HMSR 2024
Camp Meade
Leader's Meeting

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Timeline

- **Link on the Zoom Meeting**

- **Tent Site Assignments are ready. I have the lists and will put up the assignments on Black Pug this week.**

- **Added to Black Pug this week the following forms and information**
  - Summer Camp Dietary Form
  - Swim Forms
  - Pre-event screening check list
  - 2024 Updated Leaders Guide

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Check In – Day 1

- Three weeks prior to your week at camp, you will receive an email communication. The email will outline the check in process, include the BSA pre-event medical screening checklist (attachment and link), dietary form (attachment and link) reminders and other pertinent information. Check-in will be at the Welcome Center.

- Please follow the instructions of staff in the parking lot. Only vehicles that have the HMSR Driver tag will be allowed up to the site. This can be done at check-in. The unit will then meet with their Camp Guide. You guide will take you to the Unit Photo, Swim Test, and Camp Tour.

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- **Expedited: You can make an appointment to come to camp the Wednesday evening prior to your arrival and bring your documentation. You will still need to wait in the Health Screening Line but will be able to skip the other stations. An appointment can also be made with the Camp Director to have a meeting via Zoom.**

- **A Leaders & SPL Meeting will be held prior to dinner.**

- **Pop up Merit Badge sign ups will be outside the dining hall after dinner.**

- **Program Orientations at 7:20 PM Outside DH**

- **Religious Services at 8:00 PM (Formation in front of DH at 7:45 PM) followed by the opening campfire.**

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- **Vehicle Policy**
  - If your vehicle will be driven around camp or parked at your camp site you must bring with you your current drivers license, registration and insurance.
  - All vehicles driving into camp must have a HMSR vehicle tag.

    Please bring a copy with you to check-in

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Day 2-4 (Monday – Thursday)

- See Open Program and Evening Program Lists

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Day 5 (Friday)

- Polar Bear Swim: 6:00 AM (assigned pool)
- Merit Badge Make Up: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Pop up Merit Badges
- Mile Swim: 11:00 AM
- All Camp Round Up 2-5PM
- Closing Campfire: 8:00 PM

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Dining Hall

Breakfast will be pick up at the dining hall. One vehicle from each site will come to the Dining Hall to pick up the meal for breakfast and dinner.

Lunch will be a grab and go from the dining hall.

Dinner will be in the Dining Hall.

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Pathfinder Program

- **First year camper program.**

- **This program runs until 11:00 and requires the troop to send an adult with their Pathfinders every day.**

- **Campers will pick their merit badges for the 11:30 and 1:30 session.**

- **Campers will have the opportunity to work and improve on requirements for the Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First-Class ranks.**

- **At the closing campfire campers who have participated in the Pathfinder Program will be recognized by the Pathfinder staff.**

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Merit Badge Program

- **HMSR is on a 3-year rotation. Merit Badges for 2024 are listed on Black Pug.**

- **Some merit badges are more physically intensive than others. Check your campers' selection to make sure it matches their abilities.**

- **Pre-requisites: must be completed prior to camp and turned into the Merit Badge Counselor on the first day.**

- **Campers should print the Merit Badge worksheet at home and bring it with them to camp. Go to: www.usscouts.org**

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Merit Badge Program

- **Extra Cost: Shooting Sports and Welding.**

- **Bring a binder, pen, pencil, and paper with you when you go to your program.**

- **Some merit badges require 90-minute blocks.**

- **Partial Completions: Some campers do not finish their merit badges. The partial completion form will list the requirements they completed.**

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Programs for Older Scouts

- **During Open Program parts of the COPE course will be open for Scouts to participate in these.**

- **Hikes up to the Appalachian Trail will be added to open program.**

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PROVISIONAL CAMP PROGRAM

- This is for single Scouts that want to come to camp without their troop and may come with a Buddy.
- Provisional Scouts will be in a site with other troops or housed with the CITs.
- Prices are the same as for troop Scouts, unless you are coming for multiple weeks.

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CIT Program (Counselor in Training)

- **This is a leadership/internship program, geared to teaching Scouts how to be great camp staff!**

- **This program will be 3 weeks and will run weeks 1-3.**

- **The first week will be focused on leadership workshops as well as merit badge earnings. Scouts will earn 3-4 badges.**

- **The second week will be devoted to Scout's spending time in all of the areas of camp learning what is done there, as well as leadership classes to help them be better counselors.**

- **Scouts must be 13 and First Class rank to take this course and not their first year at camp. If successfully completed will be a Jr Staff Member.**

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Camp Site Inspections

- **Conducted Daily by HMSR Camp Commissioners**
- **Daily Results and End of Week Results.**
- **Uniformity in Campsite means No Loss of Points (example: All Tent Flaps Closed = Uniformity)**
- **Part of the Honor Patrol Program**

Duty Roster

- **In order for camp to run in an orderly fashion we will be using a Troop Duty Roster for jobs like cleaning bathrooms, helping with dishes after dinner, cardboard breakdown and sweeping the dining hall.**

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Order of the Arrow

- **Kittatinny Award: week-long program where you can complete requirements throughout the week. These include camp spirit, advancement, service, conservation and leadership to name a few.**

- **Green neckerchiefs will be free for Pathfinder participants. This is optional but is recommended and will be a part of the Sunday New Camper Ceremony held at the end of the campfire.**

- **Monday: Brotherhood testing.**

- **OA Day is Tuesday, Scouts and Leaders are encouraged to wear their sashes with their Uniform at Breakfast and Dinner**

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Troop Rosters

- **Please make sure that your Troop Roster is the roster from Scout Book, not the Black Pug Roster.**

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- **Some essentials to be included on your packing list**
  - Leaders if you want to bring rain flys for your tents they should be 8x10.

- **Food Company**
- **Hershey Park**
- **Camperships and Final Payment**

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Questions

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