

Pathfinder Program

It is our recommendation that all first year Scouts participate in the Pathfinder Program. The advancement opportunities and the exposure to all areas of the camp will help assure that these campers have a positive experience.

The Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation realizes how important it is to work with new scouts in the Boy Scouting program, and attempting to maintain them to continue their scouting path in the future. Therefore, the Pathfinder Advancement program is an important part of our camp program. It allows scouts the opportunity to advance through **most** requirements for the Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks; as well as earn two merit badges toward advancement goals.

The program is held in its own program area, and will utilize all of the camp facilities. Scouts interested have to sign up **only** for this program, since it will fill the entire day for each day at camp.

A trained staff will work with scouts to achieve requirements toward their three ranks. Staff will be utilized from other program areas to work on Indian Lore merit badge and Mammal Study or Swimming merit badges. Scouts will have the opportunity to complete all of these during their stay at camp.

Troops wishing to have their boys participate in this program are requested to send at least one leader to assist scouts who are participating in the program.

Please remember that it is the leader's responsibility to sign off the requirements in the Boy Scout handbook and the HMSR staff will provide the leaders with a list of completed requirements.

Use the form enclosed in the Leader's packet to sign your Scouts up for the Pathfinder program. You may send the form in early with your merit badge sign-ups, or bring it with you to camp.

If your Scouts are planning on taking the Swimming merit badge be certain they are strong swimmers. We want all first year campers to be successful and have the very best camp experience they can have.