



CAMP BUD SCHIELE



2026 PROGRAM GUIDE

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From the Camp Director



Dear Scouts and Scouters,

On behalf of the Piedmont Council, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Camp Bud Schiele for the 2026 camping season. For over 40 years, Camp Bud Schiele has been a place where Scouts come to challenge themselves, grow in character, and create lifelong memories in the outdoors. We are honored that you have chosen to be part of that tradition.

Camp Bud Schiele is more than just a summer destination—it is a place where the values of Scouting come to life. Through our programs, Scouts are encouraged to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and live out the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law. Whether participating in advancement opportunities, high-adventure activities, or camp wide events, every Scout will find meaningful experiences designed to inspire growth and fun.

Our dedicated staff works year-round to ensure that each program we offer is safe, engaging, and enriching. From first-year campers to seasoned Scouts and leaders, we strive to provide an environment that is welcoming, supportive, and rooted in excellence. We are committed to delivering a high-quality camp experience that meets the needs of today's Scouts while honoring the traditions that make Camp Bud Schiele special.

As you review this Program Guide and prepare for the 2026 season, we encourage you to take full advantage of all that our camp has to offer. We look forward to welcoming you to camp and sharing another outstanding year of Scouting, fellowship, and adventure.

Yours in Scouting,

Blaise Shiver
Camp Director

From the Advancement Committee



Camp Bud Schiele is proud to offer programs for scouts of all ages! First-year campers often enjoy our Trailhead Program, and scouts of all ages enjoy our merit badge program. Older scouts can enjoy our skilled trades and high adventure programs. We offer training courses and special activities for adult leaders and open programming in the evenings. For detailed descriptions of each program (and the most up-to-date information), please visit our website, www.campbudschiele.org, and browse through the program menu.

Per Scouting America policy, all merit badges are available to be taken by any scout. However, the physical or mental demands of some of our programs are more suited toward scouts of a particular age, maturity, or skill level.

Please keep in mind that the unit leader is responsible for ensuring that all scouts meet maturity and skill level requirements for all sessions. Scouts who have already earned a merit badge are not eligible to sign up for that merit badge session again. This allows every scout the opportunity to participate in the program. Some programs have age recommendations, prerequisites, and other requirements that cannot be completed at camp. Details are available in this guide and our camp website.

Piedmont Council, Advancement Committee



New Merit Badges Offered in 2026



The Handicraft area is excited to welcome the Sculpture merit badge. The Sculpture merit badge introduces Scouts to sculpture, an art form that allows an artist to express what he or she sees and feels by using these three dimensions by shaping materials such as clay, stone, metal, and wood.



The Scoutcraft area is bringing back the Geocaching merit badge. The word geocache is a combination of "geo," which means "earth," and "cache," which means "a hiding place." Geocaching describes a hiding place on planet Earth—a hiding place you can find using a GPS unit.



The Scoutcraft area is also bringing back the Orienteering merit badge. Orienteering, the use of map and compass to find locations and plan a journey, has been a vital skill for humans for thousands of years. Orienteering is also a recognized sport at the Olympic Games, and thousands of people participate in the sport each year in local clubs and competitions.



The STEM area is excited to introduce the Game Design merit badge! Games come in almost every shape, size, format, and flavor imaginable. Games can be fast-paced, slow, or anything in between. Some are competitive. Some are cooperative. They may be for individuals, small groups, or thousands of players at a time. They might take seconds to complete or last for years. However you slice it, everyone has played games, and games help make us who we are.



The STEM area is also introducing another merit badge, Chemistry! Chemistry explores how substances react with each other, how they change, how certain forces connect molecules, and how molecules are made are all parts of chemistry. Stretch your imagination to envision molecules that cannot be seen—but can be proven to exist—and you become a chemist.



The America 250 (Civics) program area introduces American Heritage as part of a lineup of new merit badges in honor of the USA's 250th anniversary. Every Scout swears to an oath that includes duty to his or her country. A better understanding of American heritage, the ways in which the past has lead to our present nation, is key to truly knowing what it means to be an American.



The America 250 (Civics) program area also introduces the Scouting Heritage merit badge in 2026. Explore the origins of the Scouting movement by earning the Scouting Heritage Merit Badge. Scouts will learn about the life and times of Lord Baden-Powell, discover how Scouting grew in the United States, and understand how Scouting's programs have developed and adapted over time.



Last but not least, the America 250 (Civics) program area also introduces the American Business merit badge. Earning the American Business merit badge can help Scouts learn practical business matters that will be useful throughout life. Learning how businesses function will help you understand society and uncover a number of career options.

CBS Adventure Camp

Camp Bud Schiele will once again offer a hybrid high adventure trek in 2026!

Looking to put your skills to the test? Look no further than Camp Bud Schiele's Adventure Camp! Here you can hit the rapids, ride the zip lines, and explore caves. This high adventure experience is hybrid. Scouts will be able to go off-site for activities and return to camp in the afternoon.

- Broyhill Adventure Course
- Caving
- Rope and Water
- CBS Range and Target Advanced Activities
- Thursday Night Ceremony



TRAILHEAD PROGRAM

The Trailhead Program for first-year campers is being reinvented for the 2026 camp season. We are shifting the program to a 2-block class to allow for as many skills to be taught as possible and to provide for as much individual instruction as possible.

Trailhead is designed to introduce scouts to the various program areas of Camp Bud Schiele and to help them to advance in rank requirements while at camp. Staff will incorporate the Patrol Method and will be taught using the EDGE method. Knowing that our Trailhead scouts will be our youngest campers, we will switch activities as often as possible to keep them attentive and engaged. The instructional focus will be hands-on as much as possible.

Participants in Trailhead will be divided into patrols to work on a variety of requirements from Tenderfoot to First Class. At the end of the week, leaders will be provided with a list of requirements completed for each of their scouts in the program. Our Trailhead Staff will emphasize mastery of these skills, providing participants with a strong foundational understanding of each requirement to kickstart their Scouting journey!



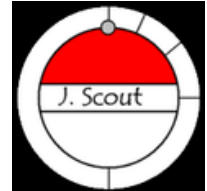
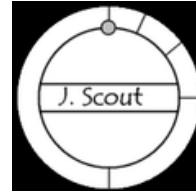
Recommended for All Scouts



Swimming



**Kayaking/
Stand Up Paddleboarding**



**Non-Swimmer/
Beginner
Instruction**

Recommended for 2nd Year+ Scouts



Canoeing



Lifesaving



Small Boat Sailing



Rowing

All scouts wanting to participate in waterfront Merit Badges must complete the Scouting America Swimmer Test. Non-Swimmer/Beginner instruction is available for Scouts who do not complete the Scouting America Swimmer Test. Please note, Non-Swimmer/Beginner instruction does not count towards a Merit Badge, but can count towards advancement.

Scouting America Swimmer Test

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: side stroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting back stroke. The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

Recommended for All Scouts



Art



Basketry



Leatherwork

Recommended for 2nd Year+ Scouts



Pottery



Wood Carving



Sculpture



Recommended for All Scouts



Nature



Weather



Archeology

Recommended for 2nd Year+ Scouts



Environmental Science



Forestry



Fishing



Geology



Recommended for All Scouts



First Aid



Orienteering

Recommended for 2nd Year+ Scouts



Emergency
Preparedness



Wilderness
Survival



Search and
Rescue



Signs, Signals,
and Codes



Geocaching



Recommended for All Scouts



Chess



Space
Exploration



Game Design

Recommended for 2nd Year+ Scouts



Robotics



Salesmanship/
Entrepreneurship



Chemistry



Recommended for 2nd Year+ Scouts



**Citizenship
in the Nation**



**Citizenship
in the World**



Communication



**American
Heritage**



**Scouting
Heritage**



**American
Business**



Recommended for All Scouts



Archery

Recommended for 2nd Year+ Scouts



Rifle



Shotgun



Skilled Trades



This all day, daily experience is for Scouts who are interested in taking a variety of skilled trades merit badges. Merit badges are taught by professionals in the field that travel to Camp Bud Schiele in order to teach Scouts a variety of skills and provide information about their respected careers. Merit badges previously offered include, welding, metal working, electricity, plumbing, and surveying. Due to the merit badges being taught by professionals, the class schedule will be released in March prior to class registration.



2026 Schedule Monday-Thursday

Friday - Merit Badge Half Session Make-Up in the morning. Please see daily schedule for times.

Aquatics	8:10-9:10 AM Block 1	9:20-10:20 AM Block 2	10:30-11:30 AM Block 3	1:10-2:10 PM Block 4	2:20-3:20 PM Block 5
Swimming	X	X		X	X
Lifesaving	X (2hr)			X (2hr)	
Canoeing		X			X
Kayaking/ Paddleboarding	X			X	
Small Boat		X (2hr)			
Rowing			X		

Handicraft	8:10-9:10 AM Block 1	9:20-10:20 AM Block 2	10:30-11:30 AM Block 3	1:10-2:10 PM Block 4	2:20-3:20 PM Block 5
Art	X		X		
Basketry	X		X		
Leatherwork	X		X		
Pottery		X		X	
Sculpture		X		X	
Wood Carving		X		X	

Scoutcraft	8:10-9:10 AM Block 1	9:20-10:20 AM Block 2	10:30-11:30 AM Block 3	1:10-2:10 PM Block 4	2:20-3:20 PM Block 5
Emergency Prep	X	X		X	X
First Aid	X	X		X	X
Geocaching	X		X		
Search and Rescue	X		X	X	
Signs, Signals, Codes		X			X
Wilderness Survival		X			X
Orienteering			X	X	

Nature	8:10-9:10 AM Block 1	9:20-10:20 AM Block 2	10:30-11:30 AM Block 3	1:10-2:10 PM Block 4	2:20-3:20 PM Block 5
Environmental Science		X (2hr)		X (2hr)	
Forestry		X			X
Fishing	X				
Geology	X			X	
Nature	X		X	X	
Weather			X		X
Archeology		X			X

Shooting Sports	8:10-9:10 AM Block 1	9:20-10:20 AM Block 2	10:30-11:30 AM Block 3	1:10-2:10 PM Block 4	2:20-3:20 PM Block 5
Archery	X	X		X	X
Rifle	X (2hr)			X (2hr)	
Shotgun	X (2hr)			X (2hr)	

STEM	8:10-9:10 AM Block 1	9:20-10:20 AM Block 2	10:30-11:30 AM Block 3	1:10-2:10 PM Block 4	2:20-3:20 PM Block 5
Chess	X		X	X	
Robotics	X			X	
Space Exploration	X		X	X	
Game Design		X			X
Salesmanship/ Entrepreneurship			X		X
Chemistry		X			X

America 250	8:10-9:10 AM Block 1	9:20-10:20 AM Block 2	10:30-11:30 AM Block 3	1:10-2:10 PM Block 4	2:20-3:20 PM Block 5
Cit. in Nation	X		X	X	
Cit. in World	X		X	X	
Communication	X	X		X	
American Heritage		X			X
Scouting Heritage			X		X
American Business		X			X

Trailhead (1st Year Camper Program)	8:10-9:10 AM Block 1	9:20-10:20 AM Block 2	10:30-11:30 AM Block 3	1:10-2:10 PM Block 4	2:20-3:20 PM Block 5
Sessions	X (2hr)			X (2hr)	

Merit Badge Prerequisite Information



Aquatics	
All Aquatics Merit Badges	Complete the Scouting America Swimmers Test
Lifesaving	Earn the Swimming Merit Badge
Handicraft	
Woodcarving	Earn the Totin' Chip Award
Scoutcraft	
Emergency Preparedness	Requirements 2a, 2b, 9
Geocaching	Requirement 7, 8, 9
Orienteering	Requirements 7, 9
Wilderness Survival	Requirement 4, 5e
America 250 (Civics)	
American Heritage	Requirement 3c, 4
Citizenship in the Nation	Requirements 5, 6, 7, 8
Communications	Requirements 3, 5, 7
Scouting Heritage	Bring patches for Requirement 6

Please note that prerequisites should be checked off by the Scoutmaster and will NOT be checked off by the Camp Staff counselor.

Troop Recreation

Camp Bud Schiele is excited to welcome back Troop Recreation in the evenings. This is a great time for troops to reserve an area on camp and participate together at the unit level. Units may participate in a variety of activities including: swimming, boating, Range and Target Activities, rappelling, and much more! Signups are first come first serve, so please do not wait to sign up. To sign up and for more information please visit, www.campbudschiele.org/trooprec.

Evening Programming

Every evening, Camp Bud Schiele offers camp-wide programming for all Scouts to enjoy. Evening Programming begins nightly at 8:30 PM.

Monday- Stars & Stripes Ice Cream Social

Come meet units from across the Piedmont Council and Southeast United States! Listen to music, eat ice cream, and play games. A friendly reminder, all accordions and banjos are strictly prohibited!

Tuesday- Movie Night

Join us for a movie under the stars in the amphitheater as we eat pizza and Hawaiian ice! Stay tuned for the movie selection!

Wednesday- Vespers and OA Cracker Barrell

Join us for our inter-faith service at the Warlick Chapel. This is a great time of fellowship and reflection for all Scouts.

Immediately following the vespers service, all Scouts are invited to join us at the OA Shelter for a Cracker Barrell! Come and learn more about the Order of the Arrow, trade patches, and enjoy a yummy snack.

Thursday- Family Night

Camp Bud Schiele is also happy to welcome back Family Night in 2026. Families of Scouts are invited to visit camp on Thursday evening. Join us for assembly, the catapult challenge, canoe race, and Scoutmaster belly flop. Families are permitted to bringing outside food for their Scout.

Friday- All-American Beach Party and Closing Campfire

Join us for the, "All-American Beach Party" at the waterfront. Here, Scouts will be able to boat, swim, enjoy music, and hangout at the waterfront. Don't want to swim? We've got you covered! Hang out on the parade field, play cornhole, and enjoy a great evening at Camp!

Camp Wide Competitions

New to Camp Bud Schiele, we would like to introduce a designated camp wide competition time. These competitions involve everyone on camp, and we want you to be there. Please see below what's going on every day.

Monday- The Great American Adventure

Tuesday- Senior Patrol Leader v. Junior Staff Volleyball Game

Wednesday- Scoutmaster v. Key Staff Volleyball Game

Thursday- Catapult Competition/Canoe Race/Scoutmaster Aquatics Extravaganza

Please see the Camp Wide Competitions tab for more details or visit, www.campbudschiele.org/campwidecompetitions.

Grand Ole Adventure

Friday's look a little different at Camp. On Friday after lunch we will have a kickball tournament in the activity field. Two fields, two teams per field, and a whole lot of fun! Along with this, we will have the Liberty Games going on around camp when you are not playing in the tournament. Please see the Grand Ole Adventure tab on our website, or visit, www.campbudschiele.org/grandoleadventure.



Adult Leader Training

Scoutmaster Position-Specific

The Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training focuses on equipping Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters with tools to run effective youth-led Scouts BSA Troops by covering the aims and methods of Scouting, the Patrol Method, troop structure, advancement, and annual planning, providing a foundational, fun learning experience to help leaders implement the Scouting program successfully.

IOLS

The Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course builds and expands on the concepts and themes introduced in Scoutmaster Position-Specific training and provides Scouters with the confidence to take youth into the outdoors.

Adult Leader Activities

Scoutmaster Merit Badge

The Scoutmaster Merit Badge is designed to promote adult leaders participation in the camp program. Please find requirements under the Leader's Guide and Forms tab on our website. For completing the Scoutmaster Merit Badge, you will receive a 2026 Camp Bud Schiele Seal of the Scoutmaster patch!

Scoutmaster vs. Key Staff Volleyball Game

Do you have what it takes to take down the Key Staff? Join us for a great game of volleyball on Wednesday afternoon at 4:45 PM.

Scoutmaster Cobbler Bake Off

Calling all master cobbler bakers, Tuesday nights are for you! Please join us on the front porch of the dining hall at 8:20 PM for our Scoutmaster Cobbler Bake Off. The winning troop will take home the 2026 Golden Spoon!

Scoutmaster Golf Tournament

On Friday morning, adult leaders have an opportunity to put their golfing skills to the test on Camp Bud Schiele's "Master's level" 9-hole golf course. The best part is that you get to make your own clubs from materials found at Camp Bud Schiele. So get ready, and may the best Scoutmaster win!





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