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The next few pages contain information on our camp programs for Polaris. Our curriculum has been developed through a unique collaboration of Scoutmasters, summer camp staff, and our council's camping and advancement committees. We are proud of the variety of programs we are able to offer, and with the highest quality found in Scouting!

Winter camping is primarily about fun! Too often, younger Scouts create an aggressive class schedule focused exclusively on advancement. Please work with your Scouts to help create appropriate schedules that mix advancement with adventure and fun.

Many of our programs have age-appropriate suggestions. We encourage you to use these guidelines when Scouts are creating their class schedules.

You will find that some of our class offerings include prerequisites. Also, in some cases, a merit badge must already have been earned prior to camp. For example, in order to take the Emergency Preparedness merit badge, a Scout must already have earned First Aid. We do not permit Scouts to take these classes concurrently; the prerequisite must be completed before camp starts.

Prerequisites listed in our program guide will not be covered in class. Scouts may bring proof of completion on these prerequisites to class for the instructor to review before or after class. Or, the troop may review these items toward completion of the merit badge.

Please encourage your Scouts to take a variety of courses at camp! We believe that camp is about outdoor adventure and challenge; a Scout only enrolled in academic classes is missing out.

The course guide that follows is tentative. The updated version will appear on the website in time for online class scheduling.

Occasionally, we may offer additional courses when skilled instruction is available. If any of your leaders is able to instruct a unique merit badge course to completion, please let us know!

### Program Departments

We will be offering courses in the following program departments:

- Wilderness Education
- Trade School
- Life Skills
- Sci-Tech
- Shooting Sports
- Trail to Eagle

Legend for Course Guide	
1-Period (75-minute) class	X
2-period (half-day) class	
4-period (full-day) class	

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Trade School	9:00am	10:30am	2:00pm	3:30pm	Additional Information
Auto Maintenance	X				Recommended for 2nd—3rd year Scouts
Electricity			X		Recommended for 2nd—3rd year Scouts
Leatherwork		X			
Pottery & Sculpture			X		
Metalwork	X				
Welding			X	X	Scouts must wear non-Synthetic Jeans, Boots
Woodcarving				X	



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Life Skills	9:00am	10:30am	2:00pm	3:30pm	Additional Information
Communication	X				Req. 5 & 8 to be completed at home
Citizenship in the Nation		X			Scouts will visit FDR's Little White House \$12 fee
Citizenship in the World			X		Completion of 7C dependent on International Scout
Salesmanship & Entrepreneurship				X	Taught at the Trading Post
Emergency Preparedness	X				Must have First Aid MB
First Aid	X			X	
Law			X		Recommended for 2nd—3rd year Scouts
American Cultures & American Heritage		X			\$12 Fee—Scouts will visit FDR's Little White House
Signs, Signals and Codes			X		



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Wilderness Education	9:00am	10:30am	2:00pm	3:30pm	Additional Information
Animal Science	X				
Cooking		X		X	
Environmental Science			X		Suggested for 2nd—3rd year scouts
Orienteering & Geocaching			X		3rd year Scouts and older Suggested
Search and Rescue				X	3rd year Scouts and older Suggested
Wilderness Survival		X			\$10.00 Kit fee for rocket kit; Totin' Chip recommended

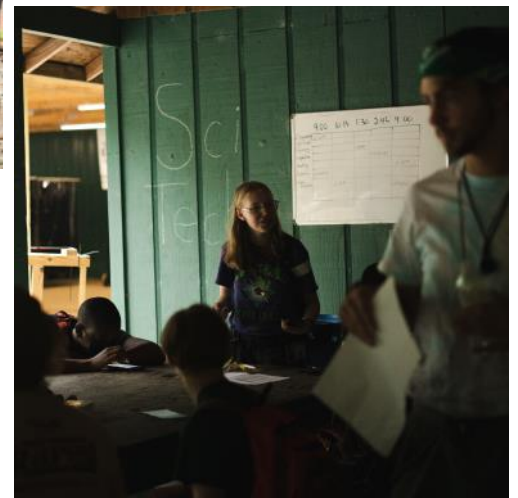


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Sci-Tech	9:00am	10:30am	2:00pm	3:30pm	Additional Information
Chemistry		X			Recommended for 2nd year Scouts
Engineering			X		Recommended for 2nd—3rd year Scouts
Moviemaking				X	
Photography			X		
Space Exploration		X			
Inventing	X				



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Shooting Sports	9:00am	10:30am	2:00pm	3:30pm	Additional Information
Archery	X	X			
Rifle			X	X	Suggested to be Age 13
Shotgun	X	X			Suggested to be Age 14 or Have the Rifle Merit Badge



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Trail To Eagle	9:00am	10:30am	2:00pm	3:30pm	Additional Information
Buckskin					For First Year Scouts
Pathfinder					For Second Year Scouts
Eagles Nest			X		For Star and Life Scouts

### Buckskin

The Buckskin program has been designed to give Scouts the greatest opportunity to learn basic Boy Scouting skills. As part of our training for your Scouts, please complete the Individual History Form (pg. 31) provided and return it to the Buckskin Director when you check-in at camp. The Scout will then be organized into a patrol based on the requirements they need to complete. For brand new Scouts who will work on Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class requirements. This program is offered as a half-day course (periods 1 & 2).

### Pathfinder

For Tenderfoot Scouts working on Second Class who would like to concentrate on rank advancement and Scouting skills. This program is offered as a half day course (periods 3 & 4).

### Preparation

#### What to Bring to Buckskin/Pathfinder:

- Boy Scout Handbook
- Water bottle
- Individual History form, turned in at Troop's check-in



### Physical Fitness Test:

Scouts will complete the physical fitness test (Tenderfoot 10a). Scouts who have completed this requirement at least 30 days prior to camp will complete the requirement 10b instead. This must be shown on their Individual History Form.

### Buckskin Homework:

There is very little work for Buckskin assigned outside of the class period. Scouts will be told what will be covered on the following day so they can review the topics in advance. Homework will include the gathering of tinder, kindling, and fuel and First Class requirement 7c (make a camp gadget). For this project, smaller items can be brought to class and larger items will be certified by a note from their leader.

### Eagle's Nest

The Eagle's Nest was designed to give all Life and Star Scouts the opportunity to prepare for their Eagle Project. This three day course will allow all participating Scouts to learn how to write an Eagle Project, record hours, learn fundraising ideas, and prepare for a Board of Review. We will even have a mock Eagle Board.



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## Awards / Activities:

### Out Cold

One night at camp, courageous Scouts are invited to build their own winter shelter from natural materials and brave the night chills. Scouts that successfully spend the night will receive the special "Out Cold" patch.



### Night Flyer

Feel the wind in your hair, air below your feet and the thrill of a night time zip line and rappelling experience! This experience is open to all ages, but only those 13 and above will be able to zip line all for the low cost of \$5 per participant. Adults are welcome to participate!



Sign ups for this program will be available upon arrival at Camp.

### Polar Bear Swim

Join the Polar Bear Club by taking a dip in freezing Lake Ini-To. This is the only time, all year to receive this prestigious patch.



Tentatively scheduled for the 28th after lunch; schedule may be postponed because of weather conditions. Be sure to bring towels and warm clothes to change into immediately.

*A medic and lifeguards will be on-site to assist participants in this program. Fires will be lit on the beach to help participants to warm-up.*



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*The schedule for Polaris will be released upon arrival to camp. This is a sample schedule.*

### Daily Schedule

#### **December 27**

Check-In.....	1:00-3:00pm	Howard Lodge
Formation.....	5:55pm	Flagpoles
Dinner .....	6:00pm	Dining Hall
SM/SPL Orientation.....	7:00pm	Admin. Building/Dining Hall
Opening Campfire.....	8:00pm	Council Ring
Merit Badge Class Change meeting.....	after campfire	Howard Lodge

#### **December 28**

Formation.....	7:55am	Flagpoles
Breakfast.....	8:00am	Dining Hall
1st Period.....	9:00am	Program Areas
2nd Period.....	10:30am	Program Areas
Lunch .....	12:15pm	Dining Hall
Polar Bear Swim.....	1:15pm	Waterfront*
3rd Period.....	2:00pm	Program Areas
4th Period.....	3:30pm	Program Areas
Formation.....	5:55pm	Flagpoles
Dinner .....	6:00pm	Dining Hall
Evening Activities.....	7:00pm	Dining Hall

#### **December 29**

Formation.....	7:55am	Flagpoles
Breakfast.....	8:00am	Dining Hall
1st Period.....	9:00am	Program Areas
2nd Period.....	10:30am	Program Areas
Lunch .....	12:15pm	Dining Hall
3rd Period.....	2:00pm	Program Areas
4th Period.....	3:30pm	Program Areas
Formation.....	5:55pm	Flagpoles
Dinner .....	6:00pm	Dining Hall
Evening Activities.....	7:00pm	Dining Hall

#### **December 30**

Formation.....	7:55am	Flagpoles
Breakfast.....	8:00am	Dining Hall
Non-denominational Worship Service.....	8:30am	Dining Hall
1st Period.....	9:00am	Program Areas
2nd Period.....	10:30am	Program Areas
Lunch .....	12:15pm	Dining Hall
3rd Period.....	2:00pm	Program Areas
4th Period.....	3:30pm	Program Areas
Formation.....	5:55pm	Flagpoles
Dinner .....	6:00pm	Dining Hall
Leader .....	7:00pm	Howard Lodge
Evening Activities.....	7:00pm	Dining Hall
Closing Campfire.....	8:30pm	Council Ring

#### **December 31**

Breakfast.....	8:00am	Dining Hall
Check-Out/Depart.....	9:00am	Howard Lodge

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### A Scout is Reverent

The final point of the Scout Law is an integral part of camp.

The Thunder Grace will be said each day at morning and evening assembly. We encourage you to have your Chaplain's Aide lead your troop in grace each day before lunch. It is helpful if your Scouts and leaders learn the Thunder Grace and Lawhorn Grace before coming to camp.

#### THUNDER GRACE

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the mountains, skies,  
and rivers.

For Scouting at Camp Thunder,



#### LAWHORN GRACE

For the light upon the moun-  
tain,

For the rushing of the river,



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### Individual Advancement History

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Troop \_\_\_\_\_

Council \_\_\_\_\_

*Requirements listed are as of January 2016.*

#### Tenderfoot Rank

##### Camping and Outdoor Ethics

- 1a.
- 1b.
- 1c.

##### Cooking

- 2a.
- 2b.
- 2c.

##### Tools

- 3a.
- 3b.
- 3c.
- 3d.

##### First Aid and Nature

- 4a.
- 4b.
- 4c.
- 4d.

##### Hiking

- 5a.
- 5b.
- 5c.

##### Fitness

- 6a.
- 6b.
- 6c.

Push-ups	<input type="checkbox"/>	Int	<input type="checkbox"/>	30 days
Sit-ups/Curl-ups	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sit & Reach	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
1mi walk/run	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

##### Citizenship

- 7a.
- 7b.

##### Leadership

- 8.

##### Scout Spirit

- 9.
- 10.
- 11.

#### Second Class

##### Camping and Outdoor Ethics

- 1a.
- 1b.
- 1c.

##### Cooking and Tools

- 2a.
- 2b.
- 2c.
- 2d.

##### Navigation

- 3a.
- 3b.
- 3c.
- 3d.

##### Nature

- 4.

##### Aquatics

- 5a.
- 5b.
- 5c.
- 5d.

##### First Aid and Emergency Preparedness

- 6a.
- 6b.
- 6c.
- 6d.
- 6e.

##### Fitness

- 7a.
- 7b.
- 7c.

##### Citizenship

- 8a.
- 8b.
- 8c.
- 8d.
- 8e.

##### Personal Safety Awareness

- 9a.
- 9b.

##### Scout Spirit

- 10.
- 11.
- 12.

##### Attendance:

- Circle if not present*
- Monday \_\_\_\_\_
- Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_
- Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_
- Thursday \_\_\_\_\_

Certified by these Buckskin Instructors:

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### First Class

#### Camping and Outdoor Ethics

- 1a.
- 1b.
- 2a.
- 2b.
- 2c.
- 2d.
- 2e.

#### Tools

- 3a.
- 3b.
- 3c.
- 3d.

#### Navigation

- 4a.
- 4b.
- 5a.
- 5b.
- 5c.
- 5d.

#### Aquatics

- 6a.
- 6b.
- 6c.
- 6d.
- 6e.

#### First Aid and Emergency Prep

- 7a.
- 7b.
- 7c.
- 7d.
- 7e.
- 7f.

#### Fitness

- 8a.
- 8b.

#### Citizenship

- 9a.
- 9b.
- 9c.
- 9d.

#### Leadership

- 10.

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### Class Scheduling Worksheet

Troop \_\_\_\_\_ Scoutmaster \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

	Scout's Name	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	4th Period	1st Alternate	2nd Alternate
1.							
2.							
3.							
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17.							
18.							

Use this form to plan out their schedules. If you are submitting your schedule to camp for registration, please use this form.

Week Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Campsite \_\_\_\_\_

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Call us today to make your reservation for Winter Camp!

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