

AQUATICS

PATROL / TROOP / CREW ACTIVITIES

AQUATIC CRAZE (Main Waterfront)

Enjoy the inflatables (slides, climbing the iceberg, etc.) at the Main Waterfront, and find out what all the buzz is about.

ASSAULT BOATS (Chase Waterfront)

A Hidden Valley staple! Can you keep your row boat afloat longer than your opponent? Guaranteed laughter and fun to be had!

CANOE TRIP (Chase Waterfront)

Row, row, row your canoe, gently down Eileen...merrily merrily merrily merrily, this tour feels like a dream. Take your Troop on a lake tour and enjoy all its beauty.

KAYAK SOCCER (Chase Waterfront)

A Scout is clean, but this activity will make you feel like the Kayak version of (Lionel) Messi. Utilize your balance, speed, and creativity to stay afloat as your team moves together with one goal in sight...the soccer goal, of course!

CANOE RACE (Chase Waterfront)

Racers, start your paddles! Who in your patrol can traverse the waters of Lake Eileen `the fastest? There's only one way to find out.

WATER BASKETBALL (Main Waterfront)

Steph Curry's got ice in his veins when he shoots from three, but you'll have the refreshing feeling of the Chase waterfront. Your patrol can dribble and shoot your way to the top in this classic twist to the sport that'll make the team building a slam dunk.

WATERMELON SCRAMBLE (Main Waterfront)

Two teams...two sides...one watermelon! Face off in an activity that combines the thrills and teamwork of football and rugby with the refreshing feeling of water...and, of course, watermelon.

WALK ON WATER (Main Waterfront)

One small step for scout, one giant leap for your troop. See if you can balance your way to the center of Lake Eileen through this challenge that'll put your balance and athleticism to the test.

SNORKEL EXPLORATION (Chase Waterfront)

Explore the depths and aquatic wildlife of Lake Eileen!

SAND CASTLE BUILDING (Main Waterfront)

Your troop versus all others in a wild week-long competition for the best sandcastles out there. Come see if you can beat the camp!

OPEN SWIM (Main Waterfront)

No advanced signup is required. Take a refreshing dip as you spend the time relaxing and having fun with members of your patrol and other scouts! Make sure to bring a buddy!!

**Effective December 31, 2024, Scouting America discontinued the BSA Guard lifeguarding certification. As a result, this is no longer a program offering*

COPE

TROOP COPE/CLIMBING

The Troop COPE/Climbing program is an opportunity for troops to participate in team building and high ropes exercises. Each troop will have the opportunity to meet with a member of the COPE staff to customize their program. Only age-appropriate elements will be open to the troop. Certain elements require scouts to be aged 14 and up.

ECOLOGY

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GSR EXPLORATION

Want to go to the summit of Mount Shannon and enjoy a 'bird's eye view' of Hidden Valley? Or walk around the Swamp and explore its unique plants and animals? Maybe follow the shoreline loop of Lake Eileen? Perhaps even take an extended hike to Mack Ridge and back while learning about the beautiful wilderness.

You can do any of these with your troop and a staff member with Plan Your Own Hike! It's the fun of all the classic Ecology hikes in one Program!

ASTRONOMY

When you wish upon a star...you know you're at camp. Look at the summer constellations and learn about the sky's celestial bodies and the myths that accompany their storied history. It's a tradition as old as time, but there's no better time to do it than when you are at GSR. Patrols who sign up for this can work on the Astronomy Merit Badge or enjoy a nice night looking at the stars. Note: If you are signing up for the badge, an afternoon activity slot is required.

CONSERVATION PROJECT

Help maintain Griswold Scout Reservation and practice the Outdoor Code! With permission from your troop leaders, this could be used toward rank advancement, and it's a good way to give back to the "Land Made for Scouting."

BOULDER EXPLORATION

Climb boulders and explore 10,000-year-old glacial caves while ascending the southwest slope of Mt. Shannon. **Boulder Exploration must have Adult Leaders in attendance.**

HANDICRAFT

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ICE CUBE CANDLE MAKING

Grab a paper cup, add a wick, pour some wax, and then add some ice cubes...what do you get? A candle!

LEATHER SLIDE MAKING

Take this opportunity to build a slide for your neckerchief that would make even Baden-Powell proud!

PATROL FLAG MAKING

The Patrol Method is the most important method in all of Scouting. What better way to show your Patrol Spirit than with a Patrol Flag you can be proud of having made as a team! Show your new flag off at a camp-wide assembly!

TOTEM MAKING

Have you ever wanted to make a three-dimensional 'monogram' for yourself using Scout-approved materials? Now is your chance!

CHESS TOURNNEY

A Scout is thrifty, but it's time to put that in check. Can you out-strategize the other members of your Unit? Protect your king, and your "knight" be in for a surprise!

OPEN HANDICRAFT

All of the above activities will be available at Open Handicraft on Monday nights! Bring a buddy, and let your imagination run wild!

Need to work on merit badge requirements or create some art? This evening activity is just for you!

BUGLING MERIT BADGE

STEM

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PATROL WELDING (13+)

It's the best of both worlds. Learn the basics of arc welding and make a cool project along the way!

SCOUTCRAFT

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DUTCH OVEN DESSERT

With guided instruction, learn and do every step of the process of preparing and cooking a delectable campfire masterpiece!

S'MORE FIRE!

Head on down to the scoutcraft area for some fire, s'mores, and possibly some awards. If your troop is interested in relaxing by the fire with the waterfront view and enjoying some delicious snacks, we would love to see you there!

PIONEERING CHALLENGE

Come on down and practice pioneering fundamentals! The skies are the limit with what your patrol can make, from camp chairs to your playgrounds. Let your imagination and skill run wild as you make your special creation.

ORIENTEERING COURSE

Try an orienteering course...or make your own! Put your skills and teamwork to the test in this classic sport, and try to place yourself into the GSR record books.

LEARN THE ROPES

Learn to make ¼ inch rope using bow string and twine. Who knew it was this easy and fun? Learn all the ways to splice!

WOODLAND LIVIN'

This is a classic twist on an age-old event, past the main waterfront, and past the trading post, join the scoutcraft area for some fun building shelters with our staff and your troop, and see who can build it better!

SHOOTING SPORTS

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OPEN RIFLE SHOOT (Evening Program)

Are you a marksman? To find out, you'll need to give it your best shot...literally! Make your way onto the Hidden Valley bulletin board and enjoy some good old-fashioned shooting fun!

ACTION ARCHERY SHOOT (Archery MB Prereq)

Ready?...Aim...Fire! Channel your inner Robin Hood as you practice and master your fundamentals with a compound or recurve bow using moving targets!

COWBOY ACTION SHOOT (13+)

Let's travel back to times when cowboys displayed their bravery. Use a combination of handguns, rifles, and shotguns in an old-west-themed course of fire for time and accuracy. Participants are encouraged to dress in appropriate theme or era costumes.

TOMAHAWKS

Unlike any other program in this area, test your aim and accuracy with brand-new tomahawks. Use your strength and precision to hit the bull's eye!!

BLACK POWDER (MUZZLELOADING)

Want to learn how to safely load black powder? Test your mettle using one of our "antique" firearms this summer, considered by gun enthusiasts to be one of the more challenging firearms to handle.

FOXFIRE

PATROL BLACKSMITHING

Bring your patrol for this unique experience and learn how to forge some HOT METAL!