

CAMP HINDS SUMMER 2026



PROGRAM GUIDE

CELEBRATING 99 YEARS OF CAMP HINDS

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Quick Steps for Leaders

- Register for your week at Hinds using [Black Pug](#). We strongly recommend that leaders register troops as a whole and have parents pay using the Parent Portal. This will allow leaders to have access to advancement reports after your visit at Hinds.
- Plan your troop's visit to camp. Plan out your scout's merit badges. Be sure to double check pre-requisites and age requirements.
- Register for Merit Badges in Black Pug prior to arriving at camp.
- Plan out your Troop Rotations using the Troop Rotation Planner and bring your choices to the Wednesday Pre-Camp Leader Meeting (or email hindsprogram@ptcbsa.org).
- Remind your scouts that they need a camp physical prior to attending Hinds. This will complete part C of a medical form, which is required to spend a week at camp.
- MAIL (not email) a copy of medical forms to Camp Hinds (146 Plains Rd. Raymond, ME 04071) at least 2 weeks prior to your stay at camp. This will help you have a smooth and quick check in upon arrival at Hinds! You can also bring your med forms to the pre-camp meeting Wednesday before your stay in camp.

Things to bring to the the Scoutmaster's Meeting on Sunday:

- A copy of your troop's medical forms (if you didn't bring them earlier)
- Troop roster
- Your troop's troop rotation requests

Important Notes

- NEW: Pre-Camp Meeting on Wednesday night during the week before your stay at Hinds
- Sunday Leader and SPL Meeting is at 12:30
- Camp will run from Sunday to Friday night
- Families are welcome to attend a BBQ and campfire on Friday night before departure.
- Cooking in your campsite is no longer an option for Wednesday nights. Troops (and guests) can decide to attend a New England BBQ at Ring or plan dinner on their own as a troop.
- Troops and guests are encouraged to attend Hinds' Got Talent on Wednesday evenings at 8:15 PM!

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Scout Resident Camp - Dates

Resident Scout Camp Week 1: Sunday, June 28th - Friday, July 3rd

Resident Scout Camp Week 2: Sunday, July 5th - Friday, July 10th

Resident Scout Camp Week 3: Sunday, July 12th - Friday, July 17th

Resident Scout Camp Week 4: Sunday, July 19th - Friday, July 24th

CIT Program: Sunday, June 28th - Friday, July 17th (Weeks 1 - 3)

Merit Badge Camp: Friday, July 31st - Sunday, August 2nd

A Day in the Life at Camp Hinds

At Camp Hinds, we try to offer campers a variety of merit badges to choose from in addition to having plenty of time built in for popular summer camp activities.

In the morning after breakfast, scouts will attend **up to three merit badge classes** offered in areas around camp like aquatics, crafts, shooting, nature, outdoor skills, and more. The morning merit badge program is focused around engaging advancement, followed by lunch and a brief siesta. **Following siesta, scouts will participate in troop rotations with their troop (or other specialized activities and merit badges individually)**, centered around teamwork and experiencing all parts of camp. Wednesday afternoon is our Camp Wide Event, where troop members must work together to conquer a number of challenges while competing against other troops in camp.

After dinner, each area in camp is open, offering activities and providing extra advancement help for scouts when needed. Scouts (with a buddy and permission from their scoutmaster) can come and go from different areas and activities as they please. Scouts can swim, shoot, play a sport, or check out the trading post and get some new Hinds merch like sunglasses and sweatshirts!

Daily Schedule

To view this summer's daily schedule please click below:

HINDS DAILY SCHEDULE

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Merit Badge Registration

You must register for merit badges using the Black Pug System. **When registering for summer camp, we recommend that scoutmasters/leaders register all scouts, rather than having each scout register individually.** This will provide leaders with easy access to earned badges at the end of summer camp and will help you have faster and smoother access to the information you need. If you experience any difficulties with your merit badge registrations or have any questions, please contact Anna at hindsprogram@ptcbsa.org.

Please note: You must register for afternoon troop rotations at the Sunday Leaders Meeting upon arrival at Hinds, NOT in Black Pug.

Schedule Confirmation

Although you can view your requested merit badges in Black Pug, some small changes may be made prior to your arrival at camp. We will try to communicate any changes as early as possible. Scoutmasters will receive a copy of their scouts schedules at the leaders meeting prior to camp. As a scout, you'll get a copy of your schedule from your scoutmaster on Sunday when you arrive at camp and you can double check to make sure everything is correct. Our office at camp will provide scoutmasters with a master schedule and individual schedules for leaders and scouts.

Age Restrictions and Prerequisites

Many of the merit badges offered at Hinds have age restrictions that have been placed to ensure that the maturity level and educational skill are appropriate for the materials covered in the badge. We also use age restrictions to allow older scouts to participate in higher adventure activities without the demand of a larger audience. When selecting merit badges, it is very important to look over the prerequisites and age requirements and make sure that you or your scout are qualified to participate in certain activities and badges.

Additional Equipment

Some merit badges require additional equipment (fishing pole, first aid kit, backpack, etc). At camp, we have some equipment, but your scout is encouraged to bring the required equipment from home. Please label all items from home. Camp Hinds is not responsible for damaged or lost items. Merit badge handbooks are required for some merit badge classes. We encourage

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scouts to use their troop's library or purchase the handbooks from the trading post at camp or from the scout shop ahead of time.

Paperwork

All work done in camp is recorded in Black Pug. Additionally, we are trying a new system to help streamline the advancement process. Scoutmasters will be given hard copies of records on Friday evening before leaving Hinds. Please check your hard copies of advancement records prior to leaving Hinds on Friday. The Council Scout Shop will be open on Fridays if you want to purchase advancement badges prior to leaving camp!

Pre-Camp Work

Most merit badges offered at camp are able to be completed during your week at camp. However, some merit badges have requirements that need to be taken care of before your arrival at camp. For example: some requirements require several weeks of tracking information, others involve family and community resources, some require speeches and projects. Please make sure you complete the prerequisites for your requested merit badges before arriving at camp so you can receive a complete in your merit badge at the end of the week.

Scouts may receive a partial if they do not complete the prerequisites, but they also may not complete the badge if they are absent or late to a class and missed a requirement. If a scout is sick during a class, they will need to make up the time lost during open areas in the evenings.

If your scout has a disability, it is important that they, a leader, or a parent contact hindsprogram@ptcbsa.org prior to coming to camp to set up a plan so the scout can complete their work. We will help set up accommodations that will help your scout successfully complete the badge and enjoy their time at camp.

Getting and Finishing Partial

Partials are given when a scout is absent, work is not passed in or work is completed, but doesn't meet expectations, or when prerequisites are not completed prior to camp. Our staff will try to update scoutmasters if any of their scouts are having trouble completing their work, but it is important for scoutmasters to check-in with scouts throughout the week about how classes and assignments are going.

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If a scout receives a partial at the end of the week, their records from camp will reflect this partial. Scouts may come back and finish what was not completed during another week at camp (either this season or another season), or they may work with a counselor in their troop.

If a partial is completed after camp, you will need to find a local merit badge counselor to sign off on your paperwork (talk to your scoutmaster or the troop advancement person for your troop).

We do our very best to ensure the merit badge offerings are as expected when you arrive at camp. However, sometimes unexpected circumstances arise and changes must be made. We will do our best to communicate any changes as early as possible for you and your scouts! We thank you in advance for your understanding and flexibility!

Interested in helping with or teaching a merit badge? Please email hindsprogram@ptcmaine.org.

Merit Badge Offerings by Period

To view the full list of merit badges by period, click the link below:

[MERIT BADGE SCHEDULE BY PERIOD](#)

Aquatics Merit Badges

Aquatics	Available To	Periods Offered	Prerequisite/Preparation	Additional Info
Canoeing MB	Returning	Block 1	PREREQ: Pass the swimmers test. PREP: Bring footwear that can get wet.	
Kayaking MB	Returning	Block 1	PREREQ: Must pass the camp swimmers test. PREP: Bring footwear that can get wet.	
Swimming MB	All	Blocks 2 & 3	PREREQ: Pass the swimmers test.	This is a great badge for younger scouts! This is a prerequisite for many other aqua badges.

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Lifesaving MB	Returning	Blocks 2 & 3	PREREQ: Need to have all the swimming requirements completed through First Class & Swimming MB	Need to participate in CPR rotation or present a CPR certification.
Small Boat Sailing MB	13 years or older	AFTERNOON M, T	PREREQ: Pass the swimmers test. Must have completed Canoeing MB or Kayaking MB.	This merit badge is completed over 2 days in the afternoon (Monday, Tuesday).
Scuba Diving MB	15 years or older*	TRIPLE PERIOD Blocks 1 -- 3	PREREQ: Must have Swimming MB. PREP: Additional work needed through Skindiver's Paradise.	Need to participate in CPR rotation or present a CPR certification. Offered weeks 1 & 2.

COPE and Climbing Merit Badges

COPE and Climbing	Available To	Periods Offered	Prerequisite/Preparation	Additional Info
Climbing MB	13 years or older	DOUBLE Period Blocks 1 & 2	PREP: Must bring closed toe shoes to climb in.	Need to attend the Leave No Trace Training on Monday Evenings in Nature

Sports Merit Badges

Sports	Available To	Periods Offered	Prerequisite/Preparation	Additional Info
Personal Fitness MB	Returning	Blocks 1, 2, and 3	PREREQ: #4, #5, #6, #7	
Golf MB	All	Blocks 1 and 3	None	
Athletics MB	All	Block 2	PREREQ: #3, #5, #6b	

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Range and Target Activities Merit Badges

Range and Target Activities	Available To	Periods Offered	Prerequisite/Preparation	Additional Info
Archery MB	All	Blocks 1, 2, and 3	None	
Rifle Shooting MB	Returning	DOUBLE Period Blocks 2 & 3	None	
Shotgun Shooting MB	13 years or older	AFTERNOON M, T, TH	PREREQ: Completion of Rifle MB	This class is a three day afternoon merit badge. ONLY OFFERED WEEK 4

Craftshop Merit Badges

Craftshop	Available To	Periods Offered	Prerequisite/Preparation	Additional Info
Basketry MB	Returning	Blocks 1 & 2	None	May require out of class work.
Fingerprinting MB	All	Only offered Monday and Tuesday nights.	None	Great for first year scouts! Class starts immediately after dinner. This is a one evening MB.
Leatherwork MB	All	Blocks 1, 2, & 3	None	
Sewing and Needlework TEST BADGE	Returning	AFTERNOONS TH & F	PREREQ: #2a	This is a two day test badge offered during the afternoons on Thursday and Friday.
Art MB	All	Block 3	PREREQ: Requirement 6	
Communication MB	Returning	Block 3 - WEEK 4 ONLY	PREREQ: #4, #5, #8	Only offered week 4
Woodcarving MB	Returning	Blocks 1, 2, & 3	PREP: Scouts should bring a BSA approved carving knife to class if possible. PREREQ: Scouts must present Totin Chit at class before Friday (can be earned at camp)!	Attend Totin' Chit training on Monday or Tuesday evenings in Scoutcraft if you don't already have your Totin' Chit!
Painting MB	All	AFTERNOONS M & T	None	This is a two day afternoon badge on Monday and Tuesday.

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Scoutcraft Merit Badges and Polaris (First Year Camper)

Scoutcraft	Available To	Periods Offered	Prerequisite/Preparation	Additional Info
Camping MB	Returning	Blocks 1 & 2	PREREQS: #4b, #7, #8c and #8d, #9b *To get a complete, have the other 14 nights of camping completed prior to coming to camp. You'll receive 6 nights from your stay at camp.	Be sure to sign up for a troop rotation for a conservation project or attend the conservation project on Wednesday night to complete requirement 9c!
First Aid MB	All	Blocks 2 & 3	PREREQ: Have all first aid skills through First Class Rank. PREP: #2 (1) Bring a picture of your home first aid kit.	
Exploration MB	All	Blocks 2 & 3		
Fire Safety MB	All	Blocks 1 & 3	PREREQ: #5g, #10	
Emergency Preparedness MB	Returning	Blocks 1 & 3	PREREQ: Must have First Aid MB PREP: Complete #2, #3, #8b, #10	
Music MB	All	Evening - M - TH	PREREQ: #3 PREP: Be prepared to learn a <u>simple song or hymn</u> while in camp.	To receive this merit badge, you will need to attend class every evening from 7:00 until 8:30.
Polaris - First Year Camper Program	All	DOUBLE PERIOD 1 and 2	None	Great for first year scouts!

NEST: Nature and STEM Merit Badges

NEST (Nature and STEM)	Available To	Periods Offered	Prerequisite/Preparation	Additional Info
Programming MB	All	Block 3	None	
Robotics MB	All	Blocks 1 & 2	PREREQ: #6 a OR b	
Weather MB	All	Blocks 1 & 2	PREREQ: #10 a OR b	
Photography MB	All	Only offered Monday and Tuesday nights.	PREP: Bring a phone or a camera to take photos on.	

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Game Design	All	AFTERNOON M, T	None	This is a two day badge offered in the afternoons on Monday and Tuesday.
Animation MB	Returning	Block 2	None	
Sustainability MB	Returning	Block 3	PREREQ: #2 a, b, OR c #3 a, b, OR c	Part of the World Conservation Award.
Plant Science MB	Returning	Block 1	PREREQ: #5	
Nature MB	All	Blocks 3	PREREQ: #7 a OR b	
Environmental Science MB	13 years or older	DOUBLE Period Blocks 1 & 2	PREREQ: #7 a, b, OR c, #11	Part of the World Conservation Award. This class is a double period.
Forestry MB	All	Blocks 2 & 3	PREREQ: #5 a, b, OR c, #8	
Bird Study MB	All	Block 1	PREREQ: #13	

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Merit Badges & Partnership

Shipyard Merit Badges	Available To	Periods Offered	Prerequisite/Preparation	Additional Info
Pioneering MB	All	Blocks 1, 2 & 3	PREREQ: Scout #6, Tenderfoot #4a & b, First Class #7a, 8a	Only offered weeks 2 & 3
Electricity	All	Blocks 1, 2 & 3		Only offered weeks 2 & 3
Composite Materials	Returning	Blocks 1 & 2		Only offered weeks 2 & 3
Engineering	Returning	Blocks 1 & 2		Only offered weeks 2 & 3
Electronics	Returning	Blocks 1 & 2		Only offered weeks 2 & 3
Nuclear Science	All	Block 1		Only offered weeks 2 & 3
Communication	Returning	Block 2		Only offered weeks 2 & 3
Plumbing	Returning	Block 3		Only offered weeks 2 & 3
Artificial Intelligence	All	Block 3		Only offered weeks 2 & 3
Inventing	All	Block 3		Only offered weeks 2 & 3

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Afternoon Troop Rotations

To view this summer's troop rotations, please click below:

TROOP ROTATIONS

Early Morning Activities

Run Club

6:00 AM

Monday - Friday

Meet in front of the Rec Hall

Polar Bear Dip

6:45 AM

Monday - Friday

Meet at Main Beach

Evening Activities

To view this summer's evening offerings, please click the link below:

EVENING ACTIVITIES

Weekly Activities

First Year Camper S'mores

8:00 PM

Monday

Scoutcraft/Polaris

Scout's Own Service

7:00 PM

Tuesday

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Meditation Area

New England BBQ

6:00 PM

Wednesday

Ring Hall

Family and friends are welcome!

Hinds' Got Talent

Wednesday

8:15 PM

Council Ring

Family and friends are welcome!

OA Service Hour and Ice Cream Social

Thursday

7:00 PM

Dining Hall

All campers are welcome to participate!

Scoutmaster Splash

Thursday

7:45 PM

Main Beach

Hinds Museum

Thursday

7:00 PM

Ring Hall

Closing BBQ

Friday

5:30 PM (Retreat at 5:15)

Dining Hall

Closing Campfire

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Friday

7:00 PM

Council Ring

Family and friends are welcome!

The Hinds Alumni Association will hold **Porch Talks** on Fridays! Talk with them to learn more about Hinds and how you can get involved! The Hinds Alumni Association is open to anyone who has stayed overnight at Camp Hinds.

Theme Days at Hinds

Be sure to pack accordingly and help us celebrate our daily themes, which will be bigger and better than ever!

Mondays: ALOHA

Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt!

Tuesdays: GET GROOVY

Wear your best tie dye or other groovy outfits. Sign up for a tie dye troop rotation in the craftshop!

Wednesdays: GAME DAY

Show off your favorite teams with shirts and hats! Get in game mode for Camp Wide Event!

Thursdays: OA, OA, OA, OA

Wear purple or lodge swag to celebrate OA day. All are invited to join OA Service Hour immediately after dinner, followed by an ice cream social. You do not need to be a member of the lodge to participate!

Fridays: HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO HINDS!

Wear your favorite Hinds merch to help us celebrate 99 years of camp!



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MON
ALOHA
Luau with your favorite Hawaiian shirt and enjoy all day long. 

TUE
GET GROOVY
We're moving and groovy! Wear your best tie dye or other groovy outfits. 

WED
GAME DAY
Show off your favorite teams (or board games or video games) all day long! 

THU
OA, OA, OA, OA
Join the OA Service Hour in the evening and wear purple or lodge swag. 

FRI
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO HINDS
Wear your favorite Hinds merch to celebrate 99 years of camp. 

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Special Programs and Highlights

Most of our special programs like SCUBA, Casco Bay Sailing Experience, and Shipyard Opportunities are only available for one or two weeks during the summer. We recommend scouts that want to participate in these activities to join our provisional troop (Troop H) if your troop is not attending during a specific week of a specialty program. We give a discount to scouts who attend camp for more than one week. Register by May 1st to receive our early bird rate and an even steeper discount!

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Traditional Program	Traditional Program	Traditional Program	Traditional Program
	Shipyard Partnership	Shipyard Partnership	
	Casco Bay Sailing		
SCUBA	SCUBA	Polaris Program	Older Scout Speciality Week
Polaris Program	Polaris Program		Polaris Program
Civics Speciality Week	COPE	COPE	COPE
Counselor in Training (CIT) 3 Week Program			

Week 1: Sunday, June 28th - Friday, July 3rd

- Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional (Troop H) Scouts
- Counselor In Training Program Week 1
- Civics Speciality Week
- SCUBA Week with NAUI Certification
- Polaris Program for First Year Campers

Week 2: Sunday, July 5th - Friday, July 10th

- Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional (Troop H) Scouts
- Counselor In Training Program Week 2
- Additional Merit Badges Offered Through Shipyard Partnership
- SCUBA Week with NAUI Certification

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- Polaris Program for First Year Campers
- Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (COPE)
- Casco Bay Sailing Experience on Thursday, July 9th

Week 3: Sunday, July 12th - Friday, July 17th

- Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional (Troop H) Scouts
- Counselor In Training Program Week 3
- Additional Merit Badges Offered Through Shipyard Partnership
- Polaris Program for First Year Campers
- Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (COPE)

Week 4: Sunday, July 19th - Friday, July 24th

- Traditional Summer Camp for Troops & Provisional (Troop H) Scouts
- Older Scout Speciality Week
- Polaris Program for First Year Campers
- Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (COPE)

NEW: Civics Speciality Week

Offered Week 1

Week 1 will feature a special civics program to celebrate America's 250th Anniversary. In addition to America centered merit badges, this week will also include special afternoon activities. More information is coming soon!

Civics Merit Badges	Available To	Periods Offered	Prerequisite/Preparation	Additional Info
Liberty in Action Challenge	All	Block 1	None.	Only offered week 1
Citizenship in the Nation MB	All	Block 2	PREREQ: Requirement 5 - Watch national evening/ media news for five days in a row, the week before your arrive in camp. Requirement 6 - Choose from: "I have a Dream" - Martin Luther King, "Gettysburg Address", Abraham Lincoln, "We choose to go to the Moon" - JFK and "Tear down this wall" Ronald Reagan. Please read prior to class and be ready to discuss	Only offered week 1

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American Heritage MB	All	Block 3	PREREQ: Requirement 5-A -Watch two movies from the following: Great Escape, Pearl Harbor, Band of Brothers (1 episode), The Monument Men, Valkyrie or Red Tails	Only offered week 1
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NEW: Older Scout Speciality Week

Offered Week 4

Week 4 of summer camp will provide unique opportunities for scouts age 13 years or older. Please see the offerings below.

OLDER SCOUT SPECIALITY WEEK - JULY 19th - JULY 24th			
Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Afternoons
Climbing MB (DOUBLE period 1 and 2)		Communications MB	Shotgun MB 2:15 - 4:45 Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
Camping MB	Rifle MB (DOUBLE Period 2 and 3)		COPE 2:15 - 4:45 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
Environmental Science MB (DOUBLE Period 1 and 2)		Sustainability MB	Sewing and Needlework TEST Badge 2:15 - 4:45 Monday, Tuesday
Emergency Preparedness MB	Lifesaving MB	Lifesaving MB	Small Boat Sailing MB 2:15 - 4:45 Monday, Tuesday
Personal Fitness MB	Personal Fitness MB	Personal Fitness MB	

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Casco Bay Sailing Experience

Offered Week 2

Do you love to sail or have you always wanted to sail? Our Casco Bay Sailing Experience is the perfect opportunity for you! This afternoon excursion will occur during Week 2 on Thursday, July 9th. Space is limited for this program, and applicants will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. If you'd like to attend this program but your troop isn't in camp week 2, we recommend signing up for our provisional group (Troop H). To sign up, please email hindsprogram@ptcmaine.org.



SCUBA BSA, SCUBA Diving MB, and NAUI Certification

Offered Weeks 1 and 2

Stay cool and explore a new world beneath the waves of Panther Pond! Hinds' SCUBA program will have any scout or leader diving into new experiences that will provide several rewards, including the SCUBA BSA Awards, SCUBA Diving Merit Badge, and the NAUI Certification.

What is the NAUI Certification? The NAUI Certification is an international certification that will provide adults and scouts (with some age limitations) with the ability to scuba dive in open waters. Scouts who are 15 years of age can earn a junior diver certification and will still need to have an adult certified diver with them when they adventure out beyond camp to dive. Scouts and adults 16 and older will earn a complete NAUI Certification and can independently go on underwater adventures around the world without a certified adult diver present!



How does the SCUBA program work with my schedule? This is a morning only program instructed by Skin Diver's Paradise (<https://www.skindiversparadise.net/>). Scouts will not be able to take merit badges in the morning, but are able to take afternoon and evening merit badges and participate in afternoon and evening activities. SCUBA is only available Week 1 and Week 2 of camp.

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What is the cost of this program? The SCUBA program has a fee of \$699 in addition to your camp fee. This cost includes SCUBA equipment, instruction from Skin Diver's Paradise, NAUI Certification fees, and education materials.

Requirements:

- Participants will receive access to MANDATORY e-training starting on June 1st. This training MUST be completed prior to coming to camp. If you do not complete this training, you do not receive your certification.
- Scouts must be strong swimmers and have completed the prerequisite merit badges of Swimming MB and Lifesaving MB.
- Medical clearance will be required.
- Scouts must meet the age requirements AND the merit badge prerequisites.*

How to Register: Scouts and adults who are interested in attending this program need to register and pay the additional fee through Ian Barclay at Skindiver's Paradise. This is in addition to registering and paying for your week at Hinds through BlackPug.



*We recognize that many scouts under the age of 15 are working towards SCUBA and NAUI certification to attend SeaBase or go on other adventures. If you have a scout that is between the ages of 10 and 15 who wants to take this course, please reach out to Ian Barclay at skindiversparadise@outlook.com.

Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (COPE)

Offered Weeks 2, 3, and 4

Program Overview: We are excited to once again offer a program that will take scouts to new heights (literally). COPE is a Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience that gives scouts opportunities to climb to the highest points at Camp Hinds and learn to be a compassionate leader and enthusiastic member of a team.

Participant Requirements: Scouts must have completed the 8th grade.



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Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Partnership

Offered Weeks 2 and 3

We are thrilled to have the Shipyard return again this year! The Shipyard will offer merit badges taught by industry experts during Weeks 2 and 3.

The Shipyard is offering Pioneering MB, Electricity MB, Composite Materials MB, Engineering, Electronics MB, Nuclear Science MB, Communication MB, Plumbing MB, Artificial Intelligence MB, and Inventing MB.



Counselor in Training (CIT) Program

Runs Week 1, 2, and 3

The Counselor in Training (CIT) Program is the perfect opportunity for scouts wanting to spend more time at camp and learn about the exciting life of a member of camp staff! Scouts who apply for this program will spend three weeks working alongside our staff, experiencing and learning the benefits of being a Hinds Staffer. CITs will build communication and leadership skills and will get a jumpstart on work experience.

Program Overview: Participating in the CIT Program at Hinds has so many benefits that will last a lifetime! During the first week of the CIT program, CITs will participate in our traditional camp program, taking merit badges, experiencing camp activities like swimming, boating, shooting, and building friendships with other CITs. During the second week, CITs take limited merit badges and begin observing many areas in camp. The third week presents CITs with experiences as a camp staff member and participants will assist in merit badge instruction, help with troop rotations and other activities.



Sign Up: Scouts interested in the CIT Program at Hinds must register online through Black Pug and submit an application at camphinds.org. Additional information will be provided after a scout is accepted into the CIT program.

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Adult Program

Scoutmaster Coffees and Leaders Meeting

Enjoy a fresh cup of coffee and a chance to sit back and chat with other scoutmasters, along with the Camp Director, Program Director, and Camp Commissioners. Meetings are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:45 in the Dining Hall.

Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense

Troops wanting to do aquatics activities at camp, particularly the Tenny River Run, need to have at least one adult leader with these trainings. All adults are encouraged to attend this important training on Monday at 11:30 at the waterfront. No swimming is involved. You can also take this training online prior to camp. Please bring proof of training to camp.

Leave No Trace

Leave No Trace training guides scouts and leaders on how to have successful and low impact camping and outdoor adventures. This training is offered for campers and leaders on Monday at 7:15 pm in the Nature Area. Scouts taking Climbing MB should also attend this training.

Additional Adult Leader Trainings

Additional adult leader trainings may be available during your stay at camp. More information will be coming soon. If you're interested in running an adult leader training while you are staying at camp, please reach out to hindsprogram@ptcbsa.org.

Awards and Recognition

At Camp Hinds, we encourage all campers, scoutmasters and staff to do their best, fully participating in everything that Hinds has to offer. To help encourage our Hinds community to live out the Scout Law each day, we have the following awards to offer. Award recipients will be recognized on Friday at the closing campfire.

Honor Camper Award

Troops will vote for the scout in their unit that has best lived the Scout Oath and Law during their week at camp. Nominations will be submitted at the end of the week and more information will be provided at the Sunday scoutmaster meeting.

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Honor Staff Member Award

Troops can recognize outstanding staff service during the week by nominating a favorite staff member. Take note of quality service and outstanding kindness!

Paul Bunyan, Totin Chit, and Firem'n Chit

All three of these awards can be earned in the scoutcraft area during evening open areas.

Leave No Trace and Outdoor Code Award

Scoutmasters, scouts, and staff can nominate a scout, staffer, or leader who has gone above and beyond to uphold the principals of Leave No Trace and the Outdoor Code.

Cleanest Campsite Award

This award shall be given each week at camp. It will be given to the troop that earns the highest overall score on their unit visitation, as determined by the commissioning staff.

Baden-Powell Troop Award

This award shall be given each week at camp. It will be given to the troop(s) that complete the requirements of the Baden-Powell Troop Award. If during a week no troop completes these requirements, the award shall not be given.

Scoutmaster Merit Badge Award

This award shall be given each week at camp. It will be given to the leader(s) that complete the requirements of the Honor Leader Award. If during a week no leader completes these requirements, the award shall not be given.

Camp William Hinds Exemplary Service Award

This award shall be given to a group or an individual that performs significant service to camp during their week at Camp Hinds. At their discretion, the Commissioner or Camp Administration nominates specific recipients. These recipients must be approved by the Camp Director and Program Director.

Join us on the 4th of July!

Camp Hinds will be hosting a 4th of July BBQ! Scouts, families, neighbors, and friends are invited to join us for food, fun activities, and fireworks! Stay tuned for more information!



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