

TH PROGRAMS FOR OLDER SCOUTS TH

What about the older Scout who has taken most of the merit badges offered at Bashore? What activities are available for him? We have some excellent programs designed to meet his needs as well.

	<p>COPE: COPE, or Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience, is designed to challenge a Scout's physical, mental, and emotional abilities. In doing so it recognizes the goals of teamwork, communication, trust, leadership, decision making, problem solving, and self-esteem. Because of the high physical demand, participants must be 14 years of age or older to take part. COPE is also available to adult leaders looking for the same challenges, with priority given to Scouts if the class limit is reached. COPE is held two hours a day during periods 2 and 3.</p>
	<p>Eagle Academy: During week 7, Bashore Scout Reservation conducts the Eagle Academy. This program is intended for Scouts who are 14 years of age and are a Star or Life Scout. Eagle Academy, which runs parallel to regular camp activities, offers opportunities to Scouts to earn some Eagle-required badges: Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Personal Management, and Personal Fitness. See page 32 for more information.</p>

TH SPECIALTY WEEKS FOR OLDER SCOUTS TH

Older Scouts have the opportunity to sign up for one of our three specialty weeks. Their choices are BSA Guard Week (Weeks 1 or 4), Search, Rescue, and Survive Week (Weeks 2 or 5), and Cycling Week (Weeks 3 or 7). Older Scouts may either attend provisionally, or they may attend with their troop. Each of the specialty weeks runs parallel to the regular camp activities.

	<p>BSA Guard Week: Do you have an older Scout interested in becoming a BSA Lifeguard? Then he will be really interested in signing up for BSA Guard Week! Scouts that sign up for this week will work on all the requirements needed to certify for BSA Lifeguard, including CPR certification. Must be a strong swimmer and at least 15 years old to participate. BSA Guard Week is held during Weeks 1 and 4.</p>
	<p>Search, Rescue, and Survive Week: This specialty week is all about survival! Older Scouts who sign up for the SRS Week will learn all about search and rescue drills, and will participate in a mock drill during the week. They will also learn survival techniques that they can carry with them throughout their lives. Participants will also benefit from guest instructors who are experts in their field. Scouts will have the opportunity to work on requirements toward earning the Search and Rescue merit badge. Prior knowledge of Search and Rescue merit badge requirements is needed. SRS Week is held during Weeks 2 and 5.</p>
	<p>Cycling Week: Get out and bike! If you have an older Scout who enjoys mountain biking, then this is the week for him! Scouts will learn bicycle care from experts, and participants will venture out on some exciting bike escapades! Scouts will have the opportunity to work on requirements toward earning the Cycling merit badge. Must bring your own helmet and bicycle; bringing your own bicycle tool kit is strongly recommended. Cycling Week is held during Weeks 3 and 7.</p>