

A SCOUT IS CLEAN. A SCOUT IS HELPFUL.

Patrol duties will be assigned by the SPL. Duties are expected to be carried out before the patrol leaves for breakfast each morning. All patrol members, of course, are expected to help. Duties may include fire duties, trash pickup, checking tent flaps, cleaning the site latrine, etc. The SPL will verify that all duties have been performed in a timely and correct manner.

Look to the duty roster, posted at the site latrine to check your patrol's duties. This should also be discussed at the daily PLC meetings.

In order to keep the camp clean, the Hidden Valley staff asks each troop to help out by doing various duties. Our duties

How to Clean Camp Bathrooms and Shower Houses

1. An adult from each troop must be present while their troop is cleaning.
2. Obtain supplies from the dining hall staff, from the women's room of the visitors bathrooms, the eighteen-plus room from the South shower house, or from the North shower house.
3. Knock and call into the shower house or bathroom to make sure it's empty. This is especially important on the women's side.
4. Remove all garbage and sweep the entire floor. Pull down any cobwebs
5. Use the cleaning solution and brushes to scrub all of the sinks, urinals, toilets and showering stalls.

IMPORTANT:

The small brush is for sinks and shower stalls.

The long brush is for toilets & urinals.

6. After scrubbing with soap, repeat with clean water.
7. Replace/refill all paper products (dispensed from Dining Hall)
8. Note: If your patrol has duty, get materials after lunch – it will save you a walk
9. Make sure that all areas of the shower or bathrooms are clean before you leave.
10. Toilet Paper & Paper Towels are dispensed ONLY from the Dining Hall.

Do not use a hose for the floor around the sinks and toilets, as this leaves standing water and breeds mold and bacteria (& can damage the flooring).

EXTRA HELP:

If a scout is having trouble with any merit badge, we will give him the help he needs. Arrangements can be made for make-up time with the counselor. Leaders are encouraged to visit each Scout's Merit Badge Counselor on a regular basis. They will share with the Unit Leaders each boy's progress and attendance record at classes. It is important that any problems with a merit badge are brought to our attention as soon as possible. It is usually impossible to remedy a situation Friday afternoon that began on Tuesday. We want to work with Unit Leaders and Scouts to teach our merit badges successfully.

100% ADVANCEMENT:

Our advancement program will be run on the basis that a Scout must complete 100% of the requirements before receiving the badge. Some merit badges cannot be completed during camp unless prior work has been done before arriving at camp.

PARTIAL CREDIT:

Any scout finishing some but not all of the requirements for a merit badge will receive a "partial" merit badge card (blue card). It tells what a Scout has and has not completed. He can take up until his 18th birthday to complete the merit badge, at home with a qualified counselor or next summer at Hidden Valley. A counselor reserves the right to re-test previously passed requirements.

ADVANCE WORK:

We recommend that Scouts **read over their Merit Badge Pamphlets before arriving at camp.** This will familiarize the Scouts with the requirements and content, making it easier to earn the badge when they get to camp. Many merit badges require prior preparations. Scouts should review requirements to see what work they need or want to begin before arrival. Proof of completion of any requirements done before arrival should be brought with the Scout to his merit badge class to be reviewed by the Counselor in order to receive a completion on a merit badge at camp.

- The scout should present merit badge blue cards, signed only once by the Scoutmaster, to the merit badge counselor on Monday morning. Blue cards will be filled out prior to arrival at camp. The second Scoutmaster signature is only signed upon completion of the badge.
 - We will distribute blue cards on Monday morning, before we leave for breakfast.
- The camp strongly suggests that scouts who are new to the Boy Scout Program – and who are new to summer camp – enroll in the First Year Program. New Scouts who choose, instead, to go after only Merit Badges will be frustrated in the fall when they still have not completed their rank requirements. Such a decision often leads to early dropout from the program entirely.

Completed/Partial Merit Badge Blue Cards

Blue cards, both completed and partial, will be picked up by the unit leaders on the Saturday at the end of camp. Scouts will receive their partial blue cards at the start of the Scout Season in September. Scouts completing their merit badges will receive their portion of the blue card showing completion at the next Court of Honor.