



**BLUE RIDGE SCOUT RESERVATION**  
**PRE-CAMP LEADERS MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 2025**



*All BRSR camps and programs  
are nationally accredited by the  
BSA NCAP program.*



# MEETING AGENDA

- Overview of Program Options
- Merit Badge and High Adventure Program Schedules
- Age-Appropriate Guidelines
- Upcoming Deadlines
- Black Pug Registration
- Fees and Discount Opportunities
- Camp Staff Opportunities
- Time for Questions



# PROGRAM AVAILABILITY

	DATES	Camp Powhatan	New River Adventure	Claytor Lake Adventure	Blue Ridge Mountaineer	High Knoll Trail Camp	Canoe the New	SCUBA
1	June 15-21	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2	June 22-28	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
3	June 29-July 5	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
4	July 6-12	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
5	July 13-19	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

# MERIT BADGE SCHEDULE

## CAMP POWHATAN

PROGRAM AREAS						
Time	Nature	Handicraft	Scoutcraft	Range & Target	Eagle's Nest	Waterfront
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Env. Science (9-11)	Art	Fishing	Archery	Camping	Canoeing
	Forestry	Basketry	Pioneering (9-11)	Rifle (9-11)	Cit. in Nation	Kayaking
	Nature	Leatherwork	Wilderness Survival	Shotgun (9-11)	Communication	Lifesaving (9-11)
	Engineering	Woodcarving	Space Ex		E. Prep	Swimming
		Game Design			First Aid	
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Env. Science (cont.)	Basketry	Geocaching	Archery	Camping	Canoeing
	Reptile & Amphibian	Chess	Pioneering (cont.)	Rifle (cont.)	Cit. in Nation	Kayaking
	Weather	Leatherwork	Orienteering	Shotgun (cont.)	Cit. in World	Swimming
	Soil & Water Cons.	Woodcarving	Public Health		Communication	Lifesaving (cont.)
		Animation	Space Ex			
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Forestry	Art	Fishing	Archery	Camping	Canoeing
	Geology	Chess	Geocaching	Rifle (11-3:15)	Cit. in World	Learn to Swim
	Soil & Water Cons.	Leatherwork	Backpacking	Shotgun (11-3:15)	Communication	Mile Swim BSA
	Nature	Woodcarving	Nuclear Science		E. Prep	Swimming
			Space Ex		First Aid	
<b>12:00 - 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch &amp; Siesta</b>					
	*No Afternoon Classes on Wednesday*					
<b>2:00 PM</b>	Env. Science (2-4:30)	Art	Fishing	Archery	Camping	Kayaking
	Fish & Wildlife	Basketry	Geocaching	Rifle (cont.)	Cit. in Nation	Lifesaving (2-4:30)
	Reptile & Amphibian	Leatherwork	Orienteering	Shotgun (cont.)	Cit. in World	Swimming
	Chemistry	Woodcarving	Robotics		First Aid	BSI Swim (2-4:30)
		Model Design/Build				
<b>3:15 PM</b>	Env. Science (cont.)	Basketry	Geocaching	Archery	Camping	Canoeing
	Geology	Chess	Orienteering		Cit. in World	Swimming
	Nature	Leatherwork	Wilderness Survival		Communication	Lifesaving (cont.)
	Weather	Woodcarving	Electronics		E. Prep	BSI Swim (cont.)
					First Aid	

# EVENING PROGRAM SCHEDULE

CAMP POWHATAN

<b>MONDAY</b>	Nature Show	Photography	Totin' Chit	Open Shoot	Eagle Roundtable	Open Waterfront	Astronomy	Climbing
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Frog Hike	Tie-Dye			Wilderness Survival Overnighter		Astronomy	Climbing
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Cowboy Action	Mammal Study	Music	Open Waterfront	Chess	Commissioner's Campfire	Astronomy	Climbing
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Open Crafts		Open Shoot	Open Waterfront	Fingerprinting	OA Cracker Barrel	Astronomy	Climbing

# NEW RIVER ADVENTURE PROGRAM OPTIONS

ACTIVITY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Low COPE	X				
High COPE		X			
Caving			X	X	X
Whitewater Canoeing			X		X
Horseback Riding				X	X
All Terrain Vehicles				X	X
Natural Rock Climbing			X		
Whitewater Rafting			X	X	



# CLAYTOR LAKE ADVENTURE SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MORNING	PFD use, Safety Afloat, motorboating safety	Skiing instruction, alternate motorboat and skiing	Sailing, knowledge review (weather dependent)	Sailing, kayaking	Finish up requirements
MIDDAY	Lunch, hazards on the water	Lunch	Lunch, knots	Lunch	Lunch
AFTERNOON	Safety Afloat, motorboat rides and reviews	Motorboating and skiing	Kayaking basics, sailing	Motorboating, skiing	Scouts' choice
	Personal Watercraft		OR	Personal Watercraft	

# AGE-APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES

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- Brownsea Island recommended for first-year Scouts, preferably newly bridged Scouts
- New River Adventure participants must be at least **13 years old AND completed the 8th grade OR 14 years old**
  - All should be able to pass a swim test at camp
  - ATV participants must be at least **16 years old**
- Claytor Lake Adventure participants must be at least **13 years old AND completed the 8th grade OR 14 years old**
  - All should be able to pass a swim test at camp
- SCUBA participants must be at least **14 years old** (requires adult scuba-certified partner), recommended for those 15 years and older
- High Knoll and Blue Ridge Mountaineer recommended for Scouts 13 years and older
- Canoe the New participants must be at least **13 years old AND completed the 8th grade OR 14 years old**



# UPCOMING DEADLINES

- **March 1:** half of individual registrant fees due
- **March 1:** registration for merit badge classes and New River Adventure activities opens for Weeks 1 and 2
- **March 4:** second leaders webinar
- **March 15:** registration for merit badge classes and New River Adventure activities opens for Weeks 3, 4, and 5
- **April 1:** early bird pricing ends, remaining half of individual registrant fees due
- **April 1:** last day to cancel attendee slots without fees or penalties
- **April 8:** third leaders webinar
- **May 1:** pre-camp forms due (dietary, accommodations, early/late, buses)
- **May 1:** campership application deadline
- **May 6:** fourth leaders webinar
- **May 31:** all camp fees due, apply \$20 late fee after this deadline





Black Pug  
Software

# BLACK PUG REGISTRATION

- Before March 1: please add profile information for all individuals
  - Including: member ID, rank, date of birth, and YPT certification for adults
  - If a registration has “missing information” they will not be able to check out or make changes
  - Parent Portal option
    - Allows limited access to registration to parents in the unit who can use this tool to complete basic data entry such as name and age and to make financial payments on behalf of their Scouts
    - Parent Portal found under the “More” tab
- Brownsea Island registration
  - Add Scouts to “BSI 9AM” slot after March 1 to autofill their schedule with BSI program
  - BSI Scouts may sign up for evening merit badges, but should not sign up for any other merit badges
- Merit badge registration will open on March 1 or 15
  - Classes will fill up quickly and we cannot guarantee space
- New River Adventure and Claytor Lake Adventure program registration will open March 1
  - Adults can register as participants or supervisors



# FEES & DISCOUNT OPPORTUNITIES

PARTICIPANT TYPE	REGULAR FEE	EARLY BIRD FEE
Powhatan Base Camp Scout	\$479	\$449
Powhatan Base Camp Adult	\$206	N/A
Brownsea Island Scout	\$499	\$469
Blue Ridge Mountaineer Scout	\$479	\$449
Blue Ridge Mountaineer Adult	\$206	N/A
High Knoll Scout	\$479	\$449
Canoe the New Scout	\$479	\$449
Canoe the New & High Knoll Adult	\$479	\$449
Canoe the New Supporting Adult	\$206	N/A
Claytor Lake Adventure Scout & Adult	\$499	\$469
New River Adventure Scout & Participating Adult	\$225 PLUS daily activity fees*	\$195*
New River Adventure Supporting Adult	\$206	N/A
Scuba Scout & Adult	\$695	\$665

\$10 discount for BRMC popcorn sales in 2024

\$20 discount for service project completed at BRSR before May 15, 2025

Early Bird Discount: \$30 discount for completion of individual registration before April 1, 2025

One free adult leader per 10 Scouts registered per unit

Camperships are available primarily for in-council units based on need

Reach out to the Blue Ridge Mountains Council to discuss accommodations for any outstanding financial need



# WORK WITH US!

## WE ARE HIRING FOR:

- Aquatics staff and lifeguards
- High adventure guides
- Merit badge class instructors
- And many more!

## WE PROVIDE:

- On-site training
- Lodging in staff cabins
- Meals
- Pay dependent on experience and responsibility





# QUESTIONS?

## Facebook page:

[facebook.com/BRSR599](https://www.facebook.com/BRSR599)

## Camp website and Leaders Guide:

[brmcrereservation.org](http://brmcrereservation.org)

## BRMC Scout Office

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