

Camp Wakpominee Nature Area

The Nature Area is designed to offer Scouts an extensive program developing their appreciation for and understanding of the environment. Merit Badges offered will include: Environmental Science, Fishing, Forestry, Geology, Mammals, Nature, Reptile and Amphibian Study, Soil and Water Conservation and Weather. Scouts participating in Reptile & Amphibian Study, Nature or Mammal Study Merit Badges must provide evidence of having kept the animals specified by related requirements.

Camp Wakpominee has installed fishing docks near the Nature Lodge and a full line of fishing equipment is available for scouts to use. Please note that fishing is only allowed in designated areas and that those who fish along the shores of Sly Pond are expected to follow the buddy system at all times.

Troops may also make appointments to participate in activities such as identifying rocks, understanding erosion, nature trail and plant identification hikes, camp conservation projects and other basic environmental skills.



Camp Wakpominnee Field Sports Area

The Fieldsports area is designed to offer the opportunity for Scouts to learn important safety rules and basic skills in rifle shooting, shotgun shooting, and archery as well as to gain a better understanding of good sportsmanship. Merit badges offered include Archery, Rifle Shooting and Shotgun Shooting.

In accordance with New York State laws, a Scout must be 12 years old to participate in rifle shooting. A Scout must be 13 years old to participate in shotgun shooting and muzzle loading activities.

Scouts participating in Fieldsports merit badges should bring a long-sleeve cotton shirt.

Troops may consider scheduling a troop or inter-troop shoot in rifle or archery on Monday or Tuesday evening. Your Troop may also be interested in a game of volleyball on our sand court.



Camp Wakpominee Handicraft Area

The Handicraft area is designed to teach the basic skills needed for working with wood tools and safety. Scouts will have an opportunity to further creative ability with arts and crafts. All supplies and equipment are provided at no additional charge. The merit badges offered are: Art, Basketry, Indian Lore, Leatherwork, Pottery, Sculpture and Woodcarving.



Camp Wakpominee Scoutcraft Area

The Scoutcraft area is designed to offer outdoor skills instruction to each Scout. The area will offer activities to teach knots, lashings, fire building, dutch oven and conventional cooking, proper techniques in camping and hiking and low impact camping. Merit Badges offered will be Camping, Cooking, Orienteering, Pioneering, Wilderness Survival.



This area will better each Scout by teaching him the basic safety skills for outdoor survival and the skills needed to experience sportsmanship for their troop trips. Troops may involve themselves with group activities in any area of the outdoor skills. Camping and Wilderness Survival Merit Badges include an outpost on either Tuesday or Thursday nights.

Camp Wakpominee Aquatics Area

Our waterfront is on Sly Pond, a nearly 50 acre pond that is owned entirely by the camp. Aquatics offers time for instructional swims for non-swimmers and beginners to improve their swimming skills and confidence in the water.

Kayaking, Snorkeling, Mile Swim and B.S.A. Lifeguard are offered at the waterfront as well as the following merit badges: Canoeing, Lifesaving, Rowing, Small-Boat Sailing, Swimming. B.S.A. Lifeguard can be a challenging way for a more experienced scout to spend the week. Open swimming and boating is offered daily at 4 PM.

The Aquatics area also offers many activities for the troop to consider for evening program such as Water Polo, Whale Hunt, Surf Ball, Troop Swim and Troop Boating. These are just a few ideas your Scouts can plan for your troop. Remember safety comes first, last and always so plan to the capability of your Scouts.

Scouts taking Swimming or Lifesaving merit badges, B.S.A. Lifeguard or the Pioneer Program should remember to bring a pair of long pants, belt, socks & shoes, and a button up long-sleeve shirt for clothing inflation requirement.



Mountainbiking Program

This program area offers scouts 13 years and older and opportunity to understand and further their skills in mountain biking. Scouts will learn the basics of bike care and repair along with the skills of riding on mountain trails. A set course will be provided so scouts can learn the fundamentals of riding bikes in skills competition. An area where specialized skills required in higher level trials riding will also be available. This program requires a 2 hour session, in the morning or in the afternoon.

Scouts are also welcome to bring their own bikes for use in the program. All bikes must be stored at all times in the Mountain Biking Area. All bikes will also be inspected by the Mountain Biking director before they are approved for use. All participants bringing their own bikes should also bring a helmet and gloves.

The program requires a fully completed Youth Application Form.

Camp Wakpominee C.O.P.E. Area

C.O.P.E., "Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience", comprises group initiative games, low and high course activities to improve and develop a Scout's self-confidence and skills in problem-solving, teamwork and leadership. Emphasis is placed on cooperation and working as a team. The program will help each member set and achieve goals within each activity and to challenge their own physical capability. Each Scout will participate in group activities such as climbing, swinging, balancing, jumping, rappelling and most importantly, thinking.

The C.O.P.E. course is designed to spend the first few days participating in problem solving, team-building initiative games and low-course elements. Later in the week, the group will be ready to challenge themselves with the skills learned and conquer the high course elements.

Scouts who are 13 years old by January 1 may participate in the C.O.P.E. program. Scouts must submit a completed Project C.O.P.E. Application form. Adult leaders are encouraged to participate in the program as well if there are openings available after interested Scouts have signed up.

This program runs for a half-day session, either morning or afternoon, Monday through Friday.

A partial for the climbing merit badge may be provided upon request.

