



# ROTARY SCOUT RESERVATION

## 2023 SUMMER CAMP PLANNING GUIDE

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# WELCOME!

Welcome to Rotary Scout Reservation, a BSA Nationally Accredited 1,300 acre wilderness adventure area in Upstate New York! RSR is owned and operated by the Twin Rivers Council, BSA, and offers four weeks of Scouts BSA summer camp programs, in addition to Cub Scout resident camp and day camp.

The experienced staff members at Rotary Scout Reservation are trained to provide the most exciting, high quality outdoor program for Scouts. Highlights include:

- ▶ Climbing and rappelling
- ▶ Sailing, kayaking, canoeing, and stand up paddleboard
- ▶ Shotgun and rifle shooting
- ▶ COPE high ropes course
- ▶ Wilderness survival, geocaching and Scoutcraft skills
- ▶ Handicrafts
- ▶ Archery
- ▶ Ecology and Conservation

This guide is offered to provide the basic information you need to help plan your summer camp experience. For additional resources, and for all of the latest information on Rotary Scout Reservation, please visit our website at [www.rsrbbsa.org](http://www.rsrbbsa.org).

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# Summer Camp Dates & Fees

## 2023 Resident Camp Season

<b>Week 1</b>	July 2-8, 2023	Scouts BSA Resident Camp
<b>Week 2</b>	July 9-15, 2023	Scouts BSA Resident Camp
<b>Week 3</b>	July 17-21, 2023	Cub Scout Day Camp
<b>Week 4</b>	July 23-26, 2023	Cub Scout Resident Camp Session I
	July 27-29, 2023	Cub Scout Resident Camp Session II
<b>Week 5</b>	July 30-August 5, 2023	Scouts BSA Resident Camp
<b>Week 6</b>	August 6-12, 2023	Scouts BSA Resident Camp (STEM Week)

## Summer Camp Fees 2023

Please note that our **ALL INCLUSIVE** camp fee includes the cost of all program materials (except for the Scuba program). Camp payments are due by May 1st. After that, a \$50 late charge is applied.

**Note:** Webelos crossovers and new Scouts may have until June 15th to pay the regular fee without penalty.

**Regular Fee:** \$525 (Deposit of \$100 due March 15; Balance paid in full by May 1)

**Late Fee:** \$575 (Balance paid after May 1)

### SIBLING DISCOUNT

The Twin Rivers Council offers a sibling discount for families sending multiple campers to Scouts BSA camp. Each sibling after the first is discounted \$40. The sibling discount will be applied by council staff after the Scouts are registered. To activate the discount, please email the [camp director](#) after the Scouts are registered, but before their balance is fully paid.

### PROVISIONAL CAMPING

A Scout who is unable to go to camp with his or her own troop, or who wishes to go to camp for a second week without their unit, is welcome to attend as a provisional camper. Typically, provisional campers are placed with carefully selected existing troops and function as a member of that troop for the week. In some cases, a larger number of provisional campers will be formed into a separate troop, with qualified leadership provided by the camp staff. The fee for a provisional camper is the same as the regular camp fee, though a camper who returns for an additional week as a provisional would benefit from the Second Week Discount rate.

### SECOND WEEK DISCOUNTED FEE

A Scout is eligible for a reduced second week fee of \$300 at Rotary Scout Reservation if he or she has already paid for one week of resident camp at RSR in the same season.

### ADULT FEES

It is the policy of the BSA that a minimum of two adult leaders provide supervision for each unit and that there be at least one adult for every eight Scouts. At RSR, these required adult leaders are FREE. In order to keep costs as low as possible for the Scouts, RSR charges an Adult Fee for each adult beyond the required ratio for unit supervision. Please use the following chart to determine the Adult Fee for your unit:

NUMBER OF YOUTH	NUMBER OF FREE ADULTS	EACH ADDITIONAL ADULT
1-16	2	\$125
17-24	3	\$125
25-32	4	\$125

When adults spend less than a week at camp, their cost will be pro-rated, and may be combined with other partial week adults in the troop.

# Summer Camp Registration

## Registration Process & Timeline

- All summer camp payments are to be made to the unit's online [ScoutingEvent](#) account via [BlackPug](#).
  - Please use the unit account that was created when the troop's initial deposit was paid. Do not create a new, duplicate camp registration through the council calendar.
- **A \$100 deposit for each Scout attending camp is due by March 15th**, with the full balance to be paid by May 1st.
- Camp fees for Webelos crossovers and new Scouts may be paid without penalty until June 15th.
- When registering individual Scouts, the following information will be required:
  - Scouts' first and last name
  - Complete date of birth
  - Gender
  - BSA registration number
  - Parent/Guardian email
  - Parent/Guardian cell phone
- Members of Girl troops and Boy troops may not be registered in the same troop account for camp. When registering girl and boy members of linked troops, separate troop accounts must be created for each unit.
  - For example, a Scout who is member of Troop 2100G may not be registered for camp as a member of Troop 2100B, or vice versa. If there are Scouts from 2100G and 2100B attending camp, a separate camp registration must be created for each unit.

## Camperships

The Twin Rivers Council provides partial need-based camperships to ensure that all youth have the opportunity to attend summer camp. Troops are encouraged to participate in fundraising opportunities (such as popcorn sales) to help defray the cost of camp for their members.

The online campership application is designed to be completed by the Scout's family and is available at [www.rsrbsa.org](http://www.rsrbsa.org). Please submit applications by April 1 so that the campership committee can review all applications and provide timely award information to families and units prior to the final payment deadline.

## Summer Camp Planning Timeline

**BEFORE LEAVING CAMP:** Get a jump on next year by selecting your preferred week and campsite and submitting a troop deposit of \$250. Please note: Due to the varied capacities of different sites, and changing troop sizes, campsite assignments can not be guaranteed.

**NOVEMBER 1:** Deadline for troop campsite deposits.

**MARCH 15:** Deadline for payment of \$100 camper deposits.

**APRIL 1:** Campership application deadline.

**MAY 1:** Balance of camper payments due. Accounts not fully paid by May 1st subject to \$50 late fee

**JUNE 1:** Deadline for units to submit BSA registration, YPT, and background check data for all adults

**JUNE 15:** Registration deadline for new Scouts and Webelos Crossovers.

# Youth Protection Protocols

## National YPT Guidelines

Ensuring a safe and welcoming experience for **all youth** at camp is our number one responsibility. To ensure the safety of all guests at camp, units are expected to work with the camp administration to ensure compliance with all BSA Youth Protection Policies.

## Adult Registration Requirements

**All adults (age 18+)** accompanying Scouts to summer resident camp must:

- ▶ Have current certification in **BSA Youth Protection** training and
- ▶ Be cleared prior to camp by the **New York State Sex Offender Registry**

This applies to any adults (age 18+) who are staying overnight and any adults who may not be staying overnight but are considered part of the unit's supervision ratio (i.e. "day shift" supervision).

**All adults (18+) accompanying Scouts to summer resident camp for more than 72 hours total** must:

- ▶ Have current certification in **BSA Youth Protection** training and
- ▶ Be cleared prior to camp by the **New York State Sex Offender Registry** and
- ▶ Be **registered with the Boy Scouts of America** prior to camp, including completion of the criminal background check

The 72 total hours requirement is cumulative for the week of camp and does not reset if the adult leaves camp for a brief period.

The policies above do not apply to short term visitors, such as a parent attending the Family Night BBQ.

## Adult Leader Verification/NYS Sex Offender Registry

The camp administration will submit the names of all adults to the NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services for Sex Offender Registry review prior to camp. This is done at no cost to the troops or adults, but the troops need to provide the required information to the camp prior to June 1st.

In anticipation of last minute changes in plans, troops are asked to supply the names of any adults who might come to camp, even if they are not currently planning to stay. Think of the adults who may be asked to fill in if another gets sick, or the parent of a younger Scout who may decide at the last minute to spend the night with their homesick child. These adults may not be able to be cleared upon their arrival at camp, and if they are not cleared they will not be allowed to stay. Please clear everyone before the season starts.

**Prior to June 1st** all troops must submit the names of all potential adults in camp, using this [Google Form](#).

The following information must be provided for each adult:

- ▶ First and Last Name (legal name)
- ▶ Date Completed Youth Protection Training
- ▶ Complete Date of Birth
- ▶ BSA Registration Status

## BSA's Barriers to Abuse

The BSA's Barriers to Abuse are designed to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all participants. Please review the Barriers to Abuse below as they relate to the summer resident camp environment. For the complete, current national guide to Youth Protection and Adult leadership visit [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org).

### Adult Supervision

- ▶ Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings.
- ▶ A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth
- ▶ All adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered as leaders. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.
- ▶ On-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited both inside and outside of Scouting.
  - In situations requiring a personal conference, the meeting is to be conducted with the knowledge and in view of other adults and/or youth.
  - Private online communications (texting, phone calls, chat, IM, etc.) must include another registered leader or parent.
  - Communication by way of social media (Facebook, Snapchat, etc.) must include another registered leader or parent.
- ▶ Discipline must be constructive.
  - Discipline must reflect Scouting's values.
  - Corporal punishment is never permitted.
  - Disciplinary activities involving isolation, humiliation, or ridicule are also prohibited.

### Responsibility

- ▶ Adult leaders and youth members share the responsibility for the safety of all participants in the program, including adherence to Youth Protection and health and safety policies.
  - Adult leaders are responsible for monitoring behavior and intervening when necessary.
  - Physical violence, sexual activity, emotional abuse, spiritual abuse, unauthorized weapons, hazing, discrimination, harassment, initiation rites, bullying, cyberbullying, theft, verbal insults, drugs, alcohol, and pornography have no place in the Scouting program and may result in revocation of membership.

### Accommodations

- ▶ Tenting
  - Separate tenting arrangements must be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth.
  - Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age.
  - In Cub Scouting, parents and guardians may share a tent with their family.
  - In all other programs, youth and adults tent separately.
  - Spouses may share tents.

▶ Restrooms

- Adults and youth must respect each other's privacy, especially in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp. The camp provides a shower house with 12 individual, lockable stalls. These individual showers may be used by any gender or age at any time.
- Adult leaders should closely monitor these areas but only enter as needed for youth protection or health and safety reasons.

## **Program Requirements**

- ▶ The buddy system must be used at all times around camp.
- ▶ The use of smartphones, cameras, mirrors, drones, etc., in places or situations where privacy is expected is prohibited.
- ▶ All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents and leaders.
- ▶ The BSA does not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program.
- ▶ Hazing and initiations are prohibited and have no part during any Scouting activity.
- ▶ All forms of bullying and harassment including verbal, physical, and cyberbullying are prohibited.
- ▶ Inappropriate public displays of affection are prohibited.
- ▶ Sexual activity is prohibited.
- ▶ Appropriate attire is required for all activities.

## **Reporting Requirements**

- ▶ Adult leaders and youth members have a responsibility to recognize, respond to, and report Youth Protection violations and abuse.
- ▶ Youth Protection Policy Violations
  - Serious Youth Protection policy violations or behaviors that put a youth's safety at risk must be reported to the Scout executive.
  - Online reporting is also available at [Incident Reporting](#).
- ▶ Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse
  - All persons participating in Scouting programs are mandated reporters of child abuse.
  - Reports must be made to local law enforcement and child protective services. State law may require additional reporting.
  - This reporting duty cannot be delegated to any other person.
  - Reporting to the Scout executive or Scouts First Helpline ensures that follow-up can occur for the safety of our youth. Scout executives and Scouts First coordinate follow-up actions.
- ▶ Scouts First Helpline
  - As part of its "Scouts First" approach to the protection and safety of youth, the BSA has established a 24-hour helpline to receive reports of known or suspected abuse or behavior that might put a youth at risk. 1-844-SCOUTS1 (1-844-726-8871)
  - If immediate assistance is needed in the handling of a sexual abuse allegation, contact Scouts First Helpline (1-844-SCOUTS1).
  - If someone is at immediate risk of harm, always call 911.

## Supporting Transgender & Non-Binary Youth

The Twin Rivers Council welcomes all Scouts to camp and is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all participants.

The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America has issued the following national guidelines for supporting transgender youth at camp:

- ▶ Transgender youth may tent with another Scout of their gender identity. Tenting and accommodations for transgender youth must meet Scouting's Barriers to Abuse. This includes:
  - Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age.
  - In Cub Scouting, parents and guardians may share a tent with their family.
  - In all other programs, youth and adults tent separately.
- ▶ If a transgender youth and their parents identify another youth the Scout wants to tent with, the parents of both youths must provide their permission in writing. If multiple youth are sharing the accommodation/cabin, written permission from all youth's parents must be obtained in writing.
- ▶ A female leader is not required on outings where a transgender youth who identifies as male is participating.

At summer camp, tent and lean-to assignments are determined within the troop. Therefore, for the purposes of implementing this policy at camp, unit leaders are expected to obtain the written parent permission when applicable.

# Refund Policy

## Twin Rivers Council Refund Policy

Months before camp opens extensive planning, purchasing, and staff contractual agreements are all set in place, among other things. Due to these types of commitments, it is not practical to give full refunds.

Event fees are non-refundable except as permitted by this Policy. No refunds will be allowed after 30 days following the event date. Any refund request shall be in writing and filed with the Twin Rivers Council Service Center within 30 days of the event establishing the following:

- ▶ The registered participant at the time of the event had an illness or medical condition which prevented participation. The refund request shall be supported by a statement signed by a doctor or qualified health care professional.
- ▶ The death of parent, grandparent, brother, sister, or household member. The Council will consider other tragedies which may affect the participant on a case-by-case basis.
- ▶ The Scout was required to attend summer school. Documentation from the school must be provided with the request in writing, and must be submitted no later than July 1st. Scouts should be encouraged to attend camp in a later session that not conflict with school, if possible.

All requests for refunds must be in writing and made within 30 days of the event.

Only an employee of the Council, serving as staff adviser for the event, may authorize a refund for a Council sponsored event.

The amount of any refund shall be equal to the money paid to the Council, minus any deposit and money sent by the Council to another agency or company to cover the cost of the registered participant. Any money that has been sent to another agency or company is considered issued and not refundable.

Checks will be issued after September 15th.



# Camp Opening & Closing Schedule

## Sunday

- 12:30 PM Units may begin gathering in Parking Lot
- ▶ **Please do not arrive before 12:30 PM**
  - ▶ Troops remain in parking lot until escorted to campsite by Staff Guide
- 1:00 PM Camp Opens and Check in Begins
- ▶ Staff Guide greets troop in Parking Lot
  - ▶ Scoutmaster brings troop roster to the Administration Building for check-in
  - ▶ Scouts and additional leaders are led to the campsite by the Staff Guide
  - ▶ Health Forms should be carried to the campsite (not the office)
  - ▶ SPL, Staff Guide, and adult leader inspect campsite
  - ▶ Scouts begin settling in and change into swimsuits
  - ▶ Guide escorts troop to designated location for medical re-check
  - ▶ Scouts and leaders proceed to waterfront for swim test
  - ▶ Camp Health & Safety Tour begins with Staff Guide, Scouts, and leaders
- 6:00 PM Dining Hall Orientation & Dinner
- 6:45 PM Evening Retreat at Parade Field
- 8:15 PM Opening Campfire at Baden-Powell Campfire Area

## Saturday

- 7:50 AM Flag Raising at Parade Field
- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 8:30 AM Closing Ceremonies (parents welcome)
- 9:30 AM Closing Campsite Inspections & Camp Dismissed

## Camp Health & Safety Tour

On Sunday afternoon, all Scouts in camp will be guided on a tour of RSR by our Staff Guides. This tour is mandated for all Scouts by the New York State Department of Health.

Each member of your troop, **along with at least 2 adult leaders**, will visit all program areas in the camp and stop at the waterfront for swim tests. Scouts will be returned to the campsite before dinner.

Any portion of the tour not completed in the afternoon will be finished after dinner. Adult leaders must accompany the Scouts on the tour.

# Enjoying Your Stay at RSR

## The Campsite

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Each campsite is equipped with 2 person platform wall tents with cots. Some sites also feature a small number of 4 person lean-tos. Each site features a latrine with running water, picnic tables, a 19' x 20' pavilion, a fire ring, a flagpole, and buddy board.

**YOUTH PROTECTION:** Units are required to follow all BSA youth protection policies, including separate accommodations for unmarried males and females, and youth accommodations that do not place together Scouts of different genders or those more than two years apart in age. No youth may stay in a tent or lean-to with an adult.

**TRASH:** For your convenience, RSR offers trash pick up at each campsite nightly, Monday through Friday. Please place trash outside the site along the road *before dinner* each evening. Troops are asked to remove their own trash on Saturday morning after policing the site.

**COMMISSIONER SERVICE:** A valuable resource for any troop at camp is the friendly Commissioner. RSR's Commissioners are veteran Scouters who are there to assist your troop and to help you take full advantage of all that the camp has to offer. Commissioners will also conduct a daily campsite visitation. The unit that earns the top score each day will have the honor of lowering the colors at retreat.

**STOVES AND LANTERNS:** Liquid fuel stoves and lanterns may be used in camp under adult supervision. Propane stoves may be used in open areas with adult supervision. Liquid fuel **MUST** be stored in approved containers and kept in appropriate storage areas.

**PERSONAL VEHICLES:** Personal vehicles may not be used on camp roads beyond the parking lot without permission from the camp director or ranger. All drivers must be licensed and 21 years of age or older. For safety reasons, and to prevent wear and tear, vehicles are not permitted in campsites at any time. Authorized vehicles and trailers must be kept in the driveway **outside** of the campsite, but parked in such a way that all roads remain passable for camp and emergency vehicles. The posted speed limit of 10 MPH must be followed and at no time are riders permitted in the cargo areas of trucks and SUVs, or on attached trailers.

**CELL PHONES:** While the camp does not prohibit the use of cell phones by Scouts, we do support units that adopt such a policy while at camp. The use of cell phones and other electronic devices can distract a Scout from the numerous outdoor program available at camp. The use of cell phones by Scouts may also encourage homesickness and allows a Scout to circumvent the responsible unit and camp leadership when upset or in need of assistance.



# Enjoying Your Stay at RSR

## Camp Services

**SHOWERS:** Hot showers are located near the dining hall, featuring 12 individual stalls.

**LAUNDRY:** A washer and dryer are available for use in the camp office.

**TRADING POST:** The Trading Post is the spot to purchase snacks, souvenirs, and camp apparel. Also available are toiletries, stationary, and replacements for other items that may have been left at home.

**QUARTERMASTER:** The Quartermaster maintains a supply of equipment available to be checked out for patrol cooking, cutting wood, and camp improvement projects. Also available are toilet paper and latrine cleaning supplies. The Quartermaster is staffed by the Trading Post staff and is available and is open anytime the store is open. For after hours assistance, please see the staff in the camp office.

**LOST AND FOUND:** The camp “Lost and Found” is located in the camp office.

**HEALTH LODGE:** Qualified medical staffing is provided by an on-site EMT at all times. All injuries and illnesses in camp must be reported to the medical officer. Failure to do so may invalidate insurance claims. A doctor is on-call and emergency medical care is provided by Empire Ambulance and Samaritan Hospital in Troy.

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES:** A non-denominational “Scouts’ Own” chapel service is conducted at 5:15 PM on Tuesday afternoon. No other program in camp is offered at that time.

**WIFI:** Free high speed wireless internet service is available at the camp office, Dining Hall, Grizz Pavilion, and Seneca Lodge for use by adult leaders and staff. The password may be obtained from the camp administration and should not be shared with campers to avoid overtaxing the system.

**COMPUTERS:** Two desktop computers are available in the camp office for use by leaders and by Scouts who need to complete merit badge related research.

**TROOP PHOTOS:** Troop photos will be taken on Monday after dinner. Every Scout and leader will have the opportunity to purchase a printed 8” x 10” photo. Photos will be delivered before the end of your week at camp.

**MAIL DELIVERY:** USPS mail deliveries are received Monday through Saturday. Each campsite has a mailbox in the camp office that should be checked on a daily basis by an adult leader for mail and messages.

**MERIT BADGE BOOKS:** RSR loans merit badge books to Scouts free of charge as part of a lending library.



# Food Service

## The RSR Dining Hall

Rotary Scout Reservation is pleased to provide a high quality dining experience prepared by experienced cooks. Dining Hall meals are served buffet style and the menu provides a range of tasty, healthy, and nutritious options.

Accommodations can be made for those with special dietary needs. Please contact the head chef at [food@rsrbsa.org](mailto:food@rsrbsa.org) to discuss these needs.

The complete "Class A" Scouts BSA or Venturing uniform is the appropriate dress for dinner in the dining hall. Program activities at meals will be led by the dining hall steward and staff.



### DINING HALL MEAL TIMES

Breakfast	8:00 AM
Lunch	12:30 PM
Dinner	6:00 PM

## Patrol Cooking

Rotary Scout Reservation encourages all troops to prepare some meals in their campsite. A troop or patrol, with proper adult supervision in site, may opt to cook out using our commissary service. The food service staff will, with proper notice, prepare ingredients for meals that will be delivered to the campsite for cooking.

Each troop will be provided a menu of meal options to choose from for patrol cooking. We encourage you to discuss with your Scouts which meals would be most appropriate for them to cook in site, taking into consideration factors such as experience and time.

### PATROL COOKING FOOD DELIVERY TIMES

Breakfast	7:00 AM
Lunch	12:00 PM
Dinner	4:30 PM

## Visitor Meals

All visitors are required to sign in at the camp office upon arrival at camp. Visitors who wish to join the Scouts for a meal (either in the Dining Hall or campsite) may purchase a meal ticket at that time. When possible unit leaders are asked to advise the camp director or head chef ahead of time when guests are expected so that food prep may be adjusted.

### VISITOR MEAL PRICES

Breakfast	\$5.00
Lunch	\$5.00
Dinner	\$10.00

### FAMILY NIGHT BBQ PRICES

Adult (Age 11 & up)	\$16.00
Child (Age 10 & under)	\$10.00
<u>Purchase BBQ tickets online in advance.</u>	

# Health & Safety Information

The health and safety of all visitors to Rotary Scout Reservation is always a top priority. The camp is staffed with an EMT on-site at all times during resident camp. To ensure the best quality of care for all Scouts, leaders, and visitors, all illnesses and injuries must be brought to the attention of the camp health officer as soon as detected. If further medical attention is warranted, emergency care will be provided by Empire Ambulance. The nearest hospital is Samaritan Hospital in Troy.

## Privacy of Medical Information

All medical information provided to Rotary Scout Reservation will be guarded with respect to the privacy of the individual. All medical documents are locked in the Health Lodge for the health officer's reference. Relevant medical information will be shared with responsible staff only when necessary and in conjunction with the parent's wishes.

RSR does not keep participant health forms beyond that individual's time at camp. All troop health forms are returned to the Scoutmaster at the end of the week. If a Scout returns for a second week, they must retrieve their form from the Scoutmaster and bring it back to camp with them.

## BSA Health and Medical Record

All campers and adult leaders are required to provide a completed copy of the BSA Health and Medical Record (latest version available at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)). Part C, which requires a record of a physical exam within the last year, is required of all campers and most adults as follows:

The following groups are required to complete all three parts (A, B, and C) of the form:

- ▶ All youth campers (under 18 years of age), regardless of length of stay
- ▶ All adults (18+) accompanying the unit for a total of 72 hours or more (hours need not be consecutive)
- ▶ Any adults (18+), regardless of length of stay, who want to receive a buddy tag to use the waterfront, or who want to use the climbing tower or high course.

Adult leaders staying for fewer than 72 hours who do not intend to use the waterfront, climbing tower, or high course are not required to submit Part C of the form (record of physical exam). However, all adults accompanying a unit are required to provide at least Parts A & B of the BSA Health and Medical Record. This form, which may be completed by the participant, includes a health history and emergency contact information.

Per NYS Health Department requirements, a complete record of immunization dates must be provided on or with the medical form for anyone requiring Part C. A notation of "up to date" is not acceptable. No buddy tag may be provided without immunization dates so failure to complete this information will lead to a Scout's delayed participation in aquatic activities, including the swim test.

## Medications in Camp

The camp is not allowed to legally provide over-the-counter (OTC) medications.

Scouts must bring with them any medications that they may require during their stay, including OTC meds. **All medications, prescription and OTC, must be stored in their original container. Prescribed medication must include a label assigned by name to the Scout.**

All medicine will be held in locked storage in the Health Lodge in a bag labeled with the Scout's name and unit number.

Scouts may hold on to prescribed inhalers and epipens and should keep them with them at all times.

Each Scout bringing medication to camp (prescription or OTC) must complete the Medications section on page B2 of the health form, indicating the dosage that the Scout is to take and specific instructions regarding the frequency of medication. Additionally, parents must authorize the use of sunscreen and bug spray by their Scout while at camp.

The medical officer will discuss each Scout's medication schedule with him during check in. In most cases, Scouts will obtain meal time medications from the medical officer prior to the start of a meal in the dining hall. For medications with alternate schedules (i.e. bedtime, first thing in the morning, etc.) arrangements will be made between the Scout and the medical officer.

Please be advised that all medications must be self-administered by the Scout under observation by the health officer. The health officer is not permitted to distribute or prescribe medication of any kind. It is the responsibility of the Scout, with the assistance of his unit leader, to obtain his medications at the appropriate time. A record will be kept.

Adults may keep their own personal medications with them in their sites, excluding controlled substances, however the health officer will be happy to provide secure and, if necessary, refrigerated storage for all adult medications.

Parents of Scouts in camp may hold on to their own child's medication, however in most cases it may be better to store the child's medication in the Health Lodge to ensure that it is accessible to medical personnel at all times, even when the parent is not available.

## Sunday Medical Re-Check

In order to help expedite the medical re-check process as much as possible upon arrival to camp, please follow these guidelines:

- ▶ Unit leader collects and reviews all participant medical forms several weeks before camp.
- ▶ **Ensure that all forms are complete, including immunization dates, parent's signature, and physician's signature confirming completion of physical exam within one year.**
- ▶ Do NOT bring medical forms to camp in a binder with plastic sleeves. Keep all forms loose.
- ▶ Upon arrival, do not send medical forms to the office with Scoutmaster during check in. Carry forms directly to the campsite with the Scouts.
- ▶ Upon arriving in campsite, direct Scouts to gather any medications they brought with them.
- ▶ Proceed with Staff Guide to the medical officer for health re-check.
- ▶ Gather Scouts away from the pavilion to allow for private medical conversations.
- ▶ Line up Scouts in alphabetical order with medical form and medications (if any) in hand.
- ▶ As each Scout is called forward, prepare the next to move up.
- ▶ Remind the Scouts to hold onto the buddy tags they receive until they reach the waterfront.

## Twin Rivers Council Accident/Insurance Policy

The Twin Rivers Council, BSA carries a limited accident / sickness policy on all Scouts while in camp. It is the responsibility of unit leaders to process all charges for medical expenses through the unit's insurance policy.

RSR and the Twin Rivers Council is not responsible for pre-existing health conditions and any related prescriptions. Scouts and Scouters are expected to follow their doctor's or pharmacist's directions printed on any medicine container.

# Guidelines and Expectations

As the sign at the entrance to camp reads: “There are two rules in camp: The Scout Oath and the Scout Law.” For further clarity, we offer these additional guidelines.

**ALCOHOL & ILLEGAL DRUGS:** Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs of any kind are not allowed in camp under any circumstances. Offenders will be removed from camp immediately. Police will be notified as warranted.

**TOBACCO PRODUCTS:** Campers are NOT permitted to smoke or use tobacco products at camp. Adults must not smoke or use vaping devices around Scouts. A smoking area is provided for adults behind the dining hall.

**DAMAGE TO CAMP PROPERTY:** All participants are asked to respect the camp property and equipment. Damage to camp property negatively affects the program and causes fees to increase. All damage caused by neglect or willful intent will be billed to the unit responsible. Inspections of campsites will be conducted upon arrival and departure.

**FIREARMS:** Personal firearms and related equipment, including rifles, handguns, and ammunition, are not permitted in camp. Personal archery equipment may not be used for merit badge work and is not permitted at camp. The camp will provide all equipment necessary to safely participate in shooting sports programs under qualified supervision.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** Care should be used at all times around open flames, including matches, campfires, lanterns, and cook stoves. No open flames are permitted in tents. Liquid fuel must be stored in approved containers and kept secure. All Scouts and leaders should become familiar with the camp’s fire safety plan. Make sure to complete your unit’s campsite fireguard chart each day.

**LEAVING CAMP:** Anyone entering or leaving camp must sign in and out at the camp office. Scouts will be released only with permission from parents and the Scoutmaster. When possible, we suggest written permission for dismissal be collected ahead of camp using the form provided available at [www.rsrbsa.org](http://www.rsrbsa.org) and held by the Scoutmaster until needed.

**NO PETS:** For the safety of our campers and staff, pets are not permitted in camp. This includes BBQ night and drop-off/pick up. A midweek visit from a beloved pet may also contribute to homesickness among our younger campers. Please notify parents and visitors.

**QUIET TIME:** Leaders should verify that everyone is in the campsite nightly by 9:00 PM, with lights out by 10:00 PM.

Please be courteous to other troops in your area and keep evening noise levels down. Notify the camp administration immediately if anyone is unaccounted for.

**PROGRAM AREA BOUNDARIES:** Several program areas are marked with perimeter boundaries, including the waterfront, climbing tower, and shooting sports ranges. These perimeters are established for everyone’s safety and no one (adult or youth, including staff) may cross these boundaries at any time except at established gates with the permission of the responsible staff.

**RIDERS IN VEHICLES:** All passengers in vehicles must be in seats. Passengers may not be transported in or on trailers or in the beds of pickup trucks.

**SECURITY OF BELONGINGS:** The camp and council are not responsible for the security of personal belongings brought to camp. Campers should be reminded that tents do not provide secure storage and exposure to the elements may also damage belongings.

# Program Schedule

[Click here to download a full size PDF copy of the 2023 Program Schedule.](#)

ROTARY SCOUT RESERVATION												
2023 DAILY PROGRAM SCHEDULE												
	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
ARCHERY		Archery			Archery			Archery			OPEN SHOOT	
AQUATICS			BSA Lifeguard (All day)					BSA Lifeguard (All day)				
		Swimming			Swimming			Swimming				OPEN SWIM
		Canoeing			Lifesaving			Rowing	Stand Up Paddleboard			(4:15 PM)
		Kayaking		Kayaking		Mile Swim		Small Boat Sailing				
		Swim Instruction	Stand Up Paddleboard			Snorkeling, BSA		Kayaking		Aquatics Supervisor		
COPE		Climbing			Climbing			COPE				
COMMUNITY SAFETY		Fire Safety		Crime Prevention		First Aid		First Aid		Traffic Safety		OPEN PROGRAM
		Public Health		Traffic Safety		Emergency Prep		Emergency Prep		Emergency Prep		
ECOLOGY		Fish & Wildlife		Nature	Search and Rescue			Environmental Science		Nature		OPEN PROGRAM
		Weather Forestry		Oceanography	Environmental Science			Geology		Oceanography		
		Leatherwork		Mining in Society	Soil & Water Conservation			Leatherwork		Art		OPEN PROGRAM
		Photography		Basketry	Pulp & Paper			Basketry		Leatherwork		
HANDICRAFTS				Art		Leatherwork		Photography		Indian Lore		
								Shotgun Shooting				OPEN SHOOT
RIFLE RANGE					Rifle Shooting			Camping				OPEN PROGRAM
SCOUTCRAFT					Camping			Geocaching		Orienteering		
					Fishing (2 Hours Includes Fishing)			Wilderness Survival		Pioneering		
					Orienteering			Trail to First Class PM Session				OPEN PROGRAM
TRAIL TO FIRST CLASS												

## Merit Badge Recommendations

The following guidelines are provided as recommendations of the maturity level typically required for successful completion of each merit badge offered. (**Bold** indicates Eagle Required Merit Badge • *Italics* indicates Offered By Appointment Only - Complete Prerequisites Before Camp)

### First Year & Older

Art • Basketry • Fingerprinting • Fire Safety • Fishing • Fish & Wildlife Management • Geocaching • Indian Lore • Leatherwork • Mammal Study • Nature • Pulp & Paper

### Second Year & Older

Archery • Bird Study • Canoeing • Crime Prevention • First Aid • Forestry • Geology • Lifesaving • Oceanography • Orienteering • Public Health • Reptile & Amphibian Study • Rifle Shooting • Rowing • Small Boat Sailing • Soil & Water Conservation • **Swimming** • Traffic Safety • Weather

### Third Year & Older

Astronomy • Backpacking • Camping • Climbing • Emergency Preparedness • Environmental Science • Insect Study • Kayaking • Mining in Society • Photography • Pioneering • Plant Science • Safety • Search and Rescue • Shotgun Shooting • Wilderness Survival • Wood Carving

### Non-Merit Badge Awards & Programs

BSA Lifeguard • BSA Stand Up Paddleboarding Award • BSA Mile Swim Award • COPE • Snorkeling, BSA • Swim Instruction • TRC Navigator Award

### Minimum Age Requirements

COPE (age 13 and up) • Rifle Shooting (age 12 and up) • Shotgun Shooting (age 13 and up)

# First Year Camper Program

## Trail to First Class

The Trail to First Class program is designed for Scouts who have just entered the program and who are working toward the rank of First Class. The program centers around the outdoor requirements needed to advance to a Scout's next rank. Each interested Scout should sign up for either the weeklong morning session afternoon session.

## Skills Practiced at Trail to First Class May Include:

- **Knot Tying**
- **First Aid**
- **Use of Camp Tools**
- **Hiking**
- **Tree and Plant Identification**
- **Flag Ceremonies**
- **Aquatics Skills**
- **Fire Building**
- **Compass Skills**
- **Activities may vary from week to week based upon needs of the Scouts**



## Benefits of the Trail to First Class Program:

- Young Scouts are given a structured program to adjust to life at camp.
- Scouts are instructed in small groups, according to rank.
- Hands on instruction is provided with low camper-to-staff ratios.
- Camp is the classroom: Activities are conducted at the waterfront, along trails, and in other areas.
- The Trail to First Class Area is centrally located in the heart of the camp to make it easier for new Scouts to find.
- Scouts have the opportunity to earn **Mammal Study** merit badge within the program.
- Half of the Scout's day remains available for additional merit badge work or open programming.
- All participants are awarded the unique RSR Trail to First Class program patch (shown above)
- Scouts will practice skills at TTFC, but ultimately it remains the Scoutmaster's right to sign off on completion. A record of all skills completed will be given to each unit at the end of the week.



# Advancement Program

Rotary Scout Reservation is pleased to offer over 50 merit badges, including several Eagle-required badges. Additionally we offer a number of non-merit badge BSA award programs and BSA program-specific training courses. The following merit badges, awards, and trainings are offered at camp. (Eagle-required badges listed in **bold**. Badges offered by appointment only are listed in *italics*.)

## Aquatics

Canoeing MB  
Kayaking MB  
**Lifesaving MB**  
Rowing MB  
Small Boat Sailing MB  
**Swimming MB**  
BSA Lifeguard  
BSA Stand Up Paddleboarding Award  
BSA Mile Swim Award  
Snorkeling BSA  
*Scuba (New for 2023! - Offered Week 6 only)*  
BSA Aquatics Supervisor  
Swim Instruction  
Twin Rivers Council Navigator Award

## Archery

Archery MB

## Community Safety

*Crime Prevention MB (New for 2023!)*  
**Emergency Preparedness MB**  
Fingerprinting MB  
Fire Safety MB  
**First Aid MB**  
Public Health MB  
*Safety MB*  
Search & Rescue MB  
Traffic Safety MB

## COPE/Climbing

Climbing MB  
COPE (minimum age 13)  
Climb on Safely

## Ecology & Conservation

*Astronomy MB*  
*Bird Study MB*  
**Environmental Science MB**  
*Fish & Wildlife MB*

## Ecology & Conservation (Cont'd)

Forestry MB  
Geology MB  
*Insect Study MB*  
Mammal Study MB  
*Mining in Society MB (New for 2023!)*  
Nature MB  
Oceanography MB  
*Plant Science MB*  
Pulp & Paper MB  
*Reptile & Amphibian Study MB*  
Soil & Water Conservation MB  
Weather MB

## Handicrafts

Art MB  
Basketry MB  
Indian Lore MB  
Leatherwork MB  
Photography MB  
*Wood Carving MB*

## Scoutcraft

*Backpacking MB*  
**Camping MB**  
Fishing MB  
Geocaching MB  
Orienteering MB  
Pioneering MB  
Wilderness Survival MB  
Leave No Trace  
Trek Safely

## Shooting Sports

Rifle Shooting MB (minimum age: 12)  
Shotgun Shooting MB (minimum age: 13)

# Merit Badge Prerequisites 2023

The merit badge program at RSR is specifically designed to reflect the outdoor experience of camp. As a result, most merit badges offered may be completed entirely at camp. In some cases, however, a requirement may be more easily or necessarily completed at home. In such cases the Scout is asked to bring evidence of completion for review by his or her merit badge counselor. We recommend that a Scout interested in earning the following merit badges complete the listed prerequisites before camp.

Merit Badge	Prerequisites	Notes
Archery	#1d	Research state and local laws for owning and using archery tackle.
Astronomy	#5b, #6b, #8	Completion requires extended night observations and clear nights making this badge very weather dependent and difficult to complete solely at camp.
Backpacking	#8c, #8d, #10, #11abc	Complete hiking requirements
Bird Study	#5, #8, #9	
Camping	#4b, #8c, #8d, #9a, #9b	Requirement #9 must be done over a series of camping trips and verified with dates and locations by the Scoutmaster. Scouts taking Camping should bring an internal or external frame backpack and backpacking tent for a one night outpost experience
Crime Prevention	#2, #4a-b, #7	Prepare a journal from various sources that address crime and crime prevention efforts in your community (2), Inspect your neighborhood for opportunities that may lead to crime (4a), conduct a security survey of your home and discuss the results with your family (4b), Assist in the planning and organization of a crime prevention program or visit a jail or detention facility or a criminal court hearing.
Emergency Preparedness	#1, #2c, #6c and #8b	Complete First Aid Merit Badge prior to starting E-Prep (1), create emergency plan with your family (2c), find out community emergency management director (6c), and personal service pack and family evacuation kit (8b). Scouts should come prepared with their personal service pack, pictures of their family evacuation kit, and a copy of their family plans (in brief, bullet point form) signed by their parents/guardians and a Scout leader.
Environmental Science	N/A	While there are no prerequisites, Environmental Science is a very intense and time consuming Eagle Required merit badge for older Scouts. Care should be taken in scheduling other merit badges so as to not overburden the Scout. Maturity is important.

Merit Badge	Prerequisites	Notes
First Aid	#1 and #5a	Review First Aid requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. Bring completed First Aid Kit for review by your counselor
Fish & Wildlife Management	#5 and #6	
Geocaching	#7 and #8	
Insect Study	#5, #9, #10	Very difficult badge requiring preparation prior to camp
Lifesaving	#1 and #2	Review Safe Swim Defense, complete Swimming Merit Badge, and complete swimming requirement in 2b before beginning the rest of the badge.
Photography	#1a	Complete Cyber Chip certification for your age level.
Plant Science	#5, #8	Grow plants
Pioneering	N/A	Proficiency in knots and lashings required. Scouts should practice knots and lashings prior to camp.
Reptile and Amphibian Study	#8, #9a or #9b	
Rifle Shooting	#1d, #1f1, #1f2	Knowledge of the firearm laws of the Scout's home state is required. Minimum age of 12 required.
Safety	#1a-e, #2a-b, #3b, and #4	Prepare notebook of news stories, facts and statistics. Complete home inspection and develop family safety plan. Teach family members what to do in an emergency. Scouts should come prepared with their journal, as well as notes about the other requirements and signatures from a parent/guardian and a Scoutmaster.
Search and Rescue	N/A	Highly recommend minimum age of 13
Shotgun Shooting	#1d, #1f1, #1f2	Knowledge of the firearm laws of the Scout's home state is required. Shotgun shooting requires upper body strength capable of safely supporting a heavy shotgun. Scout must demonstrate ability to hold proper shotgun stance prior to starting the merit badge.
Small Boat Sailing	N/A	Prior practice of required knots is useful for completion
Swimming	#2	Successfully pass BSA Swimmer's Test. Scouts who do not pass the Swimmer's Test on Sunday should be placed in Swim Instruction rather than Swimming MB.
Traffic Safety	#5d	Observe and record traffic at a controlled intersection.
Wilderness Survival	#5	Build a personal survival kit. Bring kit to camp.
Wood Carving	#2a	Totin' Chip training and previous knife handling experience.



## Merit Badge Requirement Verification Form

The merit badge program at RSR is specifically designed to reflect the outdoor experience of camp. As a result, most merit badges offered may be completed entirely at camp. In some cases, however, a requirement may be more easily or necessarily completed at home. In such cases the Scout is asked to bring evidence of completion for review by his merit badge counselor. Please use this form to record completed requirements.

Troop Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Leader Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Leader Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Leader E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Scout Name	Merit Badge	Requirements Completed	Leader Initials

I confirm that the above listed requirements were completed by the Scouts named and that credit may be given by the merit badge counselor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Leader Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please turn completed form in to the camp office or to the relevant program area director.  
Forms should be delivered in person by the adult leader.

# Spotlight On...Older Youth Programs

Few factors are as important to the continued success of a troop or crew as the active participation of older youth. These are the veteran Scouts who have “been there, done that” and offer a wealth of experience to guide recent crossovers and serve as an inspiration to younger Scouts.

In order to maintain the interest of these older Scouts, however, the program must offer something for them as well. At RSR we offer a number of opportunities for experienced Scouts looking for that extra challenge. Most of our older youth programs are open to adults as well!

## COPE

Open to Scouts at least 13 years of age, COPE challenges participants mentally and physically. Guided by the philosophy of “Challenge By Choice,” each participant is encouraged to push themselves beyond their own expectations.

Working as a team, the Scouts will have a chance to develop the communication, leadership, and decision making skills you are looking for in your youth leaders...but you don’t have to tell them that.

All that they need to know is that they are going to have one of the most exciting and rewarding experiences of their lives... while standing thirty feet in the air!



## Shooting Sports

The RSR Marksmanship programs teach Scouts to respect and safely operate rifles, shotguns and bows.

Per New York State law, Scouts must be at least 12 years old to handle a rifle or shotgun, but in many cases a Scout must be even older before he or she has the physical and mental maturity required to safely participate in the Shooting Sports Program.

The minimum age for Rifle Shooting MB and open rifle shoot is 12 years old. The camp minimum age for Shotgun Shooting MB and open shotgun shoot is 13 years old. Please note: Shotgun shooting requires upper body strength capable of safely supporting a heavy shotgun.

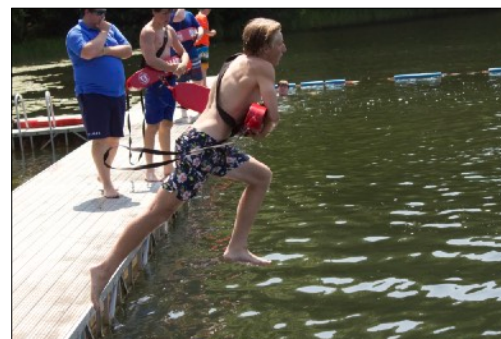


## BSA Lifeguard

BSA Lifeguard is a very rigorous program and requires a full-time commitment, but completion of the program will yield a certificate recognized by NYS for employment as a Lifeguard.

Participants must be at least 15 years old. It is recommended that the Scouts hold most of the badges offered at the waterfront prior to beginning the Lifeguard program.

Scouts taking the BSA Lifeguard program must bring long pants and a long-sleeved shirt for clothes inflation.



## Sailing, Kayaking, Canoeing, and Stand Up Paddleboarding

There's no better way to spend a warm summer day than on the water, and at RSR you have your choice of maritime options.

Set sail for adventure on Davitt Lake as you cruise the water on your choice of sailboat, kayak, canoe or stand up paddleboard.

Earn merit badges in Small Boat Sailing, Canoeing, or Kayaking, or learn to paddle board and earn the BSA Stand Up Paddleboard Award.

Open Boating opportunities are also available throughout the week for Scouts and leaders.



## Twin Rivers Council Navigator Award

For those who just can't get enough of the Aquatics program in their life, we have just the thing for you: the Twin Rivers Council Navigator Award, a recognition for those who have taken on every challenge the Aquatics program can throw at them.

Requirements include the completion of Aquatics based merit badges and awards, as well as the demonstration of skimming and boating skills.

Scouts may earn special Starfish pins by taking their experience to the next level.



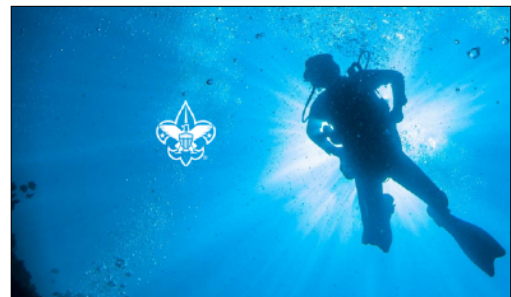
## Scuba BSA

**New in 2023!** - RSR is pleased to offer Scuba in Week 6 (August 6-12, 2023), through a partnership with Kraken Scuba in Colonie. Participants must be at least 15 years old and complete the BSA Swimmer's Test. Space is limited. Adults may participate if space allows.

Scouts in the Scuba program should expect to spend their full day, all week long, to complete their certification. Participants will be transported to a pool off-site for training on Monday through Wednesday. They will complete their check dives in camp on Thursday and Friday. Scouts will have the evenings to enjoy camp wide activities and other open programs.

Participants are required to complete 6-8 hours of e-learning prior to camp. Training will be provided by certified instructors from Kraken Scuba, while RSR will provide transportation to the pool and lunches off site.

Due to the higher cost of the Scuba program instruction and equipment rental, this program is not included in the camp's all-inclusive pricing. The program fee for the Scuba BSA experience is \$325, in addition to the camp fee. This combined fee is highly competitive for a Scuba program and equipment rental through a dive shop such as Kraken.



## CIT PROGRAM

The Rotary Scout Reservation Counselor-In-Training program is for Scouts and Venturers who are ready to take the next step in leadership, by learning how to mentor other Scouts in a fun, outdoor environment. Participants must be 15 years old before the start of camp and Scouts must be at least First Class rank. (Rank requirement does not apply to registered Venturers.)

The three week CIT program allows half the day for the Scout's own advancement and half the day for training, observing, and developing instructional techniques under careful guidance. CITs are exposed to as many program areas as possible, and some camp support areas as well.

Each CIT is paired with an experienced staff member mentor who will serve as a guide and resource throughout the experience. Upon completion of their program, the CIT may be asked to stay on as an intern for the rest of the summer. The cost to participate in the CIT program is the same as one week of camp, but there is no cost to remain on as an intern.

Best of all, CITs and interns are able to continue to earn merit badges and enjoy the camp program during the half day each day that they are not working.

CITs are encouraged to stay with their troop when the unit is in camp, so that their leadership is available to the unit while at summer camp.

CIT candidates are encouraged to [apply online](#).

## STAFF

One of the ultimate Scouting experiences: Summer Camp Staff. Open to all candidates age 16 and over, summer camp staff is where bonds are made that last a lifetime. Staff members are paid to share their knowledge, skills, and years of Scouting experience with a new generation.

Staff positions are available for older youth and adults in every program and support area.

Interested staff candidates are encouraged to [apply online](#).



# Suggested Camp Packing List

## Necessary Items

Completed Personal Health and Medical Record, including parent and physician signatures  
and accurate immunization dates  
Medication, if needed, with original label (Prescription meds must have Scout's name printed on the label)  
Inhaler or bee-sting kit, if needed  
Sleeping bag or blankets and pillow  
Scout Uniform  
Underwear for full week of camp  
Socks for full week of camp  
Hiking Boots (enclosed toe shoes must be worn at all times for safety)  
Sneakers (enclosed toe shoes must be worn at all times for safety)  
Shorts and T-Shirts  
Pajamas  
Sweater or Sweatshirt  
Windbreaker or Jacket  
Raincoat or Poncho  
Swimsuit/Swim Trunks  
Canteen or water bottle  
Towel  
Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, mirror, soap, shampoo, deodorant)  
Washcloth and hand towel  
Flashlight & spare batteries  
Kleenex or handkerchief  
Insect Repellent (Parents must add to signed medication authorization on health form)  
Backpack  
Wallet & money for Trading Post purchases (Trading Post does not hold accounts)

## Recommended for Outpost Camping (Camping & Wilderness Survival MBs)

Backpacking tent  
Internal or external frame backpack  
Plastic ground cloth  
Camp eating utensils  
Canteen or water bottle  
Compass  
Pocket knife and valid Totin' Chip Card  
Matches in waterproof container  
Personal First-Aid kit

## Optional

Fishing Pole (Bait provided by camp)  
Camera  
Swim fins/facemask  
Sunglasses  
Sunscreen (Parents must add to signed medication authorization on health form)  
Watch or alarm clock  
Musical instrument  
Reading material

# Camp Map

Full size versions are available online at [www.rsrbsa.org/maps](http://www.rsrbsa.org/maps).



Rotary Scout Reservation is a forested property typical of the Hudson Valley/Capital Region area of New York State. Dirt roads and walking paths criss-cross the property and some of these routes take pedestrians up and down hills.

Hiking boots or other sturdy shoes are recommended for everyone in camp. No prior experience or training is required to successfully navigate around camp, although some youth or adults with conditioning or mobility issues may find the distances or the hills in some areas of camp to be a bit more strenuous. Individuals with mobility challenges are asked to see the camp administration to receive permission for the use of a personal vehicle, as needed, while in camp.

# Information for Parents & Guests

(A handy one-page guide to reproduce locally and distribute to parents.)

**PARENTS AND GUESTS:** ALL VISITORS MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE UPON ARRIVAL AT CAMP. Parents are welcome, especially at check-in time on Sunday, Wednesday's Family Night BBQ, and at Saturday morning's closing ceremony.

**PICK UP/DROP OFF:** Troop check-in on Sunday begins at **1:00 PM**. Units are asked not to gather in the parking lot before 12:30 PM. The closing ceremony begins Saturday at approximately 8:30 AM. Parents are encouraged to attend closing ceremonies on the Parade Field behind the Dining Hall. Dismissal for all troops follows the closing ceremony at approximately 9:30 AM. For the safety of all Scouts and Visitors, pets are not permitted in camp, whether leashed or not.

**PARENT AND GUEST MEALS:** Visitors are welcome to stay for meals. The costs are as follows: Breakfast \$5.00, Lunch \$5.00, Dinner \$10.00. The price is the same whether dining in our dining hall or with the Scouts in their campsite. These charges help cover our food expenses, and help to keep the price of summer camp low for Scouts. Meal tickets for visitors are required and should be purchased at the office prior to meals.

**FAMILY NIGHT BBQ:** Tickets may be purchased for \$16.00 (Age 11 and over) or \$10.00 (Age 10 and under). Tickets may be purchased online or at the camp office upon arrival at camp. Participation in the BBQ meal is optional, but ALL visitors on Family Night must sign in at the office upon arrival.

**CAMPERSHIPS:** The Twin Rivers Council offers limited camperships for those Scouts who need financial assistance to attend camp. Campership applications are available online at [www.rsrbbsa.org](http://www.rsrbbsa.org) and [www.trcscouting.org](http://www.trcscouting.org). Campership applications are requested by April 1.

**MAIL:** Incoming mail will be given out from the office to Scoutmasters for distribution to the Scouts. Scouts enjoy receiving mail from home. To help reduce homesickness, it is important for parents to refrain from comments such as "We miss you very much," "it's lonely without you," etc. This is especially true for our first year campers.

Mail to camp should be sent at least three days in advance to ensure that it arrives while the Scout is still at camp.

Camp mailing address: Scout's Name  
Troop #, Campsite Name  
Rotary Scout Reservation  
279 Davitt Lake Road  
Averill Park, NY 12018

Camp phone number: (518) 283-4794

Camp FAX number: (866) 766-9378

All phone messages will be placed in the troop mailbox for leader pickup. Emergency messages will be delivered immediately. Please indicate clearly if a message is an emergency.

**PARKING:** All personal vehicles must be parked in the main parking lot. Vehicles may not be kept at the campsite unless approved by the Camp Director. Only camp service vehicles are permitted beyond the parking lot without permission. Handicap access passes are available at the Camp Office.

