

Dear «Troop_Name»

With a lot of reflection for the upcoming summer we have adjusted the hours of our program to fit within 6 days of Sunday through Saturday for 8 weeks. We have moved some events to other days to accommodate all elements of the program. This change is to optimize preparation time between weeks, to provide out of state scouts and leaders sufficient travel time, to provide staff an opportunity to re-charge and re-focus on the next group of campers, and to complete maintenance projects that cannot be accomplished when scouts are in camp. It is important to note that we have chosen to only add new elements to our beloved program and keep important traditions in place. We want to maximize your time at camp to provide for the best experience as possible.

Below please see the attached schedule for an overview as to what the summer will look like with these schedule changes. I'm sure there will be questions, and we look forward to getting you all of the information you need, when you need it. This schedule is subject to change, and will be presented in full for the April Leaders Meetings. Dates to come later this month!

https://www.yawgoog.org/uploads/6/8/4/2/68426127/2024_summer_schedule_file.pdf

To help start off the New Year we would like to release our 2024 merit badge schedule. We are excited to introduce 3 new merit badges in 2024 including one that will feature a new way to cool off at camp. Ice Skating Merit Badge will be offered on Friday mornings this summer! Scouts will travel off site for this cool badge, details coming soon. Other new merit badges that are making an appearance this year are Electricity and Pulp and Paper. We are looking to expand our long term program and cycle out some merit badges to offer new opportunities each year over the next several years. So, these two have made an appearance for this year, but taken out of the rotation this year are Indian Lore and Farm Mechanics. Don't worry, model design and building was such a hit we added some more time blocks and a new designated location at the MBDH classroom to better accommodate scouts supplies and projects.

<https://www.yawgoog.org/meritbadges.html>

A new evening program in 2024 will feature Branding Night! This is in addition to trivia and tie dye nights that were added in 2023. Scouts can purchase brandable items at the Trading Post. and bring those items to the Crafts Center on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 for a chance to customize with a Camp Yawgoog brand!

Finally, we are very excited to announce a new experience for older Scouts in 2024: Horsemanship Merit Badge! Stay tuned for more details to come!

I am excited to provide you with this first look at what Yawgoog has to offer for 2024. Over the past several years we have brought back so many great traditions, this year we wanted to see what else we can do as the Premiere Camp of the Northeast to get your scouts the best summer camp experience for our 109th season. I look forward to seeing you this summer!

Gratefully,

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