



Indian Lore Merit Badge



Building a wigwam

Fort Necessity National Battlefield offers a 3 hour program in which boy scouts earn the Indian Lore merit badge. At the end of the program the on-site merit badge councilor will sign the boys' blue cards. The program features hands-on activities.

History of an American Indian Nation *Requirement 1*

The boys will learn about the three nations that were present in western Pennsylvania in the 1750's – the Shawnee, the Delaware and the Seneca. They will learn many aspects of their dress, appearance, beliefs and life style. Pictures, clothing and artifacts are used.

Wigwam and Museum Artifacts *Requirement 2*

The boy scouts will either build a full size replica of a wigwam (if they come on the Indian Lore weekend) or they will build a model of one. The boys will also study 10 artifacts in the parks museum.

American Indian Games *Requirement 3*

The group will be divided in half. Each group will learn two games, however, they will not learn the same games. Afterwards each group of boys can teach the other group of boys their game.



Learning American Indian games

The Iroquois Confederacy *Requirement 4*

The park ranger will use storytelling to explain about the formation of the Iroquois Confederacy and their system of government.

Fee and Reservations

There is a \$5.00 per scout fee for the program. Adults – 16 and over – pay a \$5.00 park entrance fee. For more information or to make reservations call 724-329-8124.

"This was a great program! The boys who participated in this program learned more in three hours than the boys who took it at camp learned in a week."

Scout leader