

# Troop 614 Summer Camp Guide - 2014

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	Parent Guide
	BSA Health Form – Parts A, B, and C
	2014 MB List and prerequisites
	2014 MB schedule
	2014 Trailblazers Program (for new Scouts)
	Special Needs Notification Form
	Clothing and equipment list

## Key Milestones and Due Dates

12/19/13	\$50 - camper reservation fee due
1/23/14	\$50 – first payment due
3/13/14	\$100 – second payment due
4/11/14	MB schedule selection due to Ken Lyles
5/15/14	\$65 – Final payment due
5/22/14	BSA Health Forms due
5/22/14	Special Needs forms due
5/22/14	Parents’ Informational Meeting
6/19/14	Parent permission form due

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Location: Camp Durant, Carthage, NC

Dates: 6/29/14 – 7/5/14

Meet at FVBC parking lot at 10:00AM on 6/29/14.

Return to FVBC parking lot at 11:30AM on 7/5/14.

Cost: Cost of camp is \$260 per camper. Some merit badges will require additional funds payable after we complete merit badge registration in April so please take note when reviewing merit badge selections with your Scout. We have added a small fee to take care of troop costs such as fuel, ice, rope and other supplies for the week at summer camp.

Travel: We will travel in the church vans. Scouts must travel in Class A uniform and will be permitted a small daypack on the van. No food or open drink containers will be permitted in the van. We will not stop for meals enroute to or from camp – Scouts will need to pack a bag lunch for Sunday that we will eat after arrival and before starting the check-in process. Since we will take the swimming safety check upon arrival at camp, all Scouts must wear their swimsuit under their uniform or pack in daypack and take a towel in their daypack on the van. We will not have access to any packed gear until we have finished our check in process.

Health Forms: Every Scout must have a completed the current version of the BSA Health Form Parts A, B and C. This form must have been completed within the last year, i.e., after 7/6/13, to be valid. Part C must be completed and signed by a credentialed health care provider. The immunization record and copy of health insurance card is required. Camp Durant will not permit any Scout to check in without the health form. A copy of the form is in the summer camp package or you can access a fillable version on the troop website [www.troop614.org](http://www.troop614.org). If your Scout has special health related concerns, complete the Special Needs form and submit by due date specified.

Medications: Please place any medications in a zip lock bag with name of Scout and dosage information on a card in the bag. If the prescription bottle is not included, please enclose a copy of the prescription label. These bags will be given to a Scoutmaster before we depart from church and will be secured in a lockable container.

Meals: Our first meal at camp on Sunday will be supper and last meal at camp on Saturday is breakfast. Scouts will dine family style with their troop three meals per day. Scouts will take turns serving and cleaning up their troop table throughout the week. If your Scout has special food requirements or allergies, please use the Special Needs form to call that out.

Campsite: Scouts will share two-man tents. These tents are set on wood platforms and each Scout will have a cot. Each site has a covered shelter with tables for use during the day and evenings, hot showers and flush toilets. Scouts will take turns cleaning the campsite, personal quarters, and shower house each day.

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Trading Post/Money: Camp Durant operates a trading post where Scouts can purchase materials for merit badges, snacks, camp t-shirts and other items. Scouts will be responsible for maintaining their own funds. \$40-\$50 for the week should suffice for a t-shirt and an occasional snack. If Scouts are taking a handicraft merit badge (e.g., Leatherwork, Basketry, Pottery, Woodcarving, Indian Lore) they should have an additional \$10-\$15 to purchase materials needed. Scouts taking rifle and shotgun shooting should have additional funds to purchase practice ammunition.

Merit Badges: Scouts should look over the merit badge list and select several of interest to him. Prerequisites, if any, are listed. There is also a 2013 merit badge schedule so Scouts can get an idea of when merit badges are taught. When the 2014 schedule is posted we will publish it. We will review their selections with the Scouts to make sure they are aware of all the requirements before we finalize the schedule on-line. Please note on the equipment list any special equipment to be brought for merit badges. Handicraft merit badges will require purchase of materials at the Trading Post. Scouts should consider purchasing a merit badge pamphlet for their selected merit badges and review them before summer camp to be better prepared.

Uniform, Clothing, and Equipment: Your Scout must have a Class A uniform (shirt with all required patches and badges, green shorts/trousers, kerchief with slide, troop hat). This is the traveling uniform (minus the kerchief and merit badge sash which should be packed) as well as being required for the Colors ceremony each evening at camp. Generally Scouts will wear shorts and t-shirts for most of the remainder of the day. T-shirts with a Scouting theme (troop t-shirts, camp shirts, etc) are preferred however any t-shirt with appropriate graphics and wording are permissible. Only shoes with closed heel and toe may be worn outside the troop campsite. A list of clothing and equipment is attached. All items must be packed in a single Action Packer/bin to maximize room in our trailer.

Activities: In addition to the full day of merit badge and Trailblazer courses, Durant opens several program areas each day for general use so Scouts can swim, boat, shoot and visit other Scouts. There are events available every evening such as campfires, ballgames, and skills demonstrations and we will be encouraging Scouts to partner up and participate. They will also have the chance to meet Scouts from other troops in our council as well as Scouts from other councils. The week culminates with a troop competition called the Tomahawk Race. Our troop will also perform a service project while at camp.

## Contact Info:

Mailing Address (mail by Tuesday to arrive)

Scout \_\_\_\_\_, Troop 614  
Camp Durant  
4637 Old Carthage Road  
Carthage, NC 28327

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Parents may e-mail their scouts at camp by sending an e-mail to [scout@campdurant.com](mailto:scout@campdurant.com). These e-mails will be printed and put in troop mail boxes. Scouts will not be able to reply. Parents should include the Scout's name and troop number in the subject line.

Emergency Contact:

Camp Office (only for dire emergency) .....910-948-2382

Ken Lyles (Scoutmaster) 919-539-9413

Jon Wock (Asst Scoutmaster) 919-810-5667

Although cell and wifi coverage are severely limited, we will post updates as we are able on our week at camp on our troop website.

We ask that you limit contact with your Scout to letters/cards or emails. For some first year campers, it can take until about Wednesday before they get fully acclimated to being away from home and really start enjoying camp and letters or calls telling them how much you miss them, although true, will start the process all over. Durant's website notes that there is no formal family night but for families who would like to make the trip, Friday afternoon is recommended and prior coordination and payment to join the troop in the dining facility is required. To be sure, we would recommend that you wait for your Scout to return home on Saturday to share his adventures with you. Frequently Scouts who have done well all week will suddenly decide that they have to leave with their families on Friday night.

Personal Electronics: We ask that Scouts leave their electronic devices at home to avoid their missing one of the benefits of being at camp – living with their fellow Scouts in the great outdoors. Having said that, we recognize that smart phones are also cameras and can also be used to help perform research for some merit badges. Keep in mind there is no WiFi and very limited cell service at Camp Durant and limited recharging opportunities. If your Scout does have a phone, please help us to discourage their use during the week. While this is a Scout camp, there is also the chance of someone stealing unsecured property. Durant is also a very large place with many places for a Scout to set his gear down and forget it. Scoutmasters can't take responsibility for securing each Scout's property.

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## Base Campers Personal Equipment and Clothing List

- BSA Field Uniform (Class A w/neckerchief and OA sash as applicable)
- Troop hat
- Rugged pants (2 pr)
- Short pants (3 pr)
- Swim trunks (1 pr)
- T-shirts (6 including Troop 614 t-shirt)
- Underwear (6 pr)
- Socks and extra socks (6+)
- Tennis shoes
- Hiking boots/Shoes (ONLY CLOSED TOE AND HEEL FOOTWEAR MAY BE WORN AT CAMP)
- Bible
- Scout Handbook
- Pens/pencils/paper/notebook
- Watch
- Money for Trading Post (\$30-\$40)
- Sweater or jacket
- Rain gear (poncho or rain jacket)
- Bath towels (2) / Washcloths (2)
- Toiletries (soap and soapdish, toothpaste/toothbrush, deodorant)
- Shower sandals (may be worn at shower only)
- Sleeping bag (40 degree) & pillow
- Water bottle (1 or 2 liter - reusable/Nalgene)
- Flashlight w/extra batteries
- Completed Medical Forms (turned into troop)
- Medications w/ labels
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Rope/parachute cord – 50' (clothesline, camp improvements)

NOTE: Label all articles of clothing and personal gear with scout's name and unit.

## OPTIONAL

- Camera
- Sewing kit
- Fishing gear
- Pocketknife (folding style w/lock blade – ToteNChip card required to have and use knife)
- Mosquito net

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Some merit badges may require specific additional clothing or equipment.

Scouts participating in Trailblazers program must also bring:

- Compass
- Personal First Aid Kit containing:
  - 5 band aids
  - 1 tube antiseptic cream
  - Latex gloves
  - 2 roller bandages
  - Alcohol swabs
  - Moleskin
  - Tweezers
  - Calamine lotion

Scouts taking Swimming Merit Badge:

- Belt
- Long sleeved button front shirt
- Long trousers
- Shoes that can get wet

Scouts taking First Aid Merit Badge:

- Personal First Aid Kit

Scouts taking Camping or Wilderness Survival Merit Badges:

- Camping equipment for overnight (see Scout Handbook for list)
- Sleeping bag
- Poncho / ground cloth
- Mess kit
- Fire-making kit (flint and steel)
- Personal survival kit

Scouts in **Photography** Merit Badge

- digital camera if they have one

All gear and clothing should be packed in a single Action Packer. This serves as a weather resistant storage container.