



ISTROUMA AREA COUNCIL, BSA

2019 Scouts BSA Summer Camp Guide





CAMP OVERVIEW

At Avondale Scout Reservation, Scouts of all ages and Scouters can enjoy an outstanding summer camp program. From the spectacular first-year camper program – “Trailhead”, to our merit badge and challenging high adventure programs, scouts of all ages experience fun and adventure while maximizing their advancement opportunities. Avondale Scout Reservation has been a nationally accredited camp by the Boy Scouts of America for 60 years. Our staff consists of over 50 program and support staff members. Avondale has focused its efforts to improve the summer camp program by increasing the age, experience, and competence of our staff.

FACILITIES

Avondale is a classic camp designed to support the delivery of a quality program. Two full-time rangers work year-round to maintain the camp and build toward many program, property and facility improvements. Avondale Scout Reservation covers over 1600 acres of beautiful Clinton, Louisiana complete with beautiful meadows, creeks, three lakes and two ponds. The lakes and ponds at ASR have many species of fish including bream of various types, sac a lait, bass, and occasional catfish for you to catch at your leisure. The dining hall at Avondale provides space for hundreds of hungry campers during three meals each day during the summer.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

- New Aquatic Water Toys
- Information Kiosk – in-front of the Frank McArthur / Richard Lipsey Dining Hall
- Communal Campsite Pavilion – On Main Campsite Road
- RC Track and Cars
- Drone Course and Drones
- Recently relocated Trading Post with two additional Ga-Ga pits
- Recently relocated Administration Building
- Completion of new Staff Sleeping Quarters
- Completion of new Health Lodge
- Aluminum flag poles installed in-front of the Frank McArthur / Richard Lipsey Dining Hall
- The Possum Trot Lodge Museum to showcase the history of ASR and Scouting Memorabilia
- Acquisition of a bus for transportation
- Improved LED lighting at the Richard Lipsey / Dudley Coates Shooting Complex
- Improved LED Lighting at the COPE Pavilion
- Improved Camp Signage

AVONDALE OFFERS A GREAT PROGRAM

Avondale Scout Reservations offers a wide range of activities for youth to experience throughout the week that will bring memories of a lifetime that will prove the saying that there is "No Place Like Avondale Scout Reservation".

PROGRAM TIDBITS

We utilize "Online Registration" for merit badge registrations and balancing other resources at camp. Additional information will be provided on the council website www.iacbsa.org throughout spring as camp nears.

The general program formation at camp is to have merit badge classes in the morning with the afternoon available for activities and additional merit badge work. Friday is reserved for troop and camp-wide activities.

Avondale offers a lot of programs, but don't feel that you have to schedule something every period of everyday. Feel free to leave some free time for a troop hike, troop game, fishing, enjoying the afternoon program, or just sitting around the campsite.

Please make sure that Scouts who sign up for academic merit badges meet our recommended age and are able to understand and comprehend the material, so that they have a positive experience at camp.

Many of the merit badges in Nature require extensive fieldwork and written reports. Scouts should plan on at least portions of two afternoons to fully complete these merit badges at camp.

Avondale offers a unique and exciting week-long program for older scouts. This will be held off camp starting Sunday afternoon, and returning to camp Friday Afternoon to enjoy the camp-wide games.



PROGRAM CHANGES FOR 2019

RIFLE RANGE / ARCHERY RANGE / SHOTGUN RANGE

- Rifle and Archery are 'open shoot' in the afternoon periods with an additional cost (yet to be determined) to help pay for the maintenance of the equipment and pay for ammunition and targets.
- Shotgun is merit badge only no 'open shoot'

MILE SWIM

- Practice days – M, Tu, W, at 2:30pm
- Mile Swim will be offered Thursday and Friday for your convenience .

MERIT BADGE – EXTRA TIME REQUIRED

- The following merit badges are taught in the morning periods; however scouts will need to return during the afternoon periods to complete these badges.
 - Most Nature Badges; Archery and Rifle
 - Please – leave time in your schedule to complete these badges.

Metalwork Merit Badge

On Friday, blacksmiths will join us at camp to offer the specialty Metal Working merit badge to a limited number of Scouts. Sign ups will be online just like all the other merit badges.

Life to Eagle Camp

Starting this year there will be an opportunity for scouts to work on Eagle Required merit badges taught by experts in their particular fields that will be offered in a vertical schedule format. A vertical schedule is when you are in one class all day. Look for the final array of merit badges offered and details for this specialty program by early spring. If you are signing up for just these merit badges and not spending the night at camp, you will be considered a day only camper and it will cost the scout \$40 per merit badge (this includes lunch.) All Scouts must be at least First Class to participate in this program. Sign ups will be online just like all the other merit badges.

CAMPWIDE GAMES

This activity begins Friday at 3:30pm in the assembly field

INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICES

Every morning at 7:00am at the chapel there will be an interfaith worship service. Units will sign up Monday Morning at the Senior Patrol Leader Meeting to host the interfaith worship service.

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

A Flag retirement ceremony will be held on Wednesday each week at approximately 9:00pm.

Following the evening activity.

Scouts and Leaders interested in actively participating in the ceremony should meet at the council ring at 8:00pm. We would ask all First Responders and Military Veterans to consider being a part of this special ceremony.



CONTACT INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

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COUNCIL WEBSITE

www.iacbsa.org is the council website and will provide the most current information and documentation to help you prepare for camp. Any documentation referenced in this book as a “downloadable form” will be available on the council website.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION SITE (ONLINE PROGRAM / ACTIVITY RESERVATIONS)

This system will be used for main camp program and activity registration and all special requests. Note: Camp management is under no obligation to honor special requests that have not been input into the online system! All other information and forms will be hosted on the council website. Program registration opens on the morning of April 1st, 2019 at 8:00am. All registration fees must be paid in full before you can register the youth for their merit badges and other special programs.

CAMP LEADERSHIP

Position	Name
Summer Camp Camp Director	Juan Prado
Summer Camp Program Director	Stephen Davidson
Council National Camp Accreditation Program Committee Chairperson	Peter Davidson
Council National Camp Accreditation Program Committee Member	Roslyn Davidson
Council Vice President over Program	David Breaux
Camp Ranger	EJ Moore
Assistant Ranger	Greg Yoes-Favrot
Council Program Director	Wayne Schuver

CAMP DATES – AVONDALE 2019

Camp Week	Dates	Participants
Week # 1	June 9 - 14	Scouts BSA
Week # 2	June 16 - 21	Scouts BSA

GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

Camp Registration

Troops will be managing camp registration on our web page www.iacbsa.org using the following steps:

- 1) Sign up for the week you are looking to come and submit a site deposit of \$100.00. The deposit will be applied to your total camp fees. This can be done starting October 2018.
- 2) Sign up your youth and submit all fees online. We are requiring troops to collect and submit fees as a unit rather than having Scouts pay individually.
- 3) After all fees are paid, sign you scouts up for Merit Badges/Classes. This can be done starting April 1. The camp program will end after the Friday Night Closing Campfire. Units can make arrangements to stay Friday night and get breakfast Saturday morning. Please contact the Camp Director two weeks before your week of camp.

Provisional Camping

Provisional Scouts are scouts who attend camp without their home troop. They will be assigned to another troop for the week, based on the 'best fit' available. Provisional camping is not intended to relieve a Troop of its responsibility to provide leadership, but rather to ensure that every Scout has the opportunity to attend Summer Camp. Provisional Scouts must indicate that they are provisional during the registration process. Camp Avondale appreciates Scoutmasters and Troops offering to serve as leaders for provisional Scouts. If you are willing to assist in provisional camping, please contact the Camp Director. The Camp Administration is looking for two scoutmasters a male and a female each week to serve as the leadership for the provisional youth. If you would like to be one of the leaders, please contact the program director. Provisional camping is an excellent Summer Camp alternative for:

Scouts who are unable to attend with their home unit due to date conflicts.

Scouts and adults who would like an opportunity to attend camp for a second time.

Scouts and adults from units that camp at Summer Camps outside the Istroma Area Council but want to come to Avondale instead or in addition to their other camp

SUMMER CAMP FEES

\$275.00 per scout October 1, 2018 till December 31, 2018.

From January 1, 2019 till March 31, 2019 , the registration fee will increase to **\$300.00 per scout**.

April 1, 2019 till June 1, 2019 the registration fee will increase to **\$350.00 per scout**.

Adult Fees: **\$100 per adult**. If eleven (11) or more scouts register, one adult will be allowed to register for free. There is a fee of \$9.00 per meal for adults who do not attend camp all week. Meal tickets must be purchased at the Trading Post.

All adult leaders who are spending a night at camp must be registered members of the BSA, have a BSA Medical Form, and have completed Youth Protection Training. You must let the office know prior to arrival if you are planning on staying part of the week.

Camperships

A limited number of Camperships are available each year for Scouts registered in the Istrouma Area Council. They may be requested by youth who want to attend camp, but whose families may be experiencing hardships. Camperships are approved on an individual basis and can be provided to off-set a Scout's registration fee up to 50% of the cost of the registration fee. Units should plan to aid their Scouts prior to camp through unit fundraisers and/or participate in our Council's Camp Card fundraising campaign. Applications for Camperships are available on the Council website at www.iacbsa.org Applications must be received in the Istrouma Area Council office by March 15, 2019.

Camp Refund Policy

The following policy statement is applicable to all Council and District events where a fee is collected. This includes such events as Day Camps, Cub Resident Camp, Summer Camp, Winter Camp, training courses, camporees, etc.

1. All requests must be in writing (email is acceptable). Correspondence should be addressed to the Event Chair.
2. Written refund requests will be considered only if received in the Pennington Scout Center ten (10) days prior to the start of the event.
3. Written refund requests submitted after the event will be considered only for personal illness or family emergencies. No refund requests will be accepted after ten (10) days following the close of the event.
4. A service charge of twenty-five percent (30 %) of the full activity fee will be assessed on all refunds.
5. Refund checks will be issued within 30 days following the close of camp.
6. Fees are only transferable within the same unit to a Scout not currently registered for the event.
7. When extenuating circumstances beyond the Council's control arise, the Key 3 and VP of Program will make a determination to either cancel or reschedule the event.

CHECK-IN PROCESS

1. Arrive at Camp Avondale between 12:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please wait in the parking lot if you arrive early.

At 12:30 p.m. Troop Hosts will be at the Camp Avondale parking lot to greet units. The Adult Leader and Senior Patrol Leader will be escorted to the Business office for check in. Please have the following items available at check-in:

Complete roster of all campers and adults including names of adults staying with unit full-time and part-time

Copies of youth OA election and adult nomination for Order of the Arrow day

All camper fees MUST be paid in FULL at this time. We do not have a means to charge unit accounts at the Camp office for activities at camp, nor can we provide fee refunds. We will make every effort to offset refunds against charges, but in order to speed the check-in process, we ask that units be fully paid prior to arriving at camp. Those not fully paid will be asked to settle up upon check-in, and again at check-out to reflect changes during the week. We recommend bringing three checks: one for check-in, one for trading post and one 'just in case'.

2. The Unit will then be escorted to the Health Lodge for health form checks and medication instructions. A qualified health officer will review the medical forms. Any Scout, leader, or parent without a completed Health Form (signed by a physician) will be asked to leave camp until he/she can acquire one. Please bring all medications in their original containers with clearly written directions.

While an adult transports Troop gear to the campsite, the Troop Hosts will provide the Scouts with a tour of Camp Avondale and meet back at the campsite.

3. Again for 2019 Troops can preorder T-shirts then pick them up at the Trading Post upon arrival at camp. Pre-order Shirts will be \$9.00, & non preordered can be purchased during your stay at \$12.00.

Special Note: Only one (1) vehicle will be permitted in the campsite area per unit at any given time and all vehicles must be removed prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of check in.

At the campsite, you should orient your Scouts. All Scouts and Adult Leaders taking the swim test will change into their swimsuits and proceed to the Waterfront when escorted by their Troop Host. If weather becomes a problem, swim checks will continue once the weather has cleared or on Monday before each Aquatics class. Return to your campsite to settle in and continue setting up.

MEALS

The meal schedule is as follows:

Breakfast 7:30 a.m.

Lunch 12:40 p.m.

Dinner 5:45 p.m.

Camp Avondale offers the best food available. The proof is in our Scouts, Leaders, and Parents. All have returned home from their week of camp with full, satisfied stomachs. The camp menu will be posted at various spots around camp. We also offer a well-stocked salad bar & fresh fruits at every meal.

Special Diets

In addition to the regular menu, we are prepared to serve food for the following special diets: Peanut Allergy, Fiber, Vegetarian, and Celiac conditions.

Those who follow a specific diet should e-mail their diet requirements to the Camp Administration at stephenmd1@cox.net at least two weeks prior to your arrival at camp.

TENTAGE

Avondale Scout Reservation does not supply tents, cots, or floor boards. Units are responsible for bringing their own tents to sleep in for the week.

PERSONAL PACKING LIST

What to bring to Camp

All of each Scout's clothing and personal equipment should be marked clearly with his name and troop number. Be advised that there is not a safety deposit box for valuable personal articles.

Scout Personal Gear

Complete Scout Uniform
Comfortable Shoes (2
pairs) (no open toe
shoes/sandals)
Raincoat/Poncho
Clothes for one
(1) week
T-shirts
Underwe
ar
Shorts
Socks
Sleeping Bag and Pillow
(pillow optional)
Notebook and Pencil
Toiletry Items
Soap
Toothbrush/Paste
Deodorant
Com
b /
Brush
Mout
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Towel and
Wash cloth
Shower shoes
Swimsuit and Beach Towel
Insect Repellent
Copy of Completed
Medical Form and
Medications (in original
bottles) Boy Scout
Handbook
Lamp / Flashlight with
Batteries Drinking Cup
and/or Water bottle Merit
Badge Books
Personal First Aid Kit
Pocket Knife
Watch
Day Pack
Sunscreen
Baby Powder or Gold Bold
Money for Trading Post
(average camper
spends \$50)
Battery Operated Fan
Camera
Sunglasses
Compass

Optional Personal Equipment

Musical Instrument
Sewing kit
Fishing Gear
Mosquito Netting
Hiking boots/Stick
Set of dark color clothing (1 shirt/1 pair pants
for night ops)
Bible or book of one's faith
Baseball glove, ball, Frisbee, etc.

Personal Program Items

Long Pants
-Hiking
-Swimming
Camp Avondale recommends that Scouts
not bring portable gaming devices, cell
phones, tablets, laptops, or other electronic
devices so that they are able to achieve
the goals of the program and make the
most of their time at camp.

Suggested Adult Leader Equipment

Camp Leaders' Guide
Complete Roster of all Scouts and
Leaders (address and phone numbers of
parents on vacation)
Thumbtacks for Bulletin Board
Alarm Clock
Folding Chair
Scoutmaster Handbook
Small Fan for Tent

Suggested Unit Equipment Tents to sleep in – Camp does not provide tents

U.S. Flag, Troop Flag, Patrol Flags
Troop Library Books (song/skit books,
Scout Handbooks, Merit Badge
pamphlets, Troop Record Book, etc.)
Troop First Aid Kit
Props for Favorite Skits
Fire Tools (Shovel/Rake/Bow Saw/Axe/Water
Hose)
Clean Up Tools (Mop/Latrine
Brush/Bucket/Broom)
Camp Project Tools (Shovel/Hammer or Small
Maul/Rope)
Large Plastic Trash Bags
Gateway Materials
Water Jugs/Coolers
Troop First Aid Kit
Dutch Oven
Matches
Soap
Lock Box for Unit Valuables and medications

STAFF & COUNSELOR IN TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Starting in October we will begin looking for staff. If you would like to apply for staff please fill out an application which can be found on the council website www.iacbsa.org.

AVONDALE PROGRAMS



2019 Summer camp High Adventure trip to Fort Payne, Alabama



True Adventure Sports
Experience the Adventure

Week #1 June 9th – June 14th 2019 5 days of Adventure

Week #2 June 16th – June 21st 2019 5 days of Adventure

Open to registered summer camp Scouts First Class and above between the ages of 14 yrs– 17yrs old

Limited to first 22 Scouts per week with paid **non- refundable \$100 deposit**

Cost is \$500.00 per Scout / All Required Expenses Paid /\$100 deposit due upon registration

Sleeping in bunk houses

Bring Spending Money to purchase snacks along the travel and the Trading Post at the High Adventure Location.

***** Activities may include the following *****

Repelling adventure

Zip line or Sky Swing adventure

White water kayaking adventure

Extreme caving adventure

Hiking or Bouldering adventure

Wet Summer Fun adventure

Team building exercises

TRAILHEAD – FIRST YEAR CAMPER PROGRAM

The Trailhead program is designed for those Scouts who have either just crossed over from Webelos or have limited camping experience. As new rank requirements are adopted, the trailhead program is constantly under review and revised to meet those requirements. In addition, feedback from Scoutmasters and other Scout Leaders is utilized to retain those portions of the program that have been proven to be effective and change those areas in need of improvement. Basic Scout skills for the inexperienced Scout form the basis of the program.

Trailhead is a 4-hour program held every morning all week. The remainder of the day, Scouts can work on merit badges that may interest them or participate in the activity periods in the afternoon.

Scouts are instructed in the following skill areas; wood tools, meal preparation and cooking, pioneering, knots, orienteering, nature, first aid, and outdoor citizenship. In addition, Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in a five-mile hike.

TRAILHEAD ADULT SCOUT LEADER PARTICIPATION

Since the Scouts participating in the Trailhead program are new and inexperienced, it is strongly recommended that each unit assign one or more adults to actively work with their Scouts in this program. This includes observation, assistance with safety, discipline, and active participation in the five-mile hike and orienteering course. This is an excellent opportunity for adult leaders to become acquainted with their new Scouts and forge a bond with them that will last throughout the Scouts' career and life.

TRAILHEAD LEADER ORIENTATION MEETING:

There will be a Trailhead Leader Orientation meeting on Sunday at 7:15pm for troop leaders involved with this program at the trailhead program area.

TRAILHEAD PACKING LIST

Scout Handbook	Compass	Notebook	Pen and Pencil
Water Bottle	Pocket Knife (subject to leader approval)	Rain Gear / Poncho	Flashlight
Day Pack	Snacks	First Aid Kit	Insect Repellent

MERIT BADGES

At Camp, the staff is committed to delivering quality merit badge sessions where Scouts complete the requirements as stated. Our goal is that Scouts have fun and learn at the same time. We offer numerous merit badge and certification programs.

This guide should help you plan your Scout's advancement schedule for camp. It also includes information about additional equipment and supplies a Scout may need, any additional cost involved, and any requirements that cannot be completed while at camp.

Scoutmasters take note; Merit Badges are age specific. Younger Scouts should not enroll in certain Merit Badge sessions until they are academically and physically ready to succeed in completing them. Some examples are Environmental Science and Astronomy.

Please allow your Scouts to have an enjoyable week by encouraging them to sign up for age appropriate merit badges that they can complete.

SCOUT PREPARATION FOR MERIT BADGES

Learning and retention of information and probability of successfully completing a Merit Badge is significantly improved if Scouts prepare prior to camp as follows:

- Obtain the Merit Badge Pamphlet and bring it with you to camp.
- Scan the pamphlet for key concepts and to see what's in it.
- Read in detail, take notes on the things to be remembered. At camp, the material will be discussed, questions answered, and skills practiced. Proper preparation will result in more fun at camp and foster good study habits for your Scouts.

MERIT BADGES SESSIONS

Merit badge sessions are primarily held during 4 morning periods at 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 & 11:30. Some sessions require 2 back-to-back periods (typically 1 & 2 or 3 & 4). Session sizes vary based on safety requirements and the effective size for the skills to be learned. Class times will be viewable on the website on February 1st.

In addition to the morning sessions, several merit badges in the Nature area will require afternoon fieldwork sessions and the Shooting Sports merit badges may require some afternoon time for target qualification, rifle cleaning and making a bow string. Scouts taking these badges should plan on one or more afternoons, depending on their skill level.

There is a variety of merit badges offered in the afternoon. These sessions are Periods A and B on either Monday-Tuesday or Wednesday-Thursday. Certain badges will be completed in one day. This allows Scouts to take another merit badge class while still participating in other afternoon activities.

The online camp registration system is used for class sign-ups and rosters. This is the best way to get your Scouts signed up for the merit badges that they want to take. Camp management will be using this system and making schedule adjustments where necessary.

MERIT BADGE / TRAILHEAD COMPLETION REPORTS

Within a week after your camp week, the Avondale Staff will have uploaded individual summary reports of all merit badge classes attended and the status of completion. We do not issue "MB – Blue Cards".

Participants in Trailhead will also have their accomplishments uploaded to the online system.

CAMP ADVANCEMENT POLICY

Avondale camp staff members are responsible for skill instruction as well as verification that a Scout has demonstrated a skill, completed a merit badge or fulfilled an advancement requirement. Camp staff do not sign off on any advancement or merit badge requirements, rather they report the achievement to the unit leader via the end of camp advancement reports. Per Boy Scouts of America advancement standards, it is the responsibility of the unit to award credit for completing advancement or merit badge requirements.

CPR REQUIREMENT FOR MERIT BADGES

CPR knowledge is required for the completion of some merit badges. We will be offering this CPR check-off session during an afternoon activity period on one day during the week. CPR requirements are not being covered during regular class time to allow for additional instruction of the other Merit Badge skills. This session is not a CPR Certification Course. This session will offer the CPR check-off that is required for these Merit Badges.

The 2 requirements that will be completed with this class are:

- Identify the conditions that must exist before performing CPR on a person.
- Demonstrate proper technique in performing CPR using a training device approved by your counselor.

MERIT BADGE OFFERINGS BY AREA

OUTDOOR SKILLS

Merit badges are all held during the 4 morning session periods. Some merit badges are also offered during the afternoon periods.

Camping	Orienteering	Wilderness Survival
Cooking	First Aid	Fire Safety
Pioneering	Signs, Signals & Codes	

Notes:

- Wilderness Survival- The overnigher will be scheduled during the week weather dependent and is required to complete the badge.

HANDICRAFT / FINE ART

The Handicraft / Fine Arts merit badges, which require mostly independent work by the Scout, are taught in formal sessions during the morning instruction as well as the afternoon sessions.

Art	Basketry*	Chess	Music
Indian Lore*	Leatherwork*	Photography	Heritage
Fingerprinting	Salesmanship	Woodcarving*	

Notes:

- Several of the merit badges require an additional fee for kits and supplies (indicated by*), these kits are in the handicraft area for the convenience of the youth. All fees should be taken care of in the online registration system.
- Fingerprinting, Basketry, and Art Merit Badges are one day only badges taught during the afternoon periods.

AQUATICS

Aquatics merit badges and summer camp go hand-in-hand; all badges are 2 periods in length. The camp provides all equipment; except for the clothes needed to make the personal floatation devices in swimming merit badges.

BSA Lifeguard (Certification)	Canoeing	Kayaking
Lifesaving	Rowing	
Swimming	Instructional Swim (Non-Merit Badge Class)	

Notes:

- All aquatic merit badges require Scouts to pass the BSA Swim test
- BSA Lifeguard is an all day, full week program. Scouts must be at least 15 years old to participate. There will also be a prerequisite requirement to swim 550 yards (about a third of a mile) continuously, followed by treading water for two minutes.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Avondale offers instruction in archery, rifle, and shotgun merit badges under the direction of Boy Scout of America National Camping School Shooting Sports Directors, National Rifle Association and/or USA Archery certified instructors. All instructors in the shooting sports program are certified according to BSA, NRA and/or USA Archery standards.

Merit badge classes are taught during the morning sessions (which are all two periods in length) with opportunities to complete the shooting requirements available during the afternoon sessions.

Scouts may need additional time in the afternoon sessions to develop shooting skills and complete the shooting qualification requirements for archery and rifle merit badges.

Archery	Rifle Shooting	Shotgun Shooting
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Notes:

- All shooting sports merit badge participants may need to attend afternoon shooting qualification sessions to provide adequate time to develop shooting skills and complete the shooting parts of the merit badge.
- Shotgun merit badge participants should be physically capable of safely holding and firing a shotgun numerous times. The Avondale Shotgun Merit Badge Program is designed for older Scouts.
- All shooting sports equipment will be provided by the camp. Please do not bring personal firearms or archery gear to camp.



FIELD SPORTS

Field sports merit badges are conducted in a variety of locations around camp.

Athletics	Cycling (Mountain Biking)	Personal Fitness	Sports
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Notes:

- Field Sports merit badges all have requirements that cannot be completed at camp
- Cycling-Mountain Bike; Plans are that Scouts will do both 2 mile rides, both 5 mile rides, and one 8 mile ride. 2 period morning badge.

CLIMBING AREA

The Climbing Merit badge is 2 periods in length, and COPE is 4 periods in length.

Climbing	C.O.P.E. (Non-Merit Badge Class)
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Notes:

- Due to the distance from the Heart of Camp, be sure your Scouts go directly (no side trips) to the Climbing/COPE Area.

NATURE

The Nature Areas at Avondale are state of the art facilities and we offer sessions in most of the nature, environmental, and conservation merit badges. Many Nature/STEM Merit Badges are academic and instruction is based on the Scout having completed a specified level at school.

Archaeology	Astronomy	Bird Study	Environmental Science
Fish and Wildlife Mgmt.	Fishing (see note)	Fly Fishing	Forestry
Geology	Mammal Study	Reptiles & Amphibians	Soil & Water Conservation
Space Exploration	Weather	Insect Study	

Notes:

- Most Nature merit badges require extensive field work and projects. Scouts should plan to spend at least portions of two afternoons to complete these badges, in addition to the morning class time.
- Astronomy Merit Badge, taught during the morning periods, will require some evening observation time. Please ensure your Scouts are committed to the time requirements of this badge.
- Fishing Merit Badge – Fishing equipment WILL NOT be provided. Those wishing to fish must bring their own fishing equipment, tackle and bait. A limited amount of bait will be provided for the fishing merit badge.

STEM

Avondale offers a number of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics) Merit Badges. Classes will meet in the STEM Center,

Game Design	Programming	Robotics	Computers
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AGE RESTRICTED PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Some of the programs at Avondale Scout Camp have age limitations and guidelines. These restrictions are not intended to add requirements to classes/activities, but to balance participation based on our experience with Scouts having a meaningful & fun time participating.

When signing up Scouts for activities, please refer to the chart below:

PROGRAM	PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT
Fly Fishing MB Program	Due to the special requirements and materials, these badges are reserved for Scouts 13 and older.
Programming MB Program	Due to the special requirements and materials, these badges are reserved for Scouts 13 and older.
Shotgun MB Program	This program is for Scouts who are 14 yrs old, or who are 13 and have completed the 8th grade
BSA Lifeguard Training	BSA requires that participants be at least 15 years old

TROOP / INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES

In addition to merit badges, Avondale offers afternoon activity periods.

CLIMBING & RAPPELLING

This activity is offered during each of the afternoon activity periods. It includes tower wall & rappelling. For all climbing activities, shoes must be capable of being tied securely. No waivers are required for this "on camp" activity.

SLACKLINE OR SLACK-LINING

Come up to the Climbing/COPE area to try your skill at this fun and challenging activity. Slack-lining is a practice in balance that uses nylon webbing tensioned between two anchor points.

AQUATICS ACTIVITIES

With the equipment and facilities at Avondale, Scouts can participate in many aquatics activities that otherwise might not be available through their regular Troop program. Activities are Swimming, Canoeing, Mile Swim, Kayaking, Rowing, Paddle Boarding, Sailing and much much more.

NATURE & CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

Visit the Nature Area to learn about the environment and wildlife around the camp. On display are many species that live on the camp property. Go fishing in the lake, observe the constellations on a clear night away from the city lights. Your Scouts can complete a Conservation Good Turn Project (See the Nature Area staff for details). Check with the Program Director for anyway the nature staff could assist you with your Troop program.

MOUNTAIN BOARDING

Mountain boarding is an exciting afternoon activity for Scouts who want to experience the thrills of zooming down a hill on a board with wheels. Mountain boarding looks like snow-boarding on wheels, or maybe it's better described as "wilderness skateboarding" It will be open during the afternoon sessions weather permitting.

AVONDALE HIKER

Avondale has a great hiking trail system. Stop by the camp administration office to pick up a map for your troop or patrol. This is a non-staffed activity.

FIELD SPORTS

Field sports equipment will be available to check out during the afternoon sessions. This is a non-staffed activity. Equipment includes but not limited to soccer balls, basketballs, footballs spikeball, and Frisbees®.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Summer Camp may be the only opportunity many Scouts ever have to learn firearm safety and try to shoot a bulls-eye. Come experience our first-class ranges for an experience like no other.

FISHING

Fishing is available at Avondale. Campers can fish from the fishing dock by Vasquas Cabin. Those wishing to fish must bring their own lightweight fishing equipment, tackle and bait. Fishing is also available at Lake McGee at the Brad DeFranceschi Fishing Dock. A fishing license is not required. At Avondale we encourage catch and release, however it is permissible to keep a reasonable number of fish for eating while at camp. There is a limited amount of bait available.

GA-GA

The game of GA-GA nearly took over Avondale in past years! It is a fantastic game which everyone can play. What is GA-GA? It's an Israeli version of dodge ball played in an octagonal pen. Participants try to hit other competitors below the knee with a large rubber ball. If you're hit, you're out; last GA-GA player standing wins.

ORIENTEERING COURSE

Avondale maintains a one-mile orienteering course during summer camp that will satisfy the first class orienteering requirement. This is a non-staffed event. Pick up a course sheet at the camp office.

JEAN VASQUAS CABIN PROGRAMS

The Jean Vasquas Cabin is always a popular place to visit at Avondale. This turn of the century cabin on the shoreline of Lake Istrouma shouldn't be missed. The Avondale Staff has planned special activities and programs to allow our campers to participate. Gold panning, woods tools, candle making, sling shots, ax throwing, and many more activities are offered. These activities are conducted each afternoon Monday through Thursday.

LOYAL TROOP PROGRAM

Starting this year, we will be identifying and honoring our most Loyal Troops. Many Troops have attended Avondale Summer Camp for 10, 20, maybe even 25+ years, and we want to acknowledge your loyalty to Avondale. Your unit has chosen to make Avondale your camp. Based on the number of years attending, your unit can earn its place on our Honor Board. Other benefits to our "Loyal Troop" program will be released in the future.

NOTE ON TROOP ACTIVITY PERIODS

While adults are welcome to participate in almost every camp activity, please understand that we are a youth-oriented Scout camp, and we will give preference to youth, especially Scouts working on Merit Badges. For example, our rifle range is available for open shoot during the afternoon activity periods. There are a limited number of shooting stations. At times, our range director may limit shooting to youth only, so that all Scouts have an opportunity to shoot.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AT CAMP

SENIOR PATROL LEADER MEETINGS

Each morning (Mon–Fri) there is a meeting for unit youth leaders conducted by the camp leadership. This meeting is held immediately after breakfast on the porch of the dining hall. Please be sure your unit is represented at these important meetings.

ORDER OF THE ARROW ACTIVITIES

Our Order of the Arrow - Quinipissa Lodge, holds events throughout the week. All Arrowmen and women should bring their OA Sash to wear for these special occasions.

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

The flag retirement ceremony is held Wednesday evening at the council ring following the Order of the Arrow Social. Based on previous ceremonies held at camp, this is a "don't miss" activity.

ASTRONOMY

On a clear Wednesday Avondale staff will set up camp telescopes after the flag retirement ceremony. The staff will direct their telescopes on planets and deep space objects for your viewing. Open to all!

PARENT'S NIGHT AT CAMP

Friends and family are invited to visit their Scouts on Wednesday afternoon to enjoy camp fellowship. Parents are encouraged to stay for supper. After supper, everyone is invited to stay for the evening activity. **This meal is to be provided by the units.** Please arrange for food to be brought for the unit and guests to eat in your campsite.

Evening Programs

Scouts will get a chance to participate in three different experiences on three different nights. The **First** evening program will be a military Night Operation learning forward reconnaissance and special operation tactics. Scouts will learn from actual veterans trained in these areas. Scouts will get to use military grade night vision goggles as they search out targets. **Second** evening scouts are asked to be a part of an alien apocalypse. Scouts will be guided down a course to hunt down with a paint ball gun alien's that have crashed on our planet. Aliens will jump, fly and attack scouts as they proceed through the course. This year our **Third** evening program will be Scottish Games. Scouts will be asked to test their skills as individuals, and Clans (patrols). Some games will be physical while others will test their mind. Rewards will be given to the clans (patrols) that win overall. They are sure to be FUN for the entire troop! Adults are encouraged to volunteer to assist with these programs. Adults please talk to the Program Director about helping on these events. The more assistance the more enjoyable the program will be for the youth and the more fun you will get to have yourself.

LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR

The Council Advancement committee will be hosting a Life to Eagle transition seminar at the Charlet Centers. This will begin at 1:30pm on the day of the event. Please encourage your older Scouts and leaders to attend.

CAMP AWARDS

HONOR TROOP AWARD

Troops can qualify for a special recognition award at Avondale. The Honor Troop Award is presented to Troops that complete the requirements that include campsite inspections, camp improvement project (see Commissioner), being on time to meals and assemblies and other participation items.

SCOUTING TRADITIONS CHALLENGE

Is your Troop the best of the best? Then this is the challenge for you! This honor is designed to recognize those Troops whose members epitomize the ideals of Scouting. It is a strenuous and demanding challenge

that will only be successfully completed by the very best Troops. Units can sign up while at camp.

SCOUTMASTER MERIT BADGE

Why let your Scouts have all of the fun and recognition? All adult volunteers are encouraged to get involved in the activities at Avondale Scout Camp and earn the Scoutmaster Merit Badge.

UNIT PARTICIPATION RIBBONS

All units attending camp will receive a participation ribbon for their unit flag.

LEADER COFFEE MUG

All camp registered/paid adult leaders (full week leaders) on camp will receive a Avondale Leader Mug to add to their collection. This mug is given out at the leaders appreciation meal.

ADULT LEADER PROGRAMS/ ACTIVITIES

Avondale offers a number of opportunities for adult leaders while in camp including training, teaching, challenges and fun!

BSA LIFEGUARD

BSA Lifeguard is a three-year training designation awarded to Boy Scouts and Adults who meet prescribed requirements in aquatics skills, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, first aid, and emergency action. It is designed for those individuals that will have professional related lifeguard duties (resident summer camp, recreational pool work, etc.). As such, Scouts and leaders should plan a full week/all day commitment.

Participants will be required to pass a strong swim test before beginning. Participants will also be required to take a C-Pro (CPR for Professional Rescuer) Course. The certification fee for this year will be announced in the spring.

When signing up online, you will be automatically registered in the BLS course.

ECSI & American Heart Association Certification Program

Avondale offers 2 different programs in CPR Certification:

ECSI CPR W/AED

Upon completion of this course, attendees will be ECSI certified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for two [2] year. The certification fee will be announced in the Spring. This fee will be collected through the online system. Pre-registration is required, through the online system.

CPR FOR PROFESSIONAL RESCUER

Participants in the new BSA Lifeguard Course must attend this class. The certification fee this year will be announced in the Spring. If the BSA Lifeguard class does not fill all slots with youth, the remaining slots will be opened to adults. This Class will be provided during the spring prior to camp.

CLIMB ON SAFELY

Climb On Safely is the required procedure for organizing climbing and rappelling activities as part of the scouting program. It is designed to help adult leaders organize a climbing and rappelling program for their unit, like Safe Swim Defense.

SAFE SWIM DEFENSE

Safe Swim Defense is the BSA required training for running a swimming activity.

SAFETY AFLOAT

Safety Afloat includes the BSA procedures to hold a unit boating event.

LEADER COOK-OFF

Bring a sample of your best cooked desert to the Outdoor Skills area at 2pm on Friday for the leader's cook off competition. Winner announced on Friday night at campfire.

FLINT STONE GOLF

Make a club and ball out of natural material and enjoy a beautiful course throughout the main camping area on Friday,

LEADER APPRECIATION MEAL

During the week there will be a special meal provided to leaders appreciating them for bringing their youth to Avondale.

DAILY LEADER MEETINGS

Each morning (Mon–Fri) there is a meeting for unit leaders conducted by the camp leadership. This meeting is held immediately after breakfast in the Michael Nolan Pavilion behind the administration building. Please be sure your unit is represented at these important meetings.

PROGRAM / CAMP ASSISTANCE

Adults can participate in camp programs by assisting our staff in the following areas:

SHOTGUN

We need adults to help watch and score during the merit badge qualification times. Any adult that helps score during an afternoon or evening session will be invited back on Friday afternoon for a leader shoot.

RIFLE

Adults are needed to load ammunition blocks during the morning merit badge classes and afternoon and evening shooting sessions.

AQUATICS

Adults may participate in, and earn, the BSA Lifeguard patch. In addition, if you are able to help us by being one of our lookouts during an open swim session, please talk with the aquatics director when you get to camp.

FISHING MERIT BADGE

If you want to assist, check-in with the Nature Director and assist with this badge.

TRAILHEAD

Since the Scouts participating in the Trailhead Program are new and inexperienced, it is strongly recommended that **each unit assign one or more adults** to actively work with their Scouts in this program. This includes observation, assistance with safety, discipline and active participation in the five-mile hike and orienteering course. This is an excellent opportunity for adult leaders to become acquainted with their new Scouts and forge a bond with them that will last throughout the Scouts' career and life.

EXTRA MB CLASSES/MERIT BADGE INSTRUCTION

If you have a merit badge that you want to teach, and can supply the necessary instruction and materials, we would love to hear from you. We can add your offering to the camp online system for the week and time that you are available. Please provide the program director with this information prior to March 1, 2019.

COMMISSIONER SERVICE

Assist the Commissioner by serving as a campsite inspector, making ice runs, and distributing toilet paper.

ADULT LEADER TRAINING PROGRAM

Welcome to Camp Avondale's Summer Adult Training Program. For your enjoyment and the benefit of the Scouts, different adult training programs will be presented every day during your week here. (18 and over please). We are still planning additional offerings for this next year. Our adult leader-training programs at Avondale are extremely popular.

Note: Complete information on all adult leader training opportunities will be made available in a dedicated package, no later than March 1st 2019.

PIONEERING SKILLS FOR LEADERS

A fun opportunity for Scout Leaders to gain skills in "Scout Pioneering". Conducted by our experienced adult training Staff, you will get the opportunity to learn basic knots as well as participate in the construction of pioneering structures.

OTHER ADULT TRAINING SESSIONS OFFERED

- Youth Protection Training, Climb on Safely, Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat, Pioneering Skills;
- CPR/AED, Sign up for CPR/AED via the website.

While training is a popular and important adult activity, the primary mission of the Avondale staff is to provide an excellent summer camp experience to the youth who attend camp. From time to time, there may not be sufficiently qualified staff to conduct training activities. Every effort will be made to offer quality adult training to the extent it doesn't diminish the focus on the youth at camp.

WEATHER IMPACT ON PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES

Occasionally, camp program and activities will be impacted by weather events. In particular the Aquatics and Climbing areas are often the first to be impacted. Thunder & lightning in the vicinity of camp can cause us to "delay" or "cancel" these activities. We do not take camper safety lightly! Decisions to close an area are usually determined by the area director, in consultation with camp and program management.

As always, we depend on our unit leaders to be aware of any weather activity that they deem may impact the safety of their Scouts. If you as a leader determine that you need to move your Scouts from an area, or move off an activity field, we encourage you to do that and not wait for a decision from the Staff.

Thank you for entrusting your Scouts to the Camp Avondale team. It will be our mission to return them to you safe and sound, a week older, a little wiser and more self-confident and anxious to come back next summer!

Daily Schedule

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6:45 AM		Reveille	Reveille	Reveille	Reveille	Reveille
7:00 AM		Chapel	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel
7:15 AM		Waiter Call	Waiter Call	Waiter Call	Waiter Call	Waiter Call
7:30 AM		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8:15 AM		SM/SPL Meeting	SM/SPL Meeting	SM/SPL Meeting	SM/SPL Meeting	SM/SPL Meeting
8:30 AM		Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Merit Badge Make up
9:30 AM		Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	
10:30 AM		Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	
11:30 AM	High Adventure	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	
12:25 PM	Meet & Depart	Waiter Call	Waiter Call	Waiter Call	Waiter Call	Waiter Call
12:30 PM	Traditional Camp	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
2:00 PM	Check-In Between	Activity Period A	Activity Period A	Activity Period A	Activity Period A	Camp Wide Games / Open Period
3:30 PM	12:30 - 4:00 PM	Activity Period B	Activity Period B	Activity Period B	Activity Period B	
5:30 PM	Waiter Call	Waiter Call	Waiter Call	Family Night	Waiter Call	Waiter Call
5:45 PM	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		Dinner	Dinner
6:45 PM	Leaders Meeting	Scottish Games	Alien Alley	Evening Activities	Alien Alley	7:30 Closing Campfire
7:45 PM			Night Ops		Night Ops	
8:00 PM	Opening Camp Fire					
10:30 PM	Taps	Taps	Taps	Taps	Taps	Depart Camp