







Trail Program Roster

Pack
 Troop Number: _____ District: _____ Council: _____
 Crew

Which trail program did your unit complete?

Requirement: Leader's initials & date:

-  Frog Jog
-  Bluebird
-  Cardinal
-  Raptor
-  OA
-  History

1. Review the literature. _____
2. Be prepared! _____
3. Go on a hike. _____
4. Learn during the hike. _____
5. Do a good turn. _____

Roster of scouts and registered adults who completed all requirements above:



Approved, signed, and dated by:

Unit Leader

Camp Master, Director, or Ranger

Official Trail Program Requirements Firelands Scout Reservation



This document lists the requirements for earning awards that are associated with each trail at FSR. Units should print their own copies of this document to record completion of these awards. This document is intended to be printed on 8½ x 11" paper, 2-sided (front & back, either black & white or full color).

These awards are 5/8" square pins that match the signpost for each trail program. These pins are intended to be attached to a "trail hiker" patch, which can be purchased when the first pin has been earned.

These awards can be earned by youth or adult hikers who complete the requirements listed on the following pages. Many requirements are aimed at youth (for example, #4 for Bluebird and Cardinal); facilitation of discussion is the adult equivalent for this type of requirement. Also, the Raptor trail is intended for patrols; in this case, adults are encouraged to form "old goat" patrols and complete these same requirements to gain perspective regarding the experience of the youth.

Simply hiking a trail is **not enough** to earn these trail program awards. Each trail program includes 5 requirements that all follow the same pattern: review the literature (usually a handbook or merit badge pamphlet), be prepared, go on the hike, learn during the hike, and do a good turn.

Completion of the requirements for these awards is documented with the roster on the reverse side of this page. A copy of this roster, signed by the unit leader and a representative of the camp, must be submitted when any trail awards are purchased.

The requirements for these hikes are intended to be progressive. Although no specific sequence for these awards is mandated, if a scout follows this order: Frog Jog (Cub Scouts), Bluebird (Webelos), Cardinal (Scouts), Raptor, (independent patrols), OA (high adventure preparation), he will be introduced to gradually more advanced features of the Scouting program.

Scouts are encouraged to enjoy the trails at Firelands Scout Reservation, whether working on requirements for these or other awards or taking a more casual hike. Scouts are reminded that there are many hiking related requirements that can be completed on the trails at FSR, including Second Class requirement 1b (the OA trail is 5 miles long) and Hiking merit badge requirement 5 (by chaining numerous trails together).

Before any of these hikes, Scouts and Scouters should follow their motto. Preparedness includes many facets: the 10 outdoor essentials, knowledge of first aid, knowing what to do in an emergency, recognizing and avoiding poisonous plants and other natural hazards, telling someone your planned route and when to expect your return, *et cetera*.

Specifically, except for hikes that are part of otherwise documented campouts (like a weekend campout or summer residence camp), units are required to notify council program staff of their planned hike at FSR by calling the Council Service Center at least 1 week prior to their hike. Additionally, upon arrival at FSR, units must check-in with the Camp Host or Ranger before beginning their hike.

Each hike introduces, illustrates, or reinforces a few additional types of preparedness. Some hikes teach preparedness by knowledge of Leave No Trace principles (the first point of which is Plan Ahead and Prepare), another summarizes "Trek Safely" concepts (Raptor, which includes 'staying found'), and other hikes have equipment related preparedness requirements (Cardinal and OA).

For a more complete list of ways to be prepared, Scouts are encouraged to refer to their handbooks and adults are referred to Trek Safely training and the Guide to Safe Scouting. Although not explicitly stated in these requirements, all Scout events, including these hikes, must comply with the Guide to Safe Scouting.