

French Creek Council Roundtable Announcements
January 2025

SAVE THE DATES!!!

See the full calendar on the council website.

Rivers Klondike – January 25th

OKPIK Training – January 31 – February 2nd @ CTSR

MBC @ Erie Technical School – February 8th

Lakes Klondike - February 15th

Emergency Preparedness Spring Camporee – May 16-18@ Gem City Outdoors

NYLT - June 28-July 3, 2025 @ CTSR- <https://scoutingevent.com/532-NYLT2025>

Summer Camp Dates:

Scouts, BSA Resident Camp @ CTSR - <https://scoutingevent.com/532-ScoutsBSASummerCamp2025>

Eagle & Special Programs Week – June 15 -21, 2025

Session 1 – June 22-28, 2025

Session 2 – July 6-12, 2025

Session 3 – July 13-19, 2025

Session 4 – July 20-26, 2025

Cub Scouts Resident Camp at CTSR - <https://scoutingevent.com/532-CubScoutResidentCamp2025>

Session 1 – July 27-30, 2025

Session 2 – July 31-August 3, 2025

Cub Scout Day Camp –

North – June 13-20, 2025

Central – June 23-27, 2025

South - July 7-11, 2025 – Salem Township Community Center

Where to ask Specific Questions??

Registration, Membership and Eagle Processing – Lori Costello – lori.costello@scouting.org @ office 1pm-5pm

Camping & Product Sales– Tim Yezzi – Timothy.Yezzi@scouting.org @ office full time

Scout Shop & Unit Orders - Carol Richards – Carol.Richards@scouting.org - @ office 9am-1pm

Camping & Insurance Certificate - Addison Pandolph – Addison.Pandolph@scouting.org – @ office full time

Executives

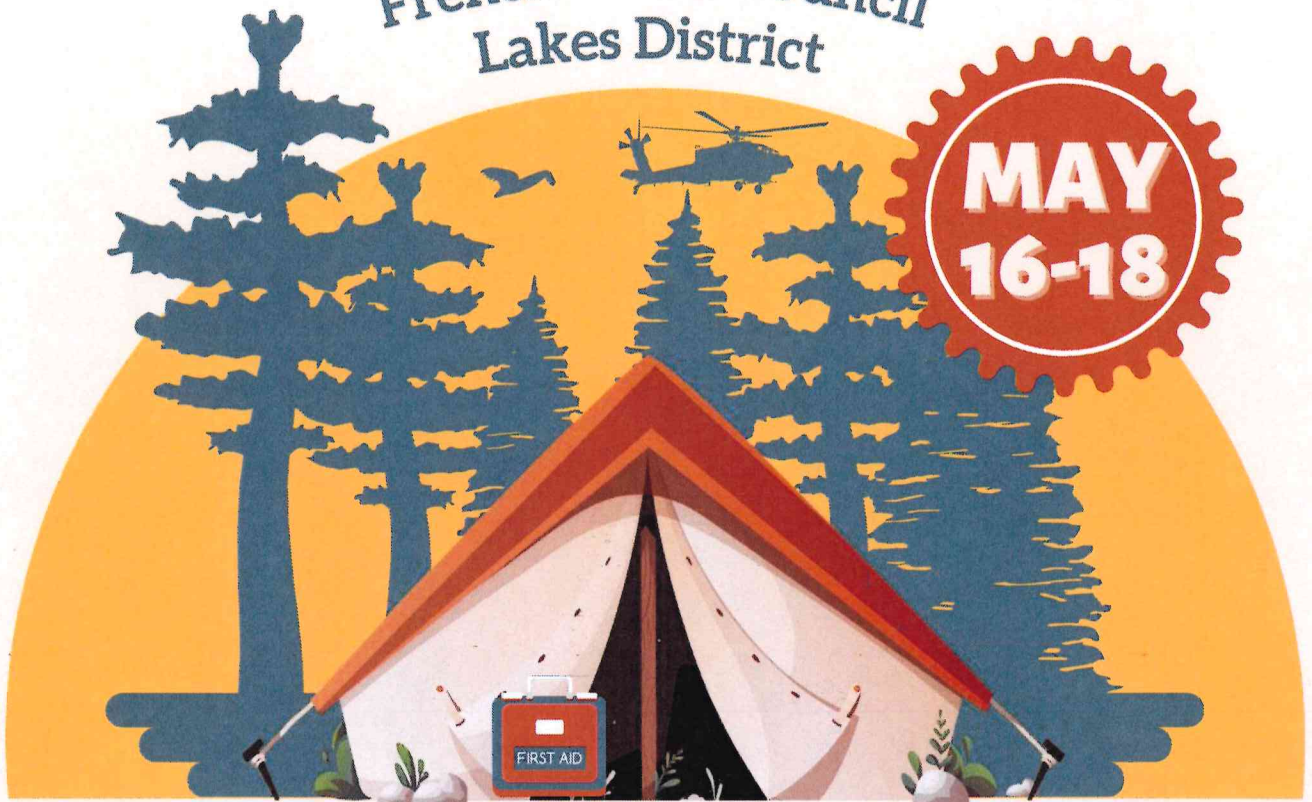
Stephanie Jackson – Stephanie.Jackson@scouting.org - Lakes Sr. District Executive

Mike Graham – Michael.Graham2@scouting.org - Rivers District Executive

Next Roundtables

Rivers – February 11th Lakes – February 13th

French Creek Council
Lakes District



MAY
16-18

SPRING **CAMPOREE**

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

GEM CITY
OUTDOORSMEN CLUB

6701 Van Camp Rd. Girard, PA 16417

Competitions

Camping

Demonstrations

And More!

HOSTED BY TROOP 146



REGISTRATION OPEN



SKILLED TRADES MERIT BADGE DAY

February 8, 2025

BADGES OFFERED

- Plumbing
- Home Repair
- Welding
- Animation
- Electricity
- First Aid
- Plus More

Register before January 21st
for an event T-shirt

Register At
www.scoutingevent.com/532-skillsmbc2025



Registration Closes
February 1st

Eagle Scout of the Year



All our Troops have seen amazing scouts complete the process to become an Eagle Scout.

We want to hear about your eagles in 2024. The council will be presenting an Eagle Scout of the Year award for 2024 Eagles at our council dinner. To nominate a scout, please submit their name and reasons you have to your district executive, Howie Richards or drop it off at the office.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing their stories!

Nominations Due March 1st

LAKES DISTRICT - STEPHANIE JACKSON - STEPHANIE.JACKSON@SCOUTING.ORG

RIVERS DISTRICT - MIKE GRAHAM - MICHAEL.GRAHAM2@SCOUTING.ORG

HOWIE RICHARDS - HOWARDRICHARDS@YAHOO.COM

Eagle Scout Project of the Year



Each of French Creek Council's Scouts who obtained the rank of eagle in 2024 completed a project.

Our council will be handing out the Eagle Scout Project of the year to one of these scouts at our Council Dinner in March.

Please nominate a scout who went above and beyond for their project and tell us why. How did this project make a positive impact on the organization and community? We want to see photos if possible even.

Please send your nominations to your District executive or Howie Richards, our council Advancement Chair, or drop them off at the office.

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UNIT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Scouting  America
French Creek Council

January 2025- June 2025

- 1 Unit must have at least one representative at all 4 remaining Roundtables
- 2 Unit must participate in at least one overnight council/district program. This can be a klondike, or camporee
- 3 Unit participates in council sponsored spring product sale.

Units who Check all 3 boxes will Receive the following

- A A third free leader for Resident camp at CTSR
- B \$5 for each additional representative at a Roundtable.

For example, if 3 individuals from Unit 123 attend the August roundtable, they will have representation and will earn \$10 into their unit account at the office. This money will be awarded after confirmation that unit has completed all requirements.

UNIT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Scouting  America
French Creek Council

August 2025- June 2026

- 1 Units must have at least one representative at all 8 Roundtables.
- 2 Units must participate in at least one overnight council/district program. This can be a klondike, or camporee.
- 3 Unit participates in at least one council sponsored product sale.
- 4 Unit keeps at least 99% YPT throughout the year, and all leaders are trained for the position they hold within the unit.

Units who Check all 4 boxes will Receive the following

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Lakes 2025 District Awards



Nomination Information Nominations Due February 1st Awards for 2025

Scouter of the Year

Cubber of the Year

Scoutmaster of the Year

Cubmaster of the Year

Spouse of the Year

Commissioner of the Year

District Award of Merit**

To nominate a scouter for one of the above awards, please send an email to one of the district Key 3 below. Please include the award, nominee, and your reasoning for nominating them.

****If you want to nominate a scouter for the District Award of Merit, please use its specific nomination form.**

Email nomination information to one of the following.

Ryan Adams: ryancadams@gmail.com

Bob Walter: pack86.cubmaster@gmail.com

Stephanie Jackson: Stephanie.jackson@scouting.org

2026

Jamboree Contingent Kick-Off Party

Date: January 12th, 2025

Location: Custaloga Town Dining Hall

Time: 2:00p.m.

Commemorative Button for attendees, only available this meeting.

Each contingent meeting will have a new button only available there. Collect them all!



Already know you want to attend the Jamboree? Save your place by registering with FCC.



Reach out to Steph at the office for more information and any questions.

stephanie.jackson@scouting.org

Scouting America
French Creek Council



This cold-weather camping adventure program teaches Scouts and Scouters how to be comfortable and safe while camping in cold weather.

Jan 31 - Feb 2, 2025

Custaloga Town Scout Reservation

<https://scoutingevent.com/532-2025OKPIK>



FRENCH CREEK COUNCIL 2024 OKPIK COLD WEATHER TRAINING

to be held at Custaloga Town Scout Reservation

7PM on Friday, January 31, 2025 through 12:30PM on Sunday, February 2, 2025
Check in will be from 6:00PM to 6:45PM

What is OKPIK? OKPIK is an indoor & mostly outdoor "classroom style" training experience designed to make the participant aware of all aspects of cold weather & winter camping. This training will give you the skills and confidence to lead a winter campout and ensure a safe and fun experience for all. You should consider attending this course to learn how to better train your troop to brave the elements of Winter.

The course will be based out of the Chow Hall at Custaloga Town Scout Reservation.

Who can attend OKPIK? Adult leaders. It is assumed that you have completed Outdoor Scoutmasters specific training as this course builds on that previously learned information. Senior Scouts who are at least **14 years of age** and **First Class** are encouraged to attend.

The early bird fee is \$60.00 for pre-registration by January 1, 2025. The fee will increase to \$75 from Jan 2 to January 24, 2025. Meals and snacks will be provided. All participants will be able to sleep in a heated cabin Friday night. Then on Saturday night, we hope that all participants will try sleeping in their own tents or at the Adirondacks.

Subjects to be covered

- Cold and how it affects you
- How to dress – leaders and youth
- Shelters and tents
- Sleeping systems and how to stay warm
- Food, nutrition and menus
- Winter travel – sleds, snow shoes and skis
- Cold weather first aid
- Ice travel, ice fishing and safety
- Chemical fluids for cold weather
- How to train your troop to do cold weather camping
- Back packing stoves and cookware
- Other miscellaneous tidbits

*Okpik Training is now available at Custaloga Town Scout Reservation! On all Winter activities it is vital that one of your Unit leaders is a **Trained Winter camper** with **Strong Knowledge and Skills** in keeping everyone **Safe and Warm**. With the Klondike Derby and Cub Scout Winter Activities, there is no better time than now to receive this **Awesome Training**.*



Upon Completion of this course, you will receive a FCC OKPIK pocket flap patch and Certificate
Extra Okpik flap patches will be available for purchase for \$5.00 each

OKPIK Cold Weather Training		January 31 – February 2, 2025 @ Custaloga Town Scout Reservation	
Name: _____	Troop # _____	District: _____	
Email: _____	Phone # _____	Council: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, I am enclosing a check for \$60.00 made payable to French Creek Council		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, Charge my credit card for \$60.00		
Card type MC / Visa / Other _____	Card numbers _____	Security Code _____	
Expiration Date ____/____/____	Signature _____		
Required Pre-Registration by FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025 FRENCH CREEK COUNCIL 1815 Robison Rd W Erie, Pennsylvania 16509 Phone: 814-868-5571 https://frenchcreek-bsa.org/			

I hope to see you, my fellow Scouts and Scouters, at this OKPIK training Experience!
Woody Whiting~Course Director~worknwoody@gmail.com~(814)229-9663

Scouting in the Woods at Presque Isle State Park

Registration at Cook House Pavilion

This event is for our Webelos and Arrow of Light scouts to meet Troops in our area, while exploring what Scouts, BSA has to offer them.

This event is also open to non-scouts who are at least 11 years old in grades 5-8 and interested in joining one of our Troops.



February 22nd
2025
9am - 2pm



No registration needed, and lunch is provided! Just come to have a great day!

**2025 LAKES
KLONDIKE DERBY
MANDOLORIAN –
THIS IS THE SLEIGH**



FEBRUARY 15, 2024
REGISTRATION OPENS 12-20-24

RIVERS DISTRICT KLONDIKE 2025



January 25, 2025

Custaloga Town Scout Reservation

Pennsylvania Pioneering

Earlybird Pricing:

Youth - \$10 Adults - \$5

After January 18:

Youth - \$12 Adults - \$7

Deadline to Register is January 23

For Registration, follow the QR or
<https://www.scoutingevent.com/532-2025Klondike>





CARNIVAL CUB CAMP

2025 Cub Scout Day Camp



Northern Camp: June 16 - 20

Central Camp: June 23 - 27

Southern Camp: July 7 - 11



More Information coming soon!

SAVE THE DATE

CTSR EAGLE WEEK

June 15-20, 2025

Are you a scout working on your Eagle Scout rank? Come join us at Custaloga Town Scout Reservation, for an entire week focused on your trail to eagle! This is a provisional based week, which means scouts come without their units and adult leaders. We will be offering Eagle merit badges with other great programs like ATV, Climbing, Shotgun. and Rifle. Scouts will be able to schedule up to 7 badges, with an opportunity to earn more during free time. There will also be special presentations by Council Advancement Committee about Eagle projects, paperwork, and preparing for your Eagle Board of Review. Already attending CTSR with your troop or NYLT? Come back for a second week at a discounted price! Scouts must be at least 2nd Class to attend.

**EAGLE MERIT
BADGES**

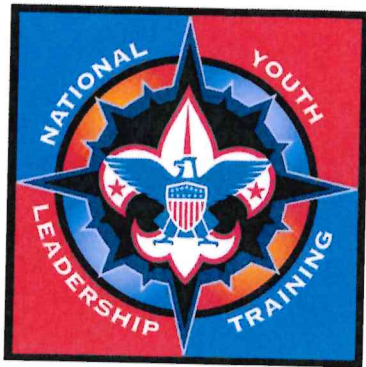


**PROVISIONAL
CAMPING**

**Early Bird Price
\$425**

**This camp is limited to the first 100
scout participants so register now!**





National Youth Leadership Training

Custaloga Town

June 28-July3, 2025

French Creek Council is hosting this **6 day course** in a week long format. To complete the course, scouts must attend all six days. There will be 2 troops; one for each gender.

The week will start Saturday AFTERNOON with registration opening at 12:00pm and end before dinner Thursday July 3; allowing families to enjoy the holiday with their scouts.

What is NYLT?

National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide all 13- to 20-year-old youth members of scouting with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home units and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. This program has been open to all genders since 2010.

Why NYLT?

NYLT transforms the lives of the youth who attend, turning leaders of others into dynamic Leaders of Leaders, creating the leaders of tomorrow that today so desperately demands. Better youth led troops, crews, and ships!

Who may attend?

Scouts BSA	Venturing/Sea Scouts
Be at least 13 years old	Be at least 14 years old
Have earned at least the 1st Class Rank	Recommended 1 year of Camping Experience
Completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops	Completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews/Ships

Register at:

<https://scoutingevent.com/532-NYLT2025>

Limit 48 students; \$290 early bird thru 5-31-25

Regular fee \$340

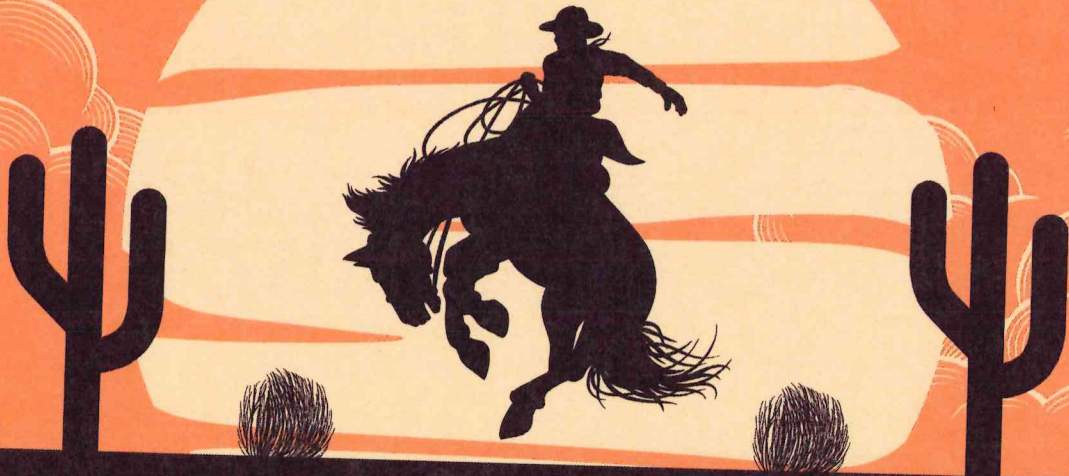
Rob Hanes 814.602.7375 erie_scouter@yahoo.com

Jodie Chittester 814.673.5013 jochittester@gmail.com



CUSTALOGA TOWN SCOUT RESERVATION

WILD WEST



2025

CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP

JULY 27-30, 2025

JULY 31-AUGUST 3, 2025



CUSTALOGA TOWN
SCOUT RESERVATION
BSA

2025 Custaloga Town Scout Reservation

Resident Camp Schedule

Eagle/Special Program Week June 15th - 21st

Scouts BSA Week 1 June 22nd - 28th

NO RESIDENT CAMP – FCC NYLT COURSE - June 28th-July 3rd

Scouts BSA Week 2 July 6th - 12th

Scouts BSA Week 3 July 13th - 19th

Scouts BSA Week 4 July 20th - 26th

Cub Scout Resident Session 1 July 27th - 30th

Cub Scout Resident Session 2 July 31st - August 3rd



2025 Fee Structure

New Scouts BSA Rewards Payment

Introducing the new CTSR Rewards Payment system. Make all payments by due dates and you receive the rewards price. If you miss or are late on a payment you pay the regular or late payment price.

November 1st, 2024 \$50 deposit per scout/leader

February 14th, 2025 ½ balance due

April 1st Full Payment is Due

Scout BSA Resident Camp Fees	***CTSR Rewards*** Full Payment By April 1st, 2025	Regular Payment April 2 - May 14 2025	May 15th, 2025 or later
Scouts	\$425	\$475	\$525
Adult Leaders	\$285	\$335	\$385
Part-Time Leaders	\$55 per day	\$55 per day	\$55 per day
New Scouts/AOL Cross Overs	\$425	\$425	\$425
2 nd Week Scout/ 2025 FCC NYLT Participants	\$225	\$225	\$225

New Cub Scout Rewards Payment

Introducing the new CTSR Rewards Payment system. Make all payments by due dates and you receive the rewards price. If you miss or are late on a payment you pay the regular or late payment price.

January 1st, 2025 \$50 deposit per scout/leader

March 14th, 2025 ½ balance due

May 1st Full Payment is Due

Cub Scout Resident Camp Fees	***CTSR Rewards*** Full Payment By May 1st, 2025	Regular Payment May 2nd - May 31st 2025	June 1st, 2025 or later
Cub Scouts	\$295	\$345	\$395
Adult Leaders	\$195	\$245	\$295
Part-Time Leaders	\$50 per day	\$50 per day	\$50 per day
New Scouts	\$295	\$295	\$295
Den Chiefs	\$195	\$245	\$295

2025 Scouts BSA Registration:

<https://scoutingevent.com/532-ScoutsBSASummerCamp2025>

2025 Cub Scout Registration:

<https://scoutingevent.com/532-CubScoutResidentCamp2025>

CUSTALOGA TOWN SCOUT RESERVATION

2025 SIGN UPS NOW AVAILABLE!



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Scouts BSA Week 3 July 13th - 19th

Scouts BSA Week 4 July 20th - 26th

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BOOK NOW



NOW HIRING 2025 CAMP STAFF

**AGES
15+**

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**CUSTALOGA TOWN
SCOUT RESERVATION, CARLTON PA**
.....

***EXPERIENCE AND
MEMORIES FOR A LIFETIME!***

- No Scouting Experience Required
- Director Positions 18+
- Support Staff 15+
- 8 Weeks of Pay
- Summer Housing
- Daily Meals Included



To schedule an interview:
Text/Call 4408137670
Justin Dye, Camp Director
Email: justindye.musicguy@gmail.com



JAMBOREE

UNIT VISITS SCHEDULING NOW

LEARN ABOUT ALL JAMOBREE HAS TO OFFER
YOUR SCOUTS AND WHAT A GREAT
EXPERIENCE JAMBOREE 2026 IS GOING TO BE.

SCHEDULE YOUR UNIT VISIT WITH DOUG LUTHRINGER
THEFASTMALL@HOTMAIL.COM OR 814-882-6830

Troops Wanted

Scouting in the Woods 2025

We are looking for a few Troops to help run a station of your choice for our Webelos Woods on February 22nd at Presque Isle State Park



We will be sending out flyers to local schools to invite students 11yrs old and up in 5-8th grade. This will be a great recruitment event for your Troop both with current scouts and the public.

Contact Dan Ste Marie for more information and to let him know your Troop wants to help.

814-566-6914 or danjstemarie@aol.com



ILST/ILSS Training

HOSTED BY SEA SCOUT SHIP 2532

INTRODUCTION TO LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR TROOPS/SHIPS IS AN INTRODUCTORY LEADERSHIP COURSE FOR SCOUTS BSA , SEA SCOUTS AND VENTURING YOUTH AND PROVIDES BASIC LEADERSHIP SKILLS TO RUN THEIR UNIT

PLEASE BRING:
A PACKED LUNCH, NOTEBOOK, PEN, YOUR
ENTHUSIASM AND A FEW DOLLARS IF YOU
WISH TO BUY DONUTS FOR BREAKFAST!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH, 8:30AM-4PM
ERIE MARITIME CENTER, ERIE, PA

COST: FREE
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:
SKIPPER DAVE BEIGHLEY, 814-440-6883

PLEASE SIGN UP VIA THIS QR CODE OR THIS LINK!



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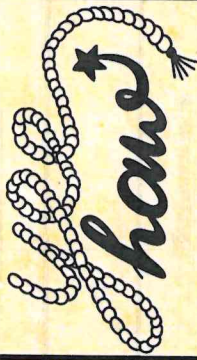

CTSR CUB SCOUTS 2025

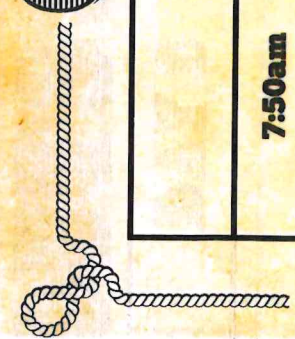
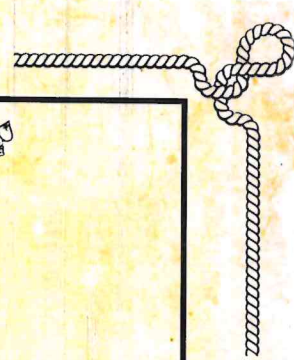
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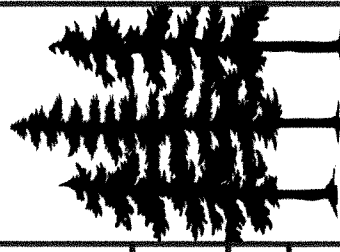
DAY 4

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4
7:50am		Flag Raising	Flag Raising	Flag Raising
8:00-8:30am		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:00-10:15am		Program 1	Program 4	Program 7
10:35-11:50am		Program 2	Program 5	Program 8
12:15pm		Lunch	Lunch	
1:00-2:00pm	Check In 1pm Pack Photos Set Up Campsites	Den Time	Den Time	12:15pm Flag Lowering Packed Lunch, Check Out
2:00pm-3:15pm		Program 3	Program 6	
3:30-5:00pm	Leader's Meeting (4:30pm)	Open Program	Open Program	
5:50pm	Flag Lowering	Flag Lowering	Flag Lowering	
6:00pm	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
Evening Programs	Vespers	Wild West Showdown	Closing Campfire 8pm	
	Opening Campfire 8pm	Night Hike (9pm)	Night Swim after campfire	



CTSR SCOUTS BSA 2025

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:50am		Flag Raising					
8:00-8:30am		Breakfast					
9:00-10:00am		Merit Badge 1					
10:10-11:10am		Merit Badge 2					
11:20-12:20pm		Merit Badge 3					
12:30pm		Lunch					
1:00-1:50pm	Siesta						
2:00-3:00pm	Merit Badge 4						
3:10pm-5:00pm	Leader's Meeting (4:30pm)	Merit Badge 5/Free Time (3:10pm-4:10pm)	Merit Badge 5 Guyasutha Run 3:30pm	Merit Badge 5/ Free Time			
5:50pm	Flag Lowering						
6:00pm	Dinner			Dinner In Sight		Dinner	
Evening Programs	Opening Campfire 8:30pm	Vespers Trailgating Party 7:30pm	Bonus Badge Night 7-9pm	Langudowi Drum Team 7pm OA Call Out 8pm	Photo Scavenger Hunt 7pm "Let's Dig In" Party 9pm	Closing Campfire 8:30pm	
Leader Events	Leader's Meeting 4:30pm @BBQ Pit	Caveman Bowling 10am	Caveman Golf 10am	Leader's Lunch @BBQ Pit	Scoutmaster Cookoff 2:30pm	Blue Card Meeting after Campfire	



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7:50am		Flag Raising	Flag Raising	Flag Raising	Flag Raising	Flag Raising	
8:00-8:30am		Breakfast					
9:00-10:00am		Merit Badge 1	Merit Badge 1	Morning of Service	Merit Badge 1	Merit Badge 1	Merit Badge 1
10:10-11:10am		Merit Badge 2	Merit Badge 2		Merit Badge 2	Merit Badge 2	Merit Badge 2
11:20am-12:20pm		Merit Badge 3	Merit Badge 3		Merit Badge 3	Merit Badge 3	Merit Badge 3
12:30pm	Lunch						
1:00-1:50pm	Siesta						
2:00-3:00pm	Check In 1pm Set Up Campsites	Merit Badge 4	Merit Badge 4	Afternoon of Adventure	Merit Badge 4	Merit Badge 4	
3:10-4:10pm		Merit Badge 5	Merit Badge 5		Merit Badge 5	Merit Badge 5	
4:15pm-5:00pm	Camp Meeting (4:30pm)	Open Program	Open Program		Open Program	Open Program	Open Program
5:50pm	Flag Lowering	Flag Lowering	Flag Lowering	Flag Lowering	Flag Lowering	Flag Lowering (After Dinner)	
6:00pm	Dinner						
Evening Programs	Vespers 7pm Campfire 8:30pm	Merit Badge Period 6 7-9pm	Merit Badge Period 7 7-9pm	Langundowi Drum Team 7pm OA Call Out 8pm	Photo Scavenger Hunt 7pm Campfire 8:30pm	Check Out All Scouts must be out of Camp by 9pm	