

BROWNSEA PROGRAM

Brownsea is a program for new Scouts and Leaders which focuses on requirements for advancement to the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks. It is comprised of 4 morning sessions, held from 9 –11 am, Monday – Thursday. In addition, patrols may sign up for optional topic-specific skill sessions, or an individual session in the evening with the Brownsea Director. All sessions are taught by the Brownsea Director with the assistance of the adult leaders, and older Scouts. **Please plan to provide at least one adult leader to work with your Brownsea patrol.**

Brownsea Daily Sessions - For Scouts working on Tenderfoot, Second and First Class ranks, and at least one leader from each participating troop. Patrol structure will be utilized at all sessions. Topics will include knots and lashing, map & compass, fire-building, plant and animal identification, hiking skills, first aid, and how to prepare for outpost. If your Scouts are proficient in any of the skills to be covered on a particular day, do not feel obligated to attend that session. A schedule and list of skills covered will be provided by the Brownsea Director.

Optional Skill Sessions – Patrols may sign up for a topic-specific skill session with the Brownsea Director. These optional sessions are offered to expand on and enhance the lessons in the morning sessions, with a smaller Scout:instructor ratio. Sessions are taught in the related program area for each topic.

Traveling Brownsea – Patrols may sign up to have the Brownsea Director come to the campsite and teach a skill or skills. Sessions meet in your campsite or other pre-determined area, and will cover all topics that your Scouts indicate they need to work on.

Brownsea Passport – Travel around Chippewa Camp, and receive a stamp from each program area. Passports are due to the Brownsea Director by Thursday night before departure on the Brownsea Island Outpost.

Brownsea Island Outpost – All Brownsea Patrols are strongly encouraged to participate in the Brownsea Island Outpost to put into action all the skills they've learned in the program. Each participating troop should send one adult leader. The Scouts, leaders and staff will depart from the Chippewa Parade Field at 9 a.m. and hike to Brownsea Island, just beyond the Foxfire Outpost. Participants will compete in the Brownsea Challenge Course that tests their knowledge of all fundamental Scout skills followed by lunch and a graduation ceremony and the hike back to Chippewa Camp. Participants will return by 2 p.m.