

2021 Scouts BSA Avondale Scout Reservation Summer Camp



Welcome to the 2021 Istrouma Area Council Scouts BSA Summer Camp

We will hold 2 weeks of traditional Scouts BSA Summer Camp. The first week is June 13 -19 & the second week is June 20-26. We will offer the opportunity for campers to earn most of the requirements to get to First Class in the 1st year program called "*FIRST CLASS QUEST*". We will offer the opportunity to work on outdoor skills, citizenship, first aid and swimming. They will also have an opportunity to work on merit badges. Each Scout will be able to work on Swimming, First Aid, Camping, Fingerprinting, and Astronomy Merit Badges. There will also be free time for free shooting, archery, climbing, boating and much, much more. It is intended to get through most of the requirements except the physical fitness, participation, money, recruiting, and Scout Spirit portions of the requirements through First Class.

Cost of camp will be offered at \$275 per youth camper and \$100 per adult camper. We will offer more than 35 different merit badges, as well as interesting evening programs. Night activities will include a Special Night Ops program, Camp Wide Games, Family Night and Opening and Closing Campfires.

Share this guide with your Troop and committee. This Sumer Camp booklet is available on the Council website (www.iacbsa.org).

Our staff of program counselors, supervised by the Camp and Program Directors, is committed to providing a quality camping experience for you and your Scouts. You can be assured of a strong welcome, a staff committed to meet your needs, great food, a quality program, and a great experience. It is my pleasure to be your Camp Director and this is my 11th year as a Camp Director.

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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 – “First Class Quest” - to our Merit Badge Program, and our challenging older youth program, Scouts of all ages will experience fun and adventure while maximizing their advancement opportunities. Avondale Scout Reservation has been a nationally accredited camp by the Boys Scouts of America for 60 plus 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.

Covid-19 Regulations

All youth and adult participants will need to bring signed copies of the Travel Prescreen Form, ASR Consent Form, and Code of Conduct Form to check in.

Due to the ever-present threat of Covid-19, we will be following BSA and Federal guidelines, and to read said guidelines, please visit <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/>

FACILITIES

Avondale Scout Reservation is a classic camp designed to support the delivery of a quality program. Two full – time rangers work year around to maintain the camp and build toward many program, property and facility improvements. Avondale Scout Reservation covers over 1600 acres of 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 varies 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 Summer Camp.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

- Upgraded Aquatic Area
- Information Kiosk – in-front of the Frank McArthur / Richard Lipsey Dining Hall
- Communal Campsite Pavilion – On Main Campsite Road
- Remote Control Cars and Track
- 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
- Camp now owns a bus for transportation to/from activities across camp
- Improved LED lighting at the Richard Lipsey / Dudley Coates Shooting Complex
- Improved LED Lighting at the COPE Pavilion
- Improved Camp Signage
- New Boating Facility @ Lake McGee
- New Climbing Elements with dual zip lines

AVONDALE OFFERS A GREAT PROGRAM

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

PROGRAM TIDBITS

We utilize "Online Registration" for merit badge registrations. 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 must schedule something every period of every day. Please leave some free time for a troop hike, troop game, and fishing, plus enjoying free time at the Trading Post, or just sitting around the campsite.

Please make sure that Scouts who sign up for academic-type merit badges are old enough and following our recommended age to understand and comprehend the material so that they have a positive experience at camp.



PROGRAM CHANGES FOR 2021

RIFLE RANGE / ARCHERY RANGE / SHOTGUN RANGE

- Rifle and Archery have 'open shoot' during the open period session.
.22 Rifle has a small fee of \$5 for 25 shots to help pay for the maintenance of the equipment, ammunition and targets.
- Shotgun is merit badge only - no 'open shoot'

MILE SWIM

- Attend all practice days
- Mile Swim will be Friday

CAMPWIDE GAMES

This activity will be Friday afternoon in the assembly field

INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICES

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

ATV

- 14 and older youth
- Bring long sleeve shirts, jeans, and over ankle boots
- Complete the online course at www.atvsafety.org
- Bring Completion certificate to camp
- Cost \$40

COBBLER AND CHILI COOK OFF

What troop can make the best cobbler? Who can make your mouth and eyes water with chili? Bring your recipes and ingredients to camp. Each contest will be done on a separate night and judged on the deck of the Dining Hall. Refrigeration will be available in the Dining Hall for your ingredients.

Watermelon bash on Monday Night

Flag Retirement Ceremony at Closing Campfire



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 in the spring of 2021. 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	Ryan Moore
Council Vice President over Program	Bob Bennet
Camp Ranger	EJ Moore
Asst Camp Ranger	Rhett Nicosia

CAMP DATES – AVONDALE 2021

Camp Week	Dates	Participants
Week # 1	June 13- 19	Scouts BSA
Week # 2	June 20- 26	Scouts BSA

GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

Camp Registration

Troops will be managing camp registration by using our web page www.iacbsa.org. Step one will be to sign up for the week you are looking to come and submit a site deposit of \$100.00 which can be applied to your total camp fees. This fee is paid online. Step two is to sign up your youth and submit fees, again all online. Step three is done after all fees are paid, which is when Merit Badges/Classes can be selected online in the spring of 2021 and no later than May 15th, 2021. As such,

we are requiring troops to collect and submit fees as a unit rather than having Scouts pay individually. Registration will be done through our web page www.iacbsa.org.

The camp program will end after the Friday Night Closing Campfire. Units are encouraged to stay Friday night and enjoy the provided breakfast Saturday morning. We strongly urge you not to travel late on Friday night, but during daylight on Saturday.

Provisional Camping

Provisional Scouts are Scouts who attend camp without their home troop and they are assigned to another Troop on a "best fit" basis. 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. Avondale appreciates Scoutmasters and Troops offering to host provisional Scouts. If you are willing to assist in provisional camping, please contact the Camp 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 is "On Time" fee from now till May 1st, 2021.

"Late Fee" will be an additional \$50 after May 1st, for a total of **\$325 per Scout**.

Registration after May 15th will be accepted on a space available basis with Camp Director's approval.

Adult Fees: Will be set up on a ratio basis (1-10 Scouts) - **\$100.00 per adult** or (11 or more Scouts) - one adult FREE. Additional adults will be \$100.00 per adult. 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 any night at camp must be registered members of the BSA, have a Physical, and must have current Youth Protection Training. You must let the office know prior to arrival if you are planning on staying part of the week.

Please provide a roster of all registered adults and copies of YPT certificates or a Training Validation roster from Scoutnet at check-in.

Camperships

A limited number of Camperships are available each year for Scouts registered in the Istroma 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 offset 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 Spring Product fundraising campaign. Applications for Camperships are available on the Council website at www.iacbsa.org Applications must be received in the Istroma Area Council office by April 30th, 2021.

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 (25 %) 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 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Please wait in the parking lot if you arrive early.

At 1:00p.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 OFFICIAL troop roster of all campers and adults, including names of adults staying with unit full-time and part-time with YPT validation or certificates.

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 charges during the week. We recommend bringing three checks: one for check-in, one for Trading Post and one 'just in case'.

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

3. 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 and conduct a Covid temperature check. Any Scout, leader, or parent without a the completed Health Forms Parts A, B & C (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. The Travel Prescreen form, ASR Consent form, and Code of Conduct form will be collected for all youth and adult participants.

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.

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. Afterwards, please return to your campsite to settle in and continue setting up.

MEALS

The meal schedule is as follows:

Breakfast 7:55 a.m.

Lunch 12:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Camp Avondale offers the best food available. The proof is in our Scouts, Leaders, and Parents as all have returned home from their week of camp with full, satisfied stomachs. The camp menu will be posted at various spots around camp. Please be aware and flexible as Dining Hall meals and procedures are subject to Covid regulations and best practices.

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 jprado@bsamail.org at least two weeks prior to your arrival at camp.

TENTAGE

All units will provide their own tents, and have only one person per tent.

This is a best practice recommendation due to Covid.

PERSONAL PACKING LIST

What to bring to Camp:

Everyone's clothing and personal equipment should be marked clearly with their 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
Underwear
Shorts
Socks
Sleeping Bag and Pillow (pillow
optional)
Notebook and Pencil
Toiletry Items
Soap
Toothbrush/Paste
Deodorant
Comb / Brush
Mouthwash
Towel and Washcloth
Shower shoes
Swimsuit and Beach Towel
Insect Repellent
Copy of Completed Medical
Form
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
Mask(per Covid-19
Standards)

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

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

We are 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

FIRST CLASS QUEST – FIRST YEAR CAMPER PROGRAM

Offered each week, the First Class Quest program is designed for those Scouts who have either just crossed over from Webelos/AOL or have limited camping experience. This program is designed for Scouts to have fun in the outdoors and learn about all the great aspects of the Avondale Summer Camp program. Our goal is to have Scouts yearning to come back to camp at Avondale!

Basic Scout outdoor skills for the inexperienced Scout form the basis of the program. Scouts are instructed in the following skill areas: wood tools, meal preparation and cooking, pioneering, knots, orienteering, nature, first aid, and outdoor citizenship. Instruction will be hands-on, with lots of games and contests!

FIRST CLASS QUEST ADULT SCOUT LEADER PARTICIPATION

Since the Scouts participating in the First Class Quest program are new and inexperienced, it is recommended that the 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 games and activities. 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.

Provisional Opportunity

If adequate adult leadership is unable to attend a week of camp, the camp will partner with a troop attending to host your Scout. Please contact Camp Director ASAP so introductions can be made.

FIRST CLASS QUEST 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, and take notes on the things to be remembered. At camp, the material will be discussed, questions answered, and skilled practiced. Proper preparation will result in more fun time at camp and foster good study habits for your Scouts.

MERIT BADGES SESSIONS

Merit badge sessions are primarily held during 5 periods at 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am, 2:00pm, and 3:00pm. Some sessions require 2 back-to-back periods (typically 1 & 2, 2 &3, or 4 & 5). Session sizes vary based on safety requirements and the effective size for the skills to be learned. See website for actual class times.

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.

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 / FIRST CLASS QUEST 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 First Class Quest 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 sometime 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

Geocaching	Orienteering
Hiking	Wilderness Survival
Emergency Prep	

HANDICRAFT / FINE ART

The Handicraft / Fine Arts merit badges, which require mostly independent work by the Scout

Basketry* \$20	Woodcarving* \$20
Indian Lore* \$18	Woodwork

Notes:

- Several of the merit badges require an additional fee for kits and supplies (indicated by*), and 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.

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	
Motorboating	Small Boat Sailing	
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.

Scouts may need to use additional time during free shoot to develop shooting skills and complete the shooting qualification requirements for archery and rifle merit badges.

Archery* \$8	Rifle Shooting* \$20	Shotgun Shooting* \$35
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Notes:

- 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.

Cycling (Mountain Biking)	Personal Fitness
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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. Will be a 2 period badge.

CLIMBING AREA

The Climbing Merit badge is 2 periods in length.

Climbing	Scouts doing climbing will be able to also zip line at new facility
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Notes:

- Due to the distance from the Heart of Camp, we will provide Bus Transportation to the new tower
- A Scout is brave, for many Scouts, an important act of bravery is climbing and rappelling down the tower at summer camp. Scouts at Avondale Scout Reservation have the opportunity to climb and rappel on our 35 foot tower during Open Climb and in the process of earning their Climbing merit badge. Class size is limited. Come join us at The Avondale Beast this summer!

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.

Astronomy	Bird Study	Environmental Science
Fish and Wildlife Mgmt.	Fishing (see note) * \$5	Fly Fishing* \$5
Mammal Study	Reptiles & Amphibians	Fish & Wildlife
Nature	Weather	Insect Study

Notes:

- Most Nature merit badges require extensive field work and projects.
- Astronomy Merit Badge, taught during the day, will require some evening observation time. Please ensure your Scouts are committed to the time requirements of this badge.
- Fishing Merit Badge – Limited Fishing equipment of Rods and Reels available with a limited supply of tackle. Those wishing to fish Should bring their own fishing equipment if desired, tackle and bait. Bait will not 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,

Robotics

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:

PROGRAM	PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT
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Fly Fishing 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 yrs. 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 some 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, or 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 any way 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.

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 spike ball, and Frisbees®.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Summer Camp may be the only opportunity many Scouts ever have to learn firearms 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 Vasquez 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! 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.

LOYAL TROOP PROGRAM

Starting this year, we will be identifying and honoring our most Loyal Troops. Many of your 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 during the open period. 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 / SCOUTMASTER MEETINGS

Each day (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.

ASTRONOMY

On a clear night Avondale staff will set up camp's telescopes. 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

Two nights of the week Scouts will get a chance to participate in once in a lifetime experience put on by military veterans and the camp staff. The activity 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. 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.

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.

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.

LEADER COFFEE MUG

All camp registered/paid adult leaders (full week leaders) on camp will receive an 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 who 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 Certification Program

Avondale offers a program 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 \$ 2 5 . This fee will be collected through the online system. Pre-registration is required, through the online system.

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 CHILI & COBBLER COOK-OFF

Bring a sample of your best cooked cobbler and mouth - watering Chili. Troops to bring up their own ingredients. Refrigeration at Dining Hall is available.

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.

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 April 30th

COMMISSIONER SERVICE

Assist the Camp Commissioner by serving as a campsite inspector, ice run, and toilet paper distribution.

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.

OTHER ADULT TRAINING SESSIONS OFFERED

- 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 eager to come back next summer!

