



Salmen Scout Reservation (Camp V-bar) General Camp Information Guidebook

CAMP LOCATION

Salmen Scout Reservation, Camp V Bar is located in Southern Mississippi approximately 1 ½ hours outside New Orleans, Louisiana.

Salmen Scout Reservation, Camp V-bar
27585 V Bar Road
Perkinston, MS 39573

Camp Office: 228-255-7336
Ranger Office: 228-255-1336

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DIRECTIONS TO SALMEN SCOUT RESERVATION FROM NEW ORLEANS

Travel East on Interstate 10 from Slidell approximately 20.2 miles from the intersection of I-10 and I-59 and exit at Mississippi Exit # 13. Then proceed North on Mississippi Highway 603 approximately 14.6 miles. This will place you 1.0 mile past the Victory Baptist Church where you will turn right onto Standard Dedeaux Road. You will see a Salmen Scout Reservation Sign. From this turn "when going to Camp - Stay Left" you will proceed approximately 2.1 miles passing the "Halfway Grocery" and come to a fork in the road with a Brick house near this fork. Turn Left and proceed approximately 1.7 miles to a 3 way stop sign again stay left and proceed 0.5 miles to the Entrance of Salmen Scout Reservation which will be on your left.

GPS Coordinates are N 30.573383 and W 89.356521

MAP TO CAMP V-BAR

A map to camp can be accessed by going to the Council website at the URL: <http://www.bsa-selacouncil.org/document/camp-v-bar-site-map/135522> or in Appendix 1 of this book.

MAILING ADDRESS

To write to Camp, use the following address:

Scout's Name and Troop Number
% Salmen Scout Reservation
27585 V Bar Road
Perkinston, MS 39573

TRANSPORTATION

Each troop is responsible for safe transportation to and from camp. Troops are responsible for ensuring that all vehicles used are covered by sufficient liability and property damage insurance. A reminder that the transportation of Scouts in "Open Pickup Trucks" is against all National Health & Safety Policies and is also against common good judgment. The Local Tour Permit or Camp Use Request Form is not required for Council Long Range Camps at Salmen Scout Reservation.



THE RISK ZONE

“The Risk Zone” is a state of physical and mental fatigue that is a major cause of highway crash fatalities. As a leader it is your challenge to do all that you can to keep Scouts safe, both at Camp and while traveling to and from Salmen Scout Reservation. Take the Driver’s Pledge and get a good night’s sleep the night before you come to Camp and on your last night at Camp. The Driver’s Pledge is a commitment to plan ahead and avoid killer fatigue. A special training session on “The Risk Zone” will be offered each week during camp for all drivers – youth and adult.

Camp V-Bar Driver’s Pledge

I will not drive when I feel fatigued. I realize that when I am fatigued,
I process information slower and less accurately,
and this impairs my ability to react in time to avoid accidents.
I will get a good night’s sleep before I drive to camp – and my last night at camp.
I will make travel plans that take into account my personal biological clock
and I will only drive while alert.

SPEED LIMIT

The speed limit in camp is 15 mph. Please ensure compliance with this requirement for the safety of our Scouts and Scouters.

TROOP TRAILERS

Trailers may be taken into and remain in the camping area but must be unhitched from the towing vehicle and the towing vehicle returned to the parking lot.

PARKING

Parking will be in the lot to the left prior to entering camp. Vehicles are permitted on camp roads only for the purpose of unloading and loading. Please take great care when on these roads. Immediately following unloading, please remove all vehicles to the designated long term parking lot outside the main gate of camp and the Brownsea field area on the back side of camp as quickly as possible. No vehicles should return to the campsite until after closing.

CHECK IN / OUT

Camp check-in will start at the designated time per the Program Schedule. Camp personnel cannot accommodate early arrivals. In order to ensure that you have sufficient time to set up camp, it is requested that all troops make every effort to be checked in no later than 2 hours after the start of check-in, so plan your schedule accordingly.

Departure will be after closing ceremonies on the last day of camp, following a campsite inspection by your Camp Commissioner and completion of check-out procedures.

FUNCTION OF THE TROOP AND PATROL METHOD IN CAMP

Camp V Bar strongly encourages the use of the Troop and Patrol method while at camp. It will be the duty of the Senior Patrol Leader to attend the daily Senior Patrol Meetings and keep the Troop informed on what is happening around camp. The Senior Patrol Leader is encouraged to conduct PLC meetings. If the Troop's elected SPL is not at camp, the Troop should elect or appoint a Senior Patrol Leader to act in



his place for the week. The camp experience will bring Patrols together, especially for first-year Scouts. Units are encouraged to bring Troop and Patrol flags with them to Camp.

CAMP LEADERSHIP

All troops in camp must be under the leadership of two adults, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, at all times. Leaders may rotate as necessary as long as at least two adults are with the troop 24 hours a day. Parents, committee members and other adults who accompany a unit to camp must be registered Scouters of the Boy Scouts of America.

LEADERS MEETING

A meeting of all troop leaders and the camp staff will be held on the first day of camp at the designated time on the Program Schedule. Special announcements concerning the camp, its policies, procedures and alarm systems will be included in this initial meeting. Any specific questions about camp will be answered at that time, so it is important that you attend.

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS

Camp is an outdoor experience and personal items such as stereos, radios, tape players, electronic games, etc. are not appropriate for camp. A Scout is cheated out of his full outdoor experience with these types of items.

LOST AND FOUND

Until camp closes, lost and found items will be kept in the Administration Building. Any remaining item after camp is closed will be brought to the Southeast Louisiana Council Service Center and kept for one month. Leaders should urge all Scouts to mark personal belongings with their name and troop number.

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

We solicit all leaders' cooperation in this area. The conduct and discipline of the Scouts is the responsibility of the unit leaders. The camp staff will not discipline any boys unless it is a case of bodily injury or property damage. Your campsite is your home. Taps is at 10:30 PM and all campers are expected to be in their own campsite at that time. Any unit activities such as night hikes, astronomy hikes, etc. are an exception but must be cleared with the camp or program director.

UNIFORMS

The official scout uniform is necessary for wear at camp. Scouts and Leaders will wear the complete class-A uniform for evening meals and open/closing campfires. Scouts class-B uniform is worn at both the morning assembly and lunch assembly. (Note: Please have full field uniforms, not jeans, jogging pants or any other type of clothing other the Boy Scout uniform.)

TRADING POST

Camp V-bar maintains a well-stocked Trading Post and Concession Stand to serve The Scouts in making their stay more enjoyable. There is a full complement of snacks and Scouting items such as patches, handicraft kits, and camping gear to enhance the Scout's camp experience. Daily hours will be posted. Scouts will need spending money to purchase items at the Trading Post. We ask that you bring small bills (1's and 5's) and quarters if possible.



MERIT BADGE PAMPHLETS

All Scouts should purchase their merit badge pamphlets prior to attending camp. The Scout Shop and other local Scout distributors have them available. All Scouts should read the merit badge pamphlet prior to attending Camp.

EQUIPMENT AND TENTS:

In order to keep costs of camp the lowest in the area, we are encouraging units to provide all or part of their own tents. Troops must notify Camp Director, no later than the pre-camp Leaders Meeting if the troop will need camp tents.

Salmen Scout Reservation provides tents and cots if needed, upon request. Individuals may decide to use their personal or unit's equipment. Meals, tents, campsite equipment, program facilities, and some other equipment are provided for each unit. Two-person tents, with cots, erected over platforms will be waiting if needed. Any issued equipment that is damaged should immediately be brought to the attention of camp administration to avoid the unit or individual being charged for the equipment.

Camp tents will be set up, but not spidered. Rope will be available for campers wishing to spider their tents. Spidering a tent involves extending the sides of the tent to allow for airflow through tent.

SHOWERS

Each troop is issued a shower key, which allows access to the two (2) shower houses on camp. The key is only to be used by adult leadership. The adult should develop a shower schedule with their troop. The adult leadership is to accompany the troop to the shower house and remain with the troop until completed. Each shower is a private stall with wet and dry areas. There are two leader showers with flushing toilets. It is the troop's responsibility to keep the showers clean. If you need assistance while at camp, contact the camp administration. Complete guidelines of camp shower usage will be outlined at the opening leaders' orientation at camp.

HEALTH & SAFETY

The Health Lodge is staffed 24 hours a day by persons trained to handle minor accidents or illness. All injuries, regardless of the extent, must be reported to and treated at the Health Lodge. Special arrangements for the treatment of more serious cases have been made with nearby community hospitals. In the event such treatment is required, the camper's parents will be notified by telephone giving the nature of the emergency, and their desires concerning further treatment will be followed. If the parents of any Scout will not be home during the week he is in camp, please find out where they can be reached and note this information on the Scout's medical form.

MEDICAL EXAM

The Current Annual Health & Medical Record is to be used (BSA Form 680-001 Parts A, B, and C). Each Scout and Leader who attends camp must have an annual health history attested by parents or guardians supported by a medical evaluation completed within the last 12 months by a competent, state approved, medical authority. It is strongly advised to send a copy of medical insurance card in case of an emergency with the health form. The medical forms are available on the Council Web Site. Annual Medical form link:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>



At the medical screening given each camper and leader, upon his arrival, the camp reserves the right to refuse admittance or involvement in any activity to any individual who, in the opinion of the examining person and the Camp Director, has developed any physical or medical situation which could present a hazard to the individual or other individuals.

MEDICATION DISPENSING

The Camp Health Officer will receive Scout medication and dispensing information. All prescription medications except for life saving medications such as inhalers and EPI Pens must be turned in.

INSURANCE

Southeast Louisiana Council troops are covered under the council's accident insurance plan and do not need to provide proof of unit accident insurance upon arrival. Out-of-Council troops will need to provide proof of unit accident insurance upon arrival. If you do not have any accident insurance, contact your council service center at least 30 days prior to camp.

SPECIAL EXEMPTION

It is understood that where compliance with the medical examination requirement is in violation of the religious convictions of the individual, such requirements will be waived by the presentation of a certification from the camper's parents and proper church official that:

- A. a definite violation of religious convictions and
- B. the parents or next of kin accept full responsibility for any consequences of such exemption and release the Boy Scouts of America, the Southeast Louisiana Council and its employees and volunteers from any responsibility.

TRIPS TO HOSPITALS AND DOCTORS

Campers requiring the attention of a doctor or the services of a hospital are:

1. The responsibility of the unit leadership is to provide transportation for unit member(s) requiring services from a doctor or hospital.
2. One adult leader from the unit will accompany the unit member and is asked to have the information available on the personal insurance. The Scout's health record should be obtained from the health officer before departing.
3. Parent or guardian will be immediately notified by the Camp Health Officer of any serious illness or injury. Unit leaders should know where parents can be contacted.
4. The camp will provide transportation **only** when the unit has none available.
5. Directions and medical procedures to the doctor's offices and hospitals will be available at the Health Lodge.
6. The Camp Health Officer must clear all cases requiring outside medical care.

DINING HALL (AIR CONDITIONED!)

The Camp Staff and Scouts will participate in an active experience when entering the Dining Hall, filled with Scout Spirit. Each Troop will eat at assigned tables, and will furnish a table waiter for each table to assist before, during, and after the meal. There is a ratio of 1 waiter per every 8 individuals. The table waiter should report to the Dining Hall 15 minutes prior to each meal (except for Lunch, instruction will be given while at camp). It is the responsibility of the table waiter to: (1) set his table, (2) refill drink pitchers during the meal, (3) wipe down tables and (4) sweep the area.



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It is important for unit leaders to assist the Camp Staff by not allowing their Scouts to leave the Dining Hall until dismissed by the Dining Hall Steward. The Dining Hall steward will dismiss the table waiters when they have completed their duties. Scout leaders are expected to spread this responsibility among all boys attending Camp. It is a suggestion that your troop's first table waiter be an experienced Scout, to demonstrate the proper methods to your Scouts. If your scouts would like certain staff members to eat with them at morning and evening meals, they can pick up that staff members totem on the way in the dining hall. Scouts are required to be in Field Uniform for the evening meals.

We serve only water not sugary drinks at lunch to help keep Scouts hydrated.

DIETARY NEEDS

The Dining Hall Staff serves well-balanced meals meeting **Daily Dietary** Nutrition Needs. If you have special medical or religious dietary needs, the Dining Hall Staff can accommodate your requests. We ask that you address those needs with the Camp Director one month prior to coming to Camp.

GRACE

Every morning and evening at the Flag Ceremony, Grace will be recited. The S2R Grace is carved in wood on the Administration Building, for you to read.

S2R Grace

**We thank thee Lord for all that's good;
for food, for life, for brotherhood;
for friends, and family, near and far;
and for the Fellowship of S2R. Amen.**

TAPS/QUIET HOURS

Taps occurs at 10:30 pm. All campers are expected to be in their campsites by that time. Unit activities such as night hikes, astronomy, etc. would constitute an exception. Reveille is 6:00 am

CAMP TELEPHONE

There is a designated public telephone at camp for use by the Troop's leadership. Scout campers must clear any personal use of the phone with Troop's leaders and must be accompanied by an adult when using the camp phone. The public phone is located just outside the entrance to the Administration Building. Parents are encouraged to purchase disposable Long Distance Cards prior to their arrival for their sons to use while at camp. Incoming calls for scouts will be accepted on the camp business phone, and a message will be relayed to the Troop Leader. The call back will be on the public phone. The camp business phone cannot be tied up for personal phone calls.

CELLULAR PHONES

Cellular phone use by campers is prohibited. Scoutmasters are asked to confiscate cellular phones so that inadvertent phone calls to home do not prompt surprise visits from parents during the week. Scoutmasters can and should regulate all phone calls to home in order to avoid home sickness. Wi-Fi or internet access is not available for campers.

LIQUID AND LP FUELS

The use of liquid fueled (kerosene, gasoline, Coleman fuel, etc.) equipment is highly discouraged for use in council camp because of the hazards involved in the storage, handling, filling, and lighting of such



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equipment. LP Gas (propane/butane) lanterns and stoves are to be used with adult supervision only. Under no circumstances shall flames of any kind be carried into tents.

FISHING

Because of the large range of bank area near the lake, and no supervision except in the Waterfront Area, fishing will be allowed only under the “Buddy System.” Salmen Scout Reservation maintains a policy of “catch and release” so all can enjoy the fishing. Scouts are encouraged to enjoy the Joe Domino Fishing Pier. All Scouts and Scouters who wish to do some fishing during their stay in camp will be required to obtain a Salmen Scout Reservation Fishing License. Fishing licenses may be obtained from the camp administration office at no charge. Individuals will be able to obtain their license on any day of camp. Scouts working on the Fishing Merit Badge can use fish caught to complete requirements.

SMOKING OR USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

It is the responsibility of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to protect the health and safety of the young people in our program. It is the policy of BSA that leaders should not use tobacco products in any form in the presence of youth members. In addition, extreme care should be exercised to provide smoke-free environments for all Scouting participants. All buildings, facilities and camps under the control of the Southeast Louisiana Council are designated as nonsmoking facilities. As such, a designated smoking area at camp has been established on the porch of the Scoutmaster’s Lounge. Smoking will be allowed in this area only.

VISITORS

Visitors are invited to make short visits to camp at any time. Extended visits may interrupt a Scout’s ability to complete scheduled activities or merit badges. Visitors must check-in with the Administration Office on arrival and departure. Visitors may eat in the Dining Hall at any meal. Please make arrangements prior to the meal with the administration office. Parents are encouraged to attend camp on Parent Night.

KITCHEN

The kitchen area is off limits for all except Dining Hall personnel. If anything is needed from the kitchen, please ask the camp administration.

CAMP STAFF LIVING AREA

The camp staff lives in a designated Camp Staff area. Scouts and Scouters should be instructed to respect this area, and are not allowed in this area at any time. We ask for your help in enforcing this policy. If anything is needed from the staff area, please contact camp administration, and your request will be handled promptly.

DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

All campsites and camp owned equipment used by a unit will be inspected before the unit checks out. Units are responsible for any damage or breakage. All damage should be immediately reported to the Camp Director by the unit adult leader in charge.

FIRE AND EMERGENCY ALARMS

The camp has its own fire and emergency alarm system. It is important that everyone is aware of the camp system. This will be explained at the initial leaders meeting and a test will be conducted as soon



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as practical after camp starts. Firefighting equipment is available at camp. In the event of a fire emergency, this equipment will be initially manned by **camp staff**. Scouters and Scouts are not to assist in the use of this equipment until so directed by the Camp Director in an emergency situation.

THE OUTDOOR CODE

All campers are asked to live by the Outdoor Code. Please don't cut down, or damage, in any way, live trees. They will become infected. Make sure any open fires are in the properly designated fire area. Please be sure that your Scouts know and understand the importance of caring for nature as well as camp property.

The Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to
Be clean in my outdoor manners,
Be careful with fire,
Be considerate in the outdoors, and
Be conservation-minded.

A SCOUT IS CLEAN

You are expected to keep your campsite, latrine, shower facility, and washstand clean. If you need any special maintenance, please report it immediately to camp administration. We will see to it as soon as possible. Toilet tissue will be distributed through the Camp Administration. We appreciate your cooperation.

FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, BOWS, ARROWS, AND WEAPONS

Personal rifles, firearms, ammunition, bows, arrows, and other weapons are not allowed in camp. Only those supplied by the camp are permitted, and only in the designated area. Any exceptions must be arranged prior to arriving in camp with the Camp Director.

ALCOHOL, ILLEGAL DRUGS, AND/OR STIMULANTS

The use of alcohol, illegal drugs, and/or stimulants on Boy Scout property has long been prohibited. This policy will be strictly enforced for all those who use our camp facility. We will enforce all local, state, and federal laws in these matters.

PETS

No Pets of any type are allowed in camp.

FIREWORKS

No fireworks are allowed at Camp V-Bar unless done by an authorized, bonded user for arena show purposes. Personal usage is not allowed.

SHEATH KNIVES/WEAPONS

If any Scout is caught with any kind of weapon or sheath knife, the Scout will lose all rights to having it and be asked to leave camp. (Note to Scoutmasters: Please check with your Scouts before leaving home. We are striving for a safe environment at camp.)



LASER POINTERS

Laser pointers are not allowed at Camp.

OPEN TOED SHOES

Open Toed shoes are forbidden at camp. To prevent any foot injuries, please wear closed toed shoes.



APPENDIX 1 – MAP TO CAMP



