



# Pre-Camp Leader Orientation Henson Scout Reservation 2023

# Meeting Notes

- ▶ Enter all questions into the Q& A function
  - ▶ You can vote up a question if you have the same question
- ▶ This meeting will be recorded and posted online for future viewing.

# Our Camp's Primary Purpose

## ► To provide...

- a meaningful outdoor experience for Scouts,
- an opportunity to learn a new skill or hobby, or develop an existing one,
- a method of instilling the values of the Scout Oath and Law.
- “A week at camp is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the classroom”

**-Sir Robert Baden Powell**

# Welcome to Camp!

## Henson Leadership Team

- ▶ Camp Director, Craig Richards  
[hsr@dmvc.org](mailto:hsr@dmvc.org)
- ▶ Program Director, Paul Derepentigny
- ▶ Health Officer, Jim May
- ▶ Climbing Director, Scott Worsham
- ▶ Assistant Camp Ranger, Chris Jensen
- ▶ Food Services Director, Jeannie Lowe

## Del-Mar-Va Council Staff

- ▶ Scout Executive, Robert Nakagawa
- ▶ Director of Camping, Rick Suhrbier
- ▶ Program Administrator, Donna Bruzzese,  
[camping@dmvc.org](mailto:camping@dmvc.org)

# Pre-Camp Planning

- ▶ Our fee is “All-Inclusive”, and we mean it.
- ▶ Register Youth and Adults by Name and include gender for our tentage planning purpose
- ▶ Make sure your attendance numbers are correct
  - ▶ Not just the names
- ▶ Program Sign-ups are open
  - ▶ Description of Programs “Course Catalog” document is VERY useful in preparing
  - ▶ Age/Experience Recommendations
  - ▶ Some offerings get changed due to attendance (can't do some classes with 1 Scout in attendance)
- ▶ Youth Protection Training
  - ▶ Any adult staying overnight, must have current Youth Protection Training.

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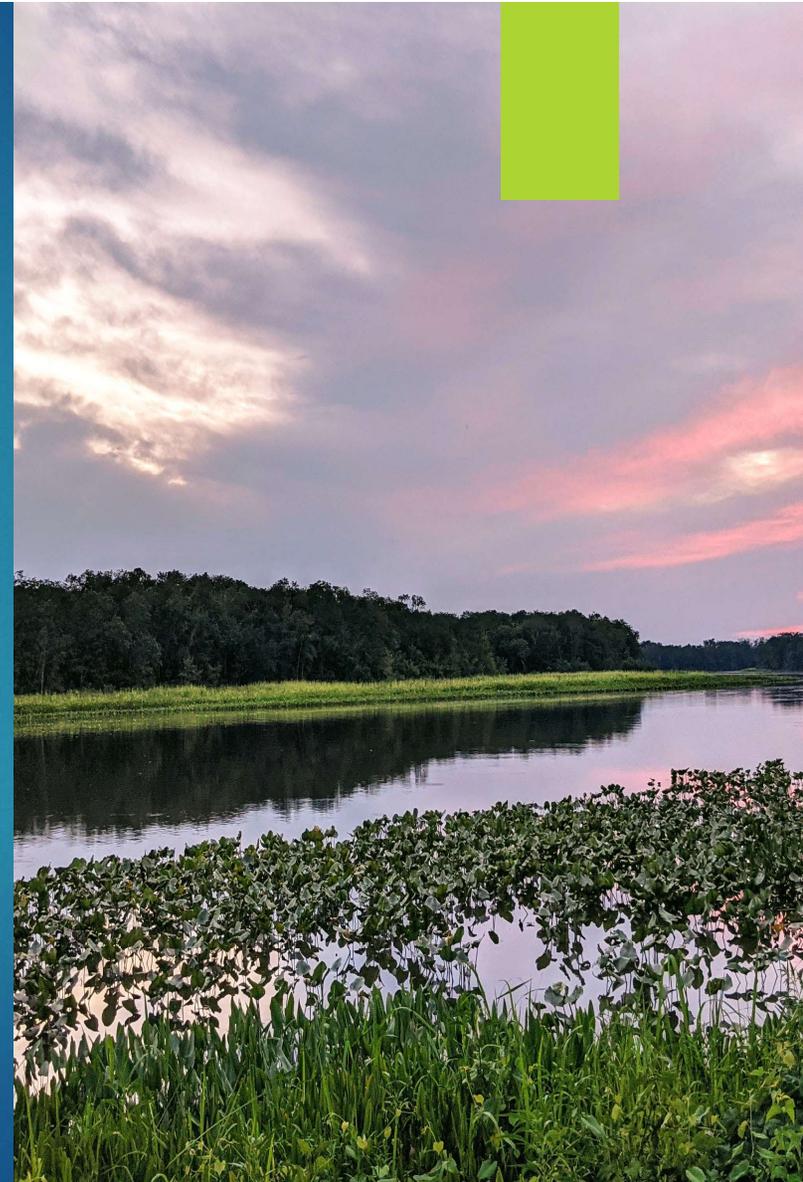
- ▶ Paperwork
  - ▶ Unit Swim Classification
    - ▶ (email to [hsr@dmvc.org](mailto:hsr@dmvc.org))
  - ▶ Prerequisites
    - ▶ Prerequisite Completion Form
      - ▶ (email to [hsr@dmvc.org](mailto:hsr@dmvc.org))
- ▶ Optional/If Required:
  - ▶ Order of the Arrow
    - ▶ Callouts (Letter Needed if not DMVC) and Elections (DMVC only)
  - ▶ Boater's Safety Certification

# Sunday Check-In

- ▶ Arrival Time... **1:00PM but NOT earlier**
- ▶ Welcome & Initial Campsite Inspection
- ▶ Car Passes (Absolutely no cars in campsites without them)
  - ▶ You will be issued 1 by your Site Guide that will be returned after Check-in
- ▶ Medical Checks
  - ▶ BSA Health & Medical Record
  - ▶ Temperature Check on Everyone (101° or higher cannot attend camp)
    - ▶ Check before leaving home to save the drive if Scout is over 101°
- ▶ Swim Checks (only if not completed before camp)
- ▶ Camp Tour
- ▶ Retreat & BBQ Dinner
- ▶ Scoutmaster & SPL Meetings
- ▶ Opening Campfire

# Campsites

- ▶ Troop Trailers are allowed in Campsites
- ▶ Each site has two trash cans one for garbage and one for recyclables.
- ▶ Wagons for transporting ice and trash to and from your campsites are available behind the commissary.
- ▶ Bikes should have a specific parking area within the site.
- ▶ Hammocks are allowed if hung properly. Canvas or sticks around the tree even if you are using webbing. They may not be stacked one over another.
- ▶ Fires must remain in fire rings located in each site.



# End of Week & Checkout

- ▶ Friday Night
  - ▶ Final Camp-wide Retreat Ceremony
  - ▶ Dinner
  - ▶ Closing Campfire & Awards
- ▶ Saturday Morning
  - ▶ Area Directors available for questions about program completions
  - ▶ Continental Breakfast open 7:30am-8:30am
  - ▶ Final Campsite Inspection with Site Guides
    - ▶ You will get to request the timing between 7:30am-9am
  - ▶ Camp Patches, Leader Survey, etc... @ Camp Office
  - ▶ 2024 Reservations & Loyalty Program

# Digital Blue Cards

- ▶ Advancement Records
  - ▶ Will be available online in your registration
  - ▶ Found in the “Reports” tab
  - ▶ Can be printed as Blue Cards or Advancement Reports
  - ▶ Can be exported into Scoutbook or TroopMaster

# Health & Safety

- ▶ Health Officer
  - ▶ Jim May
- ▶ Medical Forms
  - ▶ Visitor Medical Form Policy
- ▶ Medications in Camp
- ▶ Car Passes (absolutely no cars in sites without them)
  - ▶ Must be on your Medical Form or a note from Physician or a State issued Handicap Placard
- ▶ **Bring water bottles to all classes.**

# Program

- ▶ 55 Merit Badges, BSA Awards or Trainings, many special programs
- ▶ 10 Program Areas
- ▶ Hard copy “Blue Cards” will not be collected
- ▶ 3 Types of Program Signups
  - ▶ Pre-Camp Online Sign-ups
  - ▶ Sign-ups in Camp
  - ▶ Walk-ins
- ▶ Flag Ceremonies – No Marching
- ▶ Leader Volunteer Opportunities

# Outdoor Skills

(now includes Brownsea & Scoutcraft)

## Located next to the Trading Post

- ▶ New Location
- ▶ Overnight Outpost for Wilderness Survival
- ▶ Scouts should be prepared with items such as a water bottle, pocket knife, first aid kit, bug spray, etc.



# Brownsea (part of Outdoor Skills)

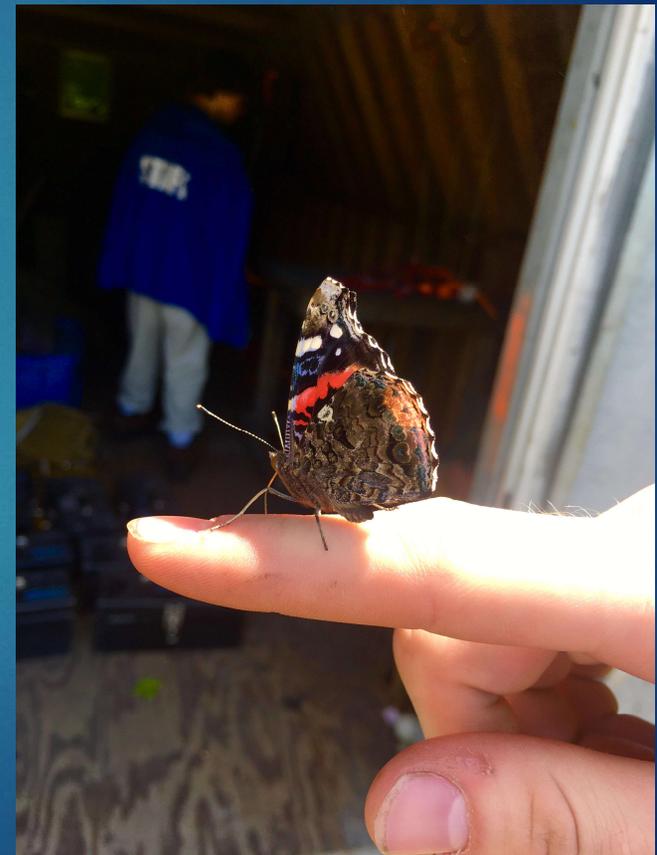


- ▶ Introduction to Scouting. Requirements from Tenderfoot to First Class are covered.
- ▶ ½ day program in conjunction with Swimming and Nature MB
- ▶ An adult leader must be present with Brownsea scouts all day (in Brownsea and in merit badges)
- ▶ Only need to register in for Brownsea (no MB signup)
- ▶ You will be notified at the Sunday night leader meeting your Scouts Brownsea Schedule.

# Nature & Ecology

## Located in the Lasher Activities Building

- ▶ Brownsea Scouts will take Nature MB. Please send an adult with them.
- ▶ Scouts taking badges such as Environmental Science will have assignments & reports to be completed outside of the class period.
- ▶ Scouts will often travel to alternate locations during classes.



# Fishing

## Starts outside the Lasher Activities Building

- ▶ Fishing and Fly Fishing MBs
- ▶ Personal equipment is encouraged but not required
- ▶ Fishing takes place primarily at the bass pond
- ▶ All fishing is catch and release
- ▶ Classes meet are transported by the trolley to fishing area. Encourage Scouts to be punctual.



# Technology

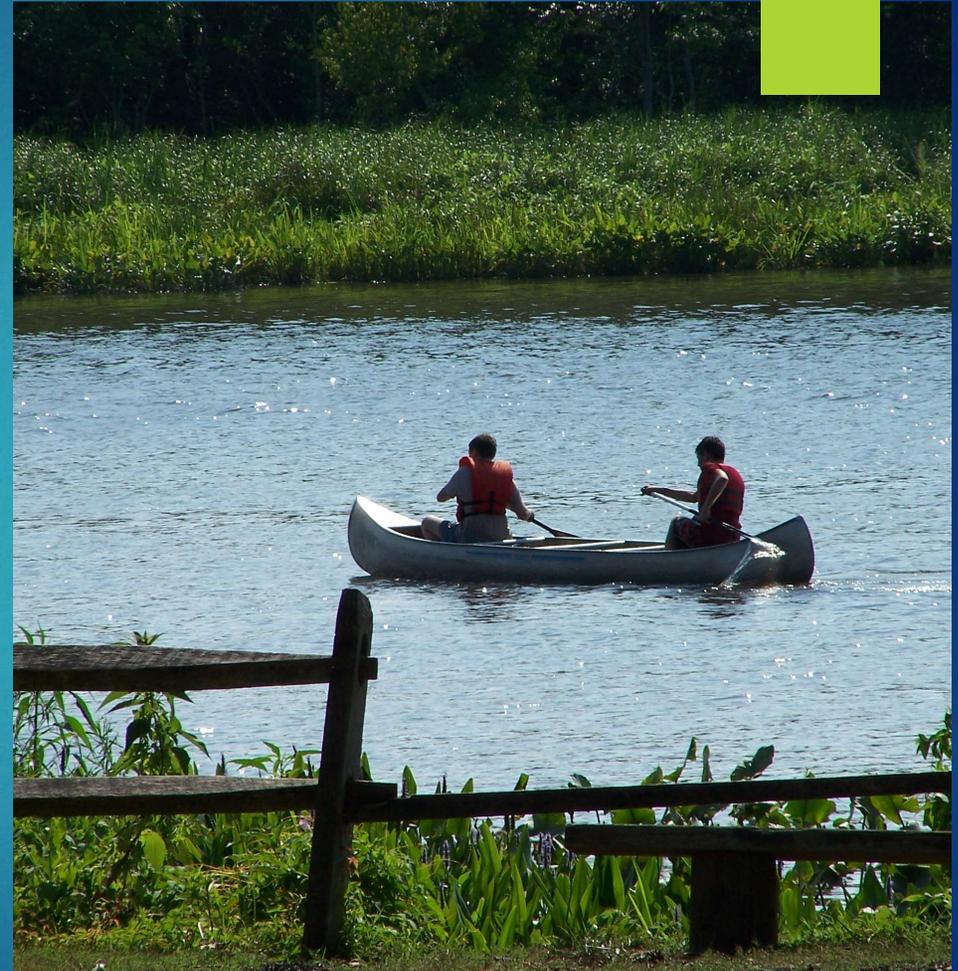
## Located in the Yurts

- ▶ Robots, Computers, Xbox, the Tech Center has it all!
- ▶ Scouts and Adults can use equipment during 5<sup>th</sup> period under the supervision of a staff member



# Aquatics

- ▶ Swimming and Lifesaving at Pool
- ▶ Kayaking, Canoeing, Watersports, Motorboating, Rowing & SUP Award at Boatyard
- ▶ Instructional Swim is available at the Pool for Scouts who are not strong swimmers
- ▶ Pre-camp swim checks are recommended for all
- ▶ Closed toed shoes are required in the Boatyard at all times, even while in or on boats.
- ▶ Safe Boaters Certificate required for Motorboating MB <https://www.boat-ed.com/maryland/>



# Shooting Sports

Ranges are Located off the Activity Field

- ▶ Shotgun Shooting takes a considerable amount of upper body strength. Keep this in mind when allowing scouts to participate.
- ▶ No Fees for open shoot! Adults are welcome and encouraged to participate!
- ▶ Scouts working on Merit Badge qualification take priority.



# Climbing

Located at the Activity Field Climbing Tower



- ▶ Climbing and belaying take a considerable amount of strength. Keep this in mind when allowing scouts to participate.
- ▶ Small harnesses are available for younger Scouts
- ▶ Ensure your Scouts have athletic wear and sneakers that are appropriate for climbing

# Metal Arts - Blacksmithing

## Located in the Activity Field Pavilion

- ▶ Metalworking MB
- ▶ Double period class
- ▶ Long pants and long sleeve shirt that are made of natural material required (no synthetic materials)
- ▶ Boots are recommended footwear
- ▶ All other safety equipment is provided
- ▶ Scouts keep their projects!



# Metal Arts - Welding

Located in the Longhouse next to the Yurts



- ▶ Welding MB
- ▶ Long pants and long sleeve shirt that are made of natural material required (no synthetic materials)
- ▶ Boots are recommended footwear
- ▶ All other safety equipment is provided
- ▶ Scouts keep their projects!

# Studio Arts

## Located in Nanticoke Lodge

- ▶ Totin' Chip is required and must be presented at the beginning of Woodcarving MB
- ▶ Some Scouts may need to utilize extra time to complete projects
- ▶ All supplies for Merit Badges are included



# Eagle Base

Located at the Yurts



- ▶ Mature scouts who are ready to work and learn should enroll in these badges
- ▶ 13 years old and First Class Scout is recommended for all Scouts to be successful
- ▶ Significant participation in class discussions and written papers is required for successful completion

# A Scout is Loyal, Get Rewarded for It!

Make your job easy; return to Henson Scout Reservation or Rodney Scout Reservation next year and receive the benefits of our Loyalty Program.

## **BENEFITS OF REGISTERING FOR NEXT SUMMER AS A RETURNING CUSTOMER INCLUDE:**

- ▶ \$200 Credit towards your invoice if you pay the per Scout deposits by Feb 1st
- ▶ A free weekend tent camping site before the 2024 summer at our camp for your entire Troop after paying the per Scout deposit by Feb 1<sup>st</sup> (some blackout dates apply)
  - ▶ Use this free weekend on us to get your new Scouts familiar with the camp
- ▶ Knowledge of our camp's program, its quality facilities, and familiarity with the camp policies that help guarantee a smooth week

# Special Opportunities

- ▶ Custom T-shirt orders can be placed using the link below (please complete at least 2 weeks prior to your week at camp)
  - ▶ <https://squareup.com/store/henson-scout-reservation>
- ▶ **Wednesday night is Pizza Night!**
  - ▶ Your unit can order pizzas in the main office.
  - ▶ Pizzas will be picked up from the kitchen at 9pm and taken to your campsite as a late night snack.
  - ▶ This does not take the place of dinner.

# Questions?

- ▶ If you have any questions or concerns regarding your week of summer camp, do not hesitate to reach out!
- ▶ If your unit is new to Henson and would like to send a delegation to visit your campsite and take a tour of camp prior to summer, arrangements can be made through the Camp Director.
- ▶ Program Administrator, Donna Bruzzese, [camping@dmvc.org](mailto:camping@dmvc.org) 302-622-3300 x127
- ▶ Henson Camp Director, Craig Richards [hsr@dmvc.org](mailto:hsr@dmvc.org)  
410-202-0053 (camp number)  
443-523-2887 (cell)