

CAMP Gorsuch

CUB SCOUT PROGRAM GUIDE

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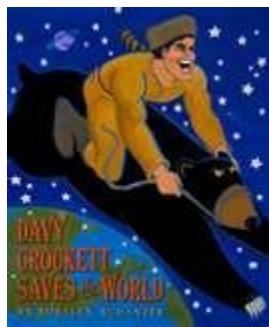
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Camp Gorsuch strives to provide a well rounded Scout experience for all levels of Scouting, allowing the Scouts to learn life-long skills as well as earn opportunities for advancement. Attached is the program guide for this year, allowing you an opportunity to plan for evening in-camp activities that will support this year's theme.

During the week you and your Scouts will participate in the following activities:



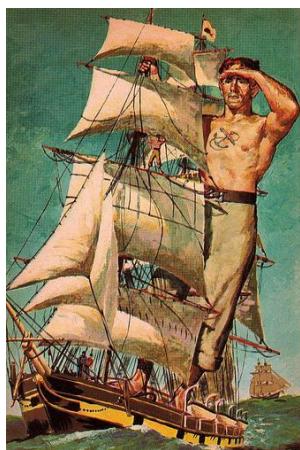
Davy Crocket's Musket Range: Always a camp favorite. Your Scout will be able to learn basic gun handling and safety while working to earn their BB gun advancement. An award is always given to the Scout earning the most points. Scouts will have the opportunity to shoot at least twice during the week. They will also have an opportunity to hunt some real live rubber balloons during the Thursday Evening Open Program. If you squint hard they may even look like Davy's legendary bear! 😊 While waiting to shoot they will be learning more about American Folklore, and their heroes. An award will be given to the Cub and Webelo who score the highest number of points during the week.



Wilma Tells Archery Range: The Genesis bows we have are probably one of the best opportunities for your child to learn basic bow handling. These bows were designed to allow children of all sizes to be successful firing a bow. Your child will have the opportunity to go to the Archery Range twice, and then have the opportunity to shoot apple targets during Open Program on Thursday evening. An award is given to the Scout demonstrating the Scouting Spirit when it comes to learning this sometimes frustrating sport.



Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer's Range: Knowing how to use a slingshot kept Huck and Tom safe while they were out adventuring. Here you can learn how to use a slingshot properly. Who knows - some day this skill may come in handy.



Stormalong's Voyage: While on the waterfront Scouts will have the opportunity to learn basic boating skills and safety as well as canoe maneuvering. If Scouts are observant, while paddling around the lake, they may even see some ducks and grebes with their babies aboard.



Fisherman's Paradise: If there is ever a group of people that know about Tall Tales it is fishermen. Really - the fish that got away was THIIIISSSS big! While at the waterfront Scouts can try to ply some of the stocked fish from the lake, and if they don't catch one they can come up with their own Tall Tale!



Johnny Appleseed's Great Adventure: This year we'll be making walking sticks that Johnny Appleseed surely used to hike and plant, along with leather pouches he certainly used to hold apple seeds.



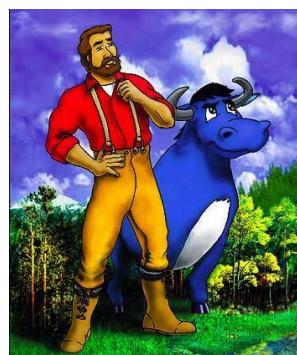
The Great Plains: The Great Plains were good for many things in the lives of Native Americans. For Scouts the wide open spaces mean one thing....sports! Scouts can take their pick of badminton, soccer, kickball or flag football. What will they choose?



The Journey West: Many Americans dreamed of making the journey Westward. During this week we will be making the journey around Camp Gorsuch. Nature identification will be taught along the hike as well as the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace and the rules for safe hiking.



Ranchers vs Settlers – A great American confrontation. We will play out this battle over land civilly with a good game of capture the flag. There is no better way to practice teamwork, sportsmanship and strategy. Who will win, the Ranchers or the Settlers?



Babe's Cart – The Scouts will attempt to give back to the land by performing a service project for the camp. We always have ideas, but if you have any, please feel free to bring those ideas along with you. Any service to camp is always appreciated!



Tribal Council – Can you imagine a meeting of all of the greatest American Tall Tale heroes? This is a time to bring the best your group has to offer. During your first time at tribal council your group will come up with a tribe name, yell and flag, as well as learn how to properly handle and present the flag of our country. The second time a skit or song will be practiced for performance at the final campfire on Friday night. Get ready to be creative!



The Test – Many tribes make their young take a test to obtain adulthood. This isn't one of those but this is a trial of speed, cunning and strength. Time trials can be performed if the group desires.



Buffalo Bills Wild West Show: Every good cowboy needs two talents: Roping and riding in the manner of Buffalo Bill Cody. Every Scout will attempt to rope any stray buffalo or cattle found wandering around camp, as well as an opportunity to ride our own bucking bronco. Let's see who can stay on the longest before inevitably falling off!



The Chuck Wagon: While Johnny was content with apples, most Tall Tale heroes needed a good meal to keep them going. Because of this perhaps one of the most important heroes in any western voyage was the chuck wagon cook. Scouts will learn cooking in true chuck wagon style, so that no matter where life takes them they will always be able to eat in the great outdoors! There are a lot of methods of cooking outdoors. Which ones will we try? Come find out! You will also get to learn all about fire building and fire safety, which is very important when you are a Tall Tale Wanderer!



Medicine Man's Lesson – Perhaps one of the most important members of any Native American tribe was the Medicine Man. Here Scouts will be medicine men in training, learning the secrets all great healers know.

Of course this is not a complete list. Sunday evening, while the Leaders are in their meeting, the staff will be teaching the Scouts about animal safety and other important safety policies in camp. Monday evening we will have our opening campfire. Everyone is welcome so if you have some time please come out to camp and watch our staff at play. Tuesday evening is Vespers followed by an opportunity for our Webelos to climb the rock wall while our Cubs play games at Handicraft and Kickball on the field. The marble tournament will also be available for all comers. Open Program Wednesday is always a highlight of the week. Program areas will be open allowing Scouts the opportunity to choose which activities they like best and the chance to participate in them. Scouts will need an adult chaperone to go to the ranges and waterfront so, as always, please feel free to come and join your Scout at play. Thursday evening, after

our dinner, is our closing campfire. Please plan to come and see your Scout perform in true wild west show fashion!

We look forward to seeing you at camp. Come join us and experience what happens when the heart of a Tall Tale hero and the Scouting Spirit collide!

