

2026

Scouting America
Mountaineer Area Council



FORT STEUBEN EXPERIENCE PROGRAM GUIDE

SCOUTING AMERICA  MOUNTAINEER AREA COUNCIL



WELCOME



Dear Scouts and Scouters,

Thank you for considering the Fort Steuben Experience (FSE) for your summer Scouting program! The Fort Steuben Experience is a unique short-term camp offering an innovative, supplemental program tailored for Scouts of all ranks including Arrow of Light Cubs!

What can Scouts expect at FSE?



ARROW OF LIGHT PROGRAM



AOLs have a special opportunity to experience what awaits them as future Scouts in an abbreviated resident camp experience with the comfort and support of a trusted adult.

TRAILBLAZER PROGRAM



Our first-year Scouts will thrive in the Trailblazer Program! Here, they can work on requirements ranging from Tenderfoot to First Class guided by trained instructors in a supportive group setting. Trailblazers will leave feeling empowered and confident to tackle Merit Badges throughout the rest of the summer and beyond.

SCOUTING PROGRAM

FSE offers Scouts the opportunity to complete 3 to 4 Merit Badges by the end of the week, choosing from over 30 high-quality Merit Badge offerings.

LOCATION:

**FORT STEUBEN
SCOUT RESERVATION**
79601 Simpson Rd.
Tippecanoe, Ohio



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ARRIVAL



SCOUTING AMERICA

Thursday, June 11, 2026

4PM - 6PM

ARROW OF LIGHT

Friday, June 11, 2026

7AM - 9AM

DEPARTURE



Sunday, June 14, 2026

7PM - 8PM

CAMPER FEES

AOL Scout	\$100
AOL Adult	\$90
Youth Scouts	\$145
Adult Scouters	\$110

Registration
After May 15 +\$10

EXCLUSIVE PROMOTION



Scouts that are registered for FSE in 2026 will receive \$60 in credits towards camper fees at Camp Mountaineer.

REGISTRATION:

scoutingevent.com/
615-106341 

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ADVANCEMENT

The Merit Badge system is at the core of Scouting America's advancement and serves as the foundation for our daily program. We focus on merit badges that are best experienced in a summer camp environment, offering a variety of topics to suit the individual needs of each Scout.

Scouts will have the opportunity to pursue 3-4 merit badges, operating on a schedule of three-hour morning and afternoon blocks.

- During Siesta
- Community & Culture Hub
- FSE's Newest Program Area
- Test Lab Merit Badges

BLOCK SCHEDULE

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
AM	Class 1	Class 1	Class 3
PM	Class 2	Class 2	Class 3

WHAT'S NEW

- Animation
- Music
- Chess
- Cyber Security
- American Indian Culture
- Geocaching
- Wildland Fire Management
- Auctioneering

Be among the first to earn these badges if officially introduced in the future



- Elective Merit Badge
- Eagle Merit Badge
- Scouts BSA Test Badge

AQUATICS

- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Motorboating

DIRTY JOBS

- Engineering
- Plumbing
- Welding

FINE ARTS

- Animation
- Basketry
- Chess
- Leatherworking
- Moviemaking

- Music
- Photography
- Theater

COMMUNITY & CULTURE

- Auctioneering
- Cyber Security
- American Indian Culture

NATURE & ECOLOGY

- Bird Study
- Fishing
- Forestry
- Pulp & Paper
- Wildland Fire Management

OUTDOOR SKILLS

- Camping
- Geocaching
- Orienteering
- Pioneering
- Wilderness Survival

TARGET ACTIVITIES

- Archery
- Rifle
- Shotgun

Schedules for badges can be found in the appending documents & Field Guide

ADVANCEMENT

TRAILBLAZER PROGRAM at

Camp Kulsted



WHAT TO EXPECT

Trailblazer is our highly acclaimed first-year camper program, designed to immerse Scouts in the foundational skills they need to advance from Tenderfoot to First Class.

ADVANCEMENT

- Tenderfoot
- Second Class
- First Class
- Leatherworking
- Basketry
- Woodworking
- Merit Badge of Choice

Trailblazers will spend the morning building hands-on skills in Scoutcraft and Outdoor Skills. In the afternoon, they'll begin at Handicraft, where they can choose up to three badges to work on. After Handicraft, Scouts may either join select merit badges offered in Block 3 or take some time to relax and enjoy camp before dinner.

ARROW OF LIGHT PROGRAM

JUNE 12-14



WHAT TO EXPECT

The Fort Steuben Experience offers a one-of-a-kind program for Arrow of Light Cub Scouts transitioning to Scouts. At FSE, AOLs will work alongside their guardians, instructors, and peers to participate in engaging activities that introduce core Scouting skills, values, and principles.

ADVENTURES

- Bobcat 
- Outdoor Safety 
- Knife Safety 
- First Aid 

AOL Scouts attending without a Unit must be accompanied by a legal guardian to attend FSE. AOL Units require 2-deep leaderships independent of a Scouting Unit they arrive with at FSE. Before registering, please review the appending documents or Field Guide for information on the Safeguarding Youth policy, what to expect from FSE's AOL program, accommodations, what to bring, and arrival guidelines.

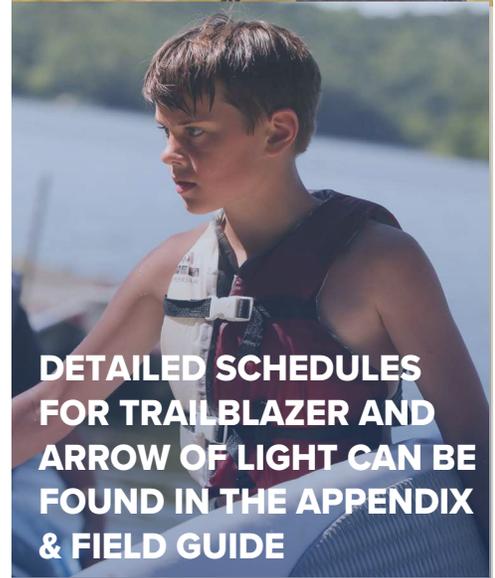
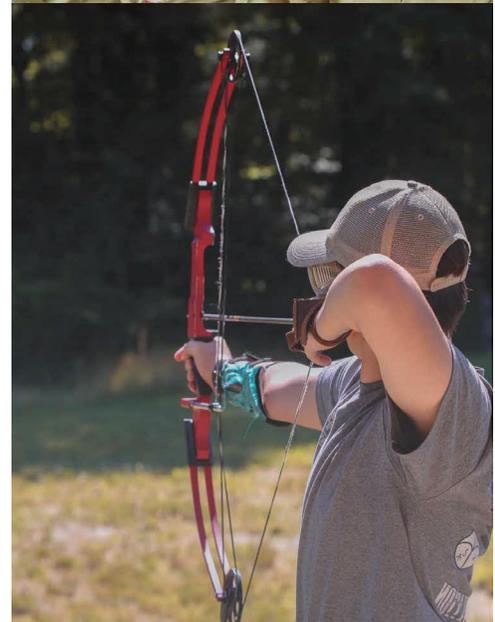
Click an Adventure Badge for more details.



This summer FSE is will celebrate the inaugural season of our new home for Trailblazer, **Camp Kulsted**, named for Bill Kulsted, whose knowledge & patience lit the trail for a generation of Scouts & Scouters alike.



THE LANTERN
William "Bill" Kulsted
1949 - 2025



DETAILED SCHEDULES FOR TRAILBLAZER AND ARROW OF LIGHT CAN BE FOUND IN THE APPENDIX & FIELD GUIDE



LEADERSHIP



FSSR is home to Scouts of all ages! We are dedicated to fostering an environments for adults to live, learn and enjoy some liesure time alongside our younger Scouts.

SCOUTMASTER MERIT BADGE PROGRAM



A fun, hands-on program for adult leaders at FSE, 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 2026. Participants will be tasked to complete 8 total requirements from any of the following categories:

- Leadership & Service
- Outdoor Skills & Challenges
- Scout Spirit & Camaraderie
- Mentorship & Engagement

Turn in your requirements by Sunday afternoon and receive your Scoutmaster Merit Badge Patch & Certificate at the Closing Ceremony. See the appending documents or Field Guide for more details.



ADULT LEADER TRAINING

- Scouting Resources
- Merit Badge Counselor
- Leadership & Management
- Forum



RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



- KARAOKE
- KNOT TYING CHAMPIONSHIP
- ESCAPE ROOM
- OPEN SHOOT
- CHILI COOKOFF
- FISHING TOURNAMENT



LEADER MEETINGS

- Wednesday 7:00 PM
- Thursday - Sunday @9AM

ADULT LEADERS SCHEDULE AVAILABLE IN THE APPENDIX & FIELD GUIDE

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ORDER OF THE ARROW

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is the national honor society within Scouting 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.



FEATURED FAVORITES



**OPENING
CAMPFIRE**



**DUTCH
OVEN
COOK OFF**



**WILDERNESS
OVERNIGHTER**

ESCAPE ROOM



PONTOON BOAT



**Gallery
Center**

- + MOVIE NIGHT**
- GAME NIGHT**
- OPEN BOAT FISHING**
- and much, much more!**

WHAT'S NEW

NATURE HUNT

Scouts follow a series of clues that lead them to the outer reaches of camp in effort to solve the puzzle.

GALLERY NIGHT

at Handicraft is an opportunity for Scouts to display their work and visitors to create some of their own while enjoying some music and refreshments.





PROVISIONAL CAMPING



Provisional camping is a program that allows individual Scouts to attend camp without their home troop or parent/ guardian present.

At FSE, Scouts may choose to join a troop accepting provisional campers or be added to a dedicated "provisional troop" with a designated adult leader and staff serving as Scoutmaster.

CONTACT & REGISTRATION

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PRE-CAMP DATES

April 15, 2026:
Campership Applications Due
(MAC Units Only)

April 16, 2026:
Merit Badge Registration Opens
(8:00 AM)

May 4, 2026:
Pre-Camp Virtual Leaders Meeting
(7:00 PM)

May 15, 2026:
Early Bird Deadline
(Payment by 5:00 PM)

June 1, 2026:
Registration Closes
(Final payments & roster updates due)

REGISTER TODAY

All registration can be completed via Blackpug. Follow the link or scan the code to start your adventure today!

Find Prerequisites & Daily Schedules in supplemental resources available at registration.

scoutingevent.com/615-106341

SERVICE CENTERS

Wheeling, WV
192 McColloch Dr
Wheeling, WV 26003

Fairmont, WV
1831 Speedway Avenue
Fairmont, WV 26554

click for maps 

CAMPSITE SELECTION

Campsites at FSE are assigned based on unit size and availability with priority given to Troops with legacy ties to our ten scenic locations. While specific sites cannot be guaranteed, we strive to accommodate your preferred campsite. You can list your preferences in the "Special Request" section during registration or by contacting the Event Coordinator directly.

