



Rodney Scout Reservation

Pre-Arrival Leader Orientation

2025

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Del-Mar-Va Council



Meeting Notes

- Enter all questions into the Q&A function
- Meeting recorded and posted online
- Slide deck will be posted online
- Topics will include:
 - Pre-camp planning, arrival at camp, check-out, health & safety, program, food service, Rodney Trading Post

A dark gray silhouette of a cowboy riding a horse, positioned in the background behind the text. The cowboy is wearing a wide-brimmed hat and is riding in a Western style. The horse is in a walking or trotting gait.

Pre-Camp Planning

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Pre-Camp Planning

- Merit Badge Registration opened on April 5th, at 9am
 - Use the “Travel Times” document as a guide
 - Age/Experience recommendations
- Sunrise / Sunset Programs & Leader Trainings
Registration will open on May 17th

Pre-Camp Paperwork



- Dietary Restrictions Form
 - Email to rodneyfoodservice@gmail.com
- Unit Swim Classification Form
 - Email to rsrpd@dmvc.org
- Prerequisite Completion Form
 - Email to rsrpd@dmvc.org
- Order of the Arrow
 - Callouts (Letter needed if not DMVC)
 - Elections (DMVC only)
- Boater's License
 - NASBLA



Check-In Day

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Sunday Check-In

- Arrival Time: 1pm, but not before
 - Remind drivers to be careful, and drive slowly while in camp
 - Parents and families may not go beyond parking lots
- Welcome & Campsite Inspection
 - Your Site Guide will meet you in the parking lot and lead you through the check-in process
- In-Site Medical Checks
 - Scouting America Annual Health & Medical Record
 - Symptom and Temperature check for everyone
 - 100° or higher cannot attend camp until their temp returns to a normal range
- Scoutmaster Check-In at Brown Lodge (Leaders Lounge)
- Swim Checks (if not completed before camp)
- Use the remainder of your time to set up your campsite

Sunday Evening



- Camp-wide Flag Ceremony
 - Your Site Guide will lead you to the Parade Field
- Chicken Barbeque on the Parade Field
 - Recommend Activity Uniform (Class B)
 - Camp chairs are recommended
- Round Robin on the Parade Field
- Scoutmaster & SPL 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
- Closing Campfire
- Merit Badge Completion Reports
 - Questions for Area Directors on Saturday

Saturday Morning



- Final Campsite Inspection with Site Guide [7:30-8:30]
- Check-Out at Headquarters [Opens at 7:30]
 - Patches, Surveys, etc
- Merit Badge Questions at Brown Lodge (Leader's Lounge) [7:30-8:30]
- 2026 Reservations & Loyalty Program



Health & Safety
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Health & Safety

- Health Lodge
- Medical Forms
 - Must be parts A, B, and C
- Medications in Camp
- Car Passes (No cars in campsites without them)
 - Must be noted on medical form, or a note from a physician, or an official Disability Placard

Health & Safety - Bicycles



- Not recommended for Brownsea Scouts
- Signed Bicycle Agreements
- Only on roads
- Camp Road walking path
- 10mph speed limit
- Helmets are always required
- No motorized bicycles of any kind



Visitors in Camp

- All visitors must check-in and –out at Headquarters
- Day Visitor Medical Forms
 - Must provide parts A & B
- Overnight Visitor Medical Forms
 - Must provide parts A, B, & C
- Visitor Meals
 - Breakfast - \$11
 - Lunch - \$15
 - Dinner - \$17
 - Overnight - \$42



Program

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Program



- Register Online
 - Merit Badges
 - Sunrise/Sunset Programs
 - Leader Trainings
- There are more opportunities than you can do in a week!
- “Blue Cards” not used
- Flag Ceremonies
- Volunteer Opportunities
 - Rodney Service Award



Program Updates

- New location for Health & Fitness
- Fishing Merit Badge moved to the Boatyard
- New or Returning Merit Badges
 - Architecture
 - Energy
 - Plant Science
 - Multisport (brand new Merit Badge in 2025!)
 - Wildland Fire Management (Scouts BSA Test Lab)
 - Geology + Soil and Water Conservation
 - Game Design + Chess

Brownsea (First Year Camper)



- Register online
- Scouts will work towards First Class
- Scouts will work towards Swimming and Nature Merit Badges
 - Instructional Swim
- A leader from each Troop is strongly encouraged to attend.
- Evening Programs
 - Brownsea Bay Hike
 - Brownsea Campfire
- Brownsea Graduation – Friday Afternoon



Food Service

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Food Service



- 3 Types
 - Dining Hall (Family style, with assigned times)
 - Heaterstack (Lenape campsites)
 - Troop Commissary
- Special Dietary Needs
 - Allergens
 - Menu Alternatives
 - Contact rodneyfoodservice@gmail.com
 - Use Special Dietary Needs Form



Food Service



- Dining Hall
 - Family style
 - Two seatings, assigned at arrival
 - Assigned tables
 - 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 campsite from the Dining Hall
 - Serve Cafeteria Style
 - Hygiene and portion control
 - Requisition sheets
- Troop Commissary
 - You bring the food
 - You do the cooking



Trading Post

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- Online ordering, custom shirts, gift cards coming soon!
- Lenape Hall Trading Post
- Snack Shack at Sampson Lodge
- Check out our online store
 - rodney-scout-reservation.square.site

Questions?

**For further assistance:
Leader's Guide
Registration Attachments**

Registration Questions:

Program Questions:

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