

SECTION TWO MELITA ISLAND BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS

CAMP MELITA is proud of the quality and breadth of our Program Activities. It is a direct result of the great National Boy Scout Program, our natural facilities, and the training of the staff that delivers that program to you and your scouts. Many members of our staff have attended National BSA Camp School! These staff leaders will have spent a full week in training all members of staff and so that we are ready to deliver the best experience that you've ever had at camp. Augmenting these staff leaders are staff recruited from different units across Montana and from out of state troops.

Merit Badges/Programs are based on the Boy Scouts Requirements Book - 2012. Each scout is expected to have consulted with his scout leader, filled out a blue card for the specific badge, reviewed the merit badge pamphlet, performed the prerequisites, and come prepared for the subject. The blue card is to be turned in to the instructor at the first session. Our staff has developed lesson plans that provide instruction to meet the requirements of the skill. Additional time is available to assure learning takes place and requirements are completed.



2012 Melita BSA Lifeguard Course

In 2009 the National Council made major revisions to the BSA Lifeguard Program. The revised BSA Lifeguard program now focuses on the need to provide BSA-operated facilities, such as summer camps, with training that meets the requirements of government agencies for professional lifeguards at regulated swimming facilities. Because of the length of time and intensity required, BSA Lifeguard will not be offered at regular camp. It is being offered by Montana Council at a special camp, June 24th - June 30th at Melita Island. We are planning to offer Red Cross Lifeguard also, so those that complete this weeklong course should be able to qualify for employment on camp staffs as well as community swimming pools.

TRAIL TO FIRST CLASS

Trail to first class is generally offered for two hours of each day. The program helps pre-First Class scouts advance towards the First Class rank. Each scout will learn the basic first aid, swimming, nature, and outdoor skills required for the first three ranks. Camp staff organizes it, but since it will focus on having the younger scouts work with their scout leaders to advance, Troop Leaders are encouraged to be a part of the program.

ACE (ADVANCED CAMPER EXPERIENCE)

The ACE program is designed to give a challenging camping experience to older scouts. Its aims are on advanced skills, physical fitness, service, and adventure experiences to challenge and advance their basic scouting skills. The ACE program is separate from the camp's merit badge program. As such it should be for your older scouts that are good swimmers, do not need Merit Badges to advance, and have been at two or more summer camps before. Activities include watersports, kayaking, board sailing, sailing, and snorkeling. Signaling, GPS and physical training and fitness are also included. This year's program includes a $\frac{1}{2}$ day Whitewater rafting trip down Flathead River below Kerr Dam; Also a day hike on nearby Wild Horse Island. ACE Participants have a chance to improve their leadership skills through team building activities, and also provide meaningful service throughout the week.



There is an additional \$50 fee for all ACE participants.
Pre-signup is required and payment is due upon check-in at camp.

Adult Programs

Camp can also be fun, relaxing and a learning and rewarding experience for adults. At Melita we take this to a new dimension. For your learning experiences we offer, depending on demand and volunteer availability of trainers, adult basic training including **This is Scouting**, **Scoutmaster Specific**, **Outdoor Leader Skills**. **Also Safe Swim Defense**, **Safety Afloat**, **Swimming and Water Rescue**, **Paddle Craft Safety**.

For Fun and Relaxation we offer limited **Sailing** experiences for adult leaders. Each week we have visiting sailing experts that volunteer their time to teach people how to sail.

MELITA AQUATICS

Swimming Area Program

Our great natural swimming waterfront provides the following instructional programs during the regular Boy Scout summer camp in 2012. The BSA Lifeguard Course will only be taught during the designated week

- Swimming Merit Badge
- Lifesaving Merit Badge
- Swimming and Water Rescue Certification
- Snorkeling BSA
- Swim Easy and Safe (SEAS) Training

The Swimming Director will oversee the following camp-wide events:

- Polar Bear Plunge
- Mile Swim BSA

*These are minimum time requirements for complete instruction. Attendance is mandatory for completion of merit badge application or course certification.



Swimming Merit Badge (4 Hours instruction*)

The Swimming Merit Badge is an optional requirement for the Eagle Scout rank. **First Class and Second Class swimming requirements should be fulfilled, but any rank may attend.**

Participants will be expected to learn clothing inflation, different strokes, flotation, entry and surface dives, and overall fitness from swimming. Options for snorkeling or competitive swimming will be chosen by each participant. Scouts must read the Swimming Merit Badge pamphlet before starting the course. Participants are encouraged to bring to each session: swimming suits, towels, sweatshirt, merit badge pamphlet, and swim goggles.



Lifesaving Merit Badge (4 Hours instruction*)

The Lifesaving Merit Badge is an optional requirement for the Eagle Scout rank. **First Class and Second Class swimming requirements must be fulfilled to attend this course.**

Participants will be expected to learn order of rescue methods, victim identification, non-contact assists, contact rescues with and without equipment, escapes, and spinal injury management. Scouts must read the Lifesaving Merit Badge pamphlet before starting the course. Participants are encouraged to bring to each session: swimming suits, towels, sweatshirt, and merit badge pamphlet.

Swimming and Water Rescue (SWR) Certification (8 Hours instruction*)

The Swimming and Water Rescue Certification replaces the old BSA Lifeguard course as the suggested training for unit leaders to conduct Safe Swim activities. Participants must be age 16 years or older. Participants will be expected to learn administration of BSA swim tests, non-contact assists, contact rescues with and without flotation aids, escapes, and spinal injury management. A written test must be passed to receive certification. Participants are encouraged to bring to each session: swimming suits, towels, and sweatshirt. Participants are encouraged to purchase the new *Aquatics Supervision* manual (BSA publication 34346, available at the Melita Island Trading Post, \$15).

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Snorkeling BSA (4 Hours instruction*)

Completion of this course entitles the participant to receive and wear the Snorkeling BSA patch. Participants must pass the BSA Swimmer test. Participants will be expected to learn proper fit and use of snorkeling equipment, entries and exits, signaling, survival skills, and Safe Swim Defense. Participants are encouraged to bring the following items to each session: swimming or wet suits, towels, and sweatshirt. Diving masks, snorkels, and fins are provided by the camp, but participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment.

Swim Easy and Safe (SEAS) Training (Open instruction)

Swim Easy and Safe is a course developed at Melita for youth and adults who wish to become comfortable in water and learn basic skills for swimming and safety. If a scout has difficulty passing his swimmer test, this course is for him. Online registration is not necessary. Each session will teach drills that enable the participants to become more competent with practice. This training session is also recommended for adults entering the Mile Swim activity. Safe Swim Defense will be emphasized in a practical manner. Participants are encouraged to bring to each session: swimming or wet suits, towels, and sweatshirt.



Melita Island Polar Bear Plunge (4 Days Participation)

Polar Bear Plunge is a camp-wide event designed to build Scout Spirit, create appreciation of natural settings, and encourage teamwork. The program is offered every morning at 6:30, Monday through Friday. It typically lasts fifteen minutes and invigorates the participants for the rest of the day's activities. Participating for four days (minimum) entitles each participant to a Melita Island Polar Bear Plunge patch.



Mile Swim BSA (Friday Morning participation)

Mile Swim BSA is a camp-wide event offered at 7:00 a.m. every Friday. It typically lasts from twenty to forty minutes. Entrants must participate in at least one hour of swimming activity each day at camp under the supervision of the Swimming Director (any of the above courses) prior to starting this event. Participants who complete the one mile course around the western shore of Melita Island are entitled to receive the Mile Swim BSA wallet card and patch.

Boating and Sailing Area Program

Our boating waterfront offers premium aquatics experiences for your scout who is learning these skills as well as for your older scouts that are looking to expand their capabilities and master advanced skills. Merit badge programs are offered in Canoeing, Rowing, Motorboating, Water Sports and Small Boat Sailing. Boardsailing and Kayaking are non-merit badge programs (successful participants earn a patch to be worn on the swimming trunks or jacket)

Each of these requires swimmer tests and have first aid and other emergency requirements. We are prepared to provide these at camp. There is a \$10 fuel charge for motor boating and water sports.



MELITA ISLAND NATURALIST PROGRAM

In 2011 we are introducing an exciting new emphasis on our environmental and nature related programs. Utilizing our island's unique setting, we offer each of the nine individual merit badges. If a scout has earned some of these merit badges before he comes to camp, or if he earns them at camp, when he completes them all, he will be recognized as a Melita Island Naturalist.



Environmental Science Several requirements (3, 4, &5) need to be worked prior to camp in order to complete.

Forestry We have an operating sawmill on the island, so the scout learns forestry from seed to lumber.

Insect Life

Nature

Fish and Wildlife Management

Bird Study

Photography Offered in free time. If a scout has a digital camera, he can document his naturalist activities and earn this merit badge






OUTDOOR SKILLS PROGRAMS


The heart of traditional camping programs lies in the learning of the basic outdoor skills. At Melita we seek to implant a love of the outdoors and comfort in being a responsible part of it. We teach and utilize the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, Bear Aware, First Aid, Toten' Chip, Whittling Chip, Firem'n Chit, Conservation, and other basic outdoor skills. We offer skill instruction for a wide range of outdoor merit badges.



In our Pioneering yard scouts not only learn the basic knots, lashing, and splicing skills, but are able to practice them in a competitive setting. *The camp's record for 6 clove hitches is 5.2 seconds!*

Similarly our Orienteering course is set up, and this year we are including the Geocaching Merit Badge and its requirements. Our Cooking area provides fire places for a full array of cooking techniques including dutch oven cooking. Camping demonstrations include backpacking skills and a teepee. The Wilderness Survival overnight is done on the backside (undeveloped) of the island.

Please note that most of these merit badges have requirements that the scout must complete away from camp (Requirement numbers shown with the badges). Most of these have to do with planning and executing requirements with his home troop, or time periods beyond that available at camp. The scout should read the specific merit badge pamphlet and have his blue card filled out with any completed prerequisites when he arrives at camp.

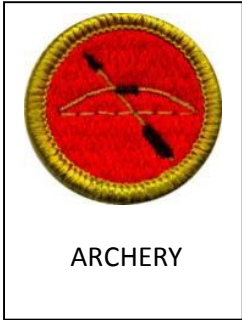
 <p>7, 9 ORIENTEERING</p>	 <p>7, 8, 9 GEOCACHING</p>	 <p>8c,8d, 9a-9c CAMPING</p>	 <p>4a,6a,7 COOKING</p>	 <p>PIONEERING</p>	 <p>WILDERNESS SURVIVAL</p>
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	<p>Melita Island is located on the Salish-Kootenai Indian Reservation. We are initiating an Indian Lore program for 2012 that will seek to provide more than a basic understanding of these nations' cultures and customs. We will keep you apprised at our ability to offer and complete the Indian Lore Merit Badge.</p>
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<p>We are seeking qualified staff to provide the a complete Fishing program for you and your scouts, directly focused on the Flathead Lake fishery. We hope to offer both Fishing and Fly Fishing Merit Badges.</p>	 <p>FISHING</p>	 <p>FLY FISHING</p>
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SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM

We have offered Archery and Rifle Shooting for the past two years. In 2011 we hope to be upgrading our shooting range and equipment from Pellet Gun rifles to .22 caliber rifles. In any event, these will be the top quality programs you are used to.



Arrow kits available for purchase at the Trading Post for \$8



Ammo for free time shooting will be available for purchase at the Trading Post .

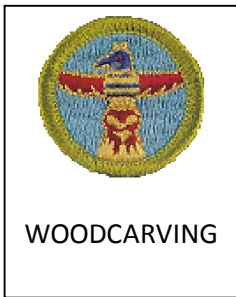
EMERGENCY PREPARATION PROGRAM

Being prepared for all emergencies is an important part of scouting. Part of our program at Melita Island is to help you by teaching the camp related portions of these important skills. Scouts who wish to complete these merit badges at camp must come prepared by having completed the prerequisite requirements noted.



HANDICRAFT PROGRAM

We are establishing a handicraft program that peaks the interest of each person that gets involved. Basic skills are taught with the objective to provide the learner with working knowledge, and hopefully interest to take the skill to a level beyond the minimum required. Each of the merit badge programs require the purchase of \$5-\$10 supporting craft kits at the Trading Post.



MISCELLANEOUS PROGRAMS

Our staff has the capabilities to respond to requests for additional merit badges. Prerequisite work is required.

Here are some examples:



Music is a big part of our program and, again, for those that are interested and have had musical training we can move that merit badge along for them.



If scouts have been involved with sports we are prepared to work with them to obtain the other requirements for the Sports Merit Badge.



Melita does have weather and provides a great learning environment for weather patterns and applicable hazardous weather training.



We will be offering the Cinematography Merit Badge for the first time this summer. If your scout is interested in this merit badge, it will be offered in the evenings outside of the normal class times.

Please feel free to contact us before camp with any special requests or needs in each of our specific program areas. Also we ask the scout leaders at camp to participate in the skill training programs - to monitor them for what is being taught, and to augment the training being received.