

Camp Program

Camp Chawanakee is proud of its diversified and exciting programs. The following pages will walk you through our program. Take some time to review it in detail so you can be informed as to what is going on and of new activities.

Things you should know about our Merit Badge Program:

The following is information you need to know about the Chawanakee Merit Badge Program. Details of this program are covered at the [Camp Chawanakee Website](#). Due to late merit badge requirement changes from the National Office to some merit badges, check the website frequently for updates. Those who register their email address at this site will receive an email when updates occur.

Difficulty Rating: This is a Ten Point scale that is used to reference which merit badges are appropriate for younger Scouts. It is our recommendation that younger Scouts take merit badges whose difficulty ratings do not exceed 5 nor take more than 3 merit badges. Younger Scouts are encouraged to participate in the Trail to First Class Program.

Pre-Requisites: These are items that need to be given attention to before arriving at camp. Pre-requisites **MUST** be completed by the scout (and signed off on a blue card by a merit badge counselor) before camp in order to complete the merit badge at camp. These are items that either cannot be satisfactorily completed at camp or are otherwise inappropriate in the camp setting. Requirements do not have to be completed in order to attend the merit badge class, however, scouts who have not completed pre-requisite requirements will be issued a partial at the end of the week.

Recommended Requirements: These are requirements that may prove extremely difficult to complete at camp due to time constraints or weather related issues. You may want your Scouts to complete these requirements prior to camp to ensure completion of the merit badge.

Cost: Certain merit badges have a cost or costs that are over and above those covered by the basic camp fee. Make sure Scouts are prepared to cover any costs of their desired merit badges. Costs listed are maximum amounts, some merit badges can be completed for less than the listed cost.

Period Taught: This refers to the period during the day that a merit badge is taught. The [Camp Chawanakee Website](#) will not allow you to sign up for a period in which the merit badge is not taught. (Note, some merit badges require more than one period to complete.)

Location: This is the area in camp where the merit badge is taught. Some classes may move locations during the week due to activities. Make sure your scouts pay attention to all announcements concerning their classes.

Merit Badge Sign up: To help ensure your scouts get the program they want and to promote fairness to all, all merit badges must be signed up for at www.chawanakee.com. Due to equipment and quality concerns, many classes have a cap on the number of scouts each period will hold, please sign up early, all sign ups are on a first come, first serve basis.

Age Requirements: National Camp Standards requires each camp to have programs for older boys. In order to meet this requirement, we have chosen programs that boys ages 14 and up would benefit from. These programs were chosen based on the size, ability and experience of this age group. We have taken into account the safety of all of our scouts.

Please do not ask for waivers on age requirements.

Changes to schedule may be made at camp, but cannot be guaranteed.

Name	Area	Difficulty	Cap	Cost	Periods Taught	Pre-Reqs
Archery	Shooting Sports	10	25	None	1,2,3,4	
Art	Handicrafts	4	None	None	2,3,4	4
Astronomy	Nature	6	None	None	3,4	6
B.S.A. Lifeguard	Waterfront	10	10	None	3 4 5	
Basketry	Handicrafts	2	None	None	1,2,4,5	Purchase kits at the Trading Post
C.O.P.E. Adult	High Adventure	10	12	None	5	
Camping	Scout Craft	5	40	None	1, 2	5e, 7a, 7b, 8c, 8d, 9a, 9b, 9c
Canoeing	Waterfront	7	None	None	1, 2, 3, 4	
Citizenship in the World	Eagle Point	8	30	None	2, 3	3,4b,5c,7
Climb On Safely	Adult Trainings	5	None	None		
Climbing	High Adventure	10	12	None	1 2, 3 4	

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Communication	Eagle Point	8	30	None	1, 2, 3, 4	4, 5, 8
Cooking	Scout Craft	8	None	None	2, 3, 4	
Emergency Preparedness	Scout Craft	10	25	None	1, 2, 3, 4	1, 2c, 6b, 8a, 8b
Environmental Science	Nature	7	25	None	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	
Fire Safety	Scout Craft	5	None	None	4, 5	11, 6a
First Aid	Eagle Point	10	20	None	1 2, 3 4	2b
Fish and Wildlife Management	Nature	6	None	None	3	5, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d
Fishing	Scout Craft	3	None	None	1, 2, 3, 5	
Forestry	Nature	6	None	None	1	5a, 7
Geology	Nature	7	None	None	1	
Hiking	Scout Craft	9	20	None	5	5, 6, 7
Horsemanship	Horse Corral	10	20	\$30	2 3 4	Trail ride must be arranged separately
Indian Lore	Handicrafts	7	None	None	4, 5	Purchase kits at the Trading Post
Leatherwork	Handicrafts	2	None	None	1, 2, 3, 5	Purchase kits at the Trading Post
Lifesaving	Waterfront	10	20	None	1 2, 3 4	1a, 1b
Mammal Study	Nature	4	None	None	4, 5	5
Nature	Nature	5	None	None	2	
Orienteering	Scout Craft	6	None	None	1, 2	7a, 7b, 8, 9
Photography	Handicrafts	7	None	None	1, 2, 4	4, recommended bring a digital camera.
Pioneering	Scout Craft	6	None	None	1, 3, 4	2a
Pottery	Handicrafts	3	None	None	1, 3, 4, 5	7
Reptile and Amphibian Study	Nature	6	None	None	3, 5	8, 9, 9a, 9b, 9c
Rifle Shooting	Shooting Sports	10	32	\$8	1, 2, 3, 4	
Rowing	Waterfront	6	25	None	2, 3, 4	
Safe Swim Defense Safety Afloat	Adult Trainings	5	None	None		

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Shotgun Shooting	Shooting Sports	10	18	\$35	2, 3, 4, 5	
Small Boat Sailing	Waterfront	10	14	None	3, 4, 5	
Soil and Water Conservation	Nature	7	None	None	4	
Swimming	Waterfront	5	20	None	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	
Trail to First Class	Eagle Point	4	None	None	3	
Trail to Second Class	Eagle Point	4	None	None	2, 5	
Trail to Tenderfoot	Eagle Point	4	None	None	1, 4	
Trek Safely	Adult Trainings	5	None	None		
Weather	Nature	6	None	None	1	8, 9
Wilderness Survival	Scout Craft	6	25	None	2, 3, 4	5
Wood Carving	Handicrafts	5	None	None	1, 2, 3	Purchase kits at the Trading Post

Campfires

Opening Campfire: Start your week off right on **SUNDAY** night when our staff puts on the opening campfire for your entertainment and enjoyment. Troop guides will lead troops to the campfire at 8:30 pm.

Commissioner Inter-troop Campfire: On Wednesday night, Commissioners will host an inter-troop campfire in a pre-designated campfire bowl. Each troop should have a skit, song, or cheer to perform at the campfire. The best songs and skits will be chosen to perform for Friday night's campfire. Sign-ups will be taken at the SPL meeting on Wednesday. All skits, songs, or cheers must be Scout appropriate.

Tribe of Chawanakee Campfire: On Thursday night the spirit of the Native Americans who inhabited this land when Camp Chawanakee was just a dream will come out to induct new members into the tribe and to advance in rank those who have returned. The highlight of this campfire is the reading of the legend followed by an induction