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Elevate Your Adventure

ADVENTURE

FUN

EXCITEMENT

2026 SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM GUIDE

- Programs for Scouts at all levels
- Over 50 unique merit badges
- First-year camper program
- High-adventure opportunities
- Leader and adult activities
- Non-merit badge activities

Skymont Scout Reservation

The camp offers cool nights (mid-60's!), merit badges & advancement, high adventure activities, and more! With fun and adventure opportunities for Scouts and Leaders alike, everyone can get in on the fun!

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ABOUT SKYMONT

Skymont Scout Reservation is located on the Cumberland Plateau on the eastern edge of middle Tennessee. Our camp encompasses over 2200 acres with waterfalls, scenic overlooks, caves and wooded forest. The footprint of our camp allows us to get to know your Scouts while still providing extensive hiking and off-site opportunities for older members.

Skymont is a traditional Scout camp. Our staff provide quality merit badge instruction while introducing your Scouts to the outdoor classroom we know as Scouting. Our staff will welcome you into our family with fun, games, and delicious camp meals along with something for everyone. Our merit badge offerings include 11 Eagle-required options and 14 STEM-related merit badges. We offer all levels of programming. Our merit badge program runs Monday through Thursday, with Friday reserved for make-up time, special events, and camp-wide games.

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ADVANCEMENT PHILOSOPHY

We are excited to offer over 50 unique merit badges and non-merit badge programs at Skymont Summer Camp!

Camp is a great place to earn multiple Merit Badges, especially badges that are difficult to earn - like range and target activities, climbing, swimming, kayaking, metalworking, and many others. Scouts should select merit badges that they find interesting. Leaders should be able to answer Scouts' questions about the requirements to help them in the decision process. The leader may also recommend or steer the Scout to work on some Eagle-required merit badges.

However, summer camp is more than just merit badges. For an entire week, Scouts will get to enjoy a one-of-a-kind experience only available at Skymont. Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in open programming in the evenings like swimming, boating, climbing, zipline, range activities, and more. Scouts may wish to participate in a service project, play 9-square or cornhole, or simply relax at the campsite. We strongly believe that it is important that Scouts keep a healthy balance of activities during the week. Lord Baden-Powell once said that "Scouting is a game with a purpose." We strive to make summer camp the most FUN experience for Scouts.

2026 SUMMER CAMP DATES

Week 1: June 7 – 13

Week 2: June 14 – 20

Week 3: June 21 – 26



MERIT BADGES

Your ultimate guide



Skymont offers a broad variety of merit badge classes each summer. The catalog is updated annually with new and different classes. The full class catalog can be found in the Skymont Leader Guide, which is released at the end of the year. Below is a list of recently-offered merit badges. Badges in gold are Eagle-required, while those indicated with a '\$' have an additional fee.

- Animal Science MB
- Archery MB \$
- Architecture MB
- Art MB
- Astronomy MB
- Basketry MB \$
- Bird Study MB
- *Camping MB*
- Canoeing MB
- Chemistry MB
- *Citizenship in the Nation MB*
- *Citizenship in the World MB*
- Climbing MB
- *Communication MB*
- Composite Materials MB
- Electricity MB
- *Emergency Preparedness MB*
- Engineering MB
- *Environmental Science MB*
- *First Aid MB*
- Fish and Wildlife Management MB
- Fishing MB
- Fly Fishing MB
- Forestry MB
- Insect Study MB
- Kayaking MB
- Leatherwork MB \$
- *Lifesaving MB*
- Metalwork MB \$
- Moviemaking MB
- Nuclear Science MB
- Orienteering MB
- *Personal Fitness MB*
- *Personal Management MB*
- Photography MB
- Plant Science MB
- Pottery MB \$
- Reptile and Amphibian Study MB
- Rifle Shooting MB \$
- Robotics MB
- Sculpture MB
- Shotgun Shooting MB \$
- Space Exploration MB \$
- *Swimming MB*
- Weather MB
- Welding MB \$
- Wilderness Survival MB
- Wood Carving MB \$

Merit badges offered are subject to change

\$ Additional fee

NON-MERIT BADGE PROGRAMS

Your ultimate guide



Skymont also offers several non-merit badge activity opportunities for Scouts ranging from first-year camper programs to special programs for older Scouts. Experienced campers can participate in challenging activities to further develop their skills. Beginner campers focus on activities that help them complete early advancement requirements and develop basic camping skills.

Below is a list of some of our non-merit badge program opportunities.

- **POLARIS (\$)** - Skymont's first-year camper program helps new Scouts with rank advancement requirements from Scout to First Class. Campers can earn their Totin' Chip and Firem'n Chit and practice basic Scouting and camping skills like knot-tying, fire building, first aid, and more.
- **MILE SWIM** - Campers looking for a special nautical challenge will practice each day and build their endurance leading up to the final test - the Mile Swim - to earn this special award.
- **COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING (\$)** - This program offers a fun and safe introduction for Scouts aged 14 and older to Cowboy Action Shooting. - a special shooting experience involving .22-caliber pistols, lever-action .22-caliber rifles, and double-barreled 20-gauge shotguns.
- **CHAPLAIN'S AIDE PROGRAM** - Led by the Skymont Chaplain, Scouts will gain a clearer and deeper understanding of the twelfth point of the Scout Law and how to serve the needs of their unit and fellow Scouts. Scouts will learn how to plan and lead a non-denominational service and assist with the weekly Vespers on Thursday night at Lightfoot Chapel. Scouts who complete the program are recognized with a special Chaplain's Aide patch.
- **PAUL BUNYAN AWARD** - Over several evening sessions, Scouts will learn and improve their woodsmanship skills in the use of a variety of woods tools and will put that knowledge to the test performing trail maintenance or a conservation project around camp.
- **OPEN PROGRAM** - Evenings at Skymont offer Scouts the opportunity to spend some free time at the range, on the climbing tower and zipline, or at the aquatics area for swimming and boating. No stress, no pressure, just FUN!

\$ - Additional fee

POLARIS

(FIRST-YEAR
CAMPER PROGRAM)

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POLARIS

- Rank Requirements (Scout to First Class)
- Totin' Chip
- Firem'n Chit



ECOLOGY / STEM

Your ultimate guide

Scouts can explore the natural world around them in our Ecology programs and learn about animals, insects, birds, plants, and more. STEM offers a variety of science-based classes that involve hands-on opportunities to build, create, and experiment.

ECOLOGY

- Animal Science MB
- Bird Study MB
- Environmental Science MB
- Fish & Wildlife Management MB
- Forestry MB
- Insect Study MB
- Plant Science MB
- Reptile & Amphibian Study MB
- Weather MB

STEM

- Astronomy MB
- Chemistry MB
- Composite Materials MB
- Electricity MB
- Engineering MB
- Nuclear Science MB
- Robotics MB
- Space Exploration MB



OUTDOOR SKILLS / FITNESS

Your ultimate guide



In our Outdoor Skills and Fitness area, Scouts will grow their knowledge and hands-on skills for being in wilderness environments and improve their physical strength to be prepared for an active Scouting experience.

OUTDOOR SKILLS / FITNESS

- Camping MB
- First Aid MB
- Fishing MB
- Fly Fishing MB
- Orienteering MB
- Personal Fitness MB
- Wilderness Survival MB



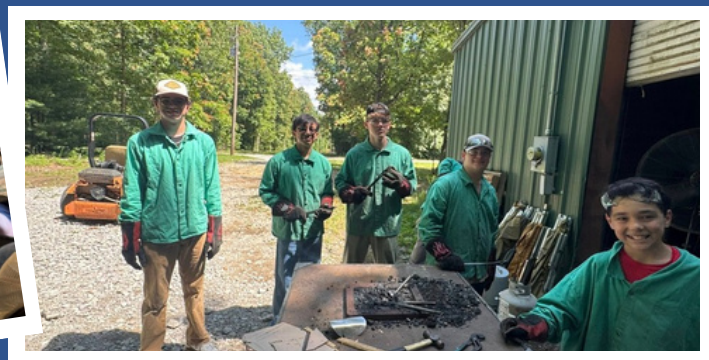
HANDICRAFT

Your ultimate guide

The perfect opportunity to explore hands-on, creative, and artistic skills is at Skymont's Handicraft area. Whether working with wood, metal, leather, or paper, Scouts get the chance to put their talents to the test and create something to take home and tell stories about.

HANDICRAFT

- Architecture MB
- Art MB
- Basketry MB
- Leatherwork MB
- Metalwork MB
- Movie Making MB
- Photography MB
- Pottery MB
- Sculpture MB
- Welding MB
- Wood Carving MB



TRAIL TO EAGLE

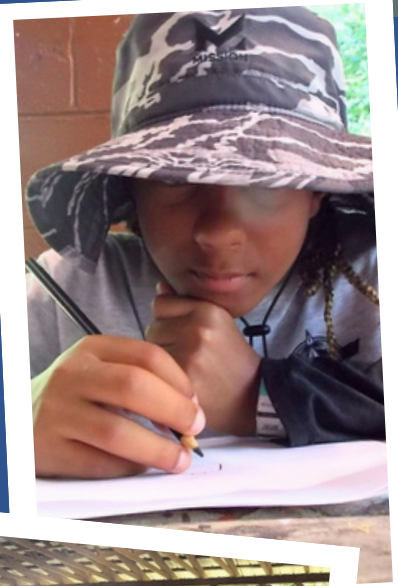
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Trail to Eagle is for Scouts working toward Scouting's ultimate rank - Eagle Scout. Scouts can make significant progress on any one of several Eagle-required merit badges leaving only a few requirements remaining to be completed back at home.

TRAIL TO EAGLE

- Citizenship in the Nation MB
- Citizenship in the World MB
- Communications MB
- Emergency Preparedness MB
- Personal Management MB



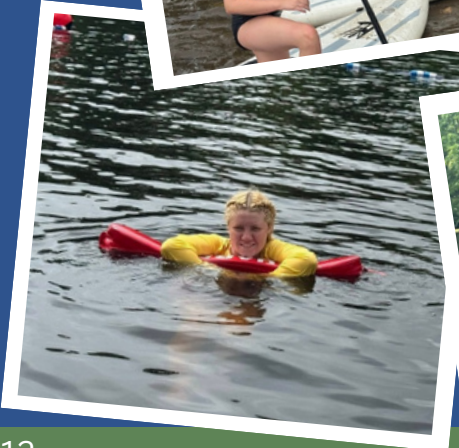
AQUATICS

Your ultimate guide

The lakefront aquatics area at Skymont is a great place to learn valuable swimming, boating, and lifesaving skills. Open swim and boat evening sessions, along with our new water slide, provide everyone a chance to jump in and enjoy a fun, refreshing time in the water.

AQUATICS

- Swimming MB
- Canoeing MB
- Kayaking MB
- Stand Up Paddleboard
- Lifesaving MB
- Mile Swim



RANGE & TARGET ACTIVITIES

Your ultimate guide



We offer a comprehensive array of range and target activities, giving participants the chance to develop both marksmanship and safety skills. Scheduled classes and open range time allow all campers the opportunity to develop precision, discipline, and responsibility, guided by certified instructors.

RANGE & TARGET

- Archery MB
- Cowboy Action Shooting
- Paintball Target Shooting
- Rifle Shooting MB
- Shotgun Shooting MB



COPE & CLIMBING

Your ultimate guide

We offer an exciting COPE & Climbing Program that helps Scouts conquer their fears and overcome challenges. COPE includes high and low ropes courses and team-building exercises, while Climbing features a climbing tower and zip line. Guided by experienced instructors, Scouts will build confidence, teamwork, and personal skills.

COPE & CLIMBING

- Climbing MB
- Project COPE
- Open Climb & Zipline



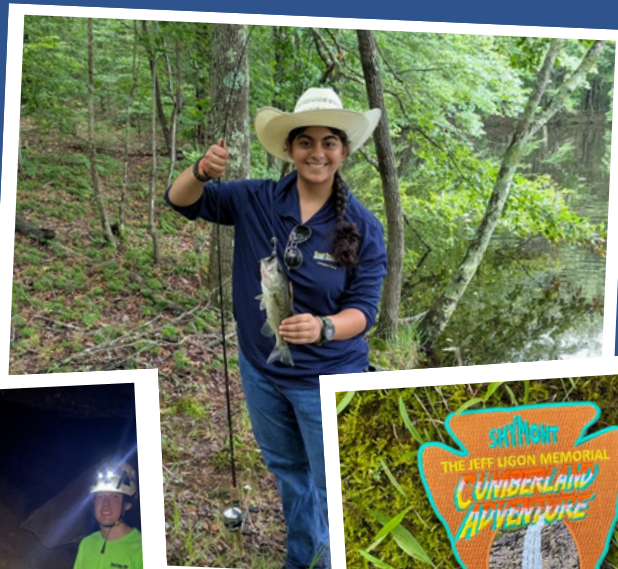
The Jeff Ligon Memorial **CUMBERLAND ADVENTURE PROGRAM**

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Cumberland Adventure is a sampler-style high adventure program for older Scouts that includes multiple activities such as hiking, fishing, range activities, aquatics, low COPE elements, and the climbing tower. The Cumberland Adventure is geared towards providing older Scouts an outdoor experience at Skymont that does not center around merit badges but allows them to explore and enjoy more remote portions of Skymont Scout Reservation and the surrounding area along the Cumberland Plateau.

HIGH ADVENTURE

- On-site waterfall hike
- Fishing at remote Lake 4
- Climbing tower and COPE elements
- Cowboy Action Shooting & Tomahawk throwing
- Night hike to Van Dyke's Cave
- Off-site hike & swim at Greeter Falls
- Ghost hike to Overlook



ADULT LEADER ACTIVITIES

Your ultimate guide

Why should the Scouts have all the fun? Our Adult Leader Activities are geared towards sharing the fun and outdoor environment all across camp and beyond. Leaders can hike, fish, swim, and explore camp and earn leader awards for participating and helping in program areas, camp projects, and more.

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Caveman/Cavewoman Golf
- On-site and Off-site hikes
- Camp improvement projects
- Dutch oven cooking competition
- Leaders-only range activities
- Leader appreciation dinner



WHITEWATER RAFTING

Your ultimate guide



America's Olympic River - The Ocoee River - packs non-stop action from the start!

"Grumpy" provides an exciting start to five miles of premier whitewater. Scream your way through big waves of "Double Trouble" and "Diamond Splitter" and the biggest is saved for last, "Hell's Hole" rapid! Our partner outfitter will be taking you down thrilling rapids, through spectacular turns, and over hidden boulders; **so get set to get wet!** You'll be going home with many stories to tell about your exciting day on one of the nation's premier whitewater rivers!

Available for Scouts 12 years and older and Leaders as an all-day off-site excursion.

Off-site programs are operated by private vendors. Units are responsible for providing transportation and supervision for their own Scouts.

TRADING POST & CANTEEN

Your go-to stop for essentials, camp souvenirs, snacks, slushies, and sweet treats.
Featuring t-shirts, hats, hoodies, drinkware, and more.



SUMMER CAMP STAFF



**APPLY
TODAY!**



Are you looking for your next big adventure?

SkyMont is looking for enthusiastic, energetic, hard-working, and friendly Scouts and Scouters alike to join us on our Summer Camp Staff. Staff positions are available all over camp. Whether you're an older Scout with leadership experience who enjoys teaching Scout skills or a seasoned Scouting veteran interested in fueling the energy of the next Scout generation,

SKYMONT WANTS YOU!!

Staff members must be at least 15 years old by June 1st. Many positions require 18+ or 21+ directors, so you're never too old to be on Camp Staff! Compensation includes housing, meals, salary and training.

Questions? Please contact Council Program Director Brent Baker
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REGISTRATION & CONTACT INFORMATION

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We are happy to answer any questions.

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BOOK YOUR ADVENTURE TODAY!

Reserve your spot at camp today! Don't know exact numbers? No problem!
Contact info, estimated counts, and a unit deposit are all you need to lock-in
your spot for Summer Camp 2026.
Visit www.skymont.org or scan the QR code to start your reservation!



OFF-SEASON CAMP FACILITY USE

The Cherokee Area Council is proud to make Skymont Scout Reservation available to
Scouting units for use throughout the year for both indoor and outdoor activities.



Scan here for
rates and
additional
information

Facilities available include:

- Campsites in Main Camp
- Campsites in Winter Camp
- Staff City Cabins
- Parks Lodge
- Dining Hall

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