



Operation First Class (OFC) Program Guide:

Welcome to Operation First Class! This is our first year camper program. The goal of OFC is to get the scouts excited to continue in scouting. We cover a range of requirements for the ranks of tenderfoot through first class. Take a look through our guide to familiarize yourself with the program, goals, and what to expect come your first year scout's summer!

Merit Badges- Leatherwork Kit roughly \$12

We also teach two merit badges, which are mammal study and leatherworking. For the leatherwork merit badge, the scouts will need the leatherwork kit (available in the Trading Post for roughly \$12). This is one of the easier kits, and has all of the supplies needed for the merit badge. We encourage the scouts to complete both so that they have a good head start, and can spend the rest of the years that they come here working on merit badges that will help them obtain eagle.

OFC Outpost - Bring a tent, swimsuit (if participating in Frigid Froggy)

We also do an outpost in Hawkeye field, Thursday night into Friday morning. This is optional, however, we do recommend that the scouts join us. They will have time to work on their leatherwork kits and ask us for help on outpost. We will be having chili and rice for dinner, so if your scout has any dietary needs, we need to be informed of that by Wednesday morning at the latest. We will also be going over the fireman chit, as described in the schedule. *Your troop is responsible for making sure your scouts have tents.* If there are any issues with this, please notify the staff as soon as possible so that we may make sure every scout has a tent to sleep in. Your scouts may also bring scout appropriate games, frisbees, footballs, etc, as we will have some spare time on outpost. If your troop has any flags that need to be retired, feel free to send them to OFC with your scouts, and we will include them in our flag retirement ceremony that we hold on outpost, weather permitting.

Leader/Parent OFC Info

As a Scout leader, parent, there are many options on how to approach this program to fit your scout's specific needs. Each day, we have a set list of lessons to tackle, and provide for the scouts at specific time-slots. Any scout who has not earned their First Class Rank, may attend our OFC program. Whether your scout needs to fulfill one specific requirement, wants to attend for multiple lessons, or stay for our week long course, the OFC program can be used to fit the specific needs of your Scout.

Scouts not interested in taking the weeklong program and would like to attend a single lesson or two, to fulfill a requirement, take a look at our lesson schedule/checklist so that you know when they can attend. If the scout is taking a Merit badge at that time, have them get permission from their area director so that they can make up missed time, or speak to the OFC director to utilize open program time on Friday afternoon.

If you have any scouts attending the OFC program, we *highly encourage* you to send a leader from your troop to accompany them in the program, though, we understand that not all troops have a leader to spare.

As a leader, if you feel comfortable teaching the lesson to your scouts at the same time, or another time that is convenient to your schedule, feel free to do so. If you are a leader who is well versed in a certain lesson and would like to come help out at our OFC Program Area, we would greatly encourage you to come by and help out! Conversely, if you would like to attend the lesson with your scouts, feel free to come learn so that you can share the lessons with your troop in the future!

OFC Schedule/Checklist

Our schedule is crafted to make sure that the scouts have the most fun that we can give them. Feel free to print out one of these schedules for each of your scouts in the OFC program to keep track of their accomplishments in the program. We look forward to seeing you and your new scouts this summer!

Take a look below for the OFC Schedule/Checklist

OFC Schedule/Checklist

Scout Name: _____ Troop: _____ Wk _____

Monday- Introduction of the OFC staff, goals, expectations, patrols, games, and fun!

- 9:00-10:00-
 - Introductory games-
 - "I like people who"
 - "Running and screaming"
- 10:00-12:00
 - Knots
 - Square knot (Tenderfoot 3A)
 - Two half hitch (Tenderfoot 3B)
 - Taut line (Tenderfoot 3C)
 - Sheet bend (Second Class 2F)
 - Bowline (Second Class 2G)
 - Whipping and fusing (Scout rank 4b)
- 2:00-3:30
 - Leatherwork merit badge
- 3:30-5:00
 - Open shoot
 - Rifle and archery **only**
- 7:30-9:00 or finish
 - First aid (taught by first aid merit badge)
 - Tenderfoot 4a, 4c, 4d
 - Second class 6a, 6b, 6c
 - First class 7a, 7b, 7c

Tuesday

- 9:00-12:00
 - Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat
 - Second Class 5A
 - First Class 6B
 - Water rescues
 - Second Class 5C, 5D
 - First Class 6E
 - Learn Parts of a Canoe
 - First Class 6C, 6D
- 2:00-3:30
 - Mammal study
- 3:30-5:00
 - Open swim

Wednesday

- ❑ 9:00-10:00
 - ❑ Flags
 - ❑ Tenderfoot 7A
 - ❑ Second class 8A, 8B
- ❑ 10:00-12:00
 - ❑ Nature hike
 - ❑ Tenderfoot 4B
 - ❑ Second Class 4
 - ❑ First Class 5A
- ❑ 12:00-5:00
 - ❑ Trexler Rangers
 - ❑ **No program**

Thursday

- ❑ 9:00-11:00
 - ❑ Lashings
 - ❑ First Class 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D
- ❑ 11:00-12:00
 - ❑ Outpost prep
- ❑ 2:30-6:00 am
 - ❑ Outpost-Bring a tent, swimsuit (if participating in Frigid Froggy)
 - ❑ Food safety/meal planning
 - ❑ Tenderfoot 2A, 2B, 2C
 - ❑ Second Class 2D, 2E
 - ❑ First Class 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E
 - ❑ Fireman chit
 - ❑ Second Class 2A, 2B, 2C
 - ❑ Flag retirement ceremony (weather permitting)
 - ❑ Tenderfoot 1A, 1B, 1C

Friday

- ❑ 6:00am
 - ❑ Frigid Froggy
- ❑ 9:00-10:00
 - ❑ Orienteering
 - ❑ Second Class 3A, 3C, 3D
- ❑ 10:00-12:00
 - ❑ Totin chip
 - ❑ Tenderfoot 3D
- ❑ 2:00-5:00
 - ❑ Open OFC- Scouts can come to make up missed lessons/requirements or work on leatherwork merit badge. Otherwise, other areas will be having open program that they may enjoy!