

# Rodney Scout Reservation 2024



## Pre-Camp Leader Orientation

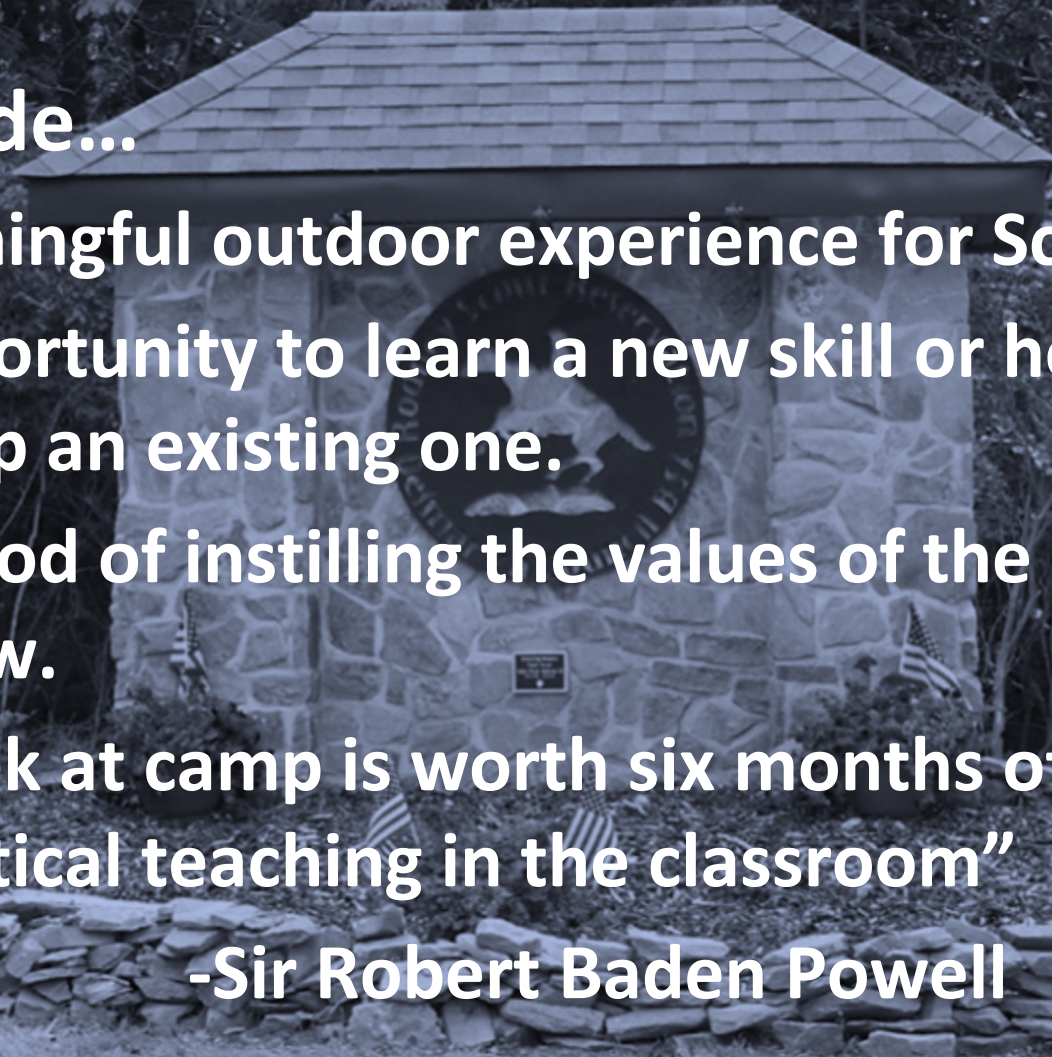
# MEETING NOTES



- Enter all questions into the Q&A function
- QR Codes – use phone camera for web resources
- Meeting recorded and posted online
- The slide deck will be posted
- Topics include:
  - Pre-Camp Planning, Check In Day, Last Day, End of Week & Check Out, Health & Safety, Program, Food Service, Trading Post, Staffing, Q & A

# Camp Rodney'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







# Pre-Camp Planning

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# PRE-CAMP PLANNING

- May 1 – was the early bird payment deadline
  - Our fee is “All-Inclusive” and we mean it.
- Make sure your attendance information is correct
  - Names, classes, etc
- Register Youth and Adults by Name
  - All overnight Adults must be registered and have current completed Youth Protection Training
- June 1 – Balance of Camp Fees is due

# PRE-CAMP PLANNING



- Merit Badge Sign-ups opened on **April 13 at 9am**
  - Use the “Travel Times” document as a guide.
  - Description of Programs document is VERY useful in preparing
  - Age/Experience Recommendations
- Sunrise / Evening / Leader Training Programs Sign-ups will open **May 11th at 9am**

# PRE-CAMP PLANNING

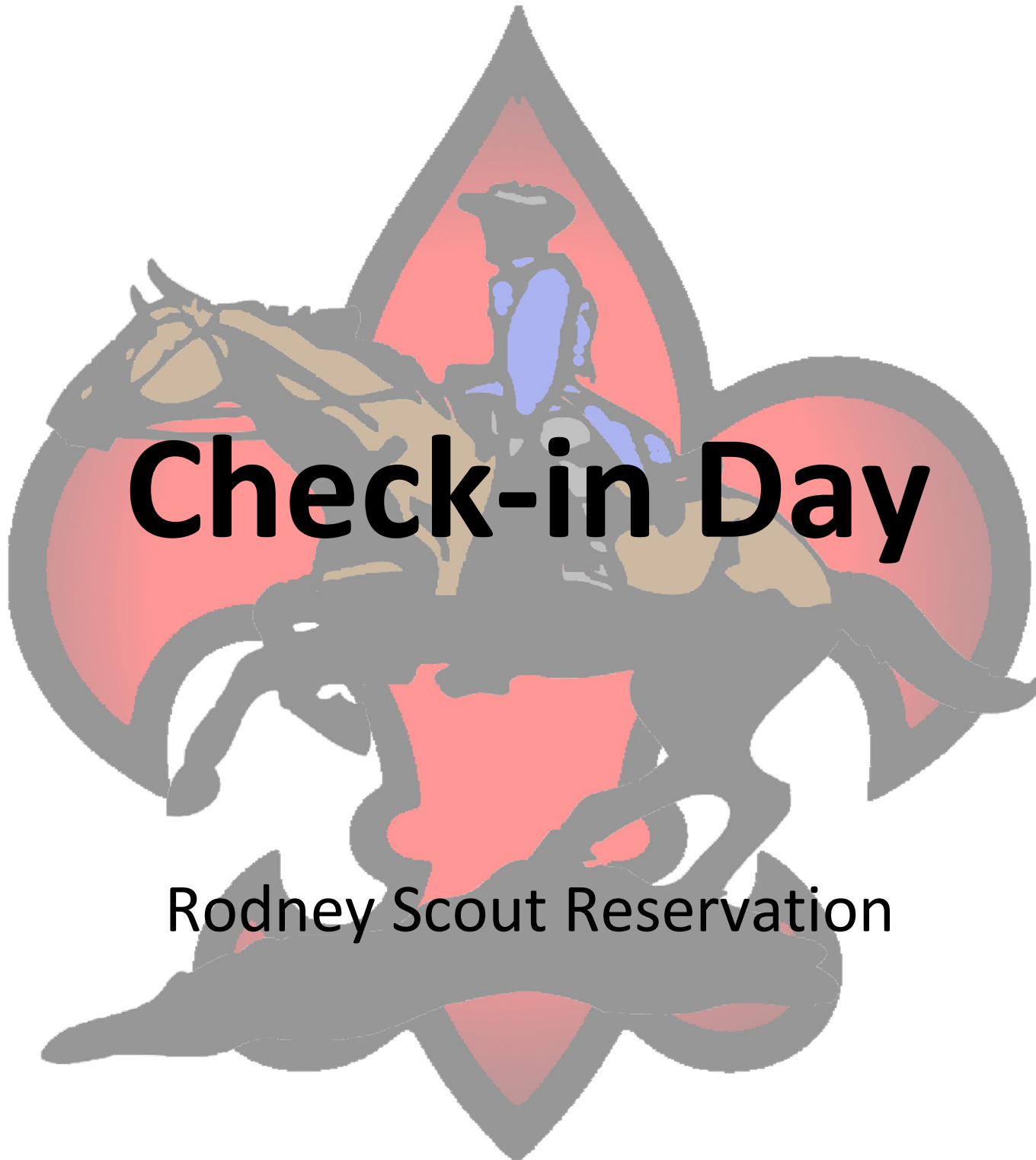
- Paperwork
  - Unit Swim Classification
    - email to [rsrpd@dmvc.org](mailto:rsrpd@dmvc.org)
  - Prerequisite Completion Form
    - email to [rsrpd@dmvc.org](mailto:rsrpd@dmvc.org)
  - Optional/If Required:
    - Order of the Arrow
      - Callouts (Letter Needed if not DMVC)
      - Elections (DMVC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



Swim Form



2024 Pre-req Form



# Check-in Day

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# SUNDAY CHECK-IN



- Arrival Time... **1:00PM but not before**
  - Remind parents to be careful and slow when driving in camp
  - Parents & families may not go beyond the Parking Lots
    - Drop off & say goodbyes
- Welcome & Initial Campsite Inspection
  - Your Site Guide will meet you in the Parking Lot and lead you through the check-in process
- In-Site Medical Checks
  - BSA Health & Medical Record
  - Symptom & Temperature Check for Everyone
    - 100° or higher cannot attend camp until their temp returns to a normal range
    - Check before leaving home to save the drive if Scout/Leader is over 100°
- Scoutmaster Check-in at Brown Lodge
- Swim Checks (only if not completed before camp)
- Use the remainder of the time to set your campsite

# SUNDAY EVENING



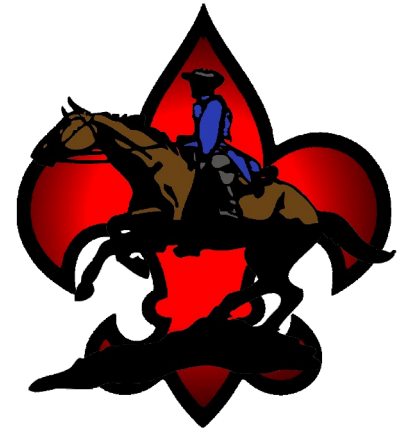
- Camp-wide Retreat
  - Your Site Guide will lead you to a space on the field
- Chicken BBQ Picnic on the Parade Field
  - Activity Wear (Class B)
  - Camp Chairs are recommended
- Round Robin on the Parade Field
- Scoutmaster & Senior Patrol Leader Meeting
- Brownsea Leader Meeting
- Opening Campfire



# End of Week & Check-out

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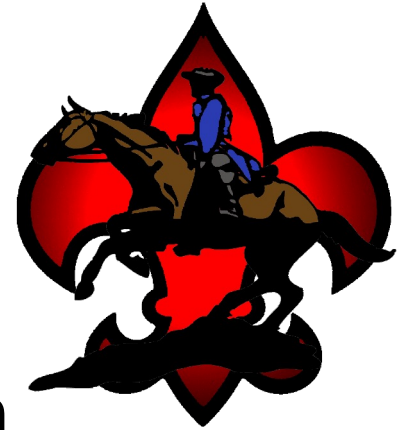


- Friday Night
  - Family Dinner
    - Purchase tickets online
  - Closing Flag Ceremony & Awards
  - Blue Card Reports & Paperwork Distribution
    - Any questions for Area Directors on Saturday
  - Closing Campfire



Trading Post

# End of Week & Checkout



- Saturday Morning
  - 7:30-9AM Final Campsite Inspection with Site Guides
  - Camp Patches, Leader Survey, etc... @ HQ opens at 7:30AM
  - Merit Badge Questions @ Brown Lodge opens at 7:30AM
  - Breakfast delivered to ALL site ca. 7:30 AM
  - 2024 Reservations & Loyalty Program





# Health & Safety

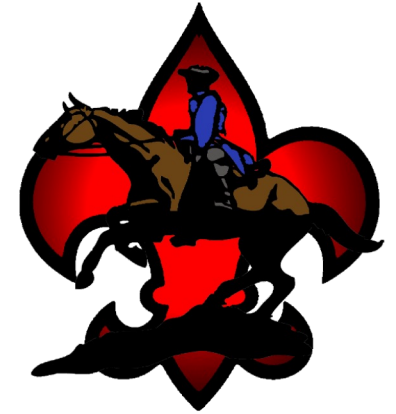
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# HEALTH & SAFETY



- Health Officers at Rodney
  - Registered Nurse
- Health Lodge Location (Pathfinder HQ)
- Medical Forms
  - Must be Parts A, B & C
- 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

# HEALTH & SAFETY



- Bicycles in Camp
  - Not recommended for Brownsea Scouts
  - Signed Bicycle Agreements
  - Main Camp Road walking path to separate bikes & cars from pedestrians
  - 10mph speed limit is still very important
  - Helmets are required for ALL cyclists
  - NO motorised bikes of any kind

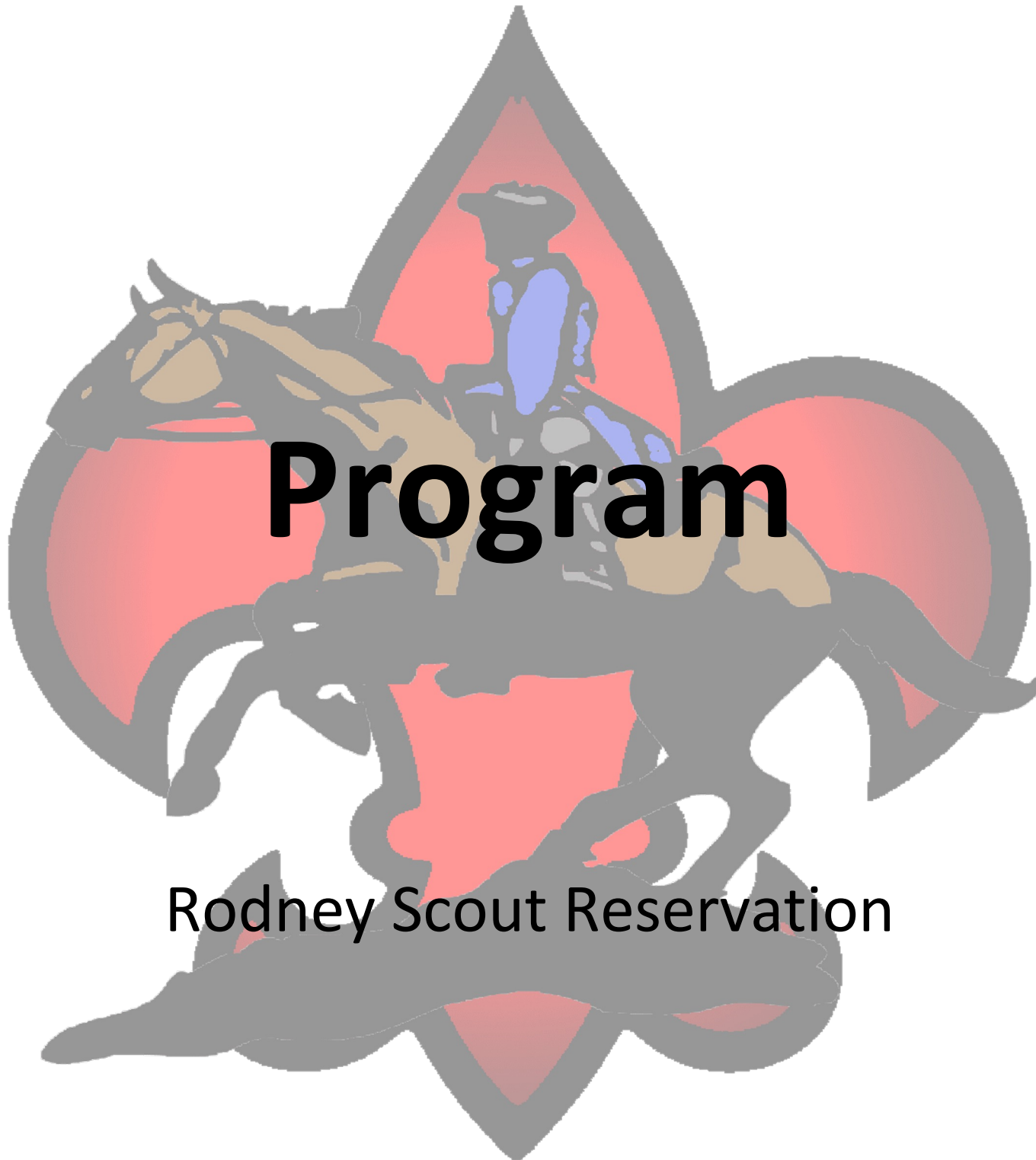


Bike Agreement

# VISITORS IN CAMP



- All Visitors must check in and out at HQ
- Day Visitor Medical Form Policy
  - Must provide Parts A & B
- Overnight Visitor Medical Form Policy
  - Must provide Parts A, B, & C
- Visitor Meals
  - Breakfast - \$10
  - Lunch - \$15
  - Dinner - \$17
  - Overnight - \$42



# Program

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# PROGRAM



- Pre-Camp Program Sign Ups Online
  - Merit Badge / Advancement Day
  - Sunrise (limit two per Scout)
  - Evening
- There are more opportunities than you can do in a week.
- Merit Badge Apps- “Blue Cards” – Not Required
- Flag Ceremonies
- Leader Volunteer Opportunities

# **N.E.S.T.**

## **Nature, Ecology, Science & Technology**



- Bay Hikes – Sunrise and Evening
- Troop Naturalist - Signup at NEST
- Troop Service Projects – Sign Up at NEST

# Scoutcraft



- Firem'n Chit
- Totin' Chip
- Merit Badge Notes
  - Cooking MB is started in camp but completed after camp.

# Aquatics - General



- Program Locations
  - Pool
  - Boatyard
  - Sailing Base
- Boat Shoes
  - Hard sole, secure on foot
- Pre-Camp Swim Tests
  - email to [rsrpd@dmvc.org](mailto:rsrpd@dmvc.org)

# Aquatics - Pool



- Monday Morning  $\frac{1}{4}$  Mile Swim
  - Required for Lifesaving & Mile Swim
- Mile Swim Thursday Evening
- Instructional Swim – Signups are Online
- Open Swim – Sunrise/Evening (sign up online)

## Aquatics – Boatyard

- Boating – Sunrise/Evening (sign up online)



# Aquatics – Sailing Base



- Rodney Regatta (Sign up online)
- Tubing - Sunrise/Evening (sign up online)
- Merit Badge & Program Notes
  - Motorboating requires Boater's Safety Certificate taken before camp
  - <https://www.boat-ed.com/> and others



Boater Safety

# Climbing



- Open Climb – Sunrise/Evening (sign up online)
- Merit Badge Notes
  - Climbing MB Scouts should bring leather work gloves for rappelling and belaying

# Health & Fitness



- Iron Man is a Patrol Competition (sign up online)
- Volleyball - Evening (sign up online)
- Kickball - Evening (sign up online)
- Ultimate Frisbee - Evening (sign up online)

# Health & Fitness



- Merit Badge Notes
  - Personal Fitness is a planned partial to be completed after camp.
  - Game Design is NOT about Video Games.

# Brownsea



- Signups are Online
- Scouts will work towards First Class
- Swimming MB & Nature MB included
- A leader from each unit is strongly encouraged to attend with their Scouts
- Do not bring bikes for these Scouts
  - They will not use them. Patrols hike together as a group.



# Brownsea



- Afternoon Special Programs
  - Special for Brownsea Scouts
  - Rifle Shooting, Archery Shooting, Boating, Climbing, Bull Mountain Studios
- Evening Programs
  - Brownsea Campfire - Thursday
- Friday Afternoon Graduation

# Shooting Sports



- Personal Firearms
  - Not allowed in Camp
- Rifle Shoot - Sunrise/Evening (sign up online)
- Shotgun Shoot - Sunrise/Evening (sign up online)
- Archery - Sunrise/Evening (sign up online)

# Bull Mountain Studios



- Evening Activities
  - Branding & Tie Dyeing
    - Bring items to brand and/or dye
  - Leader Leathercraft
    - Belt Blanks are available for purchase in the Trading Post

# Leader Trainings



- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
- Climb On Safety
- Safe Swim Defense
- Safety Afloat
- Aquatics Supervision
  - Swimming & Water Rescue BSA
  - Paddle Craft Safety
- Signups are Online



# Food Service

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# FOOD SERVICE



- 3 Types of Food Service
  - Dining Hall (Family Style with assigned times)
  - Heaterstack (Lenape Sites)
  - Troop Commissary





# FOOD SERVICE



- Dining Hall
  - Family Style just like at home
  - Two seatings, assigned at arrival
  - Assigned Tables
  - Bring water bottles
    - Filling stations at entrance and exit
  - Staff-led Dining Hall Program throughout the week
  - Table Waiter Buddy Pair – 15 minutes prior to meal
    - Set table, deliver food, clean up

# FOOD SERVICE



- Heaterstack
  - Food delivered to your site from the Dining Hall
  - Serve Cafeteria Style
    - for both hygiene and portion control
  - Van Driver & Requisition Sheets for communicating
- Troop Commissary
  - You provide the ingredients
  - You do the cooking

# FOOD SERVICE



- Special Dietary Needs, Allergies, etc.
  - Menu Allergens
  - Menu Alternatives
  - Contact [camprodneydining@gmail.com](mailto:camprodneydining@gmail.com)
  - Utilize the Special Dietary Needs Form



Dietary Needs



# Trading Post

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# TRADING POST

- Order Custom T-Shirts
  - \$19-24 per Shirt
  - Order at least 3 weeks prior to your arrival
- Gift Cards (purchased online)
  - Scout gets a personal, private code (not a physical card)
  - No need for a Scout to carry cash in camp
  - Parents can add funds from home
- Products include
  - Camping Supplies, Leather Belt Blanks, Food & Beverages, Gifts & Keepsakes, and much more!!



Trading Post

# Questions?



For further Assistance:

- Leaders Guide
- Registration Attachments

Donna Bruzzese

DMVC Outdoor Programs

302-622-3300 x127

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2024 Rodney  
Leaders Guide



Registration