



FISH CAMP

COME FISH WITH US



Fish Camp is located at Camp Ottari on the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation. While at Fish Camp, participants have the opportunity to fish some great trout and smallmouth bass waters close to the Reservation. Scouts not only fish, they learn to fly cast, tie flies, and study the habitat and ecosystems of the fish they attempt to outwit. Learning more about the sport of fishing is also afforded if Scouts choose to earn the Fishing or Fly Fishing Merit Badge. A full week of fishing and learning in beautiful Southwestern Virginia is what Fish Camp is all about.

1 Before Camp

Who can attend Fish Camp?	Any registered Scout who is at least 13 years old by camp. Also, those who attend must be able to pass the BSA Swimmer’s Test.
Can Leaders attend?	Absolutely! Fish Camp provides the primary leadership, but other adults are encouraged to attend along with their Scouts.
Where do we stay?	Fish Camp is located at Camp Ottari. Most meals are taken at the dining hall. Showers are taken in base camp.
How do we travel?	Fish Camp has it’s own 15 passenger van.
What kind of gear do I need?	Most fishermen are comfortable with their own gear and we encourage you to bring your own equipment, though Fish Camp does have several rods and reels especially for Scouts to use. We provide fly tying equipment, canoes, and a few pairs of waders. Other items to bring: Sunscreen, “Creek Shoes,” waterbottle, bathing suit, rain gear, dry bag or waterproof container.
How Do I Get a Fishing License?	Please go to the VDGIF website (www.dgif.virginia.gov/licenses) and purchase a 5-day freshwater fishing license with a national forest stamp. Bring the license with you to camp.

2 Arrival on Sunday

Participants arriving with their troops need to go through the registration and check in procedures along with their unit. This should be done at the unit’s base camp; either Ottari or Powhatan. At this time they need to complete the BSA Swimmer’s Test (Adults must pass the test as well).

Those arriving at Camp Powhatan may catch the shuttle that will be leaving the camp for Ottari at 4 p.m. near the OA shelter. Please bring buddy tag and med form.

Those arriving at Camp Ottari should report to fish camp after completing the swim check, medical check and check-in process. All participants should have their “Class A” uniform accessible for dinner that evening.

Remember to Bring

- National BSA Medical Form
- Tour Permit (out of council)
- Proof of Troop Insurance (out of council)
- VA 5-day fishing license



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3 During the Week

Here is a sample of what you may expect at Fish Camp:

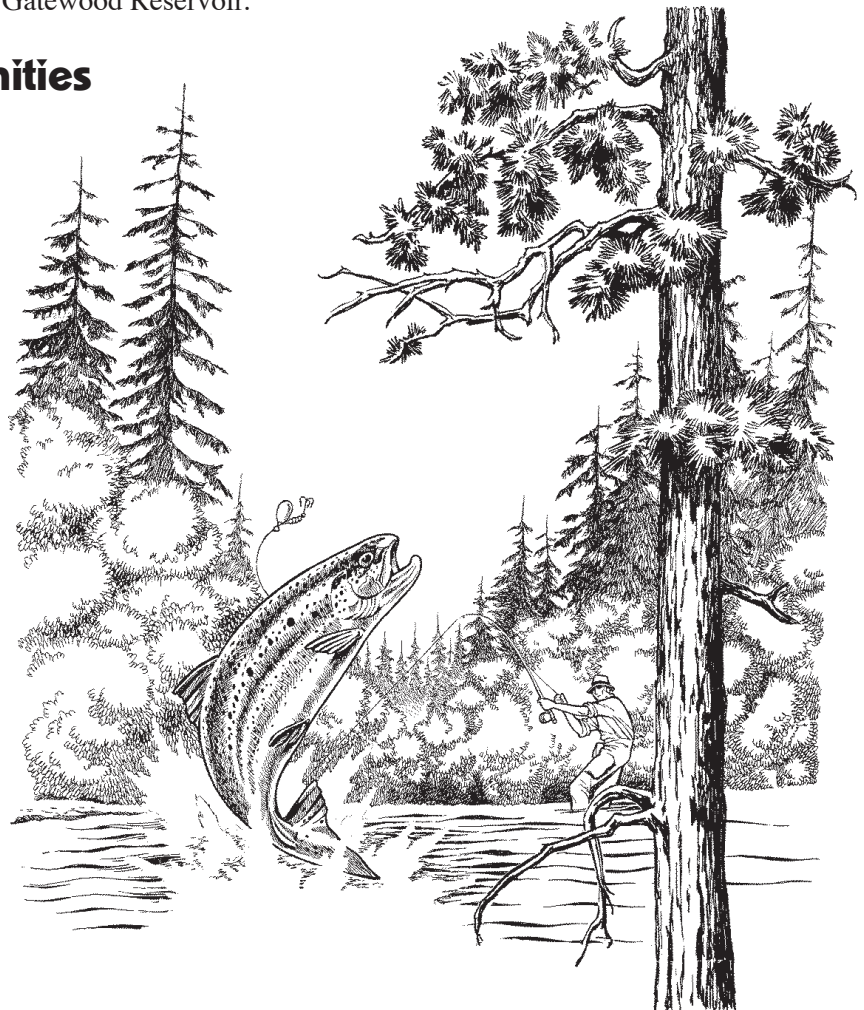
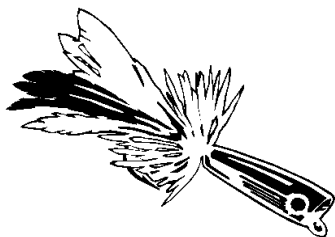
- Wading the wide stretches of the New River in search of smallmouth bass.
- Stream fishing in Jefferson National Forest.
- Using a seine for aquatic invertebrates.
- Tying “Clouser” minnows, “Near enuff Crayfish,” and Wooly Bugger flies.
- Hiking three miles along a Native Trout stream to a 65 foot waterfall.
- Canoeing a slow moving section of the New River while float-fishing (Some Class I/II rapids may be encountered).
- Fishing a trophy trout stream in Southwestern Virginia.
- Enjoying meals of fresh fish.
- Motor boating on Claytor Lake and/or Gatewood Reservoir.

4 Advanced Opportunities

- Fishing Merit Badge.
- Fly Fishing Merit Badge.

5 Saturday Morning

Unit leaders in base camp will need to tell the Fish Camp Director of their exit plans for Saturday morning. If a troop needs to depart early on Saturday and there is available space at the unit’s campsite, the Fish Camp participant may stay with his troop. The majority of Fish Camp participants will be taken to their respective base camps on Saturday morning on the 8:00 a.m. shuttle.





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CAMP ROSTER

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