

# 161st Catamounts

Fiercely Inclusive Traditional Scouting



"Find your path, change the world..."



# Who?

The 161st Catamounts Scout Troop proudly announces its formation as an independent and inclusive scouting unit under the Outdoor Service Guides.

Committed to fostering leadership, camaraderie, and outdoor skills, the Catamounts offer engaging programs for both youth and adults.

We welcome scouts of all backgrounds, abilities, and identities. Our troop celebrates diversity and promotes a sense of belonging



# Outdoor Service Guides

- Formed in 2006 as Baden Powell Service Association, BPSA. The name officially changed in 2021 to Outdoor Service Guides to better reflect the growing organization and our goal of being welcoming
- Harkens back to the origins of scouting: promoting self-reliance, good citizenship, training in habits of observation, and loyalty.
- Badgework and program are simple: teach real outdoor skills, adventure, camp, and build community.



# We Believe In

- Outdoors – Nature is central to human health and well-being.
- Inclusion – An active welcome and an active engagement to make OSG a place where people feel they belong.
- Volunteerism – We are a group of passionate and committed individuals who scout for the sake of scouting.
- Self-reliance & Interdependence – Being responsible and capable as part of a larger group.





# We Believe In

- Confidence – Knowing that you can learn new things and you are equipped to problem-solve.
- Servant Leadership – Leading by valuing and elevating everybody to be their best selves.
- Service – Applying the knowledge, skills, and capacity for learning fostered in scouting to the greater good of our communities.



# What?

- empower scouts to find their path and change the world through knowledge, community service, conservation, and democratic collaborative expression
- create spaces and opportunities for traditionally shunned in collective and individual skillbuilding
- enable and facilitate missions of environmental stewardship and community impact
- camp, explore, learn, adventure, celebrate, and have fun!



# **Youth Sections**

**Chipmunks (5-7)**

**Timberwolves (8-10)**

**Pathfinders (11-17)**



# Scouting for Adults

**Rover Corps**

**Tenderfoot**

**Squire**

**Knight**





# Why?

# 161st Catamounts are

Dedicated to human rights, environmental stewardship, and labor.

Practicing real, grassroots democracy in our scouting

Making change through action, accountable to community

Creating new, excited courseware and badgework based on resiliency and Community Defense



# Ranks and Proficiencies

## Proficiency Badges

Earned based on command of skills and subject matter, in our culture Scouts must *maintain* the skillset

## Ranks

Elected positions of leadership, not an award, right, or title; it is a privilege, a responsibility and a mandate. A leader will only retain their authority as long as they retain the support of those who delegated that authority to them



# **The Catamount Accords**

**Commitment to Solidarity**

**Code of Conduct**

**Well Organized Troop Structure**

**Lodge System**

**Annual Catamount Congress**



# How?



# Sign Up Today!



# **When?**

**Rain or Shine Meetings at Paradise Park Lean-to**

**Beginning Sunday January 5th**

**12 Noon - 2 pm**

**Continuing Every Second Sunday**