

Name: _____ Number of Desired Classes: _____

Troop 648 – Camp Alexander 2013

It is time to start thinking about **Merit Badge selections for Camp Alexander**. Please use the attached sheet to make your selections. For those that were not able to attend the parent meeting on March 5, below are some general guidelines to assist in making your selections:

- 1) Your son should try to select Merit Badges that he will find interesting and that he does not already have. Please double check your records; we don't want to accidentally sign up to take a badge for the second time.
- 2) I have included (2) documents from Camp Alexander to assist with your selection process.
 - a. **Program Recommendations** – This comes straight from Camp Alexander. They have different recommendations for each age group. One great thing about this camp is their wide variety of programs appropriate for each age group.
 - b. **Pre-Requisite and cost sheet** - Note: There are a number of MBs which have minimum age requirements. Please be sure to follow this so that we avoid having to switch classes at the last minute.
- 3) **On the follow page, please select your top SIX (6) choices.** You may select from any of the merit badges or programs listed. It is important to select your top six; occasionally a class will get filled up OR you may have two selections that conflict. I will try my best to get your top choices, but having six will provide some fall-back options.
- 4) There are five Merit Badge periods at camp. I will aim to sign your son up for FOUR (4) classes, giving him (in most cases) one free period. While I recommend this free period to give your son some breathing room while at camp, if he absolutely wants five classes, please note that on your sign up form and I will try to make that happen.

Please return this completed form to Mr. Benyi as soon as you can, but no later than **April 2, 2013**. It is also acceptable to email me a list of your choices if you prefer.

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If you have questions beyond what we covered in the meeting, please do not hesitate to ask.

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Please rank 1-6	Merit Badge or Activity (Note MB is a Merit Badge)	Notes
	Canoeing MB	
	Kayaking	Activity, Older Scouts
	Livesaving MB	Eagle Reqd
	Mile Swim	Activity, Strong Swimmers
	Rowing MB	
	Snorkeling	Activity
	Swimming MB	Eagle Reqd
	Swimming Lessons	
	Aquatic Supervision	Training, Older Scouts
	Whitewater Rafting	Activity, Older Scouts, \$72
	Geocaching MB	
	Hiking MB	
	Mountain Biking MB	Partial Completion Only
	Mountain Boarding	Activity
	ATV Riding	Activity, Older Scouts, \$65
	Cooking MB	
	Tenderfoot & Second Class Skills	Rank Advancement
	First Class Skills	Rank Advancement
	Art & Basketry MBs	Two MBs
	Art & Leatherwork MBs	Two MBs
	Leatherwork & Woodcarving MBs	Two MBs
	Pottery MB	
	Woodcarving & Basketry MBs	Two MBs
	Woodwork MB	Older Scouts
	Emergency Preparedness MB	Eagle Reqd
	First Aid MB	Eagle Reqd
	Search & Rescue MB	
	CPR Training	Activity, \$40
	Astronomy MB	
	Environmental Science MB	Eagle Reqd
	Fish & Wildlife MB	
	Fishing MB	
	Fly Fishing MB	
	Forestry MB	
	Geology MB	
	Mammal Study MB	
	Nature MB	
	Weather MB	
	Climbing MB	
	Camping MB	Eagle Reqd
	Indian Lore MB	
	Orienteering MB	
	Pioneering MB	
	Wilderness Survival MB	
	Archery MB	
	Rifle Shooting MB	
	Shotgun MB	

PROGRAM

PROGRAM FEATURES & PHILOSOPHY

Boys should not be overburdened with work. Encouragement should be given to each Scout to have at least one merit badge period “off” each day, which will maximize enjoyment and minimize fatigue.

Merit badge sessions at Camp Alexander are designed to be only part of the Scout’s day. Additionally, our program areas offer free/open time activities and special events throughout the week.

PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

We promote an age appropriate camp program and have designed our merit badge and camp wide activities to ensure a Scout’s advancement goals are met while ensuring his enjoyment and excitement at camp. A counseling session prior to camp with the Scoutmaster and SPL will help a Scout achieve his advancement goal. It will also enable our staff to concentrate on the requirements that the Scout needs.

First Year Camper Program Ideas:

First Class Center advancement, Art, Basketry, Leather Work, Pottery, Swimming, Cooking, First Aid, and Woodcarving Merit Badges. This program is designed for Scouts who have not yet achieved the rank of First Class.

Second Year Camper Program Ideas:

Anything not earned on the First Year Camper list, Camping, Fish & Wildlife Management, Fishing, Geology, Indian Lore, Mammal Study and Rifle Shooting merit badges.

This program places its emphasis on merit badge work. Camp Alexander provides the unique setting for completion of badges that can only be earned in the great outdoors.

Third and Fourth Year Camper Programs Ideas:

Anything not earned on the First or Second Year Camper lists: Archery, Astronomy, Canoeing, Climbing, Geo-caching, Environmental Science, Lifesaving, Nature, Orienteering, Pioneering, Rowing, Shotgun Shooting, Weather, Wilderness Survival, Search and Rescue, Emergency Preparedness

Camp Alexander Merit Badge Pre-Requisites & Cost

MERIT BADGE OR ACTIVITY	MIN AGE	Pre-Requisites	Cost
MB	ARCHERY	Requires strength and maturity. Large time commitment for qualification. Tot-n-Chip card required.	\$5.00
MB	ART	Read Merit Badge book prior to camp	\$5.00- \$10.00
MB	ASTRONOMY	Evening and night activities. Read MB book prior to camp.	\$1.00
MB	BASKETRY		\$10.00 - \$20.00
MB	CAMPING	Req. to be taught by Troop prior, during or after camp: 5e, 7b, 8c, 9a,b	None
MB	CANOEING	Pass BSA Swim Test. Requires strength. Read MB Book prior to camp.	None
MB	CLIMBING	13yrs + Taught as a double period so plan accordingly to avoid scheduling conflicts.	None
MB	COOKING	Req 5, 6, 7 to be done with Unit	\$8.00
MB	MOUNTAIN BIKING		\$5.00
MB	E. PREPAREDNESS	13yrs + First Aid Merit Badge, 2c, Read Merit Badge book	None
MB	ENVIRON. SCIENCE	13yrs + E Science is an advanced, time-consuming, and demanding MB. Requires maturity and patience.	\$1.00
MB	FIRST AID	Completion of all first aid requirements for Tenderfoot Rank, Second Class Rank, and First Class Rank.	None
MB	FISH & WILDLIFE	Read Merit Badge book prior to camp	None
MB	FISHING	Bring own Equipment. Only flies, and lures are allowed as bait, All hooks must be barbless or barb crimped down, treble hooks are not allowed	None
MB	FLY FISHING	13yrs + Camp will provide equipment \$10.00 charge for supplies.	\$10.00
MB	FORESTRY	Read Merit Badge book prior to camp	None
MB	GEOCACHING	Bring a GPS unit if you have one. Req. 8 and 9 must be completed after camp	\$5.00
MB	GEOLOGY	Read Merit Badge book prior to camp	None
MB	HIKING	Req 5,6,7 cannot be completed during camp	None
MB	INDIAN LORE	Read Merit Badge book prior to camp	\$18.00
MB	KAYAKING	13yrs + Pass the BSA Swim test, Swimming and Canoeing MB, Double Session	None
MB	LEATHERWORK	Read Merit Badge book prior to camp	\$2.50 to \$10.00
MB	LIFESAVING	Complete BSA Swim Test prior to camp, earned Swimming MB and be able to swim 400 yards prior to camp. Must bring long pants, long sleeve shirt and belt for disrobe.	None
MB	MAMMAL STUDY	Read Merit Badge book prior to camp	None
MB	NATURE	Read Merit Badge book prior to camp	\$1.00
MB	ORIENTEERING	Read Merit Badge book prior to camp	None
MB	PIONEERING	Read Merit Badge book prior to camp	None
MB	POTTERY	Req. 7 Visit Pottery Museum or Kiln or Online Research	\$5-15.00
MB	RIFLE	Read MB Book prior to camp.	\$10.00
MB	ROWING	Pass BSA Swim Test. Requires strength. Read MB book prior to camp.	None
MB	Search & Rescue	13yrs + Req 5, 10, must be complete prior or after camp	
MB	SHOTGUN	13yrs + Requires maturity, strength and patience. Large time commitment for qualification.	\$25.00
MB	SWIMMING	Pass BSA Swim Test on arrival. Read MB Book prior to camp	None
MB	WEATHER	Read Merit Badge book prior to camp	None
MB	WILD. SURVIVAL	Read Merit Badge book prior to camp	None
MB	WOODCARVING	Tot-n-Chip card needed prior to camp or completed at the FCC	\$15-18
MB	WOODWORKING	14yrs + Tot-n-Chip, Strength to work with hand tools	\$10.00