

## What's New This Year:

**Block Scheduling** – The scheduling of classes has undergone a significant change for 2007. Classes will now be held in morning and afternoon blocks lasting 2 ½ hours each. Merit Badges will take either two or four sessions to complete. There will also be more free-time opportunities on Fridays. For more details, see the camp and class schedule charts located in the appendix of the Leader's Guide.

**Universal free period** – With the block scheduling format, the 4 o'clock period each day will now be a free period for swimming, boating, shooting, climbing (Hohn-only) and merit badge make-up. Scouts will no longer have to choose between a class and free-swim.

**Specialty Instructors and community collaboration** – The block scheduling format has allowed us to collaborate with a variety of outside organizations for programming and instruction. We have outside agencies coming in to provide instruction for the First Aid, Emergency Preparedness, Radio, Electronics, Fingerprinting, Fire Safety, Crime Prevention, Art, and Weather Merit Badges. Fridays will now also offer a variety of specialty activities including expanded Red Cross training, Geocaching, and a live disaster simulation.

**Greatly enhanced Sons of Daniel Boone presence and exciting new activities for SDB members** – see page 17 of the Leader's Guide.

**Camp patch and souvenir included with Scout camp fees**

**Family Night and Order of the Arrow Call-Out move back to Thursday**

**Volunteer Camp Commissioner Corps** – Each week during the summer season a corps of volunteer camp commissioners assists the staff in seeing to it that troops have a successful camp experience. The Volunteer Commissioners will support the Camp Commissioner by providing Unit Service & Program Support in a variety of ways. For more information, see page 11 of the Leader's Guide.

**Mile swim changes** – daily practices will be held at 11:30am and the mile swim will begin at 9am Friday

**New Summer Camp Yahoo group** – In an effort to improve and facilitate pre-camp communications, we have created a new email and file sharing forum at Yahoo groups. To join the group, visit: [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRC\\_Summer\\_Camp](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRC_Summer_Camp)

**NEW Merit Badges offered at either camp (changes from 2006):**

Art	Fly Fishing
Cinematography	Horsemanship
Communications	Mammal Study
Crime Prevention	Nature
Electronics	Radio
Fingerprinting	Soil & Water Conservation
Fire Safety	Weather

**Improved Swim Check process** – Units will now have the option of conducting their own swim tests prior to camp following our Swim Classification Procedure (see form in appendix of the Leader's Guide).

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