

Trail to 1st Class - Web Page - 2025

Trail to 1st **Class Volunteers**: Ready to help younger scouts progress to First Class? We will have hundreds of Scouts in this important area and need all the volunteers we can get. Any Star, Life or Eagle Scouts that are looking to help, this is the perfect area for you. You do not have to be 18 to help.

To learn more about Volunteering, click here (email address for Richard Byle).

Advance registration for Trail to 1st Class (TT1C) helps in arranging for TT1C staff and assistants, planning TT1C events, and purchasing accurate TT1C supplies. Make sure to register early to reserve your sessions and help make the event experience more enjoyable for all by enabling us to be prepared! If you have any TT1C questions, please contact the TT1C Director.

Trail to 1st Class Director - Richard Byle, email: gryphon97@gmail.com

Trail to 1st Class offerings: ATTENTION LEADERS: Below is the list of course offerings for 2025.

Scout: 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f, 4a, 4b, 5

Tenderfoot: 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 4a, 4b, 7a, 8

Second Class: 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2f, 2g, 3a^{1,2,3}, 3d, 4⁴, 5b⁵, 5c⁵, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e, 8b

First Class: 3a, 3b, 3c, 4a¹, 4b, 5a⁴, 6a⁵, 6e⁵, 7a, 7b, 7c, 9a

NOTES:

Scouts (and their leaders) should look over the requirements they need before the event and make a list of what they need to complete. Once at the event, on the Trail to 1st Class Scorecard, cross off the requirements they have completed to see what they can get done.

- 1 Navigation (Map & Compass and Orienteering) 2ND Class 3a **Each Scout needs to have a compass.** If you don't have a compass, we cannot sign off your scorecard.
- 2 Navigation (Orienteering) 2nd Class 3a is a pre-requisite for 1st Class 4a.
- 3 Navigation (GPS) **2nd Class 3a is a pre-requisite** for 1st Class 4b.
- 4 Scouts need to bring a notebook, pencil and a camera or a phone that has a camera in it to record notes and images of the specimens per the requirements.
- 5 Swimming (2nd Class 5b, 5c, 1st Class 6a, 6e) is offered in the afternoon only (1-4 PM). **These are not swimming lessons.** Scouts should know how to swim. **Scouts**



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must check in at the Trail to 1st Class Information table before going to the bus stop. Scouts attempting to complete the swimming requirements must be at the bus stop by 12:45 PM. An adult leader must accompany their scout(s) going to and from swimming. Scouts cannot just be dropped off at the bus stop.

The most heavily attended stations are KNOTS & LASHINGS, KNIFE, AXE & FIRE and FIRST AID.

KNOTS & LASHINGS (6 sessions, 1 hour each) This station will cover the Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd and 1st Class knot and lashing requirements. The scouts will receive pieces of rope for whipping and fusing. They will keep these as proof of completing the requirements.

KNIFE, AXE & FIRE (4 sessions, 1 ½ hours each) This station will cover the Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd Class tools requirements.

FIRST AID (6 sessions, 1 hour each) This station will cover the Tenderfoot, 2nd and 1st Class first aid requirements, including poisonous plants. There will be Heimlich Maneuver and CPR Dummies for practicing those skills along with bandages and splints, rescue carries.

FLAG ETIQUETTE (drop in) This station will cover the Tenderfoot and 2nd Class requirements for the U.S. Flag and the 1st Class requirement for meeting with an elected official or community leader.

NAVIGATION (Map & Compass, Orienteering and GPS are 4 sessions. 1 ½ hours long, Finding your way is drop in) This station will cover Map & Compass, Finding your way without a compass, Orienteering and GPS requirements. **Scouts must bring their own compass.**

RULES and SLOGANS (drop in) This station will cover the Scout requirements for the Scout Oath, Law, Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace...

ENVIRONMENT (4 sessions, 1 ½ hours each) This station will cover the 2nd Class requirement for identifying animals, birds, mammals and so on, and the 1st Class requirement for identifying native plants. **Scouts need to have a notebook, pencil and camera or a device to record information about the specimens.**

Trail to 1st Class Volunteers will teach the skills and provide a scorecard of the taught skills related to requirements. **Troop leadership is responsible for verifying and signing off the accomplishment in the Scout's handbook.**

Scoutmasters are requested to be available for Scoutmaster conferences for their Scouts, either during the event or as soon as possible after the event.