

Suffolk County Council Baiting Hollow Scout Camp Campmaster Program

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Sounds Like an Old Idea

- Yes, it is, but not at the same time...
- What is a Campmaster?
 - The off-season camp commissioners/ambassadors
- Who They Serve?
 - Everyone at camp, but specifically:
 - Primary - The units camping at Baiting for the weekend
 - Secondary - Assist with camp programs running on the weekend



What Kind of Service Do They Perform?

- Checking units in and out of their campsite or cabin Collect paperwork, give out camp maps, and give an overview of camp programs running that weekend that the unit may want to participate in.
- For units that do not use weekend planning templates from the BSA, introduce them to the form, it's use and how to implement it once done.



More Ways to Provide Service!

- Stop by and check on units throughout the weekend
- Check out and in any equipment the unit may need
- At end of weekend, inspect the site/cabin for cleanliness, no missing equipment and lock up cabin.
- Run camp programs. Many council's Campmasters run archery, rifle, bb gun, offer merit badge clinics, astronomy nights, day or night hikes, knot tying, orienteering, fishing, etc... dependent on the team's training and knowledge.



When Do Campmasters Serve

- Usually During Fall, Winter and Spring
- Most Campmasters will serve from Friday night to Sunday afternoon in support of the full weekend camping program
- Some Campmasters with limited availability can serve part of a weekend. We never turn away volunteers with time!



Who Can be a Campmaster?

- Any adult over the age of 21 who is registered in the BSA
- Must maintain a current YPT training certificate.
- An 18–20-year-old registered as an adult scouter with current YPT who is the child of an over 21 Campmaster may serve when their parent is with them
- *This excludes Explorers and Venturers 18-20, who are youth members of their program



What Qualifications Do I Need to be a Campmaster?

- A warm, kind and welcoming personality.
- A strong desire to provide service to Baiting Hollow Scout Camp, unit leaders and youth members of all BSA programs.
- Campmasters should have a good overall working knowledge of all the BSA programs and have been involved as an adult in a unit camping setting.



More Qualifications?

- Good outdoor scouting skills: camping, cooking, hiking, etc...
- Solid understanding of fire, carving, axe, and saw safety
- It is highly recommended to have a current Hazardous Weather training certificate.
- CPR and/or First Aid certification is helpful, though not required at this time.



Thank You For Your Time Tonight

- Questions?
- “I’m interested, who do I call?”
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