

# TUSCARORA SCOUT RESERVATION 2025



## SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM GUIDE FOR SCOUTS

### TEN EXCITING PROGRAM AREAS



#### Aquatics

The waterfront on Summit Lake provides a variety of aquatic activities – including swimming, sailing, canoeing, rowing, kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, inflatables, waterslide and more!



#### Climbing

Tuscarora Scout Reservation is home to a 40-foot, three-sided climbing and rappelling tower. Scouts can come for afternoon open climbs or earn Climbing merit badge in special evening sessions.



#### Eagle's Nest

This program area helps Scouts on the trail to Eagle develop life skills with several Eagle-required merit badges, including communications, first aid, and the citizenships.



#### Handicraft

This area focuses on a wide-range of arts, crafts, and trade skills. Handicraft allows Scouts to build skills in basket making, leatherworking, wood carving, game design, painting, and more.



#### Health Lodge

The Health Lodge at Camp Tuscarora serves as the first aid center, offering medical support and instruction and safety programs, including the First Aid Merit Badge, to help Scouts to *be prepared*.



#### Music & Arts

This program area lets Scouts showcase their creative sides with a wide range of merit badges and programs that allow them to create, perform and express themselves.



#### Nature

At our Nature area Scouts get to investigate the natural world. The area offers a variety of merit badges along with nature hikes, conservation projects, astronomy demos, and fishing opportunities.



#### Range & Target Sports

Tuscarora's shooting sports programs provide opportunities in archery, rifle, and shotgun shooting. In addition to merit badge instruction, the area offers daily open shoots for Scouts and leaders.



#### Scoutcraft

Scoutcraft is the place to develop and showcase your outdoor skills - including camping, cooking, pioneering, orienteering, wilderness survival and overall outdoor living.



#### Trailblazer

Trailblazers is Tuscarora's first-year camper program. Throughout the week, Scouts will build skills while completing requirements for the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class.

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## 2025 SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS

### Merit Badges

Merit badges are a big portion of the summer camp experience, and we want to ensure Scouts are successful in earning all the badges they set out for. **Be prepared!** Scouts should review the requirements for each badge they intend on taking before coming to camp.

Due to the nature of some requirements, and the limitations of the summer camp setting, some requirements cannot be completed in the merit badge classes at camp. Scouts should be sure to complete any necessary prerequisite requirements (pre-reqs) before coming to camp. In many cases a signed note from a Scout leader is sufficient to show proof of a pre-reqs; or bringing a copy of the written requirement (such as a report or letter). Be sure to complete the pre-reqs prior to camp to ensure a complete badge at the end of the week.

### Trailblazers – First Year Camper Program

The Trailblazers program is Tuscarora's first year camper program. Throughout the week, Scouts will build many of the skills necessary to complete requirements for the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. In the afternoon the Scouts will have an opportunity to earn a merit badge or two and participate in open programs throughout the camp.

The program covers first aid, cooking, hiking, map and compass skills, Totin' Chip, Firem'n Chit, nature identification, knots and lashings, as well as time at the waterfront and ranges.

Troops with Scouts in the Trailblazer program should try to send an adult leader to assist with instruction, and to better verify the skills each Scout learns and masters.

### Game On! – 2025 Theme

#### **Tuscarora '25—Where your favorite games come alive!**

Help us conquer the gaming realm as your favorite board, card, and video games take over camp! Our special themed areas await, offering an immersive experience for all Scouts and leaders. Take down the aliens in our Space Invader Shoot, sink ships as BattleShips take over our lake, and climb the flagpole just like Mario! Actually, maybe cut that last part... You can also test your skills at our camp-wide arcade night which puts a camp twist on your classic favorites.

Scouts will be able to work on earning special theme-related merit badges this summer; including Game Design, Chess, Sports, Animation, Plumbing, and Space Exploration. The week will feature many theme-related programs and challenges as Scouts conquer the gaming realm. Earn rewards and power ups while having fun and leveling up your merit badge sash!

### Early Bird Morning Programs

Rise and shine and start your day with an exciting "early bird" program. Participate in special morning shooting at the ranges, take a refreshing dip in the lake at the Polar Bear Plunge, and enjoy a tranquil guided nature hike. A different program is held each morning (Tuesday through Thursday) at 6:30AM and is a great way to start your day.

### Fun Afternoon Open Programs

Camp is more than just merit badges. Open programs will be available each afternoon for Scouts. These activities include open swimming and boating at Waterfront, open climbing at the climbing tower, open shooting at Shooting Sports, special crafts, exciting games, hikes, service projects, special presentations, competitions, and more.

### Exciting Evening Programs

Special evening programs and presentations will be held each night throughout the week. Evening activities include troop competitions, a Waterfront beach party, special shooting sports opportunities, craft workshops, game nights, cooking demos, karaoke, campfires, and more! There is truly something for every Scout!

### Adult Leader Programs

Why should the Scouts have all the fun? Throughout the week we will have special opportunities for Scout leaders to socialize and have hands-on fun. We're also excited to offer adult leader training opportunities – including Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS), Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Paddle Craft Safety, Swim & Water Rescue, and more. These trainings help adult leaders deliver quality experiences to their Scouts.

















### Honor Camper Program

Campers who have attended three (or more) summers of Scouts BSA summer camp at Camp Tuscarora are invited to join our special honor society with a fellowship cracker barrel on Monday as well as service projects throughout the week. Third-year campers who complete a service project and show good Scout spirit while at camp can earn a special Camp Tuscarora neckerchief.

### Additional Program Opportunities

Tuscarora Scout Reservation has a lot to offer Scouts! Additional open activities available throughout the week for troops and Scouts to experience include Gaga Ball, Mountain Biking, Bear Cave Hike, Tuscarora Scout Reservation Museum Tours, Waterslide and Log Rolling at Waterfront, and more.

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 <b>Animation</b> [2025 theme badge] Bring proof of requirements 7, 8c, 8d, and 9.	 <b>Kayaking</b> Must be able to pass the BSA swimmers test.
 <b>Archery</b>	 <b>Leatherwork</b>
 <b>Art</b>	 <b>Lifesaving</b> Bring proof of 2a and 16b. Be prepared to do 2b on day 1.
 <b>Astronomy</b>	 <b>Mammal Study</b>
 <b>Basketry</b>	 <b>Music</b>
 <b>Bugling</b> [independent study] Bring your own bugle or trumpet.	 <b>Nature</b>
 <b>Camping</b> Bring proof of requirements 7, 8c, 8d, and 9.	 <b>Painting</b>
 <b>Canoeing</b> Must be able to pass the BSA swimmers test.	 <b>Photography</b> Bring your own camera (or mobile device with a camera).
 <b>Chess</b> [2025 theme badge] Recommended to bring a chess set to camp.	 <b>Pioneering</b>
 <b>Citizenship in Society</b> Recommended for older Scouts only.	 <b>Plumbing</b> [2025 theme badge]
 <b>Citizenship in the Nation</b> Bring proof of requirements 7 and 8.	 <b>Pottery</b>
 <b>Citizenship in the World</b> Bring proof of requirement 7.	 <b>Public Speaking</b> Recommended for older Scouts only.
 <b>Climbing – Must be at least 13 years old</b> Evening class; bring proof of requirements 1 and 2.	 <b>Rifle Shooting – Must be at least 12 years old</b> Bring proof of requirement 1f (copy of your state laws).
 <b>Communication</b> Bring proof of requirement 5.	 <b>Rowing</b> Must be able to pass the BSA swimmers test.
 <b>Cooking</b> Bring proof of requirements 4, 5 and 6.	 <b>Salesmanship</b> Bring proof of requirement 5.
 <b>Coin Collecting</b> [independent study]	 <b>Shotgun Shooting – Must be at least 12 years old</b> Bring proof of requirement 1f (copy of your state laws).
 <b>Engineering</b>	 <b>Small-boat Sailing</b> Must be able to pass the BSA swimmers test.
 <b>Environmental Science</b> Bring proof of requirement 6.	 <b>Soil &amp; Water Conservation</b>
 <b>Exploration</b> Bring proof of requirement 5.	 <b>Space Exploration</b> [2025 theme badge]
 <b>First Aid</b> Bring proof of requirement 2(b)1.	 <b>Sports</b> [2025 theme badge] Bring proof of requirements 4 and 5.
 <b>Fish &amp; Wildlife Management</b> Bring proof of requirement 5.	 <b>Swimming</b> Must be able to pass the BSA swimmers test.
 <b>Fishing</b> Bring your own fishing gear.	 <b>Theater</b> Bring proof of requirement 1.
 <b>Forestry</b>	 <b>Weather</b>
 <b>Game Design</b> [2025 theme badge]	 <b>Wilderness Survival</b> Be prepared to spend a night in a primitive shelter in your site.
 <b>Hiking</b> [independent study] Bring proof of requirements 4 and 5.	 <b>Wood Carving</b> Bring proof of requirement 2a and a locking-blade knife.

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**2025 MERIT BADGE SCHEDULE**

	<b>PERIOD 1 9:00 – 9:50</b>	<b>PERIOD 2 10:00 – 10:50</b>	<b>PERIOD 3 11:00 – 11:50</b>	<b>PERIOD 4 2:00 – 2:50</b>	<b>PERIOD 5 3:00 – 3:50</b>	<b>PERIOD 6 4:00 – 4:50</b>
<b>Waterfront</b>	<b>Canoeing</b>	<b>Canoeing</b>	<b>Lifesaving</b>	<b>Kayaking</b>	<b>Open Waterfront (Swimming &amp; Boating)</b>	
	<b>Kayaking</b>	<b>Rowing</b>	<b>Swimming</b>	<b>Swimming</b>		
	<b>BSA Snorkeling &amp; Paddleboarding</b>	<b>Small-boat Sailing</b>		<b>Instructional Swim</b>		
<b>Climbing</b>					<b>Open Climbing</b>	
<b>Range &amp; Target Sports</b>	<b>Archery</b>		<b>Open Archery</b>	<b>Archery</b>		<b>Open Archery</b>
	<b>Rifle Shooting</b>		<b>Open Shoot</b>	<b>Shotgun Shooting</b>		<b>Open Shoot</b>
<b>Eagle's Nest</b>	<b>Citizenship in the Nation</b>	<b>Citizenship in the World</b>	<b>Citizenship in Society</b>	<b>Communication</b>	<b>Public Speaking</b>	
<b>Handicraft</b>	<b>Plumbing</b>	<b>Engineering</b>	<b>Painting</b>	<b>Chess</b>	<b>Space Exploration</b>	<b>Open Programs</b>
	<b>Pottery</b>	<b>Wood Carving</b>	<b>Leatherwork</b>	<b>Pottery</b>	<b>Basketry</b>	
<b>Music &amp; Arts</b>	<b>Salesmanship</b>	<b>Theater</b>	<b>Photography</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Art</b>	<b>Open Programs</b>
	<b>Game Design</b>		<b>Animation</b>			
<b>Health Lodge</b>		<b>First Aid</b>		<b>First Aid</b>		
<b>Nature</b>	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Forestry</b>	<b>Environmental Science</b>	<b>Fish &amp; Wildlife Management</b>	<b>Fishing</b>	<b>Open Programs</b>
	<b>Soil &amp; Water Conservation</b>	<b>Weather</b>	<b>Exploration</b>	<b>Astronomy</b>	<b>Mammal Study</b>	
<b>ScoutCraft</b>	<b>Camping</b>	<b>Pioneering</b>		<b>Camping</b>	<b>Wilderness Survival</b>	<b>Open Programs</b>
	<b>Sports</b>		<b>Cooking</b>			
<b>Trailblazer</b>	<i>First-Year Camper Program</i>			<i>First-Year Camper Program (...continued)</i>		
<b>Trainings</b>	<i>Intro. to Outdoor Leader Skills</i>					

Morning Colors: 7:45AM | Breakfast: 8:00AM | Lunch: Open at NOON | Evening Colors: 5:45PM | Dinner: 6:00PM | Taps: 10:00PM

# - Tuscarora Scout Reservation - 2025 WEEKLY SCHEDULE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
6:30								
7:00			Morning Marksman	Polar Bear Plunge	Sunrise Hike			
7:30								
8:00		Colors	Colors	Colors	Colors	Colors		
8:30		<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>		<b>Open Breakfast</b>
9:00		Leaders Meeting	Leaders Meeting	Leaders Meeting	Leaders Meeting	Leaders Meeting		<i>Check-out &amp; Departure</i>
9:30								
10:00		<b>Morning Programs</b>	<b>Morning Programs</b>	<b>Morning Programs</b>	<b>Morning Programs</b>	<b>Morning Programs</b>		
10:30		Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs		
11:00								
11:30								
12:00								
12:30	<b>Open Lunch</b>	<b>Open Lunch</b>	<b>Open Lunch</b>	<b>Open Lunch</b>	<b>Open Lunch</b>			
1:00								
1:30	<i>Siesta</i>	<i>Siesta</i>	<i>Siesta (SPL Meeting)</i>	<i>Siesta (OA Service Project)</i>	<i>Siesta</i>			
2:00								
2:30	<b>Afternoon Programs</b>	<b>Afternoon Programs</b>	<b>Afternoon Programs</b>	<b>Afternoon Programs</b>	<b>Afternoon Programs</b>			
3:00	<i>Arrival &amp; Check-in</i>	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs	Merit Badges & Other Programs		Merit Badges & Other Programs	
3:30								
4:00								
4:30		Open Programs	Open Programs	Open Programs	Open Programs	Open Programs		
5:00								
5:30					Scouts' Own Service			
6:00	Colors	Colors	Colors	Colors	Colors			
6:30	<b>Dinner</b> (Outdoor Picnic)	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Dinner</b>		
7:00								
7:30	Leaders Meeting	<b>Evening Programs</b>	<b>Evening Programs</b>	<b>Camp-Wide Arcade Night</b>	<b>Evening Programs</b>			
8:00		<i>Space Invaders, Beach Party, and more!</i>	<i>Battleship, Cooking Demos, and more!</i>		<i>Hungry-Hippos, Karaoke Night, and more!</i>			
8:30								
9:00	<b>Camp-wide Campfire</b>			<b>Just Dance Party!</b>		<b>Camp-wide Campfire</b>		
9:30		Honor Camper Cracker Barrel						
10:00								
	<i>Taps</i>	<i>Taps</i>	<i>Taps</i>	<i>Taps</i>	<i>Taps</i>	<i>Taps</i>		

\* Tentative Schedule  
Subject to Change

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## WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

Any good Scout should *be prepared* and bring the necessary items when they go camping. Here is a suggested list of things to bring. Talk with your troop leaders for specific guidance on how to pack and what to bring to camp.

### Suggested Personal Gear:

- Scout uniform(s)
- Extra shirts
- Extra pants/shorts
- Socks
- Underwear
- Rain gear
- Swimsuit
- Sleepwear
- Sneakers
- Hiking boots
- Water shoes (or closed-toe footwear that can get wet)
- Warm sweater, sweatshirt and/or jacket
- Towels
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Sleeping bag / blankets
- Pillow
- Flashlight (with extra batteries)
- Water bottle
- Ground cloth or small tarp
- Watch
- Wallet with money
- Notebook with pen/pencil
- Merit badge pre-requisites
- Scouts BSA Handbook
- Pocket knife
- Fishing gear
- Mess kit (cup, plate, and bowl)
- Utensils (fork, knife, and spoon)
- Folding camp chair
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Bandanna

### Suggested Troop Gear:

- Copies of all necessary paperwork
- First aid kit
- Troop and patrol flags
- Matches
- Lantern(s)
- Rope / twine
- Axes / saws
- Extra pens / pencils and notebook paper

### Packing Tips

**Label your gear:** Scouts should mark all their personal gear! Many times, items are lost or misplaced and never claimed. Placing a name and unit number on items can prevent such losses and helps us reconnect Scouts with lost or found items.

**The Tuscarora Trading Post:** The trading post is open most of the day and has many items that you may want to purchase. You'll find a wide variety of items including camping supplies, T-shirts and apparel, snacks, slushies, drinks, souvenirs, and much more. Please be sure you bring the appropriate spending money so they don't feel left out. We recommend bringing between \$30 to \$60 for the week.

**Electronics:** Every troop has their own unique policy. However Scouts should be encouraged to leave all electronics at home. These devices take away from the summer camp experience. They can promote homesickness and often lead to other problems. Valuables should also be left at home; Camp Tuscarora is not responsible for broken or lost items.

**Make sure you can handle your gear:** Scouts are in charge of their own stuff at camp, so you need to know what's in your bag and where it's packed (for this reason we highly discourage parents from packing for their Scout). Remember that your stuff is your responsibility. While you won't need to haul your gear miles to your campsite, you do want to make sure you can move it by yourself... and remember it has to fit in your tent. A lightweight duffelbag is simple, roomy, and easily squishable under a cot.

**Pack for all weather:** Camp program doesn't stop on account of rain, so be sure to bring raingear (a few extra pairs of socks and a dry pair of shoes can make all the difference during a rainy week). A small and inexpensive plastic tarp can give extra rain protection for Scouts and their gear — it can provide a dry place to sit after a rainstorm, be hung or used as cover on a rainy day, or provide extra coverage over a leaking tent during an extended rain shower. Also note that the average daily high at camp in July is around 78°F, and it can also get chilly at night (Tuscarora sees an average nighttime low of 59°F in the month of July). A sweatshirt or fleece and a pair of long pants can make the cool evenings and mornings more comfortable.

**Stay organized:** Don't just toss everything into your bag—keep your gear neat, clean and organized! Ziploc bags are your friends; they come in every possible size—even super-huge—and they're watertight and waterproof. Packing your stuff in Ziploc bags can help keep your gear clean and organized throughout the week. Plus you can be confident that it won't get wet or ruined if wind and rain come through your campsite at 3AM.

**Still have questions:** Talk to your Scoutmaster or other Scouts in your troop for guidance on what to bring (and what not to bring) to summer camp. Chances are they have a lot of advice on what to bring (and what to leave at home).

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