



A "First Class" Trailblazer Program!

Designed exclusively to excite and inspire the first-year camper, Camp Durant's Trailblazer program offers a thrilling adventure to the most important Scouts at summer camp! For five hours each day, first year Scouts will work closely with some of the most experienced, enthusiastic and talented camp staff members to master basic Scouting skills that will become the foundation for their future success in Scouting. Unlike the traditional merit badge program,



Trailblazers will not receive advancement while at camp; instead, our highly trained staff will work with each Scout to learn these skills so that he can take his knowledge back to his troop leaders for their approval.

Scouts enrolled in this incredible program will learn to tie a square knot, recognize a copperhead, shoot a rifle, swim the American Crawl, build a camp gadget, avoid poison ivy, splint a broken bone, and countless other lessons in the first pages of the Boy Scout Handbook.

During each session, our dedicated and specialized staff will tailor an exciting instructional program that meets the needs and challenges of diverse learners. At the end of the week, your first-year campers will leave as experienced, knowledgeable Scouts.

Durant Fact:

The dining hall will seat 700 for meals and a separate grill will afford Scouts the chance to have the optional snack of their choice!

It's not just a lodge but a Grand Lodge!

It's finally begun! After years of planning, designing, debating and excitement, construction on the Grand Lodge Dining Hall at Camp Durant has finally begun! Located immediately above the Harrison Smith Aquatics Facility overlooking beautiful Nello Teer Lake, the Grand Lodge Dining Hall will be the most incredible dining facility at any Boy Scout camp in the United States. With seating for more than 700 guests at one time, the Grand Lodge will serve delicious meals to campers quickly and efficiently through four serving lines. Our Golden Corral kitchen will boast modern, commercial-grade equipment that will ensure every Scout, Scouter and guest at Camp Durant will receive meals better than their own mother can fix! After a delicious meal, our Scouts can relax in rocking chairs on the porch, walk down stairs for dessert at the Camp Durant Snack Bar or to pick up a tee-shirt or patch at the Camp Durant Trading Post. And if the campsite is low on supplies, our fully-stocked and staffed Quartermaster Shed is right next door, ready to meet any need and provide incredible customer service to our guests!



Construction is rapidly proceeding on schedule. The foundations and supports have already been put in place and by next week, the first of the steel frame will be erected! It's too early to know if we'll be enjoying meals in the Grand Lodge this summer, but for now, it's exciting to watch our progress. Check out how we're progressing on www.ocscouts.org or www.campdurant.com; we're posting new pictures every week!