



## JUNE NORCROSS WEBSTER SCOUT RESERVATION

### FIRST CLASS PATH: PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**Overview:** The **First Class Path** is designed for first year Scouts working toward their First Class rank. This program immerses participants in the broader world of Scouting beyond basic rank advancement, fostering a deep connection to the Scouting community.

#### PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Participants are organized into small, diverse patrols alongside Scouts from other units. This structure encourages leadership and teamwork while they spend four hours daily focusing on rank-related skills and merit badges.

#### Daily Schedule:

- **Morning Session:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- **Afternoon Session:** 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

While every patrol covers the same core concepts throughout the week, individual schedules will vary to manage class sizes and resource availability. We adapt the material based on the collective experience and interests of each group.

#### MORNING ROTATIONS (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

Scouts convene at the **First Class Path Area** at 9:00 AM for an hour of intensive skill-building. Between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM, patrols rotate through two primary stations:

1. **The Handicraft Lodge:** Working on merit badges such as Leatherwork, Basketry, Art, or Nature.
2. **The Waterfront:** Earning the Swimming merit badge or participating in instructional swim, tailored to the Scout's current swimming ability.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION (2:00 PM – 3:00 PM)

Scouts return to the First Class Path Area to continue specialized patrol-based work and refine their outdoor skills.

#### ADVANCEMENT & SIGN-OFFS

Our philosophy centers on **retention and mastery**. While we cover a vast array of requirements, camp staff **do not** sign off on requirements in the Scout's handbook.

- **Unit Responsibility:** We ask that unit leaders review and test their Scouts on the skills learned at camp. A requirement should only be signed off when the Scout demonstrates they can perform the task independently at a later time.
- **Compliance:** Certain requirements are taught in theory but cannot be completed as written within the camp environment.
- **Documentation:** We track attendance daily and will provide unit leaders with a comprehensive list of all skills and requirements covered by their Scouts during the week.

## LEADER INVOLVEMENT

We encourage Scout leaders to stay involved during and after program hours. Repeating and expanding on these skills within the troop setting is the best way to ensure long-term learning. Our staff is highly flexible; Scouts are welcome to return after hours to review specific skills or explore requirements not covered in the standard curriculum.

## ELIGIBILITY & GOALS

- **Target Audience:** This program is tailored for newly "crossed-over" Scouts, typically ages 10 to 12.
- **Recommendations:** We do not recommend the program for Scouts who have already participated in it, nor is it typically the best fit for older Scouts who have recently joined. However, final placement is at the **Scoutmaster's discretion**.
- **Mission:** Our goal is to provide a solid foundation in outdoor skills while instilling a sense of responsibility and appreciation for the environment and the global Scouting community.

**Note:** To ensure a smooth start, Scouts should arrive at the First Class Path Area **before 9:00 AM on Monday** to facilitate patrol assignments.

### SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE: FIRST CLASS PATH

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 AM – 10 AM	Patrol Assignment & Fire Building	Knots II & Weather Prediction I	Plant Identification I & Knots III	Weather Prediction II & EDGE Method I	Outdoor Ethics II & Plant Identification II
10 AM – 12 PM	<b>Rotation A:</b> Handicraft  <b>Rotation B:</b> Waterfront	<b>Rotation A:</b> Waterfront  <b>Rotation B:</b> Handicraft	<b>Rotation A:</b> Handicraft  <b>Rotation B:</b> Waterfront	<b>Rotation A:</b> Waterfront  <b>Rotation B:</b> Handicraft	Animal Identification & Camp Sports
12 PM – 2 PM	<i>Lunch Break</i>	<i>Lunch Break</i>	<i>Lunch Break</i>	<i>Lunch Break</i>	<i>Lunch Break</i>
2 PM – 3 PM	Woods Tools & Knots I	Outdoor Ethics I & Camp History I	Weather Prediction III & Branding	EDGE Method II & Knots IV	Conservation Projects & Graduation

