

# TUSCARORA SCOUT RESERVATION



## SUMMER CAMP 2023 PROGRAM GUIDE FOR SCOUTS

### - Tuscarora Scout Reservation - EIGHT EXCITING PROGRAM AREAS



#### Aquatics

The waterfront on Summit Lake provides a variety of aquatic activities – including swimming, sailing, canoeing, rowing, kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, inflatables, waterslide and more!



#### Climbing

Tuscarora Scout Reservation is home to a 40-foot, three-sided climbing and rappelling tower. Scouts can come for afternoon open climbs or earn Climbing merit badge in special evening sessions.



#### Eagle's Nest

This program area helps Scouts on the trail to Eagle develop life skills with several Eagle-required merit badges, including communications, first aid, and the citizenships.



#### Handicraft

This area focuses on a wide-range of arts, crafts, and trade skills. Handicraft allows Scouts to build skills in basket making, leatherworking, wood carving, game design, painting, and more.



#### Nature

At our Nature area Scouts get investigate the natural world. The area offers a variety of merit badges along with nature hikes, conservation projects, astronomy demos, and fishing opportunities.



#### Scoutcraft

Scoutcraft is the place to develop and showcase your outdoor skills - including camping, cooking, pioneering, orienteering, wilderness survival and overall outdoor living.



#### Shooting Sports

Tuscarora's shooting sports programs provide opportunities in archery, rifle, and shotgun shooting. In addition to merit badge instruction, the area offers daily open shoots for Scouts and leaders.



#### Trailblazer

Trailblazers is Tuscarora's first-year camper program. Throughout the week, Scouts will build skills while completing requirements for the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class.

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## Merit Badges

Merit badges are a big portion of the summer camp experience, and we want to ensure Scouts are successful in earning all the badges they set out for. **Be prepared!** Scouts should review the requirements for each badge they intend on taking before coming to camp.

Due to the nature of some requirements, and the limitations of the summer camp setting, some requirements cannot be completed in the merit badge classes at camp. Scouts should be sure to complete any necessary pre-requisite requirements before coming to camp. In many cases a signed note from a Scout leader is sufficient to show proof of a pre-requisite; or bringing a copy of the written requirement (such as a report, letter or menu). Be sure to complete the pre-requisites prior to camp to ensure a complete badge at the end of the week.

## Independent Study Badges

During the sixth period block (4PM-5PM), Scouts can take advantage of select independent study opportunities. Scouts will be provided with time and space to work independently on several merit badges. Staff will not work directly with them, but will be available to answer questions, assist where needed, and sign off requirements once they are completed.

These are not formal, structured sessions with instruction, but rather the Scout can work on their own on these badges. Badges previously taught at camp (partials earned in previous years) can also often be wrapped up and completed as an Independent Study by speaking with the appropriate counselor.

## Trailblazers – First Year Camper Program

The Trailblazers program is Tuscarora's first year camper program. Throughout the week, Scouts will build many of the skills necessary to complete requirements for the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. In the afternoon the Scouts will have an opportunity to earn a merit badge or two and participate in open programs throughout the camp.

The program covers first aid, cooking, hiking, map and compass skills, Totin' Chip, Firem'n Chit, nature identification, knots and lashings, as well time at the waterfront swimming and boating.

Troops with Scouts in the Trailblazer program should send an adult leader with them to assist with instruction, and to verify the skills each Scout learns and masters.

## Survivor Challenges - 2023 Theme Events

Outwit, outplay, outlast! This summer troops will be challenged to compete in a series of daily Survivor games and competitions to test their teamwork, endurance, strength and Scouting know-how. Gain rewards and have fun as we see who will survive.

## Early Bird Morning Programs

Rise and shine and start your day with an exciting "early bird" program. Participate in special morning shooting at the ranges, take a refreshing dip in the lake at the Polar Bear Plunge, and enjoy a tranquil guided nature hike. A different program is held each morning (Tuesday through Thursday) at 6:30AM and is a great way to start your day.

## Fun Afternoon Open Programs

Camp is more than just merit badges. Open programs will be available each afternoon for Scouts. These activities include open swimming and boating at Waterfront, open climbing at the Climbing Wall, open shooting at Shooting Sports, special crafts, exciting games, hikes, service projects, special presentations, competitions, and more.

## Exciting Evening Programs

Special evening programs and presentations will be held throughout the week. Evening activities include troop competitions, beach party, special shooting sports opportunities, craft workshops, game nights, cooking demos, campfires, and more.

## Wednesday Evening Troop Cook-Out

On Wednesday evening, the dining hall will not provide a cooked meal; instead, troops will be provided with ingredients to cook their own dinner. Troops are encouraged to bring their own cooking equipment and mess kits to prepare and eat the meal in their campsite. We will supply the food; the menu will be basic, likely hot dogs and hamburgers. But if you want to order a pizza and have it picked up/dropped off this is fine too.

## Tusky Ranger Award

Each year Tuscarora Scout Reservation offers segments for the Tusky Ranger Award. The program, administered by the Tuscarora Ranger and Commissioner, emphasizes Scout Spirit at Tuscarora. The patch is earned by a combination of achievement, service, and Scout Spirit.

## Adult Leader Programs

Why should the Scouts have all the fun? Throughout the week we will have special opportunities for Scout leaders to socialize and have hands-on fun. We are also excited to offer adult leader training opportunities – including Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) training. This training helps adult leaders deliver quality Scouting experiences to their youth.

## Additional Program Opportunities

Tuscarora Scout Reservation has a lot to offer Scouts! Additional open activities available throughout the week for troops and Scouts to experience include: Gaga Ball, Mountain Biking, Bear Cave Hike, Tuscarora Scout Reservation Museum Tours, Waterslide and Log Rolling at Waterfront, Tie-Dyeing, and more.

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 <b>Archeology</b>	 <b>Geology</b>
 <b>Archery</b>	 <b>Hiking</b> <span style="color: #C07040;">(INDEPENDENT STUDY BADGE)</span> Must complete requirement 4 prior to camp.
 <b>Art</b>	 <b>Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills</b> Adult leader training course.
 <b>Astronomy</b>	 <b>Kayaking</b> Must be able to pass the BSA swimmers test.
 <b>Basketry</b>	 <b>Leatherwork</b>
 <b>BSA Stand-up Paddleboarding</b> Must be able to pass the BSA swimmers test.	 <b>Lifesaving</b> Bring proof of requirements 2a and 16b.
 <b>Camping</b> Bring proof of requirements 7, 8d, and 9.	 <b>Mammal Study</b> <span style="color: #C07040;">(INDEPENDENT STUDY BADGE)</span>
 <b>Canoeing</b> Must be able to pass the BSA swimmers test.	 <b>Mile Swim BSA</b> <span style="color: #C07040;">(INDEPENDENT STUDY BADGE)</span> Must be a strong swimmer.
 <b>Citizenship in Society</b> Recommended for older Scouts.	 <b>Nature</b>
 <b>Citizenship in the Nation</b> Bring proof of requirements 7 and 8.	 <b>Painting</b>
 <b>Climbing – Must be at least 13 years old</b> Evening class; bring proof of requirements 1 and 2.	 <b>Personal Fitness</b> <span style="color: #C07040;">(INDEPENDENT STUDY BADGE)</span> Must complete requirements 6, 7 and 8 prior to camp.
 <b>Communications</b> Bring proof of requirement 5.	 <b>Photography</b> Bring your own camera (or mobile device with a camera).
 <b>Cooking</b> Bring proof of requirements 4, 5 and 6.	 <b>Pioneering</b>
 <b>Emergency Preparedness</b> Bring proof of requirements 1, 2c, and 8b.	 <b>Rifle Shooting – Must be at least 13 years old</b> Bring proof of requirement 1f (copy of your state laws).
 <b>Environmental Science</b> Bring proof of requirement 3e (do one of the options).	 <b>Shotgun Shooting – Must be at least 14 years old</b> Bring proof of requirement 1f (copy of your state laws).
 <b>Exploration</b> Bring proof of requirements 4 and 5.	 <b>Small-boat Sailing</b> Must be able to pass the BSA swimmers test.
 <b>Fingerprinting</b> <span style="color: #C07040;">(INDEPENDENT STUDY BADGE)</span>	 <b>Space Exploration</b>
 <b>Fire Safety</b> Bring proof of requirement 11.	 <b>Swimming</b> Must be able to pass the BSA swimmers test.
 <b>First Aid</b> Bring proof of requirements 1 and 5.	 <b>Theater</b> Bring proof of requirement 1.
 <b>Fish &amp; Wildlife Management</b>	 <b>Trailblazer – First-year camper program</b> Select Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class requirements.
 <b>Fishing</b> Bring your own fishing gear.	 <b>Weather</b>
 <b>Forestry</b>	 <b>Wilderness Survival</b> Be prepared to spend a night out in your own shelter.
 <b>Game Design</b>	 <b>Wood Carving</b> Bring proof of requirement 2a and a locking-blade knife.

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**2023 MERIT BADGE SCHEDULE**

	PERIOD 1 9:00 – 9:50	PERIOD 2 10:00 – 10:50	PERIOD 3 11:00 – 11:50	PERIOD 4 2:00 – 2:50	PERIOD 5 3:00 – 3:50	PERIOD 6 4:00 – 4:50
<b>Aquatics</b> (Waterfront)	Lifesaving		Canoeing	Kayaking	<i>Open Waterfront Swimming &amp; Boating</i>	
	Kayaking	Canoeing	Swimming	Swimming		
	BSA Stand-up Paddleboarding	Small-boat Sailing		<i>Instructional Swim</i>		
<b>Climbing Tower</b>					<i>Open Climbing</i>	
<b>Eagle's Nest</b>	Citizenship in the Nation	Emergency Preparedness	First Aid	Communications	Citizenship in Society	<i>Independent Study (Personal Fitness)</i>
<b>Handicraft</b>	Leatherwork	Wood Carving	Painting	Basketry	Art	<i>Independent Study (Fingerprinting)</i>
	Theater	Space Exploration	Photography	Game Design		<i>Open Crafts &amp; Games</i>
<b>Nature</b>	Nature	Archeology	Astronomy	Environmental Science	Forestry	<i>Independent Study (Mammal Study)</i>
	Geology	Weather	Fish & Wildlife Management	Fishing		<i>Open Hikes &amp; Conservation Projects</i>
<b>Scoutcraft</b>	Camping	Cooking		Exploration		<i>Independent Study (Hiking)</i>
	Fire Safety	Pioneering		Wilderness Survival	Camping	<i>Open Demos &amp; Outdoor Skills</i>
<b>Shooting Sports</b>	Archery		<i>Open Archery</i>	Archery		<i>Open Archery</i>
	Shotgun Shooting		<i>Open Shotgun</i>	Rifle Shooting		<i>Open Rifle</i>
<b>Trailblazer</b>	<i>First-Year Camper Program</i>			<i>Remedial Instruction (Totin' Chip &amp; Firem'n Chit)</i>		
<b>Adult Leader Programs</b>	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills					

# - Tuscarora Scout Reservation - 2023 Weekly Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
6:30	Arrival & Check-in						Check-out & Departure	
7:00			Morning Marksman	Polar Bear Plunge	Sunrise Hike			
7:30								
8:00		Colors	Colors	Colors	Colors	Colors		
8:30		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast		Breakfast
9:00								
9:30								
10:00		Morning Programs	Morning Programs	Morning Programs	Morning Programs	Morning Programs		
10:30								
11:00		Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs		
11:30								
12:00								
12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch			
1:00								
1:30	<i>Siesta</i>	<i>Siesta</i>	<i>Siesta</i> SPL Meeting	<i>Siesta</i> OA Service Project	<i>Siesta</i>			
2:00								
2:30	Afternoon Programs	Afternoon Programs	Afternoon Programs	Afternoon Programs	Afternoon Programs			
3:00								
3:30	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs			
4:00								
4:30	Open Programs	Open Programs	Open Programs	Open Programs	Open Programs			
5:00								
5:30	Colors	Colors			Colors	Colors		
6:00				Troop Cookout				
6:30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		Dinner	Dinner (Family BBQ)		
7:00								
7:30	Leader's Meeting	Evening Programs	Evening Programs		Evening Programs			
8:00				Camp-wide Survivor Games				
8:30	Camp-wide Campfire	Shooting Challenge, Beach Party & Other Programs	Aquatics Challenge, Tie-dye, Cook-off, & Other Programs		Scoutcraft Challenge, Game Night & Other Programs	Camp-wide Campfire		
9:00								
9:30								
10:00	<i>Taps</i>	<i>Taps</i>	<i>Taps</i>	<i>Taps</i>	<i>Taps</i>	<i>Taps</i>	* Tentative Schedule Subject to Change	

# - Tuscarora Scout Reservation - WHAT TO BRING TO SUMMER CAMP

Any good Scout should *be prepared* and bring the necessary items when they go camping. Here is a suggested list of things to bring. Talk with your troop leaders for specific guidance on how to pack and what to bring to camp.

## Suggested Personal Gear:

- Scout uniform(s)
- Extra shirts
- Extra pants/shorts
- Socks
- Underwear
- Rain gear
- Swimsuit
- Sleepwear
- Sneakers
- Hiking boots
- Water shoes (or closed-toe footwear that can get wet)
- Warm sweater, sweatshirt and/or jacket
- Towels
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Sleeping bag / blankets
- Pillow
- Flashlight (with extra batteries)
- Water bottle
- Ground cloth or small tarp
- Watch
- Wallet with money
- Notebook with pen/pencil
- Merit badge pre-requisites
- Scouts BSA Handbook
- Pocket knife
- Fishing gear
- Mess kit (cup, plate, and bowl)
- Utensils (fork, knife, and spoon)
- Folding camp chair
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Bandanna
- Hawaiian shirt / Luau attire (for Survivor beach party)

## Suggested Troop Gear:

- Copies of all necessary paperwork
- First aid kit
- Troop and patrol flags
- Matches
- Lantern(s)
- Rope / twine
- Axes / saws
- Troop cookware (for Wednesday cookout)
- Extra pens / pencils and notebook paper

## Packing Tips

**Label your gear:** Scouts should mark all their personal gear! Many times, items are lost or misplaced and never claimed. Placing a name and unit number on items can prevent such losses and helps us reconnect Scouts with lost or found items.

**The Tuscarora Trading Post:** The trading post is open most of the day and has many items that you may want to purchase. You'll find a wide variety of items including camping supplies, T-shirts and apparel, snacks, slushies, drinks, souvenirs, and much more. Please be sure you bring the appropriate spending money so as to not feel left out. We recommend bringing between \$25 to \$50 for the week.

**Electronics:** Every troop has their own unique policy. However Scouts should be encouraged to leave all electronics at home. These devices take away from the summer camp experience. They can promote homesickness and often lead to other problems. Valuables should also be left at home; Camp Tuscarora is not responsible for broken or lost items.

**Make sure you can handle your gear:** Scouts are in charge of their own stuff at camp, so you need to know what's in your bag and where it's packed (for this reason we highly discourage parents from packing for their Scout). Remember that your stuff is your responsibility. While you won't need to haul your gear miles to your campsite, you do want to make sure you can move it by yourself... and remember it has to fit in your tent. A lightweight duffelbag is simple, roomy, and easily squishable under a cot.

**Pack for all weather:** Camp program doesn't stop on account of rain, so be sure to bring raingear (a few extra pairs of socks and a dry pair of shoes can make all the difference during a rainy week). A small and inexpensive plastic tarp can give extra rain protection for Scouts and their gear — it can provide a dry place to sit after a rainstorm, be hung or used as cover on a rainy day, or provide extra coverage over a leaking tent during an extended rain shower. Also note that the average daily high at camp in July is around 78°F, and it can also get chilly at night (Tuscarora sees an average nighttime low of 59°F in the month of July). A sweatshirt or fleece and a pair of long pants can make the cool evenings and mornings more comfortable.

**Stay organized:** Don't just toss everything into your bag—keep your gear neat, clean and organized! Ziploc bags are your friends; they come in every possible size—even super-huge—and they're watertight and waterproof. Packing your stuff in Ziplock bags can help keep your gear clean and organized throughout the week. Plus you can be confident that it won't get wet or ruined if wind and rain come through your campsite at 3AM.

**Still have questions:** Talk to your Scoutmaster or other Scouts in your troop for guidance on what to bring (and what not to bring) to summer camp. Chances are they have a lot of advice on what to bring (and what to leave at home).

# CAMP TUSCARORA

