



Summer Camp Leaders Guide Adventure to Eagle Section

ADVENTURE TO EAGLE: FLYING HIGH

Adventure to Eagle is a self-contained, specifically designed program providing the older Scout an opportunity to work on the merit badges and acquire the skill sets he needs to finish to qualify for Eagle.

OUR MISSION

A2E is a one-week, totally structured, rigidly disciplined, and specifically timed program, held at Housatonic Council's Edmund D. Strang Scout Reservation, in Goshen, CT.

It provides an environment for the older Scout to grow, to set personal goals, to learn to understand values, to experience motivation, and to learn leadership from the most experienced mentors in the Boy Scouts.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

A2E adventurers will meet with members of the Council Advancement Committee to discuss possible Eagle service projects and steps for project approval and completion.

They will also learn how to apply for their Eagle Scout rank, and how to reconcile their personal and troop records with the National records.

Other workshops will include the benefits of earning the Eagle Scout rank, including college scholarship opportunities and military advancement benefits, Eagle Courts of Honor and dinners/receptions.

BUT IT WON'T BE ALL WORK...



As members of a Strang provisional troop, the **A2E** campers will take part in camp-wide events as selected and, at least once during the week, **A2E** Scouts will participate in a "for-them-only" special activity.

MERIT BADGES

The **A2E** candidates will select 3 or 4 Eagle-required merit badges to work on during the week. These may be among those offered at camp on a regular basis or others offered only during **A2E** Week. Each **A2E** Candidate receives his own individual MB class schedule.

Depending on the badge, all requirements may not be completed at camp. Pre-requisites, outlined during the pre-Camp Troop meeting in April, will be expected of many of the badges.

Tuition to the Adventure 2 Eagle is higher than the cost of a regular week at camp. This added fee will cover the cost of materials and supplies used exclusively by the Scout and the Troop during the Adventure.

- All Scouts must pre-register to participate in the **Adventure to Eagle** program.
- All Scouts must be recommended by their Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor.
- All Scouts should be Star rank or above and 14-years-old. It is recommended that **A2E** NOT be the Scout's FIRST camping experience, as this will be a high-intensity week.
- **A2E** Adventurers should have leadership potential or currently hold junior leadership posts in their home troops.





BOY SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP



ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

MERIT BADGES

The core of the scout's week at camp is the opportunity for advancement through earning merit badges and completing requirements for rank advancement. There are five sessions for scheduled merit badge classes per day with opportunity for others during free time. Certain merit badges also require [prerequisites](#). It is beneficial to the scout to complete them **prior to the beginning of camp**. Scouts will need to show the work that they completed for the prerequisites to the assigned Merit Badge Counselor. However, some merit badges simply cannot be completed at camp. To be recognized at the Saturday Court of Honor for the completion of the merit badge, scouts must have proved that they have completed *all* the requirements.

Be sure that your merit badge pamphlet is up to date!!

RANK ADVANCEMENT

We recognize that many scouts will work towards advancing in rank during the week. The staff is committed to work with unit leaders to allow scouts to advance at camp and be recognized at the court of honor on Saturday Morning. One of the main goals of our First Year camper program is to work collaboratively with scout leaders to fulfill as many advancement goals as possible during their week at camp. More information will be provided at the pre-camp meeting and during your week at camp.



Bird Study is offered by appointment and is recommended for all scouts. Requirement 5 and 6 may be hard to complete in one week at camp, but is possible. Requirement 7 cannot be completed at camp.

***Camping** is not recommended for first year campers. Scouts may go on an off property hike and should come prepared with the appropriate footwear to do so.

Canoeing requires physical strength and practice and is **not recommended for first year campers**. Scouts must have passed the swim test as a swimmer. This class is two sessions long.

Chemistry is only offered in the Brownsea Island program.

***Citizenship in the Community** is offered during the Adventure to Eagle program. Requirement 2, 7, and 8 must be worked on prior to attending camp.

***Citizenship in the Nation** is offered during the Adventure to Eagle program. Requirements 2 and 8 must be completed prior to attending camp.

***Citizenship in the World** is offered during the Adventure to Eagle program. Requirement 7 must be completed prior to attending camp.

Cooking is offered by appointment in the Outdoor Skills area. This badge cannot be completed at camp, but outdoor cooking instruction will be provided.

***Communications** is offered during the Adventure to Eagle program. Requirement 3 should be worked on prior to attending camp.

Computers is recommended for all campers who want to gain experience in use of hardware and software components of personal computers.

Electricity is recommended for all scouts. Requirement 9a must be completed prior to camp.

***Emergency Preparedness** is recommended for older scouts. Requirements 1, 7, 8, and 9 should be completed prior to attending camp.

Energy is recommended for all scouts. Requirement 4 must be completed prior to camp.

***Environmental Science** is recommended for older scouts. Some work and observations will have to be completed outside of class time. Written assignments that can be completed prior to camp include, 2, 3e, 4b, and 6. Refer to the merit badge pamphlet for instructions. Scouts must attend both scheduled sessions.

***Family Life** is offered during the Adventure to Eagle program. Requirements 3, 4, 5, and 6 must be worked on prior to camp. Completing this badge requires a 3 month commitment.

Fingerprinting is only offered in the Brownsea Island program.

Fire Safety is only offered in the Brownsea Island program and will involve an off-site trip to complete.

***First Aid** is another eagle required merit badge that is available to all scouts who have completed the first class rank. Requirement 2b must be completed at home and brought to camp.

Fishing is recommended for all scouts. Is taught at the waterfront. Fish must cooperate to complete.

Forestry is recommended for older campers. Requirement 1, 2b, and 2c could be completed prior to camp.

Game Design is recommended for all scouts.

Geocaching is recommended for all scouts.

Home Repairs is offered in the Handicrafts lodge for all scouts.

Indian Lore is a merit badge for all scouts offered in the Outdoor Skills area. Purchase of materials from the trading post may be necessary and an off property trip may also be taken.

Kayaking is recommended for all scouts.

Leatherwork is recommended for all scouts. Purchase of required materials will be **necessary** and are available at the trading post.

***Lifesaving** is offered for scouts who have already completed swimming merit badge (not taking it concurrently.) It is a physically demanding eagle required badge.

Mammal Study is recommended for all campers but requires cooperation from the local wildlife.

Metalwork is offered in the handicrafts area and is recommended for all campers.

Nature is not recommended for first year campers due to its difficulty. Requirement 4 is possible to achieve but parts may be difficult and could be completed prior to camp.

Orienteering is for scouts who have completed the first class orienteering requirements. Scouts should bring a good compass with them. Scouts must proficiently complete several orienteering courses.

Painting is recommended for all scouts.

***Personal Fitness** is offered at the Archery range. Requirement 7 must be pre-approved by a merit badge counselor prior to camp. Requirements 1b, 6, 7, & 8 must be completed prior to attending camp. This badge requires a 3 month commitment.

***Personal Management** is offered during the Adventure to Eagle program. Requirements 2, 8, and 9 must be worked on prior to attending camp. This badge requires a 3 month commitment.

Photography is only offered in the Brownsea Island program.

Pioneering is recommended for older campers who have completed the knots and lashing requirements of the **first class** rank.

Public Speaking is recommended for all scouts.

Reptile and Amphibian Study is recommended for all campers but requires cooperation of wildlife. Requirement 8 needs to be completed outside of camp.

Rifle Shooting is a popular merit badge but not recommended for first year campers. Practice is required and the qualifying requirement proves to be difficult. Scouts may NOT bring their own firearms from home.

Rowing requires the scout to have passed the swim test with a swimmer qualification. Strength and physical coordination is necessary. Scouts should bring shoes that can get wet.

Safety is recommended for all campers

Scouting Heritage is recommended for all scouts

Sculpture is recommended for all campers who have interest in sculpting clay objects.

Search and Rescue is recommended for older campers

Shotgun Shooting is for scouts 13 years of age and older, however, a scout's physical stature should be taken into consideration prior to registering for this badge. Scouts are required to shoot 25 times in a row to qualify.

Small Boat Sailing is recommended for older scouts and may be technically and physically demanding. Scouts must pass the swim test with a swimmer qualification and must attend both sessions.

Space Exploration is recommended for all scouts.

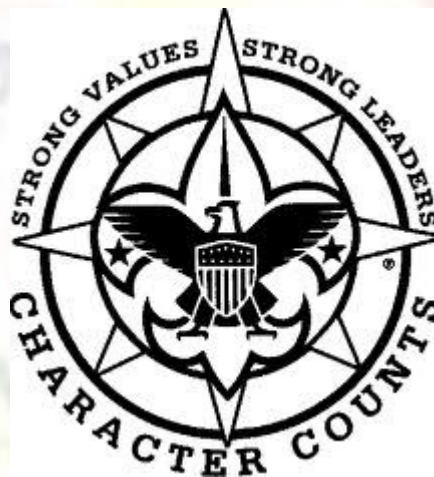
Sports is recommended for all scouts and is offered in the Field Sports Area. Requirements 4 and 5 must be completed outside of camp in consultation with the merit badge counselor.

***Swimming** is recommended for scouts who have passed the swim test with the swimmer qualification. Scouts must attend both scheduled sessions.

Weather is recommended for all scouts.

Wilderness Survival is recommended for older scouts with prior camping experience. Scouts will be required to build a shelter and sleep one night with the ten essentials of scouting.

Woodcarving is recommended for all scout campers. Purchase of some materials at the trading post is required. Scouts must have earned Totin' Chip card prior to registering for this badge.



ADVENTURE TO EAGLE 2014 REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Boy Scout: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Birth date: ____/____/____ Scout Rank: _____

Unit #: _____ Email: _____

Parents Signature (Required): _____

Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor Recommendation Signature (Required): _____

A2E CAMP SESSION AT CAMP STRANG

	Early Bird Fee Paid in Full by 5/15/14	Fee Paid after 5/15/14
	<u>One Week</u>	<u>One Week</u>
____ Week #4 Sun, July 27—Sat, Aug 2 A2E	\$415.00	\$440.00

CIRCLE THE FEE AMOUNT(S) PER YOUR PAYMENT DATE.

Fee includes a \$25 non-refundable deposit

Total Payment Amount: _____

Payment by Cash or Check

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Date: _____ Check #: _____

Remit to: **Housatonic Council BSA**

111 New Haven Avenue

Derby, CT 06418

Credit Card Payment

Credit Type: (circle one) MC VISA

Name of Card Holder: _____

Account Number: _____ 3 digit security # _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

There is no credit given for missed days. See refund request form for refund policy.

ALL REFUND REQUEST MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER BY AUGUST 31

For Office Use Only:

Invoice #: _____

Date: _____ Amount Received: _____

A2E MERIT BADGE REGISTRATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Current Rank: _____ DOB: _____ / _____ / _____

Unit #: _____ Unit's Town: _____

Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor Recommendation Signature (Required): _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

ALL QUESTIONS ON THIS SIDE MUST BE ANSWERED

Please list all of the required Merit Badges you have earned to date:

By attending A2E does not mean the Scout will automatically return home with that Merit Badge.

Eagle Required	Have Earned	Desire to take at A2E
Camping		
Citizenship in the Community		
Citizenship in the Nation		
Citizenship in the World		
Communications		
Cycling		
Emergency Preparedness		
Environmental Science		
Family Life		
First Aid		
Hiking		
Lifesaving		
Personal Fitness		
Personal Management		
Swimming		

Merit Badges that are not completed at camp will have a "partial" issued to the Scout. These cards will represent the work the youth has put in at A2E. It is the scouts responsibility to take that card and complete the requirements with an authorized merit badge counselor. Please note that some of the Merit Badges require a three month commitment.

This form must be turned in at time of registration to Adventure to Eagle

Scouts who have attained the rank of Eagle are not eligible to attend A2E, but are encouraged, instead, to go camping with their unit and also apply for a Summer Camp Youth staff position and/or a Youth Staff position with A2E.

REQUIRED FORM
Permission to Leave Camp Form

Scout's Name: _____ Unit #: _____
Campsite: _____ Week #: _____

We Cannot Release any Scout to anyone other than a Parent, Legal Guardian or other authorized person specified on this form. We require advance notice if a Scout will be leaving Camp for any reason (other than Emergencies) and with whom. In case of Emergency, a Scout will be released to the Parent or Guardian whose signature is on the Official Housatonic Council, Boy Scout of America Medical Form.

Circle One:

My son **WILL / WILL NOT** be leaving camp during the week.

Reason for Leaving:

Authorized pick-up person (Provide their name and relationship to the scout named above).

Departure Date & Time: _____ Return Date & Time: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Trip Permission Form
(CAMP STRANG ONLY!)

Scout's Name: _____ Unit #: _____
Campsite: _____ Week #: _____

Some merit badge classes and camp program require scouts to leave the camp property. At all time while off site, proper adult/staff supervision will be provided. (A minimum of 2 adults over the age of 18.) Transportation will be by foot, chartered bus, or private car with a driver over the age of 21, most likely from your son's troop. All BSA Youth Protection Rules will be followed.

In consideration of the benefits to be derived, and in view of the fact that the Boy Scouts of America is an educational institution, membership in which is voluntary, and having full confidence that every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of my son(s) activity, I hereby agree to his (their) participation and waiver all claims against the leaders of this trip and officers, agents, and representatives of the Boy Scouts of America.

Circle One:

I **DO / DO NOT** give my child permission to participate in off property trips.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

CONTACT INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL FORMS

The Summer Camp Applications are located on-line at <http://www.houstonicbsa.org> Click on Summer Camp and then FORMS.

The medical form is also located on the Council Website or the Housatonic Council Office.

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