

Yawgoog Scout Reservation



First Year Troop Guide

Yawgoog Scout Reservation
61 Camp Yawgoog Rd.
Rockville, RI 02873

Phone: 401-539-2311
campyawgoog@scouting.org
www.yawgoog.org

Welcome to Yawgoog! We have a unique atmosphere at this camp. You may speak with your Program Commissioner (PC) or consult the leaders guide about any questions or concerns you have.

Before You Come To Camp

Program Request Sheets/Tuesday Night BBQ

The Tuesday Night BBQ is used to inform Scoutmasters and SPLs about the up coming week. More importantly it is used to schedule Nature center hikes, activities at the Challenge center, outdoor skills demos, and overnights. If you can not attend the Tuesday Night BBQ it is important to fill out a Program Request Sheet, located on the web site, and send it to camp. This enables us to schedule events on your behalf. If we do not receive your request sheet it is likely that other troops will reserve the activities in which you had hoped to participate.

Troop Payment Worksheet

You are required to fill out your troop payment worksheet which is available on line. It must be filled out and mailed with payment to camp THIRTY days before your arrival.

Special Diet Request

If any of the scouts in your troop have any special dietary needs, please fill out the special dietary needs request sheet which you can find on our website. Keep in mind we do not serve tree nut or peanut products in our dining halls. **We cannot offer special diets because of lifestyles of scouts or scouters. We recommend that campers bring supplements in the event that our menu does not suit their liking. Jelly and soy butter are available to anyone at any meal.**

Aims Sheet

The Aims sheet is used to plan out each scout's week at Yawgoog and is required during campsite check-in with your PC. It will help you plan what troop and patrol activities you want to schedule. Showing your Aims sheet to your PC is a requirement of Honor Troop, so get ahead of the game and do it at a troop meeting before you come to camp. A copy of the Aims Sheet is found on our web site.

Troop Roster

Before arriving at camp, you will also need to fill out a troop roster of every scout and adult camping with the troop during your week. This roster should include each scout's name, address, city, state, zip, phone, age, rank, and faith. You can find this form on our web site. Hand written rosters will not be accepted.



Sunday Check-in

Sunday check in is a three-part process that includes the three steps listed below.

Parking

When you arrive to camp there is a one-car-in-campsite policy to unload troop gear. In the meantime, all other cars are to be parked in their designated areas. If you are attending a week at Camp Three Point, you will drive straight through the gate and be directed onto the Tim O'Neil field. If you are camping in Camp Sandy Beach, you will take a right before entering the main gateway and park in the parking lot on the left adjacent from the Archery Range. Lastly, if you are camping in Camp Medicine Bow you will be allowed to park in either of the two previously mentioned parking lots, or in the Boden Lot located along Camp Yawgoog Road before you reach the Sandy Beach Parking lot. If your troop has a trailer, it would be best to park in the Boden Lot after unloading your gear.

Medical

All health forms should have already arrived at camp. During your ZOOM check in prior to your arrival you will be given a designated time to check medications at the Health Lodge.

Campsite Check-in

You will then allowed to proceed down to your campsite at your designated time given to you during your ZOOM check-in. Here you will be greeted by your Program Commissioner who will go through a simple check-in procedure with you and review important upcoming events and times with you. The AIMS worksheet is the only paperwork required for this check-in. During this time, your PC will be checking over your campsite for any pre-existing damages so you will not be charged for them during the end-of-week check-out.

Program Commissioner?

Ever been to scout camp? You may recognize the titles Program Director and Commissioner. Your Program Commissioner (PC) is your Commissioner, though you will have a much closer relationship with them, then at other scout camps. Your scheduling, visitations, information and problem solving will happen with and from your PC. Your PC will check you in to your camp site on Sunday, work with your troop throughout the week, and check you out of your site the following Sunday. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments throughout the week, your PC will be more than willing to accommodate your troop in any way possible.



Monday Orientation

Noted Times

The Monday schedule is slightly different than every other day at camp, and there is a copy of the schedule included in the on line leaders guide. Breakfast will have a normal starting time at 8:00 AM, where as lunch will start promptly at noon, and dinner at 5:30 PM. Please pay careful attention to any announcements regarding whether waiters will be needed during the meals.

Special Meals

If anyone in your troop has special dietary needs they will meet with the chef on Monday.

Swim Qualifications

Upon campsite check-in Sunday night your PC will give you a time to be at the waterfront for swim qualifications. A simple standard BSA test will determine if the applicant is a swimmer, beginner, or a non-swimmer.

Photos

Your PC will give you a time and a location to report to for your troop photos. Look sharp in your Class A uniforms. You will receive your photos later in the week. Every scout in the troop will receive one copy of the troop photo, and the troop will receive three extra copies. If you would like any extra, please let it be known during your check-in at the Bucklin office.

Waterfront Orientation

The waterfront orientation is an informal overview of the rules and regulations to the swimming and boating areas. This occurs Monday directly following lunch.

Practice Mobilization

There will be a practice mobilization at 5:00 on Monday, during which all scouts should report back to their campsite and take attendance. Following attendance in the campsite, we ask that two fast walkers be sent to the dining hall to report their sites' attendance to the PC.

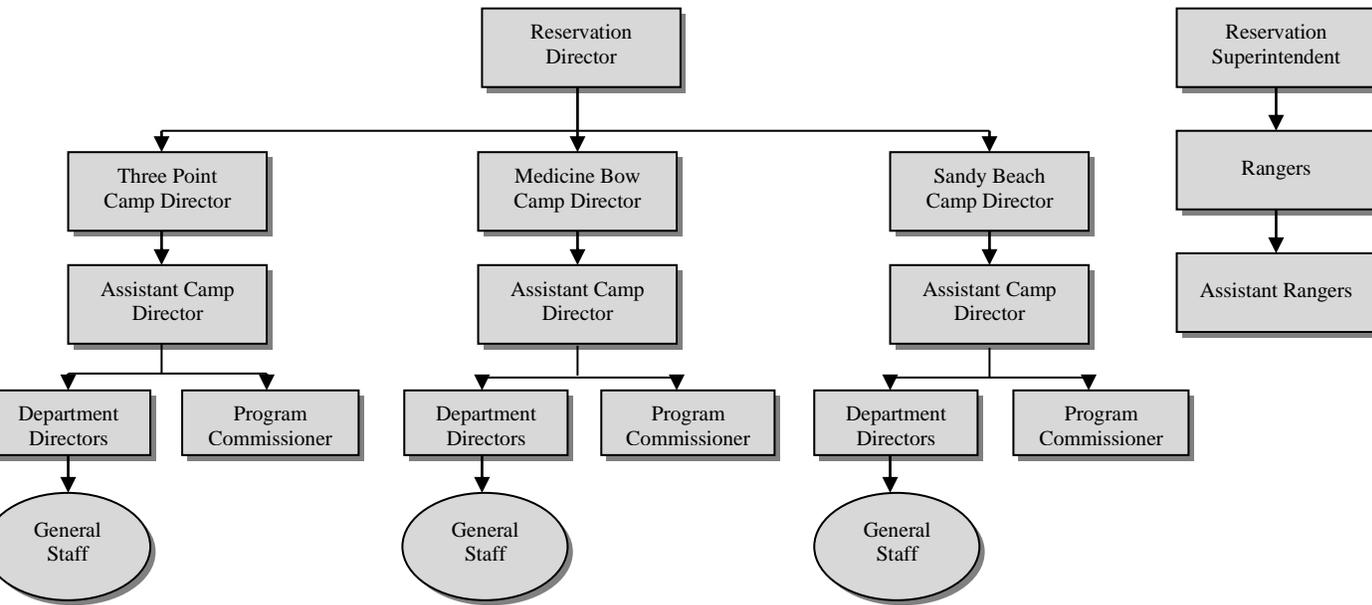
Monday Night Retreat

Directly following dinner all the troops will be dismissed to the parade field where we will have an opening ceremony and dress parade in preparation for Sunday's retreat ceremony. Troop leaders will have a short meeting at the flagpole immediately after the retreat.

Camp Comes Alive

Starting at 2:00 PM on Monday, all the program centers open, and there will be a meeting for the Scoutmaster and SPL in the individual camps.

Staff Hierarchy:



Important Documents:

Blue Cards

A blue card is an application for a merit badge, and records the requirements completed throughout the class. Blue cards are readily available through your PC and must be signed by the Scoutmaster on the front prior to taking the class.

Troop Information Sheets

A Troop Information Sheet will be provided by your PC and should be submitted to him as early as possible. This allows the PC's to have an idea of the patrol names, patrol leaders, number in the patrol and whether or not the troop is working on Honor Patrol.

Rations Request Form

If you will not be eating in the Dining Hall because of an over lunch event you must inform your PC. In order to get rations, you will need to fill out a Rations Request Form and submit it to your PC. This must be done before 8:00 AM of the day of the hike.

Hike Report

A hike report should be filled out before anyone in your troop takes a hike that is not run by the Nature Staff or other program centers. The information that your PC will need to know can be found on the form itself. The completion of this form is crucial so that in the event of an emergency the administration can take an accurate head count. In addition, we can then know when a hike has not returned and take the necessary actions to locate the missing party.

Campsite Bulletin Board

In your campsite you will find a bulletin board filled with important times, reminders, and other important notes.

Fire Guard Chart

In order to get a first-class visitation, you must have a fireguard chart signed every morning by the troop assigned Fire Warden. A fireguard enables everyone knows what to do in case of a fire. It will be located on the bulletin board found in your campsite.

Scoutmaster Packet

You will receive a Scoutmaster packet later in the week. Included in the packet is the Troop Comment Sheet, Scoutmaster Shopping List, Advancement Report, and Advancement Waiver.

Troop Comment Sheets

Troop Comment Sheets are a way for the Troops to evaluate the staff and programs of the camps. They follow a 1-5 rating system. 1's being the best, 5's being the worst. Please fill this form out completely by elaborating about your week in the comment section on the back of the sheet. Your input is considered very valuable to the Camp Yawgoog Staff and Administration. Please do not restrict your comments to this sheet exclusively. We will do all we can to respond and resolve issues whenever they are brought to us.

Scoutmaster Shopping List

A Scout Master Shopping List will be given to you at the end of the week and should be filled out and submitted to your camp office. We do this so that Scoutmasters can get all the awards that they need.



Safety

Dining Hall Evacuation Procedures

In order to be compliant with Rhode Island's Laws, every Dining Hall has a list of "Evacuation Procedures." It is the duty of the staff and the troops to ensure that the scouts know what to do in the event of an emergency.

Daily Campsite Visitations

Campsite visitations take place Tuesday through Saturday. Your site will be visited by your PC to check the cleanliness and well-being of the campsite. Each visitation will earn a resulting rank in accordance to the appearance of the site. These ranks are First class being the best, followed by second class, and finally tenderfoot. It is up to the PC whether or not a campsite will merit a first class, second class, or tenderfoot rank, however, two second class visitations will make you ineligible for honor troop, and one tenderfoot rating will also make you ineligible for honor troop as well. Things your PC will be looking for are the condition of the campsite and any trash or debris. Also whether the fireplace area is acceptable with a fire already built in it and that the fire buckets are full and topped off. A major requirement to every visitation is to ensure that your fireguard chart is signed daily, if this is not done, then the visitation will be given a second class rating, at best. Your PC will also check your wash house and the appearance and cleanliness of it. Lastly it will be required that everyone's personal gear in the campsite be in a neat order and that all tent flaps are rolled (In the rain they may be down).

Mobilization

A mobilization will be used in the case of an emergency. In the event of a mobilization, the Bucklin and Dining Hall sirens will sound for at least 30 seconds, at which time all scouts will be dismissed from program activities reservation wide and will be asked to return to their campsites. We then ask that Scoutmasters please take attendance and keep all scouts within the site. Once attendance has been taken, please send two fast walkers to the Dining Hall to report whether the troop is all present or missing scouts. In the event your troop is missing a scout, please present the name of the scout upon giving attendance. In the event of a severe storm mobilization the Dining Hall and Bucklin sirens will still sound for 30 seconds, and your PC will come to your campsite and have your entire troop gather and report to your dining hall.



Camp Program

Important Times

After 2:00 on Monday every day follows the same times for each session:

- 9:00-10:30
- 10:30-12:00
- 2:00-3:30
- 3:30-5:00
- 7:00-8:00

All meals after Monday will always be the same during the week and are:

- Breakfast- 8:00
- Lunch- 12:30
- Dinner- 5:45

Honor Troop/Patrol Awards

The point of Honor Troop and Patrol Awards is to make the Scouts get the most out of their week here at Camp Yawgoog. It does this by allowing them complete requirements throughout their week, thus encouraging them to take part in experiences that are key to having an enjoyable week. Honor troop is based on your participation in program events, your spirit, and your daily campsite visitation.

Troop of the Week

Your camp will have a Troop of the Week which is a special honor given to the top honor troop in camp. To earn the Troop of the Week honor a troop must show strong participation in program (usually placing in the top three if it is an event), have all first class visitations, and show strong spirit in your campsite, dining hall, and in your daily activities. Each camp also offers a runner-up to the Troop of the Week.

Monday Night Camp Fire

This is our welcome campfire. Attendance is mandatory for Honor troop. The campfire is also a great show put on by every department in your camp and is Emceed by your PCs.

Daily Program

Daily Program is a series of skits put on by the staff which reflect a theme chosen for your week. They usually occur during every dinner after Monday, and lunch on Saturday.

SPL Crackerbarrel

The SPL Crackerbarrel is a requirement for honor troop and is a good opportunity for the SPL's to learn leadership skills through the PC's. The Crackerbarrel is held on Tuesday at 8:30.

Dessert Baking Contest

The baking contest is held on Wednesday night and is another requirement for honor troop. We ask that you bake something and bring it to Wednesday night's dinner, where it will be sampled and judged. Entries are scored by taste, appearance, and adherence to the theme.

Scavenger Hunt

The Scavenger hunt occurs at 8:00 on a night designated by your camp and is a series of items and questions which your troop will have to, creatively, find answers to. Participation is another requirement for honor troop.

Campsite Gateway

We encourage each troop to build a campsite gateway in conjunction with the camp theme that week.

Costume Contest

The costume contest is held on during dinner on a night designated by your camp. This contest involves at least one member from each troop dressing up in accordance with your week's theme, and then the costumes will be judged on appearance and creativity. Participation is also required for honor troop.

Troop Tournament

Troop tournament is an event that begins on Tuesday and is held until Saturday. It occurs directly after lunch, and it consists of different games being played each day. Each troop will be entered into a bracket and single elimination rules will be followed until there is a winner at the end of the week. Participation is required for honor troop.

Swim Carnival

The swim carnival takes place on Saturday and is held at the waterfront at 2:00. This is an inter-troop event is designed to help gain recognition for honor patrol. There are events for each swimmer ability level.

Saturday Night Show

The Saturday Night Show is a show held at 8:00 Saturday night, where the staff will put on a spectacular show. Attendance is strongly recommended but is not required.

Sunday Retreat Ceremony

The Sunday Retreat Ceremony is a parade held at the end of the week as our closing ceremony. It is regarded as a special ceremony for all the scouts who stayed at camp during the week, and there will be special notices and mentions made during this ceremony.

Adult Leader Opportunities

Yawgoog offers a numerous amount of Adult Leadership Training opportunities. We offer certifications in Safe Swim Defense & Safety Afloat, Climb on Safely, Outdoor Leadership Skills, Leave No Trace, and Trek on Safely.



Tradition

Camp songs

During Meals you will find that many of the scouts and staff like to sing, Depending on which camp you stay at, you will have a different song and cheer to help show you camp pride.

Camp Three Point Song & Cheer

We're all glad that we are here,
So for Three Point- let's give a cheer!!!!
We're all here to have some fun
So in Scouting and Three Point we are one -
HEY – HEY - HEY
BOOM-CHICKA-BOOM BOOM-CHICKA-BOOM
BOOM-CHICKA BOOM-CHICKA...BOOM-BOOM
WAH-O-WAH, WAH-O-WAH
THREE POINT- THREE POINT RAH-RAH-RAH: YEAHH!!
POINT!! POINT!!! LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE POINT! WOOOOOO!!
POINT-POINT PO POINT BANANA-NANA FO FOINT
FEE-FIE-FO-FOINT POINT- WOOOOOO!!!
SHHH, SHHH, SHHH-WOOOOOO!! WOOOOOO!!! YEAH!!

Camp Medicine Bow Song & Cheer

Oh, I'm a hayseed. My hair is seaweed.
And my ears and made of leather, and they flop in rainy weather.
Gosh oh Hemlock, I'm tough as a pine knot.
For I come from Medicine Bow, can't you see.
HEY HEY, BOW FOR THE BOW.
RAH RAH, BOW FOR THE BOW.
RAH RAH, HOORAH, HOORAH,
MEDICINE BOW, RAH RAH RAH
YEA!!

Sand Beach Song & Cheer

Pack up your duffle, Hustle up to Sandy,
Smile, Smile, Smile!
HAVE A BANANA!
Laughs are the style, and the skies are blue,
That's the place for U! HEY!
What's the use of wondering?
There's none can reach the BEACH
So, Hustle up your duffle up, your fun will double up.
At Sandy Beach. HEY!
Ta-Da Ta-Da Ta-Da Ta-Da
Ti-Boom Ti-Boom Ti-Boom, HEY!
Sandy Beach, RAH RAH
Sandy Beach, RAH RAH
HOO-RAH HOO-RAH
Sandy Beach, RAH RAH RAH, YEAH!