

HIKING TRAILS

PIKE NATIONAL FOREST STATEMENT

Boy Scouts of America is an equal opportunity service provider. Boy Scouts of America operates under special permit by the USDA Forest Service.

All Blue Mountain Hikes require a \$5.00 per person Fee

Our Hike and Bike staff maintain and oversee the trail systems throughout camp. Current camp trails are listed at camp and information/updates will be provided by the staff throughout the week. All units must register in advance to access the camp trails system. All trails begin by checking in with the staff at Business Office. Hikes vary in difficulty from moderate to extreme and from 1.5 mile to 5 miles. To become a "Hiker of Camp A" one must hike at least three trails, one of which must be hiked at night. In addition to hiking the applicant must assist with a minimum 1 hour building/repairing a section of the trail led by the staff. The "Hiker of Camp A" patch can be purchased at the Trading post during your week.



Available Hikes:

Blue Mountain 5 Mile / Scenic Overlook 1.5 mile / Nature Hike 1 Mile / Eagle Eye Overlook

POLAR BEAR SWIM

Prove you're a real Polar Bear by jumping into the lake early on Friday morning for this brisk splash. This is open to any and all campers regardless of swimming ability. Groups of 5 will jump in waist deep water and wade back to shore. The water is warm like a sauna- the real polar bear is getting out of the water into the chilly 30 degree temperatures. Grab the patch to let everyone know you braved the waters at Camp Alexander.

(Please note: Campers will not be able to do both the Polar Bear swim and the Sunrise Blue Mountain Hike. They must choose to complete one.)



WHITewater RAFTING TRIP

For your adventuresome scouts we offer a rafting trip on the Arkansas River. Bighorn Sheep Canyon is a Whitewater Rafting Class II and III section of the Arkansas River which will provide your scouts with great excitement in a controlled environment.

The trip will depart Friday morning at 7:30 AM. The cost per person is \$78 which includes transportation, wet suit, spray jacket, rubber foot booties, guide, and an awesome adventure!. Registration will be through pikespeakbsa.org.

Rafting Schedule

7:15 AM Meet at Flag Poles
7:30 AM Load buses
Raft and Lunch at Echo Canyon
3:30 PM Return to Camp Alexander

For scouts that need medications during the raft trip, be sure you check them out their medications Wednesday night.

Echo Canyon Provides: Helmet, Spray jacket, Wetsuit, Booties, and PFD. **Items to Bring Rafting:** Water bottle, towel, sunscreen, \$3 per person to tip the raft guide

