



2025 Summer Camp Guide

Great Trail Council, Scouting America

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From "The Spell of Marnoc"

By David Atwater

"Bold Brave, you shall be rewarded.
Go, and tell unto your people,
That the Spirit sends this secret to its people.
They shall find its curious meaning,
Tell them to do as I bid them.
Let them seek the northern wild lands,
And the southern desert hot lands,
Seek the mountains of the east, and west:
Gather there the cared leaves
of the trees.
And co-mingle them together,
With the water, with the water of the
oceans
That are washing at their shorelines.
Mingle them in faith and reverence,
Leaves from out the cold, wild Northlands,
Leaves from out the desert Southlands,
Leaves from o'er the Western mountains, and
Leaves brought from the Appalachians.
Mingle these and pour upon them
Water from the great Pacific, and
Water from the storm-tossed Atlantic.
And with the quills of the porcupine
Bind this sacred spell of mine.
Stir it with the beaver's long tooth,
Then, wherever man shall mix it,
Mix it in the name of Marnoc,
Bind this Indian spell of mine,
I will weave my magic spells,
And whoever there be who smells
Of this potion wild of mine,
Mixed with the quills of the porcupine,
Into his heart I will place
A certain gift of Indian grace,
I will place the love of woodland,
Love of streams and love of meadow.

Deep and green and leafy woodland,
Love of skies and stars and sunrise,
Love of planets in their courses.
Shining softly in the deep skies,
Love of sunset and the mysteries
Of the moon's ascent and waning.
Of the quiet change of season,
As when winter turns to springtime,
Summer burns to glowing autumn.
Love of all these natural mysteries,
Love of gently rolling hilltops
And the valleys filled with white mist.
Of all the animals who dwell there,
Silent, cautious forest dwellers,
All the creatures of the forest,
All things living, man's companions.
All the smells and sights of forest,
All the lights and shades of woodland.
North and South and East and West,
Mingled in this potion blessed,
With the waters of the western and eastern
With the waters of the eastern oceans,
Stirred with the sharp tooth of the beaver,
These shall make a spell of mine,
When mixed with the quills of the porcupine.
Place them in a buckskin, leathern moccasin,
Stand upon a rising highland
On a Manatoc uprising.
Drink deep of this precious smell
Of this Indian spell of mine
A mingled all with the quills of the porcupine.
And the lure of woods, and springs in woods,
And trees in woods, and all things whatsoever
be in woods.
These things shall draw you, ever draw you,
*These things you can never spurn,
For these things your soul shall burn,
For these things your heart shall yearn,
And in the end, friend, you will learn,
That to these things you must return."*



"To these things you must return." This is our 102nd year of summer camp at the Manatoc Scout Reservation and our first under the name Scouting America. We are forging ahead with the goal of delivering the Camp Manatoc Experience to Scouts and Unit Leaders who choose us for their summer adventure by actively utilizing the methods of Scouting in our programming. Our first year Scouts will receive an immersive dive into patrol method in the

new Adventure Bound program. A small group of older Scouts will participate in the inaugural Manatoc Valley Challenge which will take them into the Cuyahoga Valley National Park for an exploration adventure in a National Park and a chance to earn the 50 Miler Award. We listened to your feedback and we are offering more Eagle required merit badges in addition to the return of STEM as a program area. We have a new food service vendor, Heathland Hospitality Group, who is a leader in providing quality meals for large groups. Campers will still have opportunities to swim, boat, climb and explore and adults will have opportunities to develop the skills necessary to mentor and encourage young people. As always, please feel free to contact me with questions or comments. See you this summer at Camp Manatoc.

Yours in Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CJ Noga". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Christopher J. Noga
Camp Director

Information at A Glance

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| Summer Camp Dates | June 15 – June 21, 2025 (Week 1) |
| | June 22 – June 28, 2025 (Week 2) |
| | June 29 – July 5, 2025 (Week 3) |
| | July 6 – July 12, 2025 (Week 4) |
| | July 13 – July 19, 2025 (Week 5) |

Register your unit [here](#).

Campers removed from your roster from 9/9/2024 through 4/18/2025 are not charged a cancellation fee. Campers removed from your roster from 4/19/2025 to the Friday before your arrival (nine days prior to the start of camp) are charged \$250.00 for dining hall youth, and \$100.00 for patrol cooking youth. There are NO refunds for cancellations from the **Saturday** before your arrival through your week at camp. Any exception must be directed to the Director of Camping and Program. There are NO cancellation fees for Adult Leaders.

On 2/3/2025 you may begin making payments for individual campers (youth and adult). Early bird payments are due 4/19/2025.

Late payments are assessed after the Friday a week before you arrive at camp (9 days before your arrival). Cancellations after 4/19/2025 will incur a \$250.00 processing fee. No-Show campers will not be refunded.

The **meeting for first year summer camper parents** is Monday, May 19, 2025. Register [here](#).

The **Leaders' Meeting** is Saturday, June 8, 2025. Register [here](#).

The **Council Pre-Camp Swim Test** is Sunday, June 9, 2025. Register [here](#). Units are encouraged to use properly trained leaders to conduct their own pre-camp swim tests. Click [here](#) for more information.

Parts A, B & C of the Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record are required for ALL participants regardless of length of stay at camp. Click [here](#) to download the form which requires the signature of one of these licensed healthcare

providers: medical doctor (MD), doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO), nurse practitioner (NP), or physician assistant (PA). Click [here](#) for the AHMR Instructional Handout.

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Scouting America's commitment statement is to provide a safe and welcoming environment for young people to learn and respect each other, and to become the best version of themselves. Scouting America's mission is to teach young people to be prepared for life by instilling the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.



THE CAMP MANATOC EXPERIENCE

Our Vision

We envision a summer camp where Scouts can build lasting friendships, acquire new skills and embrace the spirit of learning through a combination of outdoor adventures, character development and leadership opportunities.

What is the Manatoc Experience?

A strong first year Scout program, “Adventure Bound” that emphasizes using the patrol method in the outdoors.

A merit badge program that offers badges that are taught by knowledgeable counselors and that most Scouts can complete at camp.

A variety of programs for experienced Scouts aged 14 or older that provide new and challenging opportunities that will keep their interest in Scouting America.

A staff that is genuinely interested in ensuring that all campers have a well-rounded summer camp adventure.

CAMP PROGRAMS

Morning Camp Flag Raising

Flag-raising is held immediately following breakfast Monday through Friday. Units line up and report attendance in creative ways. The Program Director will make announcements about the day's activities.

Evening Retreat

For over 100 years, Units attending summer camp at Camp Manatoc have paid respect to our Nation with evening retreat. Since the current camp opened in 1932, Units line-up on the Parade Field and report to the Program Director. A bugler plays "Retreat" and then the large American flag is lowered from our 99 1/2-foot flagpole as "To The Colors" is played. Units then pass in review in front of the Butler Memorial. While marching directly in front of the Memorial, Scouts render a Scout salute paying respect to our camp's founder, H. Karl Butler, who donated or bequeathed most of the camp property to the then Akron Area Council. **In inclement weather or under a Health Lodge red flag, Evening Retreat is shortened to the lowering of the flags.**

Retreat Banner

Since 1923, members of camp staff have chosen one Units to receive the daily Retreat Banner. The winning Unit is chosen based on their level of esprit de corps, Scout Spirit, presentation, and adherence to our Retreat traditions such as marching in step and saluting sharply at the proper time when passing in front of the Butler Memorial.

Senior Patrol Leaders Meetings

The Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) is the primary Units youth leader. Senior Patrol Leader's will meet with the Program Director on Sunday evening and on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at the Sanders Shelter. The Program Director will brief the SPL's on camp events and activities.

Adult Leaders Meetings

The Camp Director, Program Director, and Camp Commissioner will meet with adult Unit leaders on Tuesday and Friday in the Sanders Shelter immediately after morning flag-raising. These brief meetings are opportunities to exchange information and ask questions.

Cairn Awards Program

The Manatoc Cairns (pronounced "karens") are historical landmarks found throughout the entire Manatoc Reservation. Back in the 1920's and 30's these were marked by heaps of stones the Scouts would leave. Today they are marked with Native-American symbols and there are more than fifty cairns. The program is designed for Scouts who are at least second year campers or all adult leaders. There are four award levels, and the Cairn Awards must be earned in order: Brave, Chief, Spirit, Cairn Master. A booklet defining the requirements for each level and for recording a participant's progress is available at the Administration

Building or the Red Oak Nature Center. Booklets are due at 7:00 PM on Thursday night and must be submitted at the Red Oak Nature Center for review. Cairn location maps are available for purchase in the Trading Post. **Those campers interested in the Cairn Awards will meet on Monday afternoon at the Nature Center for program orientation.**

Camp Wide Game

The core of Scouting is the patrol method established by the Scouting Movement's founder, Lord Baden-Powell in his book, "Scouting for Boys." The camp wide game is a friendly opportunity to test the skills practiced by patrols in Scouting America units through the completion of challenging tasks and tests of Scout skills.

Color Trails and Nature Trail

There are six color trails found in the Manatoc Scout Reservation. These trails were established beginning in the 1960's and are a challenging and fun way for Scouts to explore the over 600 acres of reservation property. Each trail is blazed with a color (red, white, blue, yellow, green and orange) in both directions. Color trail maps and hiking staff stickers for each color trail are available at the Trading Post. Additionally, campers can learn about modern conservation and sustainability practices by hiking the interactive Nature Trail that was established and dedicated in 2023 through the efforts of a Scouter as part of their Wood Badge ticket in conjunction with the Great Trail Council SCAT (Sustainability, Conservation and Trails) Committee. All trails begin at the kiosk found near Outdoor Skills.

Cowboy Action Shoot

Join our Range & Target Activities staff at the Rifle Range on Wednesday night for the Cowboy Action Shoot. Participants will have the opportunity to shoot a .22 caliber revolver, a .22 caliber lever action rifle, a double-barreled shotgun, and a black powder musket. There is an added fee for this event and participation is limited to twenty Scouts age 14 to 17. There is no adult participation this year. Pre-camp signup for this event is available through the Troop's on-line account.

Critter Contest

A long-time Camp Manatoc summer camp tradition, we bring a 21st century update to the contest. In the spirit of our commitment to sustainability and conservation, participants in the Critter Contest will use the iNaturalist app to record the animals they observe. Points are awarded to a Units for observing any mammal, reptile, bird or insect recorded on the iNaturalist app. The winning Units receives a prize at the end of the week. More details will be available at the April Leaders' meeting.

Dutch Oven Cook-Off

Another long-time Camp Manatoc Summer Camp tradition, on Monday evening, the Scout Leader Dutch oven cook-off pits our Unit leaders and their best Dutch Oven concoctions. You don't have to cook to enjoy this event. Bring a copy of your recipe to share with your fellow leaders and enjoy the fellowship time.

Duty to God

The Duty to God Promotion Patch is a four-segment “puzzle” type patch. Only one segment is offered in any given year. Participants are encouraged to earn all four segments over a four-year span. The Units Chaplain Aide is provided with a book of suggested daily devotions and the requirements for each scout and adult in the Units to earn the Duty to God award.

Environmental Award

The Manatoc Environmentalist Award is open to all Scouts and Adult leaders in residence at Camp Manatoc for six or more consecutive days. It may take up to two years to complete the requirements for the award. All requirements must be verified. To earn the award, an individual must complete six (6) of the listed requirements. The Camp Manatoc Nature Director shall evaluate all submissions and decide whether they meet the criteria. A list of requirements is available at the Red Oak Nature Center.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

On Tuesday evenings, join our Outdoor Skills staff for a formal flag retirement ceremony. Units are welcome to bring flags for retirement from their own Units or home. Scouts and Adult leaders should be dressed in field uniform for this ceremony. Any camper who is a veteran or active service member is welcome to attend in their military uniform.

Instructional Boating (NEW)

Summer camp provides many Scouts with their first opportunities to experience boating on open water. This year, the Lakefront staff is offering instructional open boating time so that Scouts and leaders can learn hands-on how to boat safely and develop confidence in their abilities to use rowboats, canoes and/or kayaks on Lake Litchfield.

Instructional Swim

One of the requirements to complete the rank of First Class Scout is to successfully complete the Scouting America swim test. While learning to swim takes time and steady practice, the Pool staff offers a hands-on opportunity for swimmers of all levels to improve their skills in the water.

Leaders' Lunch

On Thursday, join the Scout Executive and members of the Great Trail Council Executive Board in the Lewis Family Conference Center for lunch and fellowship. This lunch is a way of thanking those adult volunteers spending the week at camp for supporting youth and Scouting America.

Leaders' Shootout Challenges

Adult leaders are invited to take part in friendly shooting competitions at the Rifle, Shotgun, and Archery ranges all week during open program area times. Awards will be given out at the Saturday Morning Awards Presentation. Adult leaders are encouraged to shoot for

scores early in the week when range time is more available. The deadline for competing is Thursday at the end of open program time.

Life to Eagle Presentation

The Great Trail Council Advancement Committee hosts an information session Wednesday evening for Star and Life Scouts, and adult leaders interested in learning more about topics related to Eagle Scout advancement and procedures.

Medicine Man Adult Engagement Award

For adult leaders who come to camp, the Medicine Man award is designed with four accomplishments in mind: relaxation, learning, fellowship, and fun. Different tasks earn different points and participants who earn 300 points receive a commemorative patch which is different each year. Task lists/scoresheets are available at the Administration Building

Mile Swim

Swimmers can attempt the ultimate Scouting America swimming challenge, the Mile Swim, on Thursday night at the Swimming Pool. In order to qualify for the Mile Swim, interested participants will have to attend scheduled practices and show the ability to swim a half mile to qualify for the Mile Swim on Thursday night. The event is open to both youth and adult swimmers.

Morning Nature Walk

On Tuesday and Thursday morning, interested campers can take part in an early morning nature walk through specific sections of our Color Trails. The focus of the walks is the identification of animals that might be more active in the morning, such as birds. These walks will focus on quiet observations, reflective thought, perhaps some short episodes of "Seton Watching," which is sitting for 20 minutes and observing the world using the five senses to discover the wonder of the natural world around you.

Opening Program

On Sunday evening, our staff presents the Opening Program. Join the Camp Manatoc Players as they present an interactive blend of songs, skits, and short plays.

Order of the Arrow Call-Out Ceremony and Ice Cream Social

On Wednesday night, Marnoc Lodge will conduct a call-out ceremony to recognize those who have been elected to the Order of the Arrow in 2025 whether or not those elected have already completed the Ordeal. The ceremony is held in the Manatoc Council Ring. Afterwards, all adult leaders in camp and youth members of the Order of the Arrow (including those just called-out) are invited to the OA Ice Cream Social on Wednesday nights for dessert and fellowship. Members of Marnoc Lodge can pay their annual membership renewal at this event.

Orientation Trail

On Sunday evening, all first-year campers or any Scout units new to Camp Manatoc will attend the Orientation Trail. Staff members will guide the group to each camp program area where an area's director will give the participants a brief overview of the area's activities and merit badge offerings.

Out Trips

Camp Manatoc offers two half-day, off-property out trips for Scouts who are third year campers or above and adult leaders. A kayaking trip on the Cuyahoga River is offered through our partners at [Burning River Adventures](#). We have also partnered with [Eddy's Bike Shop](#) which is located in Peninsula for an opportunity to cycle the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. The cost of each out trip is in addition to the summer camp fees and registration for these events is through your GTC registration portal.

Patch Trading

A favorite activity among Scouts and Adult leaders, patch traders can bring their collections to Outdoor Skills on Wednesday evening for an opportunity to trade patches with fellow collectors.

Pool Party

Take a dip in the Manatoc Swimming Pool during the Monday night Pool Party.

Scouts' Own Worship Service

A Scout is reverent. Scouts' Own Worship Services are held on Monday and Wednesday nights in the Rev. Frank Basa Chapel located directly behind the Butler Memorial. These interfaith services are open to Scouts and Adult leaders of all faiths and religions.

Sporting Arrows

Join our Range and Target Activities staff at the Archery Range on Wednesday night for Sporting Arrows. Sporting Arrows was introduced to the Scouting community at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree and is a new archery game where Scouts fire at foam disks that are launched in the air or rolled along the ground by a proprietary "Bowtrap" manufactured by Laporte. This program is open to all campers on a first come, first served basis.

Tomahawk Throwing Range

Also on Wednesday nights, campers can learn the art of throwing a tomahawk at the new Tomahawk Throwing Range located between the Archery and Shotgun Ranges.

Units Campsite Gateway Contest

Campsite gateways have always played a big part in the traditions of Camp Manatoc. Showing Units from other cities and states what is unique or interesting about your Units or hometown is a time-honored Scouting tradition and gateways are one of the most visible ways to do that. Leaders and Scouts should allow their imaginations to go wild to create a winning gateway. Site Commissioners will judge Units gateways on Thursday morning

and gateways are judged on appeal, demonstration of Scout skills (knots and lashings are tied correctly, gateway adheres to the Guide to Safe Scouting policies), and creativity in relation to our annual summer camp theme. The rules for the Gateway Contest are found in the Units Orientation Packet.



MANATOC VALLEY CHALLENGE (NEW)

In response to feedback we received from the 2024 customer surveys, we identified that older Scouts are seeking unique and challenging opportunities as part of their Manatoc summer camp experience. In this regard, the fact that the Manatoc Scout Reservation is the ONLY Scouting America camp located within the boundaries of a U.S. national park creates an opportunity for older Scout programming that meets the demand for those unique and challenging experiences.

Offered during Week 3 only, the Manatoc Valley Challenge is a provisional week opportunity for 12 Scouts ages 14-17 to earn the Scouting America [50 Miler Award](#) over five days spent by exploring the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley National Park both on foot and on the Cuyahoga River and by providing service to the park. Participants will be based out of Camp Manatoc outpost campsites to learn the basics of backpack camping which will help them develop the skills and confidence needed for future high adventure treks such as those at the Philmont Scout Ranch.

The Manatoc Valley Challenge will be led by Eagle Scout and Scouting America Distinguished Conservation Service Award recipient, Corey Teuton and veteran Philmont trek leader, Stephanie McLean. Both Stephanie and Corey are Level 2 Leave No Trace instructors. A more detailed description of the program is forthcoming in early 2025.

Registration for the Manatoc Valley Challenge will open on March 3, 2025, is separate from summer camp registration, and open to the first twelve Scouts who register for the program. A waitlist will be maintained. A parent or guardian of a participating Scout must review and share the [High-Adventure Risk Advisory to Health-Care Providers and Parents](#) with the licensed health care provider who is completing Part C of the Scout's Annual Health and Medical Record.



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Scouting America Aquatics Supervision

This course provides leaders with information and skills to prevent, recognize, and respond to swimming emergencies during unit swimming activities. This course is designed for leaders age 16 and older and will take approximately 8 hours to complete. This course is the prerequisite for units that wish to conduct swim tests before summer camp. Successful completion of Safe Swim Defense is required to take this course. Certification is valid for three years.

Scouting America Paddlecraft Safety

This course provides leaders with information and skills to prevent, recognize, and respond to swimming emergencies during unit boating trips and activities. It expands on the Scouting America Safety Afloat training which must be successfully completed before taking this course.

Chaplain Aide Training

The Chaplain Aide Training program is offered on Sunday evenings at the Bosa Chapel. Scouts will learn how a Chaplain Aide serves a Unit.

Climb On Safely (NEW)

Climb On Safely is Scouting America's framework for conducting safe unit climbing/rappelling activities at all levels of the Scouting program. Climb On Safely provides adult leaders with a framework to help plan a safe climbing and rappelling program for their unit. Climb On Safely does NOT teach the technical skills of climbing and rappelling, nor does it prepare unit leaders to instruct Scouts in these skills. Teaching climbing and rappelling skills requires a trained climbing instructor who meets the criteria under "Qualified Supervision" in Climb On Safely.

Den Chief Training

More than ever, Scouting needs enthusiastic, well-trained Den Chiefs to encourage Cub Scouts to continue their Scouting journey by joining a unit. Den Chiefs are Scouts who aid Den Leaders. They are selected by the senior patrol leader and Scoutmaster and approved by the cubmaster and the pack committee for recommendation to the Den Leader. Den Chiefs help Cub Scouts advance through Cub Scout ranks and encourage Cub Scouts to join a Unit upon graduation. This training will help new Den Chiefs to understand their role and responsibilities.

Introduction to Outdoor Skills (IOLS) Training

This hands-on course provides adult leaders with the practical skills they need to lead Scouts out-of-doors. Upon completion, leaders should feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required to obtain the First Class rank. Scoutmasters and Assistant

Scoutmasters who complete this course plus Leader Position Specific Training, Hazardous Weather Training (on-line) and Youth Protection Training are considered fully trained.

Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training

The course will provide Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters with the basic information and tools they need to lead successful Units. Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters who complete this course, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, Hazardous Weather Training (on-line) and Youth Protection Training are considered trained for those positions.



NEW MANATOC CAMPER CEREMONIES

In 2021, the Great Trail Council Ceremony Advisory Committee (formerly Traditions Committee) met to discuss the use of Native American regalia in Scouting America ceremonies. This meeting was called in response to changes initiated by the Order of the Arrow which had used Native American clothing and symbols as a part of the organization's programming since its inception. Out of respect, the Order of the Arrow has strongly encouraged its lodges to end the use of Native American regalia. Marnoc Lodge, our council's OA lodge, made the decision to drop the use of Native American regalia in lodge ceremonies beginning in 2023. Based on this, the committee recommended that changes were necessary for the Manatoc Good Camper Ceremonies, most of which were written in the beginning and middle of the 20th century when attitudes towards Native Americans and their multitude of cultures was extremely different. While the committee felt that the content of our Good Camper ceremonies honored our native peoples, the presentation of each ceremony was not aligned with modern society's views and decided to make necessary changes to remove sensitive, inappropriate, and stereotypical Native American references and to cut any potentially insensitive use of costuming and rituals. This also reinforces the Great Trail Council's commitment to follow Scouting America's Youth Protection policies.

For 2023, as an initial approach to this, our Fifth Year Camper ceremony was revised to remove Native American references and artifacts, and the updated ceremony was well-received. We also decided that 2023 would be the final year we presented the other four ceremonies as they currently existed. As Summer Camp Director, I created a multigenerational focus group consisting of members of the Ceremonies Advisory Committee and other veteran camp staffers and Adult leaders to plot a course for our next generation of ceremonies. After several discussions, we realized that changing the current ceremonies was an impossible task as the Scouts of today are not the same as the Scouts of the past. We decided that new ceremonies created with the ages of our Scouts in mind and that honor our camp's past and traditions was the best course of action. Within this new five-year cycle of ceremonies, we will still feature David Atwater's poem, "The Spell of Marnoc." Each ceremony will have a specific site and ceremonial fire as well as having a unique patch for each year.

To facilitate this, we introduced a new First Year Ceremony last year. This year, we will roll out a new Second Year ceremony but retain the traditional ceremonies for third through fifth year. This will allow any camper who was a first-year camper in 2023 and attended the first-year ceremony to continue through the traditional ceremonies and earn all five Good Camper patches, thus becoming the final group to experience the traditional five-year Good Camper Award ceremonies. This also means that the first-year campers of 2024 are the inaugural group to experience all five new ceremonies when they attend their Fifth-Year ceremony in 2028. – Chris Noga, Summer Camp Director



ADVANCEMENT AT CAMP

One of the methods of Scouting is to foster healthy association with proper role models. The genius of Scout advancement stems from the opportunity to visit with a counselor and share in the friendship, encouragement, and expertise he or she may offer the Scout. Supporting Scouting's advancement philosophy, opportunities offered at camp are geared principally to rank advancement and merit badge subjects related to the outdoors where resources are more readily available than at home.

Advancement is not the principal objective of the summer camp program. There needs to be time for fun and to bring a positive, successful, outdoor camping experience to all Scouts and leaders. If a Scout comes to camp and does nothing but work towards advancement, the program is certainly incomplete.

Unit leaders should be sensitive to the capacity of the individual and assure that the program a Scout pursues is appropriate to rank and age. A first-year camper could work on a few merit badges such as Leatherwork, Fingerprinting, Fish and Wildlife, or Mammal Study. Scouts can also work towards advancement at the Adventure Bound program.

Units leaders with skills in offered merit badge topics are encouraged to share their talents at the program areas. Remember, the camp staff remains responsible for the certification of the requirements.

Advancement and Your Program

Advancement is not an end unto itself. Advancement is the result of a good program. It should be achieved through a natural experience. We should therefore plan activities which will give a Scout opportunities to use skills for a functional purpose and to demonstrate proficiency naturally. A Scout advances by doing things with the patrol, the Units, the leaders, and individually. A natural experience should have these four elements: the Scout prepares; the Scout qualifies; the Scout is reviewed; and the Scout receives recognition.

The summer camp advancement program is a unit responsibility. **The camp staff will guide, counsel, and instruct, but is not responsible for planning or directing a Units' program.** Unit leadership should work with their Scouts to prepare a detailed advancement plan before arrival. This plan should include:

- Setting realistic goals for each Scout. Making the number of merit badges earned a primary summer camp objective is an incorrect method of Units program development. Three to four merit badges are a reasonable goal for an average 13-year-old Scout.
- Reviewing with each Scout the advancement path they plan to take. Scouts should be familiar with the requirements in advance. We recommend that they have the merit badge pamphlet for each badge.

- Scheduling Scouts as buddies. Traveling to and from merit badge classes should be done while utilizing the buddy system to help keep Scouts safe.
- Scheduling Scouts according to camp geography. Travel time from area to area can vary. Do your best to create schedules without excessive travel times.

Adventure Bound

Ensuring new Scouts have a successful first summer at camp can mean the difference in them staying in Scouting for the long haul. To help unit leaders and help these Scouts get a firm foundation of the Scouting skills needed for their early advancement, we offer the Adventure Bound program. Emphasizing the patrol method, the Adventure Bound program is a mix of outdoor skills, learning games and challenges, and FUN! The program will focus more on Scout skills, with Scouts learning, practicing, and competing against one another as patrols so skills are reinforced and retained. Scouts will have the option of working on two of the following merit badges based on the Adventure Bound course in which they are scheduled: Art, Canoeing, Fish & Wildlife Management, Kayaking, Photography, Swimming or Fishing.

While the Adventure Bound program will introduce Scouts to skills and help them practice those skills, Scouts will not master these skills during the time allowed. Following the week of camp, unit leaders should continue to work with Scouts to review skills and gauge proficiency before signing off requirements in a Scout's handbook. **Adventure Bound staff will not directly sign handbooks, but unit leaders will receive a list of requirements that were covered with their Scouts at the end of the week of camp.**

Leaders' assistance in the Adventure Bound area is always welcome, and units that send more than five Scouts are expected to send at least one leader to actively assist the staff. All Scouts participating in the Adventure Bound program will receive a program patch.

Merit Badges

Camp Manatoc offers over 40 merit badges during our resident camp program. Our focus is ensuring that our participants leave camp with all of their merit badges complete with few or no partials for the week. As such, the staff has chosen merit badges that are best offered in a summer camp setting and can be completed during the week **IF** a Scout prepares for the badge before arrival. Leaders should guide Scouts in reviewing the merit badges available at camp and communicating the requirements that must be completed before arrival to successfully complete the badge at camp.

Merit Badge Preparation and Pre-camp Work

Scouts should work to complete as many badge requirements before camp as possible. Many badges cannot be completed at camp without some prior work or preparation. If this prior work is not done, the Scout can only earn a partial in those merit badges at camp. Scouts must bring evidence of work completed, such as a merit badge card with

requirements signed off OR a photo showing completion. Scouts are taught as a group but are reviewed individually for knowledge and skill.

- For some badges, Scouts may start requirements or projects in class then need to spend time outside of class completing the requirement or project returning to their counselor to show completion.
- Evidence of prior partial merit badge completions from the Scout's local "home" counselor or complete "pre-requisites" must be presented to the camp counselor. This could be a partial blue card, a photo evidencing completion, or a note from a unit leader.
- Units leaders are encouraged to monitor the progress of their Scouts in each merit badge. Reports will be available through your unit's camp registration to stay up to date.
- Counselors maintain instruction records for each badge, including attendance and completion progress. These records are retained at Flag Plaza Scout Center after camp and will be available by signing back into your summer camp registration.
- On Thursday evening, staff will be available at the Camp Program Hall to discuss course completion and requirement completion discrepancies.

Unit leadership should remind Scouts and parents that a "partial" is not a failure, it simply means they have more work to do to complete the badge. Completing badges started at camp can be a great way to plan a unit's program following camp.

All About Pre-Camp Work

Starting Requirements (SR) - These are requirements that the Scout needs to complete before taking the merit badge/activity. For Example, a Scout must pass the swimmer classification test before working on any Aquatics merit badge. If the Scout has not completed these starting requirements, shown with an (SR) before coming to Camp Manatoc, they will not be able to attend the merit badge/activity.

Pre-Camp Work (P) - These are requirements that the Scout must complete before camp if they want to earn the merit badge/activity while at camp. For example, a Scout must complete requirement 1b of Photography before coming to Camp Manatoc if they want to complete it while at camp. Pre-camp requirements are shown under the (P) column. The Scout must bring evidence of work completed, either a merit badge card or Scoutbook printout with completed requirements acknowledged by a counselor, a note from a unit leader, or a photo showing what the Scout has completed.

Levels of Difficulty

Listed in parentheses after each merit badge/activity is a letter that indicates its difficulty.

(A) - Difficult merit badge/activity, Recommended for older Scouts with three or more years in Scouting.

(B) - Appropriate for advancing Scouts with two or more years in Scouting.

(C) - Easy merit badge/activity, appropriate for all Scouts.

Comments - Comments listed for each merit badge/activity provide additional details that will help you in your planning and preparations.

Badges with CPR Requirements - Several merit badges require Scouts to demonstrate CPR knowledge and skills. Unless the requirement specifically says a Scout must be certified, they will not be required to be certified in CPR to complete the requirement. If a Scout is currently certified, presenting their counselor with proof of current certification will meet CPR related requirements. A demonstration will be held on Friday morning that will satisfy the CPR requirement of some merit badges.

Completing Requirements After Camp

Sometimes it is not possible to complete all the merit badge requirements at camp due to time requirements, approvals, and/or proper instruction. As a result, Scouts will receive a partial at camp and are encouraged to find an approved Unit or district counselor to finish at home. Unit leadership should remind Scouts that a partial is not a failure, it simply means they have a bit more work to do.

Contact information for summer camp merit badge counselors will not be provided after camp. Scouts should work with unit leadership to identify and engage a local, approved counselor to complete any partials received while at camp.

The requirements posted at the [Scouting America Merit Badge Hub](#) are the most current, accurate, and official. The Merit Badge Hub will always be the best place to find the most up-to-date requirements. The *U.S. Scouting Service Project* has online worksheets for each merit badge. These worksheets are helpful resources for Scouts as they work towards completing merit badges. Click [here](#) to access the worksheets.

The program staff reserves the right to set limits on the number of Scouts in any class, place age restrictions on specific merit badges, or cancel a merit badge offering if there are fewer than five Scouts registered, or a qualified counselor is not available.

Click [here](#) to see the list of merit badges offered at Camp Manatoc in 2025. This list contains starting requirements and pre-camp work requirements if necessary.

CAMP FACILITIES AND AMENITIES

Manatoc Now

In this digital age, the best way to keep up on the daily activities at Camp Manatoc is by visiting [Manatoc Now](#), our online place for all things related to summer camp. At Manatoc Now, leaders will be able to find all the documentation normally distributed at the Ten-Day Meetings and at Sunday Check-In as well as weekly schedules, a digital version of the *Gizmo Gazette* (our daily camp newsletter), and other resources by using a smart phone or other digital device. The color flag which flies outside of the Health Lodge is also updated in real time on now.manatoc.org. Click [here](#) to bookmark the site.

Remind

During Summer Camp, we use the [Remind app](#) to send out informational text messages about programming changes, severe weather alerts, and other information for unit leaders. At check-in on Sunday, leaders will receive a number to text and join the current week's group. We encourage all adult leaders to enroll so that information can be distributed quickly and efficiently.

Basa Chapel

The Father Frank Basa Chapel is a place for worship, reflection, and prayer. Named after the Senior Parochial Vicar (Retired) of Akron's St. Bernard Parish and long-time supporter of the Great Trail Council, campers are encouraged to use the Chapel at any time to be alone with God. The Chapel is not to be used for general purposes or as a place to play.

Camp Manatoc Council Ring

The Council Ring is reserved for dignified and purposeful events. Cutting through or playing in the Pines or the Council Ring is discouraged.

The Dining Hall

The Dining Hall is a place for meals, special programs and fellowship. Many years of tradition are stored in this historical building and many of the tables and chairs date back to 1932. Backpacks and rain gear must remain outside the Dining Hall.

Breakfast and dinner are served "cafeteria style" except for Sunday and Friday night dinners which are served "family-style." For all breakfasts and dinners, Units are required to send one Scout per assigned table to serve as a waiter both before and after those meals. Lunch is "grab and go." Campers may choose to eat their lunch in the Dining Hall or elsewhere in camp. Good table manners are expected at all times. Units who are new to Camp Manatoc are invited to create a Unit Totem for display in the Dining Hall.

Health Lodge

A Health Officer is available 24 hours a day. All injuries or illnesses at camp requiring attention beyond Scout-rendered first aid, must be reported to the Health Lodge. The Health Lodge will administer over-the-counter medications only if parent/guardian permission is

indicated on the campers Annual Health and Medical Record for those campers under the age of 18.

George Missig Administration Building

Named after a longtime chairperson of the Council Camping Committee, the George Missig Administration Building is the location of the camp administration, the Leaders' Lounge, and the Manatoc Museum. Leaders will find their camp mailboxes in the Leaders' Lounge, and these should be checked every day while in camp. Visitors to the camp must register at the Administration Building upon arrival and check-out when leaving camp property. The camp's lost and found is located in the Administration Building.

Trading Post

The Trading Post is a well-stocked store that has supplies for merit badges, uniform parts, camp, and Scouting themed clothing, as well as snack foods and the always popular Slushies. Operating hours vary throughout the week.

Lodges & Cabins

Our rustic lodges and cabins are available during a Unit's week of camp for an added fee. **Rented lodges or cabins are still designated emergency shelters for other units in the vicinity. Units that are renting a lodge or cabin should be mindful of this when leaving valuable items unattended inside these facilities.** Units not renting a building must refrain from using it unless there is an emergency warning requiring Units to shelter in that building. Leaders may bring a small refrigerator for the lodge or cabin to store medications, but air conditioning units are prohibited. Camp stoves, other than those provided by Camp Manatoc, are prohibited inside lodges and cabins.

Showers

Shower facilities are found at the Pool. There are separate facilities for male youth under 18, female youth under 18, male leaders over 18, and female leaders over 18. The under 18 showers are closed from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM (camp curfew) but the leaders' showers are open 24 hours with the exception that all showers are closed daily from 6:45 AM to 8:00 AM for cleaning. Leaders shall discourage Scouts from taking any money or valuables to the pool. Lockers are available at the pool. All locks must be removed after use, or they will be cut off. The four Family Restrooms and Showers are reserved for adults only.

Gaga Ball Pits

There are two gaga ball pits located near the Administration Building. Due to behavior issues during earlier summer camp seasons, Scouts may not use the Gaga Ball pits without direct adult unit leader supervision following Youth Protection Guidelines. The use of non-camp owned balls in the pits is prohibited. Only adult leaders are allowed to check out camp balls from the Administration Building Office. The gaga ball pits are closed during meals and from 9:00 PM to 9:00 AM every day. The Camp Director may close the gaga ball pits at his discretion.

Program Areas

There are eleven program areas at Camp Manatoc. Most merit badge classes and other training courses are held in these areas. Each program area is led by an area director and has open hours each day for Scouts and adult leaders to learn about and develop new skills. The program areas are:

Target & Range Activities

The camp has archery, rifle, tomahawk and shotgun ranges where Scouts can not only earn merit badges but compete in friendly competitions and earn marksmanship awards.

Forge

Camp Manatoc operates a working forge where campers can learn the art of shaping metal by heating and hammering.

Aquatics Center (Swimming Pool)

Swimming has always been a central part of summer camp at Camp Manatoc. In addition to offering both the Swimming and Lifesaving merit badges, Scouts and adult leaders can take part in the Scouting America Aquatics Supervision course. Staff members are also available to help Scouts develop their swimming skills.

Handicraft

Our Handicraft staff are skilled in working with the newest and youngest Scouts as they learn to work with their hands in areas such as wood carving, sculpture, and basketry.

Outdoor Skills

Outdoor skills are the foundation of the Scouting experience. The Outdoor Skills staff challenges Scouts to develop and hone their outdoor skills like camping, wilderness survival, and pioneering.

Climbing Tower

Scouts learn how to climb and rappel on our climbing tower. Not only do campers learn the physical skills of climbing, but they develop confidence in themselves through the climbing experience.

Adventure Bound

Adventure Bound is a comprehensive introduction to basic Scouting skills for Scouts who are new to Scouting America.

Red Oak Nature Center

Opened in 2022, the Red Oak Nature Center is the hub for the camp's sustainability, conservation, and ecology programs, and for nature-themed merit badges.

Lakefront

Lake Litchfield is the location of our lakefront where campers can learn and practice their watercraft skills in canoes, kayaks, small sailboats, and motorboats.

STEM (NEW)

The STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) area returns to Camp Manatoc in 2025. These four fields share an emphasis on innovation, problem-solving, and critical thinking and Scouts will have the opportunity to challenge themselves in these areas.

Personal Development (NEW)

Located in the former Handicraft Shelter next to the Trading Post, the personal development program offers an opportunity for Scouts to start or complete Eagle required merit badges such as Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World and Communication. Scouts will also have the opportunity to attempt non-camp traditional merit badges, participate in skill demonstrations, and develop leadership skills through advanced training opportunities.



CAMP POLICIES

Severe Weather Emergencies

Designated members of the Camp Manatoc staff are responsible for monitoring weather conditions. When the National Weather Service (NWS) issues a severe thunderstorm warning or tornado warning, a member of the Camp Management Team or a designee will immediately notify the camp, first by activating the camp warning siren system then via Remind, camp's text messaging system. In any event, when the siren sounds, adult unit leaders shall take action to shelter their units. A list of shelters is provided in the Unit Orientation Packet.

Other Emergencies

Anyone coming upon an unreported incident should report the information to the nearest staff member or unit leader. The camp office phone number is (330) 657-2592. Upon activation of the emergency siren, all campers are to proceed to the nearest shelter, remain there, and wait for instructions.

If a fire is threatening tents and, if practical and safe, Units should drop tents that are away from the fire and evacuate the campsite at once. Notify the camp office immediately.

Medication Administration

Each Unit handles the distribution of medications to their Scouts. Medications are to be kept in a locked box in the Units' campsite. Lock boxes are available at the Health Lodge if needed. Medications requiring refrigeration may be stored at the Health Lodge. Leaders will need to summarize the medication for each Scout to aid in tracking the dosage.

Non-Standard Medical Treatment

If, due to religious or other beliefs, the process of medical attention that a parent/guardian or a Scout wishes to receive differs from what is commonly accepted, the parent/guardian must supply a signed letter detailing the proper instructions during check-in. This letter will remain on file with the Health Officer and shared with the medical staff.

Camper and Staff Identification

Each camper (youth and adult) will be issued an identification wristband to wear during the week. All visitors are required to stop at the Administration Building upon arrival to camp, sign in, and receive a visitor's identification wristband. All staff will wear an ID badge. Report persons not wearing a wristband or ID badge to a staff member.

Curfew

Quiet hours begin at 10:00 PM unless a staff-run activity is held. All campers must be in their campsites from 10:00 PM until 6:00 AM. Special requests for Units events beyond curfew must be approved by the Camp Director.

Scouting America Clothing Policy (NEW)

The Scouting America Clothing Guideline aims to foster unity, respect, and safety during Scouting activities. While the official Scouting America field uniform is encouraged, participants can wear an activity uniform as needed during their **summer camp** activities. First and foremost, all clothing choices should meet safety requirements and reflect the values of the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the Scouter Code of Conduct. Clothing should follow Scouting's safety standards and avoid offensive or inappropriate content. For example, swimwear for aquatic activities must be designed for safety, such as fitted swimsuits that won't shift during activity. Additionally, clothing must not contain hate speech, endorsements of illegal conduct, or offensive images. Headgear for religious or medical reasons is permitted, but clothing that impedes vision should be avoided for safety reasons.

Units should create clothing guidelines for their unit. This should be done in collaboration with volunteers, parents, and their chartered organization. When developing guidelines, units should ask whether their proposed unit clothing guidelines are based on participant safety, avoid imposing personal values, and accommodate personal needs, religious practices, and cultural dress. If clothing concerns arise, unit leadership is responsible for addressing them. Immediate safety concerns should be addressed first, and youth participants should not be questioned directly by adults outside their unit unless there's an urgent safety issue.

Scouting America Tenting Policy

As stated in the Guide to Safe Scouting separate tenting arrangements must be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth. Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age. Youth siblings of the same gender may share sleeping accommodations regardless of age with permission from their parents or legal guardians. In Cub Scouting, parents and guardians may share a tent with their family. In all other programs, youth and adults tent separately. Spouses may share tents. Campsites must be arranged to separate genders adequately. This separation could be achieved through natural barriers, physical distance, or by the campsite being divided, so long as the separation achieves privacy for both adults and youth, as well as by gender. Adult leaders are responsible for establishing the barriers and reminding Scouts that members of one gender must not enter the tent/housing of another.

Scouting America Buddy Policy

The buddy system is designed to provide an additional layer of safeguarding by ensuring no youth member is alone and that a buddy can get help in an emergency. The buddy system is used whenever youth members are outside the line of sight of qualified adult leadership and specific activities where the buddy system is required for participation. Of note:

- The adult unit leadership oversees and approves buddies.

- Buddies are two and can also be three to prevent youth members from being alone.
- A buddy pair cannot be mixed gender, where appropriate a third youth must be added (for a buddy group of 3).
- Youth siblings of the same gender may serve as buddies regardless of age with permission from their parents or legal guardians.
- Except for siblings, it is recommended that the age gap between buddies be at most three years for all non-sleeping activities but must be no more than two years for all tenting.
- When exceptional circumstances warrant, a parent or legal guardian may serve as a buddy for their child's Scouting activities, but youth buddies meeting the above criteria, if available, are always preferred.

Scouting America Hammock Policy

Campers must follow the manufacturer's instructions for maximum and minimum hanging distances (the distances between solid supports such as trees). Hammocks must be hung in secure locations, such as large trees or solid posts, and securely fastened with proper knots. If using solid, living trees, special care must be taken not to damage the outer bark.

Hammocks may not be stacked. The lowest point of a hammock cannot exceed three feet. Hammocks may not be hung above water. Swinging or standing on a hammock is prohibited.

Hammocks that have frayed or damaged ropes must not be used. Use only the manufacturer's replacement ropes. Do not put more weight into a hammock than recommended by the manufacturer.

Use tree straps, padding, or material to prevent damage to trees. Do NOT use thin rope, as it cuts into the tree bark and causes damage. Please keep our trees healthy!

Trash Disposal

Units are expected to keep their campsites free from trash. Trash shall be bagged and placed in the provided campsite trash receptacle. Units should not allow the trash receptacles to overflow.

Maintenance staff will pick up campsite trash on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Units that are patrol cooking will have their trash picked up every day. Dumpsters are found at the Dining Hall and the Maintenance Area should Units need to dispose of trash at other times.

Scouting America follows the principles of Leave No Trace. LNT is dedicated to promoting and inspiring responsible outdoor behavior through education, research, and partnerships. It applies to all Scouting America youth and adult leaders. Please help us keep our camp clean by picking up and disposing of garbage properly.

Smoking & Use of Tobacco Products

Smoking or use of other tobacco products is not allowed in any building on the Manatoc Scout Reservation. Leaders may not smoke or use tobacco products in the presence of Scouts.

Discipline, Hazing & Bullying

Unit Leaders are responsible for the conduct of their Scouts. Discipline must be in accordance with applicable rules and policies of Scouting America, state and federal laws, and accepted practice. Abuse will not be tolerated. If you need help from the camp administration, please ask, however unit leaders are expected to file incident reports or "near miss" reports for incidents or "near miss" events per Scouting America and Great Trail Council policies. Unit leaders **MUST IMMEDIATELY** report any threats of, or incidents of physical violence, or threats of/attempts of self-harm to the Camp Director.

Hazing has no place in Scouting and will not be tolerated by the Great Trail Council. Report any suspected hazing issues to the Camp Director. Hazing in the State of Ohio is a felony charge for each instance and individual involved.

Bullying is not accepted at Camp Manatoc. Scouts or adults that are found to participate in any form of bullying behavior will be removed from camp immediately, possibly removed from Scouting America and/or face legal ramifications for the bullying behaviors.

Liquid Fuel Use & Storage

Adult leaders should supervise any use of liquid fuels in your campsite. Refer to the policies in the most current Guide to Safe Scouting. Using liquid fuels for starting any type of fire, including lighting damp wood, charcoal, and ceremonial campfires or displays is prohibited.

Health Lodge Flag System

Camp Manatoc uses a colored flag system to advise campers on the current heat conditions. The colored flags at the Health Lodge are flown from a flagpole in front of the building and on your mobile device at now.manatoc.org. The colors are as follows:

Green - Temperature is cool, make sure to drink water.

Yellow - Temperature is on the rise, drink water more often.

Red - Temperature feels like 95-103. Drink plenty of water. Retreat will be shortened so that scouts are not standing on the parade field for a long time.

Black - Temperature feels greater than 103. Drink water every 15 minutes. Seek shade. Areas such as the tower are closed due to the extreme exertion required. Retreat is not held.

General Policies

The Scout Oath and Law are the basis of all that we do as Scouts and Adult leaders. The Camp Director and the Director of Camping are responsible for the interpretation of camp policy.

All campers must be registered Scouts or Unit Leaders.

The use of bicycles is restricted to staff members and unit leaders. Helmets are required, and bikers must remain on the roads.

Fires shall be restricted to the designated fire rings in the campsites, fireplaces or stoves in buildings, the camp Council Ring, and ceremony locations. Report any fire out of control promptly. All campsite or building fires shall be monitored or extinguished.

Fireworks are prohibited. Violators will be removed from camp.

Pets are not permitted. Service dogs (also known as “assistance dogs”) that are trained to perform quantifiable tasks that directly ease the challenges associated with their owner’s physical, psychiatric, sensory, and/or developmental disability are permitted by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) which protects the rights of people with disabilities to bring their service dogs with them to most public places, including restaurants, theaters, shops, hotels, government agencies, and non-profit organizations. Emotional support animals are companion animals who help their owners cope with the challenges associated with emotional and mental health conditions. Emotional support animals are not covered by the ADA and are not allowed in camp without first requesting a discussion to have an emotional support animal at camp with the Camp Director at least 30 days prior to the participant’s arrival.

Possession of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs is not permitted by Scouts, leaders, or staff and may result in removal from the Manatoc Scout Reservation.

The cutting of standing timber, alive or dead, is prohibited.

Scouts, leaders, and staff should not enter another unit’s campsite without asking permission of the unit in the site.

During the week, vehicle traffic will be restricted to official camp use. When driving in camp, the speed limit is 10 MPH. Pedestrians should be alert for vehicle, bicycle or tractor traffic and give way.

In accordance with the policy of Scouting America, no one will be transported in the bed of a truck.

Each unit is responsible for and will be charged for any unit-caused damage to camp-owned equipment, including tents and tarps, at the discretion of the Properties Superintendent or the Camp Ranger.

Driving in Camp

Safety in camp is our most important focus. To ensure the safety of our campers throughout the week there are two gates that control traffic inside of camp, one by the Administration Building and one by the Dining Hall. Except for camp vehicles, motor vehicles are prohibited between the Administration Building and Dining Hall gates during camp. Vehicles must be parked in the Dining Hall parking lot from 9:00 PM on Sunday night through approximately 10:00 PM on Friday night. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS unless a camper has a qualified disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act that requires the use of a motor vehicle for mobility. You must request a waiver from the Camp Director in writing at or prior to your unit's arrival on Sunday.



PRE-CAMP INFORMATION

Summer Camp Fee Schedule

Our fee schedule allows for payment of youth or adult fees beginning February 3, 2025. The registration system **REQUIRES** payment of youth fees beginning April 19, 2025 and adult fees 9 days prior to camp. Units who mail or drop off payments at the Great Trail Council Service Center should adjust their camper counts prior to April 14th to avoid the requirement to make on-line payments prior to the Unit's major payment (or if a Units plans to pay by check at the Service Center). When making payments to the GTC office, Units should indicate their current counts to avoid the automatic addition of late fees.

Units Summer Camp Orientation Meeting

One of the most important roles of youth and adult leaders is to set the expectation for a week at summer camp. Veteran youth and adult Manatoc campers are the best salespeople for creating excitement about our summer camp program.

We highly recommend that all Units hold a Summer Camp Orientation Meeting in the spring for the parents whose Scouts have recently joined the Unit. This is a great opportunity to explain the benefits of attending summer camp, talk about the program areas and activities, and describe the fun their Scouts will have during their week at Camp Manatoc. Topics to cover include:

- Why the Unit chooses Camp Manatoc
- Photos and Unit achievements from previous years
- Dates, times, and camp fees
- Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record requirements
- Summer camp packing list

In May, the Camp Manatoc Senior Staff will host a parent meeting for parents sending their Scout to summer camp at Camp Manatoc for the first time.

Uniform

The Scouting America uniform makes all Scouts equal; regardless of home, background, or anything else. Pride in the uniform and its history is shown when it is worn properly. The proper uniform includes a khaki shirt, olive green shorts or pants, Scout belt, green socks, and an optional Units approved hat and/or neckerchief. The full uniform is worn for Retreat, Dinner, Vespers, and the Friday Night Ceremonies.

Daily Wear

At other times, a Scouting "activity uniform" is appropriate. This is a scouting T-shirt, shorts, socks, and shoes. Shoes are required at all times except at the swimming pool or in one's own tent. No open-toed shoes are permitted to be worn. T-shirts must be in good taste, not having sexual innuendo, alcohol promotion, or double entendre.

What Not to Bring

Camp Manatoc provides refuge in the outdoors. For that reason, we ask for your cooperation and discretion in leaving items such as televisions, gaming systems, generators, or anything else that could detract others around your campsite from enjoying their week at camp.

For the safety of all participants, sheath knives, personally owned firearms, fireworks, alcohol, and drugs are not allowed on the camp property. Please consult the Guide to Safe Scouting for more information.

Camp Provided Equipment

Each campsite has tents set up for the maximum number of campers for which that campsite is rated. The tents are 7' x 10' canvas wall tents with wooden platforms. Traditional dining tarps are available in campsites. Units may bring tents, tarps, and tables to fit their needs. **Scouts and adult leaders must bring their own cots.**

Swimming Tests

Units that have access to swimming facilities and would like to conduct swimming tests on their own may do so provided they meet the following requirements:

- Swimming tests must be conducted in the current calendar year.
- The swimming classification test performed at a unit level must be conducted by one of the following council-approved resource people: Aquatics Instructor; Scouting America Lifeguard; Scouting America Swimming & Water Rescue; or other lifeguard, swimming instructor, etc.
- Swimming test administrators should use Chapter 5 of the [Scouting America Aquatics Supervision Guide](#).
- Results of the tests conducted by a Units must be documented on the Scouting America [Swimming Classification Form](#). A printed copy of the form along with a copy of the tester's valid certificate must be given to the Aquatics Director on the afternoon of the first day of camp.

Questions about this procedure may be addressed to aquatics@manatoc.org. Please note; the Aquatics staff reserves the right to retest campers.

You may also get your swimming test done early at camp before the season begins. The Manatoc pool will be available for swim tests provided by our staff on June 8, 2025, from 1-4pm. Please bring each Scout's medical form. The staff will stay until all swimming tests are completed. Online registration for the event is required. Click [here](#) to register.

Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record

A CURRENT Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record ("Med Form") ([Form 680-001, 2019](#)) is the only medical record form accepted by Camp Manatoc. **All participants must submit Parts A, B1, B2 and C of the Med Form regardless of the length of stay.** The Med

Form must be complete, including insurance information, medications, known allergies, vaccinations, and proper signatures. Vaccination dates must be indicated on the Med Form. For those who object to vaccinations on religious, philosophical or medical grounds, a Scouting America [Immunization Exemption Request Form](#) must be attached to the AHMR. Individuals taking medications must bring their medications to camp in the original containers. A Unit leader must sort the Unit's Med Forms alphabetically. **DO NOT SUBMIT THE ORIGINAL MED FORM TO CAMP MANATOC. PLEASE ONLY SUBMIT COPIES OF THE MED FORM.**

Units Roster and Scout Advancement Registration

The name of each camper, both adult and youth, must be uploaded to create a Unit Roster. This allows the Units to register Scouts for merit badges. Complete the Unit roster and pre-plan Scouts' advancement program during camp by logging into your account ([click here](#)). Leaders should review any prerequisites and/or work that may be completed on merit badges prior to attending camp. All Units online accounts will be locked out at 8:00 on the Sunday morning of your arrival.

Youth Protection

All Units must have "two-deep" levels of adult leadership for the entire week per Scouting America National policy. Please ensure that all Scouts and Leaders are currently registered with Scouting America. Any adult staying at camp must have a valid Youth Protection Training certificate regardless of the number of days spent at camp.

Spring Leaders' Meeting

The camp will host a Spring leaders' meeting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 7, 2025, in the Dining Hall. This is an opportunity for leaders to learn about the summer ahead, meet the camp staff, and ask questions. We encourage at least one leader from each unit attending summer camp to attend this important meeting. Register [here](#) for the meeting.

Provisional and Repeat Campers

A Provisional Camper is a Scout who attends camp without his Units. Provisional campers may choose either Week 3 or Week 5 for their week, and the Camp will supply leadership for those Scouts. A Repeater is a camper who returns for another week of camp after a week of camp with their Units. Repeaters are not considered provisional campers and must make their own arrangements to camp with another Unit.

Arrival Instructions

On Sundays during resident camp, the Camp Manatoc gates will open at 11:00 AM. Units may not arrive before 11:00 AM. **Units are encouraged to drop off their Units trailers in the parking area nearest to the Unit's assigned campsite on the Saturday before their first day of camp between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM. The only units who may park a trailer in a campsite are registered patrol cooking units. A leader from a patrol cooking unit must contact the Camp Director at least a week in advance of the Unit's stay to arrange for**

parking a trailer in the Unit's campsite. Traffic on the main camp road is limited to one way on Sundays. Vehicles may only enter through the Main Gate and must exit out the Service Road when leaving. All vehicles should proceed to the parking areas nearest to the Unit's campsite. Vehicles may not be driven directly into campsites. Procedures for unit check-in, unit photos, swim tests and new Scout orientation will be released at the Leaders' Meeting in June.

An adult leader must drop off the Unit's Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Records to the Health Lodge no later than 2:00 PM. The Chief Health Officer and health staff will review all forms to ensure completeness and for all required signatures. If the Chief Health Officer finds any issues with health forms, he or she will contact the leader of record for the Unit for clarifications and to discuss corrective measures needed.



2025 Summer Camp Fees

| Youth Campers | | |
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| Date | Dining Hall | Patrol Cooking |
| "Early Bird" Fee - This is the fee you pay, if paid by April 19, 2025 | \$455.00 | \$305.00 |
| Basic Fee - April 20 and the Friday 9 days before your arrival | \$470.00 | \$315.00 |
| Late Fee begins the Saturday 8 days before your arrival | \$490.00 | \$330.00 |
| Adult Leaders | \$150.00 | \$125.00 |
| Part Time Adult Leaders per day (Every 6 th day is converted into one full time leader) | \$27.50 | \$22.00 |

Great Trail Council Scouts receive a \$25.00 discount from the above fee as part of the Adventure Fee Program.

Fees must be "Paid in Full" by 11:59pm on the day listed above to receive the posted discount.

In order to check out when using the reservation system, after April 14, 2025 you are required to make a payment in full.



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