Leader and Parent’s Guide

Mystery Camp

There’s Nothing Virtual about Summer Camp Fun!
Greetings!

Thank you for choosing to participate in **Camp Rockefeller: Mystery Camp**! While we wish we could host you on site, we’re excited about the program that we’re going to deliver this way. Our goal is to bring the Rockefeller Experience to you!

**Camp Rockefeller: Mystery Camp** is meant to be enjoyed OUTSIDE, not sitting in front of a computer all day! While there will be opportunities to connect with other scouts through video calls, we’re using innovative technology to bring the Camp Rockefeller Staff right into your home campsite!

While Scouts can attend with a computer, the experience will be even better on a mobile device that can be outside with them.

As with all Scouting activities, Youth Protection guidelines will be followed which means that proper adult supervision is required. Where permitted by current health guidelines, we encourage several scouts to camp together as a patrol or troop.
Mystery Camp is a new twist on summer camp that gives you a chance to be part of solving a mystery at camp.

Beginning at the Sunday night campfire, you will be enlisted into the fun as world-renowned detective Tenderfoot Holmes reveals a camp mystery to be solved. As part of his team of Rockefeller Irregulars, you will be given a daily challenge to solve to help Tenderfoot Holmes keep the case moving forward.

To help solve the mystery, you will be asked to be part of the team that solve the many riddles and other escape room-type puzzles. Some of the clues will be found at your home and others will be solved by working with your representative at camp.

Mystery Camp is sure to bring an element of drama and intrigue to your camp experience unlike any camp you’ve attended before!

Note to Parents: While we seek to instill the camp mystery with a measure of suspense, it is intended to bring a level of excitement and fun to the camp experience and is not intended to be frightening in any way.
Program Highlights

**Camp Rockefeller: Mystery Camp** will deliver all kinds of great summer camp fun, including:

- NEW! A Daily, Camp-wide, Escape Room-type Mystery that will require you to put on your detective’s cap to solve!

- 30+ Merit Badge / Advancement class offerings (up to 6 per Scout)

- First Year Camper program for Scouts working on Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks

- Campfire programs full of great songs, skits and stories!

- Order of the Arrow Callouts

- Scout’s Own Worship Service

- Troop Competitions throughout the Week
Youth Protection

Regardless of the location, we take protection of our youth very seriously! As a result, the following procedures will be strictly followed:

- All adults working with a Scout must have current Youth Protection Training, including parents.
- All youth protection policies still apply in an online environment.
- Two-deep leadership must be present for online activities and meetings. Our ban on one-on-one contact between an adult leader and youth applies to all interactions - whether in person, online, web conference, phone, text or any form.
- All aspects of Scouting are open to parental observation. The BSA suggests parents take part in online activities or meetings.
Camp Dates: July 19-24, 2020

Participant Cost - $145 per Scout (Early Bird Registration is $125 if paid in full by June 25)

* Includes up to 6 classes (some classes may require more than one class slot)

* Special Camp program each evening

* Mystery Camp Box including:
  * Daily Camp Mystery puzzle items
  * 2020 Camp Rockefeller: Mystery Camp T-Shirt
  * 2020 Camp Rockefeller: Mystery Camp Patch
  * Camp Souvenir
  * Other Camp SWAG (fun items)
  * Merit Badge Kits / Supplies (some classes)
  * Access to ALL THE FUN!

Adult “Bling Box” - $50 each (Optional)

* 2020 Camp Rockefeller: Mystery Camp T-Shirt

* 2020 Camp Rockefeller: Mystery Camp Patch

* Camp Souvenir

* Other Camp SWAG (fun items)

Fees Q&A

When is the money due?
- Must be paid in full at time of registration

Are there any extra fees?
- A few classes involve an extra fee to pay for the materials needed to complete the class (e.g. Basketry, Indian Lore)

What is the cancellation policy?
- Refunds are only given on a case-by-case basis. A letter requesting refund must be submitted to the Council Program Director BEFORE the start date of Camp for consideration.
Camp Magic is hard to describe, but it happens in the midst of a very busy camp schedule. Each scout gets the opportunity to choose the classes that best fit their goals for advancement and adventure. Boy, is there a lot to choose from!
ROCKS is the Camp Rockefeller program for first year campers or those who are wanting to focus on earning their rank up through First Class.

Scouts wanting to enroll in this option will choose ROCKS Tenderfoot, ROCKS Second Class, or ROCKS First Class depending on which rank they are currently working toward. Though each class will begin with the next rank, the earlier ones will also fulfill some requirements for the ranks above them.

*Participants will have the opportunity to complete (tentative):*

**ROCKS Tenderfoot**

1bc, 2c, 3abcd, 4abcd, 5abc, 7a, 8

**ROCKS Second Class**

1bc, 2abcdgf, 3acd, 4, 5abcd, 6abcde, 8abe, 9ab

**ROCKS First Class**

1b, 2d, 3abcd, 4ab, 5abcd, 6abcde, 7abcdef, 9d
Delivered in an interactive, virtual environment - This is NOT an all day Zoom session! This list is tentative and subject to change.

**Archaeology**

Archaeologists are detectives who study how people lived in the past. They figure out what happened, when, how, and why. Using the clues that people left behind, they try to understand how and why human culture has changed through time.

**Art**

This merit badge concentrates on two-dimensional art, specifically drawing and painting in various media, including an introduction to design applications in the fields of graphic arts and industrial design, history and design principles, and how these fields relate to fine art.

**Basketry ($10 fee)**

Basketry is a handy skill for a Scout. A basket can be a sturdy companion on campouts, carrying clothes snugly and efficiently, holding potatoes and corn for roasting over a campfire, or carrying the day’s fishing catch back to camp for dinner. Baskets and basket-weaving projects also make great gifts for family and friends.

**Bird Study**

Birds are among the most fascinating creatures on Earth. Many are beautifully colored. Others are accomplished singers. Many of the most important discoveries about birds and how they live have been made by amateur birders. In pursuing this hobby, a Scout might someday make a valuable contribution to our understanding of the natural world.

**Camping**

Camping is one of the best-known methods of the Scouting movement. When he founded the Scouting movement in the early 1900s,
Robert Baden-Powell encouraged every Scout to learn the art of living out-of-doors. He believed a young person able to take care of himself while camping would have the confidence to meet life's other challenges, too.

**Citizenship in the Community**

A nation is a patchwork of communities that differ from each other and may be governed differently. But regardless of how local communities differ, they all have one point in common: In the United States, local government means self-government. Good citizens help to make decisions about their community through their elected local officials.

**Citizenship in the Nation**

As Scouts fulfill the requirements for this merit badge, they will learn how to become active citizens are aware of and grateful for their liberties and rights, to participate in their governments and protect their freedom, helping to defend their country and standing up for individual rights on behalf of all its citizens.

**Citizenship in the World**

Scouts who earn the Citizenship in the World merit badge will discover that they are already citizens of the world. How good a world citizen each person is depends on his willingness to understand and appreciate the values, traditions, and concerns of people in other countries.

**Communication / Public Speaking**

This clear and concise definition comes from the U.S. Department of Education: "Communication focuses on how people use messages to generate meanings within and across various contexts, cultures, channels, and media. The field of communication promotes the effective and ethical practice of human communication."

A lot happens during the course of every person's life and your ability to communicate your feelings and ideas is the best way to connect to the larger world. Even if you haven't stood at a podium on the stage and find the whole idea scary, sooner or later, someone is going to ask you to get up and say a few words. If you are prepared, it won't be scary. It can even be fun.
Digital Technology
Technology has come a long way since Computers merit badge was first introduced in 1967. This badge will teach Scouts about technology in the digital age.

Emergency Preparedness
Scouts are often called upon to help because they know first aid and they know about the discipline and planning needed to react to an emergency situation. Earning this merit badge helps a Scout to be prepared by learning the actions that can be helpful and needed before, during, and after an emergency.

Environmental Science
While earning the Environmental Science merit badge, Scouts will get a taste of what it is like to be an environmental scientist, making observations and carrying out experiments to investigate the natural world.

First Aid
First aid - caring for injured or ill persons until they can receive professional medical care - is an important skill for every Scout. With some knowledge of first aid, a Scout can provide immediate care and help to someone who is hurt or who becomes ill. First aid can help prevent infection and serious loss of blood. It could even save a limb or a life.

Fish and Wildlife Management
Wildlife management is the science and art of managing the wildlife - both animals and fish - with which we share our planet. Maintaining the proper balance and the dynamics that go with it requires humankind's attention. We use this stewardship tool to help minimize or eradicate the possibility of extinction of any given species. We want our descendants to have the opportunity to experience the same animal diversity that we now enjoy.

Fishing / Fly Fishing
In Scouting for Boys, Baden-Powell offers this advice: "Every Scout ought to be able to fish in order to get food for himself. A tenderfoot
[beginner] who starved on the bank of a river full of fish would look very silly, yet it might happen to one who had never learned to catch fish."

Fly-fishing is a specialized form of fishing that combines skill and artistry. Because it is so rich with tradition, it is a passion for millions of people. The beauty of the water, the solitude, and the skills that the sport requires have made fly-fishing very important in the lives of many notable people.

(Requires participant have access to gear and an opportunity to go fishing)

Forestry

In working through the Forestry merit badge requirements, Scouts will explore the remarkable complexity of a forest and identify many species of trees and plants and the roles they play in a forest's life cycle. They will also discover some of the resources forests provide to humans and come to understand that people have a very large part to play in sustaining the health of forests.

Graphic Arts

The field of graphic arts includes many kinds of work in the printing and publishing industries. Graphic arts professionals are involved in the creation of all kinds of printed communication, from business cards to books to billboards. The scope of printing communications is huge.

Indian Lore ($10 fee)

Far different from the stereotypes or common images that are portrayed on film, on television, and in many books and stories, American Indians have many different cultures, languages, religions, styles of dress, and ways of life. To learn about these different groups is to take an exciting journey of discovery in which you will meet some of America's most fascinating peoples.

Inventing

Inventing involves finding technological solutions to real-world problems. Inventors understand the importance of inventing to society because they creatively think of ways to improve the lives of others.
Explore the world of inventing through this new merit badge, and discover your inner inventiveness.

**Journalism**

One thing is for sure about journalism: It is never boring. For a reporter, almost every day is different from the last. One day you might interview the mayor of the city, the next day report on a car accident, and the day after that preview a new movie.

**Leatherwork ($20 fee)**

Scouts who complete the requirements to earn the Leatherwork merit badge will explore leather's history and its endless uses. They will learn to make a useful leather item using the same types of raw materials that our ancestors used; be challenged to master skills like hand-stitching, lacing, and braiding; and learn how to preserve and protect leather items so they will last a lifetime and beyond. *(includes punch set & kit)*

**Mammal Study**

A mammal may weigh as little as 1/12 ounce, as do some shrews, or as much as 150 tons, like the blue whale. It may spring, waddle, swim, or even fly. But if it has milk for its young, has hair of some kind, is relatively intelligent, and has warm blood, then it is a mammal.

**Moviemaking**

Moviemaking includes the fundamentals of producing motion pictures, including the use of effective light, accurate focus, careful composition (or arrangement), and appropriate camera movement to tell stories. In earning the badge, Scouts will also learn to develop a story and describe other pre- and post-production processes necessary for making a quality motion picture. *(requires using a smart phone)*

**Music**

The history of music is rich and exciting. Through the ages, new music has been created by people who learned from tradition, then explored and innovated. All the great music has not yet been written. Today, the possibilities for creating new music are limitless.
Nature

There is a very close connection between the soil, the plants, and all animal life, including people. Understanding this connection, and the impact we have upon it, is important to preserving the wilderness, as well as to our own well-being as members of the web of nature.

Personal Management

Personal management is about mapping a plan for your life that will involve setting short-range and long-range goals and investigating different ways to reach those goals. Education, training, and experience all help make your goals become a reality. To achieve your goals, you will choose the best path and make a commitment to it, while remaining flexible enough to deal with changes and new opportunities.

Photography

Beyond capturing family memories, photography offers a chance to be creative. Many photographers use photography to express their creativity, using lighting, composition, depth, color, and content to make their photographs into more than snapshots. Good photographs tell us about a person, a news event, a product, a place, a scientific breakthrough, an endangered animal, or a time in history.

(requires using a smart phone)

Reptile and Amphibian Study

Boys always have been interested in snakes, turtles, lizards, and alligators, as well as frogs and salamanders. Developing knowledge about these captivating creatures leads to an appreciation for all native wildlife; understanding the life cycle of a reptile or amphibian and keeping one as a pet can be a good introduction to natural history; and knowing about venomous species can help Scouts to be prepared to help in case of an emergency.

(some requirements will vary based on scout location)

Soil and Water Conservation

Conservation isn’t just the responsibility of soil and plant scientists, hydrologists, wildlife managers, landowners, and the forest or mine owner alone. It is the duty of every person to learn more about the
natural resources on which our lives depend so that we can help make sure that these resources are used intelligently and cared for properly.

**Weather**

Meteorology is the study of Earth's atmosphere and its weather and the ways in which temperature, wind, and moisture act together in the environment. In addition to learning how everyday weather is predicted, Scouts can learn about extreme weather such as thunderstorms, tornadoes, and hurricanes, and how to stay safe.