

Camp Yawgoog

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Camp Yawgoog Launches Welding Merit Badge Program for 2026 Season

Rockville, RI – Camp Yawgoog, operated by the Scouting America Narragansett Council, is proud to announce the introduction of a **Welding Merit Badge** for the **2026 summer camping season**. This new program is made possible through a partnership with **General Dynamics Electric Boat**, and **Buildsubmarines.com**.

The Welding Merit Badge program will provide Scouts with hands-on exposure to welding fundamentals, workplace safety, and career pathways in the skilled trades. The initiative reflects Scouting America's commitment to preparing young people for life by combining character development, practical skills, and career exploration.

"Camp Yawgoog has a long tradition of offering forward-thinking programs that challenge and inspire Scouts," said Jonathan DiLuglio, General Manager of Camp Yawgoog. "This partnership with Electric Boat and Buildsubmarines.com allows us to introduce Scouts to an in-demand career field while maintaining Scouting's emphasis on safety, leadership, and responsibility."

The program is designed to introduce Scouts to basic welding concepts, including tool use, materials, safety procedures, and real-world applications. Instruction will follow all Scouting America guidelines and be led by trained merit badge counselors with relevant experience. Emphasis will be placed on safety, proper technique and understanding the role welding plays in industries such as manufacturing and shipbuilding.

Electric Boat and Buildsubmarines.com will support the program through technical guidance, industry insight and workforce development expertise. Scouts will learn hands-on skills working with welders from Electric Boat and the local community. The partnership highlights a shared commitment to building awareness of skilled trades and connecting young people to future career opportunities.

"We are excited to work with Camp Yawgoog and the Narragansett Council to help introduce Scouts to welding and the skilled trades," said **Sean Morrone, Manager of Workforce Development**. "This program helps young people understand how hands-on skills translate into meaningful, well-paying careers that make a difference."

The Welding Merit Badge program will be offered during the morning scheduled sessions throughout the 2026 summer season. Space will be limited to ensure a high-quality learning environment and appropriate supervision. Unit leaders will receive information on how Scouts 14 years or older may participate in the program.



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Additional information regarding scheduling and registration will be available at www.yawgoog.org.

About Camp Yawgoog

Camp Yawgoog is one of the largest and most historic Scout camps in the United States, providing premier outdoor adventure and educational programs for Scouts from across the country.

About Scouting America Narragansett Council

The Narragansett Council serves youth throughout Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts, helping young people develop character, leadership, and life skills through Scouting.

About General Dynamics Electric Boat:

General Dynamics Electric Boat designs, builds, repairs and modernizes nuclear submarines for the U.S. Navy. Headquartered in Groton, Connecticut, it employs more than 26,000 people. More information about General Dynamics Electric Boat is available at www.gdeb.com.

About BuildSubmarines.com

BuildSubmarines.com was launched by BlueForge Alliance, a mission-driven nonprofit accelerating the revitalization of the defense industrial base through non-traditional approaches that deliver speed, access and scale. BFA's corporate headquarters is in Bryan/College Station, Texas, with its Maritime Practice based in Washington, D.C. For more information, visit www.BlueForgeAlliance.us.

Gratefully,

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