



Wayfinder Program

1st Year Camper Program

The Wayfinder Program is the Greater St. Louis Area Council's Scouts BSA "first-year" camper program. This program is a rank requirement focused program that helps newer Scouts work towards their 1st Class rank.

Program Basics

- Scouts may register for individual rank sessions based on their needs. Sessions are divided into Scout & Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. Each session is one-hour long and meets Monday - Friday.
- Like merit badge registration, you can select the sessions that each Scout needs.
- Merit badges are not automatically included in this program. Depending on the number of rank sessions in which the Scout is enrolled, he or she may register for 3 - 5 merit badges of their choice. The rank sessions have been scheduled to offer at least one Swimming merit badge session at a non-conflicting time.
- Camp Staff will not "sign-off" on the requirements in the program. They do offer the skill instruction but it is up to the unit leadership to determine if a requirement has been completed by the Scout.

Requirements Covered

Scout Rank

- 1a - Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Slogan
- 1b - Scout Spirit
- 1c - Scout Sign, Salute, Handshake
- 1d - First Class Badge
- 1e - Outdoor Code
- 1f - Pledge of Allegiance
- 3a - Patrol Method
- 4a - Knots
- 4b - Whip & Fuse Rope
- 5 - Pocket Knife Safety



Tenderfoot Rank

- 3a, b, c - Practical use of Knots
- 3d - Woods Tools
- 4a - First Aid
- 4b - Hazardous Plants
- 4c - Injury/Exposure Prevention
- 5b - What to do if Lost
- 5c - Safe Hiking
- 7a - US Flag Display



Second Class Rank

- 2b - Prepare Tinder, Kindling, etc
- 2c - Fire Building
- 2f, g - Knots
- 3a - Orient a Map
- 3c - Hiking Hazards
- 3d - Directions at Night
- 6a, b, c, d, e - First Aid
- 8a - Flag Ceremony
- 8b - Flag Respect/Etiquette
- 9a - 3 R's of Personal Safety
- 9b - Bullying



First Class Rank

- 3a - Lashing Uses
- 3b - Clove Hitch, Timber Hitch
- 3c - Tying Lashings
- 3d - Camp Gadget
- 5b - Weather Forecasts
- 5c - Impending Hazards
- 5d - Extreme Weather
- 7a, b, c, f - First Aid/Emergencies

