

The Signaler

MARCH 2014 – THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF THE SIGNALER - VOLUME 34, No. 3

Meeting Times
Troop 264 – 7:30 PM Mondays
Venturing Crew 264 -- 6:30 PM Mondays

Calendar Quick View

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines (Refer to calendar pages and articles for specific times and details. (Venturing Crew activities in RED))

March 2014

- 3 Patrol meeting
- 9 Daylight Saving Time begins
- 10 Troop meeting
- 12 District Roundtable (Hawks)
- 13 Venturing Roundtable
- 17 BOR / TLC /Patrol merit badges
- 20 Troop adult meeting, 8 PM, Brookeville Academy
- 21-23 Merit Badge Madness
- 22 Nursing Home visit (11 AM – Crusaders)
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- 28 MCPS – No school for students
- 31 Patrol meeting

April 2014

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- 7 Troop meeting
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- 12 Adventure Park (Ashton) + overnight camp (Eagles)
- 13 Palm Sunday
- 14 Patrol meeting, Passover begins
- 14-21 MCPS – Spring break
- 20 Easter
- 21 BOR / TLC /Patrol merit badges
- 25-27 White Oak District Spring Camporee
- 26 Nuclear Science Merit Badge at Penn State
- 26 NO nursing home visit
- 28 Troop meeting

May 2014

- 5 Patrol meeting
- 8 Venturing Roundtable
- 10-11 Assateague Island or other campout (Vikings)
- 11 **Mothers' Day**
- 12 Troop meeting Open: Crusaders Game: Hawks Skill: Eagles
- 14 District Roundtable (Crusaders)
- 15 Troop adult meeting, 8 PM, Brookeville Academy
- 17 Nursing Home visit (11 AM – Noon -- New Scouts)
- 19 BOR / TLC / Patrol merit badges
- 24-26 **Ventures' Theme Park Weekend**
- 24 Legion Flags (12-3 PM)
- 26 Memorial Day (no school) No Meetings
- 27 District Dinner and Awards Ceremony
- 31 Patrol meeting

Check it Out!

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Two New Troop Eagles: Jeremy Neufeld & Brandon Orzel

Jeremy Neufeld and Brandon Orzel are T264's newest Eagle Scouts, having passed their District Board of Review on February 17. Congratulations to both scouts on a task well done!

Nationally, only about 2% of scouts make it to Eagle rank. And most boys are never scouts. Eagle Scout rank is well respected as an indicator of future success, and with good reason: it shows the holder is a person capable of tackling a long term, multi-year project, and seeing it through to a successful end. And is also reflects the outstanding character of the individual. That's what colleges and employers like to see.

2014 Duty to God Award

All scouts interested in earning the NEW 2014 Duty to God Patch, also scouts interested in earning their faith's medallion, please contact Dr. Paul Fowler, prfowler9@gmail.com.

Personal Fitness Merit Badge - Now

Mr. Rick Justus has started the Personal Fitness merit badge session with several scouts last month. If you are interested, please contact him at rickjustus@aol.com right away. This is an Eagle-required merit badge. The session is open to all troop scouts.

**Scout Parents/Guardians, Scouters, and
Supporters of Troop 264 !**

Friends of Scouting Campaign

The Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign is currently underway. This annual fundraiser is vital to Scouting in the National Capital Area Council (NCAC) and to Troop 264. The funds collected support programs, events, and training not covered by dues.

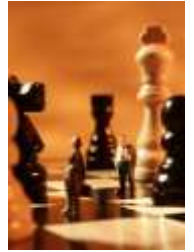
A letter from me dated January 21 was mailed to each Scout family. Enclosed with the letter were an information pamphlet/contribution form, and a self-addressed envelope to facilitate the return of your check or pledge. If you did not receive the letter, or have misplaced it, please let me know and I can provide you with another copy. If you have already given me your contribution, thank you very much. If you haven't yet completed the contribution card and written your check (payable to NCAC-BSA), please consider doing it now, and return it to me as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support!

Norman Strickman,
FOS Campaign Coordinator
(301) 570-4712

**Chess Merit Badge Tournament Starts
March 3**

It's March Madness! Starts Monday March 3 at 6:30 PM. Open to anyone who wants to play. If you can't make it at 6:30, come anytime before 8 pm. Bring a chess set. Beginner, Scout and Adult Divisions. Prizes at end of tournament after everyone has played 3-4 games. Round Robin format , no elimination. Everyone gets to play 3-4 games and have fun! You don't have to be in the chess merit badge to play. Siblings and parents welcome. Contact Tournament Director Dr. Paul Fowler at prfowler9@gmail.com if there are any questions.



Welcome New Boy Scouts!

We welcome the new scouts coming in to Troop 264 this month, starting with former Cub Scouts from Packs 434 and 774. More will join in the following weeks from other packs. We expect a wild n' crazy n' busy new scout patrol this year. Lots of new friends! The first new Boy Scouts will come to the March 10 troop meeting, but if that does work for you, it's no big deal, come later.

Those Cub Scouts (and parents) who have not yet bridged are welcome to come to troop meetings, as unofficial expected-to-be-Boy Scouts. Even if you are not sure about joining Boy Scouts, or Troop 264 in particular, come anyway. The formal transfer will, of course, take place after the bridging.

Serpent patrol scouts – the new scouts of last year – have been transferred into the existing “permanent” patrols.

Upcoming Events

Nursing Home Visit – February 22

It was reported that no Viking patrol members showed up for the January nursing home visit. Parol leaders are reminded that it is their responsibility to line up scouts for this recurring event.

The Hawk Patrol is assigned the February 22 nursing home visit, with the Crusaders following on March 22. The visits take place for one hour at 11 AM, at the Friends Nursing Home in Sandy Spring. Please wear scout uniforms. Siblings welcome too.

Nuclear Science Merit Badge at Penn State – Now April 26

The date was changed for the Nuclear Science Merit Badge at Penn State, from January 25 to April 26. (Not our doing.) This is a much nicer time of year to visit the campus than January was. We have 10 scouts slots reserved (out of 60), with the possibility of asking for more if additional scouts are interested. Contact Mr. Bickel, connect264@verizon.net, right away if you want to participate. This is a well done program and very enjoyable. There is some merit badge work that needs to be done in advance but it is not difficult.

The scouts presently signed up are: David H., Brian H., Nate K., Brandon S., Keith G., Eli H., Nicholas C., Brendan O., and Tommy B.

Merit Badge Madness – March 21-23

Troop 264 is will attend Merit Badge Madness this year. This event occurs in Severn, MD and is run by the Four Rivers District of the Baltimore Area Council. A large range of merit badges are available. Camping is on a level grassy field, and any fires must be raised off the ground.

All the scouts that signed up to date received their merit badges of choice. Start working on the prerequisites so you can complete them at MBM! Scouts that didn't sign up, but want to, contact Mr. Dale Bickel immediately at connect264@verizon.net.

District Camporee – April 25-27

The White Oak District Camporee is set for this weekend, and as always it will be at a site somewhere in the vicinity of Olney. No details yet, but put the dates on your calendar.

Summer Camp – July 13 - 19, 2014

The troop will attend summer camp at Camp Powhatan (Blue Ridge Scout Reservation) in southwestern Virginia. Signup sheets are attached at the back of this Signaler (starting at page 15), please turn them in with your deposit as soon as possible.

New scouts joining Troop 264 in the next few months, who attend summer camp, are placed in a special program that is focused on the beginning ranks of Boy Scouts. Older boys can earn merit badges and take part in a wide range of activities. Scouts (and parents) planning to attend Philmont in 2015 are encouraged to sign up for the High Knolls backpacking option at summer camp.

Upcoming Events (continued)

Advancement Camp at Camp Twin Echo

July 20 – 26 or July 27 – August 2 – Sign Up Now!

Information has been posted about the 2014 Advancement Camp, run by the Laurel Highlands Council (formerly the Greater Pittsburgh Council). This is a special merit badge camp (with fun activities too) where you can earn up to six merit badges that week, out of 8 possibilities. Advancement Camp is held at Camp Twin Echo, about 3 1/2 hours from Olney, near Ligonier, PA. We do not do this as a troop, scouts must register individually and must arrange their own transportation from Camp Twin Echo. But every year since 2006, one or more T264 scouts have attended one week of Advancement Camp and raked in the merit badges. This is for the scout who WANTS to move ahead on his own, not for scouts who have to be pushed.

This year, the weeks for Advancement Camp are July 20-26, and July 27-Aug 2. NEITHER WEEK CONFLICTS WITH THE TROOP'S SUMMER CAMP (July 13-19), so it is possible for scouts to come home from one camp, wash clothes, and head to the second camp (and some have done this in previous years).

Different merit badges are available each week, see the list and pictures at the first link in the next paragraph. First week is themed around Transportation, the second STEM week focuses on Engineering type merit badges (including some hard to find ones).

Information is posted at <http://lhc-bsa.org/Camping/Advancement%20Camp> and the registration portals are at:

Transportation week: <http://lhc-bsa.doubleknot.com/event/2014-transportation-advancement-camp-1/1488345> or

STEM week: <http://lhc-bsa.doubleknot.com/event/2014-stem-week-advancement-camp-2/1488400>

Make sure you choose the right registration portal. Cost is \$350 for a week. Remember, you pick six of the 8 merit badges to work on. There is some prerequisite work for most badges, that info has not yet been posted.

<http://lhc-bsa.org/Camping/Advancement%20Camp>

The Advancement Camps held at Camp Twin Echo are an opportunity to participate in an unequalled learning and leadership experience in a traditional Boy Scout Camp outdoor setting. Scouts are placed in a provisional Troop and Patrol, elect their own leadership and attend classes in a merit badge grouping of their choice. Scouts will be able to work on six of the badges that are offered each week.

Learn from local experts the selected merit badges

Take part in the ideal patrol and troop experience

Bring a buddy or come by yourself

Make new friends with Scouts who share your interests

2014 ADVANCEMENT CAMPS

Week 1 - Transportation Week

July 20 - 26, 2014

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American Labor



Automotive maintenance



Aviation



Emergency Preparedness



Fishing



Radio



Railroading



Space Exploration



Traffic Safety



Truck Transportation

Week 2 - STEM

July 27 - August 2



Chemistry



Citizenship in the World



Computers



Drafting



Electricity



Electronics



Engineering



Geology



Robotics



Surveying

Upcoming Events (continued)

Seabase 2014 - August 13 - 20, 2014

Thanks to Mrs. Robbins' efforts, we have a Tall Ship in the Florida Keys scheduled for August 13 to 20, 2014. The initial payment of \$2000, or \$100 per person, was sent to Seabase some months ago, as was the first half-payment that was due October 1. The final half payment is due March 1, so we are collecting that \$385 NOW. These costs do not include airfare or ground transportation to/from Seabase. We have started looking into airline possibilities.

Participants should expect to take the standard BSA swim test on arrival, so keep working on swimming skills throughout the winter, spring, and into next summer.

For those who like to "be prepared" by shopping early, here's WHAT TO BRING to (from the Participant Guide)

- 1 Set of Field or Activity uniforms
- Several T-shirts (we will have Troop 264 crew shirts made)
- Lightweight rain gear
- Sunglasses with strap (polarized are best)
- Non-oily sunscreen (SPF 30+)
- 1-2 pairs of shorts
- Pants, long-sleeve shirt & light jacket (December & Spring only)
- Toiletry kit
- Wide brimmed hat
- 2 – 3 pair of socks
- Deck shoes
- Large-mouth water bottle with carabiner (if you like coffee, a mug in addition is good)
- One sheet and warm blanket or sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad – Backpacking style
- Swimsuit (modest style)
- 2 towels and a small pillow
- Bug spray
- Prescription medications
- Completed Medical Insurance information form
- Flashlight
- 24" duffel bag, to contain *all gear* except sleeping pad

DO NOT BRING

- MP3, iPod, video game player
- Fireworks NOTE: Make sure you can successfully pass the BSA Swim Test.
- Skateboards NOTE: Make sure your name is on the crew roster your leader sends us.
 NOTE: Don't forget to bring a photocopy of front and back of insurance card.

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Camera (waterproof if possible)
- Personal snorkel gear
- Extra money (\$100—\$125)
- Bonine® (for seasickness)
- Skin-So-Soft lotion (non-DEET insect repellent alternative)

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**UPDATED
Crew Who:**

David R.
Matt McD.
Elizabeth J.
Gina H.
Anthony J.
Luke R.
Peter B.
William S.
Brian H.
Jacob Wier.
Jacob L.
Sam J.
Atticus M.

Mrs. Christiane R.
Mrs. Carolyn R.
Mr. Al B.
Mr. Tom H.
Mr. Bart H.
Mr. Dirk W.
Mr. M.



Upcoming Events (continued) (Seabase continued)

PACKING YOUR GEAR

All your gear (except sleeping pad) must fit in a 24" duffel bag, about the size of a pillowcase. No suitcases or frame backpacks can be used. You will be living on a sailing vessel during the entire adventure. Space is limited so you must only bring what you need. ****REMEMBER:**** There is no storage available for your crew. All belongings will have to go with you on the vessel, which are tight quarters. Keep this in mind and travel light!

This table is based on the revised Dietary Guidelines for Americans from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Resources.

HEIGHT	RECOMMENDED WEIGHT (LBS.)	MAXIMUM ACCEPTANCE (LBS.)
5' 0"	97-138	166
5' 1"	101-143	172
5' 2"	104-148	178
5' 3"	107-152	183
5' 4"	111-157	189
5' 5"	114-162	195
5' 6"	118-167	201
5' 7"	121-172	207
5' 8"	125-178	214
5' 9"	129-185	220
5' 10"	132-188	226
5' 11"	136-194	233
6' 0"	140-199	239
6' 1"	144-205	246
6' 2"	148-210	252
6' 3"	152-216	260
6' 4"	156-222	267
6' 5"	160-228	274
6' 6"	164-234	281
6' 7" & taller	170-240	295

Important Sea Base Link:

Participant Guide (ALL participants should read this): http://www.bsaseabase.org/filestore/seabase/pdf/participant_guide.pdf

Upcoming Events (continued)

Philmont 2015

T264 learned in early January that it was successful in the Philmont lottery for 2014, for 12 days of backpacking in New Mexico's Sangre de Cristo mountains. We can take up to three crews, and Mr. Parks has put a deposit in for 3 crews. Crews can be up to 12 persons in size, with no more than four adults per crew. (We have plenty of adults for 2 crews, but not two crews' worth of scouts yet.) **Trip dates are expected to be August 1 to 15, 2015.**

There are still spaces for scouts to attend. Please contact Mr. Parks at his new e-mail address, dparks@gosasha.net. Venturing Crew members may attend also. Expect the cost to be about \$1800 per person, including airfare, ground transportation, and accommodations in Colorado for a couple of days before Philmont actually starts. Scouts must be minimum age 14 by the Philmont start date (or 13 and completed 8th grade), no exceptions. Youth are considered "scouts" until they turn 21 at the National High Adventure bases. Adults will need to have 2 weeks of vacation available.

It's not all backpacking, by the way. There are daily stations that crews stop at, with activities such as rock climbing, branding, blacksmithing, ascending to any of the several peaks in the Ranch, and more.

For reviews of the 2013 expeditions, please see the Signaler write-ups in the August 2012 and September 2012 on Backing by Mr. Dale B. and Peter B., respectively. Ask questions!

Mr. Parks encourages Philmont participants to do the High Knolls backpacking option at the troop's summer camp this year, July 13-19. You will travel down on the same bus, but will do different activities than the regular summer campers (no merit badges). Of course, there will be other practice events too, but this should really teach you about smart backpacking. Summer camp registration is open now, the earlier you sign up, the better.

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Past Events

Ski Trip to Seven Springs – Feb 28- Mar. 2

The ski trip occurred too late to make it into this edition, so look for a summary in April's edition.

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Announcements

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NCAC Website Update

NCAC Council's website is now located at <http://www.ncacbsa.org> . Please update any links and bookmarks you have to the old site.

2014 Friends of Scouting Campaign

Later this month (January), the annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign will begin. This donation drive is vital to the Scouting programs in the National Capital Area Council (NCAC) and to Troop 264. The annual FOS fundraiser provides support for the professional Scout staff, Scout shop, Scout camps, Scouting programs and organized events, and adult training programs. Please consider supporting the Scouts.

Video Training for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class

Scouting.org has videos available to help scouts with the rank requirements of Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. These short videos include the current requirements listed for Tenderfoot through First Class.

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/Applications/RankVideo.aspx>

Troop Activity Policy

Please be reminded that it is troop policy (and common courtesy) for a scout or scouter to pay the costs associated with an event he or she has signed up for but did not attend, without being asked. No-shows increase the costs to the troop and the participants, require the troop to reserve unneeded space and transport excess equipment, and results in wasted food and materials. We realize that situations inevitably will occur that prevent a scout from attending events, and ask that the scout or scouter contact the person organizing the event right away. If the conflict is raised early enough, adjustments can often be made where food has not yet been purchased or reservations have not been finalized.

Getting Credit for Troop Activities

It's important that everyone who participates in Troop 264 campouts, trips, and community service activities gets credit for their hard work. *The Signaler* provides the permanent record of everyone who attends these events. **Patrol leaders need to take responsibility for collecting the names of participants** in their patrols and send those lists, preferably by email, to the Signaler staff by the monthly deadline. E-mail lists to connect264@verizon.net.

Announcements (continued)

Resources for Planning Troop Outings

On the troop website, under "Outings" at <http://www.troop264olney.net/outings.html>, you will find links to information about places the troop has visited, as well as:

Guide and Checklist for Planning Troop Outings (revised July 2013), which provides a step-by-step guide for Scouts and adults to plan a successful trip;

Troop Outing Expense Accounting spreadsheet, to help Scouts and adults ensure that costs of troop outings are fully covered;

Historical Hikes and Camping Summary Form, that Scouts and adults can download and complete or update with new information about particular hikes and campouts that can then be sent to the troop webmaster [presently Mr. Bickel] for uploading to the troop website; and

Links to completed summary forms containing information about various historical hikes and campouts the troop has done, including information about Scout patches or medals that can be earned and information about accessibility for physically-challenged Scouts or adults.

For further information about any of these tools, contact Mr. Bob Irvin at wrirvin8@verizon.net.

Troop and Crew Drivers' Info Update Needed

Each Boy Scout troop and Venturing Crew is required to maintain some basic information about the adult drivers that may be transporting scouts to and from events. This information is kept confidential and is only used to apply for BSA Tour plans, which are required for all trips outside the NCAC Council area, and for specific kinds of activities within the Council.

So that we can keep our records current, please complete the attached form with current information and return it to Mr. Dale Bickel. Thanks in advance for your assistance! Note that changes in the BSA requirements means that we don't need as much data as in the past.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ BSA registration no. (if known): _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Vehicles (Make, Model, Year) _____

and No. of Seatbelts _____

My insurance meets state standards: Y / N

BSA Youth Protection online training is current (if known)? Y / N

Information

Attention: Board of Review (BOR) Procedures

Some years ago we set up a new procedure for scouts to follow for requesting Board of Reviews. Being a large troop, we needed to give the adults sitting on the BORs some lead-time. Recently the procedure has been sliding and the adults are getting short notice because of **last minute BORs being scheduled**. **Therefore we are restating our policy. FORGOT THE PROCEDURE? NO PROBLEM – It is almost always on one of the last pages of each Signaler edition.** Also, you can look at any past edition of the Signaler for this information.

BOR

Any scout needing a Board of Review should call **Mr. Walt Greenspon @ (301-774-5394) no later than two Sundays (8 days) before the scheduled Board of Review.** Failure to give proper notification will delay your BOR until the next month. Get your Scoutmaster Conference prior to calling Mr. Greenspon. If your scout is scheduled for the BOR, he must bring an adult with him. That adult is needed to sit on a BOR for another scout. This way we can accommodate all scouts striving for advancement.

Dress Code for BOR: Class "A" shirt, neckerchief, slide and scout pants (khaki or black pants can be substituted). A scout hat is preferred.

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Adult activity coordinators – please submit information about upcoming activities to Signaler Staff (electronically or hardcopy) by the deadline. Please contact a Signaler reporter if you would like to have a Scout generate the announcement for you. If any information about or participants of activities have been left out of the Signaler; corrections will be made in the next issue. Please send any corrections to The Signaler at connect264@verizon.net.

The Signaler is posted on the troop's website, www.troop264olney.net. Notice is sent by E-MAIL when the new Signaler edition is posted. To get on the e-mail list, or to be removed or make corrections, please send an e-mail to connect264@verizon.net (Mr. Dale Bickel).

Information

Troop Leadership

Senior Patrol Leader (SPL).....	Joshua F.
Assistant SPLs and assigned patrols:	Peter B. (E,C)
.....	Connor E. (H,V)
.....	Adam R. (S)
Chaplain's Aide:	Nate K.
Librarian	Eric F.
Scribe:	Jacob L.
Quartermaster:	Atticus M.
Historian:	Peter B.
Instructor:	Jacob Wie.
Troop Guide:	Anthony F.
.....	Trevor B.
Order of the Arrow Representative:	William S.
Buglers:.....	Peter B.
.....	Kevin C.
Signaler Editor:	Nicholas C.
Leave No Trace Trainer:	Joel P.
Den Chief:	John F.

Eagle Patrol

Patrol Leader:.....	Evan N.
Assistant Patrol Leader:.....	Jacob Wei.
Patrol Quartermaster:.....	Caleb H.

Crusaders Patrol

Patrol Leader:.....	Tyler H.
Assistant Patrol Leader:.....	Bradley N.
Patrol Quartermaster:.....	Luke R.

Hawk Patrol

Patrol Leader:.....	Nate K.
Assistant Patrol Leader:.....	Jonathan S.
Patrol Quartermaster:.....	Peter B.

Viking Patrol

Patrol Leader:.....	Samuel J.
Assistant Patrol Leader:.....	Anthony F.
Patrol Quartermaster:.....	Kevin C.

Serpents Patrol

Patrol Leader:.....	Brandon S.
Assistant Patrol Leader:.....	Elijah H.
Patrol Quartermaster:.....	Mr. Mark Freedman

**TROOP 264 SUMMER CAMP 2014
CAMP POWHATAN
BLUE RIDGE SCOUT RESERVATION**

Troop 264 has reservations for Camp Powhatan and specialty camps at the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation for **13 – 19 July 2014**. This is a dining hall camp. For more information on the Camp Powhatan and specialty camps go to the Blue Ridge Scout reservation at:
<https://bsa-brmc.org/reservation>

See attached for fee schedule.

Request deposit of \$100.00 by 1 February and \$200.00 by 1 May. The balance is due 26 May.

A charter bus will be available for a fee of approximately \$80.00 in addition to the above fees. We encourage campers to travel by bus. Bus fees will be collected when the actual cost is available, which is based on the number of passengers. No other transportation will be provided by the troop. The camp is approximately 310 miles from Olney.

Parents are welcome! Partial weeks possible for parents.

INFO:	Doug Long	301 924 4365 (H)
	4405 Skymist Terrace	301 738 5153(W)
	Olney, MD 20832	longdavj@verizon.net

REGISTRATION FORM

PROGRAM: _____

NAME: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

BUS: Y/N _____

E-MAIL: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE _____

TELEPHONE: _____

PARENT(S): _____

PARENTS SIGNATURE: _____

Parent Attending: _____

BLUE RIDGE SCOUT RESERVATION PROGRAMS

To view a video of these programs go to: <https://bsa-brmc.org/summercamp> Before signing up for a specialty it is recommended that the scout view the video provided on the Blue Ridge website.

1. Base Camp programs for scout skills and merit badges

Program	Description	Cost
Base Camp	Tucked into the valley formed by the Big Macks Creek, Camp Powhatan is the largest council owned Scout camp in the United States. The big camp atmosphere surrounds you with excitement from morning flags till evening taps. Extensive camping facilities, wireless Internet, and many opportunities for advancement make Powhatan an ideal spot to live the Scout Oath and Law.	Adult: \$195.00 Scout: \$330.00
Brownsea Island	First Year Scout Program: Designed for younger boys new to scouting or transitioning Webelos, this program teaches the Patrol Method, basic Scout Skills, and get boys excited about Scouting!	Scout: \$330.00

2. Aquatics camp – merit badges offered are limited to aquatics MB and Climbing

Program	Description	Cost
Claytor Lake *	<p>Located on a brand new facility situated on the 4,500-acre highland reservoir of Claytor Lake, this camp caters to older Scouts and Venture age youth looking for thrills on the water.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motorboating • Waterskiing • Kayaking • Olympic-style Rowboats • Excellent Food • SCUBA Certification ** • Personnel Water Craft ** • Wakeboarding ** 	<p>360.00</p> <p>Requirement: BSA Swimmer</p> <p>\$520.00 \$60.00 Option \$445.00</p>

* Must be 13 ½ by 1 January 2014.

** Must be 14 years old

3. Specialty programs for older scouts offering new experiences. Merit badges are not offered.

Program	Description	Cost
Fish Camp *	Being a good angler requires more than fancy gear and lots of tackle; you have to possess basic techniques and understand how environment and biology combine to influence fish behavior. Join our expert anglers as they instruct everything from fly tying to fish frying. Based at Camp Ottari Fish local ponds, rivers and streams from canoes and shore	\$330.00 Requirements: 1 st Class Scout Experience in Troop leadership
High Knoll Trail *	Often called the Philmont of the East, the High Knoll Trail is an excellent opportunity to take your group backpacking. Each morning will be spent hiking to a new back country outpost on the beautiful Blue Ridge Scout Reservation. Each staffed outpost features programs ranging from living history to mountain climbing, Paint ball and black powder shooting.	\$330.00
New River Adventure *	Based at Camp Powhatan. A number of exciting activities including: ATV (All-Terrain Vehicles/4 wheelers) Option: \$50.00 Climbing C.O.P.E. Class V whitewater rafting Caving Whitewater canoeing Natural Rock Climbing in the New River Gorge	\$360.00 Requirements: BSA Swimmer and canoeing experience
Mountain Man *	Located near Camp Ottari. Travel back in time to 18 th Century Appalachian Virginia where a single shot muzzle loader, an axe, and a hunting knife were the only tools a man needed to survive. At Mountain Man, Scouts will dress, eat, and live like the Long Hunters who explored, trapped, and eventually settled Virginia's western frontier. Includes: Cooking over an open fire Muzzle loading riflery Make your own Green River hunting knife and sheath Blacksmithing Wilderness survival Living History	\$360.00 Requirements: Ability to pack your gear 1.5 miles

Program	Description	Cost
Voyageur *	<p>Embark on a 5-day, 50-mile-plus canoe trip down the breathtaking New River. We are looking for a few stout mates who are ready to put their sense of adventure and their canoeing skills to the test.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based at Camp Powhatan • Whitewater Rafting in the New River Gorge • Living History • Advance Canoe Skills 	<p>\$330.00</p> <p>Requirement:: BSA Swimmer</p> <p>Canoeing experience recommended</p>

SPECIALTY CAMPS (other than base camp) are best done with friends. There might not be merit badge opportunities in the specialty camps. Please check the camp's description at

<https://bsa-brmc.org/>

HIGH KNOLLS backpacking camp is recommended for anyone planning to go to Philmont in 2015.

CAMP POWHATAN MERIT BADGES (Base Camp)

Here's the merit badge list + prerequisites, if any, at Camp Powhatan (Base camp).

<https://bsa-brmc.org/sites/default/files/Base%20Camp%20CLG%202014.pdf>

Be sure to check the Merit Badge Schedule on the last page of the Leaders' Guide, to make sure the badges you select don't overlap:

<https://bsa-brmc.org/sites/default/files/Powhatan%20CLG%202014.pdf>

You may request merit badges on the back of your registration form. If you turned it in already, give Mr. Long a sheet with your name and what merit badges you want to do (typically scouts do three).

Brownsea Island participants (new scouts) already get the opportunity to do some merit badges, so they don't need to pick any.