

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COUNCIL

WINTERFEST

Event Guide

Southwest Florida Council, BSA

Date: December 4 – 6, 2026



Location: Camp Flying Eagle

16009 Upper Manatee River Road, Bradenton, FL 34212

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Schedule

Friday

Check-In & Camp Assignment	5:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Crafts, Coloring & Bingo - dining hall	6:30 – 8:30
Leader's Meeting	8:30pm
Staff Meeting	9:00pm

Saturday

Reveille & Breakfast	7:00am – 8:30am
Opening Ceremony	8:30am
Morning Program Activities	8:45am – 12:00 noon
Lunch	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Afternoon Program Activities	1:00pm – 4:30pm
Foam party	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Dinner	5:00pm – 6:30pm
Movie under the stars	7:00pm – 8:30pm
Leader's Meeting	8:45pm
Staff Meeting	9:00pm

Sunday

Reveille & Breakfast	7:00am – 8:00am
Scouts Own service	8:00am
Santa visits	8:30am

Camp closes at 11:00am on Sunday. Please plan accordingly.

Program Areas

Stations	Locations
1. Crafts	Kiwanis Pavillon
2. Beadie Buddies	Admin Pavilion
3. Carnival Games	Admin Field
4. Field Games	Parade Field
5. BB's	BB Range
6. Archery	Archery Range
7. Foam Party	Admin Field by pavilion

The crafts being offered in the morning and the afternoon will be different. Please join us for both periods.

Packs will be provided with arm bands, one per participant. These must be worn to participate in the fun. The arm band color will designate the areas you will participate in at different times. To keep the BB and Archery ranges from being backed up we will designate time for you to head to the ranges.

General Information and Rules

These rules are the general framework around which this event will be operated.

The Scout Oath, Law, and Outdoor Code are the guides for ALL behavior at this event. Individuals who do not conform to this spirit will be asked to leave the event.

This event is first and foremost for our/your youth. All rules and regulations are in place to ensure their safety and the preservation of this camp for their use.

1. Scouts should dress appropriately for the events according to the weather.
2. Closed toe shoes must always be worn by everyone.
3. Campsites will be assigned by the administrative staff and will be based on the number of participants registered at the registration deadline. Each unit will be required to use minimal space for its campsite. All units are required to exercise "low impact" camping techniques.
4. Units should not plan on arriving before 5:00 pm Friday evening. Check-in will not begin until that time.
5. Units will be allowed to have their unit trailer on their site. Please email winterfestswfc@yahoo.com no later than **Thursday, December 3rd** if you will be bringing a unit trailer.

6. **No vehicles are allowed to remain inside the campsites.** There will be a designated parking area for all vehicles. We ask that your tow vehicle park the trailer in the campsite then immediately proceed to your assigned parking lot before unloading the trailer.
7. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs allowed. BSA policy states there is zero tolerance regarding alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs at any BSA event. Coolers may be subject to search at any time by event staff.
8. Safety and fire prevention are the responsibility of everyone. If permitted by the camp ranger, one campfire per unit campsite will be allowed. Only existing fire rings or above ground fire pits may be used. All fires must have a 5-foot radius safety zone cleared, a shovel and two 5-gallon buckets of water. Each unit should bring and have readily available a fire extinguisher capable of putting out a propane fire. Above ground fire pits are permitted.
9. Scouting's "Leave No Trace" policy will be enforced. No trees or living things should be disturbed.
10. Units are responsible for the removal of all trash and debris from the campsite. Please use the dumpster.
11. Lights out will be at 11:00pm each evening. Quiet hours and dim lights are between the hours of 11:00pm and 6:00am.
12. Units must have campsites cleared by staff and check out by 11:00am on Sunday.
13. Any two-way radios in use Must Not operate or interfere with the same channel as the staff. We need clear uninterrupted communication for emergency use.
14. All other concerns will be addressed at the Leaders Meeting on Friday night.

Check-in: Upon arriving, an adult leader from each unit will report to the check-in location to receive the event information, campsite location and pre-ordered event t-shirts. No individuals will be allowed to set up camp prior to check-in. Units should have health forms available at check-in. These are required for everyone attending including staff and will remain with the unit during the weekend.

First Aid. First aid is available in the health lodge. Units should have adequate first aid supplies as part of their unit's equipment. All injuries, even if treated at the unit level, are to be reported to the health lodge.

Meals: All units will provide their own meals. Staff members will be eating in the Dining Hall.

Sunday Interfaith Service: There will be a non-denominational Scouts Own Service on Sunday morning. All event participants are requested to attend the service. Please wear full field uniform. Santa visits will immediately follow the service.

Check-out: Units must have their campsites cleared by a staff member prior to reporting to admin for their check-out packet.

Friday night – 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Crafts, Bingo and coloring sheets will be offered in the Dining Hall. Come join us for some fun.

Saturday Foam Party – 3:00pm – 5:00pm

This area requires closed shoes be worn at all times. Please bring water shoes and clothes you don't mind getting wet.