

Custaloga Town Scout Reservation Scout BSA Program Guide



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Highland Adventure is the theme for the summer

- Some of the Scout BSA games will include a cabor toss, tomahawk throwing, hammer toss, and much more..
- Each unit will need to prepare prior to camp and come ready to participate:
 1. Each unit, as a group, should pick a clan from either Scotland or Ireland.
 2. Research and find out what that clan’s tartan looks like, then create a flag using fabric, paint, markers, or another medium of choice to represent the chosen clan.
 3. There will be a Calling Out of Clans at the opening campfire, as well as at the Highland Games on Monday evenings for Scouts BSA.
 4. Troops and Packs will be judged on their flags, as well as their participation in the games during their time at resident camp.
 5. There will be awards given to the First, Second, and Third place units from each camp session at the closing campfire.

Program Highlights

Expanded Merit Badge Offering: Note that there have been a few merit badges cycled out of the rotation this year; however, there are several new offerings. Cooking, Robotics, Insect Study, and Bird Study are be added. Please note that the Citizenship merit badges are limited to campers who have reach at least first-class rank, they are very time intensive and limit the number of other merit badges that may be earned. Please encourage your scouts to have the pre-requisites completed prior to coming to camp, and to bring evidence of this completion with them.



Adult Leader Training: Leaders will be able to complete Scout Leader training. Attend the classroom portion one evening, and participate with Scouts in the Guyasutha Braves program, this will complete the skills portion. Leaders in French Creek Council will have their completion recorded as a part of their training record, leaders from other councils are welcome to participate, documentation will be provided to take back to their home council.

Block Programming: The schedule and the on-line sign-up show the classes will be offered on Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday/Thursday morning and afternoon and all-day Friday. This scheduling will allow more time to work on the merit badge/activity and involve less travel time. If a class is completed early, contact the camp office and you can schedule an additional class during the time. We have adjusted the schedule to allow a better selection for all groups. Special activities will be scheduled on Friday.

Guyasutha Braves: The first-year camper program (Guyasutha Braves) will be an all-day M/T or W/T offering this year. This will allow for better coverage of the materials. If a Scout does not need all the time or only needs a few requirements, with Scoutmaster approval, they can check in with the camp office and sign up for other merit badges that may have available space. Adults working on the Leader Training tract should plan on attending the Braves program for several days to learn/demonstrate basic Scouting skills required by the training program. The classroom portion will be offered on Tuesday evening after dinner.

Older Scout Program: This year we will be offering to older Scouts an out of camp excursion that will be a combination of cycling and canoeing. Details are being worked out, but we know that Scouts will cycle to a spot along French Creek, then transfer to canoes and return to camp. An outpost camping site is being worked on. Scouts that participate will be required to be at least First Class and hold the Canoeing Merit Badge.

Fees

2020 Scouts BSA Resident Camp Dates

Week #1 June 21 through 27
Week #2 June 28 through July 4
Week #3 July 5 through July 11
Week #4 July 12 through 18

2020 Scouts BSA Resident Camp Fees

- \$330.....Scouts BSA Resident Camp (Paid before 5/15)
- \$350.....Scouts BSA Resident Camp (Paid after 5/15)
- \$375.....Scouts BSA Resident Camp (Late-less than 2 wks)
- \$310.....Scouts BSA 2nd additional week of Camp Fee
- \$145.....Scouts BSA Leader Fee, two leaders attend free

2020 Youth Camp Shirt INCLUDED!!!!!!!!!!!!
When registered by 5/15/2020

Adults and Extra shirts can be ordered on-line

Same Family Discount



Each additional Scout attending Custaloga Town Scout Reservation from the same family will receive a \$20.00 discount for each week they are attending. This applies to brothers/sisters who attend Cub Scout Resident Camp or Scouts BSA Summer Camp. The on-line system will automatically apply the discount IF the exact same address is entered during registration, prior to when you check out. If there is a problem and the discount does not appear, please contact the McGarvey Service Center.

New Scouts

Webelos/Arrow of Light and other new Scouts who join a Scouts BSA unit during the spring will qualify for the discounted fee up to 2 weeks before the unit goes to camp. You will need to contact the service center to have the discount applied.

Merit Badge Schedule Worksheet

This is the schedule of merit badge classes and is to be used to avoid conflicts and maximize the Scouts opportunities. Use this form to assist Scouts in deciding what merit badges to sign up for. Also included is information necessary to complete the on-line registration. We recommend printing these out early and having Scouts complete them prior to starting the scheduling of classes. It also includes information regarding shirt size, allergies, etc.

Visiting Day for Parents

All visitations should be coordinated through the unit leader. Frequent visits are discouraged, as they tend to interfere with program and advancement. The staff is trained to deal with homesickness. Parents visiting camp are required to check in at the camp office. A limited number of meals are available for visitors, please make arrangements and pay when checking in.

Wednesday evening is "Parents Night". Families can come visit their Scouts after 3:00pm and visit several program areas, the trading post, and enjoy a meal with their Scouts. Meal tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 in the Trading Post. Please coordinate these meals with your unit leader so we know how much food to prepare. Note that parking is limited, and some toilet facilities are primitive. The activities will culminate with an entertaining campfire program for the units and their families. The Order of the Arrow Calling Out Ceremony will conclude the campfire program.

Check-In, Arrival at camp

See detailed description of the check-in process in the Basic Leader's Guide. Questions can be addressed to the Camp Director or Program Director.

Gear List

See a suggested gear and equipment list in the Basic Leader's Guide

Order of the Arrow

Langundowi is the Order of the Arrow lodge associated with the French Creek Council. The Order is known as “Scouting’s National Honor Society” and works hard to promote Scout camping, encourage leadership, and provide service to Scouting.

Many members of the staff are Arrowmen and are dedicated to the Scouting program. There are numerous service projects that the lodge has conducted that are a definite improvement to camp. Many of these are identified with the “Pine Tree Pete” brand.

Langundowi Lodge provides Order of the Arrow Unit Election opportunities March 1 – April 30. By National policy Unit Elections are not permitted at summer camp. There are two opportunities to complete the Ordeal. One in July during the summer camp season, the second in August after camp has closed.

The Order of the Arrow Calling Out Ceremony will conclude the campfire program on Wednesday night. This is a public recognition of the newly elected members in the presence of their friends and families. Questions regarding their upcoming induction at an Ordeal weekend will be answered after the ceremony. More information and people to contact can be found at the Langundowi Lodge portion of the council website.

Out of Council units desiring their Scouts to be Called Out need to coordinate with the Camp Commissioner. Thursday is a day of service, and this it is appropriate to wear OA related apparel during the day.

Daily Activity Schedule: (subject to change based on weather)

Sunday:

- Check-in
- Leaders Meeting
- Opening Campfire Program

Monday:

- Theme Night – Highland Games
- Vespers

Tuesday:

- Troop in their site night
- Night Hike

Wednesday:

- Family Night
- Campfire Program
- Order of the Arrow Calling Out Ceremony

Thursday:

- Open Activities (shooting, climbing, regatta, Heydrick Museum);
- Patch Trading
- Night Zip

Friday:

- Awards Campfire
- Honor Campers Ceremonies

Saturday:

- Head Home