

Wallwood Boy Scout Reservation Merit Badge Guide



2023 Summer Camp Information

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Program

We will be offering a total of 26 Merit Badges this summer. The Merit Badge offering is more along the traditional schedule you are used to seeing except for the use of “Block Scheduling” (3-hour Block Schedule of time), thus a Merit Badge will be offered either in the morning and/or afternoon.

Merit Badge selections will be available through the On-line Registration system. You do not need to know your Scouts Merit Badge selection to complete the Basic Registration process – come back when every you need to adjust the MERIT Badge selection. **To ensure your unit’s needs are met, Merit Badge schedules must be submitted before June 1 (earlier is better).**

General Merit Badge Note: Although we do our best to select Merit Badges which can be completed at camp, some of these Merit Badges cannot be completed at camp. Most of the Merit Badges that may have partial completions have been noted at the bottom of their respective Merit Badges. The Scouts, however, will be able to leave with a very large portion of the requirements completed.

Partials

Camp counselors cannot sign-off for requirements that are not completed at camp. Any Scout that does not complete a Merit Badge at camp will be issued a “partial” for the work completed at camp.

Aquatics

The Wallwood Waterfront is made up of two aquatics areas. All our Swimming and Lifesaving Merit Badges are taught at the pool. Meanwhile all boating and canoeing occurs at the waterfront on Lake Talquin. Scouts must pass the BSA swim test at camp as a prerequisite for all aquatics Merit Badges- excluding Instructional Swim.

Pool

Wallwood maintains a pristine pool and facilities, where Scouts can learn to swim and enjoy themselves in a refreshing pool. When participating in Merit Badges at the pool, Scouts should bring a bathing suit, towel, and sunscreen.

Merit Badges Offered for 2023:

Swimming

Lifesaving – must have earned Swimming Merit Badge; Bring long pants, belt, a long-sleeved button-down shirt, and shoes that can get wet.

Other programs offered:

Instructional Swim – Many activities in Scouts involve the open water, so being a confident swimmer is invaluable. Scouts that wish to learn how to swim or improve their technique should take full advantage of our staff’s knowledge during Instructional Swim.

Waterfront

Wallwood has a picturesque lakefront on its southwest side, where Scouts can learn a wide range of boating techniques and practices. The Waterfront is only open during the day when the aquatics staff is on duty. When participating in activities at the waterfront, Scouts should bring a bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, and shoes that can get wet (not flip-flops).

Merit Badges Offered for 2023:

Canoeing
Rowing
Small Boat Sailing
Motorboating
Fishing
Fly Fishing

Special Notes:

Eagles End

At Wallwood Boy Scout Reservation we hope that it is every Scout's goal to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. To help our Scouts reach that goal we have added the Eagles End program to camp. Here we will be offering three of the most popular Eagle required Merit Badges and three others.

Merit Badges Offered for 2023:

Citizenship in the Nation
Citizenship in the Community
Emergency Preparedness
Communications **partial only – cannot complete 3, 5, 6 and 8 at camp**
Photography
Public Speaking

Special Notes:

Ecology and Conservation

Nature Pavilion

One of the most exciting areas in camp is the Ecology area because it is always changing, just like nature around us. The top-notch staff will help the youth work towards completion on the Merit Badges they offer. Drop by the nature lodge to view their displays or ask any questions you have about the natural world. A youth and their buddy, their patrol and their unit are all actively encouraged to work on or take part in camp conservation projects.

Merit Badges Offered for 2023:

Forestry

Weather

Fish & Wildlife Management

Special Note:

Handicraft

Handicraft Pavilion

An excellent place for your first-year campers is the Handicraft area. The Handicraft area will also be hosting the Indian Lore Campfire, as well as many other activities. The handicraft lodge will also help you build camp projects. You will also find paint for signs, woodcarving tools for your neckerchief slide, and leather-working tools for a new ax sheath.

Merit Badges Offered for 2023:

Indian Lore

Leatherworking

Art

Special Note:

Scoutcraft

Scoutcraft Pavilion

Scouts will learn to find their way and will perfect their camping and survival skills.

Merit Badges Offered for 2023:

Cooking **Possible partial: 5c/d/e/f, 6c/d/e**

Camping

Geocaching

Special Note:

Health

Health Lodge

Merit Badges Offered for 2023:

First Aid

Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports Ranges

Every young person wants the chance to do some shooting and show off their skill with a .22 rifle, shotgun, or the bow and arrow. Remember that shooting sports will discipline the mind and the body, so just relax and have a great time. The shooting sports MBs require lots of time and practice. As with all the program areas, the main aspect of the shooting ranges is safety. The rules may seem strict at times, but they ensure a fun, safe area that everyone can enjoy.

Merit Badges Offered for 2023:

Shotgun

Rifle

Special Notes:

Pre-requisites: A good attitude, research and be prepared to discuss requirements, 1d, 1e, 1f(1), 1f(2), 1g and 1i. If you have completed a Hunter Safety course in your state, please bring that documentation, if not, requirements 1f(1) and 1f(2) will be used to substitute for that. Class size limit for all three MBs will be 10.

All youth who wish to shoot at the firearm range must have a signed "Firearm Use Permission Slip". See also appendix page 25.

Trailblazers - (Scout to First Class Rank)

Trailblazer Pavilion

One of the goals of Wallwood Boy Scout Reservation is to help Scouts to advance in rank. One of the tools available to the Scoutmaster is the Trailblazer program. In this program, the Scout will be taught the skill utilizing the EDGE method, and then challenged on the skill to show mastery. We highly recommend that you the Scoutmaster/ASM then challenge them again before signing off on the Scout's handbook.

Note: Swimming and First Aid Merit Badges are built into this program.

Scouts who are planning to participate in the Trailblazer program, will need the following equipment for a one-night Backpack campout:

Person tent

Sleeping Bag

First Aid Kit

Eating Utensils (Mess kit)

Personal Toiletry Kit

Raincoat

Folding Chair

All overnight campout belongings will be carried out to their campsite by the individual campers. Pack light and leave the unnecessary things at home or the troop campsite!