

THE FORT STEUBEN EXPERIENCE



2025 PROGRAM GUIDE

Adventure | Leadership | Tradition

DEAR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS,

Welcome to the second year of The Fort Steuben Experience at Fort Steuben Scout Reservation! Whether you're joining us for the first time or returning for more adventure, we're excited to make this event a highlight of your Scouting journey.

So, WHY CHOOSE THE FORT STEUBEN EXPERIENCE?

This program is ideal for:

- First-Year Scouts: Perfect for those new to camping or with limiting family schedules.
- Advancement Opportunities: Earn up to five merit badges early on your summer adventures.

This guide is packed with everything you and your unit need to know to make the most out of your time at FSE. Inside, you'll find merit badge opportunities, rank advancement details, and registration information that will help your Scouts soar to new heights.

Let's make the most of these four days together—working hard, playing hard, and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Yours in Scouting,
The Fort Steuben Experience Team



Location:
**Fort Steuben Scout
Reservation**

Arrive:
June 5, 4-8PM

Depart:
June 8, 6PM

Camper Fees:

Youth.....	\$125
Adult.....	\$100
Arrow of Light Youth	\$90
Arrow of Light Adult	\$90

Additional \$25 after April 15

WHAT'S NEW?

2025 Evening Programs:

The Drone Obstacle Course - Test their skills in the sky!

New Merit Badges to FSE 2025:

Pioneering, Orienteering, Game Design, Theater, Moviemaking, Communications, Plumbing & Welding

The Logan Ceremony:

A historic camp honors program continues at FSE

Scoutmaster Merit Badge Program:

For Adult Leaders who want to get out of their camp chair and learn something!

Bigger and Better AOL Programming:

For early Scouts with Eagle Scout ambitions!
Check out our AOL Adventure Guide available in March

WHAT HASN'T CHANGED?

Complimentary In-Site
Coffee Service

Family-Style Dining,
always with seconds!

Order of the Arrow
Callout Ceremony

Dedicated Staff and
High Quality Merit
Badge & Evening
Program

MERIT BADGES & ADVANCEMENT

The Merit Badge system is at the core of Scouting America advancement and serves as the foundation of our daily program. Our focus are on merit badges that are best experienced in a summer camp setting yet offer a variety of topics to fit the individual needs of each Scout.



Choose **4** Merit Badges
From **25** Options
With **5** Eagle Required
And **7** New in 2025!



TRAILBLAZER PROGRAM:

THE FIRST-YEAR CAMPER EXPERIENCE

Trailblazer is our highly acclaimed first-year camper program, specifically designed to immerse your Scouts in the foundational skills they need to rise through the ranks of Scouting. Beyond checking off these necessary requirements, Scouts will gain a respect for nature, self reliance and team-building skills all while beginning their journey in becoming confident leaders and Scouts!



MORNING

9:00-11:30

Instructional time in Scoutcraft and Outdoor Skills while working on Tenderfoot through First Class Rank requirements.

AFTERNOON

2:00-3:15

Handicraft Workshop:
LEATHERWORKING,
BASKETRY, WOODCARVING

3:30-4:15

Open Block:
Scouts may take
a Merit Badge or
take this time off.*



*Adult Leaders of Trailblazers should carefully review the requirements of open block classes to ensure they are prepared and able to take selected Merit Badge courses

MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

Waterfront

Kayaking, Canoeing, Motorboating

Outdoor Skills

Camping, Wilderness Survival,
Pioneering, Orienteering

Target Activities

Rifle, Shotgun, Archery

Nature

Environmental Science, Forestry, Animal
Science, Nature, Fishing, Pulp and Paper

Handicraft

Leatherworking, Basketry,
Woodcarving, Game Design

Dirty Jobs

Composite Materials, Engineering,
Welding, Plumbing

Fine Arts

Theater, Moviemaking, Communications

First Aid

First Aid, Emergency Preparedness



MERIT BADGE SESSION LENGTHS

Scouts will have three to four hours of dedicated instruction per day, ensuring they have plenty of opportunities for advancement while still experiencing all the excitement of camp.

Most merit badges will be offered as single 45-minute sessions, while some, more challenging merit badges, will be double sessions, providing additional time to complete complex requirements and gain more in-depth instruction.

BADGE REGISTRATION

- Refer to the merit badge descriptions to ensure you select the right badges for your Scouts experience level.
- First-year Scouts are highly encouraged to enroll in the Trailblazer Program, where they can focus on rank advancement for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class while also earning merit badges.
- Go to <https://scoutingevent.com/615-FSE25> to Register your troop any time; after April 1, 2025 Merit Badge Registration will be open for your Scouts to select classes through Blackpug.

PREREQUISITES & INCOMPLETES

Some merit badges have prerequisites that must be completed before camp or require additional work after camp. Prerequisites for each badge can be found in the attachments on the online registration at: <https://scoutingevent.com/615-FSE25> Scouts should bring proof of prerequisite completion to share with their merit badge instructors. If a merit badge cannot be completed at FSE, Scouts will receive a partial completion record so they can finish the remaining requirements at another date.

WAITLIST & LIMITED ENROLLMENT

Some merit badges have participation limits. If a merit badge is full, Scouts may be placed on a waitlist, but they should be prepared with backup choices. Merit badges are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so registering early is highly recommended.

ADVANCEMENT TRACKING

The Fort Steuben Experience uses an online tracking system for real-time merit badge progress updates. Scoutmasters will receive a QR code for each Scout, allowing them to monitor merit badge progress and attendance from their smartphones while at camp.



Merit badge registration opens open April 1, 2025, for Scouts paid in full!

MERIT BADGE SCHEDULE

- BOATING
- DIRTY JOBS
- FINE ARTS
- FIRST AID
- HANDICRAFT
- NATURE
- OUTDOOR SKILLS
- RANGE & TARGET ACTIVITIES

9:00

● KAYAKING/CANOEING

● WELDING

● PHOTOGRAPHY

● FIRST AID

● FISHING

● ● ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

● CAMPING

● SHOTGUN

10:30

● PLUMBING

● MOVIE MAKING

● EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

● ANIMAL SCIENCE

● ORIENTEERING

● RIFLE

2:00

● MOTORBOATING

● COMPOSITE MATERIALS

● THEATER

● HANDIWORKSHOP

● FORESTRY
● NATURE

● PIONEERING

● ARCHERY

3:30

● OPEN BOAT

● ENGINEERING

● COMMUNICATIONS

● GAME DESIGN

● PULP & PAPER

● WILDERNESS SURVIVAL

● OPEN SHOOT

- MERIT BADGE CLASS
- EAGLE REQUIRED BADGE
- REQUIREMENT COMPLETION/ RECREATION
- TWO BLOCK CLASS
- OPTION OF: LEATHERWORKING, BASKETRY, WOODCARVING



Arrow of Light Program

June 6-8

The Fort Steuben Experience offers a dedicated program for Arrow of Light Cubs as they crossover into becoming Scouts. AOLs will work alongside their guardians, instructors and their peers to participate in fun activities that will serve as an introduction into Scouting skills, values and principles.

As a reminder, AOL Scouts must be accompanied by a legal guardian to attend FSE.



EVENING

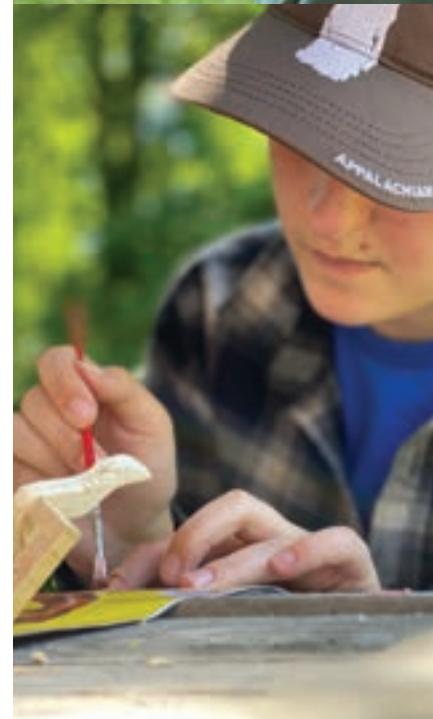
& EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAM

Scouts will have the chance to choose their own adventure when it comes to evening program! Options include High Adventure sports, critical thinking games, culinary endeavors, honors programs and fellowship opportunities.



As the sun creeps down over Fort Steuben its time for Scouts to get up and active!

Even after it sets the experience just keeps coming...



EVENING SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY



7:00-9:00

Opening Campfire &
The Fort Steuben Game
Show (8:30PM)

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Dutch Oven Cookoff,
Drone Course, Escape
Room, Mountain Boarding,
Tomahawk Range,
Open Shoot

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Drone Course,
Mountainboarding,
Escape Room, Tomahawk
Range, Open Shoot

9:00-11:30

Wings & Pizza Night!
(10:00PM)

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Order of the Arrow Call-
Out Ceremony, Late Nite
@ The Lantern (10:00)

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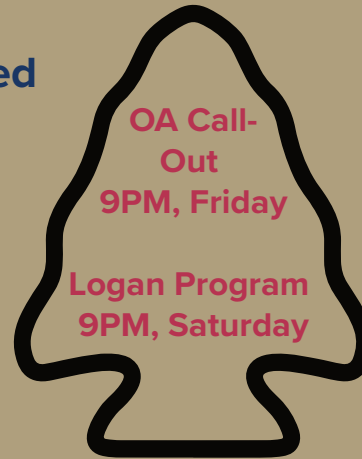
Logan Honors Program

HONORS PROGRAMS



The Order of the Arrow

Returning to FSE the Order of the Arrow (OA) is the national honor society within the Boy Scouts of America, recognizing Scouts who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law through their daily actions; membership is considered a high honor among Scouts and is achieved through a selection process by peers.



The Logan Honors Program

The Logan Honors Program is new to FSE but has generations of history at Fort Steuben. See the attachments at the end of the guide for requirements to take part in the ceremony celebrating the life and legacy of Chief Logan and the Logan Clan!



ADULT LEADER EXPERIENCE

FSSR is home to Scouts of all ages! We are dedicated to fostering an environments for adults to live, leasure and learn safely alongside our younger Scouts!



SCOUTMASTER MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

A fun, hands-on recognition for adult leaders at The Fort Steuben Experience, this program gives adult leaders a fun way to sharpen skills, serve camp, and connect with fellow Scouters—while earning a special award unique to FSE 2025. Participants will be tasked to earn 8 total requirements from any of the following categories: Leadership & Service, Outdoor Skills & Challenges, Scout Spirit & Camaraderie and Mentorship & Engagement. Turn in your requirements by Sunday afternoon and receive your Scoutmaster Merit Badge Patch & Certificate at the Closing Ceremony. More information available on our registration page.

ADULT LEADER TRAINING

Adult Leaders will have the opportunity to participate in Adult Leader Trainings such as First Aid/ CPR, Youth Protection Training, and Troop Committee Training.

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

FSE wants to ensure that adult leaders have many of the same opportunities as our Scouts to enjoy our property and various activities. There will be designated time for adult leaders to participate in target activities, rappelling and drone piloting exercises. Additionally, Adult Leaders may choose to participate in arts and crafts or dutch oven cooking during evening program time or opt to some time fishing with other adult leaders or Scouts following two deep leadership requirements.

All adult leaders are welcome to join us for a steak and egg breakfast on Sunday morning.



HEALTH & SAFETY

In Scouting, it is the job of every one of us to ensure we are doing everything to camp and recreate in a safe and healthy way. Follow the steps below to come to camp in compliance to our health and safety standards



BSA HEALTH FORM

The BSA requires a physical evaluation be completed annually for both Scouts and Adult Leaders attending FSE. A health form parts A, B, and C must be signed by a licensed health care provider and dated within 12 months from when the person will be attending camp.

MEDICATION

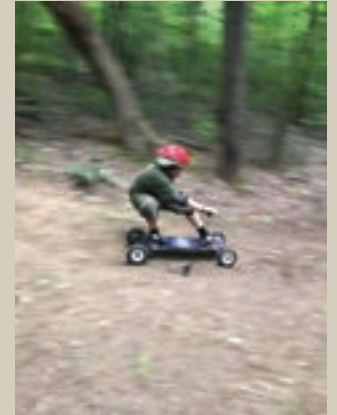
Only refrigerated or injectable medications are required to be stored at the health lodge. Other medications should be kept by the unit leaders, alongside a medical log and a lockable container to use for storing the unit's medications. It is the responsibility of the unit leader to ensure the timely distribution and logging of all medication given to members of their unit. Units may request a lockbox for secure storage of medication. Medication can also be dispensed by the health lodge at the request of a parent or guardian of the Scout; however, the unit leader will remain responsible for ensuring all campers receiving medication from the health lodge arrive on time to receive it.



BIKE FRIENDLY CAMP

BSA SWIM CHECK

Scouts participating in any Boating related Merit Badges must come to camp having completed their BSA swim check prior to arrival. FSE does not have a dedicated swim area to complete the BSA Swim Check on property.





WHAT TO BRING

Personal:

- Tent & ground tarp
- Sleeping bag & pillow
- Scout uniform
- Class B t-shirts & shorts
- Rain gear
- Hat & sunglasses
- Flashlight/headlamp
- Toiletries & towel
- Water bottle
- Notebook & pen
- Merit badge materials
- First-aid kit
- Pocket knife
(with Totin' Chip)


Troop Equipment:

- Patrol boxes
- Cooking gear
- Fire-starting supplies
- Flags & banners
- Rope & pioneering supplies
- Extra tarps
- First-aid supplies

DINING HALL EXPERIENCE

At FSE, we prioritize quality meals:

- **Hearty Meals:** Family style breakfast, lunch, and dinner served hot and fresh!
- **Breakfast Bar:** Yogurt, fruit, oatmeal, cold cereals and additional options for lighter meals.
- **Salad & Side Bars:** Lunch and dinner include various salads, soup, and sides at our salad bars.



Don't worry we
always serve
seconds!

CONTACT & REGISTRATION

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Service Centers:

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Wheeling, WV 26003

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1831 Speedway Avenue

Fairmont, WV 26554

Pre Camp Dates:

April 15, 2025: Campership

Applications Due (MAC Units Only)

April 15, 2025: Early Bird Deadline

(Payment by 5:00 PM)

April 16, 2025: Merit Badge

Registration Opens (8:00 AM)

May 5, 2025: Pre-Camp Virtual

Leaders Meeting (7:00 PM)

May 27, 2025: Registration Closes

(Final payments & roster updates due)

Register Your Troop:

<https://scoutingevent.com/615-FSE25>



Mountaineer Area Council - Fort Steuben
Experience (FSE)
scoutingevent.com

Find Prerequisites, Daily Schedule and Scoutmaster MB Program in the Attachments section of the Online Registration Page listed above.

