.

Camp Tour and Swim Checks:

Following the medical re-check, your troop will be guided on a camp tour, concluding at the pool for swim checks.

Sunday Dinner Schedule

Dinner will be served in two shifts;

5:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Flag Ceremony - 6:30 PM

Parent Meeting

An adult leader meeting will be held at 7:15 PM in the dining hall. Each campsite should ensure that at least one adult attends this important briefing.

Required Documents for Check-In

Please have the following documents ready for submission during check-in:

- **BSA Medical Forms:** Completed and current BSA medical forms for all Scouts and leaders. Note: Sports or school physicals are not accepted.
- **Proof of Insurance:** Out-of-council troops must provide proof of insurance and a copy of the claim form.
- **Unit Membership Roster:** A current troop roster from my.scouting. All adults staying at camp must be registered members of Scouting America.
- **Swim Check Form:** A completed swim check form signed by the individual who administered the test.
- **Special Dietary & Medical Needs Roster:** If applicable, submit the roster found on page 8 of the camp guide.

Recommendation:

To expedite the check-in process, it is highly recommended that your unit conducts swim tests prior to arriving at camp.

CAMP CHECK-OUT Wednesday · BY 10AM

Camp Check-Out Procedures

Breakfast Service:

On Wednesday morning, breakfast will be served as usual in the dining hall with flag ceremony.

Official Check-Out Time:

All units are required to complete check-out procedures and depart the camp no later than 10:00 AM.

Campsite Inspection:

A designated camp guide will meet your unit at your campsite at 8:00 a.m. to conduct an inspection. This inspection will assess the condition of tents, cots, restrooms, and overall campsite cleanliness. Please ensure that all gear is packed and the area is clean prior to the inspection.

Final Check-Out at Camp Office:

After passing the campsite inspection, an adult leader should proceed to the camp office to:

- Submit the completed Camp Evaluation Form.
- Collect the unit's camp patches, medical forms, and any awards or training certificates.
- Be aware that any medical forms left at camp will be securely shredded.

Early Departure Arrangements:

If your unit needs to depart before 7:00 AM, please coordinate with the Camp Director or Program Director at least 24 hours in advance to make necessary arrangements.

Equipment and Property Responsibility:

Units are responsible for any damage beyond normal wear and tear to camp equipment or property. Costs for repairs or replacements will be assessed accordingly.

Arrive and Thrive!

Arrival Day at Camp Hale – What to Expect and How to Prepare

Check your transportation: Most troops find that bringing fewer vehicles to camp makes the experience smoother and more manageable. Fewer cars help reduce traffic inside camp, which improves safety and enhances the experience for everyone.

Outfit your Scout: Each Scout should arrive with a small day pack containing their daily essentials. This should be packed separately and kept easily accessible, so Scouts are ready to hit the ground running as soon as they arrive.

Recommended Day Pack Items:

- Rain gear
- Swimsuit
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Towel
- Bug repellent

Early Swim Checks: Scouts that complete swim checks prior to arrival save valuable time on Sunday. If pre-camp swim checks are not possible, our staff will be happy to conduct them upon arrival. The Unit Swim Classification Record can be found on page 19 of this guide.

Arrive on Time: Sunday Check-In Procedures - Check-in begins at 1:00 PM and runs until 3:30 PM. This allows our staff time to prepare for your arrival and ensures a smooth experience for everyone. If your unit needs to arrive earlier than Sunday at 1:00 PM, please contact us at least two weeks in advance to make arrangements.

Organize your equipment: Make sure all personal and troop gear is packed, labeled with names and pack numbers, and organized for the week ahead. Ideally, each Scout should pack their belongings into a single duffel bag or footlocker for easy transport and storage.

Double check the paperwork: Please bring backup copies of all important documents, including swim rosters, in case of last-minute changes. It is also helpful to have an up-to-date roster of all Scouts and leaders attending camp, as we understand adjustments may occur close to departure.

Be flexible: Sunday check-in can be a new and occasionally challenging experience but as long as you take the time to relax and go with the flow, you will have a great day!

Trail to Troop AOL Camp

Sunday – Arrival & Kickoff

- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM — Check-In & Camp Setup
- 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM — Welcome Assembly & Camp Orientation
- 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM — Troop Skills Intro: Patrol Method & Gear Basics
- 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM — Activity Block 1: Aquatics / Ranges / Handicraft (rotation groups)
- 5:30 PM – 6:15 PM — Dinner
- 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM — Campwide Game / Icebreakers
- 7:45 PM – 8:45 PM — Evening Program: Scout Skills Challenge (knots, fire building)
- 9:00 PM — Opening Campfire
- 10:00 PM — Lights Out

Monday – Skill Building

- 7:30 AM – 8:15 AM — Breakfast
- 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM — Activity Block 2: Scout Skills / Orienteering
- 10:15 AM – 11:45 AM — Activity Block 3: First Aid & Outdoor Safety
- 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM — Lunch
- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM — Activity Block 4: Aquatics / Ranges / Handicraft (rotation continues)
- 2:45 PM – 4:15 PM — Team Challenge Course
- 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM — Cooking Demo & Skills
- 5:30 PM – 6:15 PM — Dinner
- 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM — Evening Program: Wide Game / Capture the Flag
- 8:15 PM – 9:00 PM — Campfire Program (Scout stories & skits)
- 9:30 PM — Lights Out

Tuesday – Adventure & Crossover Prep

- 7:30 AM – 8:15 AM — Breakfast
- 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM — Activity Block 5: Pioneering Project
- 10:15 AM – 11:45 AM — Activity Block 6: Nature Hike & Scout Skills on the Trail
- 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM — Lunch
- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM — Patrol Adventure Time (electives / favorite stations)
- 2:45 PM – 4:15 PM — Skills for Scouts BSA (tent pitching, navigation, gear care)
- 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM — Camp Service Project
- 5:30 PM – 6:15 PM — Dinner
- 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM — “Crossing the Bridge” Ceremony & Campfire
- 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM — Night Hike
- 9:30 PM — Lights Out

Wednesday – Wrap-Up

- 7:00 AM – 7:45 AM — Pack-Up & Campsite Cleanup
- 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM — Breakfast
- 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM — Closing Assembly & Awards
- 9:00 AM — Departure



DINING HALL

At Hale Scout Reservation, we pride ourselves on offering a dining experience that fuels adventure and fosters community.

Nutritious and Diverse Menu:

Our dedicated kitchen staff prepares a variety of wholesome meals, featuring generous portions and a full salad bar, to meet the energy needs of our active campers.

Special Dietary Accommodations:

Understanding the diverse needs of our campers, HSR is committed to accommodating special dietary and religious meal requests. Please inform us **with your registration** of any specific requirements in advance to ensure we can provide appropriate alternatives. We are happy to review your dietary needs from your registration if they have changed at the beginning of your week at camp. Should you have any questions or specific concerns regarding dietary or medical accommodations, please contact us in advance at 918-392-1214 or CampHale@OKScouts.org. We are happy to work with you to ensure a safe and positive camp experience.

Engaging Dining Hall Experience:

Meals at HSR are more than just nourishment—they're an integral part of the camp experience. Our dining hall buzzes with excitement, featuring interactive competitions such as daily climbing races (lunchtime only) on our indoor climbing wall, fostering camaraderie and spirited fun among Scouts.

Join us at HSR, where every meal is an opportunity to connect, energize, and embark on new adventures.



CAMP AMENITIES

Campsite Accommodations

At Hale Scout Reservation, each family is provided with one wall tent on a wooden platform for every two participants, including adult leaders/parents. Each campsite is equipped with access to a power outlet.

Please note that campsites may be shared with other troops. To ensure fairness and organization: Do not exceed your allotted number of tents.

Coordinate with sharing troops to maintain a harmonious campsite environment.

Cot Provision

Each tent comes furnished with two custom-branded cots. Upon arrival, the scout and an adult leader will conduct an inspection of each tent and its cots to confirm that all accommodations meet the expected standards.

Bathroom & Shower Facilities

Every campsite is conveniently located near a bathroom facility featuring running water and hot showers. These facilities are shared among multiple troops. To maintain cleanliness and hygiene: Senior Patrol Leaders from each troop should collaborate to establish a daily cleaning schedule. The camp provides necessary cleaning supplies, trash bags, and toilet paper.

Laundry Services

Washers and dryers are available behind the Trading Post for camper use at no additional charge. Campers must supply their own detergent, which is also available for purchase at the Trading Post.

Ice Distribution

Ice is available for purchase at the Trading Post. An adult leader must accompany Scouts when collecting ice. Vehicles are not permitted to drive to the Trading Post for ice pickup.

To facilitate transportation, consider bringing large empty backpacks or a small cart to carry ice back to your campsite.

Internet & Communication

Wi-Fi access is available in the Dining Hall and Adult Training Center, designated for adult use only. Cell phone reception is generally poor throughout the camp. The most reliable signal can be found near the water tower. Verizon users may experience better reception across the campgrounds. We are constantly working to improve our internet capabilities and anticipate having a system in place by summer 2026 where leaders who need more data/internet time than can be provided in an open internet system can pay for it as they need it. Details to come as the system is completed!

Mail Services

Mail is collected daily from the local post office. Stamps are available for purchase at the Trading Post. Scoutmasters can collect mail each afternoon from the Adult Training Center. Please be aware that packages mailed after Tuesday may not arrive before the end of the camp session. Unclaimed letters and packages will be marked "Return to Sender".

FOR LETTERS and PACKAGE DELIVERY

Name, Troop #, Council

Hale Scout Reservation
Box 427
Talihina, OK 74571

Please use the P.O. Box for packages and regular mail and delivery will be made to camp.



PACKING LIST

Below are items that we suggest. Be sure to insert what you need on an individual basis.

Hale Scout Reservation provides canvas platform tents. They have 42 inch side walls with dimensions of 7'H X 7'W X 9'D. There is an electrical outlet in each camp site and campsites share individual shower/ toilet facilities conveniently located near your campsite.

As always label ALL belongings with troop number and name.

COTS PROVIDED - Each tent will be supplied with two custom HSR Cots!!



PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

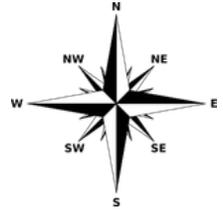
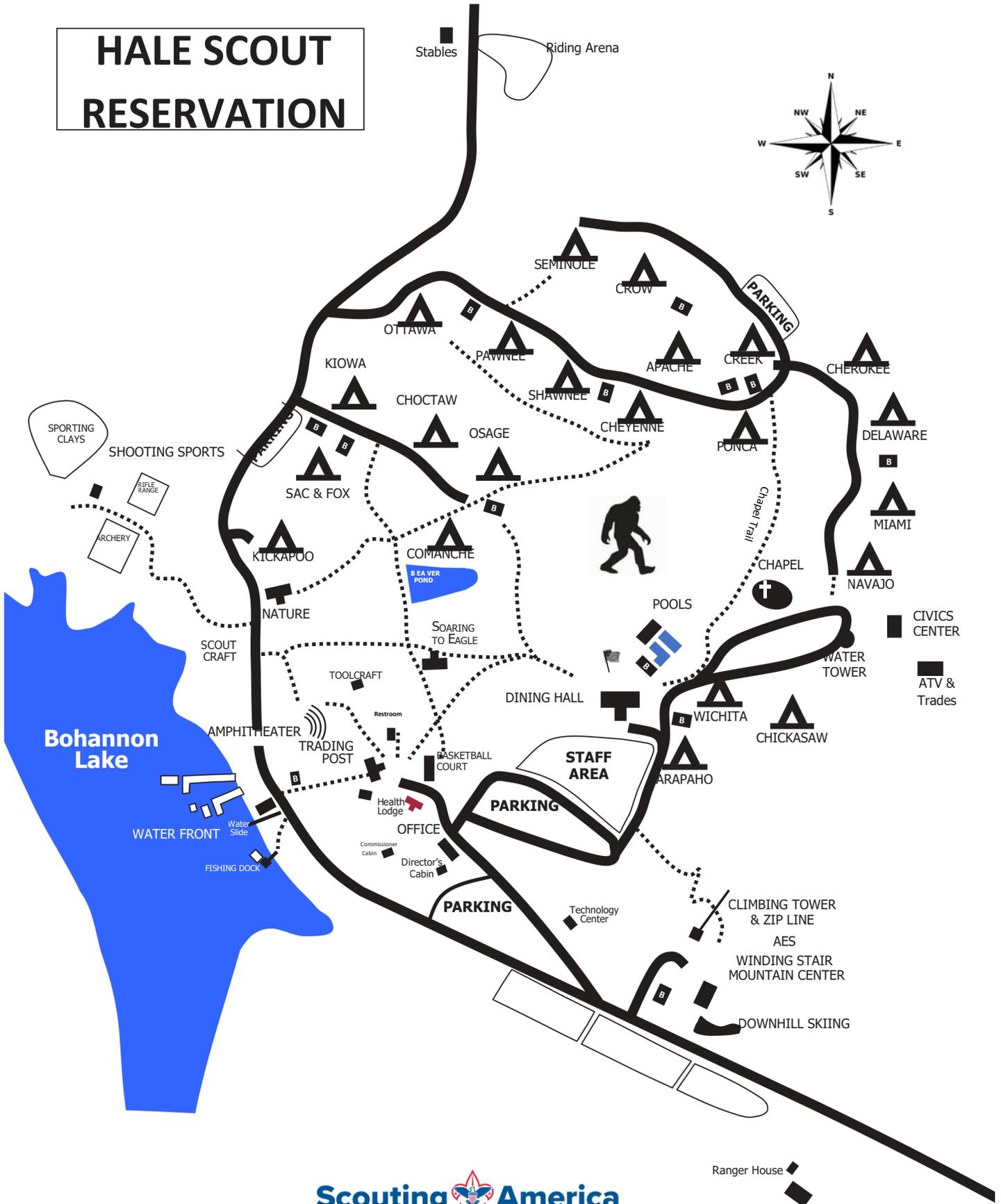
- Day pack/ small backpack
- Blankets/ sheet or sleeping bag
- Rain gear
- Extra socks
- Laundry bag
- Extra underwear
- Long pants
- Swimming suit Shower shoes (no open toed shoes)
- Toiletry kit (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc.)
- Flashlight
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Hand sanitizer
- Water bottle
- Pillow
- Hiking boots
- Water shoes (required for lake activities)
- Trading Post Money (Scouts spend average of \$80 - \$100 at camp)
- Scout Handbook
- Notebook & pen/pencil

OPTIONAL

- Camera w/ extra batteries
- Watch
- Labeled wallet
- Duffel bag lock
- Personal first aid kit



HALE SCOUT RESERVATION



DIRECTIONS TO CAMP HALE

Camp Hale is located 8 miles east of Talihina, Oklahoma off of highway OK-63 E. Most map apps can find camp easily if you input Hale Scout Reservation.

Be sure to view your route before you begin driving as sometimes the apps will try to bring you down Deadman's trail off of scenic bi-way 1, this is not a good route to travel.

The scenic bi-way 1 route is not accessible for trailers or buses. Please stick to the main highway for large vehicle and trailer traffic.

MAILING ADDRESS

Hale Scout Reservation
Box 427
Talihina, OK 74571

PHYSICAL ADDRESS

Hale Scout Reservation
1 Camp Tom Hale Road
Talihina, OK 74571

GOOGLE MAPS



FROM TULSA
TO HSR

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FROM OKC
TO HSR



<https://goo.gl/maps/F9rbmGvEaFy>



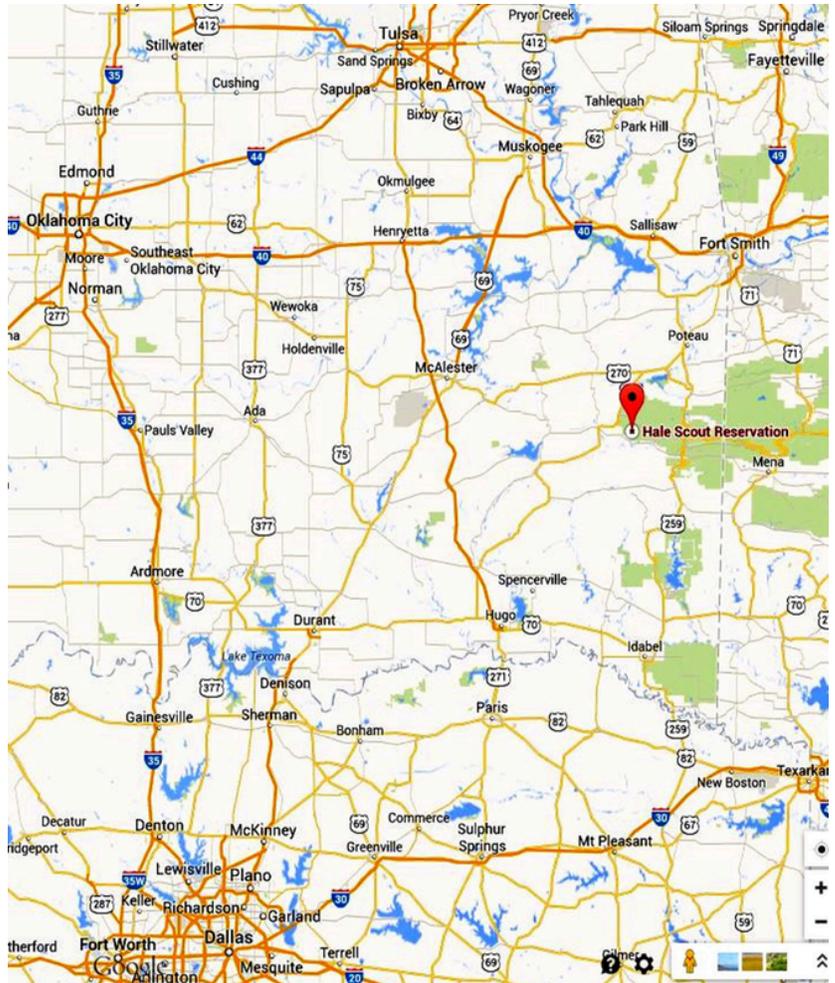
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SERVICES IN TALIHINA

RESTAURANTS

El Rancho Mexican Grill
704 2nd Street Talihina,
OK 74571 (918) 567-3333

Outlaw BBQ
103 Veterans Ave.
Talihina, OK 74571
(918) 567-2288

Twisters Cafe
304 Dallas Street
Talihina, OK 74571
(918) 567-2051

Rockin' H
54028 HWY 271 S
Talihina, OK 74571
(918) 567-3054

Subway
400 Dallas Street
Talihina, OK 74571
(918) 567-2700

Treats & Treasures
316 Dallas Street
Talihina, OK 74571
(918) 567-2410

Duncan's Delights
401 4th Street
Talihina, OK 74571
(918) 567-3118

LODGING

Black Rock Roost
900 2nd Street
Talihina, OK 74571
(580) 513-3805

Rockin' H Inn
54158 US 271
Talihina, OK 74571
(918) 567-2162

Talimena State Park
50884 US HWY 271
Talihina, OK 74571
(918) 567-2052

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES

Scotty Russell Mechanic
55098 Camp Tom Hale
Road Talihina, OK 74571
(918) 567-2808

McClard's Tire Service
309 2nd Street
Talihina, OK 74571
(918) 567-3446

Talihina Auto Supply
53913 US Highway 271 South
Talihina, OK 74571
(918) 567-2108

SHOPS

Dollar General
904 Dallas Street
Talihina, OK 74571
(877) 463-1533

Lawson Pharmacy
301 2nd Street
Talihina, OK 74571
(918) 567-3111

Hollands Thick and Thin
Lumber
53921 US-271
Talihina, OK 74571
(918) 567-2222

Family Dollar
700 Dallas St
Talihina, OK 74571

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Vehicle & Parking Rules

Speed Limit: 10 mph on all camp roads.

Driver Requirements: Must be at least 18 years old with a valid license.

Seat Belts: Required for all passengers.

Passenger Restrictions: No riding in truck beds or trailers.

Parking: Vehicles must be parked in designated areas. Trailers may stay in campsites; passenger vehicles must be in the parking lot.

Accessibility: Disabled parking permits available with proper documentation.

Prohibited Activities

No hunting or unauthorized vehicle use: Including ATVs and bicycles.

Fire Safety: No starting fires with accelerants; fires only in designated areas. No open flames in tents or cabins.

Passenger Towing: No towing passengers on sleds, trailers, or similar.

Weapons: Firearms (including air guns, slingshots, BB guns) only at designated ranges. No personal firearms allowed.

Fireworks: Strictly prohibited.

Substances: No alcohol or illegal drugs; violations will involve law enforcement.

Camp Conduct & Safety

Lost Campers: Notify staff immediately; do not send youth to search.

Emergency Drills: Mandatory within the first 24 hours; follow posted procedures.

Wildlife: Do not approach or feed wild animals; report any dangerous encounters to staff.

Restroom Cleanliness: Troops are responsible for daily cleaning; supplies provided.

Trash & Food Storage: Bag trash for pickup at 7:00 AM & 5:00 PM. No food in tents; store food securely to prevent attracting wildlife.

Curfew: Scouts must be in campsites by 9:30 PM; quiet hours from 10:00 PM to 6:30 AM.

Pets: No pets allowed; do not feed or tease wild animals.

Campsite Maintenance: Maintain cleanliness; report any damages.

Electricity Use: Shared among troops; prioritize medical needs.

Health & Medical Guidelines

Medical Forms: All participants must have a current Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B & C).

Medications: Must be in original containers with proper labeling. Leaders may assist with administration if authorized.

Medical Marijuana: Not permitted at camp.

First Aid: 24-hour health officer on duty; leaders may need to provide transportation for non-emergencies.

Insurance: Out-of-council troops must provide proof of insurance coverage.

Uniform & Attire

Uniforms: BSA field uniform required for evening flags, dinner, and Friday campfire.

Swimwear: Modest swimsuits required; no bikinis or tight-fitting briefs.

Footwear: Closed-toe shoes required at all times; water shoes needed for lake activities.

Leadership & Supervision

Adult Supervision: Minimum of two registered adult leaders (21+) per unit at all times.

Adult Registration: All overnight adults must be registered members of the BSA.

Visitor Policy: Visitors must sign in at the office and wear a wristband; no overnight accommodations for visitors.

Check-In & Check-Out Procedures

Registration: All participants must be registered with the BSA; proof required at check-in.

Leaving Camp: Sign out at the camp office; gate locked from 9:00 PM to 6:30 AM.

Scout Departure: Scouts may only leave with parental or guardian approval.

Tobacco & Vaping

Usage: Adults should avoid using tobacco or vaping products around youth.

Restrictions: Use is strictly forbidden in all camp buildings and tents. Designated smoking areas are available; inquire with staff.

For more detailed information, please refer to the official Hale Scout Reservation website. If you have specific questions or need further assistance, feel free to ask!



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Summer 2027 Sessions:

Week 1	June 6-12 June
Week 2	13-19
Week 3	June 20-26
Week 4	June 27 - July 3
Week 5	July 4 - July 10
AOL Trail to Eagle	July 11 - July 14