

TUSCARORA SCOUT RESERVATION



SUMMER CAMP 2024 PROGRAM GUIDE

- Tuscarora Scout Reservation - TEN EXCITING PROGRAM AREAS



Aquatics

The waterfront on Summit Lake provides a variety of aquatic activities – including swimming, sailing, canoeing, rowing, kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, Action Tower, 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, pottery and more.



Mining Camp **NEW**

Earn special theme-related merit badges, master the art of gem panning as you run your own sluice box, traverse the legendary gold rush trails, and embark on quests for hidden gems.



Music & Arts **NEW**

This NEW program area lets Scouts showcase their creative sides with a wide range of merit badges and programs that allow them to create, perform and express themselves.



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, special presentations, 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.

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. The program will include the opportunity to earn a merit badge or two.

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.

The Tuscarora Mining Company – 2024 Theme

Unearth adventure at camp in 2024. Become a prospector and stake your claim for excitement and treasures untold. Our special Mining Camp area awaits, offering an immersive experience for Scouts – master the art of gem panning, traverse the legendary gold rush trails, embark on quests for hidden gems and gold nuggets, and even run your own sluice box.

Scouts will be able to work on earning special theme-related merit badges this summer in our pop-up Mining Camp program area; including Mining in Society, Geology, Archaeology, Exploration, and Soil & Water Conservation. Plus, the week will feature other special theme-related programs and challenges. Scouts will have the chance to earn rewards and have fun as they compete to collect hidden gems from the hills of Tuscarora. Be prepared to unearth loads of fun!

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 tower, 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 also be held throughout the week. Evening activities include troop competitions, beach party, hikes, shooting sports opportunities, craft workshops, game nights, cooking demos, campfires, theme events, and more.

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 special training opportunities – including the BSA's Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) training for adults. This training helps leaders deliver quality Scouting experiences to their units and the youth in the program.

Additional aquatics leadership trainings are also offered at Waterfront, including BSA Safe Swim Defense, Safety, Swimming & Water Rescue and Paddle Craft Safety.

Tuscarora Honor Camper Award

Campers who have attended three (or more) summers at Scouts BSA summer camp at Camp Tuscarora are invited to join our special honor society with a fellowship cracker barrel on Monday and service projects throughout the week. Third-year campers who complete a service project and show good Scout spirit while at camp can earn a special Camp Tuscarora neckerchief.

Additional Program Opportunities

Tuscarora Scout Reservation has a lot to offer Scouts! Additional activities available throughout the week for troops and Scouts to experience include Gaga Ball, mountain biking, hiking, fishing, Tuscarora museum tours, conquering the Action Tower at Waterfront, OA ceremonies, service projects, outposts, and more!

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 Animation	 Insect Study
 Archeology ≈2024 theme badge≈	 Kayaking Must be able to pass the BSA swimmers test.
 Archery	 Leatherwork
 Art	 Lifesaving Bring proof of requirements 2a and 16b.
 Basketry	 Mining in Society ≈2024 theme badge≈
 BSA Stand-up Paddleboarding Must be able to pass the BSA swimmers test.	 Music
 Camping Bring proof of requirements 7, 8d, and 9.	 Nature
 Canoeing Must be able to pass the BSA swimmers test.	 Photography Bring your own camera (or mobile device with a camera).
 Chess Recommended to bring a chess set to camp.	 Pioneering
 Citizenship in the Nation Bring proof of requirements 7 and 8.	 Pottery
 Citizenship in the World Bring proof of requirement 7.	 Rifle Shooting – Must be at least 13 years old Bring proof of requirement 1f (copy of your state laws).
 Climbing – Must be at least 13 years old Evening class; bring proof of requirements 1 and 2.	 Rowing
 Communications Bring proof of requirement 5.	 Salesmanship Bring proof of requirement 5.
 Cooking Bring proof of requirements 4, 5 and 6.	 Shotgun Shooting – Must be at least 13 years old Bring proof of requirement 1f (copy of your state laws).
 Emergency Preparedness Bring proof of requirements 1, 2c, and 8b.	 Signs Signals & Codes
 Environmental Science Bring proof of requirement 3e (do one of the options).	 Small-boat Sailing Must be able to pass the BSA swimmers test.
 Exploration ≈2024 theme badge≈ Bring proof of requirement 5.	 Soil & Water Conservation ≈2024 theme badge≈
 First Aid Bring proof of requirement 5.	 Space Exploration
 Fish & Wildlife Management	 Swimming Must be able to pass the BSA swimmers test.
 Fishing Bring your own fishing gear.	 Theater Bring proof of requirement 1.
 Forestry	 Weather
 Geology ≈2024 theme badge≈	 Wilderness Survival Be prepared to spend a night out in your own shelter.
 Hiking Independent study; bring proof of requirements 4 and 5.	 Wood Carving Bring proof of requirement 2a and a locking-blade knife.

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2024 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
Aquatics (Waterfront)	Kayaking	Canoeing	Canoeing	Kayaking	Open Waterfront Swimming & Boating	
	Lifesaving	Rowing	Swimming	Swimming		
	<i>Snorkeling BSA & BSA Stand-up Paddleboarding</i>	Small-boat Sailing		<i>Instructional Swim</i>		
Climbing Tower					Open Climbing	
Eagle's Nest	Citizenship in the Nation	Citizenship in the World	Communications	First Aid	Emergency Preparedness	
Handicraft	Leatherwork	Chess	Salesmanship	Signs, Signals, & Codes	Basketry	Open Crafts & Games
	Pottery	Space Exploration		Wood Carving	Pottery	
Mining Camp	Soil & Water Conservation	Geology	Archeology	Mining in Society	Exploration	
Music & Arts	Photography	Theater	Animation	Music	Art	
Nature	Nature	Forestry	Environmental Science	Fish & Wildlife Management	Fishing	Open Programs & Conservation Projects
				Weather	Insect Study	
Scoutcraft	Camping	Cooking		Camping	Wilderness Survival	Open Demos & Outdoor Skills
	Wilderness Survival	Pioneering				
Shooting Sports	Archery		Open Shoots Archery (everyday) Shotgun (Mon/Wed/Fri) Rifle (Tue/Thu)	Archery		Open Shoots Archery (everyday) Rifle (Mon/Wed/Fri) Shotgun (Tue/Thu)
	Shotgun Shooting			Rifle Shooting		
Trailblazer	<i>First-Year Camper Program</i>			<i>First-Year Camper Program (...continued)</i>		
Adult Leader Programs	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills					

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- Tuscarora Scout Reservation - 2024 Weekly Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday					
6:30												
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		Leaders Meeting	Leaders Meeting	Leaders Meeting	Leaders Meeting	Leaders Meeting		<i>Check-out & Departure</i>				
9:30		Morning Programs	Morning Programs	Morning Programs	Morning Programs	Morning Programs						
10:00									Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs
10:30												
11:00												
11:30												
12:00												
12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch							
1:00	<i>Arrival & Check-in</i>											
1:30		<i>Siesta</i>	<i>Siesta</i>	<i>Siesta</i> SPL Meeting	<i>Siesta</i> OA Service Project	<i>Siesta</i>						
2:00		Afternoon Programs	Afternoon Programs	Afternoon Programs	Afternoon Programs	Afternoon Programs						
2:30							Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs		
3:00												
3:30												
4:00		Open Programs	Open Programs	Open Programs	Open Programs	Open Programs						
4:30												
5:00						Scouts' Own Service						
5:30		Colors	Colors	Colors	Colors	Colors	Colors					
6:00	Dinner (Family Picnic)	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner						
6:30												
7:00	Leader's Meeting	Evening Programs	Evening Programs	Camp-wide Mine Town Shindig	Evening Programs							
7:30												
8:00	Camp-wide Campfire	Theme Shoot, Beach Party & Other Programs	Aquatics Challenge, Theme Crafts, & Other Programs		Theme Hike, Game Night & Other Programs	Camp-wide Campfire						
8:30												
9:00		Honor Camper Cracker Barrel										
9:30												
10:00	<i>Taps</i>	<i>Taps</i>	<i>Taps</i>	<i>Taps</i>	<i>Taps</i>	<i>Taps</i>						

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- 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

Suggested Troop Gear:

- Copies of all necessary paperwork
- First aid kit
- Troop and patrol flags
- Matches
- Lantern(s)
- Rope / twine
- Axes / saws
- 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).

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