



**2020 Camp Grimes
Program Preview
Jan. 30, 2020**





Agenda

- 1. Welcome.....Joe Culpepper, Camping Chair
- 2. Introductions/Pledge and Invocation.....Alan Keiger, Camp Director
- 3. Dinner.....All
- 4. Scout Executive’s Comments.....Mark Turner, Scout Exec.
- 5. Upcoming dates and Deadlines.....Alan Keiger
- 6. Sunday Check in procedures.....Alan Keiger
- 7. 2020 Program Overview.....Clint Long, Stuart Tucker, Joe Culpepper
- 8. 2020 Website Updates.....Lynn Snuggs
- 9. Open Questions.....All





Now, a word from our Scout Executive





Key Dates and Fees

Summer Camp Schedule

Camp Grimes Summer Camp will run five consecutive weeks of traditional summer camp for the 2020 season.

- Week 1 June 14 - June 20
- Week 2 June 21 - June 27
- Week 3 June 28 - July 4
- Week 4 July 5 - July 11
- Week 5 July 12 - July 18

Summer Camp Dates and Deadlines

- September 15, 2019 Staff Employment Applications Accepted
- January 15, 2020 Troop Camper Deposits Due - \$20.00 per scout
- March 27, 2020 Online Merit Badge Registration Begins @ 8:00 am
- April 17, 2020 Campership Applications Due
- May 1, 2020 Balance of Camp Fees Due





Sunday Check In

- Meet Troop Guide at Parking Lot
- One Leader to Administration Office to check in troop and settle in – the remainder of the troop can go on to check in
- Medical check in – match medical forms and person makes it faster – turn in medication log
- Dining Hall
- Troop photo
- Water front – all campers must attend safety talk – only ones needing swim test need to be in swim suit
- Troop does not need to go in any special order, but must hit all





2020 Program Overview:





Block Scheduling

A new and innovative approach to merit badge class scheduling

Scouts will attend a class lasting for one whole block.

One block= Four hours

Blocks occur

- In the morning after breakfast
- After lunch in the afternoon

Most classes will need one to two blocks to complete.





What does this mean?

Less chance of a Scout not getting the classes that are desired

Scouts have the potential to home with 7-9 merit badges

A higher completion rate in merit badges.

Smaller class sizes mean more individualized instruction

Less time wasted in travel between classes.

The daily schedule will change.





Sample Scout Schedule

Monday

AM: Woodcarving

PM: Archery 1 of 2

Tuesday

AM: Kayaking

PM: Archery 2 of 2

Wednesday:

AM: Swimming 1 of 2

PM: "Session 7"

- 3 Rotations
- Open program areas
- Merit badge Makeup

Thursday:

AM: Astronomy

PM: Communication

Friday

AM: Swimming 2 of 2

PM:

- Open program areas,
- Off campus trips,
- High adventure,
- Open program areas





2020 Website Updates/Reminders

Webmaster – Lynn Snuggs

- Login from prior year cleared – request new
- Staggering Start Times (Opens March 22nd)
- Rosters can be submitted one by one or through a file
- **Make sure to enter age and rank of Scouts in order to get an accurate listing MB availability**
- Camp Coordinators Checklist
- Swim Test Log
- Program Planner
- MB costs will be included in Troop Cost Reports
- No Blue Cards
- Feedback





2019 Program Recap

- Number of Campers: 990 in council, includes 16 staff
- Adult Leaders: 152

Most Attended Merit Badges:

1. Swimming
2. Fingerprinting
3. Emergency Preparedness
4. First Aid
5. Cooking





Trailblazer Program Reformatting

The Camp Grimes Trailblazer Program continues to change to make a better program for your scouts, as well as cultivate the next generation of Eagle Scouts for your Troop. Some changes are coming to the Trailblazer program as we try to provide more advancement opportunities for our First Year Campers. Those changes will and what exactly Scouts will be signed off on will be published on the website soon at www.mycampgrimes.org.

- **Days broken into Modules:** While the different patrols will focus on different requirements each day, their week will be broken down into learning modules. The big themes focused on each day are:
 - 1. Camping, Hiking, Nature
 - 2. Pioneering/Flag Etiquette
 - 3. Orienteering
 - 4. Fire building, cooking, Totin' Chip

Trailblazer Swim AND a merit badge of the Scout's choosing will be also be offered in the afternoon session.





Merit Badge Listings

The merit badge listing is once again in much greater detail about each badge that can be earned at camp. For each one offered you should find the following information:

- **Name and Description**
- **Location**
- **Qualifications:** These are things needed in order to sign up for a badge in the first place. There could be age, rank, swimming, or experience requirements. How to show proof is listed in this section.
- **Outside Class Effort:** Does the merit badge have a field trip, homework assignments, or other evening requirements.
- **Additional Fees:** These are fees charged by the camp that you will find in your cost report.





Generators

A maximum of TWO ***silent or quiet*** generators are permitted in campsites for general use. If you wish to use a generator in your campsite, it must first be approved by the Camp Director and inspected by the Camp Ranger. Generators can only be used in shelter/common areas of the campsite, and may not be used in personal tents unless it is being utilized for a CPAP machine.

Whether or not the generator is considered silent or quiet is determined by the Camp Ranger and Camp Director.





Trading Post Kits for Merit Badges

REMEMBER

Some merit badges require the purchase of a kit to complete (Basketry, Leatherwork, etc.). In the past, the scout and the troop were responsible for purchasing kits from the Trading Post independently. This has led to confusion about what fees were automatically included in the Troop cost report, and what was not. Therefore, the following change has been made:

- 1. ALL merit badge fees will be included in the troop cost report and due with your final camp payment, which includes kits normally purchased at the Trading Post.**
- 2. A base fee will be charged for each kit (the minimum or standard price). If a scout wishes to “upgrade” their purchase (a better rocket or leatherwork project for instance) the troop will need to provide the additional fee to the Trading Post.**





Cell Phones

In order to better serve your units, as well as adapt to an ever changing world, Camp Grimes will be instituting a new cell phone program this summer. This is an attempt to better define the camp policy towards cell phones at camp and remove any ambiguity:

- Scouts bringing cell phones to camp has been, and will remain, the policy of the individual unit.
- Scouts may not use cell phones outside of their campsites. If seen using them, they will be asked to put the phone's away immediately. If they do not heed the warning, it will be confiscated. The camp will request disciplinary action by the unit.
- Scouts will not utilize undesignated camp outlets to charge electronic devices. The camp will be informed of this at the beginning of the week. These devices will be confiscated immediately, no questions asked.





Cell Phones Continued

To provide adequate options for youth to charge electronic devices, the Trading Post will operate a 'Charging Station'. This will work as follows:

- The charging strip will be operated by the Trading Post Staff, behind the counter.
- It will be based on a 'first come first serve' basis, with no reservations made. If there are no slots available the scout will have to return to check availability.
- The device may charge for 2 hours, after which it will be unplugged by the staff.





Old Favorites

As always, there are many things you can continue to look forward to when attending Camp Grimes. These are great camp traditions that have always been fun for both youth and adults:

- Fantastic Merit Badge Instruction
- ATV Program
- Scoutmaster/SPL Turkey Shoot
- Staff/Scoutmaster Smackdown
- Cowboy Action Range
- Spirit Stick
- Jewel of Grimes
- Waterfront Event
- VESPERS, Cake & Zipping
- Much more!





Camp Staff

One thing you can always count on is a dedicated and cheerful camp staff. Camp Grimes consistently strives to make sure that our people provide the right instruction and leadership to make your stay at Camp Grimes the best it can be. The best investment we can make is in our people!



Tell your scouts that we are looking for quality people to serve on Camp Grimes Summer Staff. They can apply online at:

www.mycampgrimes.org



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Useful Information

- There is a link to the NEW medical form on the web site. It must be completed by everyone prior to coming to camp.
- Make payments on time and keep roster up to date. This helps us determine what we need to prepare for.
- Menu and Special Diet form will be posted in March on the website. ***Special dietary request forms are due 2 weeks***
- Campsite assignments will be posted sometime after May 1st.
- Golf carts and other small vehicles must be approved by the Camp Director prior to arrival.
- Make sure to differentiate between included costs and Trading Post purchases.
- You may complete swim test prior to coming to camp. The administrator of the test does not have to be a BSA Lifeguard, but should be a certified lifeguard.





Important Dates

Create User ID: NOW!!!

Online Merit Badge Registration: Begins on March 27th at 8 a.m.

Campership Applications:

April 1st – Early Bird

April 15th – Regular Due Date

April 30th – Closed

Balance of Fees Due: May 1st

Campsite Assignments Posted: after May 1st

Beaver Weekend: May 15th – 17th

NO MEETING IN MAY THIS YEAR

First Day of Camp: June 14th

The system closes two weeks prior to coming to camp, so make sure you drop and add scouts as needed!!!





Questions

- Program questions?
- Camp facilities questions?
- Campsite concerns?
- Refund policy?
- Website?

