



OPERATION FIRST CLASS PROGRAM GUIDE

Welcome to Operation First Class (OFC)! 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!

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OFC Patrols and Teams -

OFC operates within the Patrol Method. Scouts will be assigned patrols/teams on the first day. Depending on the amount of Scouts, they'll be on one of two teams. Red Team, and Blue Team. Our OFC staff will guide their respective teams throughout the OFC Program. Splitting the Patrols into teams helps us focus more on individual Scouts since the teams are smaller to work with as opposed to one giant class of patrols. You'll see what each team is working on broken down in the schedule below.

Merit Badges- Leatherwork Kit roughly \$12

OFC also teaches 3 merit badges, which are "Pulp & Paper", "Fingerprinting", 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)

OFC ventures out to Hawkeye field Thursday night into Friday morning for the OFC Outpost. This is optional, however, we do recommend that the scouts join us. They will have time to work on their leatherwork kits and can ask OFC Staff for assistance on the outpost. Scouts will also be going over the fireman's chit. For Dinner, Scouts will be creating Foil Packs, so if your scout has any dietary needs, we need to be informed of that by Wednesday morning at the latest. *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 for games. 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 and flag 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 who are 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 for 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: _____ Week _____ Team _____ Patrol _____

Monday's Agenda-

OFC Introduction/Icebreaker Games - Both Teams: 9-10:30am

- OFC Introduction - Assign Teams
- OFC Icebreaker Games
- OFC Patrol Assign and Design (Assign Patrol, create a patrol name, "yell", etc)

Knots and Rope Skills - Red Team: 10:30am-12pm | Blue Team 2-3:30pm

- 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)

Merit Badge - Leatherwork - Blue Team: 10:30am-12pm | Red Team 2-3:30pm

- Leatherwork Merit Badge

OFC Archery - 3:30 - 5pm

- OFC Scouts will visit the Archery Range

Tuesday's Agenda-

Merit Badges - Both Teams: 9am-12pm

Fingerprinting - Blue Team: 9:00-10:30pm | Red Team 10:30-12:00pm

- Fingerprinting Merit Badge

Pulp and Paper - Red Team: 9:00-10:30pm | Blue Team 10:30-12:00pm

- Pulp and Paper Merit Badge

OFC Aquatics - Both Teams: 2am-5pm Wear a Swimsuit/Bring a Towel

Safe Swim Defense/Water Rescues: Red Team 2-3:30 | Blue Team 3:30-5

- Second Class 5A
- Second Class 5C, 5D
- First Class 6E
- Free Swim after Requirements are finished

Safety Afloat/Paddlecraft (Parts of Canoe): Blue Team 2-3:30 | Red Team 3:30-5

- First Class 6B
- First Class 6C, 6D
- Free Swim after Requirements are finished

OFC First Aid - (taught by the Health Lodge Staff) Both Teams: 7:30-9:00

- Tenderfoot 4a, 4c, 4d
- Second class 6a, 6b, 6c
- First class 7a, 7b, 7c

Wednesday's Agenda-

Flags - Both Teams: 9-10:00am

- Tenderfoot 7A
- Second class 8A, 8B

Nature hike - Both Teams: 10:00am-12:00pm

- Tenderfoot 4B
- Second Class 4
- First Class 5A

Trexler Rangers - 1:45-4:45pm Wear Clothes/Shoes you can get Muddy!

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Thursday's Agenda-

Lashings - Both Teams: 9:00-11:00

- First Class 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D

Outpost Prep - Both Teams: 11:00-12:00

OFC Overnight Outpost - Both Teams: 2:30pm - 6:00 am *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

OFC Fire Safety

- Firem'n chit
- Second Class 2A, 2B, 2C

Other Requirements

- Flag retirement ceremony (weather permitting)
- Tenderfoot 1A, 1B, 1C

Friday's Agenda-

Frigid Froggy - Both Teams: 6:00am

Maps/Map Demonstration - Both Teams Separately 9:00-10:30

- Second Class 3A, 3C, 3D

Totin Chit - Both Teams Separately 10:30am-11:00pm

- ❑ Tenderfoot 3d

OFC Graduation - Both Teams 11:30-12:00pm

Scouts who attended the Weeklong OFC Program will meet at OFC for a quick OFC Graduation/Awards Ceremony.

Open OFC - Any Scout needing extra time 2:30- 5pm

Scouts can come to make up missed lessons/requirements or work on leatherwork merit badge. Otherwise, other areas in Camp will be having an open program that they may enjoy!

As confirmed by the OFC Directors, _____ from Unit # _____ has completed the requirements marked above here in the OFC Program.

OFC Director Signature

Date