

What is Yawgoog?

Camp Yawgoog (yawgoog.org) is an 1800 acre Boy Scout camp with beautiful forest and lake in Rockville, RI (about 30 miles, 30 minutes from New London) run by the Narragansett Council.

Boys will spend much of the day working on merit badges, will eat meals prepared by camp staff in an open air dining hall, sleep in bunks in tents, learn camp songs and cheers, spend time around the campfire, and participate in swimming, cooking, and other competitions, and free time fishing, swimming, hiking, and having lots of fun.

Logistics

The Troop takes the ferry on Sunday (along with many other LI troops), are met by a bus, which takes them to the camp. The following Sunday, they will arrive back at the ferry dock for pick up.

Scouts will choose their preferred merit badge classes, but the SM will make final determination. Some classes have prerequisites that should be completed before camp. Some boys may not be able to finish more difficult badges in one week and will return with “partials”. Partials can be finished with another local counselor or next summer at Yawgoog.

Each day, Scouts will attend merit badge classes in various locations throughout the camp. They will report back to the Troop campsite at various times throughout the day then remain there for the evening but will be on their own or with a buddy much of the day.

All Scouts will have chores at Yawgoog as determined by youth and adult leadership on a duty roster. They are responsible for checking the duty roster and working on their task independently. If they need help, they should ask an older Scout or adult.

On the first day of camp, photos are taken that can be purchased online. In the past, each Scout has received one free group shot. Also on the first day, a swim test is administered. Scouts cannot go to swim area (including boating) without passing a swim test and getting a swim tag. On the last day, a ceremony is held and awards are given.

How to prepare

Scouts will need to pack for a week (see packing list). They will be expected to wear Class A uniforms at meal time and for ceremonies. They will receive two special Yawgoog t-shirts and a Yawgoog hat (if payment is received by the deadline). All gear should be packed in a plastic tote or foot locker (lock optional).

Troop Expectations

Scouts should understand that the Scout Oath and Law should guide their behavior at all times. They are expected to have a certain level of independence and self-control while on this trip. If you feel your son is not ready for this, you may want to wait a year before sending him. Another option for summer camp is a week at Baiting Hollow in the provisional troop. The proximity to home may be better for your son and for you.

Homesickness

Most boys experience, at least a little, homesickness. The adults at camp will try to help them through it. Sometimes a quick call home is all that is needed. Generally, by the second or third day, they are fine and will have a great time.

Chaperones Needed

Adults who can stay for the entire week are preferred. The Troop pays for chaperones, so can only take those that are needed.

Paperwork Needed

Troop 39 Waiver

Medical Forms Part A, B, and C signed by parent and DOCTOR

Cost and Payment Schedule

TOTAL FEE (includes Camp, transportation, and Troop costs): \$ 525.00
(\$40 brother discount)

Mail all payments and paperwork to Lori Garbarino:
6865 Bridge Lane, Cutchogue, NY 11935

Checks payable to Troop 39

****NOTE: In memo field-- write Scout's name and YAWGOOG****

Payment	Amount	Due	Note
1	\$50.00	3/1/14	Hat Incentive – Will receive a Yawgoog hat with on-time payment (non-refundable)
2	\$150.00	4/1/14	
3	\$150.00	6/1/14	
4	\$175.00	7/1/14	Send waiver and medical forms with this payment

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