



BOY SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP

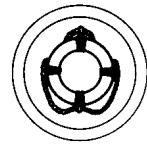


ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

MERIT BADGES

The core of the scout's week at camp is the opportunity for advancement through earning merit badges and completing requirements for rank advancement. There are five sessions for scheduled merit badge classes per day with opportunity for others during free time. Certain merit badges also require prerequisites. It is beneficial to the scout to complete them **prior to the beginning of camp**. Scouts will need to show the work that they completed for the prerequisites to the assigned Merit Badge Counselor. However, some merit badges simply cannot be completed at camp. To be recognized at the Saturday Court of Honor for the completion of the merit badge, scouts must have proved that they have completed *all* the requirements.

Be sure that your merit badge pamphlet is up to date!!



RANK ADVANCEMENT:

We recognize that many scouts will work towards advancing in rank during the week. The staff is committed to work with unit leaders to allow scouts to advance at camp and be recognized at the court of honor on Saturday Morning. One of the main goals of our First Year camper program is to work collaboratively with scout leaders to fulfill as many advancement goals as possible during their week at camp. More information will be provided at the pre-camp meeting and during your week at camp.



OTHER ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Totin' Chip Scouts should bring their own pocketknife. See Outdoor Skills director.

Firem'n Chit Firebuilding instruction will be held in the Outdoor Skills area.

Paul Bunyan will be instructed at the Outdoor Skills Area. Some requirements should be completed prior to camp.

Mile Swim practices will be held Monday through Wednesday at 4pm. The actual mile swim is held on Thursday. Those who wish to swim the mile must participate in all the practices.

Snorkeling, BSA will also be instructed at the waterfront. All interested scouts should contact the Waterfront Director in advance. Scouts **must** bring their own equipment to participate.

BSA Lifeguard is an ambitious award for the scout who has all the Aquatics and the First Aid merit badges. A large time commitment is required to earn this award and interested scouts should contact the Waterfront Director prior to attending camp.

Kayaking, BSA— provides an introduction to kayaking skills and safety procedures.

TROOP PROGRAM

THE SENIOR PATROL LEADER (SPL)

As the BSA is a **youth-led organization**, during the week at camp, the individual responsible for most troop activities and decision is the SPL. The SPL is charged with coordinating the troop's activities and ensuring the troop completes its responsibilities like campsite clean up and arriving on time to retreat. The SPL may approach the adult leadership for advice and assistance, but it must be remembered that the adults are at camp on vacation and the SPL is the true leader. SPL's will be asked to attend frequent meetings with the program director to coordinate activities and discuss camp related issues.

TROOP ACTIVITIES

Troop activities will be held from 4:00– 5:15 and 7:00 – 7:45 PM daily, except when special programming takes precedence. The following is a list of suggested activities for the evening program. Other ideas can be arranged and we always encourage inter troop and inter patrol competition.

Aquatics

Troop Boating
Troop Swim
Water Games
Canoe to Beaver Dam
Swim Instruction
Greased Watermelon
Canoe Tug of War Canoe the Bog

Field Sports

Rifle Shoot
Archery Shoot
Softball
Capture the Flag
Soccer
One Pitch Wiffle Ball
Volleyball
Ultimate Frisbee

Outdoor Skills

Orienteering Skill Instruction
Fire Building Skill Instruction
Totin' Chip Award
Pioneering Skill Instruction
Firem'n Chit Award
Paul Bunyan Award
Knot Relay

Ecology & Conservation

Plant ID/Nature Trail Hike
Conservation Projects
Discussion of Environmental Effects

Handicrafts

Plaque making
Patrol Flag Making

OTHER TROOP PROGRAMS

Service Projects around camp can be completed by troops, patrols, and individuals for fun or for rank requirements (except Eagle). Interested scouts, units, and leaders should contact the Camp Commissioner.

Campfires should be conducted by troops within their own campsites (observing quiet hours). If so desired, troops should invite staff members or other campsites to join in. Two camp-wide campfires will occur on Sunday and Friday evenings. The staff will run the campfire on Sunday. However, we strongly encourage troop participation in the Friday night campfire. Troops should start practicing their songs and skits early in the week and SPL's should inform the Program Director of their choices by Thursday at dinner.



Campsite Cooking is strongly encouraged. Especially at times when the dining hall is very full, troops may find it a nice change to cook one meal during the week in their campsite. If they so desire, troops should notify the camp administration at the pre-camp meeting. Food will be provided by the camp upon filling out the Food Requisition Form (Form 4) located at the back of this guide. You are responsible for providing most cooking equipment. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the camp administration.



Patrol Leader's Council Meetings are also strongly encouraged. If the SPL would like assistance in coordinating one of these important meetings within his troop, the Program Director will be glad to help.



Baden Powell Patrol Award

This award is issued to Patrols who participate in all troop functions, display scout spirit, and complete a service project as a patrol. See your scoutmaster or SPL for details