

- Baden-Powell Council -

Tuscarora Scout Reservation



Summer Camp 2023 Leaders Guide

BADEN-POWELL COUNCIL



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Dear Unit Leader:

Welcome to the 2023 Summer Camp Leader Guide. We are excited to have another summer of Scouting with New merit badge opportunities along with offering an even more robust independent study merit badge program!! We are also excited to announce **all program fees are now included in the total price!**

The Baden-Powell Council of the Boy Scouts of American is proud to operate Tuscarora Scout Reservation, a 1200-acre camp located in the foothills of the Catskills. We offer 16 miles of marked trails, a 35-acre lake, brand new giant inflatable, key-log rolling, paddle-boarding and a waterslide at our waterfront. We also have a shotgun and rifle ranges along with a 40-foot, multiple-side climbing tower. We offer an Eagle Scout concentration area, handicraft and nature programs.

Throughout all these programs we have a dedicated camp staff who demonstrate Scout spirit and the Spirit of Tuscarora throughout all that they do. It is our hope that you feel part of our giant family while you stay here at Tuscarora.

As you go through this guide, **please read it carefully**; many things have changed, and we are eager to communicate that to you as easily as possible. A full merit badge schedule is included in this guide.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at Shannon.Wheeler@Scouting.org or call the council office at 607-648-7888 (ext. 107).

I look forward to seeing each of you this summer at Tuscarora Scout Reservation!

In the spirit of Scouting,

Shannon Wheeler

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TUSCARORA SCOUT RESERVATION

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(Operational June 2-August 12, 2023 except weekends)

A United Way Member Agency

BSA Mission Statement

to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law." The emphasis in this statement is on the behavioral changes that the organization stimulates in the youths who come into contact with it.

Our Statement of Purpose

It is our purpose to instill the ideals of Scouting in a fun setting and to encourage leadership, friendship, and service to others. The values we promote, and our camp rules are best summarized in the Scout Oath and Law. Through the Scout Oath and Law, the Camp will provide an outdoor experience that fosters a growth in moral strength and character, promotes participation in citizenship, and development in physical, mental, and emotional fitness.

Council Professional Staff

Council Scout Executive - Matthew Bull
Council Assistant Scout Executive - Andy Zilnik
Council Business Manager - Paige Benware
Council Program Director - Shannon Wheeler

Contact Information

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Camp Mailing Address

Scout's Name
Troop Number
Tuscarora Scout Reservation
205 Summit Lake Road
Windsor, NY 13865

(Please note- Mail delivery is slow and may take 2-4 extra days)

SCOUTS BSA SUMMER CAMP 2023 FEES

- **Camp Fee 2023 - \$550**
- **Early Bird Discount - \$500** (all payments in before May 13, including March 1 payments of \$100/Scout)
- **Additional Leader Fee - \$135** (Beyond the number required for Youth Protection Ratios)

CAMPSITE RESERVATION POLICY

It is the policy of the Baden-Powell Council to give the unit that is currently occupying a campsite, first rights to reserve that site for the coming year during the same camp session.

Units should “lock-in” a reservation by completing a site reservation form and paying a non-refundable \$250 deposit before they leave camp at the end of their session.

** In order to qualify for Early Bird Discounts, a unit must have paid a \$250.00 site deposit per site as well as completed a site reservation form for each, paid a \$100.00 deposit per Scout going to camp by March 1, 2023, and completed all payments by May 15, 2023.

SCOUT LEADER FEES

The first two adults are free for each unit that attends camp. **Two adults must be with all units throughout the week.** Beyond this, a ratio of 1:8 leaders to Scouts must be maintained. With 17 Scouts or more, a third leader goes free.

Additional leaders beyond this quota, based on the unit’s attendance, can attend camp at an additional cost of **\$135.00 per week.** For those leaders attending for short amounts of time, there is a meal fee option of \$8.00/meal for breakfast and lunch and \$10.00/meal for dinner.

****All Adults Must Have Youth Protection Training (YPT) if staying more than a day.**

VISITOR MEAL FEES

You can come to camp and see the Scouts in action, plus enjoy a meal!

- **Breakfast or Lunch - \$8.00**
- **Dinner - \$10.00**

SECOND WEEK POLICY

Scouts that would like to spend a second week at either camp may do so for a reduced cost. Our second week policy states that all Scouts, regardless of status, will receive \$35.00 off the lowest current published fee. The Scout will be considered a provisional during their second week and be “adopted” by a unit within camp, if they are attending without their unit.

Each Scout must complete and submit our Provisional Scouting/Second Week Registration form. Provisional Applications are due by May 15 in order to receive the early bird discount *unless submitted while at Camp.*

PAYMENT OF CAMP FEES

Fees can be paid at the Baden-Powell Council Service Center by cash, check or credit card.

**In order to qualify for Early Bird Discounts, a unit must have paid a \$250.00 site deposit per site as well as completed a site reservation form for each, paid a \$100.00 deposit per Scout going to camp by March 1, and completed all payments by May 15.

Any payments made after May 15 will be charged at the full camp rate. (In the event that a Scout crosses over from a Pack after May 15, and all other fees are paid on time, we will of course honor the Early Bird fee.

We ask that all fees are paid in full by June 15. Please contact us with any extenuating circumstances.

BADEN-POWELL COUNCIL REFUND POLICY

Scouts who are unable to attend camp or leave camp for any reason will receive a refund less a \$150.00 cancellation/service fee for Resident Camp. This fee will help cover the supplies and food that were purchased and staff that were made available based on anticipated camp attendance. This is effective from May 15 until after the Summer Camping Season concludes.

From May 15 until the last week of June, appropriate credits will be issued to unit accounts to offset remaining balances and program fees. During the Camping Season, refund requests will be accepted while the unit is at camp. Refunds will be issued no later than August 31. No Refund requests will be accepted after August 31. Units should follow up with Camp Administration if they have not received a refund by August 31.

BADEN-POWELL COUNCIL DISCIPLINE POLICY

Camp Discipline: If any Scout is removed from camp for disciplinary reasons, they are not eligible for a refund.

Scouts are responsible for their own behavior at camp; it is not the job of the Camp Staff or Camp Administration to discipline Scouts- most disciplinary situations will be turned over to the Unit Leadership for resolution.

However, some situations will result in immediate removal from camp at the Unit's/Scout's expense; these can include but are not limited to chronic discipline issues, fighting, hazing, possession and/or consumption of alcohol and/or narcotics, possession of firearms or other items that would be classified as weapons, threatening campers or staff, stealing, willful destruction of camp or personal property, etc. Local authorities may also be notified based on the circumstances of the situation.

TUSCARORA SCOUT RESERVATION SERVICE WEEKENDS

The set-up and take-down of our council's camp facilities are a tremendous task. Below are the scheduled dates for Spring service days as well as our post summer camp season "wood-splitting" days. The council needs volunteer support on these days from everyone. Please plan ahead now to involve your unit. Weekend usage of facilities on these service events is free of charge and the council will provide a meal on each date. Schedule your unit to attend, and pre-plan/coordinate your service projects etc. with the following individuals and the Camping Coordinator:

Tuscarora Scout Reservation – Mike Gebhard, Camp Ranger. Phone: 607-467-2721

Service Weekend Dates & Times (pre-camp)

- Tuscarora Scout Reservation Setup Day – April 22, 2023
- Tuscarora Scout Reservation "Gopher Day" – June 3, 2023

Service Weekend Dates & Times (post-camp)

- Tuscarora Scout Reservation "Lumberjack Day" – November 4, 2023

** All are 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM (lunch provided & free overnight camping)

Please register ASAP to ensure meals and camping arrangements for service weekends. To register your unit for workdays at Tuscarora, please contact the Camp Ranger at TuskyRanger@gmail.com.

- Work rain or shine!
- Camp Friday, Saturday, or both nights No charge for camping during weekend of workdays if the unit is actively engaged in approved work projects. This is pending approval of the Camp Ranger and Council Camp Director
- If you wish to schedule an alternative work weekend, please speak directly with the Camp Ranger at the above email. Service projects must meet certain criteria for no charge to be applied to a weekend.
- If you would like to make an offer or donation to a specific project for camp please contact: Matthew Bull – Scout Executive at Matthew.Bull@Scouting.org

CAMPERSHIPS

A limited number of camperships will be available for In-Council Scouts whose families demonstrate a need. A confidential Campership Application has been provided with this guide and is also available on the council website for duplication.

Camperships may be awarded for up to 50% of the camp fee for resident camping programs on a first-come, first-served basis. The remaining cost is the responsibility of those supporters of the youth's expenses (youth, unit, family, etc.).

A Scout is thrifty- a campership request from a youth and unit who have raised funds to defray camp costs through participation in the Council Product Sale and other means and demonstrated a commitment to working with Council by participating in the Family Friends of Scouting program will be looked upon more favorably by the review committee than one who has not.

Parents of Scouts requesting camperships should be given a copy of the form to complete. It must come back to the designated troop leadership for their recommendation, signatures, and submission to the council. Camperships are due at the Council office by **April 1**, at which time the review process will begin and will continue until funds are exhausted. Response letters to Camperships applications that were in by April 1 will be mailed out no later than April 30th. Late applications will be accepted and reviewed if funds remain available.

UNIT PAYMENT PLAN

1. First, complete ***IN FULL*** the *Resident Camp Reservation Form* – there must be information for three (3) adults listed. These adults should include the summer camp coordinator for the unit, and at least two (2) adults that will be attending camp.
 - a. A non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 must accompany the reservation form. The deposit can be subtracted from the final bill, but most units choose to 'roll over' their deposit from year to year, eliminating the need to bring a new check to camp each year.
 - b. Incomplete Reservation forms will not be accepted and will be returned to the unit until they are complete.
 - c. Reservations will only be secured when BOTH the reservation form and the deposit have been received by the Council Camping Department.
2. In order to qualify for Early Bird Discounts, a unit must have paid a \$250.00 site deposit per site as well as completed a site reservation form for each, paid a \$100.00 deposit per Scout going to camp by March 1, and completed all payments by May 15.
 - a. Any payments made after May 15 will be charged at the full camp rate. (Those Scouts that join the unit after March 31 are still eligible for the early-bird discounts.)
3. We ask that all fees are paid in full by **June 15**. Please contact us with any extenuating circumstances.
4. **UNITS** are required to submit a final count of the number of Scouts and leaders attending camp by June 15.
 - a. If using Shared Leadership, a count of adults for each day must be submitted for accurate counts for Dining Hall Service.
 - b. **UNITS** will be responsible for paying total fee based upon the numbers submitted by June 15 unless Council Refund Policy applies to individual circumstances.

MEDICAL FORMS / PHYSICAL EXAMINATION INFORMATION

All Scouts and leaders attending camp must submit an Annual Health and Medical Record form to the Camp Health Officer on the day of check-in. Anyone arriving after the first day of camp must also bring and submit an Annual Health and Medical Record. *****All medications must be in their original packaging to be dispensed at camp.**

Per BSA National policy: A new copy of the Annual Health and Medical Record is required annually.

All 3 parts (A,B,C) of the form must be completed. Part C must be signed annually by a certified and licensed health-care provider – physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant, for any event that exceeds 72 consecutive hours, or when the nature of the activity is strenuous and demanding, such as a high-adventure trek.

Health Forms are valid for one year from the end of the calendar month in which they were certified by a healthcare provider.

Copies of school physical and immunization records are acceptable as long as they list the same information as the annual health and medical record and are practitioner signed within 12 months. Parts a and b of the health record must also be completed and attached.

INSURANCE

An accident and sickness insurance policy covers every Scout registered in Scouting. The council, as part of a year-round policy, provides this for Scouting-related medical expenses caused by injury or illness. Please be aware of the following:

1. Making a claim is the responsibility of the family. The family, through the troop, submits the initial claim document.
2. Personal family insurance is the primary provider. The Council Insurance is the secondary provider. If the individual is not covered by a personal health and accident insurance policy, then the Baden-Powell Council's insurance becomes the primary insurer.
3. The council is the premium-payer but is not the guarantor of payment. A Scout receiving medical treatment must provide their home address, not the camp's nor the address of the Baden-Powell Council Service Center. Failure to provide the proper address will only result in delays and possible credit problems for the involved family.
4. Claim forms and procedures are kept at the Camp Administration Office. For camp-related claims, the form will need to be filled out and provided to the Camp Director. To file a claim, the parents and unit representatives must complete the form. It is then, through Camp Administration, sent to the Council Service Center. All other billing documents should be sent to the Council Service Center. It is then certified and forwarded to the insurance company.
5. Payments are made to the parents or may be assigned directly to the medical provider.
6. Claim forms without the necessary billing documents are useless, as are billing documents without the necessary claim forms.

UNIT LEADERSHIP IN CAMP

TWO-DEEP ADULT LEADERSHIP IS REQUIRED - this is a BSA standard- *no exceptions*. All Units attending camp must provide proof that all members in camp, including any adults, are registered members of the BSA.

All adults (18 years or older) MUST have completed Adult Youth Protection training. This is a National Requirement and proof will be required at check-in (this includes parents filling in as leaders).

Each troop must have at least two (2) responsible registered adult leaders in camp at all times (and an additional leader for each additional eight (8) Scouts (see *chart below*). Both adult leaders must be at least age 21. If a troop does not have two adult leaders who can be in camp with the troop throughout their stay, then the camp administration must combine troops into shared campsites to meet the two-deep adult leadership requirement.

Number of Scouts Attending	Minimum # of Leaders Required
2 - 16	2
17 - 24	3
25 - 32	4
33 - 40	5

Please contact the Council Camp Director if you need to make arrangements to send your unit to camp with another unit, or if you will need to share a campsite to meet the two-deep adult leadership requirement. Your district can help you make these arrangements or can put you in touch with other troops in your geographic area that may be attending the same camp.

Many troops arrange for several parents to share or rotate this responsibility. We strongly encourage the Scoutmaster and/or Assistant Scoutmaster(s) to spend the whole week at camp with the unit, along with at least one other responsible adult in camp at all times. The minimum is 2 adults but having 3 adults at a time will provide you with more flexibility in case one adult has to leave camp. Four adults can be even better.

SHARED LEADERSHIP IN CAMP

Often, troops may be unable to have enough adults to remain in camp for an entire week. This is an increasingly common situation in camp and is not a problem as long as adequate two-deep leadership is provided for each unit. However, from a security viewpoint, shared leadership presents two issues:

First, it makes tracking two-deep leadership coverage difficult for the troop. Second, it makes it difficult for the camp administration to be aware of which adult leaders are in camp at any given time.

Below is a sample *Shared Leadership Schedule*. Note that all information in *italics* is to be filled in by the Scoutmaster, who coordinates the time spent in camp by each adult leader.

Shared Leadership Schedule								
Unit # 0000 Dates of Attendance = 7/5 – 7/11 , 2020								
		5 July	6 July	7 July	8 July	9 July	10 July	11 July
First Name	Last Name	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Joe	<i>Smith</i>							412-555-8462
Ronald	<i>Lionel</i>							412-555-3578
Sally	<i>Simon</i>							412-555-7895
Richard	<i>Robins</i>							412-555-4654
Linda	<i>Ramos</i>							412-555-6214

- Make sure all adults are listed on the shared leadership schedule, even if they are not staying in camp the entire week.
- Create two copies of the completed schedule. One to be submitted to the Camp Director at check-in. The other is to be kept by the troop and posted on their campsite bulletin board.

WEEKEND STAY-OVER POLICY

Tuscarora Scout Reservation does not provide weekend leadership. Troops planning to spend more than one week at camp **must** have provisions for adult leadership during the weekend. This may be their Scoutmaster and/or other adults.

If leadership cannot be arranged, Scouts must leave camp on Saturday by **9:30 AM** and may return on Sunday after 1:00 PM.

Units arriving on Saturday must notify the Camp Director ahead of time and gain approval to do so.

The Program Areas, Waterfront, Health Lodge and Dining Hall facilities are closed on the weekend. The Unit is camping the same as it would year-round.

PRE-CAMP CHECK LIST FOR UNIT LEADERS

Scoutmasters:

- Read thoroughly the Camp Leaders Guide. If you still have questions, call the Council Office.
- Have your Patrol Leaders Council review the guide with you.
- Make sure to have adequate copies of appropriate Medical forms (A,B,C) for Youth and Adults (All campers **MUST** have a Medical Form and a Medication Permission Form on file).
- Collect fees for each Scout and send only one check to the office for each deadline. A list of dollar amounts to be applied to whom must accompany all checks (The troop can lose their campsite without payment).

Troop Committee:

- Line up the necessary adult leadership for the troops' stay at camp.
- Arrange for necessary transportation for your trip to and from camp.
- Make sure that at least two of the adults attending camp are trained at their specific level. **All adults must complete Youth Protection Training prior to attending camp.**

Patrol Leaders Council:

- Develop a list of necessary troop and patrol equipment that you need to take to camp.
- Decide on which program activities your troop and patrols would like to participate in.

Parents:

- Confirm time, place, and date of your departure to camp and return home.
- The mailing address and emergency phone number of camp.
- Camp fees (campership letters if necessary).
- How and when their Scout's medical form should be completed (collect these prior to camp!).
- Any special needs of their Scout or adult leader (i.e. – diet, medical).
- Security Permission Forms

FACILITIES

Tuscarora Scout Reservation is 1200 acres of forested land full of a variety of wildlife and many kinds of trees. Everything from chipmunks to black bears roams our hills. We have a 35-acre lake, Giant inflatable, rifle range, shotgun range, archery range, 40-foot climbing tower with three progressively harder sides and an open, free-rappel side. We have a Health Lodge staffed 24/7. We have a nationally recognized Handicraft program, Scoutcraft Program, Sports, Nature Lodge with 16 plus miles of hiking trails, 7 miles of Mountain Biking trails, and Waterfront area with a Waterslide, Log-Rolling, and floating docks. There are 10 summer unit sites consisting of two-man platform tents, washstand, and latrine. We have 3 Winter Units consisting of 4 8-person lean-tos and Center Lodges. Winter units have electricity.

Site Name	Unit #	Capacity
Abnaki	Summer 1	16
Cayuga A	Summer 2 A	22
Cayuga B	Summer 2 B	24
Chippewa	Summer 3	20
Dakota	Summer 4	18
Delaware A	Summer 5 A	16
Delaware B	Summer 5 B	16
Lenape	Summer 6	36
Minominee	Summer 7	30
Mohican	Summer 9	26
Onondaga A	Summer 11 A	16
Onondaga B	Summer 11 B	22
Seneca A	Summer 12 A	18
Seneca B	Summer 12 B	18
Susquenango (ADA compliant)	Adjacent to Summer 2	12
WU 1	Winter 1	32
WU 3	Winter 3	32
WU 4	Winter 4	32

CAMPSITES

Each campsite at Tuscarora Scout Reservation is unique in its own special way.

Care and upkeep of the campsites throughout the summer is of the highest priority, and we will hold any unit responsible for damages, and/or misuse of the campsite.

When the unit checks out, the troop guide will make them aware of any damages. The Camp Director and Camp Ranger will then decide upon fines, if necessary.

All Summer Units now have frame canopies provided for your Troop's use. We would ask that they stay where they are placed with the picnic tables to avoid any damage to them or loss of parts. Each campsites washstand and latrine has a soap dispenser provided. The Commissioner has toilet paper and garbage bags to provide as needed.

WEDNESDAY EVENING COOKOUT

Wednesday evening's dining is all in your hands. You and your patrols will be cooking and eating in your campsite. Tuscarora Scout Reservation will provide the food (We supply you a food checklist that must be returned to the Dining Hall by Wednesday at breakfast) and the Scouts will perform the cooking and execution of the eating and cleanup. **The menu will be basic, likely hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring gear to cook a simple meal, including a grate and utensils.** If you want to order a pizza and have it picked up/dropped off this is fine too! Please plan to invite our camp staff for dinner as well; this is a great way for them to interact with your Scouts on a more informal level.

VISITING DAYS FOR PARENTS

Parents are welcome to visit camp at any time. However, because most Scouts are at camp for only one week and frequent visits interfere with the troop program and the Scouts' activities. Visitors should also be aware of limited parking. **All visitors must check-in/check-out at the camp security building upon their arrival or departure from camp.** All vehicles must be left in the main parking lot.

Visitors desiring to eat meals in the Dining Hall should make arrangements with the Camp Office as far in advance as possible, but at least 24 hours in advance. Generally, parents will be permitted to sit with their Scouts, provided space is available. The best time for parents to visit camp is during the Family Barbeque on Friday evening. Tickets for this dinner are available at the Camp Trading Post and at the door.

Friday Night Family Barbecue - 6:00 pm – Dinner at Dining Hall, followed by closing campfire

Tickets – Purchased at the Trading Post | Adults: \$10.00 | Children (ages 5-12) \$7.00 | Kids under 5: free.

CAMP SECURITY

- In order to control the personnel that enter or leave the the following requirements have been established:
- **Everyone arriving or leaving camp must register in/out at the CAMP SECURITY BUILDING (Campmaster Cabin).**
- Any visitor (parent, friend, sibling) must register at the SECURITY BUILDING and receive a temporary badge or visitor's wristband. This badge must be turned in upon leaving camp.
- When returning a Scout or Scouts to camp after dark, the adult must register at the CAMP SECURITY BUILDING then walk the Scout or Scouts to their camp site and sign out when they leave camp. Scouts may not be driven to their sites.
- **All adult leaders and Scouts will have a wristband to identify them. These will be issued at check-in. If another leader comes to camp during the week, he/she will be required to register and receive their own band.**
- All staff members will wear a Staff Badge for identification.
- Permission forms must be signed by a parent/guardian for another individual to pick up their child. The form must be turned it in at check in or at the time of pick up. This individual must sign in at the security building and show picture identification in order to pick up the child. They then will be required to sign out with the Scoutmaster and the camp security building when leaving camp with the child. A permission slip should be turned in at check-in if there is a special situation concerning custody of a Scout. The Camp Director should be told directly by the Unit Leader and by the parents.
- When a Scout leaves camp and does not plan to return during the week, or when they leave at the end of the program week, the parent or authorized person must sign the Unit Roster. The Unit Leaders will keep a copy of the roster that was turned in at check-in. After all the Scouts have been picked up and signed out, the leader will return the roster to the camp office through the Health Lodge.
- In order to check-in, every Scout and Adult listed on the final roster must be accounted for. If anyone cannot attend or is going to be late they must have a signed permission slip from a parent or guardian. Lack of these slips will result in the necessity of a phone call by Camp Administration and DELAY at CHECK-IN.
- *All adults, campers, and staff must wear appropriate identification. Please notify Camp Administration of anyone acting in a suspicious manner or not appropriately identified.*
- *Those who enter camp during the week without signing in will be stopped and detained by the Camp Administration until they identify the reason they have entered camp. Law Enforcement may be called if it is warranted.*

TUSCARORA SCOUT RESERVATION VEHICLE POLICY

It is the policy of Tuscarora Scout Reservation that there are no vehicles in sites during the week without the permission of the Camp Director and only then for medical purposes.

Each troop can use **one troop vehicle** to carry equipment between the parking lot and your campsite, at the discretion of the Camp Ranger and Camp Director. We suggest that you find someone with a truck to reduce the number of trips. Four-wheel drive vehicles are strongly encouraged.

TUSCARORA SCOUT RESERVATION SPEED LIMIT IS 10 MPH EVERYWHERE. No one may ride in the open bed of a truck. All vehicles need to be parked on hard surfaces at the parking lot. Please do not park on grass anywhere in camp.

CHECK-IN DAY

(Subject to modification)

1. Your Troop should plan to arrive as a group, between 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. We are unable to check any units in prior to 1:30 pm. Check-in process will begin when all Scouts and camp leaders of the unit, are present, assembled, and wearing their swimming clothes, and with gear in designated staging area in the Parking Lot.
2. Once your Troop has all arrived and is ready (#1 above), the Senior Patrol Leader and the unit leader report to the Camp Commissioner who is stationed in the PARKING LOT PAVILION. They will pick-up their Leaders' Packet and receive updated information on Check-In. A Staff Guide will be assigned at that time to escort your unit. (**Staff Troop Guides are required for all units**). Staff Troop Guides will be there to guide you through the day.
3. Once the unit is on the Check-in Trail, a unit Leader will stop at the Camp Office to update any fees and verify information. **It is at this time we need you to turn in 3 copies of the rosters.**
4. Sunday Swim Tests- All Scouts and Leaders must take a swim test on-site unless they are not swimming at all. Because of New York State Health Department regulations and National Camp Standards, we will not accept swim tests from other than our own Waterfront Staff onsite.

**** There will be two opportunities prior to the start of camp for swim tests 6/3/23 9am-12:30pm, and 6/17/23 9am-12:30pm. These will count towards summer camp. Your troop or pack is encouraged to come out at this time. If you are unable to make these dates we will still be providing test upon arrival.**

5. Leaders need the following for Check-In:
 - a. Three copies of the unit roster with only those youth and adults attending camp. One of these copies will be used as the CHECK OUT unit roster; this roster copy stays with the unit and is used to sign out any Scouts leaving camp during the week and at the end of the week. **NO PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURES ARE ON THIS FORM AT CHECK-IN TIME.**
 - b. Any Security permission forms
 - c. Medical forms
 - d. Any special dietary needs request (these should have been submitted at least two weeks prior to camp)
 - e. Insurance Form (if out of council)
6. Medical recheck. All medications are to be checked by the Health Officer at this time. Scouts' and leaders' medical forms are reviewed, and buddy tags are issued. The Unit Roster is checked to see that all Scouts on it are present at camp.

CHECK-OUT

1. The final Check-out time is any time between after the Friday night campfire and prior to **10:00 AM** on Saturday at the Camp Health Office.
 - a. Special arrangements can be made through the Camp Commissioner if the troop wishes to leave earlier.
 - b. All Troops must sign out with the Camp Commissioner or the Camp Ranger before leaving camp, and have their site inspected by this person. (Part of the Campsite Check-Out Report)
2. As Scouts are leaving, have parent/guardian sign the unit roster. If the Scout is leaving during the week prior to Friday, they must sign out at Security.
3. **PLEASE BE SURE SCOUTS ARE LEAVING WITH THE PROPER/AUTHORIZED PERSON.**
4. Independent Study Merit Badges and other advancement paperwork will be presented to the Unit Leader at the Closing Ceremony which is after dinner on Friday. **It will not be available earlier.**
5. At the Health Lodge **Camp Patches and Medical Forms** (*forms and medications that are not picked up will be destroyed*) must be picked up for the Scouts in exchange for the following:
 - a. The signed Campsite Check-Out Report.
 - b. Unit Roster - with ALL the Scouts with the proper/authorized parent/guardian signatures
 - c. Camp Evaluation Forms

It is absolutely critical you pick up your unit's Health Forms before leaving camp. They must be picked up by the unit leader. When the week is over, those Health Forms will be destroyed as per DOH and NCAP Standards.

Leader Packets:

A Unit Leader's packet contains all the advancement paperwork and other important information. This packet is available during the Closing Ceremonies on Friday night. Alternatively, units may make arrangements to have their packets mailed to them at the end of the summer with certified mail (**units pay postage**). **They will be mailed out after August 16 or later.** Unit Leaders are urged to check over their packets for complete paperwork as well as to ensure there are no mistakes. Concerns are much easier to address during camp and become increasingly difficult to address after camp has ended. After August 16, we cannot guarantee the length of time nor personnel to address any concerns. **Again, Unit Leaders are urged to address these concerns during their stay at camp or immediately upon receipt of their packets. They should not wait until months after camp has ended.**

GENERAL CAMP POLICIES & INFORMATION

Uniform

The Field Uniform is proper attire for evening retreat, dinner, and campfires.

During the day, the Activities Uniform is encouraged to be worn. Wet bathing suits are not allowed in the Dining Hall. We also ask that, as a matter of courtesy, any hats, bandannas, and other headgear be removed when entering the Dining Hall. (Any Scout wearing clothing that is considered disruptive to the program through any language, slogans, or graphics will be asked to change to appropriate attire.)

Swimwear must be family friendly at all times. Male Campers and Leaders must wear trunks or shorts (no speedos, bikini briefs or other revealing suits. Female Campers and Leaders must wear one-piece bathing suits (no bikinis, or revealing suits, tankinis are acceptable). We also strongly recommend water shoes for boating and other activities.

In-Camp Footwear & Apparel

In the interest of safety, all campers should wear closed-toed footwear (no sandals, flip-flops or shower shoes) while in camp. Scouts may also wear water shoes or old sneakers while at the waterfront to decrease the risk of injury. We also recommend many socks to help keep feet as dry as possible.

Health Office

The Health Lodge is staffed 24 hours a day by a certified Health Officer. Special arrangements have been made with local hospitals to handle any medical emergencies. **All campers must turn in all medications to the Health Officer during check-in. In addition, if you have any special medical needs in your unit, please provide adequate documentation of what is required to accommodate the individual.** This procedure also applies if you have special dietary needs.

*****All medications must be in their original packaging to be dispensed at camp by the Health Officer.**

Reporting Injuries or Illnesses

Any type of injury or illness, regardless of the severity, MUST be reported to and treated at the Camp Health Lodge immediately when it occurs. This applies to ALL campers, youth and adult. The Camp Health Officer is required to document all injuries or illnesses in the Camp Health Log in compliance with state guidelines, BSA National Health & Safety Standards, and insurance regulations.

The Health Officer will help facilitate contact with parents by Unit Leaders based on the nature of the injury or illness and what level of care is required. Treatment decisions will be made with parental, leader, Camp Director, and Health Officer input.

Smoke-Free Policy of the BSA

It is the responsibility of the Boy Scouts of America to protect the health and safety of the young people in our program. It is also the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that leaders may not use tobacco products in any form while in the presence of youth members.

Smoking is not permitted nor is the use of tobacco products by those under the age of 18.

In addition, extreme care should be exercised to provide a smoke-free environment for all Scouting participants. All facilities, campsites, and property under control of the council are designated as non-smoking. **Smoking outside entrance/exit doors is not permitted at any location.** The Camp Director will announce the area designated for the use of tobacco products at camp.

Controlled Substances in Camp

The use of drugs or alcohol is forbidden in any Scouting activity. Those found in violation of this policy will be removed from the camp's premises immediately, and the local authorities will be contacted.

Safety around Animals at Camp

Tuscarora offers a wide range of exciting adventures including the opportunity to observe many types of birds, fish, and local wildlife. These include mice, chipmunks, skunks, foxes, squirrels, porcupines, birds, fisher-cats, bear, deer, elk, beavers, otters, feral pigs and we have even hosted a peacock. They are year-round residents of Tuscarora; we are only guests. Throughout camp you will see numerous animals.

Animals often will be an exciting part of your adventures. Seeing them in their natural habitat is always a pleasure, but it is wise to remember that they are the permanent residents of camp while you are a visitor. Treat them with respect, give them enough space so they'll not feel threatened, and in return they'll seldom present a threat to your safety. When an animal feels frightened, threatened, or trapped, it may become aggressive towards a human. In the event that you are injured, seek treatment immediately.

Please be certain that you receive and review a copy of the Camp Wildlife Safety Plan upon your arrival in camp. Make certain to share this information with other adult leaders and your Scouts shortly after your arrival. In general, the following policies should be followed:

Tips for Good Wildlife Stewardship:

- Hike on designated trails.
- Keep a clean campsite.
- Keep food and "smellables" out of your tent. These can be left at the latrine or washstand in your site
- At night, secure food and "smellables" in a car or hang them in a bear bag at least 12 feet above the ground.
- Never approach or follow wild animals.
- Use caution when taking pictures of wild animals.
- Avoid aggressive behavior.
 - ✓ Direct eye contact
 - ✓ Following an animal that has chosen to leave
 - ✓ Walking directly toward an animal
 - ✓ Circling or standing around an animal
- Do not feed wild animals.
- Do not mistake a passive animal as a sign of safety.
- Never tease or attempt to pick up wildlife.
- Leave young animals alone; a protective mother is usually nearby.
- Stay away from dead animals and berry patches; berry patches are important food sources for bears.
- **Notify the Camp Ranger and Camp Director of any bear sightings or nuisance animals.**

For additional information or assistance, contact the Camp Director or Camp Ranger. Your safe camp experience is our commitment and priority.

Pets in Camp

The Baden-Powell Council prohibits camper and leader pets in resident camps at all times. Service animals are, of course, always welcome!

Council's Right to Use Images/Communications of Summer Camp Participants

By attending any/all of the Baden-Powell Council Camps or events, all participants (both youth and adult) and their parents or guardians grant to the Baden-Powell Council the right to use their picture, image, or sound recording of any type in promotional and marketing materials. Please ensure that this information is communicated to parents of Scouts.

Buddy System

All Scouts must use the buddy system for any activity that occurs outside their unit's campsite. This is a requirement of the New York State Health Department.

Hazing and Bullying in Camp

All too often the first camping experience becomes the last due to the way a Scout may be treated by his peers. Hazing and bulyling WILL NOT be permitted in any form. Those involved will be removed from camp immediately. Hazing is considered a violation of Youth Protection and the Camp Director must be notified immediately.

Camp Staff Employment Qualifications

- Age 15 before employment begins.
- Recommendation from your Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor or Troop/Crew Committee Chairman.
- Demonstrated willingness to live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
- Demonstrated leadership skills, and a sincere interest in helping younger Scouts.
- Knowledge, skills and abilities needed for positions available on the camp staff.
- Approval of parent(s) or guardian(s) to accept employment.

Counselors-in-Training (CIT)

The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program is designed for those exceptional young Scouts who display true leadership and maturity within their own troop. Its purpose is to provide training and skill development to potential future staff members.

Youth must be at least 14 or 15 years old and have written approval of both their unit leader (if they are in a Scouting unit) and their parent/guardian. The regular staff application is filled out. Most importantly, he or she must be mature enough to place the welfare of the camper above his own, and they must have leadership ability. They must do at least two weeks at camp, plus the Staff Week at the beginning of the summer.

Order of the Arrow

The Otahnagon Lodge of the Baden-Powell Council prides itself on service and promotion to Tuscarora Scout Reservation. All active OA members from each chapter should plan to attend the spring fellowship and should encourage any members in individual units to attend as well. When you come to camp during the summer, please encourage all Order of the Arrow members to bring their sash. A special OA day and several OA program activities are scheduled throughout the week.

Camp Internet Usage / Cell Phone Charging Stations

Tuscarora Scout Reservation will have internet access at the Trading Post and the Dining Hall. This is fiber-based internet. Unit Leaders will need to supervise and are responsible for their Scouts' use of the internet including website content and time. The Camp will have the option of limiting or denying access to those who misuse the internet access.

Several charging stations will be available throughout camp for leader and Scout use. All Program areas will have a designated area to charge electronic devices. Other areas include the Dining Hall, Health Lodge, Administration Building side-porch and Parking Lot pavilion, as well as Winter Units 1-4.

Use of both the internet as well as the charging stations is at the user's own risk. Tuscarora Scout Reservation, the Baden-Powell Council, and Camp Staff are not responsible for lost or stolen items, damage to items or any risks incurred by using the internet or charging stations. We ask the Tuscarora family to please help us take care of these items, so they are available each year for our Scouts and Leaders.

Litter

Please do not litter and do your Good Turn by helping pick up someone else's mess. Join us in our recycling effort by depositing aluminum cans in recycling containers located around camp. Cardboard and glass should be placed in the black boxes in your site or at the Dining Hall. We do recycle.

Staff Areas

These are located around camp and are off limits to all campers and leaders. The staff needs quiet time and privacy. If you should need a staff member after the Program Areas and Trading Post are closed, please go to the Health Lodge and the medic can call for a member of the Camp Administration.

Campfires

Camp-wide campfires are held on Sunday and Friday Evenings. These are held at Council Point. If you have campfires in your sites, please follow safety guidelines which include water, clearing of the area, etc. Fires are at the discretion of the Camp Ranger who serves as Camp Fire Warden.

Bicycles

While the camp does own Mountain Bikes, private bicycles are not allowed in camp due to insurance policies. They create unsafe conditions for Scouts walking on the trails. The only exception is approved Camp staff for program-related reasons. Mountain Bikes are available for trail-riding. Please see the Program Director.

Garbage

All garbage should be brought to the Dining Hall Parking Lot side prior to 7:00 pm each day. Please do not take it to the dumpsters located elsewhere in camp as that area is restricted and potentially hazardous. On Wednesday night Cookout nights, the Ranger Crew will be around to get the garbage.

Trading Post

The Trading Post is conveniently stocked with craft projects, Scouting literature and materials, snacks, drinks, camp souvenirs (hats, t-shirts, cups, etc.) along with a wide assortment of BSA and camping supplies. The trading post accepts cash, checks, and MasterCard/Visa. Hours are posted at the Trading Post.

Damage to Equipment and Facilities

All campsites and camp-owned equipment will be inspected before checking out of camp. Any damages that occur will be assessed by the Camp Director and Camp Ranger and must be paid for by the unit prior to leaving camp. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!** Damages may include lost or damaged equipment, defacing of tents or facilities, or damage to the natural environment. Please note all damage you detect upon checking into your site, so you are not charged for pre-existing damage.

Food Service (Dining Hall and Kitchen)

Units will be assigned tables Sunday and will sit at these tables for every meal. Each table will need a waiter for most meals starting Monday morning: units assign waiter duty to their Scouts. Waiters report to the dining hall 15 minutes prior to each meal and stay after the meal until their table and area is cleaned and the Dining Hall Steward dismisses them.

Food Allergies and Dietary Restrictions

If your Scout has any food allergies, dietary restrictions, or restrictions related to religion, it is EXTREMELY important that you and your Scout's parents contact the Camp Administration who will work with you and the Kitchen Director to accommodate the special needs. Please don't assume that letting us know during check-in will be ample time to ensure the required food is in camp. Our orders come ahead of the week you attend camp. We will attempt to provide alternatives to accommodate the restriction, however they will not be what the other Scouts are eating. We do provide a space for Scouts to store their own food if they choose to bring items to supplement the menu. **Contacting us at 607-467-2721 after June 28 and at least two weeks before your Scout attends camp is the best way to ensure your Scout's camp experience is the best it can be in terms of his/her food needs.** We will happily do whatever we can to accommodate the special food needs, but we need to know in advance.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Campwide Emergency Notification

For camp-wide emergencies involving Severe Weather (Tornado, Hail, etc.), Missing Camper, or Fire, the horn on the Dining Hall is blown. If there is no power at the Dining Hall, the bell at the Dining Hall will be struck repeatedly.

Trips to the Hospital or Doctor

Campers requiring the attention of a doctor or the services of a hospital should know the following:

*It is the responsibility of the unit leadership to provide transportation for unit member(s) requiring non-emergency attention from a doctor or hospital. Parents or guardians will be notified immediately.

*Two Adult leaders from the unit will accompany the unit member(s) requiring services and are asked to carry insurance forms for completion. They must obtain the Scout's Health form before going to the doctor or hospital.

***The Camp Medical Officer and Camp Director **MUST** clear all cases requiring outside medical care.**

ALL medications must be turned into and administered by the Health Lodge staff (necessary injections must be given by the Scout or Leader at the Health Lodge since Camp Staff is not permitted, by New York State Law, to give injections.) Unit Leader picks up all medication from the Health Lodge at the time of departure.

A Unit Leader is expected to give first aid within his/her capability but must accompany the Scout or other person to the Health Lodge immediately, regardless of how insignificant the injury appears. All sickness or injuries must be reported to the Health Lodge immediately.

***Leaders, please ensure that your Scouts have written permission from their parents on the Baden-Powell Council Over-the-Counter Medication Permission form to carry sunscreen. This is a New York State Regulation.*

Fire Prevention

Units are expected to follow the unit fireguard plan as set forth by the Boy Scouts of America. Each unit will need to appoint a unit fire warden, who will review procedures with the troop. In accordance with B.S.A. policy, liquid fuels may only be used under adult supervision. The Camp Ranger serves as Camp Fire Warden and fires in campsites are under his sole discretion. *The use of open flames in tents is prohibited.*

Chemical Fuels Policy

For safety reasons, knowledgeable adult supervision must be provided when Scouts are involved in the use, handling, lighting, or storage of chemical fuels (liquids, jellies, or gases). All fuels must be stored in a locked container. Fuel storage area is designated by Camp Ranger. Battery operated lanterns and flashlights should be used by all Scouts in camping activities, particularly around or in tents. No chemically fueled lanterns or stoves are to be used inside a tent or center lodge. Also, no candles are to be used in tents or cabins.

Program Area Availability

ALL program areas in camp must be staffed in order for the Scouts and adults to enter the area. Fishing is permitted anywhere in camp outside of the Waterfront/Aquatics area. *No one is to enter the Climbing or Shooting Sports Areas without first asking permission from the Staff.* This is to ensure the safety of all involved. Program areas are closed during all meals, Camp-wide Campfires and activities, and in the evenings after taps. Additional open times will be announced by Area Directors as appropriate.

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Aquatics

The waterfront on Summit Lake provides a variety of aquatic activities – including swimming, sailing, canoeing, rowing, kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, inflatables, waterslide and more!



Climbing

Tuscarora Scout Reservation is home to a 40-foot, three-sided climbing and rappelling tower. Scouts can come for afternoon open climbs or earn Climbing merit badge in special evening sessions.



Eagle's Nest

This program area helps Scouts on the trail to Eagle develop life skills with several Eagle-required merit badges, including communications, first aid, and the citizenships.



Handicraft

This area focuses on a wide-range of arts, crafts, and trade skills. Handicraft allows Scouts to build skills in basket making, leatherworking, wood carving, game design, painting, and more.



Nature

At our Nature area Scouts get investigate the natural world. The area offers a variety of merit badges along with nature hikes, conservation projects, astronomy demos, and fishing opportunities.



Scoutcraft

Scoutcraft is the place to develop and showcase your outdoor skills - including camping, cooking, pioneering, orienteering, wilderness survival and overall outdoor living.



Shooting Sports

Tuscarora's shooting sports programs provide opportunities in archery, rifle, and shotgun shooting. In addition to merit badge instruction, the area offers daily open shoots for Scouts and leaders.



Trailblazer

Trailblazers is Tuscarora's first-year camper program. Throughout the week, Scouts will build skills while completing requirements for the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class.

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2023 SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS

Merit Badges

Merit badges are a big portion of the summer camp experience, and we want to ensure Scouts are successful in earning all the badges they set out for. **Be prepared!** Scouts should review the requirements for each badge they intend on taking before coming to camp.

Due to the nature of some requirements, and the limitations of the summer camp setting, some requirements cannot be completed in the merit badge classes at camp. Scouts should be sure to complete any necessary pre-requisite requirements before coming to camp. In many cases a signed note from a Scout leader is sufficient to show proof of a pre-requisite; or bringing a copy of the written requirement (such as a report, letter or menu). Be sure to complete the pre-requisites prior to camp to ensure a complete badge at the end of the week.

Independent Study Badges

During the sixth period block (4PM-5PM), Scouts can take advantage of select independent study opportunities. Scouts will be provided with time and space to work independently on several merit badges. Staff will not work directly with them, but will be available to answer questions, assist where needed, and sign off requirements once they are completed.

These are not formal, structured sessions with instruction, but rather the Scout can work on their own on these badges. Badges previously taught at camp (partials earned in previous years) can also often be wrapped up and completed as an Independent Study by speaking with the appropriate counselor.

Trailblazers – First Year Camper Program

The Trailblazers program is Tuscarora's first year camper program. Throughout the week, Scouts will build many of the skills necessary to complete requirements for the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. In the afternoon the Scouts will have an opportunity to earn a merit badge or two and participate in open programs throughout the camp.

The program covers first aid, cooking, hiking, map and compass skills, Totin' Chip, Firem'n Chit, nature identification, knots and lashings, as well time at the waterfront swimming and boating.

Troops with Scouts in the Trailblazer program should send an adult leader with them to assist with instruction, and to verify the skills each Scout learns and masters.

Survivor Challenges - 2023 Theme Events

Outwit, outplay, outlast! This summer troops will be challenged to complete in a series of daily Survivor games and competitions to test their teamwork, endurance, strength and Scouting know-how. Gain rewards and have fun as we see who will survive.

Early Bird Morning Programs

Rise and shine and start your day with an exciting "early bird" program. Participate in special morning shooting at the ranges, take a refreshing dip in the lake at the Polar Bear Plunge, and enjoy a tranquil guided nature hike. A different program is held each morning (Tuesday through Thursday) at 6:30AM and is a great way to start your day.

Fun Afternoon Open Programs

Camp is more than just merit badges. Open programs will be available each afternoon for Scouts. These activities include open swimming and boating at Waterfront, open climbing at the Climbing Wall, open shooting at Shooting Sports, special crafts, exciting games, hikes, service projects, special presentations, competitions, and more.

Exciting Evening Programs

Special evening programs and presentations will be held throughout the week. Evening activities include: troop competitions, beach party, special shooting sports opportunities, craft workshops, game nights, cooking demos, campfires, and more.

Wednesday Evening Troop Cook-Out

On Wednesday evening, the dining hall will not provide a cooked meal; instead, troops will be provided with ingredients to cook their own dinner. Troops are encouraged to bring their own cooking equipment and mess kits to prepare and eat the meal in their campsite. We will supply the food; the menu will be basic, likely hot dogs and hamburgers. But if you want to order a pizza and have it picked up/dropped off this is fine too.

Tusky Ranger Award

Each year Tuscarora Scout Reservation offers segments for the Tusky Ranger Award. The program, administered by the Tuscarora Ranger and Commissioner, emphasizes Scout Spirit at Tuscarora. The patch is earned by a combination of achievement, service, and Scout Spirit.

Adult Leader Programs

Why should the Scouts have all the fun? Throughout the week we will have special opportunities for Scout leaders to socialize and have hands-on fun. We are also excited to offer adult leader training opportunities – including Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) training. This training helps adult leaders deliver quality Scouting experiences to their youth.

Additional Program Opportunities

Tuscarora Scout Reservation has a lot to offer Scouts! Additional open activities available throughout the week for troops and Scouts to experience include: Gaga Ball, Mountain Biking, Bear Cave Hike, Tuscarora Scout Reservation Museum Tours, Waterslide and Log Rolling at Waterfront, Tie-Dyeing, and more.

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2023 MERIT BADGES & ADVANCEMENT

	Archeology		Geology
	Archery		Hiking <small>(INDEPENDENT STUDY BADGE)</small> Must complete requirement 4 prior to camp.
	Art		Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Adult leader training course.
	Astronomy		Kayaking Must be able to pass the BSA swimmers test.
	Basketry		Leatherwork
	BSA Stand-up Paddleboarding Must be able to pass the BSA swimmers test.		Lifesaving Bring proof of requirements 2a and 16b.
	Camping Bring proof of requirements 7, 8d, and 9.		Mammal Study <small>(INDEPENDENT STUDY BADGE)</small>
	Canoeing Must be able to pass the BSA swimmers test.		Mile Swim BSA <small>(INDEPENDENT STUDY BADGE)</small> Must be a strong swimmer.
	Citizenship in Society Recommended for older Scouts.		Nature
	Citizenship in the Nation Bring proof of requirements 7 and 8.		Painting
	Climbing – Must be at least 13 years old Evening class; bring proof of requirements 1 and 2.		Personal Fitness <small>(INDEPENDENT STUDY BADGE)</small> Must complete requirements 6, 7 and 8 prior to camp.
	Communications Bring proof of requirement 5.		Photography Bring your own camera (or mobile device with a camera).
	Cooking Bring proof of requirements 4, 5 and 6.		Pioneering
	Emergency Preparedness Bring proof of requirements 1, 2c, and 8b.		Rifle Shooting – Must be at least 13 years old Bring proof of requirement 1f (copy of your state laws).
	Environmental Science Bring proof of requirement 3e (do one of the options).		Shotgun Shooting – Must be at least 14 years old Bring proof of requirement 1f (copy of your state laws).
	Exploration Bring proof of requirements 4 and 5.		Small-boat Sailing Must be able to pass the BSA swimmers test.
	Fingerprinting <small>(INDEPENDENT STUDY BADGE)</small>		Space Exploration
	Fire Safety Bring proof of requirement 11.		Swimming Must be able to pass the BSA swimmers test.
	First Aid Bring proof of requirements 1 and 5.		Theater Bring proof of requirement 1.
	Fish & Wildlife Management		Trailblazer – First-year camper program Select Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class requirements.
	Fishing Bring your own fishing gear.		Weather
	Forestry		Wilderness Survival Be prepared to spend a night out in your own shelter.
	Game Design		Wood Carving Bring proof of requirement 2a and a locking-blade knife.

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2023 MERIT BADGE SCHEDULE

	PERIOD 1 9:00 – 9:50	PERIOD 2 10:00 – 10:50	PERIOD 3 11:00 – 11:50	PERIOD 4 2:00 – 2:50	PERIOD 5 3:00 – 3:50	PERIOD 6 4:00 – 4:50
Aquatics (Waterfront)	Lifesaving		Canoeing	Kayaking	Open Waterfront Swimming & Boating	
	Kayaking	Canoeing	Swimming	Swimming		
	BSA Stand-up Paddleboarding	Small-boat Sailing		Instructional Swim	Open Climbing	
Climbing Tower						
Eagle's Nest	Citizenship in the Nation	Emergency Preparedness	First Aid	Communications	Citizenship in Society	Independent Study (Personal Fitness)
Handicraft	Leatherwork	Wood Carving	Painting	Basketry	Art	Independent Study (Fingerprinting)
	Theater	Space Exploration	Photography	Game Design		Open Crafts & Games
Nature	Nature	Archeology	Astronomy	Environmental Science	Forestry	Independent Study (Mammal Study)
	Geology	Weather	Fish & Wildlife Management	Fishing		Open Hikes & Conservation Projects
Scoutcraft	Camping	Cooking		Exploration		Independent Study (Hiking)
	Fire Safety	Pioneering		Wilderness Survival	Camping	Open Demos & Outdoor Skills
Shooting Sports	Archery		Open Archery	Archery		Open Archery
	Shotgun Shooting		Open Shotgun	Rifle Shooting		Open Rifle
Trailblazer	First-Year Camper Program			Remedial Instruction (Totin' Chip & Firem'n Chit)		
Adult Leader Programs	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills					

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2023 Weekly Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:30		Morning Marksman	Polar Bear Plunge	Sunrise Hike		
7:00						
7:30	Colors	Colors	Colors	Colors	Colors	
8:00						
8:30	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:00						
9:30	Morning Programs	Morning Programs	Morning Programs	Morning Programs	Morning Programs	Check-out & Departure
10:00	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	
10:30						
11:00						
11:30						
12:00						
12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1:00						
1:30	Siesta	Siesta	Siesta SPL Meeting	Siesta OA Service Project	Siesta	
2:00						
2:30	Afternoon Programs	Afternoon Programs	Afternoon Programs	Afternoon Programs	Afternoon Programs	
3:00	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	
3:30						
4:00						
4:30	Open Programs	Open Programs	Open Programs	Open Programs	Open Programs	
5:00						
5:30	Colors	Colors	Colors	Colors	Colors	
6:00						
6:30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner (Family BBQ)
7:00	Leader's Meeting					
7:30	Evening Programs	Evening Programs	Evening Programs	Evening Programs		
8:00	Shooting Challenge, Beach Party & Other Programs	Aquatics Challenge, Tie-dye, Cook-off, & Other Programs	Camp-wide Survivor Games	Scoutcraft Challenge, Game Night & Other Programs		
8:30	Camp-wide Campfire				Camp-wide Campfire	
9:00						
9:30						
10:00						

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* Tentative Schedule
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WHAT TO BRING TO SUMMER CAMP

Any good Scout should *be prepared* and bring the necessary items when they go camping. Here is a suggested list of things to bring. Talk with your troop leaders for specific guidance on how to pack and what to bring to camp.

Suggested Personal Gear:

- Scout uniform(s)
- Extra shirts
- Extra pants/shorts
- Socks
- Underwear
- Rain gear
- Swimsuit
- Sleepwear
- Sneakers
- Hiking boots
- Water shoes (or closed-toe footwear that can get wet)
- Warm sweater, sweatshirt and/or jacket
- Towels
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Sleeping bag / blankets
- Pillow
- Flashlight (with extra batteries)
- Water bottle
- Ground cloth or small tarp
- Watch
- Wallet with money
- Notebook with pen/pencil
- Merit badge pre-requisites
- Scouts BSA Handbook
- Pocket knife
- Fishing gear
- Mess kit (cup, plate, and bowl)
- Utensils (fork, knife, and spoon)
- Folding camp chair
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Bandanna
- Hawaiian shirt / Luau attire (for Survivor beach party)

Suggested Troop Gear:

- Copies of all necessary paperwork
- First aid kit
- Troop and patrol flags
- Matches
- Lantern(s)
- Rope / twine
- Axes / saws
- Troop cookware (for Wednesday cookout)
- Extra pens / pencils and notebook paper

Packing Tips

Label your gear: Scouts should mark all their personal gear! Many times, items are lost or misplaced and never claimed. Placing a name and unit number on items can prevent such losses and helps us reconnect Scouts with lost or found items.

The Tuscarora Trading Post: The trading post is open most of the day and has many items that you may want to purchase. You'll find a wide variety of items including camping supplies, T-shirts and apparel, snacks, slushies, drinks, souvenirs, and much more. Please be sure you bring the appropriate spending money so as to not feel left out. We recommend bringing between \$25 to \$50 for the week.

Electronics: Every troop has their own unique policy. However Scouts should be encouraged to leave all electronics at home. These devices take away from the summer camp experience. They can promote homesickness and often lead to other problems. Valuables should also be left at home; Camp Tuscarora is not responsible for broken or lost items.

Make sure you can handle your gear: Scouts are in charge of their own stuff at camp, so you need to know what's in your bag and where it's packed (for this reason we highly discourage parents from packing for their Scout). Remember that your stuff is your responsibility. While you won't need to haul your gear miles to your campsite, you do want to make sure you can move it by yourself... and remember it has to fit in your tent. A lightweight duffelbag is simple, roomy, and easily squishable under a cot.

Pack for all weather: Camp program doesn't stop on account of rain, so be sure to bring raingear (a few extra pairs of socks and a dry pair of shoes can make all the difference during a rainy week). A small and inexpensive plastic tarp can give extra rain protection for Scouts and their gear — it can provide a dry place to sit after a rainstorm, be hung or used as cover on a rainy day, or provide extra coverage over a leaking tent during an extended rain shower. Also note that the average daily high at camp in July is around 78°F, and it can also get chilly at night (Tuscarora sees an average nighttime low of 59°F in the month of July). A sweatshirt or fleece and a pair of long pants can make the cool evenings and mornings more comfortable.

Stay organized: Don't just toss everything into your bag—keep your gear neat, clean and organized! Ziploc bags are your friends; they come in every possible size—even super-huge—and they're watertight and waterproof. Packing your stuff in Ziplock bags can help keep your gear clean and organized throughout the week. Plus you can be confident that it won't get wet or ruined if wind and rain come through your campsite at 3AM.

Still have questions: Talk to your Scoutmaster or other Scouts in your troop for guidance on what to bring (and what not to bring) to summer camp. Chances are they have a lot of advice on what to bring (and what to leave at home).

