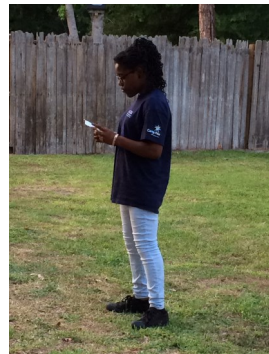


# ACES

6th-9th grade  
Outdoor Leadership Program

Teens use the outdoors as a place to learn and conquer skills in areas of leadership, decision-making, self-reliance, and teamwork. The ACES program takes teens through a progression of outdoor skills, volunteer service, team challenges, and leadership training.



## ACES Advanced Camping Experts Outdoor Leadership Program

Gain leadership and communication experience as you learn outdoor wilderness skills including fires, orienteering, knot tying, cooking, emergency response, and more. Progressive, 3-year program that prepares you for future leadership opportunities. Meet most 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings (6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.) during the school year, plus occasional day and weekend camping trips. Meetings take place at Camp Fire unless otherwise noted.

September 4	Meeting
September 10	Annual Meeting Ceremonial
September 18	Meeting
October 2	Meeting
October 16	Meeting, Location TBA
November 6	Meeting
November 17	Fall Campfire, ACES Overnight
November 20	Leadership Training, Location TBA
December 4	Meeting
December 18	Teen Christmas Party
January 15	Meeting
January 25-26	Dump Cake Booth
February 5	Meeting
February 16-18	ACES Fun Camp
March 5	Meeting
March 16-17	Primitive Camp
March 19	Meeting
April 2	Meeting
April 12-14	Spring Camp
April 16	Meeting
May 7	Meeting
May 21	End of Year Ceremonial

**\$100** annual fee  
*payment plan available*  
**\$20** one time equipment fee

## Fall Campfire & Spring Camp

Spend the weekend putting all of your skills and training to work. Serve as a mentor and role model for pre-school and elementary age kids as you assist with a variety of leadership activities. ACES in training are required to attend a minimum of one camp per year.

## Progression & ACES Shirts

ACES shirts are a required part of the program and are worn at meetings and camps. The color denotes how far you have progressed in the program.

*Level One - dark green    Level Two - light blue    Level Three - dark blue*

## RED Shirts

Teens who have met all requirements of the program are presented the esteemed RED ACES shirt and hold a lifelong place of honor within the council. The skills you learn in the ACES program will make you a stronger individual, leader, and community member.

*For details & registration information*  
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Fees include ACES shirt, binder, bead book, vencho, emblems and beads, and general meeting supplies. Teens also receive: Level One - Outdoor Progression handbook, Level Two - orienteering compass, and Level Three - pocket knife. Small additional fees for camping trips. Teens must have current Camp Fire membership - it's easy, ask for more information.

Camp Fire's unique programs offer not only the opportunity to give back and serve our community, but also provide a rich, nurturing environment for our youth to **THRIVE**. Our programs are led by trained staff and are intentionally designed to build communication and goal setting skills, gain leadership experience and self confidence, and help teens understand the importance of a growth mindset. Simply put, fees help offset the costs related to making that possible. Interested but out of your reach? Ask about a partial scholarship. It's easy, it's confidential, and is available to ensure that cost is never the reason that somebody is held back from something they want to do.