

ODD Scouts BSA Roundtable

August 10, 2023

Unit thoughts on where they did summer camp in 2023

Bayshore Scout Reservation Pennsylvania Dutch Council

The camp is relatively compact making it easy to get to places. The staff was good and worked well with campers with disabilities. It had a new scout program. The mile swim was in the lake – viewed as a plus. The camp does have a pool for its normal swimming programs. The camp includes a COPE program.

Camp Pipsico Tidewater Council

The camp is compact and small. It is located on the James River. Open program is limited beyond those in merit badges. There is a good older scout program and good new scout program. The week the unit was there the camp was oversubscribed. A neat extra is the archaeology dig.

Camp Marriott National Capital Area Council

The camp had a limited number of boats this year. There was a good shooting sports program. The veterans program was good but it required troop leadership to move the scouts, including bringing them back for noon meal. The camp continues its cook your own or heater stack tradition.

Philmont

The unit did a 1.5 day tour in Colorado Spring prior to arriving.

T. Brady Saunders Heart of Virginia Council

The lake included a blob and sailing. They were short-handed on staff this year. The camp includes a first year program and also the Ranger Challenge for the older campers. It also has a STEM program.

Northern Tier

The unit stayed overnight at the Wolf Center which required a service project. They also said a unit could consider outfitters as a cheaper alternative to Northern Tier (but you likely would not have a guide).

National Jamboree

It was recommended unit leaders promote and have scouts who attended previous jamborees promote at the unit level.

Fall Activities units have planned:

Climboree

Scubajam at Lake Phoenix

Camporee with Prince William District at the Bealton Flying Circus

Caving