

Non-Advancement Program

NON-ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES



Lost Lake is proud of the variety of exciting programs your Troop and Scouts have the opportunity to choose from. Following are just some of the non-merit badge programs that you can design into your week at camp. The memories created by these experiences tend to be some of the most cherished by Scouts when looking back on their summer at camp.

SCHEDULING HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Scouts who want to test themselves on one of LLSR's C.O.P.E. courses or participate in the new WOWAOTAM program should be signed up on-line. Likewise, if a Troop wants to schedule a block of time to conduct a high adventure activity such as hiking the 5 or 10 mile loops of the Chippy Trail, canoe the Muskegon River (for a morning or afternoon) or explore LLSR's backcountry by bicycle.

PROJECT C.O.P.E.



The best C.O.P.E. course in the state is located right here in Cedar Bay. It consists of over 15 low events and two high courses that provide a challenge for the older Scouts and leaders.

The original high course includes a giant's ladder, two-cable traverse, balance beam, skywalk and the zip line. The second course has a 100' long two-cable traverse, centipede, Burma Bridge and a free rappel. High course requirements are: **the Scout must be at least 13 years as of January 1, 2009.** Adults should be in reasonably good physical shape. All health forms are reviewed.

WOOD CREEK OPPORTUNITIES

CREEKING

Creeking is the term used for the event in which Scouts can learn about Ecology and Nature in a real-life, hands-on setting. Scouts hike to a creek (or other in camp body of water) with the Ecology-Conservation staff. On the hike Scout identify and discuss plants and signs of animal life, as well as signs of human inhabitation. At the creek Scouts are allowed to wade in the shallows and explore using nets, buckets, bait traps and anything else they find useful. The staff discusses the findings with the Scouts, and uses them to connect with lessons taught in Merit Badge classes.

TREE CLIMBING

Try out Lost Lake's newest adventure! We are the first camp in the country to offer this new and exciting program. **Tree Climbing is available for Scouts who already have climbing experience at the tower.** The trees you will be climbing vary from 30' tall to over 50'. On the one of the higher trees you will be able to see Lost Lake, the waterfront, and Bennett Lodge. To sign-up for this program please do so at camp. Tree climbing will be done on Tuesday and Thursday nights during open program.

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GPS COURSE:

A GPS course with hidden treasures is available. Explore Lost Lake's most interesting and remote areas with the help of a GPS and map. Treasure caches are hidden at each location.

CLIMBING / RAPPELLING TOWER:

Do you want a challenge? A 42 foot climbing / rappelling tower is waiting for you that will challenge any Scout. Three sides of the tower are used for climbing and one side is dedicated for rappelling use. The two most difficult climbing surfaces have rock handholds.

ADVANCED CLIMBING:

Advanced Climbing is an advanced program for scouts already possessing the Climbing Merit Badge. In our advanced climbing program, scouts will learn the skills needed to pursue climbing as a hobby. We will be covering more knots, how to select a harness, and more advanced climbing techniques. Scouts should look forward to more climbing and rappelling, and fun games that will build on the skills learned in the Climbing Merit Badge.

ZIP LINE:

For the first time this year the Zip Line on the C.O.P.E. course will be open as a stand alone program on Monday and Wednesday nights during open program.

LLSR RIVER TREK:

At no extra cost LLSR can provide a Troop with a morning, afternoon canoe trip on the nearby Muskegon River. This trip is about 3 or 4 hours. All participants must qualify as swimmers at the waterfront.

Troops must provide qualified leadership, which means BSA Lifeguard, CPR certification, etc. Troop leaders will need to supply transportation to & from the river for their Troop. The Troop leadership can work with the camp director to secure the necessary paperwork. The camp will provide the canoes, paddles and Pfd's.

EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

TROOP SERVICE PROJECTS AT CAMP:

It is expected that each Troop attending camp will want to help improve the facilities and do some sort of service or conservation project. The camp director and the camp ranger will have a list of projects. There is special recognition available for each unit that undertakes a project at camp.

TREE HOUSES:

A unique way to camp! Patrols or Troops are invited to hike or take a hayride to the tree houses and spend a night in the trees. We encourage patrols to sign up that have not, participated in this, but we also have room for returnees.

TIPI VILLAGE:

Recent expansion of the Tipi Village now allows for more opportunities to explore the heritage of Native Americans. We will have enough teepees for a Troop to spend a night out. Breakfast can be arranged.

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HAYRIDES:

Hayrides are available during the evening. Your Troop can schedule a hayride that will take you through parts of the camp that you may have never seen.

VOLLEYBALL:

Your Troop can play volleyball with its own members or challenge another Troop to a game. A camp tournament will be set up for those Troops who wish to compete.

BENNETT LODGE TOURS:

Bennett Lodge is a historical building surrounded by a moat, built out of cement and crafted to look like logs, has a secret tunnel (behind a bookcase) and ghost stories. These tours are a favorite activity for Scouts and adults alike.