



BLUE RIDGE SCOUT RESERVATION PRE-CAMP LEADERS MEETING

FEBRUARY 2026



All BRSR camps and programs are nationally accredited by the Scouting America NCAP program.



MEETING AGENDA



- Overview of Program Options
- Merit Badge and High Adventure Program Schedules
- Age-Appropriate Guidelines
- Upcoming Deadlines
- Black Pug Registration
- Fees and Discount Opportunities
- Camp Staff Opportunities
- Time for Questions



PROGRAM AVAILABILITY

	DATES	Camp Powhatan	New River Adventure	Blue Ridge Mountaineer	High Knoll Trail Camp	Voyageur Trek	SCUBA
1	June 14-20	x	x	x	x	x	x
2	June 21-27	x	x	x	x	x	x
3	June 28-July 4	x	x	x	x	x	x
4	July 5-11	x	x	x	x	x	x
5	July 12-18	x	x	x	x	x	x

MERIT BADGE SCHEDULE

CAMP POWHATAN

Time	PROGRAM AREAS					
	Nature	Handicraft	Scoutcraft	Range & Target	Eagle's Nest	Waterfront
9:00 AM	Env. Science (9-11) Nature / Weather Space Ex / Astronomy Engineering	Art / Animation Amer. Indian Culture Leatherwork Woodcarving Game Design	Fishing / Fish & Wildlife Pioneering (9-11) Wilderness Survival Public Health	Archery Rifle (9-11) Shotgun (9-11)	Camping Cit. in World Communication E. Prep First Aid	Canoeing Swimming Lifesaving (9-11)
10:00 AM	Env. Science (cont.) Reptile & Amphibian Space Ex / Astronomy Bird Study	Basketry Chess Leatherwork Woodcarving	Fishing / Fish & Wildlife Pioneering (cont.) Geocaching/Orienteering Signs & Signals / Search & Rescue	Archery Rifle (cont.) Shotgun (cont.)	Camping Cit. in Nation Cooking (10-12) First Aid Per. Fitness/Athletics (10-12)	Canoeing Swimming Lifesaving (cont.) Kayaking
11:00 AM	Forestry / Soil & Water Geology Nature / Weather Bird Study	Art / Animation Chess Leatherwork Woodcarving Model Design	Fishing / Fish & Wildlife Geocaching/Orienteering Backpacking	Archery Rifle (11-3:30) Shotgun (11-3:30)	Cit. in Nation Communication Cooking (cont.) Per. Fitness/Athletics (cont.)	Canoeing Kayaking Learn to Swim Swimming
12:00 - 2:00 PM	Lunch & Siesta *No Afternoon Classes on Friday*					
2:00 PM	Env. Science (2-4:50) Space Ex / Astronomy Reptile & Amphibian Chemistry	Art / Animation Amer. Indian Culture Leatherwork Woodcarving Model Design	Fishing / Fish & Wildlife Geocaching/Orienteering Robotics	Archery Rifle (cont.) Shotgun (cont.)	Camping Cooking (2-4:50) E. Prep Per. Fitness/Athletics (2-4:50)	Kayaking Lifesaving (2-4:50) Swimming Rowing
3:30 PM	Env. Science (cont.) Geology Nature / Weather Forestry / Soil & Water	Basketry Chess Leatherwork Woodcarving Game Design	Geocaching/Orienteering Electronics / Electricity Wilderness Survival Signs & Signals / Search & Rescue	Archery	Cooking (cont.) Cit. in World First Aid E. Prep Per. Fitness/Athletics (cont.)	Kayaking Lifesaving (cont.) Swimming Canoeing

EVENING PROGRAM SCHEDULE CAMP POWHATAN

Program Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Browsea Island	Stave Decorating	Cracker Barrel		BSI Games
Eagle's Nest	Eagle Roundtable	Fingerprinting	American Heritage	
Handicraft	Photography	Tie-Dye	Chess Tournament	Open Handicraft
Nature	Nature Show	Frog Hike	Nature Meet & Greet	Mammal Study
Scoutcraft	Totin' Chip	Scout Trivia	Wilderness Survival	Cardboard Boat Race
Range & Target	Open Ranges	Cowboy Action		Open Ranges
Waterfront	Open Swim		Open Swim	Sharks & Minnows
Misc.			Commissioner Campfire / Mountaineer Program Demos	OA Cracker Barrel

NEW RIVER ADVENTURE PROGRAM OPTIONS

ACTIVITY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Low COPE	x				
High COPE		x			
Caving			x	x	x
All Terrain Vehicles			x	x	x
Natural Rock Climbing			x		
Whitewater Rafting			x	x	
Horseback Riding				x	x
Whitewater Canoeing			x		x
Claytor Lake Aquatics				x	x

AGE-APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES

- Brownsea Island recommended for first-year Scouts, preferably newly bridged Scouts
- Some Range & Target and Waterfront merit badges are recommended for Scouts 13 years and older
- New River Adventure participants must be at least **13 years old AND completed the 8th grade OR 14 years old**
 - *All should be able to pass a swim test at camp*
 - *ATV participants must be at least 16 years old*
- SCUBA participants must be at least **14 years old** (requires adult scuba-certified partner), recommended for those 15 years and older
- High Knoll and Blue Ridge Mountaineer recommended for Scouts 13 years and older
- Voyageur Trek participants must be at least **13 years old AND completed the 8th grade OR 14 years old**

BLACK PUG REGISTRATION



**Black Pug
Software**

- Before April 1: please add profile information for all individuals
 - Including: member ID, rank, date of birth, and Safeguarding Youth certification for adults*
 - If a registration has "missing information" they will not be able to check out or make changes*
 - Parent Portal option*
 - Allows limited access to registration to parents in the unit who can use this tool to complete basic data entry such as name and age, to make financial payments on behalf of their Scouts, and to select classes for their Scouts
 - Parent Portal found under the "More" tab
- Brownsea Island registration
 - Add Scouts to "BSI 9AM" slot after March 1 or 15 to autofill their schedule with BSI program*
 - BSI Scouts may sign up for evening merit badges, but should not sign up for any other merit badges*
- Merit badge registration will open on March 1 or 15 at 9:00 AM
 - Classes will fill up quickly and we cannot guarantee space*
- New River Adventure program registration will open March 1 or 15 at 9:00 AM
 - Adults can register as participants or supervisors*

FEES & DISCOUNT OPPORTUNITIES

One free adult leader per 10 Scouts registered per unit

\$20 discount for service project completed at BRSR before May 15, 2026

Early Bird Discount: \$30 discount for completion of individual registration before April 1, 2026

Ambassador troops can get \$5 off per Scout for referring new units to BRSR

Camperships are available primarily for in-council units based on need

Reach out to the Blue Ridge Mountains Council to discuss accommodations for any outstanding financial need

PARTICIPANT TYPE	REGULAR FEE	EARLY BIRD FEE
Powhatan Base Camp Scout	\$492	\$462
Powhatan Base Camp Adult	\$212	N/A
Brownsea Island Scout	\$514	\$483
Blue Ridge Mountaineer Scout	\$492	\$462
Blue Ridge Mountaineer Adult	\$212	N/A
High Knoll Scout	\$492	\$462
Voyageur Scout	\$492	\$462
Voyageur & High Knoll Adult	\$492	\$462
New River Adventure Scout	\$530 average*	\$500 average*
New River Adventure Participating Adult	\$530 average*	\$500 average*
New River Adventure Supporting Adult	\$212	N/A
Scuba Scout & Adult	\$750	\$720



WORK WITH US!

WE ARE HIRING FOR:

- High adventure guides
- Merit badge class instructors
- Dining hall stewards
- And many more!

WE PROVIDE:

- On-site training
- Lodging in staff cabins
- Meals
- Pay dependent on experience and responsibility





QUESTIONS?

Facebook page:

facebook.com/BRSR599

Camp website and Leaders Guide:

brmcreservation.org

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