

ACE Program Guide

What: The ACE Program is a High Adventure program aimed towards older scouts who feel Wolfeboro doesn't have as much left for them, mainly because they no longer require merit badges. Throughout the course of one action packed week, scouts will be able to experience day hikes out and around the valley, fun with firearms, a mini-trek, rock climbing, kayaking, and mountain biking, all while meeting and bonding with other adventurous souls.

Where: Although the ACE program spends much of its time adventuring around the Sierra Nevadas, it is based out of Camp Wolfeboro, allowing you to spend the free time you have with your troop. If you are interested in participating in ACE but are not able to attend with a full troop it is still possible to participate in the adventure. Simply register through our provisional camper experience, which allows you to spend a week with a host troop, enabling you to camp while making friends in the process. Provisional camper applications are available on the Wolfeboro forms website.

Who: Any scout, from a crew, troop or other, who is age fourteen or above, may sign up. Additionally, boy scouts are required to have earned at least the rank of first class. Scouters are welcome as well, but be prepared to be active. There's a reason it isn't called an intermediate adventure program.

Why: For the adventure of course! With the ACE program, scouts are able to have an action packed week filled with the best activities the wilderness has to offer. They'll be able to shoot, bike, and explore some of the most beautiful terrain in California. On top of all that, scouts will have the opportunity to meet and bond with other adventurous souls, making friendships that can last a lifetime.

How: (Signups): Signups for ACE can be done through Greenbar, the same online program as run of the mill Wolfeboro merit badge signups. Please have all signups with names, ages, and, if applicable, ranks of scouts two weeks in advance. Also, keep in mind that due to extra food, campsite reservation, rentals, and transportation ACE costs an additional 99\$ compared to the standard camp experience.

Rockers: Separate from the ACE program, is the rocker program, an enjoyable activity that remains exclusive to Wolfeboro. Think of them as merit badges that are especially rewarding but are exclusively earned for the bragging rights and honor. Throughout the ACE program, scouts will be given opportunities to work towards these achievements, adding an extra element to the week.

Weekly ACE Schedule

| | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Morning | | 9:00 Day Hike to Pretzel (Hike Shack) | 6:00 Meet for Trek (Dining Hall) 6:30 Leave for Trek | 9:00 Kayaking/ Mountain Biking | 7:15 Breakfast/ Pack Out | 9:00 Hike to 3 Kings | 9:00 Feedback Meeting/ Rocker Distribution |
| Afternoon | Arrival in camp, set up campsites 7:30 Ace Meeting (P.O.) | 2:00-3:00 Ace Shoot | Trekking | 12:35 Lunch 1:00 Switch Activity | 2:00 Arrive in Camp Relax for an Afternoon | 1:00 Climbing | Head Home |
| Evening | 8:30 Ace Campfire | 8:30 Monday Night Campfire | Camping in the Woods | Camping in the Woods | Thursday Evening Program | Friday Night Campfire | |

Schedule:

Please keep in mind that the weekly schedule is thought out with the best intentions for both the camp and camper experiences. While Wolfeboro staff will do its best to accommodate all situations, it may not be possible to make changes to the schedule for individual troops or scouts.

Sunday:

After arriving and unloading, ACEr's participate in a meeting to lay out the groundwork for the week, as well as a chance to meet your fellow ACE members. This meeting will include time to input on the destination of the day hikes, food for the week, and, if necessary, the activity for Thursday afternoon.

Monday:

Your week of adventure begins with a light hike to one of our gorgeous river features, Three Kings or Pretzel. The afternoon will be dedicated to shooting sports, with hours of archery,

tomahawk, rifle, and shotgun. Note that the cost of ammunition for this afternoon is included in the cost of the ACE program.

Tuesday:

The second day will mark the start of your trek. Waking up early, participants will make their meals at the dining hall to pack our meals before embarking on an approximately 10 mile hike to a campsite near the Bear Valley Lodge.

Wednesday:

An action packed Wednesday starts with a short hike from the campsite to Bear Valley, where scouts will get the opportunity to both kayak and mountain bike in and around Lake Alpine. Half of the group will be spend the first half of the day biking, while the other half cruises around on the lake. After a group lunch, the two parties will switch, spending the afternoon enjoying whichever activity they didn't get a chance to try in the morning.

Thursday:

The first half of Thursday will be spent making our way back from Lake Alpine to Camp Wolfeboro. During the afternoon, ACE scouts will have a chance to relax or, for the restless, a chance to participate in games around the camp.

Friday:

Friday will wrap up the week with the scout's second day hike, as well as a chance to climb Wolfeboro's authentic granite walls. The difficulty of climbing ranges from leisurely to strenuous and is offered at a variety of locations in and above the valley.

Saturday:

As the week comes to a close, the exhausted but satisfied ACE participants will be given their rockers as they give their feedback. Input from all of our attendees is necessary and meaningful, as it allows us to make the next week of the program even better.

Q&A

Q: Will I still be able to earn merit badges throughout the week?

A: Unfortunately you won't have the free time required, ACE program keeps you up and active for the entire week, which doesn't leave time for bookwork or merit badge sessions.

Q: I'm my troop's senior patrol leader, can I participate in ACE?

A: Once again, this is not possible due to the active nature of the program. The SPL will be needed by his troop to attend meetings, schedule intergroup activities, plan skits, and more.

Q: How much can the program be changed to suit my troops needs?

A: At Wolfeboro it is always our goal to make sure every troop and crew has the best experience possible. Much of the program can be flexible, such as the location for day hikes

and climb sites, length of trek, meal planning and more. However, the core of the program will most likely be set in stone, depending on how many scouts will be attending and available resources.

Pack List:

This pack list, which can also be found in the Wolfeboro leaders guide, is an excellent guideline for what to bring. Please note that scouts should be sure to bring hiking boots that are broken in prior to camp, a backpacking backpack that fits well and is comfortable for long term, and all gear should be reasonably light, due to the long distances we will be hiking. Lastly, cash, for dinner at Alpine Lounge, is also a good idea.

SUGGESTED PERSONAL GEAR

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jacket | <input type="checkbox"/> Raincoat/poncho |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foam pad | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Uniform |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-shirts, several | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pants | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking shorts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Undershorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Several pairs socks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking boots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Light shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit or cutoffs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large towel | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapstick |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knife, fork, & spoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Plate, cup, & bowl |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket knife | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matches | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal first aid kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Washcloth | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> Note pad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Envelopes & stamps | <input type="checkbox"/> Day pack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watch | <input type="checkbox"/> Tent |

OPTIONAL

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rubber boots | <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing gear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camera & film | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharpening stone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harmonica or Guitar | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothespins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Twine or light rope | <input type="checkbox"/> Spending money |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OA sash | <input type="checkbox"/> Money for activities |

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