

Troop 17 Summer Camp Merit Badge/Activity Selection Form

Scout Name: _____ Age: _____
 Phone: _____ Rank: _____
 Scout E-mail: _____
 Parent 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. . 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, or Valley Voyager) Afternoon COPE participants must select morning merit badges or program ,also. If desired, select optional afternoon activities.

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

Note 1: All Scouts may select afternoon merit badges, snorkeling or lifeguard. Scouts selecting these will attend in lieu of the afternoon troop activities block.

Note 2: 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

Merit Badge Blocks

Block 1 (9:00am)	Block 2 (10:00am)	Block 3 (11:00am)	Afternoon (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)*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<input type="checkbox"/> SPOKE Choose 1 per day	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Fitness MB	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography MB	<input type="checkbox"/> Griswold Trail Hike	<input type="checkbox"/> Cit. in Nation MB	<input type="checkbox"/> Cit. in World MB
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking	<input type="checkbox"/> Adventure of Scout's Choosing	<input type="checkbox"/> Movie Making MB	<input type="checkbox"/> Crystal Lake Kayak	<input type="checkbox"/> Mack & Back Hike
<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon COPE <i>(Note that you must select morning activities, as well)</i>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Valley Voyager					

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

- BSA Lifeguard** *(Uses all three afternoon blocks)*
- BSA Snorkeling** *(Uses first morning 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.

IMPORTANT: New this season - Individual scouts will take part in C.O.P.E. in the **afternoon** sessions, taking all three blocks. Scouts taking individual COPE **WILL NOT** be able to participate in the afternoon TROOP activities. COPE participants should sign up for morning activities (i.e, Merit Badge sessions)

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 no 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			
Griswold (Red) Trail Hike (~7.9 mi)			Yes		
Mack & Back Hike (~5 mi)					Yes
Adventure of Scout's Choosing!		Yes			
Mountain Biking (all over)	Yes				
Crystal Lake 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.