

2020 Winter Camp
Indoor Igloo Extravaganza
Leader's Guide



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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Dear Scouters:

Celebrating the 15th anniversary of Winter Camp, we look forward to another successful year where Scouts can continue to grow their life journey through Scouting. This year is the “*Indoor Igloo Extravaganza*” as we transition to an online event! Whether you are a Winter Camp veteran or new for the first time to Winter Camp we want to welcome all Scouters. Transitioning to an online event also welcomes Scouts from across the country to participate.

We hope this Leader’s Guide will be helpful to you and your troop in planning your camp experience. Each year we strive to fulfill our commitment to offering an excellent camp program for Scouts. This unique camping opportunity takes place in between Christmas and New Year’s Day. Our merit badge programming is similar to that of a “merit badge college” where Scouts work on a single merit badge per day. A class description of each merit badge can be found later in this guide.

In order to prepare for your 2020 Winter Camp experience, please begin preparation now. There is information explaining how to sign up and join virtual classes. If you have a question, or cannot find answers, feel free to contact the Great Smoky Mountain Council’s Service Center directly.

Please be sure to thank our staff who make this program possible. A dedicated class of volunteers serve as merit badge counselors, camp administration, etc. This volunteer staff and their willingness to help others is what makes this program possible. For 15 years Winter Camp has grown to be a legacy within the Great Smoky Mountain Council and across the Nation. We are excited to make Winter Camp 2020 one for all to remember!

On behalf of the Great Smoky Mountain Council and the 2020 Winter Camp staff, we look forward to seeing you at our online event this year and back in-person at Camp Pellissippi in 2021!

Yours in Scouting,

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ONLINE FORMAT

For Winter Camp this year we are offering an online experience. Classes will operate from Sunday, December 27th to Wednesday, December 31st. Students will work on one class per day, with a total of four classes. Scouts register for classes offered ahead of time. Below there are dates and instructions to register for merit badge classes on Tentaroo.

All classes will be on Zoom. Links to join the Zoom classes will be emailed to participants beforehand. Installing Zoom beforehand on your computer or device could be helpful. The Zoom virtual merit badge class is a virtual meeting with the merit badge instructor(s) and other class participants. All Youth Protection Safety Guidelines will be strictly enforced (two-deep leadership, no one-on-one contact, etc.)

The expectation is that Scouts will have their Zoom camera/video turned on and engaged in the class. Completion of requirements cannot be guaranteed if a Scout does have their Zoom camera/video turned on and participating in the class.

2020 KEY DATES

Event Description	Date	Time
Registration Opens	December 11, 2020	8:30am
Registration Closes	December 22, 2020	12:00pm
Pre-Camp Meeting	December 22, 2020	6:30pm
Opening Ceremony	December 27, 2020	9:00am
Classes Start	December 27, 2020	9:30am
Classes Start	December 28-20, 2020	9:00am
Closing Flag Ceremony	December 30, 2020	6:00pm

REGISTRATION FEES AND SUPPLIES

Registration Fee: \$50 per participant

What's Included: Four merit badge sessions, 15th Anniversary Winter Camp council shoulder patch (CSP) for 2020, a *limited-edition* Winter Camp beanie, and access to evening activities.

You will receive your Winter Camp swag during or after camp

CAMP RESERVATION PROCEDURE

*****REGISTRATION FOR WINTER CAMP IS ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVE BASIS*****

We utilize the online Tentaroo event registration system for Winter Camp. Be prepared to register for merit badge courses as soon as possible. This is due to the increasing popularity of Winter Camp nationwide. You can find more information at www.EastTNScouts.org/WinterCamp.

Merit Badge Registrations Begins on Friday, December 11, 2020 at 8:30am

If you were previous registered for the in-person Winter Camp, you will need to log back in to Tentaroo account to register Scout(s) and select from the new class schedule. There have been many changes to accommodate the new online schedule and format. If you made a payment for the in-person Winter Camp it can be applied to the new registration. Anyone registered for the in-person Winter Camp that chooses not to attend the online event will be refunded. Refunds will be handled following the Council's refund policy, please contact the Great Smoky Mountain Council or see the Council website for details.

PRE-CAMP MEETING

The pre-camp meeting held on Tuesday, December 22nd at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held on Zoom. The link will be emailed to participants by 3:00pm on December 22nd. Parents, Scoutmasters, other unit leaders, and troop youth leaders are invited to attend. All units should have representation at the meeting. This is an opportunity to pay any final fees, verify merit badge schedules, review camp rules and guidelines, and ask any questions you may have about camp. If you are not able to attend, please contact the camp director to get the information.

MERIT BADGES

Many of the merit badges cannot be completed during the week. This is due to the difficulty of hands-on teaching and special equipment needed in person. However, Scouts will be taught the safety, fundamentals, and concepts for each course. Most likely the Scout will need to complete the remaining requirements back with their Troop or with a merit badge counselor. Please understand there is potential for merit badge classes to be cancelled due to lack of attendance. You will be notified by the Winter Camp administration to select other classes if this occurs.

Winter Camp tentatively offers over 20 unique merit badges for the 2020 schedule. All merit badges at Winter Camp will be taught in accordance with the 2020 *Scout BSA Requirements* booklet. Any changes in requirements published before camp starts will be used.

On the listing below the merit badge course is on the left side, with the days of camp listed on the right. The number inside each box represents the number of participants allowed in the class per session. If the box is gray it is not offered on that day.

MERIT BADGES

Merit Badge Course	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Animation	12			
Chemistry			15	15
Chess			12	12
Citizenship in the Community / Cit. Nation / Cit. World (All 3 Eagle)		25	25	
Communications (Eagle) / Public Speaking		15		
Composite Materials	8	8		
Cooking (Eagle)	15			
Digital Technology				25
Emergency Preparedness (Eagle)			12	12
Energy	15			15
Engineering	15			
Environmental Science (Eagle)			25	
Fingerprinting / Crime Prevention		15	15	
First-Aid (Eagle)		15		15
Forestry			15	
Inventing / Salesmanship / Entrepreneurship	15			15
Nuclear Science	15			
Radio				25
Rifle and Shotgun Shooting		15	15	
Signs, Signals and Codes		15		15
Soil and Water Conservation		15		
Sustainability (Eagle)	15			
Theatre			15	

MERIT BADGES DESCRIPTIONS

ANIMATION



Animation merit badge cannot be completed at camp.

CHEMISTRY



Chemistry merit badge cannot be completed at camp.

CHESS



Chess merit badge can be completed at camp. Participants will setup a Chess.com account with parent assistance and permission.

CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY, CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION, AND CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD

All 3 Eagle Required



Scouts will complete requirements 1, 2 and 6 for Citizenship in the Community. Scouts will complete requirements 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7 for Citizenship in the Nation. All requirements for Citizenship in the World will be completed at camp.

COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC SPEAKING

Communications is Eagle Required



Communication merit badge class will complete all requirements except 5, 7 and 8. Public Speaking will complete requirements 1 and 2.

COMPOSITE MATERIALS



Composite Materials merit badge cannot be completed at camp.

COOKING

Eagle Required



Cooking merit badge will complete all requirements except 4, 5, and 6.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY



Digital Technology merit badge can be completed if Scouts bring a copy of their Cyber Chip card. Cyber Chip is preferred but not required.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Eagle Required



Scouts should complete Emergency Preparedness requirement 1 before camp. They will not do 2c and 8b during camp.

ENERGY



Scouts should complete Energy merit badge requirement 4 before arriving at camp. It cannot be completed at camp.

ENGINEERING



Engineering merit badge cannot be completed at camp.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Eagle Required



Environmental Science merit badge cannot be completed at camp.

FINGERPRINTING

New for 2020!



Fingerprinting merit badge cannot be completed at camp.

FIRST AID

Eagle Required



This badge covers a great deal of written material, and there are skills to master. Familiarity with knots is extremely important. This badge is recommended for older Scouts. It is highly recommended that CPR instruction, as well as requirements 1,2d, 3c, and 7, be completed prior to camp.

FORESTRY



Forestry merit badge cannot be completed at camp.

INVENTING, SALESMANSHIP, & ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Inventing, Salesmanship, and Entrepreneurship merit badges cannot be completed at camp.

NUCLEAR SCIENCE



Nuclear Science merit badge cannot be completed at camp.

RADIO



Radio merit badge cannot be completed at camp.

RIFLE AND SHOTGUN SHOOTING



Rifle and Shotgun Shooting merit badge will cover the safety and core concepts of shooting. There will not be any on-site shooting offered during camp. This virtual merit badge will provide fundamentals to Scouts.

SIGNS, SIGNALS, & CODES



Signs, Signals, and Codes cannot be completed at camp.

SOIL & WATER CONVERSATION



Soil & Water Conversation cannot be completed at camp.

SUSTAINABILITY

Eagle Required



Sustainability merit badge requires the Scout to complete requirements before camp; 1, 2 water a, 2 food a, 2 energy b or c, 2 stuff a and 4. We will not complete 5a at camp.

THEATER



Theater merit badge cannot be completed at camp.

CAMP ACTIVITIES

OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES

The camp will assemble for an opening ceremony on Sunday, December 27th at 9:00am. This will be on a separate Zoom link than the class for the day. Classes will meet at 9:30am following the opening. The purpose is to welcome everyone and review key information before beginning. We will assemble for a closing ceremony on Wednesday, December 30th at 6:00pm for a closing ceremony. This will also be a separate Zoom link. We will recap the successes of the week, highlight key achievements, and wrap up Winter Camp 2020.

FLAG CEREMONIES

The camp will assemble for flag ceremonies at 9:00 AM on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. This will take place on the specific merit badge Zoom link for the day. This is when the instructors will share announcements and important messages throughout the day.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Chess Merit Badge Instructor will be hosting Chess Tournaments in the evening. This is open for Scouters of all ages. This will take place on chess.com. The instructor will send an invite to the tournament. An chess.com account is required. It is free, but must be setup by an adult 18 years old or older with basic information (name, email, etc.) More information will be available at the Pre-Camp Meeting.

KAHOOT GAMES

Another fun virtual activity is Kahoot games! These take place in a Zoom session. The host will share their screen with all the participants. Participants will be given a game code to log in on an electric device. It is best to use a 2nd device (cell phone, tablet, etc.) to answer the game questions, since your main screen will be used to see the questions. More information will be available at the Pre-Camp Meeting.

2020 DAILY CAMP SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 27th

9:00am	Camp-wide Opening Ceremony
9:30am	Merit Badge Morning Session
Mid-day	Lunch Break
Afternoon	Merit Badge Afternoon Session
6:00pm	Evening Activities

Monday, December 28th and Tuesday, December 29th

9:00am	Merit Badge Morning Session
Mid-day	Lunch Break
Afternoon	Merit Badge Afternoon Session
6:00pm	Evening Activities

Wednesday, December 30th

9:00am	Merit Badge Morning Session
Mid-day	Lunch Break
Afternoon	Merit Badge Afternoon Session
6:00pm	Camp-wide Closing Ceremony