

# CAMP POWHATAN

Camp Powhatan is your gateway to adventure, offering something for Scouts of all ages! Dive into our action-packed merit badge program, where first-year Scouts can embark on the legendary Brownsea Island adventure while older Scouts soar to new heights in our prestigious Eagle's Nest. The excitement doesn't stop there - our evenings are filled with thrilling activities, and our dynamic program areas guarantee unforgettable experiences. Get ready to create lifelong memories and conquer new challenges at Camp Powhatan!



## LEADERS' MEETINGS

There will be an opening leaders' meeting on Sunday after dinner (around 7:15 PM) in the Camp Powhatan OA Shelter. Following that, there will be daily leaders' meetings at 8:30 AM in the OA Shelter. These meetings are an important source of information and a time to ask questions of our area directors and administration. Please send at least one representative from your unit to each meeting. Senior Patrol Leaders are welcome to attend.

## OPENING CAMPFIRE

There will be an opening campfire on Sunday evening to get everyone started for the week. Units should line up on the Parade Field at 8:00 PM on Sunday.

## FOOD SERVICE

Our experienced dining hall staff works hard to provide well-balanced meals for all in a timely manner while also reducing food waste. Report any dietary restrictions before arrival using the Dietary Needs Form. Depending on camp attendance, Camp Powhatan typically has two meal shifts, served family-style for breakfast and dinner, and a consolidated, open-style lunch for the entire camp. Your unit will receive a meal schedule when you arrive. Flag ceremonies occur prior to breakfast and dinner services and serve as a chance

for units to hear important program announcements. Units are asked to wear Field Uniforms to dinner. Activity Uniforms are recommended for breakfast and lunch.

Scouts are encouraged to be mindful of how they dispose of their waste at camp, and our staff would be happy to assist as necessary in the process.

## TRADING POST

The Camp Powhatan Trading Post will be open at convenient hours from Sunday afternoon through Saturday morning. Our Trading Post carries camp t-shirts, patches, souvenirs, merit badge pamphlets, craft supply materials, soft drinks, candy, and a wide selection of Scouting outdoor supplies. A camp patch will be given to each Scout and adult leader registered in camp, but additional camp patches will be on sale in the Trading Post. Our Snack Bar serves everything a hungry Scout could want, from slushies and ice cream to nachos and pizza.

It is recommended that Scouts bring a minimum of \$100 to spend in the Trading Post and Snack Bar throughout the week. With our updated Square payment system, we accept cash, checks, all major credit and debit cards, Apple Pay, and Google Pay.

## RELIGIOUS & SPIRITUAL SERVICES

We provide an interfaith religious service in the Camp Powhatan Chapel on Thursday evening each week that your unit is invited to attend. Our resident camp Chaplain is available for spiritual guidance and mental first aid counseling. Please alert our staff if any situation arises with which we may be able to assist.

## CAMP POWHATAN GENERAL DAILY SCHEDULE (tentative)

7:00 AM	First breakfast
7:45 AM	Flag ceremony, second breakfast
8:30 AM	Leader's meeting
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Morning merit badge classes
9:15 AM	Brownsea Island meets in the Chapel
12:00 PM - 1:45 PM	Lunch & siesta
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Afternoon merit badge classes
5:15 PM	First dinner
6:00 PM	Flag ceremony, second dinner
7:30 PM	Evening programs begin

8:00 PM	Trash run
11:00 PM	All quiet in camp

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Cowboy Action Shooting is an optional evening activity that allows scouts and adults ages 14 and up to shoot different types of guns, including a revolver, double-barreled shotgun, and a lever-action rifle at targets on a western-themed range. The program requires a signed parent [permission form](#) (please prepare ahead of time) and an additional \$5 fee. Participants will sign up and pay for the program at camp.

Learn to Swim and Mile Swim are skill certifications, not merit badges. Open Swim, available from 4:00 - 5:00 PM daily, does not count toward a badge or certification.

We offer several evening merit badges throughout the week, most likely to include Climbing, Fingerprinting, Music, Photography, and Mammal Study. To ensure accurate attendance records, we will not offer sign-up online ahead of time for these badges, but the instructor will instead take attendance in person. Extra adult supervision is encouraged at these badges to help manage the expected larger class sizes.

Your troop is invited to work towards a Houndstooth Award by participating in campwide events, maintaining an orderly campsite, and going above and beyond. Full requirements for the Houndstooth Award can be found [here](#).

We are also excited to offer troops the opportunity to earn their Scouting Heritage Award at camp by displaying a creative campsite exhibit and electing a troop historian. Full requirements for the Scouting Heritage Award can be found [here](#).

## ADULT LEADER PROGRAMS

Our adult leaders are invited to complete the Scoutmaster Merit Badge, which has a variety of requirements (including take a nap!) that can be completed during your time at camp. View the full requirements [here](#). Some fun activities our staff look forward to offering to adult leaders include: an off-site golf outing, scoutmaster volleyball, hillbilly golf, scoutmaster bellyflop, and the Great Scoutmaster Cookoff.

We also offer a broad range of Scouting training courses exclusively to adult leaders, including Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills, Climb on Safely, Leave no Trace, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Wilderness First Aid, and CPR/First Aid. Additional fees include: \$60 for Wilderness First Aid, \$40 for CPR/First Aid, and \$25 for Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills. Registration and payment for these courses will take place in-person at camp on the day of your arrival.

We are excited to offer a Reservation Tour once a week for adult leaders to take a guided vehicle tour of our 14,000 acre camp property. This tour is a good opportunity for adults to see our many different camp programs in action and start thinking about what programs their Scouts may want to do next summer!

Adult leaders are invited to join us on Tuesday nights for an exclusive steak dinner served with appreciation for all that unit leaders do to serve their Scouting youth. Use this as an opportunity to voice your thoughts to camp and council staff about camp and program and to socialize with other unit leaders.

Adult leaders with any relevant certifications or skills, such as lifeguards or range officers, are invited to assist our camp staff throughout your week at camp. Contact us to find out what opportunities may be available for your week of summer camp.

## BROWNSEA ISLAND

Brownsea Island is an all-day, all-week program focused on imparting Scouting's essential skills and methods onto your newest Scouts and helping them to earn requirements for the ranks of Scout through First Class. Because of the program's focus, Scouts in Brownsea Island do not have time to earn merit badges through regular classes. However, requirements for the First Aid merit badge are part of the program. BSI scouts will have an opportunity to take evening badges during the week.

Brownsea Island program goals:

- To prepare new Scouts to be an active participant in the activities of their troop
- To supplement, not replace, the troop's advancement program
- To give Scouts the opportunity to practice Scout skills that require practice and repeat action such as knots, tool usage, orienteering, and first aid
- To give Scouts a sense of accomplishment
- To have fun in a learn-by-doing environment

Brownsea Island (BSI) is an invaluable program to many troops, offering access to skills and requirements that may be difficult for the Scouts to achieve through regular Scout meetings and outings. BSI is a great introduction to Scouting and all of its facets, and it can help encourage new Scouts to continue on their path to Eagle. Brownsea Island is meant specifically for NEW Scouts (not necessarily first-year campers). The program is aimed towards those who recently bridged in February or joined at the end of the school year.

Here is exactly what you can expect from our Brownsea Island program:

- An introduction to the patrol method through model troop meetings for daily activities
- The opportunity to work on First Aid Merit Badge
- Games and activities to keep the Scouts engaged
- Rank requirements that are difficult for the home troop to accomplish, such as the 1-mile orienteering course, 5-mile hike, and swim tests

## MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

Camp Powhatan provides numerous classes each week as part of its base camp program. Units will sign their Scouts up for badges through Black Pug, our online registration system. Changes to a Scout's schedule can be made online up to one week before you arrive at camp and with the Program Director (or designee) at camp. Scouts must take both hours of a two-hour class sequentially and may not divide up those hours. Two-hour classes include Environmental Science, Shotgun, Rifle, and Lifesaving, among others.

All badges will be taught based on the requirements found in the most recent edition of the Scouting America requirement book. Please check to make sure your merit badge books contain the same requirements. It is the responsibility of each Scout to choose and prepare for each merit badge in advance of their week at camp. If a Scout wishes to complete the merit badge at camp, then that Scout must provide evidence of completing the listed prerequisites (i.e. examples of their work or a note from their Scoutmaster). Scouts will receive all necessary materials (such as basket kits) on the first day of class. To ensure quality and safe instruction, class sizes are limited according to the number of instructors, equipment, and other factors.

MERIT BADGE	PRE-REQUISITES	MATERIAL FEE
<b>HANDICRAFT</b>		
Art // Animation		\$15
Basketry		\$15
Chess		
Game Design		
Leatherwork		\$15
Model Design & Building		
Photography		
Wood Carving		\$25
Woodworking		
<b>SCOUTCRAFT</b>		
Aviation		
Backpacking		
Electronics // Electricity		
Geocaching		
Orienteering		
Pioneering		
Robotics		\$20
Space Exploration // Astronomy		\$15

Signs & Signals // Search & Rescue	
Wilderness Survival	
<b>NATURE</b>	
Chemistry	
Engineering	
Environmental Science (2-hr block)	
Fish & Wildlife Management // Fishing	\$10
Forestry // Soil & Water Conservation	
Geology	
Nature // Weather	
Reptile & Amphibian Study	
<b>RANGE &amp; TARGET ACTIVITIES</b>	
Archery	\$10
Rifle Shooting (2-hr block)	
Shotgun Shooting (2-hr block)	
<b>EAGLE'S NEST</b>	
Camping	
Citizenship in the Nation	
Citizenship in the World	
Communication	
Cooking (2-hr block)	
Emergency Preparedness	
First Aid	
Personal Fitness // Athletics (2-hr block)	
Public Health	
<b>AQUATICS</b>	

Canoeing	
Kayaking	
Lifesaving (2-hr block)	
Swimming	
<b>EVENING BADGES</b>	
Climbing	\$15
Fingerprinting	
Mammal Study	
Pulp & Paper // Textiles	