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Gerber Scout Camp 2008 Program Guide



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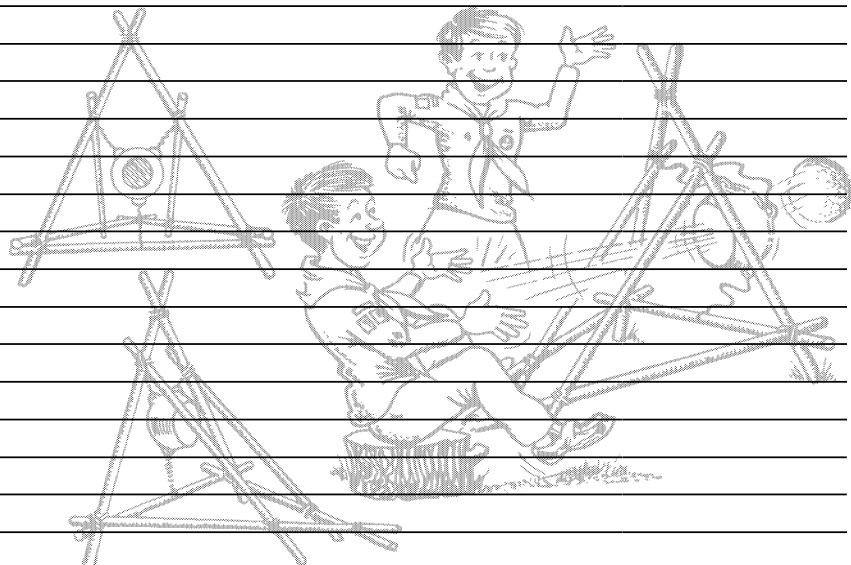
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Are you a Team Player?!

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Gerber Staff Mission Statement

We, the staff of Gerber Scout Camp, are deeply dedicated to providing an experience that will stay with our campers for a lifetime. Our programs are proven to provide enthusiastic leadership, set good examples and strengthen unit programs.

In addition, we will contribute to rank advancement and the invaluable merit badges, two vital aspects in the life of every Scout. Through our efforts, we open the door to the building of self-esteem and a sense of accomplishment. Most important of all, the Gerber Staff aims to share the “Gerber Experience” with all who venture into our woodland haven. We will strive, at any cost, to make camping fun for those who we share our home and hearts with, here, Where Camping is the best!

BSA Vision Statement

The Boy Scouts of America is the nation’s foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training.

In the future Scouting will continue to:

- offer young people responsible fun and adventure;
- instill in young people life-time values and develop in them ethical character as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law;
- train young people in citizenship, service, and leadership;
- serve America’s communities and families with its quality, values-based program.

Scout Oath

On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

Scout Motto

Be Prepared!

Scout Slogan

Do a Good Turn Daily

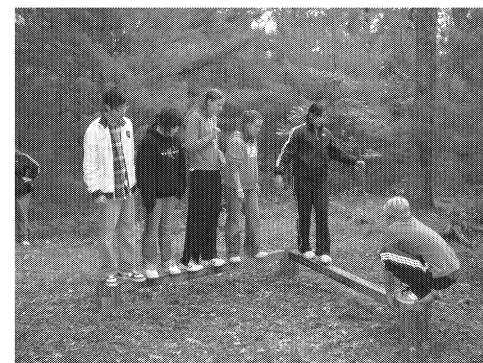
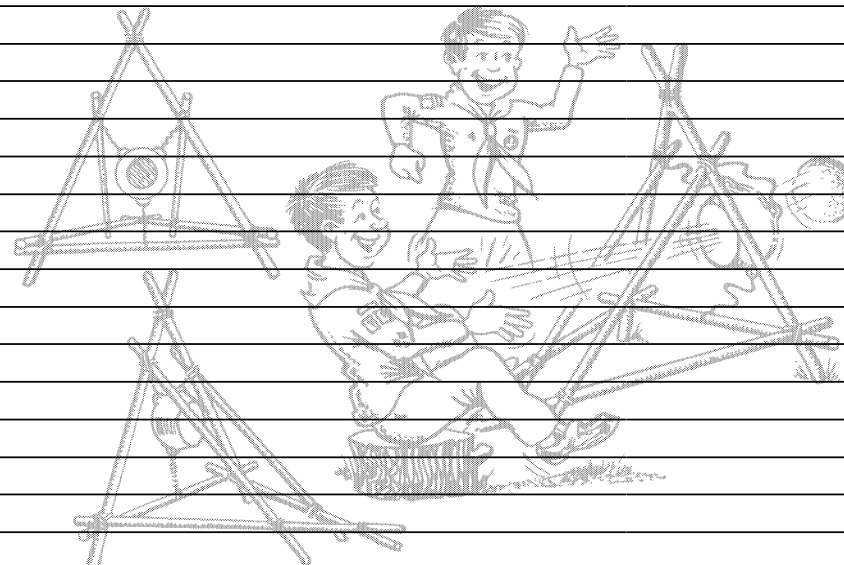


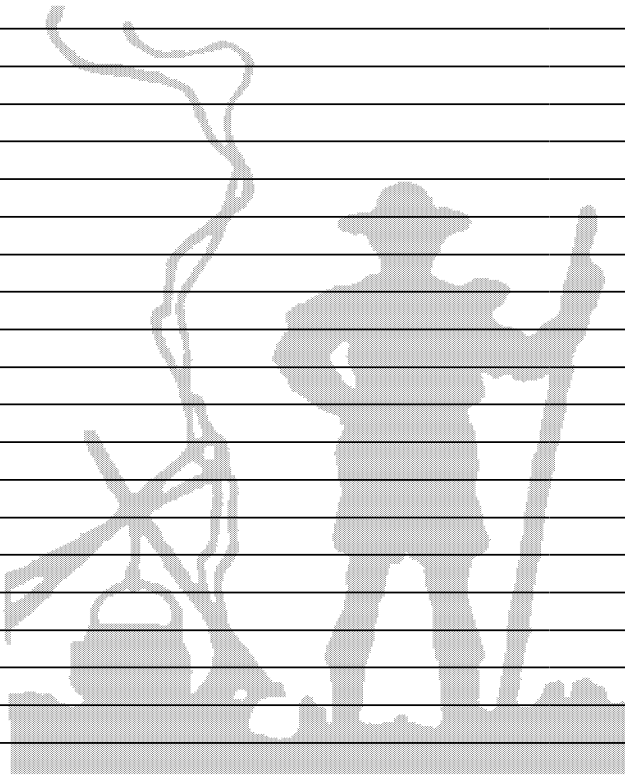
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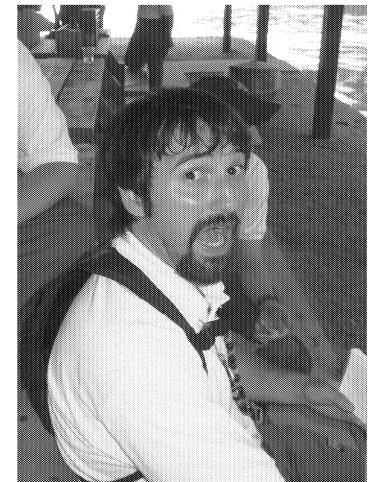
Fellow Leaders,

This guide is meant to help you and your Scouts along the Gerber Scouting Trail. This guide, in coordination with the Leaders Guidebook, should help you to identify your troop's advancement needs and assist you in preparing for a great camping experience. If you find that you need anything while you're here, please don't hesitate to ask one of the staff members or look for me.

We at Gerber Scout Camp are dedicated to ensuring that all of your program needs are met. The staff has made a commitment to providing you with the best program that our facilities have to offer. Past experience has told us that the more Scouts are involved in these activities, in addition to advancement, the better their week at camp will be. This includes Scouters too! I ask that you take advantage of all of the opportunities Gerber has to offer. Enjoy the friendship and fellowship that you will only find at your Scout camp.

Have a great week!

Eric "Cletis" Wisnewski
Program Director



Daily Program Schedule

Time	Activity
7:00 AM	Reveille
7:30 AM	Campsite Flag Ceremony and Inspection
7:45 AM	Waiters Report to Merrill Dining Hall
7:50 AM	Camp Flag Raising Ceremony
8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00-12:00	Eagle Quest and Merit Badge Instruction
9:30 AM	Scoutmasters' Meeting (See schedule)
12:05 PM	Senior Patrol Leaders' Meeting (Program Pavilion)
12:15 PM	Waiters Report to Dining Hall (Except Wednesday)
12:30 PM	Lunch (Troop cook out in campsite on Wednesday)
1:30 PM	Chapel Service (except Monday)

Quiet Time Please

2:00-4:00	Eagle Quest and Merit Badge Instruction
4:00-5:00	Troop/Patrol Activity Time (Except Wednesday)
5:45 PM	Waiters Report to Dining Hall (Except Wednesday)
5:50 PM	Camp Flag Retreat Ceremony (Except Wednesday)
6:00 PM	Dinner (Troop potluck dinner on Wednesday)
7:45 PM	Camp wide Activity (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday)
8:00 PM	Camp wide Activity (Sunday, Wednesday, Friday)
10:30 PM	Taps/Lights Out/Quiet Time

Remember:

- Waiters to Merrill Dining Hall **fifteen minutes** before all meals.
- Wednesday lunch is in your campsite and cooked by you, come to camp prepared.
- Wednesday lunch pick up is at Merrill Dining Hall 10:30-11:30 am
- Scoutmasters be at your daily leaders meeting and send your SPL to their meeting each day as well. **Communication is vital!**

SCOUT RELEASE REQUEST FORM

Request is made that Scout _____

Scout's Home Address _____

Council _____ Unit No. _____

Be permitted to leave camp for the following reasons:

Scout to leave-Date _____ Time _____ Method of Travel _____

Accompanied by: _____

In signing this request, BSA and parents or guardians mutually acknowledge that there will be no refund of camp fee unless deemed appropriate by the camping committee and only after appropriate forms are completed on time; the Council's health and accident insurance terminates with the Scout's departure from the Scout Camp; the BSA or its representatives shall not be liable for any loss or injury to the Scout's person or property. Request made by: (Parent's or guardian's signature required except as noted for emergency departure requests.)

Parent's or Guardian's signature _____

Address _____

Telephone (H) _____ (B) _____

Request made (date & time) _____

Approval Unit Leader Signature _____

ON SITE RELEASE

Before leaving Scout Camp, the Scout and Unit Leader must receive approval from the Camp Director.

APPROVALS: _____ Unit _____ Date _____

Unit Leader

Camp Director or Authorized Representative

RELEASE REQUEST

Scouts desiring to leave the camp prior to their unit's departure (or not as a part of a unit) must have a release signed by their parents or guardian and approved by the unit leader. Scouts should normally only be permitted to leave when accompanied by their parents or guardian. **The form on the next page should be used in handling the exceptional cases.**

In an emergency it may not be possible for a parent or guardian to sign the release. In this event, sufficient information must be recorded attesting to the telephone call or means of communication by which word arrived asking for the release of the Scout. This information should document the person from whom the call was received, verify telephone confirmation of the parent or guardian asking for release of the Scout, and give detailed reasons for the release. All release requests must be approved by the Camp Leadership.



Weekly Program Schedule

Day/Time	Activity
<u>Sunday</u>	
7:00 PM	Finish setting up camp
7:45 PM	Chapel
8:00 PM	Opening Campfire Program
9:30 PM	Welcome Back Party
<u>Monday</u>	
4:30 PM	Troop Photos
7:45 PM	All Camp Activity
9:30 PM	Order of the Arrow Fellowship
<u>Tuesday</u>	
7:45 PM	All Camp Activity (Water Carnival)
<u>Wednesday</u>	
12:30 PM	Troop Lunch Cookout (food provided by camp...pick up at Merrill Dining Hall at 11:00 AM)
	85% Club- Troops bringing 85% of their registered Scouts (as of May 30 th) to camp will be grilling steak, compliments of Gerber Scout Camp!
4:00 PM	All program areas closed so Scouts can visit with family..
	Parents night
6:00 PM	Troop Potluck Dinner (provided by your troop)
7:45 PM	Your guide will come to your campsite and lead you to the Call Out Ceremony.
8:00 PM	Order of the Arrow Call Out Ceremony
<u>Thursday</u>	
6:40 PM	A guide will lead all Arrowmen from the dining hall to the Order of the Arrow Ceremony at the Ceremonial Ground
	All Camp Activity (Non OA Scouts and Counselors)
7:45 PM	
<u>Friday</u>	
5:00 PM	Program Areas Closed
7:45 PM	Chapel
8:00 PM	Closing Campfire Program
10:00 PM	Troop Campfire / Court of Honor in your campsite.

We Put the "Pro" in Program

SUNDAY

Welcome Back Campfire: After dinner at our Merrill Dining Hall, your troop is invited to attend our opening campfire. It always gets camp off on the right foot with the wildest selection of songs, skits, and special messages from the most entertaining staff you will ever see. Watch for a special OA ceremony for first year campers.

Welcome Back Party: After we've sung and laughed our way through the night, it's back to the camp pavilion for a Welcome Back Party. We'll supply the cake and ice cream - you supply the stomachs. This is also the time to ask questions about merit badges, Eagle Quest, COPE and see what all the areas have to offer. With that out of the way, you and your troop should be set for a sweet week at Gerber Scout Camp.!!

MONDAY

Troop Photos: For those Troops who have completed forms and paid, our camp photographer will be available to capture your smiling faces forever. Make the memory stay alive for you and the Scouts' parents.

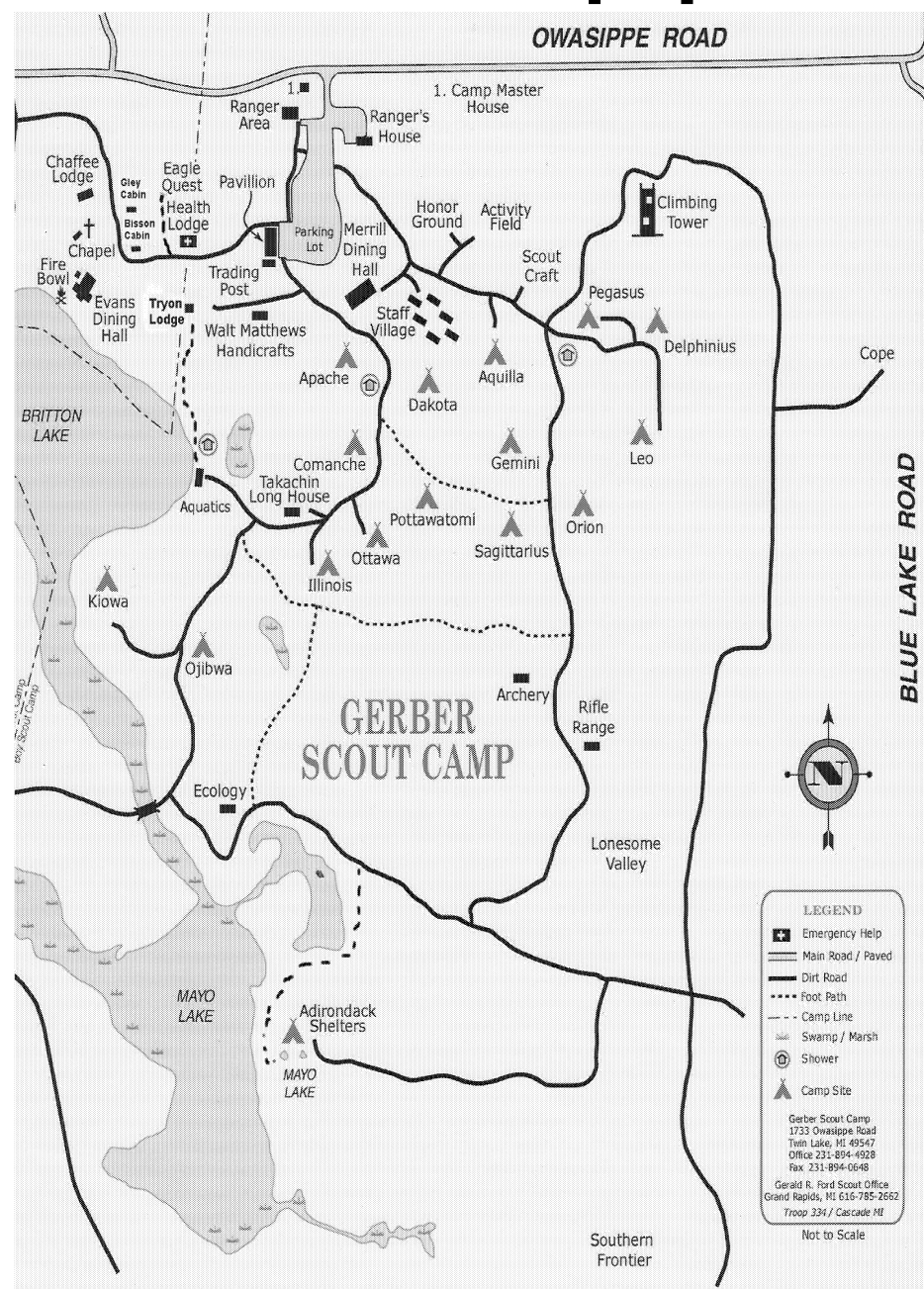
Clash of the Titans: Get ready for a Truly Cyclopean challenge! Teams of Scouts will be pitted against each other and indeed Gerber itself to prove their smarts and skills. There will be different activities for older and younger Scouts, so the mighty and micro both have equal footing. This is an excellent opportunity for your troop to test their outdoor skills and leadership abilities!

Order of the Arrow Fellowship: That's right! Come out to the Takachsin Longhouse and enjoy some fellowship. It doesn't matter what Lodge you are from, Nacha Tindey Lodge would like to invite you out for a little snack and a lot of conversation. Sharing thoughts and ideas is what the Order of the Arrow is all about.

TUESDAY

Poseidon's Pool Party: The Master of the Seas has decreed that there shall be a great celebration to prepare for the trials of Wet Wednesday, and all are invited to attend! There are activities for all age levels and ability groups, so everyone can join in on the Aquarian antics. So grab your troop, don your suit, and get down to the waterfront for some epic fun and sun!

Gerber Scout Camp Map



Gerber Scout Camp Honor Troop Award

The Gerber Scout Camp Honor Troop Award is designed to assist Scouts and adult leaders in building the quality and character of their troop and its individual members. The staff will be happy to assist troop leaders to achieve this award, but the Honor Troop Award remains most valuable to the troop leader who is already well acquainted with the needs of his troop. Troops qualifying as an Honor Troop will be recognized at the closing campfire and their troop number will be added to a listing that will be kept in the dining hall. This is not a competition – every troop that participates... WINS!

To qualify, a troop must do all of the following:

Before camp

- Send at least one representative to the Leaders Orientation in November.
- Send their health forms to Gerber Scout Camp before June first.
- Conduct a pre-camp orientation meeting with Scouts, parents and leaders. Invite a Camp Staff member to answer any questions you might have.

During camp

- Demonstrate use of the patrol method in camp.
- Do an approved service or conservation project while at camp.
- Conduct a daily flag ceremony in your campsite.
- Conduct a patrol leaders council while at camp.
- Troop and patrol flags are displayed.
- Scouts are in Scout or camp uniform.
- Campsite and restroom are clean and neat.
- Bulletin board is used and fireguard plan is posted.
- Axe yard is properly set up and marked.
- Attend and participate in camp programs.
- Encourage leaders to attend appropriate leaders trainings.
- Leaders must have at least one representative at the daily leaders meeting with the Camp Director.
- SPL is in attendance at the daily 12:05 SPL meeting at the main camp pavilion.
- At least 65% of the registered youth in the troop are in attendance at camp.
- Register for next year's camping season at Gerber Scout Camp.
- Invite a staff member to the Wednesday night dinner at your campsite.

WEDNESDAY

Troop Cookout: Troops are provided all of the food items needed for cooking in their campsites for Wednesday Lunch. Troop food boxes should be picked up at the Merrill Dining Hall at 11:00 a.m. What a great opportunity to eat with your Scouts and reflect on the events of the past few nights.

Parents Night: This is a chance for your parents and guests to see all the things your Scouts have been doing for the week. All program areas will be available for your Scouts to show off to mom and dad. **Supper is a troop potluck in your troop campsite.** No meal will be served in the camp dining hall. Don't forget to invite a staff member out to eat with your troop!

Order of the Arrow Call Out Ceremony: Be prepared to witness the finest Order of the Arrow call-out ceremony around. It will be a memorable addition to your week at Gerber, as you watch candidates, selected by their peers enter into this brotherhood of honored Scouts.

This solemn ceremony starts at 8:00 pm and usually ends by 9:30 pm so that visitors can get home at a reasonable time. We ask that all OA members be in Native American regalia and to be part of the ceremony. All Arrowmen will be expected to attend the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony following the Call Out.

THURSDAY

Big Screen Bonanza: While the Order of the Arrow Brotherhood is out at ceremonies, the rest of us will be inside the Merrill Movie Hall! Corral your troop on over after the meal for a flick or your pick of our huge selection of board games, along with a supply of juice and snacks. If a movie isn't for you, this is also a fine time for some in-campsite inter-patrol activities.

Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonies: Order of the Arrow members will be expected to participate in our Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies on Thursday night. If you are interested in being a part of these ceremonies, contact the OA Summer Camp Chief for more information. Members of the Nacha Tindey Lodge will be expected to wear their Takachsin Totem to attend the ceremony.

FRIDAY

Recognition Campfire: After such a fantastic week, it seems right to have a recognition campfire to close the week, recognize some outstanding Scouts and Scouters, and prepare to say "see ya next year" to Gerber Scout Camp. This Campfire is presented by the camp staff. Afterwards, we encourage your troop to hold their own campfire with your own skits & songs and recognize Scouts who have advanced in rank, become OA members or other cool things.

A Few Things to Think About

While we do our best to assist your Scouts in advancement, we ask that you consider the **age appropriate guidelines** set forth by the Boy Scouts of America when signing Scouts up for merit badges. With your guidance and assistance, we can help your Scouts earn the merit badges that are right for them. The following information is to assist you in making good choices for your Scouts.

- Eagle Quest is designed to assist your Scouts in advancing from Tenderfoot through First Class. We will do every requirement possible but there are a few that need to be done prior to arriving at camp.
- Please have all Scout handbooks filled out as thoroughly as possible so that there are no questions about requirements being fulfilled.
- Please make sure that Scouts are on time to Program Areas.
- Pre-requisites listed for merit badges are the responsibility of the individual Scout. We will do everything in our power to help Scouts earn merit badges but all pre-requisites must be met.
- Merit Badge cards must be filled out completely and turned in on the first day of the merit badge. This is to ensure that the Scouts are getting credit for their hard work.
- Merit badges such as shotgun, lifesaving, and environmental science (and many more) can be a real challenge. Please consider the Scout's size and development before signing up for "harder" merit badges. Please refer to the age appropriate guidelines set forth by the BSA.
- Please be sure that Scouts having special needs are identified to the camp leadership three weeks prior to arriving in camp. This will help us to make any special arrangements before you arrive.
- In order for a Scout to complete a "partial" merit badge, we need to have the merit badge card with the completed requirements initialled and dated.
- A CPR practical application course (**not a certification**) will be offered through the health lodge. It is the Scout's responsibility to sign up, attend the course and bring the completion card to the merit badge counselor to receive credit.
- You will receive a tracking sheet to assist you in tracking your Scout's advancement. If you find a discrepancy, please let the Area Director know as soon as possible. All questions and discrepancies should be directed to the Area Directors.
- We provide a wide variety of programs specifically for adult leaders.

A lot of time and effort is put into setting up a complete and accurate merit badge schedule. From time to time, the Boy Scout National Council makes changes to merit badge requirements. Pre-requisites are listed in this book for the current requirements set forth by The Boy Scouts of America at the time of this book's printing. They may be subject to change prior to the start of camp.

Britton's Waters

David Phelps

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Voice

Brit - ton's Wa - ters called to me be -
I, Dear Wa - ter in re - ply al -
here I've learned the fel - low - ship the

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neath the sum - mer sky. Re - mem - ber well all
low me ing chance Law to has say, Though from these for - ests
Scout - the ing Law has laid. Burns bright - ly as the

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you have seen when youth has passed you by, When
now I fi - re I a - will round re - turn friends one day, I A -
bon - I - re a - round which friends are made, A -

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youth has passed you by, Said
will re - turn friends are day, For
round which friends are made. Then

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down the trails the wiz - ened oaks did whis - per from a - bove. As
for a time I may leave this place Dear Ger - ber that I

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love Dear Ger - ber that I love

Sheet music for specific instruments is available on upon request.

Britton's Waters

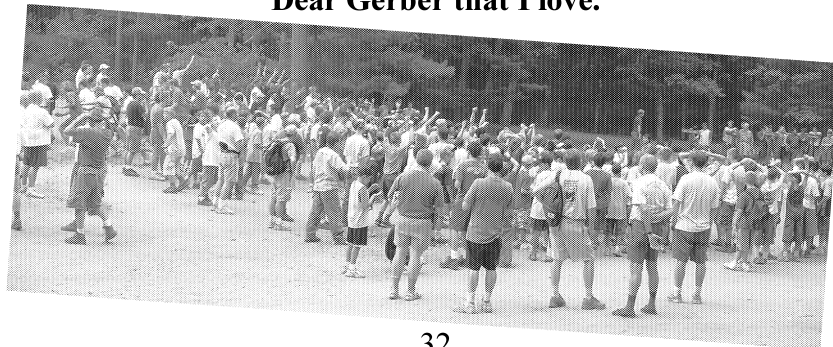
Britton's Waters is the official camp song for Gerber Scout Camp. The song and the music were written by the Camp Chaplain, Dave Phelps in the summer of 2001.

Britton's waters call to me
Beneath the summer sky
Remember well all you have seen
When youth has passed you by
When youth has passed you by.

Said I dear water, in reply
Allow me chance to say
Though from these forests now I leave
I will return one day
I will return one day.

For here I learned the fellowship
The scouting law has laid
Burns brightly as a bonfire
Around which friends are made
Around which friends are made.

Then down the trail, the wizened oaks
Did whisper from above
As for a time I may leave this place
Dear Gerber that I love
Dear Gerber that I love.



MAYO LAKE TROOP / PATROL EXPERIENCE

This year we will be offering a unique program for strong Scout troops to participate in.

The Mayo Lake Troop / Patrol experience is for those stronger troops that want to **provide their own summer camp program**. We will provide your basic campsite items (showers, food storage, limited refrigeration / freezer, and water). Your troop will provide the food at our remote Mayo Lake Campsite. Troops will have the opportunity to fully participate in all Order of the Arrow programs and all merit badge program areas. Troops are expected to provide all of their own food and have the option of providing their own evening program or participating in the activities already provided by our staff. This program is designed for Troops with strong leadership and a strong program foundation. Is your Troop up for the challenge?

Regular Fee:	\$160 per Scout	\$85 per Adult
Team Player Fee:	\$150 per Scout	\$75 per Adult

Only Mayo Lake Troop Scouts will be allowed bikes in camp to help them to participate in the camp program areas at Gerber Scout Camp.

Helmets are required at all times.



Eagle Quest Schedule

This is the headquarters for all your first year and many of your second year campers. Eagle Quest is the first step toward a Scout earning his Eagle Scout Award. **Eagle Quest will hold “Closed Sessions” in the morning for Scouts who are participating in the full Eagle Quest program.** Scouts participating will be expected to attend all morning sessions every day. Scouts who wish to fulfill one or two requirements should visit this area in the afternoon.

****Eagle Quest is designed to provide a program experience to your Scouts. We will meet advancement standards set forth by the Boy Scouts of America. We do not sign off on requirements in the Scout Handbook because that is the responsibility of the individual unit leader. You will be given a form at the end of the week with our interpretation of what has been completed.****

IMPORTANT: All Scouts working on “Eagle Quest” MUST bring their Boy Scout Handbook to ALL sessions!

Tenderfoot

	9:00	10:00	11:00	2:00 – 5:00
MON	Closed Session- Promise, Law, Flag, Service, Fitness.			Open Instruction
TUES	Closed Session – 5 mile hike (8:45- 1:30) Nature, Cooking			Open Instruction
WED	Aqua-Quest Cooking			Open Instruction
THUR	First Aid, Knots			Open Instruction
FRI	Finish all requirements you missed Service project			Open Instruction

- Troop must do these: 1, 2, 13 or 14.
- Toten chip & Fire ‘n chit **ONLY** in afternoon all week.
- 5 mile hike 8:45 am Tuesday

PLAN TO HAVE SCOUTS MEET THESE SCHEDULES AS WRITTEN AND LIMIT THEIR MERIT BADGE WORK



Troop/Patrol Afternoon Events

PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES: Every day from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.(except Wednesday) all program areas have open time for Scouts to do unscheduled activities. Open shooting, open boating, and open swimming are always popular. Other areas offer miscellaneous instruction opportunities like: sailing, Totin’ Chip and rifle shooting. All area staff will be available to help Scouts continue working on merit badges and rank advancements, **but this is not the purpose of this open time.**

Scouts and leaders can entertain themselves with assorted program area extras like water balloon throwing, tie dying and tomahawk throwing. Also the main camp area has opportunities like volleyball, horse shoes and card games.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Each of the program areas throughout camp will be offering special events to challenge and excite Scouts and leaders. Activities will be scheduled every day during the week. Promotional announcements and posters at camp will let you know when and what will be happening. Some activities will be for individuals while others will be for patrols.

HIKING TRAILS: A special color coded trail system is offered at camp. Each of the four trails is unique and covers a different area of the property. Trail maps are available from the camp Trading Post.



Dining Hall Procedures

All dining hall tables are assigned to troops during the Sunday check in procedure. Each troop sends **two waiters per table** 15 minutes prior to each meal. Waiters will be responsible for setting out eating utensils, beverage cups, napkins and any other condiments that are needed for the meal. The Dining Hall Staff will assist Scouts if they have any questions.



- At mealtime, troops are dismissed to the dining hall from the camp flagpole following grace. All Scouts, except waiters, are expected to be at the flag field, **not in the dining hall!**
- Upon entering the dining hall, Scouts will remain at their tables until dismissed to the serving line.
- Breakfast and lunch meals are served cafeteria style, supper will be family style.
- Scouts may return to the serving line when and if seconds are announced.
- All Scouts and leaders must remain in the dining hall until dismissal. There are programs after each meal.
- The Scout uniform is expected dress for the evening meal. (This means tucked in and buttoned up!) On Wednesday or Thursday all of our Order of the Arrow members are encouraged to be in Native American regalia.
- Waiters remain at the table until after dismissal. They are expected to clean their assigned tables. The Dining Hall Director will instruct the Scouts when to bring items to the kitchen area and dirty dishes to the dish room. Adult supervision is sometimes helpful, especially for the younger Scouts and early in the week.
- Before each meal roll call must be done for your unit. This can be done during assembly on the flag field. Any discrepancies should be brought to the attention of the camp management immediately.



Dining Hall is not just a place to eat---come prepared to have fun!!!

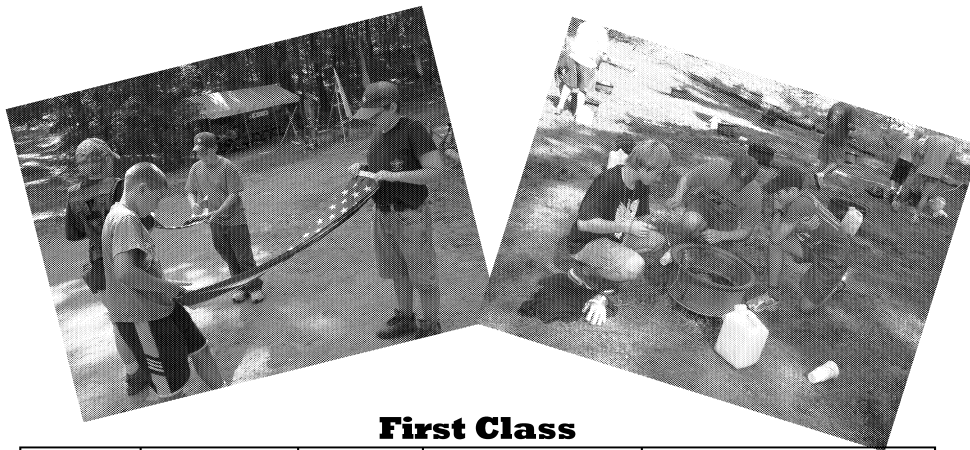
Second Class

	9:00	10:00	11:00	2:00 – 5:00
MON	Closed Session- Promise, Law, Flag, Service, Fitness.			Open Instruction
TUES	Closed Session – 5 mile hike (8:45- 1:30) Nature, Cooking			Open Instruction
WED	Aqua-Quest Cooking			Open Instruction
THUR	First Aid, Knots			Open Instructions
FRI	Finish all requirements you missed Service project			Open Instructions

- Troop must do these: 2ab, 8, 9, 10 or 11
- Requirements 7bc will meet at Aqua-Quest on Wednesday.

LEADERS: YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AND REQUESTED.





First Class

	9:00	10:00	11:00	2:00 – 5:00
MON	Closed Session- Promise, Law, Flag, Service, Fitness.			Open Instruction
TUES	Closed Session – 5 mile hike (8:45- 1:30) Nature, Cooking			Open Instruction
WED	Aqua-Quest Cooking			Open Instruction
THUR	First Aid, Knots			Open Instruction
FRI	Finish all requirements you missed Service project			Open Instruction

- 4e will be met by cooking breakfast on Thursday & lunch on Wednesday
- Troop must do these: 3, 10, 11 or 12
- Requirements 9 abc will meet at Aqua-Quest on Wednesday

Merit Badges at Eagle Quest

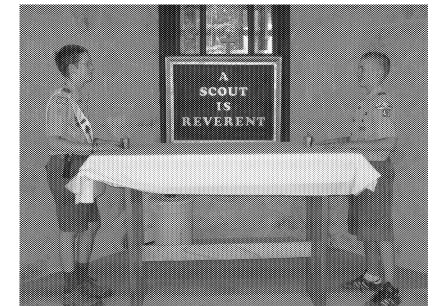
Merit Badge	Prerequisite*	Pre-Camp Prep	Comments
Finger Printing			
Fire Safety	6a-h		Will visit a fire station

Quartermaster: A Camp Commissioner will be responsible for issuing camp equipment to troops (axes, cleaning supplies, limited cooking equipment, etc.) There may be special times throughout the week. Check the schedule posted in the Commissioners Area. Any items that need to be picked up or returned should be done at these times. Special arrangements can be made through the Camp Commissioner.

Trading Post : The camp Trading Post is open during all program times with a few bonus hours throughout the week. Check the schedule outside the door for specific times. The store is supplied with BSA camping items, books, shirts and other Scout merchandise. It is also stocked with traditional beverages and snack items, personal hygiene and convenience store items. Plus, many custom designed Gerald R. Ford Council, Gerber Scout Camp and Nacha Tindey Lodge items will be available.



Chapel: An opportunity is offered everyday at 1:30 pm, except Monday, for a short chapel service or quiet time for personal meditation. This is a time for reflection, spiritual guidance and some quiet time for campers and staff after the noon meal. All campers and staff are encouraged to attend, participate and live up to the twelfth point of the Scout Law.



The Camp Chaplain will also be available throughout camp to work with Scouts on religious awards, ethical decision making, homesickness or just to talk. Feel free to seek him for any of your concerns.

HOMESICK SCOUTS

What causes homesickness? It is a product of a happy home life, and it occurs often in a Scout who misses the warmth and security that comes from a good relationship with family and friends.

Homesickness is also a problem for a Scout whose parents are anxious about his welfare. A parent who will miss the Scout while he is at camp or worries that the camping experience will be unhappy often transfers this fear to the Scout. In short, while at camp, the boy often feels the anxiety of his parents and fulfills their expectations that he will miss home and not enjoy camp by becoming homesick.

Homesickness often produces regressive behavior in a Scout. In order to cope with the situation he will revert to behavior used at an earlier age to gain attention. Sometimes a Scout will cry easily, wet the bed, or withdraw from others. When a boy who is normally sociable and active suddenly becomes quiet, alone and disinterested in what is happening around him, this can be a sign of homesickness.

The treatment of homesickness is not simple. It involves the active participation of the Scoutmaster, troop members, camp staff, and often firm, but understanding parents.

When homesickness is detected, the Scout must be listened to and his feelings understood. Often an understanding person, willing to listen and empathize is all that is needed. Any unusual behavior patterns that have developed, such as bedwetting, must be taken in stride and not be overly emphasized.

Next, the Scout must be kept active and interested in some phase of camp life. An effort must be made to make the Scout part of the Troop and a part of all the camp's activities so that he can make friends.

If parents are contacted, they should do all in their power to avoid promising that the Scout may come home, unless advised to do so by the Camp Director. Once a Scout leaves camp because of homesickness, he probably will not return to the scouting program.

Homesickness can be prevented. Parents are the best tool to use. Parents must not promise their Scout that if he doesn't like it he can come home. This promise sets the boy up for defeat. Parents must try to transmit positive messages about camp, emphasizing that his days at camp will be a worthwhile experience, and that they are happy he is going.

If a Scout wishes to take something special with him that reminds him of home, such as a pillow, blanket or toy, he should be encouraged to do so. This special object will be a reminder of and link to home. Do not tell a Scout to telephone if he needs anything. Such advice could be contrary to the camp policy against indiscriminate use of phones.

Quickly inform a member of the camp staff if you think a Scout may be homesick!

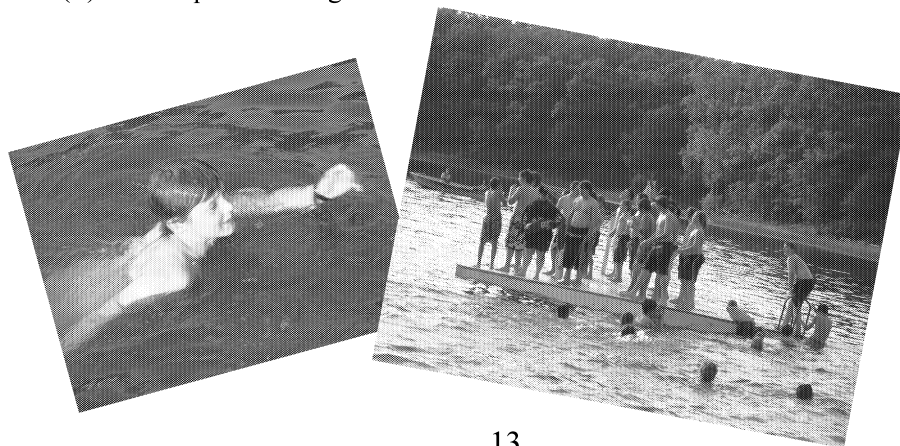
Aquatics

Big Britton is the place to be, to be a part of the best Aquatics Program around. We've got activities to keep you busy from sun-up to sun-down...From Mile Swims, six merit badges- snorkeling, open swims, and more. Aquatics is jam-packed with guaranteed fun!

Merit Badge	Prerequisite*	Pre-Camp Prep	Comments
Canoeing MB	Must be a Swimmer	2B	May be difficult for smaller Scouts
Motor Boating MB	Must be a swimmer	2B	Must hold boater safety card if applicable.
Lifesaving MB (E)	Must be a Swimmer & have Swimming MB	14 B	Not for first year campers Must bring long pants, long sleeve shirt and belt for clothes inflation
Rowing MB	Must Be a Swimmer	2B	
Small Boat Sailing MB	Must Be a Swimmer	1B Reading Through MB Suggested	
Swimming MB (E)	Must Be a Swimmer	2B	Bring long pants & light-weight long sleeve shirt for clothes inflation

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Aquatics Activity Badges

Activity badges are a lot of fun. It doesn't matter if you are a first year Scout or a Scoutmaster, all are welcomed to come and test their skills at the waterfront. You never know, you might just learn something new!

**** BSA Lifeguard is a 30 hour (all week) commitment. You must have a certification in both first aid and CPR to complete this training ****

BSA Lifeguard*	14 years of age or completed 8 th grade	Practice	
Snorkeling*	Must Be a Swimmer		
Mile Swim*	Must be a Swimmer	Practice	Must have rower and spotter from troop when doing the mile swim on Thurs. or Fri.
Learn to Swim*	We want every Boy Scout and leader to know how to swim (Please let us help)	Leader Encouragement prior to camp.	
Kayaking*	Must be a Swimmer		

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You do not need a merit badge card for these instructional periods

Leader Programs

Camp Commissioners are here to help in any way that they can. Feel free to stop by the Commissioners area any time of the day or night and they will be happy to assist you.

Activity	Days / Times	Location
Safe Swim Defense / Safety Afloat	Monday after leaders meeting	Waterfront
Basic leaders Life Guarding	Tuesdays 2:00-4:00	Waterfront
Basic leaders canoeing	Thursdays 2:00-4:00	Waterfront
New Leader Essentials	Monday 3:00	Dining Hall
Boy Scout Leader Specific Training	Tuesday 10:30 (#1) Tuesday 2:30 (#2) Thursday 2:30 (#3)	Dining Hall
Youth Protection	Thursday 10:30	Dining Hall
Fast Start	All Week, any time	Dining Hall
Make up for leaders trainings	Friday, all day	Dining Hall
Climb On Safely	Wednesday after the leaders meeting	Climbing Tower
Leaders C.O.P.E. (High and Low)	Every day 11:00	Pavilion or COPE
Leaders Iron Chef Challenge	Friday sign up 9:00	Eagle Quest
Leaders meeting with the Camp Director	Sunday – 5:00 (Pavilion) Monday – 9:30 (Waterfront) Tuesday – 9:30 (Eagle Quest) Wednesday – 9:30 (Climbing Tower) Thursday – 9:30 (Takachsin Longhouse) Friday – 9:30 (Pavilion with Scout Executive)	
Leaders Shoot-off	Wednesday 11:00	Archery
Scoutmasters Merit Badge	All week long	All over camp

- OA Members, if interested, can participate in our day of service on Thursday.
 - An Ordeal Ceremony and Brotherhood Ceremony will be held in the evening for all Order of the Arrow members.
 - **Friday-** The Summer Camp Chief will recognize all “in camp” Scoutmasters with a special belt buckle at the closing campfire. Troops with 65% of registered youth at camp will also be recognized.
 - New Ordeal members will be recognized at Friday morning breakfast.
- **To receive a Scoutmaster belt buckle, your troop must be in camp from Sunday to Saturday. The leader who receives this award must be in camp for the entire week. If you have questions, ask the Camp Director or the Summer Camp Chief. ****

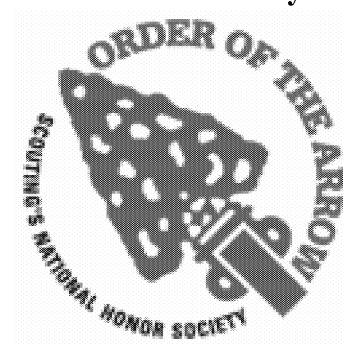
Scouts and Scouters unable to be (troop not attending camp) called out during the summer at Gerber Scout Camp should plan to attend our Fall Conclave in August for their call out and to complete their Ordeal.

No candidate call outs will be done at camp for Scouts not attending Gerber Scout Camp for the full week.

Gerber Scout Camp proves to be an exciting time for the Scouts of our Council. Nacha Tindey Lodge feels that the Scoutmaster controls the keys that unlock many doors for our youth. These doors can open to great opportunities. The Order of the Arrow is one of those opportunities and we sincerely hope that you are doing all you can to promote camping and to uphold the ideals of our Order.

Becoming a member of The Order of the Arrow is a great honor and opportunity. This is why the **Nacha Tindey Lodge is asking you to help us** see that all of our Scouts get the Gerber Scout Camp experience and will be able to gain membership in the Order of the Arrow. This opportunity will become a tremendous extra on their trail to Eagle.

Members of the Nacha Tindey Lodge are expected to wear their Takachsin Totem to attend the ceremony.



Environmental Resource Center

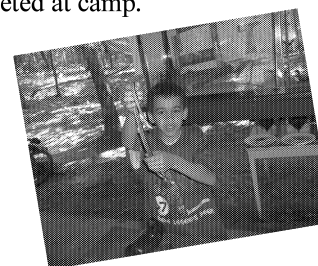
What better place to experience and learn about our beautiful camp than at the Environment Resource Center is located along the creek between Mayo Lake and Big Britton. With a wide variety of merit badges to choose from, including Nature-along with new and exciting area events...promises to bring out the nature lover in all of us.

Merit Badge	Pre-Camp Preparation*	Comments
Weather	None	Great for younger Scouts
Astronomy	5B, 6	Night work
Fish & Wildlife Management	5, 8	Part of World Conservation Award
Environmental Science (E)	1,4	Must bring all information you recorded and developed. Not a first year badge.
Nature	A-2, D-2, F-2	Any requirements done before camp are helpful.
Forestry	5, 7	Read Requirements
Reptile and amphibian study	8	
Insect Study	3, 7	

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We strongly recommend doing pre-camp preparation or the merit badge cannot be completed at camp.



Try your hand at earning the World Conservation Award!

You can earn this award by earning the following merit badges:

1. Environmental Science merit badge.
2. Either Soil and Water Conservation OR Fish and Wildlife Management merit badge.
3. Citizenship in the World merit badge.

These awards are presented for distinguished service in natural resource conservation for units, Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters. Boy Scouts may earn the Hornaday Badge or the Hornaday Bronze or Silver Medal.

William T. Hornaday Badge

1. Earn First Class rank.
2. Plan, lead, and carry out at least **one project** from one of the categories listed (below).
3. Complete the requirements for any **three** of the merit badges listed in bold (below). In addition, complete any **two** of the others listed.

William T. Hornaday Bronze or Silver Medal

1. Earn First Class rank.
2. *For the Bronze Medal:* Plan, lead, and carry out **three projects** from **three separate categories** listed (below). *For the Silver Medal:* Plan, lead, and carry out **four projects** from **four separate categories** listed.
3. Earn the Environmental Science merit badge. *For the Bronze Medal:* Earn at least **three more** merit badges listed in bold **plus any two** others listed (below). *For the Silver Medal:* Earn **all six** merit badges in bold and **any three more**.

Project categories

- Energy conservation
- Soil and water conservation
- Fish and wildlife management
- Forestry and range management
- Air and water pollution control
- Resource recovery (recycling)
- Hazardous material disposal and management
- Invasive species control



Merit badges

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| • Energy | • Insect Study |
| • Environmental Science | • Landscape Architecture |
| • Fish and Wildlife Management | • Mammal Study |
| • Forestry | • Nature |
| • Public Health | • Nuclear Science |
| • Soil and Water Conservation | • Oceanography |
| • Bird Study | • Plant Science |
| • Fishing | • Pulp and Paper |
| • Gardening | • Reptile and Amphibian Study |
| • Geology | • Weather |

Order of the Arrow

The Nacha Tindey Lodge has worked very hard to make the Order of the Arrow the heart of our camp. This summer we will be building our program to develop new ideas and programs that will become life-long memories and cherished traditions for years to come.

Prior to camp

- From January to March 31st, unit elections will be held in each Troop desiring one.
- Scouts will be elected by their peers into the Order of the Arrow.
- Election results are to be kept SECRET from the Scout until the Scout is called out at summer camp.
- It will be the Scoutmaster's responsibility to contact the parent and make arrangements for summer camp and payment of the Ordeal Candidate fee. (\$30.00 membership fee-cost for sash, book, card, lodge flap, dues and packet materials).
- Letters will be mailed to the Scoutmaster early in April with a form for paying the fee. If you are not contacted please call the DeVos Family Center for Scouting.

Summer camp daily activities

- **Sunday**-the Summer Camp Chief will be recognizing, at the opening campfire, all first year campers from Webelos Adventureland with a special patch.
- **Monday and Tuesday**- The Camp Chief will be meeting with all Scoutmasters and in camp brothers on Monday night to make arrangements for the Call Out Ceremony (Scout names, fees paid, how to indicate candidates in the ceremony, etc.) held on Wednesday Evening.
- **Wednesday**-Order of the Arrow Call Out Ceremony and family night camp fire. Members of the Order of the Arrow will come to each campsite to escort Scouts, Scouters and families to the fire bowl at the scheduled time.
- **Anyone with Native American regalia should plan on bringing it to camp and wearing it Wednesday night as well as Thursday.** All Arrowmen are expected to go to the pre-ordeal ceremony to show your support to the Ordeal Candidates.
- Scouts who have been called out will be taken immediately to the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony.
- **Thursday**-Candidates will be in their clans doing their cheerful service for the day. **Scoutmasters need to make sure that the Ordeal Candidate is not burdened with too many merit badges** for the week. Merit Badge work will not be possible that day. The staff will do their best to work with your Scouts on Friday to make up for time lost on Thursday. Remember a partial is not a failure.
- All Order of the Arrow members should plan on wearing their sash on Thursday.

Shooting Sports

At Shooting Sports, we're setting our sights high (well actually we're setting them at our target, but you get the point). With three "sure-shot" merit badges, and some great extra activities, this area has everything to offer the shooting enthusiast. Although we emphasize some important rules such as only going to the range when it is open and leaving your own bow/gun at home, we also emphasize a lot of fun.

Merit Badge	Pre-Camp Preparation*	Comments
Archery	Practice if possible	
Rifle Shooting		Suggest taking before Shotgun MB Cost of \$5.00
Shotgun Shooting		Consider Scouts size Cost estimate of \$15.00 to \$25.00
Hunting Badge of Merit	Hunters Safety (if applicable in your state)	This is not yet a merit badge Taught at Archery
The Shooter's Trifecta	Practice shooting!	Not a merit badge, this is a special award

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Technology

This is a brand new program to Gerber Scout Camp! The new technology area will focus on the evolution of technology in the last century. Don't plan on being stuck in a building in front of a computer for this program. We will be getting you out to see how technology has changed our world and how it affects us in everyday life.

What an outstanding addition to an exceptional camp program!

Merit Badge	Pre-Camp Preparation*	Comments
Computers	7a, 7b, 7c, 7d	
Energy	1a, 4a	Take a serious look at req. 6 & 8
Electricity	2, 9a	Take a serious look at req. 7
Electronics		Take a serious look at req. 6

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HANDICRAFT

Highly visited and highly popular with younger Scouts, handicraft has a solid set of merit badges for the creative Scout. There are some costs involved, but usually a maximum of \$5.00. With fantastic merit badges and cool area events, make sure to stop by the Handicraft Area during your stay at Gerber.

Merit Badge	Pre-Camp preparation*	Comments
Art		
Basketry		Cost \$10.00
Leatherwork		Cost \$6.00
Space Exploration	5ABC	Cost \$10.00
Woodcarving	Totin' Chip Certificate	Cost \$5.00
Sculpture		Cost \$5.00
Collections	3c, 5c, 5e	Bring at least two groups of your collection
Textiles		Take a serious look at req. 3

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Scoutcraft

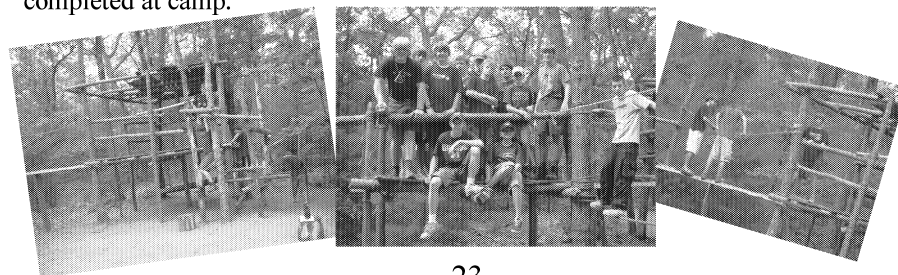
So you want to be an all around **Super Scout**? Then our Scoutcraft program is your answer for success! This area offers all the badges and plenty of crazy events to turn you into a Scouting Skills Machine. This is definitely one of camp's traditionally favorite areas.

Merit Badge	Pre-Camp Preparation*	Comments
Camping (E)	Req. 9abc; bring written statement from Scoutmaster to prove you have completed all 3 parts of the requirement	Requires 20 days/nights of Scout camping. Much of written work can be done at home
Orienteering	7ab, 8ab	Will be setting up own compass course.
Pioneering	Practice!	Splicing may be a challenge, review knots. Two hours!
Wilderness Survival	Req. 5: bring your survival kit to camp.	There will be an overnight camp out in an improvised shelter on Thursday evening, 10:45 at Scoutcraft area
Hiking (E)	5,6,7, and have your map ready for 4.	Let us get you ready to earn this badge outside of Camp
Backpacking	10, 11b	
Emergency Preparedness (E)	6bc, 7	Take a serious look at req. 9

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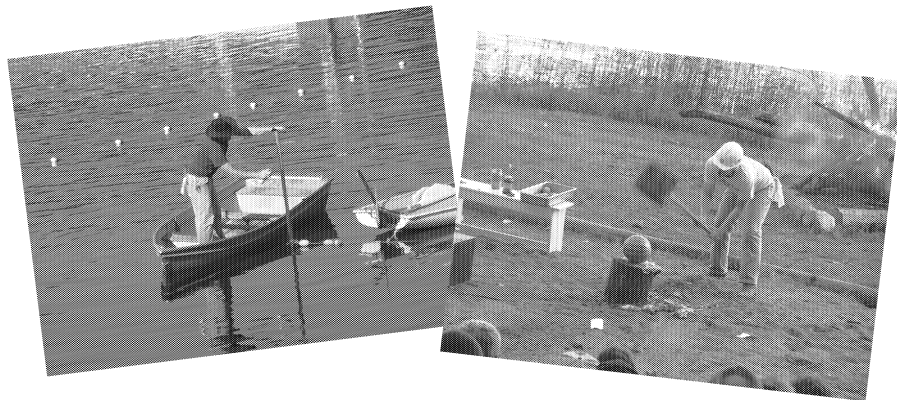
Ranger Area

Here's your chance to hang out with Gerber Scout Camp's very own Ranger Charlie Brown. You can learn a little about the maintenance of camp and have the opportunity to give a little service to camp.

Merit Badge	Pre-Camp preparation*	Comments
Farm Mechanics	8	
Plumbing		Cost \$5.00

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Gerber's Geocaching Course

What a great opportunity for your troop! There are two courses and a lot of ground to cover. If your troop can put together all the pieces of the puzzle, maybe you will find a prize! We strongly encourage troops to bring along a Global Positioning System (GPS) and try to find all of the waypoints that lead to the final geocache point. What a great opportunity for your troop to hone their orienteering skills!



Honor Ground

This area is designed for older Scouts working on the Eagle Scout Award, as are the other than merit badge activities offered in this area. Please consider that **many of these merit badges can not be completed at camp unless the pre-requisites have been met prior to your arrival.**

Honor Ground provides Merit Badge Counselors for **ALL** Eagle Scout required merit badges. During "open sessions", a Scout can request a counselor for Eagle Scout required merit badges not listed in this book. The Scout **MUST** have the all pre-requisites completed prior to making a request for a counselor.

Merit Badge	Pre-Camp Preparation*	Comments
Cit in World (E)	4, 9	
First Aid (E)	2b, 3C	CPR bring card if done already
Communications (E)	5, 7, 8	
Cit in Community (E)	2ab, 3, 4b, 7abc	
Cit in Nation (E)	2, 3, 6, 8	
Personal Fitness (E)	1ab, 6, 7, 8	
Public Speaking	Research speech topic for req. 4	For older Scouts

(E)= Eagle Scout Required

Bold = New for this year

We strongly recommend doing pre-camp preparation or the merit badge cannot be completed at camp.



Climbing

Who doesn't come to the climbing area to have fun? The answer: Nobody! This area is especially geared towards older scouts who are looking for a chance to be challenged and learn about an exciting new sport. Let us teach you how to belay, rappel, climb, and many other climbing related skills.

Merit Badge	Pre-Camp Preparation	Comments
Climbing	2	This is a physically demanding badge so come prepared.

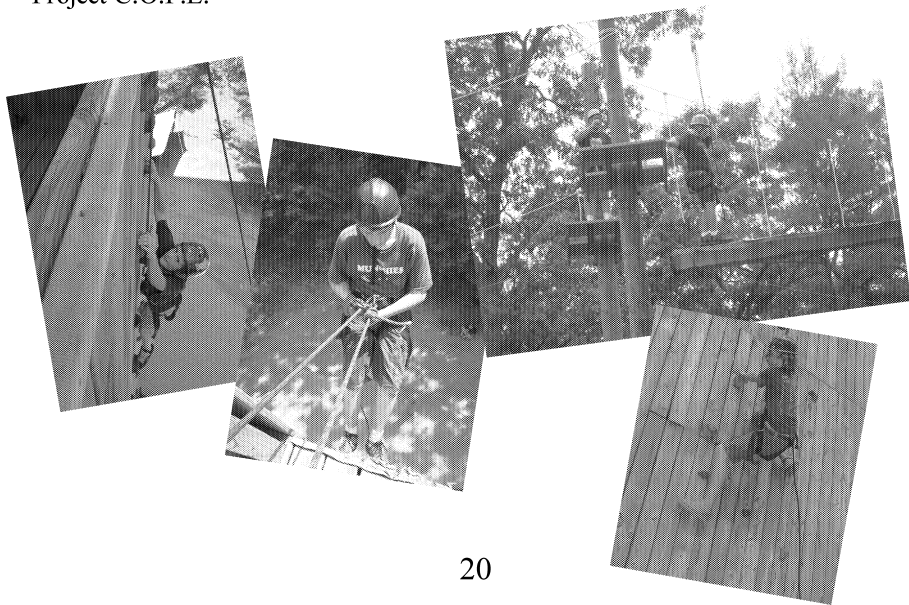
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Project C.O.P.E. (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience)

Project C.O.P.E. will give Scouts a chance to overcome challenges, as a group and individual, develop leadership skills through some unique situations and work on communication and trust. Starting with some fun group games, the program works through some low course challenges to our ultimate challenge of our high ropes course.

Our C.O.P.E. program is offered daily from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and leaders COPE from 11:00a.m. until noon. This is a great activity to develop your troop leadership into a stronger team. We are really excited for Scouts to enjoy the experience of our Venture base high ropes course. This is a great new addition to Project C.O.P.E.



Takachsin Longhouse

This exciting area will lay the foundation of what we intend to be the greatest step we have made to promote the understanding of Native American culture, at the same time building our brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow. We will be offering many new merit badges in this area, but we're not stopping there (the sky is the limit when it comes to what we offer here). This is a place for all **Arrowmen** to make Native American regalia. Whether you want to try drumming, traditional dance or song, this will be the place you want to check out this summer.

Merit Badge	Pre-Camp preparation	Comments
Indian Lore	2 d	
Drumming		Not a merit badge
Dancing		Not a merit badge
Fire Building		Not a merit badge
Regalia Workshop		Not a merit badge
Archeology		Requires off-camp travel, take a serious look at req. 10
American Cultures		Take a serious look at req. 1
Fishing		Bring gear

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Arrowmen who take the time to go above and beyond in their efforts to learn how to perform drumming, dancing and fire building, **may** be asked to participate in the Wednesday Call Out Ceremony.

