

# Programs And Featured Activities



## Baden-Powell Program

The Baden-Powell program is designed specifically for first year campers. Scouts will concentrate on the basic camping and Scout skills needed for Tenderfoot through the First Class Rank and the patrol program. Any Scout who is Second Class or less may participate in the program. Participants should bring all of their personal camping gear they would normally take on a weekend campout. Scouts will be divided into patrols and staff members will serve as Troop Guides and Senior Patrol Leaders for each week. Some meals will be cooked in the Baden-Powell area. Scouts may sign up for merit badge sessions when they are not in Baden-Powell. All Scouts participating in the Baden-Powell program should be **CLEARLY MARKED** on the **Pre-Registration Form** found in the "Forms" section.

A total of 15 different sessions will be offered. The sessions are one hour in length. Scouts may attend any or all of the sessions offered. A list of sessions attended by the Scout will be furnished to the troop and the Scoutmaster will determine whether the Scout has passed the requirements. Listed below are the sessions and the requirements they cover.

	Tenderfoot Requirements 8:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.	Second Class Requirements 9:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.	First Class Requirements 10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.
Monday Sessions	4a and 4b	6a, 6b, and 6c	8a and 8b
Tuesday Sessions	6 (plus req. 3 for 2 <sup>nd</sup> class)	2c and Totin' Chip	8c and 8d
Wednesday Sessions	10a	2d and Firem'n Chit	7a, 7b, and 7c
Thursday Sessions	12a and 12b	1a and 1b	6
Friday Sessions	5, 9, and 11	4 and 5	1 and 2

**Tenderfoot requirements** #1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 12, 14 should be done by the troop. Requirement 10b should be done 30 days later at home

**Second Class requirements** 2a, 2b, 2e, 2f, 2g, 3, 8, 9, 10 and 11 should be done by the troop. Requirements 7a, 7b, 7c should be scheduled with the aquatics director at camp, swim trunks needed.

**First Class requirements** 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4e, 5, 10, 11 and 12 should be done by the troop. Requirements 9a, 9b, 9c and 9d should be scheduled with the aquatics director at camp; bring shoes, socks, swim trunks, long pants, belt and a long sleeved shirt.

## **RED RIVER GORGE CLIMBING OUTPOST**

The Blue Grass Council is now excited to bring to the older youth in your troop/crew, the Red River Gorge Climbing Outpost. This will be an extreme week of climbing and camping in Red River Gorge. Participants need to bring a tent, sleeping bag, ground pad, day pack and other gear for a base camp environment. Cooking gear and food will be provided. Cost for the week is found in the "Fees & Payment Schedule" section. A Camp McKee High Adventure T-shirt is included. Additional fees will be based upon the equipment needed. This program will offer the participants a challenging and exciting adventure for their summer camp experience. Participants must be 14 years old prior to April 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year. A Class 3 medical form is required.

## **Triple Threat Adventure Program (taking the place of COPE)**

This is an exciting new program designed to enhance programs for older Scouts. It offers a set of stimulating activities for Scouts seeking greater challenges to their physical and mental abilities. The program will consist of three separate programs. The first of the three programs will be the COPE experience. Participants will be introduced to specific team-building activities along with a challenging day on the ropes! The second phase of the program will be a look into the Climbing merit badge. Participants will test their skills and teamwork each Thursday by tackling the tower! Participants will be climbing and rappelling. The last program will be a day adventure consisting of Caving, Kayaking/Canoeing, or Rock Climbing at the Red River Gorge! The participants will choose which Friday event that they would like to participate in.

Safety of participants in the Triple Threat Program is of paramount concern and importance. Participants must be 13 years of age by January 1 of the current year and must display a good level of maturity. Hold Harmless agreement must be completed and presented to the director. The TTA director will screen all applicants that wish to participate in the program to ensure they are capable of completing it.

The Triple Threat Adventure will be offered each week in morning and afternoon sessions. The scheduling will be dependent upon the number of participants and their schedule while at camp. Schedule information will be provided as it becomes available. There is an additional charge for TTA (see "Fees & Payment Schedule") and the participants will receive a Triple Threat Adventure T-shirt.

## **Kayaking BSA Award**

Campers will be able to earn the BSA Kayaking Award this summer! This will be an hour session each day to help beginners improve their Kayaking skills by learning proper techniques in all types of bodies of water. Participants must be 12 years of age or older by June 1 of the current year.

## **Water Carnival**

Do you like water? Do you like fun? Come join us every Friday at 4:30pm and compete in a variety of events in our Water Carnival. This year we will have a **9ft WATER TRAMPOLINE!** We encourage all campers to come down to the water front area and take part in the excitement!

## **Mountain Biking**

Camp McKee will be offering a Mountain Biking class every Monday-Thursday at 4:30pm. Topics discussed will be bike maintenance, safety, and trail riding. Participants will meet at Keeneland Hall. Class size will be limited to 10 participants each session. Campers can sign-up for the class at the Administration Building.

## **Action Archery Range**

For the first time ever, Camp McKee will have an Action Archery Range available for campers and leaders! An action archery range brings skills learned in the archery merit badge to a simulated hunting experience! Participants enrolling in the Archery Merit Badge will be able to participate in class events at the range and there will be a camp-wide free shoot as well as a competition for leaders and campers.

## **Disc Golf Course**

Camp McKee is excited about our new Disc Golf Course! If you like golf and playing Frisbee, then you will love disc golf. Take part in this exciting new sport. There will be beginner sessions for campers that want to learn more about the origins of the sport, equipment, and throwing techniques. Times for the sessions will be announced throughout the week. Golf Discs can be checked out in the administration office.

## Honor Recognition Programs

**Honor Camper** – Each Scout can earn this award by completing 12 of the following and have his record card (found in the forms section) signed and turned in to the Camp Commissioner by Friday at noon.

- 1) Earn a merit badge
- 2) Learn to swim
- 3) Shoot a rifle
- 4) Shoot a shotgun
- 5) Shoot a bow and arrow
- 6) Row a boat
- 7) Paddle a canoe
- 8) Sail a boat
- 9) Catch and release a fish
- 10) Pick up and properly dispose of 15 pieces of litter
- 11) Lead a song
- 12) Become a beginner or swimmer
- 13) Attend a Chapel service
- 14) Tour Ecology Center
- 15) Whip a rope
- 16) Splice a rope
- 17) Complete a handicraft project
- 18) Earn Totin' Chip
- 19) Earn Firem'n Chit
- 20) Earn Paul Bunyan Woodsman
- 21) Complete Mile Swim
- 22) Help for a meal in the dining hall
- 23) Participate in a service project at camp
- 24) Be "called out" into the OA
- 25) Participate in a campfire skit, song or run-on
- 26) Participate in one of the evening activities at camp
- 27) Visit Trading Post

**Honor Patrol** – A patrol can earn this award by completing all of the following. The Scoutmaster must bring the signed record card to the camp commissioner by noon on Friday.

- 1) Each patrol member earns the Honor Camper Award
- 2) Patrol holds a patrol meeting each day at camp
- 3) Patrol has its own patrol flag at camp and carries it to evening flag ceremonies
- 4) Patrol does at least two activities as a patrol, separate from troop activities, during the week

**Honor Troop** – A troop can earn this award by completing all of the following. The Scoutmaster must bring the signed record card to the camp commissioner by noon on Friday.

- 1) Each patrol in the troop earns the Honor Patrol Award
- 2) Troop completes a service project that has been approved by the Program Director or Ecology Director
- 3) SPL attends and participates in the Senior Patrol Leaders' Council
- 4) Troop participates fully in both campfire programs at camp
- 5) Unit leader is certified in Safe Swim Defense Plan and Safety Afloat

## **Honor Recognition Programs (con't)**

### **Scoutmaster's Merit Badge (open to all adult leaders) –**

Each adult can earn this award by completing 12 of the following and have his record card signed and turned in to the Camp Commissioner by Friday noon. Items marked with \*\* are mandatory and must be completed, all others are elective.

- 1) \*\*Teach two sections of the Baden-Powell program
- 2) Attend Vespers
- 3) Make a handicraft
- 4) Participate in a free shoot
- 5) Assist in a first aid class
- 6) Attend OA Brotherhood ceremony
- 7) Participate in Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training
- 8) Participate in a skit at Friday's campfire
- 9) Participate in a camp service or conservation project
- 10) Make dining hall coffee in the morning, noon or evening
- 11)\*\* Introduce yourself to the camp director, program director and camp commissioner
- 12) Walk to camp gate and back from camp office
- 13) Assist in supervising free swim or free boating
- 14) Buy a t-shirt or souvenir from the trading post
- 15) Hike the nature trail
- 16) Mail a post card home
- 17) Attend at least two scoutmasters meetings
- 18) Teach a merit badge
- 19) Pick up a bag of trash
- 20) Clean the men's or ladies' restroom
- 21) Clean the office
- 22) Mop the dining hall apron
- 23) Participate in the water carnival
- 24) Serve as camp inspector
- 25) Perform a service for the camp commissioner
- 26) Participate in a service project at camp

## **Adult Volunteers**

Leaders, are you tired of sitting around camp while everyone else is out having a good time? If you would like to help teach a merit badge, lifeguard or help the Camp Ranger, we can always use another set of hands. The Baden Powell area can usually use volunteers to help in the instruction and evaluation of the first year campers and all other areas are always looking for extra help.

Just let us know at the Scout leader's roundtable on Sunday night where you would like to help. The Scout leader's roundtable will be on the back porch of the dining hall immediately following dinner.

## **Family Participation Night**

Families are welcome to visit the troops on Friday night. ALL GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO CHECK IN at the Administration Building and receive a visitor's pass.

The water carnival is at 4:30 p.m., retreat is at 6:00 p.m., dinner is at 6:15 p.m., and the closing campfire is at 8:30 p.m.

You are welcome to join us for dinner. Meal tickets are available from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM at the Trading Post, after 5:30 purchase your meal tickets at Stamler Dining Hall. Please see the "Fees & Payment Schedule" for the cost of the meal. Cub Scouts in uniform eat FREE!

## **Other Programs and Activities of Interest**

### **Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat and BSA Lifeguard Programs**

The Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat courses are held at the waterfront immediately after lunch on Monday. This course is a must for adult leaders to ensure that troops have a safe year round aquatics program. Leaders who wish to be in the BSA Lifeguard program need to sign up on the same merit badge class registration form in the "Forms" section as their Scouts.

### **Conservation Projects**

Projects are available for troops or individual patrols or members to help improve McKee Outdoor Education Center. The Ecology/Conservation Director will coordinate this program. This is a part of the "Honor Award" program.

### **Vespers and Opening Campfire**

Sunday night at 8:30 pm there will be an interdenominational vespers service. Following the service will be a campfire program hosted by the camp staff.

### **Provisional Scout Program**

Any boy who will not have the opportunity to attend camp during the week his unit is scheduled to attend, may do so as a provisional Scout. Please fill out the appropriate form and return the deposit and payment according to the "Fees & Payment Schedule".

### **Commissioners Staff**

Your campsite is the base from which the program at camp operates. A camp commissioner is assigned to a troop to help it develop and carry out a full and balanced camping program. The primary purpose of their work is to help the Scoutmaster help the troop with the camp program. The camp commissioners have a sound understanding of Scouting's principles, the patrol method and the traditional Scouting skills. Your camp commissioner will also assist in campsite inspection coordination. (An inspection sheet is provided in the "Forms" section of this book.) This program is an exciting opportunity for experienced adult leaders. We have openings for leaders to act as a commissioner each week. Participants will be official members of the Camp McKee summer camp staff and will be available to host Scoutmaster coffee breaks, share leadership skills (as well as a few stories), etc.

### **Camp-wide Cook-offs**

Dutch Oven Cook-off - Wednesday evening at 8:00 pm. Bring your cobbler to the back porch of the dining hall to be judged. Don't forget to bring your own ingredients to camp for this fun event.

### **Scoutmaster's Steak Breakfast**

On Thursday morning, Blue Grass Council will recognize all leaders for their commitment to the Scouting program with a steak breakfast. All leaders who have spent at least one night at camp can attend the breakfast at no charge. This is our way of saying thank you for the time you give to Scouting. The breakfast will be held at Stamler Hall right after flag raising. One leader should be responsible for signing up all leaders who will be attending the Thursday morning breakfast. Reservations for the Scoutmaster's breakfast can be made at the Scoutmaster's roundtable on Sunday night.

### **Scoutmaster's Golf Tournament**

A fun event awaits all Scoutmasters who want to participate in the Camp McKee Open. On Thursday at 4:00 pm Scoutmasters will enjoy a 1 hole, par 15 course that is sure to test your driving and putting skills. Don't bring your Taylor Made clubs from home; you will have to make a club from natural materials found at camp. The tournament begins at the front of the Administration Building.

### **Additional Activities**

There are many other activities and events that will be available for your troop: such things as Totin' Chip, Paul Bunyan Award, Firem'n Chit, intra-troop basketball, camp-wide games, 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, water carnival, Mile Swim, troop activities, a youth and adult marksmanship competition at the rifle range, and much more. Evening activities will be offered every night to keep Scouts busy from sun-up until after sunset.



## Order of the Arrow Activities at Summer Camp

Kawida Lodge 480 is the Order of the Arrow Lodge in the Blue Grass Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The OA is Scouting's National Honor Society. All year long, OA members work on service projects at McKee Scout Reservation, and the lodge holds most of its activities here.

Every week at summer camp there are special activities hosted by the lodge, most of which are restricted to OA members.

### OA Cracker Barrel (weekly)

There will be a Cracker Barrel for all OA members at the OA Lodge on Tuesday night at 9:00 p.m. immediately following the Brotherhood Conversion Ceremony.

### OA Brotherhood Conversion (weekly)

All Ordeal members of the Ordeal of the Arrow are invited to become Brotherhood members during summer camp. The **Brotherhood preparation class** will be on Tuesday night beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the OA Lodge. **The Brotherhood Conversion Ceremony** open to all Brotherhood and Vigil members of the Order of the Arrow will follow the conversion class at 8:00 p.m. **Additional fee of \$25 applies.**

### OA Callout (weekly)

Friday at the closing campfire is the **OA CALLOUT**.

### OA Ordeal (Week 1 and Week 4 only)

Candidates will need to come to the callout prepared to sleep overnight alone and ready for a work day beginning the following morning on Saturday. The Ordeal workday continues through 4:00 p.m. at which time the candidates will be dismissed to shower and change into dress uniforms. Candidates will reassemble at 5:00 p.m. at the OA Lodge for the induction ceremony followed by a celebration dinner at 6:15 p.m. Following dinner, a **New Member Orientation** will be held at Keeneland Hall for all new members. OA members wishing to participate should pay an additional \$15 fee.

### A Message to all Lodge Members

The Order of the Arrow is a service organization, and we are always looking for a way to serve our camps. While at camp, the Lodge challenges you to help out in any way you can whether it be to work on a camp improvement project or to help a candidate earn his Ordeal or to just come out to one of the ceremonies and watch. Any way that you can show your support to the Order of the Arrow is a way to serve.

### Out of Council Units

If your Troop is not part of the Blue Grass Council, then no one in your Troop can do his Ordeal or Brotherhood at McKee Scout Reservation. You must do your Ordeal or Brotherhood with the Lodge and Council where you were elected. However, if you have any Scouts that were elected to the Order of the Arrow, they may be called out at the Friday night ceremony if you have written permission from the home Lodge.

### Other Ordeal Opportunities

Pre-camp Ordeal      April 18-20

Costs for above listed Ordeal:      Ordeal candidates \$45.00      Participating members \$20