

2018 SOAR Camp Merit Badge Program Options

Anglers: Do you love to wake up early and go fishing? Do you want to learn more about how to catch the biggest fish? Do you have the desire to learn what the best fly is to use on any given day? If this sounds like you, spend a couple days earning the Fishing, Fly Fishing, and Fish & Wildlife Management merit badges! Not only that, but you can also earn the Angler Patch! Sign up for the 1st session (Monday and Tuesday) OR the 2nd session (Thursday and Friday) and you could become the envy of all the fishermen with your new skills! Camp equipment is limited, so if possible please bring your own gear. (Limit 15 per session)

Extreme Nature: Are you the kind of scout who loves the outdoors? Do you enjoy digging deeper with biology? Maybe you just love the scenery and love studying animals! If nature is your thing, spend a week working on nature-based merit badges. You will complete four merit badges, but if you work well with the other scouts in your group and your counselor, you might be able to earn up to ten merit badges in one week at camp! Now there's a worthy goal! You will hike all over the areas surrounding camp, seeing more than just camp. By the end of this program you will be the go-to scout in your troop whenever a question arises about animals, trees, water, weather, and all things nature! The group of scouts in this program will pick which merit badges they will work on together. Major focus will be placed on Environmental Science for those who have not yet received it. (Limit 25)

Master Shapers: Like to make things? Want to spend part of your time at camp creating? In this course you will learn new skills, create baskets, work with leather, carve some wood, and learn about Native Americans. Along the way earn four merit badges; Basketry, Wood Carving, Leatherwork, and Indian Lore. There is an extra price to buy kits to be able to complete these four merit badges. Pre-camp purchase of kits will be cheaper than buying kits once you get to camp (\$45). An email will go out to those troops that have scouts signed up for these merit badges. Sign-up for the 1st session (Monday and Tuesday) OR the 2nd session (Thursday and Friday). (Limit 25)

Mountain Man: Are you wanting to become one with the mountain? Well, if that's the case, this program "ROCKS"! Get on the climbing wall, climb and repel on the open rock faces, AND learn about safety procedures and about the rocks you will climb! Climbing, Geology, and Search & Rescue merit badges can all be earned. Rock out with us by signing up for the 1st session (Monday and Tuesday) OR the 2nd session (Thursday and Friday). (Limit 15 per session)

NOVA^3: Have you ever wondered, "what is the NOVA Award...?" If you have, well now is your chance to get started on this STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) award. Spend a full week earning three to four STEM required merit badges and start the paperwork for a super NOVA project! Set yourself apart as one of the few scouters who gets this prestigious award! Week long course (Limit 20)

Pew Pew: Want to spend a full two days getting to use Shotguns, Rifles, and Bows? Switch between the three disciplines and become a great shot at camp! Sign up for the 1st session (Monday and Tuesday) OR the 2nd session (Thursday and Friday) and get all three merit badge in just two days! (Limit 18 per session)

River Rat: Want to spend most of your time in the water during camp? Then beat the heat and sign up for this program to work on water-based merit badges. **Make sure you have your pre-camp swim test before coming to camp!** To complete Swimming & Canoeing merit badges, sign up for the 1st session (Monday and Tuesday). To complete Lifesaving (finish #1 before camp) & Kayaking merit badges, sign up for the 2nd session (Thursday and Friday). (Limit 10 per session)

Trail to First Class: First year at summer camp? Just crossed the bridge from Webelos? Still working on earning First Class Scout? No need to wait any longer! Get started on the path to Eagle by spending a week getting many of the requirements from Tenderfoot to First Class. Not only that, but you will have the opportunity to work on two merit badges that all first or second year campers should have; First Aid and Swimming! (Limit 50)

2018 SOAR Camp Activities and Optional Programs

Wednesday one-day activities: Variety of activities including Rafting, Caving, a Cycling trip, with others to be determined soon as we work hard with vendors to bring prices down for our groups. Trips will range from \$20-\$40 per person, sign up for those before camp.

Merit Badge Midway: With a focus to help scouts to progress to the rank of Eagle, there will be two opportunities to bring partials and workbooks with you to camp to complete required merit badges while at camp. Check back for the updated schedule that will be posted at the start of April.

Questions?

We understand there might be an overlap with one or more merit badges. If there is a major problem and you would like to work out a schedule to fit a few of your scouts, please email [Drew Bair](#) or call 970-948-7780 so he can assist you in that process and answer any questions you may have.