



Trail to First Class

Summer Camp 2019

Program Philosophy –

The Lost Valley Trail to First Class Program is designed in two parts - for new Scouts looking to work on rank advancement at their first Summer Camp or young Scouts that want to work on the advancement trail towards Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class individually.

The individual trail program works through most of the requirements for the Tenderfoot and Second Class ranks, and many of the requirements for the First Class rank.

Our New Scout program works through advancement for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class while also earning the Woodcarving and First Aid Merit Badge. The New Scout program is meant to act as a transition from Cub Scouts and an introduction to Boy Scouts and Scouts BSA.

It is through the implementation of the Aims and Methods of Scouting that the Lost Valley Trail to First Class program offers youth a knowledge of their basic Scout Skills, a love of the great outdoors, and a multitude of Summer Camp experiences. Our TFC Program operates within a community of new Scouts that are led by trained and experienced Scouts and Scouters that will continuously encourage, motivate and celebrate the accomplishments of their TFC participants.

Program Goals –

1. To provide a well-organized, exciting and memorable program for the youth while utilizing the Patrol Method led by our trained and experienced Scouts and Scouters.
2. To teach and begin developing the skills necessary to succeed in the Scouting program and beyond.
3. To instill in the youth a respect for the Scout Oath, Law and Outdoor Code, as well as for themselves and others.
4. To introduce Scouts to other programs at Lost Valley.
5. To maintain a ratio of at least 1 instructor to 12 youth.
6. To maintain communication with youth's leadership to update them with their youth's progress throughout the week.
7. To celebrate the accomplishments and progress youth make while participating in the Trail to First Class program.

Prior to Sending Scouts through the TFC Program –

1. Help the Scouts earn the Scout rank prior to Summer Camp.
2. Make sure your Scouts have the required items for our TFC Program.

Required Items	Optional Items
- Ten Essentials - Pencil & Paper	- Camera

Getting the Most from the Program

In order for your Scouts to get the most from our Trail to First Class Program, we ask that Troop Leadership, help your Scouts earn the rank of Scout before coming to camp. At Lost Valley, we ask that troop leadership help them practice and test skills in the evenings during your stay. If you, as their leader, are satisfied with the Scout's knowledge and skill, then sign off the requirement in the book or if you are not satisfied, have the Scout go to TFC in the Open or Make-up session for more instruction and practice.

Week Overview –

The Lost Valley Trail to First Class Program fits into the scope and timing of standard Merit Badge Program at Lost Valley, with the addition of the TFC Expedition for our New Scout program on Thursday.

Our individual rank trails are broken up session. Tenderfoot- Session 1, Second Class- Session 2, and First Class- Session 3. This way Scouts can be in Merit Badge program and join their TFC class seamlessly with their other classes.

Our New Scout will run all four sessions of the MB Program day. The program will feature a different assortment of Scout Skills throughout the week.

Mondays –

Scouts will be welcomed into the Trail to First Class Area, then broken into patrols among their class. Their patrol leader will be a TFC Staff Member who will be with them all week. From there they will work as a patrol on that day's requirements.

*As Scouts join the TFC Program throughout the day, they will be assigned a patrol and welcomed into the group.

4th Session & Open Program

For Scouts going through the individual Trail program, we will have TFC staff available during the 4th session and Open Program for Scouts to work on requirements not covered in the week's program or review the week's program. Often during the Open Program, the TFC staff facilitates its service projects for the week. All Scouts are welcome to join in on the service projects, whether working for rank advancement or doing it for fun.

Below is the tentative schedule of the Trail to First Class Program broken up by days, themes and the requirements that will be covered. There is potential more requirements that will be covered, but this is the starting point.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
	During Swim Check	Knots, Lashings, & Citizenship	Nature & Hiking Skills	First Aid & E. Prep	Outdoor Tools, Cooking & Swimming	Open Period <i>(Not required)</i>
1st Period Tenderfoot Trail		3a, 3b, 3c	4b, 5a, 5b, 5c	4a, 4c,	1c, 2c	7b
2nd Period Second Class Trail	5b	2f, 2g, 8b, 9a, 9b	1b, 3a, 3c, 4	6a, 6b, 6c, 6d,	2b, 2c, 5a, 5d	8e
3rd Period First Class Trail	6a	3a, 3b, 3c	1b, 4b, 5a, 5b, 5c	7a, 7b, 7c,	6c, 6d	4a, 3d

New Scout

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st Period	TF – 3d WC – 1-3	2C – 6a-6e	2C – 1b, 4 1C – 1b, 5a-d	1C – 7a-7c, 7f	TFC Review
2nd Period	TF – 4a-c	TF – 1a 2C – 8a-b	2C – 5a-d 1C – 6a, 6e	TF – 5a-c 2C – 3a, 3c	WC – 7
3rd Period	First Aid MB	First Aid MB	1C – 3a-c	First Aid MB	
4th Period	TF – 3a-c 2C – 2f, 2g	WC – 4-6	First Aid MB	TFC Review	

TF – Tenderfoot 2C – Second Class 1C – First Class WC – Woodcarving

First Aid MB Pre-Reqs – 5

Tenderfoot – 4d

First Class - 7d, 7e