“Outdoor adventure is the promise made to boys when they join Troop 55.”

Mandatory Summer Camp Meeting
Sunday, January 22, 2017
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

This meeting is for both scouts and parents.

3 Merit Badge Camps
4 Mid-level Adventures
4 High Adventures

Registration deadline is March 15th.

Looking for an amazing summer experience? Sign up for a Troop 55 summer adventure!
MERIT BADGE CAMP
Hale Scout Reservation
Talahina, OK
All ages
Over 60 merit badges offered
Cost about: $850
Adult Coordinators:
Tara and Thomas Varcados

Sail Away!
Get Onboard. Sea Scout Base Galveston offers the perfect opportunity to learn how to sail or improve your sailing skills. Experience a week of sailing on different kinds and sizes of sailboats. No experience required. Age: 13+. Cost about $650. Adult Coordinators: Rob Rice and Bill Curtis

Canoeing & camping in Manitoba, Canada.
Manigotagan (white water)
Age 14+
10 days, 7 on water.
Requires prev. high adventure experience and shakedowns.
Cost: $1,650 est
Adult Coordinators: Janice Walden and Steve Johnson

Philmont
The ultimate scouting experience!
Backpacking in northern New Mexico for two weeks. Requires shakedowns.
Cost: $1,700
Adult Coordinator: James Cauble

MERIT BADGE CAMP
Camp Loll
Yellowstone, WY
All Ages
July 21-29
Cost about: $1,400
Adult Coordinators:
Angela Enyart & Ken Moursund

BSA National Jamboree,
Must be First Class Scout
Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia
Not a T55 program; run through SHAC

Canada Cycling
Come experience the beauty of biking in the mountains!
Specific route to be chosen by scouts. Age 14+, 1 week, Late July.
Adult Coordinator: David Pesikoff

NYLT & NAYLE
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)
June 4-9 and June 11-16, 2017, Bovay Scout Ranch, Navasota, Texas. 13 years old. Scoutmaster approval.


NOTE: Several of these camps are provisional and contingent upon sufficient registration.
Merit Badge Camp
Talahina, Oklahoma
June 4-10

Hale Scout Reservation is a 620 acre camp located in the beautiful Winding Stair Mountains in Southeastern Oklahoma. Nestles in the Ouachita National Forest, Hale Scout Reservation is a premier summer camp destination for Boy Scout troops from many surrounding states. Hale provides Scouts of all ages with rugged outdoor challenges, high adventure, beautiful scenic views and one of the best summer camp experiences in the nation.

Highly acclaimed C.O.P.E. program
Horsemanship * Shooting Sports Center
Tech Center (Robotics, Welding, Aviation, Photography)
Mountain Trail Center with Climbing Tower and Snow Sports
Scoutmaster Merit Badge (adults)

Cost: estimated $850

Adult Coordinators:
Tara Varcados tara.varcados@cfins.com
Thomas Varcados thomas.varcados@citi.com
Camp Loll is located two miles south of the Yellowstone Park boundary and four miles north of Grand Teton National Park. Its location on the one and one-half mile long Lake of the Woods is one of the most beautiful in the American wilderness. Here in the heart of America’s premier backcountry area, campers will be treated to an infinite variety of high adventure and scouting activities. Challenging rappelling and climbing cliffs, beautiful lakes and waterfalls, endless forest vistas, and a stunning variety of wild life, make Camp Loll a place where lifetime memories will be created and lives will be changed for the better. There are over 35 different merit badges offered and all scouts will have the opportunity to earn the cooking merit badge should they choose.

Age: All ages

PreCamp Add On: Two days inside Yellowstone and/or Grand Teton National Parks.

Cost: Estimated $1,400

Adult Coordinators:
   Angela Enyart  angelasenyart@yahoo.com
   Ken Moursund  kmoursund@gmail.com
Located in Pulaski County Virginia, the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation encompasses 17,500 acres of rugged beauty high in the Blue Ridge Mountains. For over 50 years, the Reservation has been a leader among Scout Camps, pioneering new and exciting programs, and providing thousands of Scouts and Scouterers with a positive camping experience.

Tucked in the valley formed by the Big Macks Creek, Camp Powhatan is the largest council owned Scout camp in the United States. The big camp atmosphere surrounds you with excitement from morning flags till evening taps. The Merit Badge camp will offer approximately 30 merit badges including pioneering, leatherwork, orienteering and wilderness survival. The Merit Badge Camp also has daily fun activities such as the swimming, the blob and movie nights.

**Age:** All ages

**Cost:** Estimated $1,400

**Adult Coordinators:** Chip Lane  chip.lane@lanelaw.com
Adam Plager  aeplager@qkss.com
The Nautical Adventure is a week long and offers the opportunity to learn sailing in a variety of small, medium and large sailboats, kayaking and other activities. This summer camp is the perfect opportunity to learn how to sail or improve your sailing skills.

Experience a week of sailing on different kinds and sizes of sailboats. No experience required. The camp does not focus on meritbadges, but scouts may have the chance to work on either kayaking or smallboat sailing.

Ashore you will enjoy great food, air-conditioned new accommodations, Hawaiian Luau and a fireworks show.

Age: 13+.
Cost about $650

Adult Coordinators Rob Rice rcrice@rice-law.com  
Bill Curtis billc@curtiswindham.com
Bechler Canyon
Mid-level Adventure

Date: July 21-29  Group size: Maximum 7 Scouts  
Age: 13+ with previous MB Camp experience

We will be hiking in the backcountry of Yellowstone National Park and see nature in all it's glory. Waterfalls, bears, thermal springs, geysers, mountains, wolves, and elk, and of course, mini bears. The Bechler Canyon trail passes through one of the most pristine and untouched wildernesses in America.

We will hike and camp in Yellowstone and/or Grand Tetons National Parks from Friday, 21 July to Sunday, 23 July. On Monday, we check in to Camp Loll, meet our guide, do our swim check, get our food and prepare to depart. We will be on the trail from Tuesday through Friday afternoon, when we return back to Loll before flying home on Saturday.

Age: 13+
Cost: $1,400 estimate
Adult Coordinator: Bob Casey bcasey@theridgegroup.com
Blue Ridge
Mid Adventure
Climbing, Rafting, Canoeing

New River Adventure
Program inside the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation
June 25 – July 1

The New River consists of 2 days of COPE (natural rock climbing, etc.), 1 day of class V white water rafting, 1 day of white water canoeing and an open day where scout can choose between ATV's, caving and climbing.

Age: 13 years by Jan 2017
Cost: Approx. $1,400

Adult Coordinators: Chip Lane chip.lane@lanelaw.com
Adam Plager aeplager@gkss.com
Mid Adventure
Canoeing & Camping
Shoal Lake, Canada

10 days, 7 on water.

Shoal Lake (Flatwater): Age 13+, requires Canoeing merit badge and shakedowns

Cost: $1,650 estimate
June 9-19
Up to 8 Scouts

Experience Shoal Lake’s variety of ecosystems as you hop from island to island on this large Northern Tier lake in Manitoba. There will be time for fishing, swimming and relaxing. Shoal Lake will travel together with the Manigotagan group.

Adult Coordinators:
Janice Walden janice@vandykewalden.com
Steve Johnson sjohns1000@yahoo.com
Philmont is the Boy Scouts of America's largest national High Adventure Base. It covers 137,000 acres - about 214 square miles - of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rocky Mountains in northern New Mexico.

The troop has space for 4 crews, each with a maximum of 12 participants. Two crews start on June 11 and two crews start on July 11. One space is open in June, and four spaces are open in July.

Dates: June 11-24; July 11-24
Age 14+
Final Payment for $1,700 due 15 February
Adult Coordinator: James Cauble james@cauble.org
High Adventure Canoeing & Camping

10 days, 7 on water.

Whitewater canoeing on the untouched Manigotagan River in Manitoba
Age 14+, Requires prev. high adventure experience & shakedowns.

Cost: $1,650 estimate
June 9-19
Up to 6 Scouts

The Manigotagan River in Nopiming Provinical Park provides a challenging paddling adventure for all skill levels. Delight in the ancient bedrock of the Canadian Shield and variety of wildlife and birdlife seen on the river. Develop your whitewater confidence around the various rapids and falls. Watch for western painted or snapping turtles sunning themselves on rocks.

Adult Coordinators:
Janice Walden janice@vandykewalden.com
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Troop 55
Houston, TX  www.troop55.org
Biking on the Trans-Canada Trail - High Adventure

High Adventure Camping and Cycling trip through Canada
Late July

Come experience the beauty and cool weather of the Trans-Canada Great Trail!

Age: 14+, plus warm up rides in the spring
Duration: 1 week

The Trans Canada Trail is the world's longest network of recreational trails. The Trail will be fully connected in 2017 and will stretch 24,000 kilometers from the Atlantic to the Pacific to the Arctic oceans. Scouts will plan the route and select the goals and destinations.

Adult Coordinator: David Pesikoff david@pesikoff.com
NYLT & NAYLE
Youth Leadership Programs

Contact: Charles Williams at cwilliams@olsonllp.com or Scoutmaster Robert Lombardi at t55sm@sbcglobal.net

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

NYLT is an exciting, action-packed six-day council-level program designed to provide Boy Scouts who are 13 years and older with leadership skills and experience they can use in situations demanding leadership of self and others. NYLT should be taken as a prerequisite for Troop Leadership positions. Age: 13 years. Scoutmaster approval needed. NYLT June 4-9 and June 11-16, 2017, Bovay Scout Ranch, Navasota, Texas. On line registration begins early in 2017 at http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/nylt

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)

NAYLE is an exciting program that enhances leadership skills and expands upon the team-building and ethical decision-making skills learned in National Youth Leadership Training. NAYLE emphasizes leadership, teamwork, and selfless service, using the core elements of NYLT to help youth strengthen these skills. The NAYLE course is now available at all four national high-adventure base. https://www.facebook.com/BSANAYLE

NYLT required 13 years old and Scoutmaster approval. BSA Swim test required for Sea Base and Northern Tier.


Northern Tier High Adventure Base, Minnesota- dates are not yet available for Northern Tier Experience the pristine wilderness of the Boundary Waters!

The Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia- June 18-24 to register http://summitbsa.org/programs/training Experience BSA’s newest national high-adventure base.

Scouts must be 14 but not yet 20 years old, hold a unit leadership position, and have completed NYLT. Scoutmaster approval needed. Various dates available through the summer.
BSA National Jamboree

Summit Bechtel Family
National Scout Reserve in WVA,
July 19-28

Over the course of 10 summer days, once every four years, the Boy Scouts of America comes together in one place. The result is the national Scout jamboree.

The jamboree is open to active youth members and adult volunteer leaders in BSA programs and will be held July 19-28, 2017. Scouts must be First Class and be at least 12 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree or an 11 year old that has graduated the 6th grade.

To learn more about the 2017 National Scout Jamboree and the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, please visit www.bsajamboree.org or https://summit.scouting.org..entry-content
Get trained to go on a fun Troop 55 adventure!

**Boy Scout Basic Training**
To access the online training, go to My.Scouting.org and then: Create an account.

**Youth Protection Training (online) and Classroom Facilitated YPT:** All adults attending day camp, resident camp or Boy Scout summer camp must take Classroom Facilitated Youth Protection Training.

**Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)**
Working as patrols, this hands-on course provides adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. Upon completion, leaders should feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required to obtain the First Class rank. Along with basic training, this course is required of all direct contact leaders registered in Boy Scout troops and Varsity Scout teams, in order to be considered "trained." **February 24-25, 2017**

**ASM Basic Leader Training** This course is intended to provide troop leadership with the information and tools they need to lead successful Boy Scout troops. This course teaches practical ways to instill the Scouting methods into troop programs and covers the roles of the Scoutmasters and Assistants in a boy-led troop. 4.5 hours. **Dates to be announced**

**Supplemental Training**

**Adult CPR** – training dates

**Wilderness First Aid** is the assessment of and treatment given to an ill or injured person in a remote environment where definitive care by a physician and/or rapid transport is not readily available. Course prerequisites: Minimum age 14; current certification in an adult CPR course; completion of AED training. [http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/training-schedule#first%20aid](http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/training-schedule#first%20aid)

REI offers training.

*Scouting makes the most of the time you have with your children.*
Earn money for your Summer Adventure!

Selling Scout Fair Coupon Books not only sustains the Scout Fair event and other council programs, it also provides a great fundraising opportunity for your unit and prepares Scouts to "earn their own way."

Each Coupon Book sells for only $10, but offers over $600 in savings.

Scouts will earn 30% commission on each book sold. Scout Fair ticket sales kickoff on in February.
Frequently Asked Questions

• Can a Scout attend more than one adventure? Absolutely!

• Can an Parent go on an adventure? Yes! You need to get trained as an Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM & IOLS training) and YPT. Additional training is required for high adventures.

• How do the Scout prepare for a mid-level or high adventure treks? In the Spring, Scouts will be prepare for the summer adventures during the campouts and additional training & shakedowns.

• How do I get a summer shirt? Summer Adventure T-Shirt orders will be on the summer registration link.

• Does my Scout need an updated Health Form? BSA Health Records must now be submitted annually. Parts A,B & C (Part C must be completed by a physician) will be due by May 1 for all summer camps. If your son will not be eligible for his physician's exam before May 1, please contact our Medical Records coordinator Julia Humphreys now to make arrangements. Medical@troop55.org or 714-320-8184

• Are there scholarships available? Troop 55 has scholarship funds available to assist scouts with the cost of summer camps, especially merit badge camps and leadership camps. The troop has activities each year whereby scouts can earn funds for summer camp, and these include selling Scout Fair tickets. The receipt of financial assistance for summer camp is often conditioned on the scout earning a portion of the camp fee himself. To apply for financial assistance, please see instructions on the Troop website under scholarships.

• Are there ways to help out? Yes, Troop 55 needs your help. Contact Suanne Bouvier - Troop 55 Adult Volunteer Coordinator at Volunteer@troop55.org