

Troop 17 Summer Camp Merit Badge/Activity Selection Form

Scout Name: _____ Age: _____
 Phone: _____ Rank: _____
 E-mail: _____

Instructions:

First Year Scouts	All first year Scouts will attend the First Year Program, and take the Swimming Merit Badge. No other merit badges need be requested (unless a 4 th block badge is desired). Swimming will be block 1 & the First Year Program will be block 2 & 3. Check "First Year Box"
Scouts Aged 11-14	Select merit badges to fill the three morning blocks. Note that some merit badges are only offered certain times, and that some merit badges use two blocks. Refer to the GSR Pre-Requisite Guidebook for all Merit Badge selections, prerequisites and suggestions on age-appropriate MB's. If desired, select optional afternoon activities. The Troop Committee strongly recommends that all Scouts select at least one Eagle-required MB.
Older Scouts Aged 14-17	Either select merit badges to fill the three morning blocks or select one of the Older Scout Programs (SPOKE, COPE or Valley Voyager) Note that some merit badges are only offered certain times, and that some merit badges use two blocks. Refer to the GSR Pre-Requisite Guidebook for all Merit Badge selections, prerequisites and suggestions on age-appropriate MB's. If desired, select optional afternoon activities.

The GSR Pre-requisite Guidebook is available on the Troop website: www.troop17bsa.com

Note: All Scouts may select afternoon merit badges, snorkeling or lifeguard. Scouts selecting these will attend in lieu of the afternoon troop activities block.

Merit Badge Blocks

Block 1 (9:00am)	Block 2 (10:00am)	Block 3 (11:00am)	Block 4 (optional)

First Year Program (includes Swimming Merit Badge)

(Select only an afternoon block Merit Badge, if desired)

Older Scout Programs Sign-up *(Do not sign up for merit badges above, if selecting one of these)*

<input type="checkbox"/> SPOKE Choose 1 per day	Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Fitness MB	<input type="checkbox"/> Welding MB	<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking	
	Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography MB	<input type="checkbox"/> Mack & Back Hike	<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking	
	Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Movie Making MB	<input type="checkbox"/> Welding MB	<input type="checkbox"/> Griswold Trail Hike	
	Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Cit. in the Nation MB	<input type="checkbox"/> Search & Rescue MB	<input type="checkbox"/> Mack & Back Hike	<input type="checkbox"/> Big Lake Kayak
	Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> Cit. in the World MB	<input type="checkbox"/> Search & Rescue MB		
<input type="checkbox"/> COPE					
<input type="checkbox"/> VALLEY VOYAGER					

Optional Afternoon Programs *(All scouts may select one of these)*

- BSA Lifeguard** *(Uses all three afternoon blocks)*
- BSA Snorkeling** *(Uses first afternoon block)*
- Fire Safety Merit Badge** *(Uses first afternoon block)*

I understand & consent to the program selected by my Scout: _____

Parent Signature

Older Scout Program Options

Older Scouts may choose from either the standard Merit Badge program, or from any of the following programs.

C.O.P.E.

Open only to Scouts aged 14-17 (or 13 with special permission)

Available for older Scouts who want to experience the thrill of learning through dynamic and cutting edge outdoor "High Adventure." The program involves both high & low C.O.P.E. elements.

Individual scouts will take part in C.O.P.E. in the morning sessions, taking all three blocks. No morning merit badges may be taken with the C.O.P.E program.

S.P.O.K.E.

Open only to Scouts aged 14-17

REVAMPED for 2014. Imagine a bicycle wheel. The 'hub' is staying in main camp with your Troop. The "SPOKE" experience is when you journey into a unique, age-appropriate activity (and back) on a memorable adventure! SPOKE runs from 8:30am-2pm every day (except Big Lake Kayaking which runs Thursday overnight and including Friday)

SPOKE participants will not be able sign-up for morning block merit badges, as they will be on their SPOKE adventures during the morning. They can, however, participate in afternoon Troop/Free sessions (except on when doing Big Lake Kayaking). Do not sign up for morning merit badges.

Choose one of the SPOKE options per day.

OFFERINGS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cit. in Nation MB				Yes	
Cit. in World MB					Yes
Movie-Making MB			Yes		
Personal Fitness MB	Yes				
Photography MB		Yes			
Search & Rescue MB				Yes	Yes
Welding MB	Yes		Yes		
Griswold (Red) Trail Hike (~7.9 mi)			Yes		
Mack & Back Hike (~5 mi)		Yes		Yes	
Mountain Biking (all over)	Yes	Yes			
Big Lake Winni Kayaking (&MB)				Yes	

Valley Voyager

Open only to Scouts aged 14-17

Valley Voyageur introduces Older Scouts to the principles required for successful backpacking. Participants 'choose their own adventure' throughout Griswold Scout Reservation's roughly 3,500 acres of sprawling backcountry as well as the abutting Belknap State Forest land of NH. Valley Voyageur participants will spend five days and four nights on the trail (Monday-Friday) carrying all of their camping equipment, food and water with them.

Valley Voyageur participants must pass the BSA swimmer test.

All participants will be out on their adventure throughout the week. Do not sign up for merit badges.