

# **Baden-Powell Council**

## **Tuscarora Scout Reservation**

### **Parents Guide**



# **2020**

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**CAMP FEES**

**2020 Scouts, BSA Camp**  
\$455.00

**Early Bird Fee**  
\$425.00

**Distinguished Unit**  
\$430.00

**Distinguished Unit &  
Early Bird**  
\$400.00

**Provisional Scout**  
\$455.00

**Leaders Fee**  
**(1<sup>st</sup> 2 leaders FREE)**  
\$125.00 any additional

**Unit Deposit**  
\$250.00

**Visitor Meals**  
\$6.00 Breakfast/Lunch  
\$8.00 Dinner



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**Tuscarora Scout Reservation**

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

Scouts BSA Resident Camp  
Week 3: 7/19 – 7/25  
Week 4: 7/26 – 8/1

**Campership Application Due**  
4/1/2020

**Early Bird Registration Due**  
5/15/2020

**Pre-Camp Leader's Meeting**  
4/18/2020





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Dear Unit Parents:

Welcome to the 2020 Summer Camp and Year-Round Camping Program of Tuscarora Scout Reservation! We are excited to provide this **yearly** updated Guide to you and hope that it will help make your time with us enjoyable and easier!

The Baden-Powell Council of the Boy Scouts of American is proud to operate Tuscarora Scout Reservation, a 1200 acre Camp located in the foothills of the Catskills. We offer 16 miles of marked trails, a 35 acre lake, Shotgun and Rifle ranges, 40 foot, multiple-side Climbing tower, with one side open-free rappel, Handicraft and Nature Programs as well as Key-Log Rolling, Paddle-boarding and a Water-slide at our Waterfront. We also offer Mountain-biking, tether ball, Gaga Ball and STEM and other programs for your older Scouts. Throughout all of these programs are a dedicated and committee Camp Staff who demonstrate Scout Spirit and the Spirit of Tuscarora throughout all that they do. It is our hope that you feel part of our giant family while you stay here at Tuscarora.

As you go through this Guide, please read it carefully; many things have changed and we are eager to communicate that to you as easily as possible. A full merit badge guide and other updates will be published in March of 2020. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail myself or Adam Kovalchick, Council Program Director at [Adam.Kovalchick@scouting.org](mailto:Adam.Kovalchick@scouting.org) with any questions or concerns.

I look forward to seeing each of you this summer as we Live the Spirit of Tuscarora and welcome you Home to Tuscarora Scout Reservation!

### TUSCARORA SCOUT RESERVATION

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# **WELCOME TO TUSCARORA SCOUT RESERVATION**

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## **A Brief History of Camp Tuscarora**

In August of 1952 Susquenango Council purchased a 585-acre tract near the village of Gulf Summit in the town of Sanford. This tract surrounded a 35-acre lake known as Page Pond. Plans were immediately set in motion to develop a camp. Consultations with architects and the BSA Engineering Services revealed that \$243,000 would be required. Plans for a Capital Campaign were formulated and approved by the United Way with a kick-off set for February 1953.

In 1953, the first building phase of Camp Tuscarora commenced with the construction of the Dining Hall, Trading Post, Handicrafts Building, Commissary, Ranger's House (original house), Winter Unit #1, Administration Building, and the Shower Building (in Winter #4) along with the construction of six summer units. At this point the camp was ready for occupancy and opened to a full camp on July 1, 1953. In 1954, the Health Lodge, Summer Units 7 & 8, Winter Unit #2, Rifle Range, and the Picnic Pavilion were all built. 1955 saw Winter Units 3 & 4 built by volunteers, and Summer Units 11 & 12 were built. In 1957-58, Winter Unit #5 was built along with part of the Ranger's Shop (old part).

In the late 1950's the Council purchased the portion of land now known as Family Camp and in the 1960's Council obtained the land west of Page Pond Road, bounded to the north by Laurel Lake Road and to the west by Noony Hill Road. In the late 1960's to early 1970's the Council obtained the Taxe's property, bounding the eastern side of the camp property. This brought the camp property to about 1200 acres and a name change from Camp Tuscarora to Tuscarora Scout Reservation.

Council Point was bulldozed out and seating planks added in 1961-62. In 1963, the Nature Lodge was completed, the pond outside of Family Camp was built by the NY National Guard in 1968-69 and the Family Cabins were added in 1971-72. The Meditation Chapel was dedicated in 1970 and the Outdoor Chapel was built by the Order of the Arrow. A new Shower Building was built in 1976 and the Campmaster's Building was erected in 1981-82. In 1984, lightning struck Winter Unit #2 Center Lodge and destroyed it. It was rebuilt the same year along with a new addition to the Ranger's Shop. In 1993, a capital campaign was conducted to raise \$500,000 to upgrade the camp facilities. The Council was able to modernize the Kitchen, Dining Hall (including new handicap accessible rest rooms), Health Lodge, construct a new Ranger's home, add a handicap accessible living unit, and convert the Nature Lodge into a Training Center/Nature Lodge.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEK POLICY

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Scouts that would like to spend a second week at either camp may do so for a reduced cost. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> week policy states that all scouts, regardless of status, will receive \$100.00 off of the lowest current published fee. The scout will be considered a provisional during their second week and be “adopted” by a unit within camp, if they are attending without their unit. This is an excellent opportunity for scouts to be able to participate in two differently structured weeks in terms of merit badges and program opportunities. Each scout must complete and submit our Provisional Scouting/2<sup>nd</sup> Week Registration form. Provisional Applications are due by May 15<sup>th</sup> in order to receive the early bird discount unless submitted while at Camp.

## BADEN-POWELL COUNCIL REFUND POLICY

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### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

To prepare for Summer Camp, there is extensive planning, purchasing and staff contractual agreements set in place. Due to these fixed costs, it is not practical to give full refunds. **ALL refunds will be assessed a minimum \$175 cancellation/service fee per scout for previously incurred costs.** All refund requests must be filled out on a *Camp Fee Refund Request Form* and submitted to the Camp Director **prior to departure from camp. No refund requests will be accepted or granted after a unit has left their camping session.**

Refunds will only be granted in the case of injury, illness or family emergency when requested in writing to the Baden-Powell Council Camping Department. All refunds **must** have supporting documentation from either a doctor, in the case of injury or illness, or a parent/guardian, in the case of a family emergency. Refunds will not be allowed to be carried over to the following summer.

Refunds will **not** be granted for a scout who decides not to attend camp, nor for a scout who leaves camp early for whatever reason. To prevent a unit from losing money in these instances, the unit should not cover camp costs for a scout, but should require payment from the scout to the unit in advance of attending camp. **Refund checks will be returned to the UNIT only.**

***Please note: Your unit will be scheduled for a meeting to reconcile your accounts and secure your reservation for 2021. This meeting will take place in the first day or two your unit is at Camp. Refund requests should be submitted at the meeting.***

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE ACCEPTED OR PROCESSED AFTER AUGUST 31  
Checks will be issued no later than August 31st**

***Program Pricing and Scheduling- We will make every effort to provide the programs described in this handbook at the times and prices listed. Please be aware that the Baden-Powell Council and Camp Administration reserves the right to change, add or remove programs, prices, and schedules as necessary and without notice to provide the best program possible for its campers.***

## **TUSCARORA SCOUT RESERVATION SERVICE WEEKENDS**

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The set up and take down of our council's camp facilities are a tremendous task. Below are the scheduled dates for Spring service days as well as our post summer camp season "wood-splitting" days. The council needs volunteer support on these days from everyone. Please plan ahead now to involve your unit. Weekend usage of facilities on these service events is free of charge and the council will provide a meal on each date. Schedule your unit to attend, and pre-plan/coordinate your service projects etc. with the following individuals and the Camping Assistant:

**Tuscarora Scout Reservation** –Mike Gebhard, Camp Ranger phone – (607) 467-2721

### **Service Weekend Dates & Times (PRE-CAMP)**

Tuscarora Scout Reservation Setup Day – April 25, 2020

Tuscarora Scout Reservation "Gopher Day" – June 6, 2020

### **Service Weekend Dates & Times (POST-CAMP)**

Tuscarora Scout Reservation "LumberJack Day" – November 7, 2020

\*\* All are 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM (lunch provided & free overnight camping.

Please register ASAP to ensure meals and overnight camping arrangements for service weekends. To register your unit for workdays at either camp, please contact the Baden-Powell Council Service Center toll free at 1-877-674-8876 or 607-648-7888. ***(Please separate work projects for all work weekends at Tuscarora.)***

- Work RAIN or SHINE
- Camp Friday, Saturday, or both nights
- No charge at either camp during weekend of workdays if the unit is actively engaged in approved work projects. This is pending approval of the Camp Ranger, Camp Director, and Council Program Director.
- If you wish to schedule an alternative work weekend, please speak directly with the Camp Ranger at the above number. Service projects must meet certain criteria for no charge to be applied to a unit's weekend.
- Any skilled worker or interested party may view the properties and maintenance requests posted on the council web page. The Council website is <http://www.bpcouncil.org> Please check under each camp's page for specific service projects and equipment needed.
- If you would like to make an offer or donation to a specific project for either camp please contact: Matthew Bull – Scout Executive [Matthew.Bull@scouting.org](mailto:Matthew.Bull@scouting.org)

**As a Scout, you are strongly encouraged to bring your Unit to Tuscarora to support the Camp and to Set the Example in Service and Leadership for our Scouts.**

## CAMPERSHIPS

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A limited number of camperships will be available for In-Council scouts whose families demonstrate a need. A confidential **Campership Application** has been provided with this guide and is also available on the council website for duplication. Camperships may be awarded for up to 50% of the camp fee for resident camping programs on a first-come, first-served basis. The remaining cost is the responsibility of those supporters of the youth's expenses (youth, unit, family, etc.).

A Scout is thrifty- a campership request from a youth and unit who have raised funds to defray camp costs through participation in the Council Product Sale and other means and demonstrated a commitment to working with Council by participating in the Family Friends of Scouting program will be looked upon more favorably by the review committee than one who has not.

Parents of scouts requesting camperships should be given a copy of the form to complete. It must come back to the designated troop leadership for their recommendation, signatures, and submission to the council. Camperships are due at the Council office by **April 1<sup>st</sup>**, at which time the review process will begin and will continue until funds are exhausted. Response letters to Camperships applications that were in by April 1<sup>st</sup> will be mailed out no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>. Late applications will be accepted and reviewed if funds remain available.

## **MEDICAL FORMS / PHYSICAL EXAMINATION INFORMATION**

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All scouts and leaders attending camp must submit an Annual Health and Medical Record form to the Camp Health Officer on the day of check-in, or during the pre-camp leader's meeting on the Tuesday before your camping week. Anyone arriving after the first day of camp must also bring and submit an Annual Health and Medical Record. \*\*\*All medications must be in their original packaging to be dispensed at camp.

### **Per national policy:**

**A new copy of the Annual Health and Medical Record is required annually. All 3 parts of the form must be completed. Part C must be signed annually by a certified and licensed health-care provider – physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant, for any event that exceeds 72 consecutive hours, or when the nature of the activity is strenuous and demanding, such as a high-adventure trek. Health Forms are valid for one year from the end of the calendar month in which they were certified by a health care provider.**

*COPIES OF SCHOOL PHYSICAL AND IMMUNIZATION RECORDS ARE ACCEPTABLE AS LONG AS THEY LIST THE SAME INFORMATION AS THE ANNUAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD AND ARE PRACTITIONER SIGNED WITHIN 12 MONTHS. PARTS A AND B OF THE HEALTH RECORD MUST ALSO BE COMPLETED AND ATTACHED.*

## **PRE-CAMP CHECK LIST FOR UNIT LEADERS**

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### **Parents:**

- Confirm time, place, and date of your departure to camp and return home.
- The mailing address and emergency phone number of camp.
- Camp fees (campership letters if necessary)
- How and when their scout's medical form should be completed (collect these prior to camp!)
- Any plans you may have for Parents/Family program at camp.
- Any special needs of their scout or adult leader (i.e. – diet, medical)
- Security Permission Forms

### **Scouts:**

- Make list of personal gear to bring and not to bring to camp. (A form has been provided to help you in this process)
- Review and set merit badge schedule with your Scoutmaster.

## FACILITIES

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Tuscarora Scout Reservation is 1200 acres of forested land full of a variety of wildlife and many kinds of trees. Everything from chipmunks to black bears roams our hills. We have a 35-acre lake, rifle range, archery range, 40-foot climbing tower with three progressively harder sides and an open, free-rappel side. We have a Health Lodge staffed 24/7. We have a nationally-recognized Handicraft program, Scoutcraft Program, Sports, Nature Lodge with 16 plus miles of hiking trails and Waterfront area with a Water-slide, Log-Rolling, and new floating docks. There are 10 summer unit sites consisting of two-man platform tents, washstand, and latrine. We have 5 Winter Units consisting of 4 8-man lean-tos and Center Lodges. Four of the five Winter units have electricity.

The camp office will operate from 9:00 am to 12:00 and 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, Sundays from 1:00 - 5:00pm. (The office will open at Check-In) and Saturday mornings 9:00-9:30 am. Also most evenings we will be in there as well. If you need a member of the Administration and we aren't in the office, all Area Directors have radios and will happily contact one of us.

### **We're Eating Out Tonight (Wednesday Dinner)**

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Wednesday evening's dining is all in your hands. You and your patrols will be cooking and eating in your campsite. Tuscarora Scout Reservation will provide the food (We supply you a food checklist that must be returned to the Dining Hall by Wed. breakfast) and the Scouts will perform the cooking and execution of the eating and cleanup. **The menu will be basic, please bring gear to cook a simple meal, including a grate and utensils.** Please plan to invite our camp staff for dinner as well; this is a great way for them to interact with your Scouts on a more informal level.

### **Visiting Days for Parents**

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Parents are welcome to visit camp at any time. However, because most Scouts are at camp for only one week, frequent visits interfere with the troop program and the Scouts' activities. They should also be aware of limited parking. All visitors must check-in/check-out at the camp security building upon their arrival or departure from camp. All vehicles must be left in the main parking lot.

Visitors desiring to eat meals in the Dining Hall should make arrangements with the Camp Office as far in advance as possible, but at least 24 hours in advance. Generally, parents will be permitted to sit with their sons, provided space is available. The best time for parents to visit camp is during the Family Barbeque on Friday evening. Tickets for this dinner are available at the Camp Trading Post and at the door.

#### **Friday Night Family Barbecue**

6:00 p.m. – Dinner at Dining Hall

7:00 p.m. - Flag Ceremony, Awards, Campfire (Time is flexible)

Tickets – Purchased at the Trading Post

Adults \$9.00 Children (ages 5-12) \$7.00 **Less than 5 years FREE!**

## CAMP SECURITY

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- In order to control the personnel that enter or leave the camp the following requirements have been established.
- Everyone arriving or leaving camp must register in/out at the CAMP SECURITY BUILDING (Campmaster Cabin)
- Any visitor (parent, friend or visitor) must register at the SECURITY BUILDING and receive a temporary badge or visitor's wristband. This badge must be turned in upon leaving camp.
- When returning a Scout or Scouts to camp after dark, the adult must register at the CAMP SECURITY BUILDING then walk the Scout or Scouts to their camp site and sign out when they leave camp. Scouts may not be driven to their sites.
- All adult leaders and Scouts will have a wristband to identify them. These will be issued at check-in. If another leader comes to camp during the week, he/she will be required to register and receive their own band. Reveille
- All staff members will wear a Staff badge for identification.
- Permission forms must be signed by a parent/guardian for another individual to pick up their child. The form must be turned in at check in or at the time of pick up. This individual must sign in at the security building and show picture identification in order to pick up the child. They then will be required to sign out with the Scoutmaster and the camp security building when leaving camp with the child. A permission slip should be turned in at check-in if there is a special situation concerning custody of a Scout. The Camp Director should be told directly by the Unit Leader and by the parents.
- When a scout leaves camp and does not plan to return during the week, or when they leave at the end of the program week, the parent or authorized person must sign the Unit Roster. The Unit Leaders will keep a copy of the roster that was turned in at check-in. After all the scouts have been picked up and signed out, the leader will return the roster to the camp office through the Health Lodge.
- In order to check-in, every Scout and Adult listed on the final roster must be accounted for. If anyone cannot attend or is going to be late you must have a signed permission slip from a parent or guardian. Lack of these slips will result in the necessity of a phone call by Camp Administration and DELAY at CHECK-IN.
- *All adults, campers, and staff must wear appropriate identification. Please notify Camp Administration of anyone acting in a suspicious manner or not appropriately identified.*
- *Those who enter camp during the week without signing in will be stopped and detained by the Camp Administration until they identify the reason they have entered camp.*

**Tuscarora Theme: 2020 TO BE DETERMINED**

## ***Scout Spirit***

Make sure you don't leave this at home, because you are going to need it all week. We have lots of fun activities planned – some that you will remember, as well as many brand new ideas. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

## **GENERAL CAMP POLICIES & INFORMATION**

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### **Uniform**

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The Field Uniform is proper attire for evening retreat, dinner and campfires. During the day, the Activities Uniform is encouraged to be worn. Wet bathing suits are not allowed in the Dining Hall. We also ask that, as a matter of courtesy, any hats, bandannas, and other headgear be removed when entering the Dining Halls at our camps. (Any Scout wearing clothing that is considered disruptive to the program through any language, slogans, or graphics will be asked to change to appropriate attire.) *Swimwear must be family friendly at all times. Male Campers and Leaders must wear trunks or shorts (no speedos, bikini briefs or other revealing suits. Female Campers and Leaders must wear one piece bathing suits (no Bikinis, or revealing suits, Tankinis are acceptable.)*

### **In-Camp Footwear & Apparel**

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In the interest of safety, all campers **MUST** wear closed-toed footwear (no sandals, flip-flops or shower shoes) while in camp. Scouts may also wear water shoes or old sneakers while at the waterfront to decrease the risk of injury.

### **Health Office**

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The Health Lodge is staffed 24 hours a day by a certified Health Officer. Special arrangements have been made with local hospitals to handle any medical emergencies. All campers must turn in all medications to the Health Officer during check-in. In addition, if you have any special medical needs in your unit, please provide adequate documentation of what is required to accommodate the individual. This procedure also applies if you have special dietary needs. The information must accompany the unit leader to the pre-camp meeting or must be faxed to the Business Manager at least one week before your arrival in camp. \*\*\*All medications must be in their original packaging to be dispensed at Camp by the Health Officer.

### **Pets in Camp**

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The Baden-Powell Council prohibits camper and leader pets in resident camps at all times. Service animals are, of course, welcome at all times.

### **Youth Protection**

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All adults, 18 years and older, in camp must have completed and provide proof of having taken Youth Protection training within the past 2 years.

The following are policies of the Boy Scouts of America and must be abided by during all scouting activities:

#### **No One-on-One Contact**

One-on-one contact between adult and youth members is not permitted. In situations that require a personal conference, the meeting should be conducted in a "publicly private" area i.e., in view of others.

#### **Respect of Privacy**

Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes or taking showers and intrude only to the extent that health and safety requires. They must also protect their own safety in similar situations. When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of an adult other than that of their own parent or guardian. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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## **Buddy System**

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All scouts must use the buddy system for any activity that occurs outside their unit's campsite. This is a requirement of the New York State Health Department.

## **Hazing in Camp**

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All too often the first camping experience becomes the last due to the way a scout may be treated by his peers. Hazing WILL NOT be permitted in any form. Those involved will be removed from camp immediately. Hazing is considered a violation of Youth Protection and the Camp Director must be notified immediately.

## **Camp Staff Employment Qualifications**

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- Age 15 before employment begins.
- Recommendation from your Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor or Troop/Crew Committee Chairman.
- Demonstrated willingness to live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
- Demonstrated leadership skills, and a sincere interest in helping younger scouts.
- Knowledge, skills and abilities needed for positions available on the camp staff.
- Approval of parent(s) or guardian(s) to accept employment.

## **Counselors-in-Training (CIT)**

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The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program is designed for those exceptional young scouts who display true leadership and maturity within their own troop. Its purpose is to provide training and skill development to potential future staff members.

## **Counselor-in-Training Qualifications**

Youth must be at least 14 or 15 years old, and have written approval of both his unit leader (if he or she is in a scouting unit) and his parent/guardian. The regular staff application is filled out and the letters of reference are required. Most importantly, he or she must be mature enough to place the welfare of the camper above his own, and he must have leadership ability. They must do at least two weeks at camp, plus the Staff Week at the beginning of the summer.

## **ORDER OF THE ARROW**

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The Otahnagon Lodge of the Baden-Powell Council prides itself on service and promotion to Tuscarora Scout Reservation. All active OA members from each chapter should plan to attend the spring fellowship and should encourage any members in individual units to attend as well. During the summer, several Order of the Arrow members are employed on camp staff and help recognize new troop candidates that could be inducted into the OA each year. When you come to camp during the summer,

please encourage all Order of the Arrow members to bring their sash. A special OA day and several OA program activities are scheduled throughout the week.

→ Scoutmasters who have had scouts within their troop elected into the Order of the Arrow, or are holding elections while at camp, and would like them to be recognized during our OA ceremony need to provide a list of those elected individuals to the OA Camp Chief and Program Director. This list will then be submitted to our Camp OA representative. This person will be identified to you during your stay. (This offer is for all troops, regardless of council). ***While we will gladly recognize any out of council youth who has already been elected to the Order, we cannot provide elections for out of council units- any elections must be completed in your home council before your arrival at camp. Please note that Order of the Arrow Activities are dependent on the local lodge's ability to bring OA members up to Camp during Summer.***

## **ADVANCEMENT AT SUMMER CAMP**

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Summer camp is an opportunity to accomplish reasonable and attainable goals in a unique setting. Advancement should be one part of a Scout's overall camping experience. Troop, Patrol, buddy and individual activities are equally as important, and Scout leaders play a vital part in ensuring a well-balanced program for all.

### **Rank Requirements**

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Scouts will have many opportunities to work on Rank Requirements at Camp. This phase of the advancement program takes place with the guidance of the Troop Leadership. Members of the camp staff are available to assist however possible. Staff members will not sign off on Rank Requirements; this is the responsibility of the Troop.

### **Merit Badges**

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Scoutmasters need to review with each Scout their advancement plan. The Baden-Powell Council asks that the Scoutmaster sit down with each scout and assist them in making their schedule for merit badges. When preplanning individual schedules, it is essential to adjust the workload to the individual Scout. Those who have done a great deal of preparation may achieve five merit badges during a week at camp. THIS IS UNUSUAL. The norm is 2-4 per Scout/ per week. For this reason it is not advisable to let a Scout schedule more than three merit badges per week. This gives them the ability to complete those merit badges and the opportunity to have some fun as well. It is critical for the Scoutmaster to help the individual boy prepare for a successful and fun week.

Many Merit Badges offered at camp require special preparation. Some requirements must be done ahead of time, while others can be finished more quickly and comfortably back home. After all, who wants to be bogged down in the beauty of our camp with merit badge writing assignments? Merit Badge Counselors can collect any completed written work during their first merit badge class on Monday. This way it will get the written material out of the way early. Descriptions of the merit badges being offered by camp and a list of Pre-camp Preparations and Costs have been included in this guide. Please note that this list is subject to changes as is the schedule that is in this guide.

Our Camp Staff takes pride in the fact that any merit badge earned at camp was truly EARNED. It is the policy of the Camp that no merit badge requirement may be waived in order to accommodate the camp situation. In other words, every requirement must be met; including those which cannot be done at camp (Prerequisites need to be done at home in a Troop setting). There are, therefore, some badges that simply cannot be completed in a one or two week stay at camp. No scout should come to camp without knowing beforehand what merit badges he plans to take, what the requirements are and which

requirements must be or should be prepared before coming to camp. Scouts will have better success completing Merit Badges if they come to camp with the requirements partially met.

**Merit Badge Applications-** The official Merit Badge Application is a requirement at Camp as it is anywhere for proper merit badge completion. Unit leader signatures are required on the front of all cards prior to the scout beginning work on the merit badge, and cards must be presented at the first session of a merit badge class. The provisional Scoutmaster may sign merit badge cards for Scouts assigned to his Troop. **Troops should plan on bringing their own Blue Cards with them to hand out to the Scouts.**

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**Partial Completions-** There are a few merit badges offered which have requirements that cannot be completed at camp. For a Scout to earn these merit badges he must provide evidence to the camp merit badge counselor that the requirements have been completed prior to coming to camp. The only acceptable documentation are a filled out merit badge card signed by the Scoutmaster of record (appearing on the Troop's charter) or a note specifically indicating the completed requirements with a signed verification by the Scoutmaster of record or a signed note by the Scoutmaster of record. The Scout may need to demonstrate a proficiency of the skills learned as well. Scouts who do not fulfill all of the requirements for a merit badge before or during their summer camp stay will be issued a 'partial blue card' at the end of their camp session. This blue card can be taken to the home unit and completed with a merit badge counselor of the scout's choosing. A merit badge does not need to be completed with the same merit badge counselor as it was begun with. The camp's merit badge counselors are not available to sign cards in the off season; if a scout completes a partial during the year that was started at camp, they need to make arrangements to get the card signed by a certified merit badge counselor of the scout's choosing. Any requests for replacement cards after the camping season should be directed to the Baden-Powell Council Camping Assistant, at (607) 648-7888.

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## **Other Information**

**\*Lost and Found-** Lost and found items will be turned into the Trading Post. Leaders should encourage Scouts to mark their belongings with name and troop number. Camp Management and staff are not responsible for lost items.

**NO FOOD IS TO BE LEFT IN THE CAMPSITES FOR ANY REASON!!**

### **Trading Post**

The Trading Post is conveniently stocked with craft projects, Scouting literature and materials, snacks, drinks, camp souvenirs (hats, t-shirts, cups, etc) along with a wide assortment of B.S.A. and camping supplies. The trading post accepts cash, checks, and MasterCard/Visa. Hours are posted at the Trading Post.

### **Food Allergies and Dietary Restrictions**

*If your Scout has any food allergies, dietary restrictions, or restrictions related to religion, it is **EXTREMELY** important that you and your Scout's parents contact the Camp Administration who will work with you and the Kitchen Director to accommodate the special needs. Please don't assume that letting us know during check-in will be ample time to ensure the required food is in camp. Our orders come ahead of the week you attend camp. We will attempt to provide alternatives to accommodate the restriction, however they will not be what the other Scouts are eating. We do provide a space for Scouts to store their own food if they choose to bring items to supplement the menu. **Contacting us at 607-467-2721 after June 30, 2020 and at least one week before your Scout attends camp is the best way to ensure your Scout's camp experience is the best it can be in terms of his/her food needs.** We will happily do whatever we can to accommodate the special food needs but we need to know in advance.*

## Health and Safety

### Trips to the Hospital or Doctor

Campers requiring the attention of a doctor or the services of a hospital should know the following:

\*It is the responsibility of the unit leadership to provide transportation for unit member(s) requiring non-emergency attention from a doctor or hospital.

\*Two Adult leaders from the unit will accompany the unit member(s) requiring services and is asked to carry insurance forms for completion. He/She must obtain the Scout's Health form before going to the doctor or hospital.

\*Parents or guardians will be notified immediately by the Camp Director of any serious illness or injury.

\*The Camp Medical Officer and Camp Director **MUST** clear all cases requiring outside medical care.

ALL medications must be turned into and administered by the Health Lodge staff (necessary injections must be given by the Scout or Leader at the Health Lodge since Camp Staff is not permitted, by New York State Law, to give injections.) Unit Leader picks up all medication from the Health Lodge at the time of departure.

A Unit Leader is expected to give first aid within his/her capability but must accompany the Scout or other person to the Health Lodge immediately, regardless of how insignificant the injury appears. All sickness or injuries must be reported to the Health Lodge immediately.

*Leaders, please ensure that our Scouts have written permission from their parents on the Baden-Powell Council Over-the-Counter Medication Permission form to carry sunscreen. This is a New York State Regulation.*

### Buddy System

Tuscarora Scout Reservation follows the Buddy System for Scouts in Camp. Scouts must have a buddy in the Waterfront, Climbing Area, while hiking anywhere, and when leaving the Campsite after dark.

### TRAILBLAZERS – FIRST YEAR CAMPERS' PROGRAM

Trailblazer is a program designed for the first year camper. The program teaches new scouts the basics of outdoor skills that Cub Scouts does not. If your scout joined in September during the membership push and has been actively camping with your troop all winter then this program is not for him and he would be better suited in the regular Merit Badge program.

However, if your newly crossed over Webelos are coming to camp for the first time, this is the recommended program for them. Trailblazer runs from just after breakfast until just before dinner. Except for two free periods for them to choose merit badges during the Sunday night sign-up program. These are Second and Third Periods- 10:00-10:50 am and 11:00-11:50 am.

In a week's time we cover first aid; cooking, hiking, compass skills, map reading, Totin' Chip, Firem'n Chit, nature identification, as well as knots and lashings. We also spend time on the waterfront swimming, rowing and canoeing. Trailblazers also earn a merit badge or two during the program. ***Please note, Units with Scouts in the Trailblazer program must send an adult leader with them to Trailblazers. This is to both assist with instruction as well as verify what the Scouts are learning. Additionally, we want their first-year experience to be as positive as possible and having the presence of a leader that they know will go a long ways.***

**IOLS-** The Baden-Powell Council offers IOLS for leaders in conjunction with our first-year camper programs. Those leaders who volunteer and help coordinate the program in its entirety during their

week at camp will be IOLS certified at the end of the week. Camp Administration will submit the Training Roster to Council. In Council leaders can then submit their certification to the Baden-Powell Council Office to be recorded in their records. Out of Council leaders can do the same with their home councils to be recorded in their records.

### **Tuscarora Scout Reservation Tusky Ranger Award**

Tuscarora Scout Reservation will be offering segments to the Tusky Ranger Award patch that was introduced in 2004. This is similar to the original patch from 1953. The same design was used again for the 50th anniversary in 2003. The Program, administered by the Tuscarora Ranger and Commissioner, emphasizes, above all, Scout Spirit at Tuscarora.

The patch is earned by a combination of achievement, service and Scout Spirit.

Requirements for the patch are:

- Be a waiter in the dining hall for 3 meals.
- Contribute one hour toward the improvement of the camp.
- Activity Participation. Do one of the following: Mile swim, Nature Trail, Orienteering Course, Troop Challenge Night.
- Be a swimmer or improve one's ability.

The segments for the Tusky Ranger Award include a Scoutcraft segment, Waterfront segment, Service segment, Staff Segment, Hiking Segment, Nature Segment, and Venturing Segment as well as other segments. *If you have already earned this patch, you may do the requirements again and earn a rocker segment.*

### **MERIT BADGES OFFERED AT TUSCARORA SCOUT RESERVATION**

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#### **Eagle's Nest Program Area-**

Badge offerings may include Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Citizenship in the Community or Communications. This Program Area is relatively new to Tuscarora and merit badge offerings may change from one week to the next as the demand will dictate what we offer

\*blank square under age indicates badge is appropriate for all ages\*

\*blank square under pre-camp prep/cost indicates no cost for that badge\*

**BADGES OFFERED AT TUSCARORA SCOUT RESERVATION (PLEASE NOTE- SUBJECT TO CHANGE!)**

Revised for Black Pug.-Note- these badges will be scheduled online.

Merit Badge	Suggested Age at camp	Pre-camp Preparation and Cost
 American Heritage	13+	Requirements 3c, 4d, 4e (if those options are chosen), and 5a, 5c cannot be done at camp and must be completed ahead of time.
 Archaeology	12+	
 Archery		6.Obtain a copy of YOUR state hunting laws.
 Art		
 Astronomy		•Be prepared to be out of main camp late at night (weather permitting)
 Basketry	12+	•Cost is \$10.00 for materials and supplies
BSA Lifeguard	15+ (as per Requirements)	•VERY TIME and PHYSICALLY –INTENSIVE- Must look at Pre-requisites before signing up. •(Note- This is not a merit badge, rather a skill award/certification)
 <b>Camping</b>	12+	<b>•Requirement 9a. Bring a verified camping record to camp signed by the scout's Scoutmaster of record and a backpack and gear for an overnight hike</b> <b>•EAGLE REQUIRED</b>
 Canoeing		•Must successfully complete BSA swimmer test. •Bring shoes that get wet daily.

Merit Badge	Suggested Age at camp	Pre-camp Preparation and Cost
 Chess	12+	
 <b>Citizenship in the Nation</b>	13+	<b>Requirements 2a, b, c, and 3 cannot be done at camp and must be completed in advance. Scouts should bring signed evidence of this to the instructor.</b> <b>EAGLE REQUIRED</b>
 <b>Citizenship in the World</b>	13+	<b>Requirement 7 must be done prior to coming to camp</b> <b>EAGLE REQUIRED</b>
 <b>Communications</b>	12+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•This is Eagle-Required and will be offered through the Eagle's Nest program Area. Scouts should be prepared to publicly speak as part of the requirements of this badge.</li> <li>•Requirement 5 cannot be done at Camp and must be completed in advance. Scouts should bring signed evidence of this to the instructor.</li> <li>•<b>EAGLE REQUIRED</b></li> </ul>
 Climbing	13+ (Council requirement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Requirement # 1 &amp; 2 done prior to camp signed by the scout's Scoutmaster of record. (Badge is weather dependent</li> <li>•TIME and MATURITY (as determined by the counselor) INTENSIVE. This badge is also dependent on weather the week you are at camp</li> </ul>
 Cooking	12+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•This badge can be time-intensive and is now Eagle Required. It is unlikely to be able to completed in just 1 week at camp.</li> <li><b>EAGLE REQUIRED</b></li> </ul>
DEC Hunter Education	12+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Offered only on Thursday evenings and you must be in either Shotgun or Rifle Merit Badge classes</li> </ul>
 <b>Emergency Preparedness</b>	12+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Combined with First Aid Merit Badge</b></li> <li>•<b>EAGLE REQUIRED</b></li> </ul>
 <b>Environmental Science</b>	13+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>VERY TIME-INTENSIVE</b></li> <li>•<b>EAGLE REQUIRED</b></li> </ul>
 Fingerprinting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•May only take one or two days to complete</li> </ul>

Merit Badge	Suggested Age at camp	Pre-camp Preparation and Cost
 <p><b>First Aid</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Combined with Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge</b></li> <li>• <b>EAGLE REQUIRED</b></li> </ul>
 <p>Fishing</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scouts should plan on bringing their own fishing gear to camp. Time-intensive and may require time outside of class.</li> </ul>
 <p>Forestry</p>	12+	This badge will teach the science behind tree and forest management.
 <p>Game Design</p>	12+	
 <p>Kayaking</p>	12+	Must Pass Swimmer's Test
 <p>Indian Lore</p>		
 <p>Leatherwork</p>		
 <p><b>Lifesaving</b></p>	13+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Must show completed Second Class requirements 8a through 8c and First Class requirements 9a through 9d --signed by the scout's Scoutmaster of record.</b></li> <li>• <b>Long- pants, long sleeve shirt that buttons. No rips.</b></li> <li>• <b>Class is a double-period.</b></li> <li>• <b>Does NOT grant Lifeguard Certification</b></li> <li>• <b>EAGLE REQUIRED</b></li> </ul>
 <p>Mammal Study</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offered with Nature MB as a full five day experience</li> </ul>

Merit Badge	Suggested Age at camp	Pre-camp Preparation and Cost
 Metalwork	13+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•VERY TIME –INTENSIVE</li> <li>•Additional cost of \$15</li> </ul>
 Nature		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Offered with Mammal Study MB as a full five day experience</li> </ul>
 Painting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•This badge is dependent on good weather the week you are at camp.</li> </ul>
 <b>Personal Fitness</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Requirements 1 a &amp; b and 8. Bring a verified note of dental exam and a training log to camp signed by the scout's Scoutmaster of record.</b></li> <li>•<b>EAGLE REQUIRED</b></li> </ul>
 Rifle Shooting	12+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Scout must be 12 year old (NY state law)</li> <li>•Obtain a copy of YOUR state hunting laws.</li> <li>•Must include date of birth when signing up.</li> <li>•Additional cost of \$10.</li> </ul>
 Rowing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Must pass BSA swimmer's test.</li> <li>•Bring shoes that get wet daily.</li> </ul>
 Shotgun Shooting	13+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Must be 13 years old as per State Law. Must include date of birth when signing-up.</li> <li>•Additional cost of \$10.</li> </ul>
 Small- Boat Sailing	13+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Must pass BSA swimmer's test.</li> <li>•Bring shoes that get wet daily.</li> </ul>
 Space Exploration	12+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Additional cost of \$15 for model rocket kit and supplies.</li> <li>• Limited session size.</li> </ul>
 <b>Swimming</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Must pass BSA swimmer's test.</b></li> <li>•<b>EAGLE REQUIRED</b></li> </ul>

Merit Badge	Suggested Age at camp	Pre-camp Preparation and Cost
 Weather		
 Wilderness Survival	14+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Recommended to do requirement 5 prior to camp AND bring it with you. Plan on spending a night out in your own shelter.</li> </ul>
 Woodcarving	12+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Locking-blade knife is REQUIRED.</li> <li>•Totin' Chip Card is REQUIRED.</li> </ul>

### INDEPENDENT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

The following Merit Badges will be signed up for either Sunday evening or during your week at camp. Scouts will be provided space and time to work independently on these badges; Staff will not work directly with them but will be available to answer questions, assist where needed, and to sign off badges once requirements have been completed. These are not formal, structured sessions, rather the Scout works on his own on this badge. Also, badges previously taught at camp not shown above may be completed as an Independent Study badge (in particular partials from previous years) by speaking with the Program Director or appropriate Area Director.

 Plumbing	12+		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•This badge will be taught at the Ranger Shop by the Camp Ranger. This will go over all aspects of Plumbing Merit badge and will offer a completion.</li> </ul>
 Orienteering	13+		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Basic knowledge of compass and map reading helpful.</li> <li>•Recommend bring own compass.</li> </ul>
 Fish & Wildlife Mgmt.		Learn all about Wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•This badge is offered as an independent study.</li> </ul>
 Reptiles and Amphibians			This badge is offered as a partial unless scout comes to camp already having completed req. 8
 Soil and Water Conservation		Learn the basics of Soil and water and how they affect our earth	

## TUSCARORA SCOUT RESERVATION DAILY SCHEDULE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Order of the Arrow Day (Wear sash)		
7:45	Campwide Assembly at Parade Field						
9:00-9:50 Period 1							Check-out by 10:00
10:00-10:50 Period 2		10:00 am Scoutmaster Meeting	10:00 am Scoutmaster Meeting	10:00 am Scoutmaster Meeting	10:00 am Scoutmaster Meeting	10:00 am Scoutmaster Meeting	
11:00-11:50 Period 3							
12:15	Campwide Assembly at Dining Hall						See you next year!
1:00							
2:00-2:50 Period 4							
3:00-3:50 Period 5							
4:00-4:50 Independent Study	4:45 Scoutmaster/SPL Meeting by Dining Hall picnic tables			3:30 Pick up food in dining hall			
5:45	5:30 Campwide Assembly	Campwide Assembly at Parade Field		Troop Cookout in campsite	Campwide Assembly at Parade Field	BBQ Dinner  Assembly at Parade Field	
7:00-8:00	7:30-8:00 Merit Badge Fair (Sign-Up for Additional Merit Badges)	7:15 Interfaith Vespers Service	Spirit Program	Camp-wide Game (Parade Field) (All Areas closed)	Spirit Program		
8:00		Opening Campfire					
						Closing Campfire	

<b>Daily Schedule</b>	
7:00 AM (6:30 AM – 7:00 AM)	Reveille Polar Bear Swim (Tues)
7:45 AM	Flag Raising
8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 – 11:50 AM	MB Program
12:15 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Siesta
2:00 PM	MB Program
5:00 PM	Troop and Service Time (ALL AREAS CLOSED)
5:45 PM	Retreat (Flag Lowering – Field Uniform) Friday - Flag will be after Dinner
6:00 PM	Dinner
9:00 PM	Troop Time / Campsite Activities
10:00 PM	Taps

### **Additional Program Opportunities**

The following activities are available for signup at 4:15 or 7:00 daily. Scoutmasters should be prepared to signup for these activities during Program Check-In (Sunday afternoon as you check your Troop into camp):

*Paddleboards*

*Mountain Biking*

*Bear Cave Hike*

*Tuscarora Scout Reservation Museum Tours*

*Log Rolling at Waterfront*

*Waterslide*

Tuscarora Scout Reservation Museum will be available TBD. Everyone who participates gets a free patch from our historic collection.

(Other opportunities may be available and these activities are subject to change.)