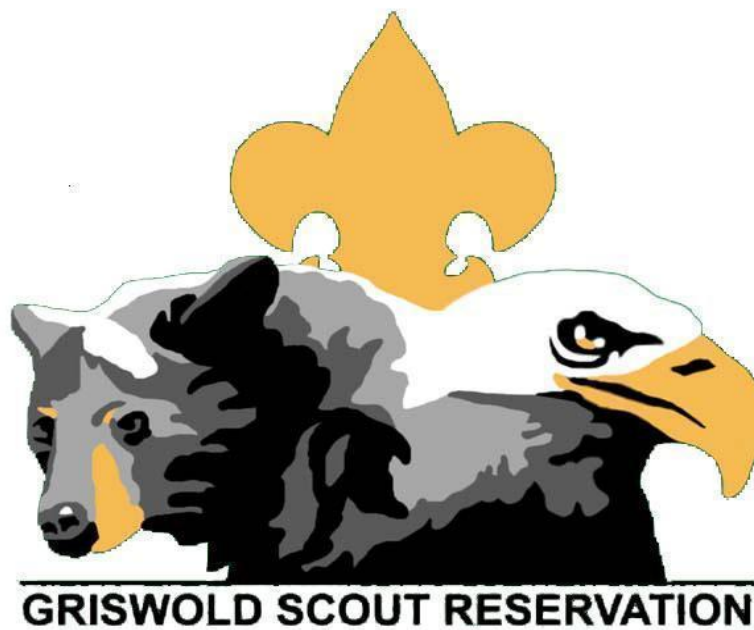


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Camp Bell

Considerations for Program Areas

Aquatics	Bathing Suit (one-piece suit for females) Standard clothing, as well Towel for drying off Personal Goggles (optional) Sandals around beach area, only (optional)
All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)	Long sleeve shirt, long pants & boots which cover ankles and have a heel Gloves are optional, but recommended Must be 14+ or 16+ to ride (different machines) There is additional registration paperwork & \$25 charge ASI Training Course must be complete before trail riding
Challenge Valley	Clothes & footwear you do not mind getting very dirty Change of clothes Towel
Climbing Barn	Athletic shoes for climbing Flexible clothing you can move easily
Farm	Long pants / Footwear / Boots w/‘heel’ (Equestrian) \$25 charge for some equestrian programs
Foxfire	Long-sleeve shirt & long pants (blacksmithing)
Logging Camp	Long-sleeve shirt & long pants preferred Personal Mess Kit preferred Note: Bug Spray is highly recommended

Other Camp Bell Considerations

Cast Iron Chef Competition	Specialty Food Items (optional)
Flag Ceremonies	Troop Flag & Patrol Flags
Curlews (new Scouts)	Refer to Overnight Outpost checklist
Order of the Arrow (OA) Day	OA Sash (optional)
Patrol / Campsite Cooking	Specialty Cookware (optional) Specialty Spices (optional)
Venturing Day	Venturing Crew Uniform (optional)

Note:

NYLT checks into Bell on Sunday at 12noon and is dismissed following Saturday dismissal at 8am.

Hidden Valley

Considerations for Program Areas

Aquatics	Bathing Suit (one-piece suit for females) Standard clothing, as well Towel for drying off Personal Goggles (optional) Sandals around beach area, only (optional)
Ecology	Sturdy Shoes / Daypack / Water for plenty of walking
Emergency Skills	Refer to daypack checklist
First Year Program	Sturdy Shoes / Daypack / Water for plenty of walking
Handicraft	May need to purchase a kit or supplies at the Trading Post T-Shirts for Tie-Dying (available at Trading Post)
Scoutcraft	Refer to daypack checklist
Shooting Sports	Purchase Shotgun Tickets at Trading Post before shooting
STEM	HAM Radios are acceptable for Radio MB Rocket kits can be brought for Space Exploration MB Will need to purchase a Welding kit at Trading Post

Other Hidden Valley Considerations

Fishing around camp	Bring Personal Fishing or Fly Fishing Equipment
Flag Ceremonies	Troop Flag & Patrol Flags
Ironman	Running Shoes (optional) and swim suit
Order of the Arrow (OA) Day	OA Sash (optional)
Patch Trading	Scouting Memorabilia / Patches (optional)
Trail to Eagle Workshops	Project proposal / write-ups, drafts, etc. (optional)
Venturing Day	Venturing Crew Uniform (optional)

Notes for all Merit Badges offered at GSR (both HV & Bell):

No Blue Cards need to be submitted for Merit Badges (both camps, all programs).

Our registration system will allow Units to produce all Blue Cards (complete & partial) after conclusion of the week.

This registration system will remain accessible into the 'off-season' for Unit access / printing at any time you wish.

GSR Merit Badges – 2020 – Alphabetically

New Scout: 11-12 years old // Middle Scout: 12-14 years old // Older Scout: 14-17 years old

Emblem	Title Program area	Recommendations/ Requirements	Prerequisite
	Animal Science Bell: Farm	Good for middle/older Scouts	Previous research is encouraged for all Req's
	Archery HV: Shooting Sports Bell: Mountain Man	Good for middle/older Scouts	Do NOT bring bow or arrows to camp Req. 1c: Know local/state laws May need extra practice time / shooting
	Art HV: Handicraft	Great for new Scouts Good for middle/older Scouts	May bring personal supplies, if desired If off-site visit (Req. 6) took place, bring proof Sketch pad is recommended
	Athletics HV : EMS	Good for middle/older Scouts	Running Shoes recommended Req. 3a-b, 3d, and 5 should be done before camp
	Backpacking GSR: Valley Voyageur GSR: White Mtn. Voyageur GSR: Valley Adventures	By special arrangement only Not for new Scouts Good for middle Scouts Preferred for older Scouts	Previous work with Leave No Trace preferred See Voyageur Packing List. Req. 10 can only be partially completed in camp
	Basketry HV: Handicraft	Great for new Scouts! Good for middle/older Scouts	Must bring (or buy at TP) the following kits: a) Square Basket, b) Round Basket, c) Campstool Seat
	Bugling HV: By appt. w/ Prog. Dir. Bell: By appt. w/Prog. Dir.	Good for Scouts of all ages	Must bring a bugle, trumpet or cornet to camp Be competent playing all calls found in Req. 3 before camp Req. 6 cannot be completed in camp
	Camping HV: Scoutcraft Bell: Brownsea GSR: Valley Adventures or... see your Commissioner	Not for new Scouts Good for middle/older Scouts	Req. 4b should be completed before camp Bring items for 5e; prepare to be inspected. Req's 8d & 9b must happen outside of class Bring proof for Req. 9a (and/or 9b) Recommended to bring personal camping gear Recommended to bring MB Book
	Canoeing HV: Sunset Waterfront GSR: River Voyager	Not for new Scouts Preferred for older Scouts Requires strength / dexterity	Must pass BSA swimmer's test Completed Swimming MB preferred

	Chess HV: Handicraft	Not for new Scouts Good for middle/older Scouts	May bring personal chess set (or buy at TP) Req's 3 & 6 must be done outside of class Will require many chess games outside of class
	Citizenship in the Nation	Older Scouts only (13+)	Req. 2 must be completed outside of camp Req. 3 should be done before camp
	Citizenship in the World	Older Scouts only (13+)	Req. 3a should be considered before camp Req's 4b & 7 should be done before camp
	Climbing HV: COPE Bell: Climbing Barn GSR: Granite High Adventure	Not preferred for new Scouts Good for middle Scouts Preferred for older Scouts	All personal gear must be approved by the Staff Req's 9-11 may require extra non-class time
	Communication HV: Emergency Skills Bell: By appt. w/ Prog. Dir.	Not for new Scouts Preferred for older Scouts	Must allocate hours for 'outside of class' req's Req's 1, 3, 4, 7, 8 are completed outside of class Req's 5 & 7 should be done before camp
	Cooking HV: Scoutcraft Bell: Brownsea or... see your Commissioner	By special arrangement only Not for new Scouts Good for middle/older Scouts	Bring proof of Req. 4 to camp Req. 6 will require additional time & planning
	Cycling GSR: Valley Adventures GSR: Bike Voyageur	For older Scouts 13+, only	Req. 7B: c & d will not be completed in camp
	Disabilities Awareness HV: Easter Seals Lodge	Great for all ages	Collaborates with Easter Seals, Camp Sno-Mo
	Electricity HV: STEAM	Not for new Scouts Preferred for middle / older	All materials will be provided by GSR
	Electronics HV: STEAM	Good for middle/older Scouts	All materials will be provided by GSR
	Emergency Preparedness HV: Emergency Skills Bell: Brownsea	Not for new Scouts Preferred for older Scouts	Must have completed First Aid MB (Req. 1) Cannot take simultaneously with First Aid MB Req. 2c & 6c should be done before camp Bring items (or buy at TP) for Req. 8b's Personal Emergency Service Pack & Family Emergency Kit (both are quite extensive). <i>NOTE: A picture showing all items of these kits might be permissible if necessary items are seen.</i>

	Energy HV: Ecology	Not for new Scouts Preferred for middle Scouts Good for older Scouts	1a, 4 and 4a should be done before camp
	Environmental Science HV: Ecology Bell: Native American	Not for new/middle Scouts Preferred for older Scouts	Req 3f(1) should be done before camp Lots of hiking around Reservation Requires several written reports
	Fingerprinting HV: Handicraft	Great for all ages	May require additional class time depending on volume of Scouts taking this badge
	Fire Safety HV: Handicraft	Not for new Scouts Good for middle/older Scouts	Req. 6 should be done before camp Involves afternoon visit to Gilmanston Fire Dept.
	First Aid HV: Emergency Skills Bell: Brownsea, or Appt. w/Prog. Dir.	Not for new Scouts Good for middle/older Scouts (Rank of 1 st Class or higher)	Must have completed First Aid req's from the Tenderfoot, 2 nd Class & 1 st Class Ranks Bring items (or buy at TP) for Req. 5's Patrol/Home 1 st Aid Kit (bandages [roller, adhesive, elastic, triangular, etc.], tape, alcohol swabs, gauze, moleskin, gel pads, antibiotic ointment, soap/sanitizer, scissors, tweezers, safety pins, non-latex gloves, goggles, CPR shield and pen/paper) An inspection of the troop's first aid kit is also required
	Fish and Wildlife Management HV: Ecology	Not for new Scouts Preferred for middle Scouts Good for older Scouts	Lots of hiking around Reservation
	Fishing HV: Ecology	Not for new Scouts Preferred for middle Scouts Good for older Scouts	Bring personal fishing gear (or buy at TP) Cook a Fish Req. 10 time will be decided at camp Will require several hours of fishing outside class
	Forestry HV: Ecology Bell: Logging Camp	Not for new Scouts Preferred for middle Scouts Good for older Scouts	Lots of hiking around Reservation Req 5 not likely at Camp Bell Research Req 8 prior to camp
	Game Design HV: Handicraft	Not for new Scouts Good for middle Scouts Preferred for older Scouts	Scouts should review Req. 1a before camp
	Gardening Bell: Farm	Good for Scouts of all ages	Req's 2, 4, 5 are difficult to complete in camp Req. 8 cannot be completed in camp
	Geocaching HV: Scoutercraft Bell: Brownsea	Not for new Scouts Preferred for middle Scouts Good for older Scouts	Bring personal GPS unit and compass, if possible Req's 8 & 9 should be done before camp

	Geology HV: Ecology	Not for new Scouts Preferred for middle Scouts Good for older Scouts	Lots of hiking around Reservation
	Hiking GSR: Valley Voyageur GSR: White Mtn. Voyageur	By special arrangement only Not for new Scouts Good for middle Scouts Preferred for older Scouts	Req's 4-6 cannot be completed in one camp week
	Horsemanship Bell: Farm	Not preferred for new Scouts Good for middle Scouts Preferred for older Scouts Involves balance and interaction with live horses	Must wear long pants to ride Must wear boots with heels to ride Req's 11c & 11d are difficult for first-time riders
	Indian Lore Bell: Native American	Good for Scouts of all ages	Req. 3 may require additional time outside of program
	Inventing HV: STEAM by appointment	By Special Arrangement Not for new Scouts Good for middle/older Scouts	Scouts can bring materials for 6a and 6b 8a / 8b must be done before camp
	Kayaking HV: Sunset Waterfront Bell: Waterfront GSR: Valley Voyageur GSR: Valley Adventures	Not for new Scouts Good for middle/older Scouts Requires strength / dexterity	Must pass BSA swimmer's test Completed Swimming MB preferred Totally separate from Kayaking BSA Award May be earned concurrently with Kayaking BSA
	Leatherwork HV: Handicraft Bell: Foxfire	Great for new Scouts! Good for middle/older Scouts	Bring (or buy at TP) a kit for Req. 3
	Lifesaving HV: Main Waterfront Bell: Waterfront	Not for new Scouts Preferred for older Scouts	Must pass BSA swimmer's test Must have completed 2 nd Class req's 5a-5d Must have completed 1 st Class req's 6a, 6b, 6c Completed Swimming MB preferred CPR recommended
	Mammal Study HV: Ecology Bell: Native American	Great for new Scouts! Good for middle/older Scouts	Some hiking around Reservation
	Metalwork Bell: Foxfire	Not for new Scouts Preferred for older Scouts	Long-sleeve shirt and pants made of non-synthetic materials are required Leather-palmed work gloves are recommended Extra work required outside of program (5d)
	Mining in Society HV: Ecology	Not for new Scouts Good for middle/older Scouts	Be aware counselor may use internet as part of the class (only related to the badge)

	Model Design and Building HV: Handicraft	Not for new Scouts Good for middle Scouts Great for older Scouts	Scouts may NOT use a kit for Req. 3 Req. 6 may be researched before camp
	Motorboating HV: Main Waterfront	For older Scouts, only (14+)	Must pass BSA swimmer's test Completed Swimming MB preferred
	Music HV: Frontier!	Good for middle/older Scouts	Bring proof of 3a or 3c (if those are chosen) Bring instrument, if needed
	Nature HV: Ecology	Not for new Scouts Preferred for middle Scouts Good for older Scouts	Lots of hiking around Reservation
	Oceanography HV: Ecology	Not for new Scouts Good for middle/older Scouts	Req. 7 may require time outside of class Req. 8 will require writing or giving a speech
	Orienteering HV: Scoutcraft Bell: Brownsea	Not for new Scouts Good for middle Scouts Preferred for older Scouts	Bring a compass (or buy at TP) Need non-class time for running courses (7, 8) Recommended to bring MB Book
	Painting HV: STEAM	Middle and Older Scouts	All supplies will be provided by GSR Recommended Research for req. 8 before camp
	Personal Fitness HV: Emergency Skills	For older Scouts only (13+)	Physical exam must be done outside of camp. Req. 8 cannot be completed in camp
	Pioneering HV: Scoutcraft Bell: Brownsea	Not for new Scouts Preferred for middle Scouts Good for older Scouts	Must have completed Tenderfoot req's 3a, 3b, 3c Must have completed 2 nd Class req's 2f, 2g Must have completed 1 st Class req's 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d Recommended to have MB Book
	Plant Science Bell: Farm	Good for all ages	Req. 5 should be checked by a leader after camp Scouts should review Req. 8 before camp
	Public Speaking HV: Frontier!	Middle and older scouts	No Prerequisites

	Pulp and Paper Bell: Logging Camp	Good for new Scouts Preferred for middle Scouts Good for older Scouts	Req. 6 should be reviewed before camp
	Radio HV: STEAM	Not for new Scouts Preferred for middle Scouts Good for older Scouts	Scouts may bring personal equipment
	Rifle Shooting HV: Shooting Sports	Not for new Scouts Good for middle/older Scouts	Do NOT bring rifles or ammo to camp Cost: \$10 for MB Req. 1f should be reviewed before camp May need extra practice / shooting time
	Reptile and Amphibian Study HV: Ecology	Good for all ages	Req. 8 should be completed before camp Req. 9 may be difficult to complete at camp Req. 10 may be researched before coming to camp
	Robotics HV: STEAM	Not for new Scouts Preferred for middle Scouts Good for older Scouts	Robot kits will be available from the camp
	Rowing HV: Main Waterfront	Not for new Scouts Good for middle/older Scouts For larger-bodied Scouts	Must pass BSA swimmer's test (Req. 2) Completed Swimming MB preferred
	Search and Rescue HV: Scoutcraft Bell: Brownsea	Not for new Scouts Older Scouts preferred At Bell: For older Scouts only (13+)	Req. 6a should be done outside of class. Will involve work outside of MB class session Should review Req. 3c before camp
	Shotgun Shooting HV: Shooting Sports Bell: Mountain Man	For older Scouts only (13+)	Do NOT bring shotguns or ammo to camp Req. 1.f.: Know local/state laws May need extra practice / shooting time Cost: \$25 for MB at both HV and Bell Cost: \$25 for Sporting Clays course at Bell Additional shots: \$2.50 for 5; \$12 for 25
	Signs, Signals and Codes HV: Scoutcraft	Preferred for middle Scouts Good for older Scouts	Req's. 7 & 10 will require work outside of class
	Small-Boat Sailing HV: Chase Waterfront Bell: Waterfront	Not for new Scouts Good for middle/older Scouts	Must pass BSA swimmer's test Completed Swimming MB preferred
	Soil and Water Conservation HV: Ecology	Not for new Scouts Preferred for middle Scouts Good for older Scouts	Some hiking throughout the Reservation Involves some written reports

	Space Exploration HV: STEAM	Not for new Scouts Preferred for middle Scouts Good for older Scouts	Scouts will need to purchase a rocket kit at TP
	Sports HV: EMS	Good for middle/older Scouts	Running Shoes recommended Req. 4 & 5 must be completed before camp
	Swimming HV: Main or Chase WF's Bell: Waterfront	Great for new Scouts Good for middle/older Scouts	Must pass BSA swimmer's test Familiarity with 2 nd Class req's 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d and 1 st Class req's 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e would be helpful but not required (will be covered in class)
	Water Sports Bell: Waterfront	Good for all ages Requires balance & strength	Must pass BSA swimmer's test Bring water ski(s) or wakeboard (optional) Difficult to complete for first-time skiers
	Weather HV: Ecology Bell: Native American	Good for new Scouts Preferred for middle Scouts Good for older Scouts	Lots of hiking around the Reservation
	Welding HV: STEAM	Good for middle/older Scouts	Long-sleeve <u>non-synthetic</u> shirt (wool preferred) Long pants with boots required (cotton is okay if 100% wool is not available) A 'cap' or hat for behind the mask required Will need to purchase an Eagle welding kit at TP
	Wilderness Survival HV: Scoutcraft Bell: Mountain Man, Waterfront (Castaway)	Not for new Scouts Preferred for older Scouts	Requires an overnight w/minimal supplies Bring supplies (or buy at TP) for Survival Kit: (knife/multi-tool, first aid kit, raingear, water bottle, flashlight, trail food which isn't candy, matches/fire starters, sunscreen, map & compass, duct tape, whistle, thin wire/fishing line, signal mirror, trash bag and ground cloth/safety blanket)
	Wood Carving HV: Handicraft Bell: Logging Camp	Not for new Scouts Good for middle/older Scouts Requires coordination	Must have proof of completed Totin' Chip Must bring personal knife / multi-tool Bring wood blanks (or buy at TP) for projects

What about other Eagle-required MB's?

With advanced notice (by the the 2-week pre-camp meeting), it might be possible to request a special session for other Eagle-required badges not currently offered in the GSR Guidebooks.

Please keep in mind: most other Eagle-required MB's are not truly suited for the camp setting.

We will do our best to accommodate reasonable requests for those who are Prepared.

Disabilities:

Every attempt to assist persons with disabilities will be afforded by GSR. All rules related to persons with disabilities as given by the National BSA will be adhered to within DWC.

Early dialogue with camp management can help to facilitate and explore available options.

Please contact our Reservation Director at drew.rydlewski@dwccamping.org with questions.

Merit Badge Worksheets / Alterations:

Please remember: the exact wordings of the requirements are the only true requirements for Merit Badges and Awards. If the requirement does not directly require use of a worksheet, it is not required. In the event the counselor wishes to utilize a unique approach to obtaining information from each participant in the group learning environment (which could include a worksheet), no participant is bound to follow this format if it is not within their abilities. Every attempt will be utilized to meet each camper where they are to assist their learning at their pace.

Venturing Advancement at GSR

Please inform the program director by pre-camp meeting.

NOTE: The new Venturing Advancement Progressive Program System of: Adventure, Leadership, Personal Growth & Service is honored at both camps at GSR. Contact the camp management to discuss your desires!


The following Venturing Electives for the Ranger Award are offered through both Hidden Valley & Bell:

Title	Description
Conservation	Bring materials for Req. 8b: Tabletop display and/or presentation
(Project) COPE	Long pants recommended. Req. 22Ai: requires completion of <u>ALL</u> high and low elements. Req. 22Aii: Can be specially arranged with the Program Director in advance.
Cooking	Req. 3b-f: Possible in Camp
CPR	Additional cost (~ \$25) for American Heart Association certification in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
Ecology	Refer to Daypack packing list for what to bring and wear sturdy shoes and prepare for lots of hiking around the Reservation! Req 12c: possible if research is done before arrival to camp. 12d: may need to be complete outside of summer camp.
Emergency Preparedness	Req. 4a: complete at home with family. Bring materials for Req. 4b&c: Family emergency kit & Tabletop display and/or presentation
Equestrian	Long pants and boots with a heel are required to ride horses. Bring materials for Req. 13j: Tabletop display and/or presentation. Involves care of and riding of live horses.
First Aid	Bring materials for Req. 1a: First Aid Kit (or be prepared to buy them all at the Trading Post). Nominal charge (~ \$20) for Req.
Fishing	Bring (fly) fishing equipment or be prepared to buy at the Trading Post. Bring materials for Req. 7: Tabletop display

	and/or presentation. Be prepared to demonstrate fishing knots and to teach other elements of fishing.
Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC)	Prepare to have your leadership, problem-solving, communication, delegation and evaluation skills tested to the max as you undertake some of the best leadership training which Venturing has to offer!
Land Navigation	Consider bringing a personal compass and/or GPS unit (or be prepared to borrow and/or buy at the Trading Post). Refer to the Daypack Packing list for typical around-camp items to carry. Wear sturdy footwear and be prepared for plenty of hiking around the woods of the Reservation.
Leave No Trace	Refer to Outpost packing list and consider whether you choose to complete all three backpacking trips (Req. 6b) in your week of summer camp. Bring materials for Req. 6c: Tabletop display and/or presentation for others.
Lifesaving	Plan to complete the BSA Lifeguard course during your week of summer camp (refer to BSA Lifeguard section of this guide). BSA Lifeguard requires several days of classroom and practical examinations as well as successful certification in CPR (offered optionally for ~\$25 in camp). Bring materials for Req. 2: Build a first aid kit and be prepared to teach others about it.
Mountaineering	You must have completed the First Aid Core requirement before starting this elective. Prepare to spend several days working on this elective. Personal harnesses and/or climbing shoes are welcome but not required. Req. 17i: cannot be completed in camp.
Outdoor Living History	Bring materials for Req. 19c&d: outfit from a particular period of history. And a tool from a particular period. Will require involvement in evening programs. Req. 19 g: cannot be completed in camp
Plants and Wildlife	Refer to the Daypack packing list and wear sturdy footwear for hiking throughout the Reservation. Bring materials for presentation. Prepare to teach others. Req. 21b&c: cannot be completed in camp.
Physical Fitness	Req. 20a,c(ii) and f must be completed outside of camp, All other requirements must be arranged with the Program Director.
Shooting Sports	\$25 charge for Shotgun or Sporting Clays. \$10 for Rifle. Bring materials for display.
Watercraft	Req. 25b: Complete outside of Camp. Req.25a: Take BSA Safety Afloat in advance. Req.25e(vi): Completion is dependent on the group's ability and available time.
Wilderness Survival	You must have completed cooking, land navigation and first aid core requirements before starting this elective. Bring materials for Req. 7c: Tabletop display and/or presentation. Bring materials for Req. 7j: Build a survival kit. Plan at least two days and two nights for Req. 7k: Survival Outpost (refer to Outpost packing list for details) contact Program Director to arrange this outpost.

Other Awards

Emblem	Title	Program	Prerequisite
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	50 Miler	River Voyageur/Bike Voyageur	Will involve conservation / service project work
	Fireman's Chit	By special arrangement only Great for all ages New Scouts preferred	Totin' Chip is recommended before starting this.
	Kayaking BSA	Not for new Scouts Good for middle/older Scouts	Must pass BSA swimmer's test
	Leave No Trace Awareness	By special arrangement only Great for all Scouts	Will involve online research & ample walking
	BSA Lifeguard	For older Scouts only (15+)	Must pass BSA swimmer's test Must pass both written & practical exams Must be currently certified in First Aid and CPR Will involve extra non-class lifeguarding time
	Mile Swim	Great for all Scouts	Must pass BSA swimmer's test Must participate in 1/4, 1/2 and mile swims Requires help of a rower and a spotter for the mile
	Paul Bunyan Woodsman	For older Scouts only (14+) Must receive permission to fell trees on the Reservation	Must have proof of completed Totin' Chip Req. 2 requires training others
	Snorkeling BSA	Not for new Scouts Good for middle/older Scouts	Must pass BSA swimmer's test All personal gear must be approved by Staff
	Totin' Chip	By special arrangement only Great for all ages New Scouts preferred	Must supply own pocket knife or multi-tool

Overnight Outposts (including Curlews & Troop Outposts)