

# MERIT BADGES CONTINUED

## PLANNING

Merit badges at camp are offered on a schedule, to allow for more focused instructional time. Scout leaders are encouraged to assist each Scout in the planning and preparation of the merit badges which the Scout wishes to take. Most merit badges have pre-camp preparation/requirements.

Counselors are available in most program areas from 9:00-11:50am and from 2:00-4:50pm each day. On Thursday, program areas will close at approximately 4:00pm. in preparation for Visitors' Night. Most merit badges at camp require the Scout to attend class every day AND complete work outside of merit badge class as some badges are not able to be completed at camp. Aquatics, Field Sports, and select Scoutcraft Merit Badges are offered in 80-minute, rather than 50-minute sessions.



## **PRE-CAMP CHECKLIST**

### MONTHS AHEAD OF CAMP

- Verify OA Unit Elections are held prior to camp and leaders should bring their copy of the Unit Election form to camp. Out of council units, see page 16.
- Set up any scholarships necessary. Completed forms must be turned in by April 15, 2025.
- Fees due by 5pm April 25, 2025 or a late fee will be charged per person.
- Counsel Scouts on merit badge program.
- Update Youth Protection Training if needed and register all adults attending camp with your unit.

### UP TO ONE MONTH AHEAD OF CAMP

- Conduct a parent's night so they are informed about their Scouts' plans for summer camp.
- Arrange leadership, transportation, and finances.
- Medical forms turned in to unit - including part C.
  - Include Drug Administration Record on page 18.
- Provide each family with map to Klaus, mailing address, phone number and list of personal equipment.
- Make plans for the Visitor's Night meal at Camp Klaus—take a pre-count and submit a number. **Inform the Council Service Center if your troop will not be participating in the meal.**
- Fill out camp rosters (with extra copies) to have one set ready to turn in at check-in.
- Don't forget to review items with first-year parents.
- Remind parents that all youth should remain until check-out Saturday morning. If a Scout must leave before check-out, the Youth Release Form on page 19 must be completed.
- List of any special allergies, special food requirements, special teaching needs, or other physical accommodations should be sent to the Council Service Center as soon as possible.

### WEEK BEFORE CAMP

- Bring extra funds for emergencies & material fees
- Collect completed page 19 "Youth Release Form" for those participating in offsite activities
- Load Troop equipment
- Verify transportation methods

