# Green Bar Program

### Unit Leader Overview Famous Eagle, Camp Gamble, Swift Base



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"Ideally, no Troop should have a single indoor meeting—all its activities should be in the outdoors! Ideally, we say—for Scouting is a Movement of the out-of-doors, teaching Scouts citizenship through woodcraft. Youths join Scouting to have fun under the open sky, not to be cooped up in a Troop room."

-William "Green Bar Bill" Hillcourt

#### Program Aims and Objectives

- 1. Broaden youth perspectives on life and leadership. To open their gaze to new opportunities and skills.
- 2. Enhance interest in personal development of skills and leadership.
- 3. Fine tune basic woodcraft skills and familiarity with handcraft and handiwork.
- 4. Provide insight into the fun of camping and leadership. Be an example to others to SET GOALS and DO what it takes to meet them.
- 1. Have fun. Eat good food. Make interesting projects. Provide labor and leadership in service to Camp.

#### **Basic Program Learning and Skill goals:**

All participants will earn or review Totin' Chip skills before progressing.

Firem'n Chit and participate in a skill session to chop and sort firewood.

Paul Bunyan Woodsman award and be a member of a trail building or maintenance project.

#### Secondary Learning and Skill goals:

Participants will have the opportunity to earn BSA Outdoor Ethics award,

To work with blacksmithing tools to create a personal use object of their choice.

To carve a wood spoon or other wooden object for personal use in camp.

Green Bar Participants will have the opportunity to work on a variety of Scoutcraft or Woodcraft projects:

Building: fence, pizza oven, chairs, fire ring, sapling lathe, shave horse, cabin/toolshed, etc.

Cooking: donuts, ice cream, sourdough bread, spiral potatoes, personal pizzas, milling flour, roast chicken, prime rib, etc.

#### Third level Learning and Skill goals:

Select participants who have shown attentiveness and ability will participate in a hatchet or tomahawk build project.

Select participants who show aptitude and competence can earn admittance to the weekly Green Bar Patrol

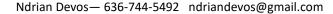
(limited to 5 participants per week who have completed all Basic and Secondary skill goals before Friday.)

The gold star participant of the week in Green Bar program will have the potential to be named Green Bar Hawk Bearer

At our Friday evening Campfire!









# **Green Bar**

## and Beyond

Second+ year accession plan

If you like what you see but wonder "what comes next?", we are presenting the following ideas as part of the 2nd year and beyond plan for a Scout who has already maxed the current program. Any scout who has earned entry to the "Green bar Patrol" at a camp session will be eligible.

2nd year: Participant will be encouraged to assist as "pseudo-staff". If they've already done their thing with blacksmithing, E.D.G.E. methods dictate they should pass it along to the next person. Besides blacksmithing there are other program objectives that will always be needing attention, is the cabin built? Are the fences finished? Is the pizza oven complete? Are there multiple spring-pole lathes for multiple users? Any of these questions should be answered by efforts from 2nd year participants. Greenbar is not a static area. It should always be growing or improving. If it looks a mess, help clean up, but be sure you're contributing to the mess with your projects!

Trainings to be offered in a speculative 2nd year:

LNT level 1 or 16 hour equivalent(eligibility for National Outdoor Award)

WARFA or WFA certification.(eligibility for National Outdoor Award and High Adventure)

Potential Counselor in Training experience.

Unit involvement is a possibility featuring all the individual options plus an opportunity to work on a Conservation Good Turn Award.

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What is in store for Year 3? Potentially a Scout would be 15 years old and eligible for the Camp C.I.T. program. Greenbar will need assistants, and if you have the background, that makes you eminently qualified(right?)

The ideal track for Greenbar is replacement staff finds us. Maybe someday that squirrely 11 year old will find a place among the wood chips and coal smoke. Eventually, the kid that excels here should wind up as a counselor, or maybe one day as the director.

The way this happens is if we support the program.

So feel free to ask if you can lend a hand. Any help is better than no help!

Thank you for your interest!