

Baden-Powell Council

Tuscarora Scout Reservation Leader's Guide



2022



Dear Unit Leader:

Welcome to the 2022 Summer Camp Leader Guide. With COVID-19 slowing down, we are returning to a more traditional Merit Badge program and schedule. We will still have some combined merit badge programs however as well as offering an even more robust Independent Study Merit Badge Program!!

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 Waterslide 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 program schedule will be made available in early 2022!

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail myself at Chris.Ambra@scouting.org or call the Council Office at 607-648-7888!

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!

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TUSCARORA SCOUT RESERVATION

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Windsor, NY 13865
Office Phone: 607-467-2721
Fax Phone: 607-467-1433
(Operational June 27-August 14, 2022 except weekends)

A United Way Member Agency

BSA Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping instill values in young people and, in other ways, prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime to achieve their full potential. The values we attempt to instill are those found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Also at Tuscarora Scout Reservation, we provide the Scouts with an outdoor, educational, experience through which they are afforded opportunities to be challenged, to work toward advancement, to choose to participate with their troop, patrol, and others, and to achieve while learning.

Our Statement of Purpose

It is our purpose to instill the ideals of Scouting in a fun setting and to encourage leadership, friendship, and service to others. We also try to teach useful skills and to provide a variety of vocational experiences so that Scouts are better able to make lifetime choices. The values we promote and our camp rules are best summarized in the Scout Oath and Law. Through the Scout Oath and Law, the Camp will provide an outdoor experience that fosters a growth in moral strength and character, promotes participation in citizenship, and development in physical, mental, and emotional fitness. This will be done through Advancement opportunities (both Merit Badge and Rank), Staff and Adult Leader Role Models, living the Scout and Law on a daily basis, exposure to service projects and the Religious emblems programs, and opportunities for leadership. The goal of Tuscarora Scout Reservation is fun with a purpose that promotes the ideals of Scouting and gives our Scouts the best possible outdoor experience.

Camp Administration

Camp Director- Chris Ambra

Program Director- Ruth Keagle

Commissioner- Bob Steele (Beaver Bob)

Ranger- Mike Gebhard

Council Professional Staff

Council Scout Executive- Matthew Bull
Council Business Manager- Paige Benware

Contact Information

Tuscarora Scout Reservation- 607-467-2721 (June 26-August 20, 2022)

Council Office and Professional Staff- 607-648-7888 (Call will be redirected to Camp after June 20)

Council Fax- 607-648-7895

Camp Mailing Address

Scout's Name

Troop Number

Tuscarora Scout Reservation

205 Summit Lake Road

Windsor, NY 13865

(Please note- Mail delivery is slow and may take 2-4 extra days)

Week	Dates	Pre-Camp Leader Meeting (Tuesday evening 7:15 pm) and Notes
Cub Resident Programs	<i>July 1-9, 2022</i>	June 28, 2022 at Administration Building- Tuscarora Weekend Program- Friday July 1-Sunday July 3 July 4th Stay-Over Program- Sunday July 3-Tuesday July 5 (No program, meals provided) Tuscarora Week Long Program- Tuesday July 5 to Saturday July 8 Tuscarora Half-Week- July 7-July 9, 2022
Week 1 Scouts BSA-Tuscarora Resident Camp	<i>July 10-16, 2022</i>	July 5, 2022 at Administration Building- Tuscarora
Week 2 Scouts BSA-Tuscarora Resident Camp	<i>July 17-23, 2022</i>	July 12, 2022 at Administration Building- Tuscarora
Week 3 Scouts BSA-Tuscarora Resident Camp	<i>July 24-30, 2022</i>	<i>July 19, 2022 at Administration Building- Tuscarora</i>
Week 4 Scouts BSA-Tuscarora Resident Camp	<i>July 31-August 6, 2022</i>	<i>July 26, 2022 at Administration Building- Tuscarora</i>
NYLT at Tuscarora	<i>August 8-August 13, 2021</i>	<i>Participant Check-in at Monday 12:00 pm, Check-out Saturday after Closing Campfire (approximately 7:30 pm)</i>

SUMMER CAMP FEES

Scouts BSA Fees 2022

Camp Fee 2022- \$510

Early Bird Discount- -\$30 (All payments in on time and before May 15th, 2022 including March 1st payment of \$100/scout)

Distinguished Unit Discount- -\$25 (See attached criteria – for in-council units only)

Additional Leader Fee- \$135 (Beyond the number required for Youth Protection Ratios)

Campsite Reservation Policy

It is the policy of the Baden-Powell Council to give the unit that is currently occupying a campsite, first rights to reserve that site for the coming year during the same camp session. Units must “lock-in” their reservation by completing a site reservation form and paying a non-refundable \$250 deposit before they leave camp at the end of their session. Any sites not “locked-in” will be opened to general registration after the completion of the current camp session. Any unit that does not complete a site reservation form and pay a \$250 deposit is not “locked-in” and cannot claim reservation of any site until doing so. Any sites available under general registration can be reserved on a first come, first served basis and units must complete a site registration form and pay a non-refundable \$250 deposit to lock them in. No sites will be held or reserved without the site registration form and \$250 deposit.

In the event that someone in your unit requires electricity for a CPAP machine or other device, they should plan on bringing a battery backup/charging device as our Summer Units do not have electricity. Running extension cords is neither safe nor feasible. Camp Administration reserves the right to move the entire unit (when possible) into an unoccupied Winter Unit Site (as these have electricity in the center lodge.)

**In order to qualify for Early Bird Discounts, a unit must have paid a \$250.00 site deposit per site as well as completed a site reservation form for each, paid a \$100.00 deposit per Scout going to camp by March 1st, 2022, and completed all payments by May 15th, 2022.

Visitor Meal Fees

You can come to camp and see the Scouts in action, plus enjoy a meal!

Breakfast or Lunch - \$8.00 and Dinner - \$10.00

SCOUT LEADER FEES

The first two adults are free for each unit that attends camp. Two adults must be with all units throughout the week. Beyond this, a ratio of 1:8 leaders to scouts must be maintained. With 17 Scouts or more, a third leader goes free; 25 Scouts, a fourth free, etc. Additional leaders beyond this quota, based on the unit's attendance, can attend camp at an additional cost of **\$135.00 per week**. For those leaders attending for short amounts of time, there is a meal fee option of \$8.00/meal for breakfast and lunch and \$10.00/meal for dinner. Any of these fees are to be paid prior to Camp or upon meeting with Camp Administration in the beginning of the week.

2ND WEEK POLICY

Scouts that would like to spend a second week at either camp may do so for a reduced cost. Our 2nd week policy states that all scouts, regardless of status, will receive \$35.00 off 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/2nd Week Registration form. Provisional Applications are due by May 15th in order to receive the early bird discount unless submitted while at Camp.

PAYMENT OF CAMP FEES

Fees are payable at the Baden-Powell Council Service Center by cash, check, or credit card (VISA or MasterCard). **In order to qualify for Early Bird Discounts, a unit must have paid a \$250.00 site deposit per site as well as completed a site reservation form for each, paid a \$100.00 deposit per Scout going to camp by March 1st, 2022, and completed all payments by May 15th, 2022. Any payments made after May 15th will be charged at the full camp rate. (In the event that a Scout crosses over from a Pack after May 15th, and all other fees are paid on time, we will of course honor the Early Bird fee.

We ask that all fees are paid in full by June 15th. Please contact us with any extenuating circumstances.

BADEN-POWELL COUNCIL REFUND POLICY

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Scouts who are unable to attend camp or leave camp for any reason will receive a refund less a \$150.00 cancellation/service fee for Resident Camp. This fee will help cover the supplies and food that were purchased and staff that were made available based on anticipated camp attendance. This is effective from May 15th until after the Summer Camping Season concludes. From May 15th until the last week of June 2022, appropriate credits will be issued to unit accounts to offset remaining balances and program fees. During the Camping Season, refund requests will be accepted while the unit is at camp. Refunds will be issued no later than August 31st. No Refund requests will be accepted after August 31st. Units should follow up with Camp Administration if they have not receive a refund by August 31st.

Camp Discipline: If any Scout is removed from camp for disciplinary reasons, they are not eligible for a refund. Scouts are responsible for their own behavior at camp; it is not the job of the Camp Staff or Camp Administration to discipline Scouts- most disciplinary situations will be turned over to the Unit Leadership for resolution. However, some situations will result in immediate removal from camp at the Unit's/Scout's expense; these can include but are not limited to chronic discipline issues, fighting, hazing, possession and/or consumption of alcohol and/or narcotics, possession of firearms or other

items that would be classified as weapons, threatening campers or staff, stealing, willful destruction of camp or personal property, etc. Local authorities may also be notified based on the circumstances of the situation.

All refund requests must be **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.**

Please note: Your unit will be scheduled for a meeting to reconcile your accounts and secure your reservation for 2023. This meeting will take place in the first day or two your unit is at Camp.

Refund checks will be returned to the UNIT only.

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

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 Coordinator:

Tuscarora Scout Reservation –Mike Gebhard, Camp Ranger. Phone: (607) 467-2721 (leave a message and he will return your call)

Service Weekend Dates & Times (PRE-CAMP)

Tuscarora Scout Reservation Setup Day – April 30, 2022

Tuscarora Scout Reservation "Gopher Day" – June 4, 2022

Service Weekend Dates & Times (POST-CAMP)

Tuscarora Scout Reservation "Lumberjack Day" – November 12, 2022

** 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 Tuscarora, please contact the Camp Ranger at TuskyRanger@gmail.com

- Work RAIN or SHINE
- Camp Friday, Saturday, or both nights
- No charge for camping during weekend of workdays if the unit is actively engaged in approved work projects. This is pending approval of the Camp Ranger and Council Camp Director
- If you wish to schedule an alternative work weekend, please speak directly with the Camp Ranger at the above email. Service projects must meet certain criteria for no charge to be applied to a unit's weekend.
- If you would like to make an offer or donation to a specific project for camp please contact: Matthew Bull – Scout Executive 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

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 1st**, 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 1st will be mailed out no later than April 30th. Late applications will be accepted and reviewed if funds remain available.

UNIT PAYMENT PLAN

1. First, complete **IN FULL** the *Resident Camp Reservation Form* – there must be information for 3 adults listed. These adults should include the summer camp coordinator for the unit, and at least 2 adults that will be attending camp. Submit it ASAP as space is limited. A non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 must accompany the reservation form. The deposit can be subtracted from the final bill, but most units choose to 'roll over' their deposit from year to year, eliminating the need to bring a new check to camp each year. Incomplete Reservation forms will not be accepted and will be returned to the unit until they are complete. Reservations will only be secured when BOTH the reservation form and the deposit have been received by the Council Camping Department.
2. In order to qualify for Early Bird Discounts, a unit must have paid a \$250.00 site deposit per site as well as completed a site reservation form for each, paid a \$100.00 deposit per Scout going to camp by March 1st, 2022, and completed all payments by May 15th, 2022. Any payments made after May 15th will be charged at the full camp rate. (Those Scouts that join the unit after March 31st are still eligible for the early-bird discounts.
3. We ask that all fees are paid in full by June 15th. Please contact us with any extenuating circumstances.
4. **UNITS** are required to submit a final count of the number of Scouts and leaders attending camp by June 15th. If using Shared Leadership, a count of adults for each day must be submitted for accurate counts for Dining Hall Service. **UNITS** will be responsible for paying total fee based upon the numbers submitted by June 15th unless Council Refund Policy applies to individual circumstances.
5. **Please note: Your unit will be scheduled for a meeting during your first few days at camp to reconcile your accounts and secure your reservation for 2023.**

MEDICAL FORMS / PHYSICAL EXAMINATION INFORMATION

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 BSA 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.

INSURANCE

An accident and sickness insurance policy covers every scout registered in Scouting. The council, as part of a year-round policy, provides this for scouting-related medical expenses caused by injury or illness. Please be aware of the following:

1. Making a claim is the responsibility of the family. A simple, but required procedure, must be followed or the insurance company will reject claims. The family, through the troop, submits the initial claim document.
2. Personal family insurance is the primary provider. The Council Insurance is the secondary provider. If the individual is not covered by a personal health and accident insurance policy, then the Baden-Powell Council's insurance becomes the primary insurer.
3. The council is the premium-payer but is not the guarantor of payment. A scout receiving medical treatment must provide their home address, not the camp's nor the address of the Baden-Powell Council Service Center. Failure to provide the proper address will only result in delays and possible credit problems for the involved family.
4. Claim forms and procedures are kept at the Camp Administration Office. For camp-related claims, the form will need to be filled out and provided to the Camp Director. To file a claim, the parents and unit representatives must complete the form. It is then, through Camp Administration, sent to the Council Service Center. All other billing documents should be sent to the Council Service Center. It is then certified and forwarded to the insurance company.
5. Payments are made to the parents or may be assigned directly to the medical provider.
6. Claim forms without the necessary billing documents are useless, as are billing documents without the necessary claim forms.

UNIT LEADERSHIP IN CAMP

TWO-DEEP ADULT LEADERSHIP IS REQUIRED - this is a BSA standard- *no exceptions*. All Units attending camp must provide proof that all members in camp, including any adults, are registered members of the BSA. **This can be done by providing a Council generated roster of adults and youth or (Charter equivalent) or all participants' membership cards, at Unit check-in time. All adults (18 years or older) MUST have completed Adult Youth Protection training.** (Camps offer this training, but it is **HIGHLY** recommended that it be completed prior to arrival at camp). This is a National Requirement and proof will be required at check-in. (Copies of training rosters or cards must be provided to Camp Administration.) This includes parents filling in as leaders.

Each troop must have at least two (2) responsible registered adult leaders in camp at all times (and an additional leader for each additional eight (8) Scouts (*see chart below*). Both adult leaders must be at least age 21. If a troop does not have two adult leaders who can be in camp with the troop throughout their stay, then the camp administration must combine troops into shared campsites to meet the two-deep adult leadership requirement.

Number of Scouts in Unit	Minimum # of Leaders Required
2 - 16	2
17 - 24	3
25 - 32	4
33 - 40	5

Please contact the Council Camp Director if you need to make arrangements to send your unit to camp with another unit, or if you will need to share a campsite to meet the two-deep adult leadership requirement. Your district can help you make these arrangements or can put you in touch with other troops in your geographic area that may be attending the same camp.

Many troops arrange for several parents to share or rotate this responsibility. We strongly encourage the Scoutmaster and/or Assistant Scoutmaster(s) to spend the whole week at camp with the unit, along with at least one other responsible adult in camp at all times. The minimum is 2 adults but having 3 adults at a time will provide you with more flexibility in case one adult has to leave camp. Four adults can be even better.

SHARED LEADERSHIP IN CAMP

Often, troops may be unable to have enough adults to remain in camp for an entire week. This is an increasingly common situation in camp and is not a problem as long as adequate two-deep leadership is provided for each unit. However, from a security viewpoint, shared leadership presents two issues. First, it makes tracking two-deep leadership coverage difficult for the troop, and second, it makes it difficult for the camp administration to be aware of what adult leaders are in camp at any given time.

If a troop is going to use shared leadership in camp, the unit is **required** to complete and submit a *Shared Leadership Schedule* (form accompanies this guide). This Schedule must be displayed on your Site Bulletin board.

Below is a sample *Shared Leadership Schedule*. Note that all information in italics is to be filled in by the Scoutmaster, who coordinates the time spent in camp by each adult leader.

Shared Leadership Schedule									
Unit # <i>0000</i>		Dates of Attendance = <i>7/5 - 7/11, 2020</i>							
		<i>5 July</i>	<i>6 July</i>	<i>7 July</i>	<i>8 July</i>	<i>9 July</i>	<i>10 July</i>	<i>11 July</i>	
First Name	Last Name	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	Phone
<i>Joe</i>	<i>Smith</i>								<i>412-555-8462</i>
<i>Ronald</i>	<i>Lionel</i>								<i>412-555-3578</i>
<i>Sally</i>	<i>Simon</i>								<i>412-555-7895</i>
<i>Richard</i>	<i>Robins</i>								<i>412-555-4654</i>
<i>Linda</i>	<i>Ramos</i>								<i>412-555-6214</i>

- Make sure all adults are listed on the shared leadership schedule, even if they are staying in camp the entire week.
- Be certain to list the phone numbers of each leader so they can be contacted if there is a change in the schedule, or if they do not arrive in camp at their scheduled time.
- Shade in the boxes next to the days that each leader will be in camp. Using colored markers may make it easier to distinguish each leader.
- Create two copies of the completed schedule. One to be submitted to the Camp Director at check-in. The other is to be kept by the troop and posted on their campsite bulletin board.

WEEKEND STAY-OVER POLICY

Tuscarora Scout Reservation does not provide weekend leadership. Troops planning to spend more than one week at camp **must** have provisions for adult leadership during the weekend. This may be their scoutmaster and/or other adults. If leadership cannot be arranged, scouts must leave camp on Saturday by **9:30 AM** and may return on Sunday after 1:00 PM. Two-deep leadership is required at all times. Approval of the Camp Director is required! Also, units arriving on Saturday must notify the Camping Camp Director ahead of time and gain approval to do so.

The Program Areas, Waterfront, Health Lodge and Dining Hall facilities are closed on the weekend. The Unit is camping the same as it would year-round.

THE PRE-CAMP LEADER'S MEETING

Unit leaders are **strongly encouraged** to attend the **Pre-Camp Meeting** that will be held on:

April 16, 2022
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Baden-Powell Council Service Center
2150 NYS Route 12,
Binghamton, NY 13901

The adult who will have primary responsibility for the troop in camp and the Senior Patrol Leader for camp should attend. The agenda will include troop program planning (including how/when merit badge signups at camp will occur), a review of opening day procedures, and an open forum for questions regarding your stay.

PRE-CAMP EARLY CHECK-IN

Units may choose to take part in early check-in the Tuesday before their arrival in camp. This is when we review your health forms and pending approval and assign your unit an Express Check-In time. This will be held at **7:15 pm** in the Administration Building. The following items should be brought to early check-in:

1. A final roster of scouts and leaders who will be attending camp.
2. Completed medical forms and permission slips
3. Unit's copy of the Leaders Guide
4. A list of special food requirements such as dietary or religious food restrictions **(very important)**

During the pre-camp meeting, the Camp Health Officer will review your medical forms. Also, as your unit prepares for check-in, make sure to have your payment information, and leadership schedules available. These items, when prepared ahead of time, are tremendous time savers and help to assure a smooth check-in for your troop. **Units that attend the pre-camp meeting and have ALL their paperwork in, will be considered Express Troops.** *These troops will be processed on Sunday ahead of those who do not make the meeting and/or have incomplete paperwork. In fact, those units attending Pre-Camp Check-In, will receive an assigned check-in time and be placed ahead of non-express Units.*

The Parent of any Scout that has a dietary concern or religious food restriction should contact the Camp Director as early as possible to arrange details of the restrictions. The camp will make every effort to accommodate the special needs diets. While it is not required to bring their own food, if you wish to send your Scout with his or her own food, provisions will be made to store that food in the Dining Hall. These arrangements are made on a case-by-case basis, well in advance of camp. Common allergies such as gluten, lactose, nuts, and vegetarian are usually accommodated. The menu will be made available to all Leaders ahead of time. Alternatives will be provided as much as possible but will be different from what the rest of the camp is eating.

On arrival at camp, your unit must Check-In at the Parking Lot with the Camp Commissioner to get your troop guide assignment and all members of your Unit (Scouts and Leaders) will be given wrist bands.

PRE-CAMP CHECK LIST FOR UNIT LEADERS

Scoutmasters:

- Read thoroughly the 2022 Camp Leaders Guide (available online). If you still have questions, call the Council Office at 607-648-7888.
- Have your Patrol Leaders Council review the guide with you.
- Make sure to have adequate copies of appropriate Medical forms for Youth and Adults (All campers MUST have a Medical Form and a Medication Permission Form on file).
- Collect fees for each scout and send only one check to the office for each deadline. A list of dollar amounts to be applied to whom must accompany all checks (The troop can lose their campsite without payment).

Troop Committee:

- Line up the necessary adult leadership for the troops' stay at camp.
- Arrange for necessary transportation for your trip to and from camp.
- Make sure that at least two of the adults attending camp are trained at their specific level. **All adults must complete Youth Protection Training prior to attending camp.**

Patrol Leaders Council:

- Develop a list of necessary troop and patrol equipment that you need to take to camp.
- Decide on which program activities your troop and patrols would like to participate in.

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 special needs of their scout or adult leader (i.e. – diet, medical).
- Security Permission Forms

FACILITIES

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, shotgun 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, 7 miles of Mountain Biking 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-person lean-tos and Center Lodges. Four of the five Winter units have electricity.

Site Name	Unit #	Capacity
Abnaki	Summer 1	16
Cayuga A	Summer 2 A	22
Cayuga B	Summer 2 B	24
Chippewa	Summer 3	20
Dakota	Summer 4	18
Delaware A	Summer 5 A	16
Delaware B	Summer 5 B	16
Lenape	Summer 6	36
Minominee	Summer 7	30
Mohican	Summer 9	26
Onondaga A	Summer 11 A	16
Onondaga B	Summer 11 B	22
Seneca A	Summer 12 A	18
Seneca B	Summer 12 B	18
Susquenango Site(ADA compliant)	Adjacent to Summer 2	12
	Winter 1	32
	Winter 3	32
	Winter 4	32
	Winter 5	32

Campsite Notice

Each campsite at Tuscarora Scout Reservation is unique in its own special way.

Care and upkeep of the campsites throughout the summer is of the highest priority, and we will hold any unit responsible for damages, and/or misuse of the campsite. When the unit checks out, the troop guide will make them aware of any damages. The Camp Director and Camp Ranger will then decide upon fines, if necessary.

All Summer Units now have frame canopies provided for your Troop's use. We would ask that they stay where they are placed with the picnic tables to avoid any damage to them or loss of parts. Each campsite washstand and latrine has a soap dispenser provided. The Commissioner has toilet paper and garbage bags to provide as needed.

Tuscarora Scout Reservation Office Hours

The camp office will operate from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, Sundays from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. (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)

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 Wednesday at breakfast) and the Scouts will perform the cooking and execution of the eating and cleanup. **The menu will be basic, likely hot dogs and hamburgers. 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

Parents are welcome to visit camp at any time. However, because most Scouts are at camp for only one week and frequent visits interfere with the troop program and the Scouts' activities. Visitors 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 Scouts, 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 \$10.00 Children (ages 5-12) \$7.00 **Less than 5 years FREE!**

CAMP SECURITY

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, sibling) 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.
- 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 they 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. Law Enforcement may be called if it is warranted.*

TUSCARORA SCOUT RESERVATION VEHICLE POLICY

It is the policy of Tuscarora Scout Reservation that there are no vehicles in sites during the week without the permission of the Camp Director and only then for medical purposes.

Rules about vehicles in camp on SUNDAY & SATURDAY:

Each troop can use **one troop vehicle** to carry equipment between the parking lot and your campsite, at the discretion of the Camp Ranger and Camp Director. We suggest that you find someone with a truck to reduce the number of trips. Four-wheel drive vehicles are strongly encouraged.

TUSCARORA SCOUT RESERVATION SPEED LIMIT IS 10 MPH EVERYWHERE

Drive VERY SLOWLY and watch for scouts who may be too excited to watch out for you. Carry the gear, unload as soon as possible, and return the vehicle to the parking lot right away. You may use one vehicle on Friday afternoon/Saturday morning, with the same purpose and same rules.

→REMEMBER - No one may ride in the open bed of a truck.

We would ask vehicles to stay out of campsites at all other times.

You may not have vehicles in your campsite unless you have express written permission from the Camp Director. Permits are available for medical situations and in other special circumstances. The driver needs to see the Camp Director to get parking permission.

All vehicles need to be parked on hard surfaces at the parking lot. Please do not park on grass anywhere in camp.

CHECK-IN DAY

(Subject to modification)

1. Your Troop should plan to arrive as a group, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. We are unable to check any units in prior to 1:00 pm. Check-in process will begin when all scouts and camp leaders of the unit, are present, assembled, and wearing their swimming clothes, and with gear in designated staging area in the Parking Lot. **Those Troops that come for the Pre-Camp Check-In on the Tuesday prior to camp will have been assigned a check-in time. All others will be checked through as space permits.**
2. Once your Troop has all arrived and is ready (#1 above), the Senior Patrol Leader and the unit leader report to the Camp Commissioner who is stationed in the PARKING LOT PAVILION. They will pick-up their Leaders' Packet and receive updated information on Check-In. A Staff Guide will be assigned at that time to escort your unit. **(Staff Troop Guides are required for all units.)** Staff Troop Guides will be there to guide you through the day.
3. Once the unit is on the Check-in Trail, a unit Leader will stop at the Camp Office to update any fees or to verify that all information from Express Check-In Meeting is the same. Again, we will already have met but we need verification of your attendance numbers as well as to assign you a time for a meeting to review your unit account. **It is at this time we need you to turn in 3 copies of the rosters.**
4. Sunday Swim Tests- **All Scouts and Leaders must take a swim test on-site unless they are not swimming at all. Because of New York State Health Department regulations and**

National Camp Standards, we will not accept swim tests from other than our own Waterfront Staff onsite.

5. Leaders need the following for Check-In (Express Check-In would have successfully submitted ALL documentation at the pre-camp leaders' meeting):
 - a. Three copies of the unit roster with only those youth and adults attending camp. One of these copies will be used as the CHECK OUT unit roster; this roster copy stays with the unit and is used to sign out any scouts leaving camp during the week and at the end of the week. **NO PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURES ARE ON THIS FORM AT CHECK-IN TIME.**
 - b. Any Security permission forms
 - c. Medical forms (in alphabetical order please)
 - d. Any special dietary needs request
 - e. Insurance Form (if Out of Council)
6. Medical recheck. All medications are to be checked into the Health Officer at this time. Scouts' and leaders' medical forms are reviewed, and buddy tags are issued. The Unit Roster is checked to see that all Scouts on it are present at camp.

Sunday Schedule 1:00 – 5:30 Check-In, Orientation, and Settle In (Senior Patrol Leaders' and Adult Leader's Meeting at Dining Hall at 4:45pm)

5:30 Parade Field Assembly/Retreat

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Aquatics Area Orientation

7:30 Merit Badge Registration as needed

8:30 Troop Time

CHECK-OUT

1. The final Check-out time is any time between **after** the Friday night campfire and **prior** to **10:00 AM** on Saturday at the Camp Health Office.
 - a. Special arrangements can be made through the Camp Commissioner if the troop wishes to leave earlier.
 - b. All Troops must sign out with the Camp Commissioner or the Camp Ranger before leaving Camp, and have their site inspected by this person. (Part of the Campsite Check-Out Report)
2. As Scouts are leaving, have parent/guardian sign the unit roster. If the Scout is leaving during the week prior to Friday, they must sign out at Security.
3. **PLEASE BE SURE SCOUTS ARE LEAVING WITH THE PROPER/AUTHORIZED PERSON.**
4. Independent Study Merit Badges and other advancement paperwork will be presented to the Unit Leader at the Closing Ceremony which is after dinner on Friday. It will not be available earlier.

5. At the Health Lodge **Camp Patches and Medical Forms** (*forms and medications that are not picked up will be destroyed*) must be picked up for the Scouts in exchange for the following:
 - a. The signed Campsite Check-Out Report.
 - b. **Unit Roster - with ALL the Scouts with the proper/authorized parent/guardian signatures**
 - c. Camp Evaluation Forms

It is absolutely critical you pick up your unit's Health Forms before leaving camp. They must be picked up by the unit leader. When the week is over, those Health Forms will be destroyed as per DOH and NCAP Standards.

Leader Packets

*A Unit Leader's packet contains all of the advancement paperwork and other important information. This packet is available during the Closing Ceremonies on Friday night. Alternatively, units may make arrangements to have their packets mailed to them at the end of the summer with certified mail (**units pay postage**). **They will be mailed out after August 16th or later.** If a leader picks up the packet, they will be required to sign for the packet when they return to Camp. Unit Leaders are urged to check over their packets for complete paperwork as well as to ensure there are no mistakes. Concerns are much easier to address during camp and become increasingly difficult to address after Camp has ended. After August 16, we cannot guarantee the length of time nor personnel to address any concerns. Again, Unit Leaders are urged to address these concerns during their stay at camp or immediately upon receipt of their Packets. They should not wait until months after camp has ended.*

The only phone line in camp is for emergency and business purposes. **The number is 607-467-2721.** Security answers the phone and all messages are delivered to Scouts and Leaders as they are received. Please remember we are a Twelve-hundred-acre Camp, and it takes time to get messages delivered.

SCOUT LEADERS' ACTIVITIES

Some specialized adult leader training is available at camp for those adults who would like to participate. They include:

- Youth Protection
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) (through Trailblazer Program)
- Safe Swim Defense
- Safety Afloat
- Climb On Safety
- Trek Safely
- Leave No Trace
- BSA Aquatics Swimming and Water Rescue
- BSA Aquatics Supervision Paddle Craft Safety

Outpost Activities available at Tuscarora Scout Reservation

Tuscarora Scout Reservation has three outpost areas that give varying degrees of “rustic”. We offer the **Plateau Area (road above Winter Unit 2)** as an outpost area with the most available, including water, pavilion shelters, and an outhouse. We have the **Buchanan Road Outpost Area (off Laurel Lake Road past the Camp entrance)** which is a completely primitive camping area, although water and gear can be transported nearby. Finally, we have the **Deep Hollow Outpost site**. This is located in the **Southeast Corner of Camp (below the yellow and white trail)** and is completely primitive with no roads or trails. It is one of the most peaceful locations in camp. *Your Troop can take advantage of any of these areas either for one night or a couple of nights. Or take it back to the original way of Scout-camp and spend the week cooking as a Troop!! Tuscarora Scout Reservation will provide all the food if this is something you would like to do. Please call the Camping Coordinator in advance to set this up.*

With enough notice, we can even structure a program for you to make this your very own Quest Adventure!

Information on any of these special programs may be obtained from the Baden-Powell Council Service Center or our website or by e-mailing the Camp Director at Chris.Ambra@scouting.org.

Tuscarora Theme: Pirates!

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

Uniform

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

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

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.

Reporting Injuries or Illnesses

Any type of injury or illness, regardless of the severity, **MUST** be reported to and treated at the Camp Health Lodge immediately when it occurs. This applies to ALL campers, youth and adult. The Camp Health Officer is required to document all injuries or illnesses in the Camp Health Log in compliance with state guidelines, BSA National Health & Safety Standards, and insurance regulations.

The Health Officer will help facilitate contact with parents by Unit Leaders based on the nature of the injury or illness and what level of care is required. Treatment decisions will be made with parental, leader, Camp Director, and Health Officer input.

Smoke-Free Policy of the BSA

It is the responsibility of the Boy Scouts of America to protect the health and safety of the young people in our program. It is also the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that leaders may not use tobacco products in any form while in the presence of youth members.

Smoking is not permitted nor is the use of tobacco products by those under the age of 18.

In addition, extreme care should be exercised to provide a smoke-free environment for all scouting participants. All facilities, campsites, and property under control of the council are designated as non-smoking. **Smoking outside entrance/exit doors is not permitted at any location.** The Camp Director will announce the area designated for the use of tobacco products at camp.

Controlled Substances in Camp

The use of drugs or alcohol is forbidden in any scouting activity. Those found in violation of this policy will be removed from the camp's premises immediately, and the local authorities will be contacted.

Safety around Animals at Camp

Tuscarora offers a wide range of exciting adventures including the opportunity to observe many types of birds, fish, and local wildlife. These include mice, chipmunks, skunks, foxes, squirrels, porcupines, birds, fisher-cats, bear, deer, elk, beavers, otters, feral pigs and we have even hosted a peacock. They are year-round residents of Tuscarora; we are only guests. Throughout camp you will see numerous animals.

Animals often will be an exciting part of your adventures. Seeing them in their natural habitat is always a pleasure, but it is wise to remember that they are the permanent residents of camp while you are a visitor. Treat them with respect, give them enough space so they'll not feel threatened, and in return they'll seldom present a threat to your safety. When an animal feels frightened, threatened, or trapped, it may become aggressive towards a human. In the event that you are injured, seek treatment immediately.

Please be certain that you receive and review a copy of the Camp Wildlife Safety Plan upon your arrival in camp. Make certain to share this information with other adult leaders and your scouts shortly after your arrival. In general, the following policies should be followed:

Tips for Good Wildlife Stewardship

- Hike on designated trails.
- Keep a clean campsite.
- Keep food and "smellables" out of your tent. These can be left at the latrine or washstand in your site
- At night, secure food and "smellables" in a car or hang them in a bear bag at least 12 feet above the ground.
- Never approach or follow wild animals.
- Use caution when taking pictures of wild animals.
- Avoid aggressive behavior.
 - ✓ Direct eye contact
 - ✓ Following an animal that has chosen to leave
 - ✓ Walking directly toward an animal
 - ✓ Circling or standing around an animal
- Do not feed wild animals.
- Do not mistake a passive animal as a sign of safety.
- Never tease or attempt to pick up wildlife.
- Leave young animals alone; a protective mother is usually nearby.

- Stay away from dead animals and berry patches; berry patches are important food sources for bears.
- **Notify the Camp Ranger and Camp Director of any bear sightings or nuisance animals.**

For additional information or assistance, contact the Camp Director or Camp Ranger. Your safe camp experience is our commitment and priority.

Pets in Camp

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

Youth Protection

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.**

Council’s Right to Use Images/Communications of Summer Camp Participants

By attending any/all of the Baden-Powell Council Camps or events, all participants (both youth and adult) and their parents or guardians grant to the Baden-Powell Council the right to use their picture, image, or sound recording of any type in promotional and marketing materials. Please ensure that this information is communicated to parents of Scouts.

Buddy System

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

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

- 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)

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 their unit leader (if they are in a scouting unit) and their 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 they 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

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

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

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 as this is the responsibility of the Troop.

Merit Badge Counselors

All Merit Badge counselors are qualified members of the camp staff under the direct supervision of the Program Director. Area Directors at the various program areas will actually check off the requirements for each Scout who completes requirements. We are always looking to expand our merit badge opportunities at the camps. If you or one of your other adults is certified to teach a merit badge and would like to do so while you are at camp, please contact the Camp Administration as early as possible for planning purposes, but at the very least 2 weeks ahead of time.

Several merit badges offered at Camp do have work that needs to be done ahead of time (pre-requisite work). This ensures the Scouts will have less time sitting and more time doing. Later in this Guide are lists of the available Quests, their merit badges and the pre-requisites for those badges.

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 they plan 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.

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 they 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 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 through Black Pug. 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 that it began 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.

Site Canopies- All Summer Units now have frame canopies provided for your Troop's use. We would ask that they stay where they are placed with the picnic tables to avoid any damage to them or loss of parts.

Camp Internet Usage/Cell Phone Charging stations- Tuscarora Scout Reservation will have internet access at the Trading Post and the Dining Hall. This is fiber-based internet. Unit Leaders will need to supervise and are responsible for their Scouts' use of the internet including website content and time. The Camp will have the option of limiting or denying access to those who misuse the internet access.

Several charging stations will be available throughout camp for leader and scout use. All Program areas will have a designated area to charge electronic devices. Other areas include the Dining Hall,

Health Lodge, Administration Building side-porch and Parking Lot pavilion, as well as Winter Units 1-4.

Please Note- Use of both the internet as well as the charging stations is at the user's own risk. Tuscarora Scout Reservation, the Baden-Powell Council, and Camp Staff are not responsible for lost or stolen items, damage to items or any risks incurred by using the internet or charging stations. We ask the Tuscarora family to please help us take care of these items, so they are available each year for our Scouts and Leaders.

Scout Leader's Roundtable

Every day at 10:00am, Leaders may meet with members of the Camp Administration. The roundtable will be an opportunity to ask questions and to let us know what is working and what needs to be worked on. The location is at Commissioner Area 1/Quartermaster Shed. Additionally, this is a time for Scout Leaders to gather, relax, talk about issues they may be having, both inside and outside of the camp setting. Camp Administration will be available to facilitate this. During the week, the Scout Executive will come to camp and talk with all the leaders at some point.

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.

Litter

Please do not litter and do your Good Turn by helping pick up someone else's mess. Join us in our recycling effort by depositing aluminum cans in recycling containers located around camp. Cardboard and glass should be placed in the black boxes in your site or at the Dining Hall. We do recycle.

****Take Only Pictures Leave Only Footprints****

Staff Areas

These are located around camp and are off limits to all campers and leaders. The staff needs quiet time and privacy. If you should need a staff member after the Program Areas and Trading Post are closed, please go to the Health Lodge and the medic can call for a member of the Camp Administration.

Campfires

Camp-wide campfires are held on Monday and Friday Evenings. These are held at Council Point. If you have campfires in your sites, please follow safety guidelines which include water, clearing of the area, etc. Fires are at the discretion of the Camp Ranger who serves as Camp Fire Warden.

Bicycles

While the camp does own Mountain Bikes, private bicycles are not allowed in camp due to insurance policies. They create unsafe conditions for scouts walking on the trails. The only exception is approved Camp staff for program-related reasons. Mountain Bikes are available for trail-riding. Please see the Program Director.

Garbage

All garbage should be brought to the Dining Hall Parking Lot side prior to 7:00 pm each day. Please do not take it to the dumpsters located elsewhere in camp as that area is restricted and potentially hazardous. On Wednesday night Cookout nights, the Ranger Crew will be around to get the garbage.

Water

All water in camp is potable as long as it comes from the water spigots located throughout camp. We have no natural springs or geysers so if you see this, please report it to Camp Administration as soon as possible.

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 BSA and camping supplies. The trading post accepts cash, checks, and MasterCard/Visa. Hours are posted at the Trading Post.

Damage to Equipment and Facilities

All campsites and camp-owned equipment will be inspected before checking out of camp. Any damages that occur will be assessed by the Camp Director and Camp Ranger and must be paid for by the unit prior to leaving camp. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!** Damages may include lost or damaged equipment, defacing of tents or facilities, or damage to the natural environment. Please note all damage you detect upon checking into your site, so you are not charged for pre-existing damage.

Food Service (Dining Hall and Kitchen)

Units will be assigned tables Sunday and will sit at these tables for every meal. Each table will need a waiter for most meals starting Monday morning: units assign waiter duty to their scouts. Waiters report to the dining hall 15 minutes prior to each meal and stay after the meal until their table and area is cleaned and the Dining Hall Steward(ess) dismisses them.

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 28, 2022 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.*

Dining Hall Rules

- No wet bathing suits, chewing gum or hats or headgear of any kind allowed.
- Stay at your table until your unit is called.
- Running is prohibited in the Dining Hall.
- Scouts and Leaders are not permitted behind the counters unless invited by the Kitchen Director, Camp Director, or his designee.

-Disorderly conduct, food fights, and foul language will not be tolerated and will result in the unit being barred from the Dining Hall.

The method of food service and other regulations due to COVID-19 will be released once New York State DOH issues their guidance, likely in June of 2022. We will do our best to inform Scout Leaders of these changes as soon as we know them. If there is an issue during a meal, PLEASE seek out the Kitchen Director at the meal and it will be corrected. Please do this during the meal as we do not want any small mistakes to mar your entire week at camp.

Friday Night Family Barbecue

Our Family Night Pork BBQ will be held on Friday night at 6:00pm Tickets may be purchased at the Trading Post for guests. Please purchase your tickets prior to noon on Wednesday of the week your unit is at camp so we can get an accurate count for extra food.

When- Friday at 6:00 pm. Retreat follows at *approximately* 7:00 pm.

Adult -	\$10.00
Children (Age 5-12)-	\$7.00
Under 5 years old-	FREE
Campers and Leaders-	No Charge

Health and Safety

Campwide Emergency Notification

For Campwide emergencies involving Severe Weather (Tornado, Hail, etc.), Missing Camper, or Fire, the horn on the Dining Hall is blown. If there is no power at the Dining Hall, the bell at the Dining Hall will be struck repeatedly.

We will also be implementing a mass Text messaging system from Camp Administration only. Information on how to sign up for this during your week at camp will be available at the Sunday night Leader's meeting. This system will be employed as additional notification for the above emergencies as well as in the case of a dangerous intruder in Camp with instructions as to what to do. This is not a method to use to communicate with Camp Administration, only an emergency method of communication from Camp Administration to Leaders.

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 your 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.*

Program Areas Safety Plan

*Area Directors are responsible for safety and operation of their area as outlined in applicable sections of the Youth Camp Safety and Health Guidelines:

Children's Camp Safety Plan Guideline

**Campers and Leaders will be instructed in safety guidelines during their initial session in all areas.*

*Safety guidelines are to be posted in each area.

*All injured persons are to be sent to the Health Lodge. All injuries shall be reported.

Fire Prevention

Units are expected to follow the unit fireguard plan as set forth by the Boy Scouts of America. Each unit will need to appoint a unit fire warden, who will review procedures with the troop. In accordance with B.S.A. policy, liquid fuels may only be used under adult supervision. The Camp Ranger serves as Camp Fire Warden and fires in campsites are under his sole discretion.

The use of open flames in tents is prohibited.

Liquid fuel must be kept in the area designated by the Camp Director.

Chemical Fuels Policy

For safety reasons, knowledgeable adult supervision must be provided when Scouts are involved in the use, handling, lighting, or storage of chemical fuels (liquids, jellies, or gases). All fuels must be stored in a locked container. Fuel storage area is designated by Camp Ranger. Battery operated lanterns and flashlights should be used by all Scouts in camping activities, particularly around or in tents. No chemically fueled lanterns or stoves are to be used inside a tent or center lodge. Also, no candles are to be used in tents or cabins.

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.

Program Area Availability

ALL program areas in camp must be staffed in order for the Scouts and Adults to enter the area. Fishing is permitted anywhere in camp outside of the Waterfront/Aquatics area. *No one is to enter the Climbing or Shooting Sports Areas without first asking permission from the Staff.* This is to ensure the safety of all involved. Program areas are closed during all meals, Camp-wide Campfires and activities, including Vespers and Flag Ceremonies, Siesta, and in the evenings after 8:30 pm. Additional open times will be announced by Area Directors as appropriate.

TRAILBLAZERS – FIRST YEAR CAMPERS’ PROGRAM

The Trailblazers 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 and has been actively camping or meeting with your troop all winter then this program is not for him or her and he/she would be better suited in other Merit Badge programs.

However, if your newly crossed-over Webelos are coming to camp for the first time, this is the recommended program for them. Trailblazer runs all day until 3:30 pm (except for lunch and Siesta). In the afternoon the Scouts will have an opportunity to earn a merit badge or two depending on time. They can sign up with this through Black Pug in advance.

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. Having an adult they know is extremely helpful too!***

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.**

**The Tuscarora Scout Reservation Merit Badge Class Schedule will be released in early to mid January
2022**

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

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

These badges are part of individual Quest Adventures.

Merit Badge	Suggested Age at camp	Pre-camp Preparation and Cost
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)
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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)
Camping	12+	•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 •EAGLE REQUIRED
Canoeing		•Must successfully complete BSA swimmer test. •Bring shoes that get wet daily.
Communications	12+	•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. •Requirement 5 cannot be done at Camp and must be completed in advance. Scouts should bring signed evidence of this to the instructor. •EAGLE REQUIRED
Climbing	13+ (Council requirement)	•Requirement # 1 & 2 done prior to camp signed by the scout's Scoutmaster of record. (Badge is weather dependent •TIME and MATURITY (as determined by the counselor) INTENSIVE. This badge is also dependent on the weather the week you are at camp
Cooking	12+	•This badge can be time-intensive and is now Eagle Required. It is unlikely to be able to be completed in just 1 week at camp. EAGLE REQUIRED
DEC Hunter Education	12+	•Offered only on Thursday evenings and you must be in either Shotgun or Rifle Merit Badge classes
Emergency Preparedness	12+	•Combined with First Aid Merit Badge •EAGLE REQUIRED
Environmental Science	13+	•VERY TIME–INTENSIVE •EAGLE REQUIRED
Fingerprinting		•May only take one or two days to complete
First Aid		•Combined with Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge •EAGLE REQUIRED

Merit Badge	Suggested Age at camp	Pre-camp Preparation and Cost
Fishing		•Scouts should plan on bringing their own fishing gear to camp. Time-intensive and may require time outside of class.
Forestry	12+	This badge will teach the science behind tree and forest management.
Kayaking	12+	Must Pass Swimmer's Test
Indian Lore		
Leatherwork		
Lifesaving	13+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Must show completed Second Class requirements 8a through 8c and First Class requirements 9a through 9d --signed by the scout's Scoutmaster of record. •Long- pants, long sleeve shirt that buttons. No rips. •Class is a double-period. •Does NOT grant Lifeguard Certification •EAGLE REQUIRED
Metalwork	13+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •VERY TIME –INTENSIVE •Additional cost of \$15
Personal Fitness		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Requirements 1 a & b and 8. Bring a verified note of dental exam and a training log to camp signed by the scout's Scoutmaster of record. •EAGLE REQUIRED
Rifle Shooting	12+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Scout must be 12 year old (NY state law) •Obtain a copy of YOUR state hunting laws. •Must include date of birth when signing up. •Additional cost of \$10.
Rowing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Must pass BSA swimmer's test. •Bring shoes that get wet daily.
Shotgun Shooting	13+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Must be 13 years old as per State Law. Must include date of birth when signing-up. •Additional cost of \$10.
Small- Boat Sailing	13+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Must pass BSA swimmer's test. •Bring shoes that get wet daily.
Space Exploration	12+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Additional cost of \$15 for model rocket kit and supplies. •. Limited session size.
Swimming		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Must pass BSA swimmer's test. •EAGLE REQUIRED
Wilderness Survival	14+	•Recommended to do requirement 5 prior to camp AND bring it with you. Plan on spending a night out in your own shelter.
Woodcarving	12+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Locking-blade knife is REQUIRED. •Totin' Chip Card is REQUIRED.

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.

Orienteering	13+		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Basic knowledge of compass and map reading helpful. •Recommend bring own compass.
Fish & Wildlife Mgmt.		Learn all about Wildlife	•This badge is offered as an independent study.
Soil and Water Conservation		Learn the basics of Soil and water and how they affect our earth	
Weather			

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	
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	Assembly at Parade Field	
8:00		Opening Campfire					Closing Campfire

Monday through Friday

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 – 9:50 AM	Classes
10:00 – 10:50 AM	Classes
11:00- 11:50 AM	Classes

12:15 PM	Lunch (Will not be a formal sit down lunch/Siesta)
1:00 PM	Siesta/Lunch(Will not be a formal sit down lunch)
2:00 PM	Classes
3:00 PM	Optional Merit Badge/Independent Study Time
4:00 PM	Optional Merit Badge/Independent Study Time
5:00 PM	Troop and Service Time (ALL AREAS CLOSED)
5:45 PM	Retreat (Flag Lowering – Class "A" uniform) Friday - Flag will be after Dinner
6:00 PM	Dinner
	Wednesday - Troop Cookout in Campsite Friday - Family BBQ, Flag and Campfire afterward
7:15 PM	Evening Programs / Inter-Troop Challenges / Camp Wide Games Monday only – 7:15 Vespers then 8:00 Staff Campfire
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 sign up 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 all activities are subject to change.)

Tuscarora Scout Reservation

Tuscarora Scout Reservation is centrally located. Tuscarora Scout Reservation consists of 1200 acres of rolling hills with 35-acre Summit Lake.

Directions to Tuscarora Scout Reservation

From Binghamton:

Go east bound on Route 17 to Exit 81.

Turn left at the top of the ramp onto E. Bosket Road.

Turn right onto Old 17 and go about 4 miles.

Turn right onto Gulf Summit Road.

The camp entrance is .6 miles beyond the railroad tracks (Summit Lake Road).

From Points East

Go west bound on Route 17 to Exit 82 (McClure).

Turn left at the bottom of the exit and take your first right onto old route 17.

Continue 2 miles and turn left on Gulf Summit Road.

The camp entrance is .6 miles beyond the railroad tracks (Summit Lake Road).