



# Camp Falling Rock

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## A Word from the Program Director

Hello all! My name is Joshua Radloff, and I am so excited to be the Program Director at Camp Falling Rock for the 2026 summer. In this guide, you will find what each of our program areas has to offer this year. Even if you are a returning camper, please read through our offerings because there are some changes this year. Our offerings are subject to change before the summer camp season, so if that happens, we will update you all.

Joshua Radloff  
*2026 Program Director*

## Open Program

You might be asking yourself, “Self, what does ‘Open Program’ mean?” At Camp Falling Rock, we believe that each individual Scout should be able to control what they get out of their summer camp experience. To facilitate an environment where that is possible, almost all of our merit badges and activities can be started or stopped during any of our program times. This allows Scouts to create their own schedules and learn time management skills. Select merit badges may have some scheduled times or necessary events, these will be communicated clearly in the lead up to camp and in announcements at meal times.

# Foothills Program

Foothills is our First-Year advancement program at Camp Falling Rock. This program is designed for first year Scouts to work on rank requirements up to First Class. Each Scout will be grouped with a patrol, and that patrol will work through the program pamphlet together. This program allows campers to learn the fundamentals of the Scouting program while practicing the principles of the patrol method.

## Events

- Order of the Fork - Hosted at Brownsea Island, the Foothills patrols will learn how to prepare and cook a well balanced camp meal.
- 5-Mile Hike - All are welcome to join the Foothills as they hike 5 miles around camp.

## Honor Patrol

For those patrols who want to go above and beyond, the Honor Patrol Award is given to patrols who finish additional requirements in addition to the Foothills pamphlet. This program is open to all Scouts, adult leaders, and staff outside of the Foothills program as well.



# The Frontier Program

The Frontier Program is Camp Falling Rock's Camper Involvement Program, designed for older campers to interact with all of the areas in camp.

Members of the Frontier Program, referred to as Frontier Scouts, can advance in rank and earn awards by fulfilling certain requirements. They will learn skills akin to what folks on the Frontier would have used to trek through the Frontier.



## Events

- Tuesday Evening Frontier Service Project and Wednesday Afternoon Pioneer Project - Camp wide projects for Frontier Scouts to demonstrate their leadership skills and perform a service to camp.
- Thursday Night Rendezvous - Frontier Scouts and candidates attend an overnight camping experience, putting their Frontier skills to the test.



# Brownsea Island

In 1907, Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, taught basic Scouting skills at a campsite on Brownsea Island. At Camp Falling Rock, our Scoutcraft area bears the same name to honor that legacy. At BSI, you will find many of the fundamental Scout skills. Often referred to as “the heart of camp,” BSI is one of our most commonly visited areas because of all it has to offer!

## Merit Badges

- Camping
- Wilderness Survival
- Fishing
- Pioneering

## Events

- Outpost Campfire and Overnight Experience
- Order of the Fork
- Bowdrill Demonstrations
- Fishing Derby

## Other Offerings

- Firem’n Chit
- Totin’ Chip
- Fire building
- Knot Club
- Lashings
- Leave No Trace

# Range and Target Activities

Camp Falling Rock boasts two ranges, the Archery Range and the Rifle Range. Scouts can learn how to properly care for, use, and store different types of firearms by working through the three merit badges offered. If a dedicated Scout goes above and beyond and earns all three of the Range and Target Activities merit badges within one week, they earn the camp’s “Twang! Bang! Boom!” award.

## Merit Badges

- Rifle Shooting
- Shotgun Shooting
- Archery

## Events

- Cowboy Action Shoot
- Gun Cleaning
- Archery Watermelon Shoot
- Black Powder Shoot

## Other Offerings

- Archery, Rifle, and Shotgun free shoot
- Action Archery Course

# Handicraft

Creativity is an important part of our camp culture. Handicraft gives a perfect creative outlet for adult leaders and campers alike! With fun music and a positive atmosphere, Handicraft is one chill place to be.

## Merit Badges

- Art
- Basketry
- Leatherwork
- Wood Carving
- Pulp and Paper
- Sculpture

## Events

- Pulp and Paper Paper Party
- Thursday Night Luau and Euchre Tournament

## Other Offerings

- Art supplies available for use
- Honor Patrol flag making

# STEM

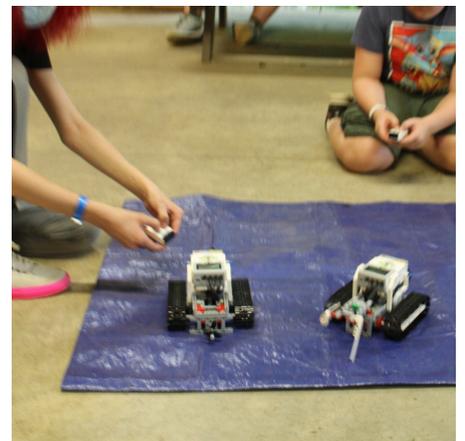
STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. As Scouts, it's important to keep challenging our brains so we can continue to grow and remain "Mentally awake." Whether you are building your first robot, programming a calculator, or using strategy to beat one of our staff members in a chess match, STEM is the place to challenge yourself mentally.

## Merit Badges

- Space Exploration
- Robotics
- Artificial Intelligence
- *Game Design*
- *Inventing*

## Other Offerings

- Board and Card Games



# Climbing

ON BELAY! In addition to our climbing and rappelling tower, Camp Falling Rock's cliffs make for a great opportunity to do some natural rock rappelling. Some of the best views of the amphitheater and falls are from hanging on a rope. Open climbing and rappelling on the tower are also available at various times during the week.



## Merit Badges

- Climbing

## Other Offerings

- Free climb
- Free rappel
- Natural-Rock Rappelling



# Aquatics

Nothing is better on a hot summer day than a dip in the pool. Come stop by to take either Swimming or Lifesaving Merit Badge, to learn how to swim, or just enjoy the water. Or head down to the lake for any of our boating merit badges, or to enjoy some open boating.



## Merit Badges

- Swimming
- Lifesaving
- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Rowing

## Other Offerings

- Mile Swim
- Adult Leader Swim
- Instructional Swim
- Oh Captain, My Captain Award
- Luau
- Stand Up Paddleboarding

# Nature

Our Nature area is proud to have the most merit badges in all of camp. Nature is very important to the Scouting community. Our staff is prepared to help Scouts understand the world around them. If you're looking for a chill area with a fun atmosphere, Nature is the place to be.

## Merit Badges

- Nature
- Astronomy
- Environmental Science
- Fish and Wildlife Management
- Forestry
- Geology
- Mammal Study
- Mining in Society
- Oceanography
- Soil and Water Conservation

## Events

- Frog Hike
- Star Hike
- SWACO project
- Cillaxathon
- Sea and Sky Award

# Trades

Our Trades area started small in 2025. This year we are growing it! Trades merit badges are taught by skilled trades workers who have a passion for their field.

## Merit Badges (Tentative)

- Woodworking
- Automotive Maintenance
- Welding
- Home Repair

Are you an adult with a skilled trade speciality? Let us know if you would like to volunteer to teach your trade!

# First Aid

Always a popular merit badge, First Aid will be offered near the Health Lodge. Joining it this year will be Health Care Professions.

# Eagle's Roost

This year we will not be offering the Citizenship merit badges "at" camp, but we know for many units camp is a vital resource for finding qualified counselors for these Eagle-required badges. Scouts attending camp will receive access to an online virtual camp session happening after the regular camp season has ended. Other Eagle-required merit badges may be available as well. More information will be coming out as it becomes available.

# Adult Programs

Camp is not just for Scouts. We also offer a range of adult leader trainings on camp. We encourage you to find time in your week to explore our offerings. Every Scout deserves a trained leader

## Adult Trainings

- Safe Swim Defense
- Safety Afloat
- Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills
- Scoutmaster Merit Badge
- Leave No Trace
- Introduction to Merit Badge Counselor

# Still have questions?

Reach out and talk to us. Summer camp is one of our favorite conversation topics (just ask anyone who knows us in the off-season).

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## 2025 Merit Badge Offerings

*Merit Badge offerings are subject to change. \*Eagle's Roost Merit Badges are offered online after camp.*

*\*\*Estimated time to completion is just an estimate to help your Scout's planning. A session is a whole morning or whole afternoon block*

<b>MERIT BADGE</b>	<b>REVISION YEAR</b>	<b>AREA</b>	<b>Prerequisites to complete before camp/notes</b>	<b>**Approximate Sessions to Complete</b>
Archery	2025	Archery	None	2-4
Art	2020	Handicraft	None	2-3
Artificial Intelligence	2026	STEM		
Astronomy	2025	Nature	None	2-3 and astronomy hike
Automotive Maintenance	2026	Trades		
Basketry	2014	Handicraft	None - \$15 Basket kits required, available at Trading Post	4-5
Camping	2020	BSI	Requirements 4b, 5e, 7b, 8d, 9a, 9b	3-4

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Canoeing	2026	Aquatics (Lake)	None	3-4
Citizenship in the Community	2025	Eagles Roost*	TBA	N/A
Citizenship in the Nation	2020	Eagles Roost*	TBA	N/A
Citizenship in the World	2020	Eagles Roost*	TBA	N/A
Climbing	2025	Climbing Tower	None	2-3
Cooking	2025	Eagles Roost*	TBD	TBD
Environmental Science	2025	Nature	None	3 plus one hour of observations
First Aid	2025	First Aid Tent	None	1-2
Fish and Wildlife Management	2025	Nature	None	2 plus slight observations

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Fishing	2026	BSI	None	1-2
Forestry	2026	Nature	None	2-3 and a forester talk
Game Design	2023	STEM	None	3-5
Geology	2026	Nature	None	1-2
Health Care Professions	2021	First Aid Tent	Requirement 9	
Home Repairs	2026	Trades		
Inventing	2026	STEM	None	2-4
Kayaking	2026	Aquatics (Lake)	None - Preferred to have Canoeing Merit Badge and being 13+, but not required	3-4

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Leatherwork	2019	Handicraft	None - Leather available at the Trading Post for \$	2-3
Lifesaving	2026	Aquatics (Pool)	Requirement 2a	3-4
Mammal Study	2026	Nature	None	1-2
Mining in Society	2026	Nature	None	2-3
Nature	2025	Nature	None	2-3 plus frog hike
Oceanography	2026	Nature	None	2-3
Pioneering	2020	BSI	None	3-4
Pulp and Paper	2017	Handicraft	None	2-3

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Rifle Shooting	2025	Rifle Range	None	2-4
Robotics	2011	STEM	None	2-3
Rowing	2026	Aquatics (Lake)	None	
Sculpture	2026	Handicraft	None	
Shotgun Shooting	2025	Rifle Range	None - \$15 fee, Hunter Safety Course card can satisfy 1f	2-4
Soil and Water Conservation	2019	Nature	None	2-3
Space Exploration	2026	STEM	None	2-4
Swimming	2026	Aquatics (Pool)	Second Class 5a-d, First Class 6a-e	3-4

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Wilderness Survival	2026	BSI	Requirement 5 : Bring photographic proof or a letter from your SM	2-4
Welding	2025	Trades		
Woodcarving	2016	Handicraft	None - Woodcarving kit available for purchase at the Trading Post	3-4
Woodwork	2024	Trades		