

CAMP SQUANTO LEADING SCOUT PROGRAM

Overview: The Leading Scout program is Camp Squanto's staff training program. The program is designed to introduce older Scouts to the duties and responsibilities required of paid staff at Camp Squanto. The training consists of Staff Training Week and Junior Leader Training followed by a rotation of program assignments throughout the camp. While in each area the leading scouts will be present for all program functions of that area, learning that working a full day can be exhausting work! The experience in each area, which includes assisting in merit badge classes and with afternoon activities will help each leading scout gain not only teaching and leadership experience, but confidence and pride in oneself. Program areas could include: *Aquatics, Scoutcraft, Nature, Sports, Shooting Sports, Handicraft, Trading Post, and Climbing.*

In addition to other duties in camp, all leading scouts will be required to participate in their own personal development and growth including merit badges throughout camp. Weekly evaluations will take place as well as weekly reviews with the Leading Scout Director.

Requirements: The Leading Scout program is an application program, which requires the following for admission:

- Must be a registered with the Boy Scouts of America and meet the age requirement of 14 or 15 years old by the start of the summer camp.
- Hold current rank of First Class or higher. Youth leadership positions held at the troop level are encouraged (patrol leader, senior patrol leader, etc.)
- Complete an application available through the council office or Camp Squanto's website www.campsquanto.net. The application requires signature from both parent/guardian and Scoutmaster.
- Applicants will then be contacted by the camp administration to set up a short meeting/interview. This is an opportunity to put a face to the application and discuss leadership experience and goals.

Commitment: The Leading Scout program requires a minimum of 4 weeks.

- Staff Training Week.....June 22nd – June 28th
- NYLT..... June 30th – July 5th
- 2 additional troop camping weeks of choice
(*some Scouts may choose to stay up to 4 additional weeks*)

Program Fee: The program cost is \$400. This fee includes admission for each week the Scout remains with the program (4 week minimum, 7 week maximum). The fee may be collected in two payments which is outlined to scouts once accepted.