

BROWNSEA PROGRAM 2023

First Year Camper Program, Rodney Scout Reservation



As summer approaches, we are looking forward to your Troop joining us here at Camp Rodney! As you prepare for your experience, we would like to update you on what to expect from our Brownsea program in 2023.

The ultimate goal of Rodney's Brownsea program is to teach your new Scouts the skills to succeed in attaining the First Class rank, while at the same time introducing them to the many exciting opportunities available to them through Scouting. Scouts will spend time each day completing requirements for the Swimming and Nature Merit Badges, while also working with our camp staff members on a variety of rank requirements from Tenderfoot to First Class.

On Monday your Scouts, as Patrols, will select their Period D activities. Patrols will have the opportunity to participate in activities like Boating, Swimming, Handicrafts, Climbing, Archery, and Rifle. Each activity has been designed specifically to enhance the experience of the first year camper. It is our goal to have every new Scout excited to return to summer camp at Rodney for years to come.

Scouts from your Troop will be in Patrols together. Each Scout should bring whatever materials they may desire to assist in creating a patrol flag during the week.

We ask that every Troop with Brownsea Scouts designate a Leader to participate in the program with those Scouts throughout the week. Detailed schedules for the week will be distributed to your Troop representative during the Brownsea Leader Meeting on the Sunday night of your arrival at 7PM in the Brown Lodge Leaders Lounge.

Attached is an overview of the requirements that participating Scouts may complete during their time spent with our staff at camp. Troop leadership will receive a completion record at the end of the week for all rank advancement work. Blue cards should be submitted to the Brownsea staff for each of the Merit Badges on Monday morning during your patrol's first meeting in the Brownsea area.

Yours in Scouting,

Rodney Scout Reservation
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BROWNSEA PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 2023

SCOUT

- 3ab: Patrol Method, Patrol name, emblem, flag and yell.
(*Time for making flags is not scheduled; please plan to do this during an evening in your site**)
- 4a: Square Knot, Two Half-hitches and Taut-line Hitch
- 4b: Whipping and fusing ropes
- 5: Pocketknife Safety

TENDERFOOT

- 1c: Outdoor Code
- 3abc: Practical use of Square Knot, Two Half-hitches and Taut-line Hitch
- 3d: Knives, saws, axes Totin' Chip
- 4ab: First aid for: Cuts and scratches, blisters, burns, insect bites and stings, snakebites, nosebleeds, frostbite and sunburn, choking, hazardous or poisonous plants.
- 4c: Safety precautions for 4a & 4b
- 4d: Personal first aid kit
- 5abc: Buddy System & Hiking Safety
- 6ab: Fitness Test and Improvement Plan
- 7a: Displaying, Raising, Lowering & Folding the U.S. Flag

SECOND CLASS

- 1b: Discuss the Principles of LNT
- 2abcd: Fire Building & Intro to Outdoor Cooking
- 2fg: Tying the Sheet Bend & Bowline
- 3acd: Map and Compass, Hazards, & Direction Finding
- 4: Wild Animals
- 5abcd: Safe Swim Defense^, Beginner Test^, Reaching and Throwing Rescues^
- 6ab: First aid for: Object in eye, animal bite, puncture wounds, serious burns, heat exhaustion, shock, heatstroke, dehydration, hypothermia, hyperventilation, hurry cases
- 6c: Safety precautions for 6a & 6b
- 6de: Emergency Response and Vehicular Accidents
- 8ab: Flag Ceremony & Respect due the flag
- 9ab: Personal Safety Awareness

FIRST CLASS

- 3abcd: Hitches, Lashings, & Camp Gadget or Structure
- 5a: Native Plants
- 5bcd: Weather forecasts, indicators, & precautions
- 6ae: BSA swim test^, Line and Tender rescue^
- 6bcd: Safe trip afloat*, Boating Equipment*, Position in a Boat*
- 7a: First aid for: sprained ankle, head injury, broken arm, broken collarbone
- 7b: Transporting a victim
- 7c: Signs of a heart attack, CPR
- 7f: Obtaining potable water in an emergency

OTHER ITEMS

- Totin' Chip
- Fireman Chit

^ = Covered during Swimming Merit Badge, based on the portion of the BSA Swim Test passed.

* = Covered at the Boat Yard if participating in Period D Brownsea Boating

Non Swimmer may complete 2nd Class requirement 5a and 5c.

Beginners may complete all of 2nd Class requirement 5.

Swimmers may complete all of 2nd Class requirement 5 and 1st Class requirements 6a and 6c.