

PATHFINDER – FIRST YEAR CAMPER



A Scout's first summer at camp is an important one. The Owasippe Pathfinder program is designed to make your Scout's first year an amazing experience. Experience shows that those boys who complete and enjoy their first week at summer camp are considerably more likely to continue with the Scouting program than those boys who do not.



Participants are placed in a model troop and divided into patrols, where they will spend the week. Our highly trained and energetic staff will complete numerous requirements for rank advancement from Scout through First Class. Pathfinder Scouts will have the opportunity to earn 2 Eagle Scout required Merit Badges (Swimming & First Aid), will be highly proficient in the patrol method, and will have been provided a solid foundation of introductory experiences that will follow them through their scouting careers. Scouts will complete nearly all of the outdoor requirements for Scout through First Class ranks!

Scouts will remain with Pathfinder Staff from 9am-noon, and from 2pm-3:30pm each day. This allows them 90 minutes each day to experience "open program" around the camp.



• **Note:** Owasippe will provide a list of all requirements completed with each unit's check-out materials. At that point, it is up to the Scoutmaster to certify each Scout's satisfactory completion of the material. Owasippe staff WILL NOT physically sign off on any requirement in a Scout's handbook. While we pride ourselves on the quality and rigor of the Pathfinder program, rank advancement is subject to the satisfaction of the unit leader. Our goal is to teach proficiency in the designated requirements so that the Scout is able to demonstrate the skill not only at camp to the staff, but at home to the unit leader as well. Unit leaders are invited and encouraged to visit the Pathfinder troop while in session to observe!