

# Family Fishing Day at Camp Tuckahoe

400 Tuckahoe Road, Dillsburg, PA 17019

Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2026 - 8:00 AM till 6:00 PM



## *Scouting America has age-appropriate fishing programs for Scouts of all ages.*

Cub Scouts have fishing Adventures with increased levels of proficiency required for each age group. Scouts BSA can earn Fishing, Fly Fishing, and Fish and Wildlife Management Merit Badges with varied levels of complexity as they work toward their ultimate goal...the Complete Angler Award.

**Cub Scout Programs (youth in grades K – 5):** Basic fishing skills instruction with special emphasis on safety.

Instructional stations include:

- **Basic Tackle:** Examples of rods and reels and how to use them, and examples of basic tackle, with a focus on how to bait hooks and rig fishing lures.
- **Knot Tying:** illustrations of common fishing knots with large practice hooks and lines.
- **Conservation:** an introduction to fishing regulations and why they are important, including information on fish identification, and how to measure a fish.
- **Stewardship:** “Outdoor Ethics” including “Catch and Release” ... how to release a fish safely.
- **Casting & Safety:** with a focus on how to get your bait or lure to where the fish are, and how to carry your rod safely (without hooking yourself or others.)
- **Fishing:** Cubs can go fishing with their adult partners, rods and reels are available for check-out.

The stations provide opportunities for Cubs to complete their “Fishing Adventures.”

## *Scouts BSA Programs (youth from 10½ – 18 years of age):*

Offers requirements for:

- Fishing Merit Badge
- Fly Fishing Merit Badge
- Fish and Wildlife Management Merit Badge

Scouts who need basic skills should participate in the instructional stations in the morning. Counselors will be available throughout the afternoon, to assist with requirements, and to document “blue cards.”

- **Register for Family Fishing Day:** <https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA544>

- Youth Participants – \$15.00 ... (\$7.50 with a unit weekend reservation)
  - Includes event patch, Individual passport, and the use of loaner rods with tackle.
- Adults – \$5.00 ... (2.50 with a unit weekend reservation)
  - Includes event patch and use of a bait and tackle kit.
- Fishing Instructors and counselors – **Free**

- Leaders and Scouts with basic fishing and conservation training may register as instructors.

To become an instructor, go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA544> and register for the Angling Educator course or the Certified Angling Instructor course.

*Troops and Packs can make it a Weekend Adventure, and save half the cost of registration, by reserving a cabin or campsite for the weekend of September 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>*

To book your cabin or campsite reservation go to: <https://campreservation.com/544/Camps/829>

## *Leadership and Supervision*

All Scouts must attend the event with a parent or guardian, or with two registered leaders. BSA’s “Buddy System” will be enforced; scouts must be with a parent or guardian or with their buddy for safety.

*Parents, Leaders, and Scouts must always know where their buddies are, and how they are...safe!*

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*Programs based on the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's "Family Fishing Program" and the International Game Fish Association's "Passport to Fishing Curriculum."*

## **Check in** at the Boat Dock area: **8 – 11 AM**

*(Check in is available at your convenience; consider weather and your normal Saturday schedule.)*

1. Pick up program information.
2. Set up a Family, Pack, or Troop picnic site on the shore of Memory Lake.
  - *Picnic tables and canopies will be available; post your sign or plant your flag and claim a site.*
3. Scouts working on Fishing, Fly Fishing, and/or Fish and Wildlife Management Merit Badges meet with Merit Badge Counselor(s) at the Boat Dock.
  - *Bring Blue Cards*

## **Passport to Fishing Stations** at the Boat Dock Area **9 AM – 12 Noon**

1. Basic Tackle Station
  - *How rods and reels work, and Terminal Tackle Choices (hooks, bobbers, sinkers, baits and lures)*
2. Knot Tying Station
  - *How & why, we use Fishing Knots*
3. Conservation Station
  - *How to measure your fish, and Size and Creel Limits (PA Fishing Summary Books)*
4. Stewardship Station
  - *Safe Handling of fish, and 10 Tips to protect the environment.*
5. Casting & Safety Station
  - *Hands-on Instruction & Practice*
6. Rods and Baits Station
  - *Turn in Completed Passport to check-out bait and tackle.*
7. Fishing
  - *Take pictures and record results.*

## **Open Fishing** for cubs and **Merit Badge Counseling** for Scouts BSA **12 Noon – 6 PM**

1. Be sure to bring a picnic lunch for your Family, Pack, or Troop.
2. Continue Fishing as long as the Scouts are having fun, and the fish are cooperating.
3. Scouts working on merit badges, please remember to pick up blue cards before departing.
4. Merit Badge Counselor(s) will be available for advice, and to sign off requirements.
5. Please turn in all borrowed equipment before departing.