



# 2026 CAMP GUIDE

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FOR SCOUTS, LEADERS AND PARENTS

**Celebrating 60 Years  
of Excellence**

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# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



**Chris Myers**  
Camp Director

Nestled in Hoosier National Forest, Ransburg Scout Reservation is located on the beautiful Monroe Reservoir near Bloomington, Indiana. We continue to be the premier Scout camp in the midwest because of our diverse programs, state of the art facilities, excellent camp staff, and our commitment to outstanding service to Scouts and leaders.

We know that there are many great camps to choose from and are very happy that Ransburg Scout Reservation is your choice. We hope to serve you to the best of our ability and want your camp experience to be outstanding for both you and your Scouts. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us and we will respond as best we can.

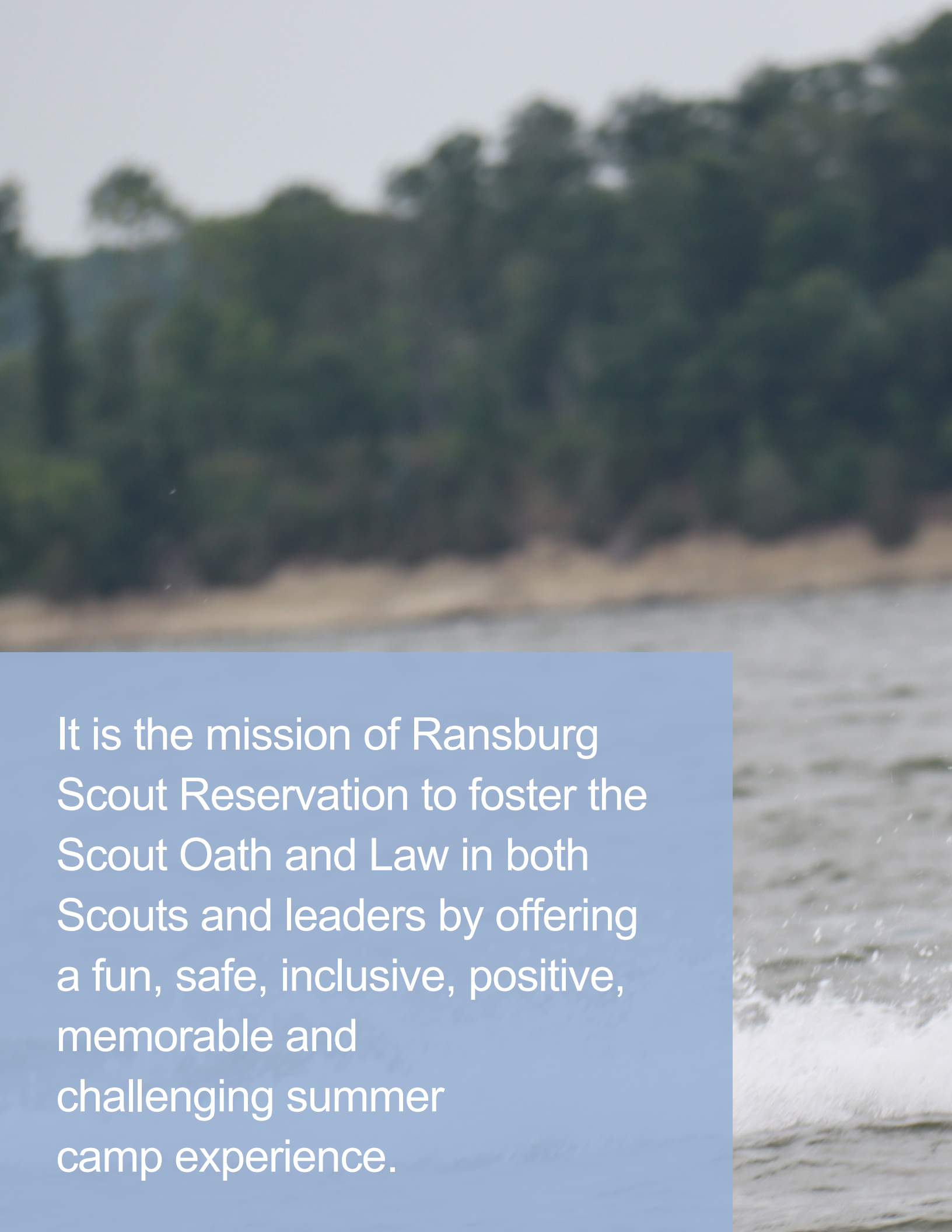
Thank you in advance for placing your trust in Ransburg Scout Reservation. We are eager to serve and hope this guide will assist you in making your plans.





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It is the mission of Ransburg Scout Reservation to foster the Scout Oath and Law in both Scouts and leaders by offering a fun, safe, inclusive, positive, memorable and challenging summer camp experience.





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# CAMP FEES & DEADLINES

**The Ransburg experience is all-inclusive!** The camp fee is the total cost of attending camp with no added merit badge fees. Additional merit badge activity fees and project fees are now included in the overall price of your experience.

REGISTRATION TYPE	IN COUNCIL EARLY FEE	IN COUNCIL REGULAR FEE	OUT OF COUNCIL EARLY	OUT OF COUNCIL REGULAR
Youth (Weeks 1-4, 6)	\$475	\$495	\$495	\$515
Youth (Weeks 5, 7)	\$450	\$470	\$470	\$490
Adult	\$240	\$240	\$240	\$240
Partial Week Leader	\$135	\$135	\$135	\$135

PAYMENT TYPE	DUE DATE
\$200 per unit	At time of reservation
\$50 per Scout (non-refundable)*	February 15, 2026
Early Payment Balance	April 15, 2026
Final Payment Balance	May 16, 2026

All fees are due at least two weeks prior to your arrival at camp. **No payments will be accepted on-site.**

Camp fees are non-refundable except in cases of participant medical reasons. A doctor's note is required to request a refund and \$50 will be retained. If there is a Scout not already on the reservation that can take the place of the canceled Scout, then fees are allowed to be transferred.

**For more information on the official Crossroads of America Council refund policy, please visit:**  
[JoinScoutsIN.org/resources/refund-policies/](https://JoinScoutsIN.org/resources/refund-policies/)

CAMP DATES	
Week 1	June 7 - 13
Week 2	June 14 - 20
Week 3	June 21 - 27
Week 4	June 28 - July 4
Week 5	July 5 - 11
Week 6	July 12 - 18
Week 7	June 19 - 25

## CAMPERSHIPS

Camperships provide supplemental funding for registered CAC Scouts whose families cannot afford to send them to summer camp. The hardship must be certified by the Scout leader, who also must acknowledge that the Scout is deserving of the grant and sincerely interested in participating in the outdoor program. We also require the youth, their family, and the unit or sponsoring organization to make some contribution.

Youth must learn to pay their own way and to honestly earn the money to do so. Teaching Scouts to be self-reliant is an integral part of our training. Funding will be considered for up to 50% of the early payment camp fee. Applications must include all requested information. Click the following link to apply:

[247scouting.com/forms/160-Campershipform2026](https://247scouting.com/forms/160-Campershipform2026).

*Funding is limited. \*\$50 deadline does not apply to Crossovers.*





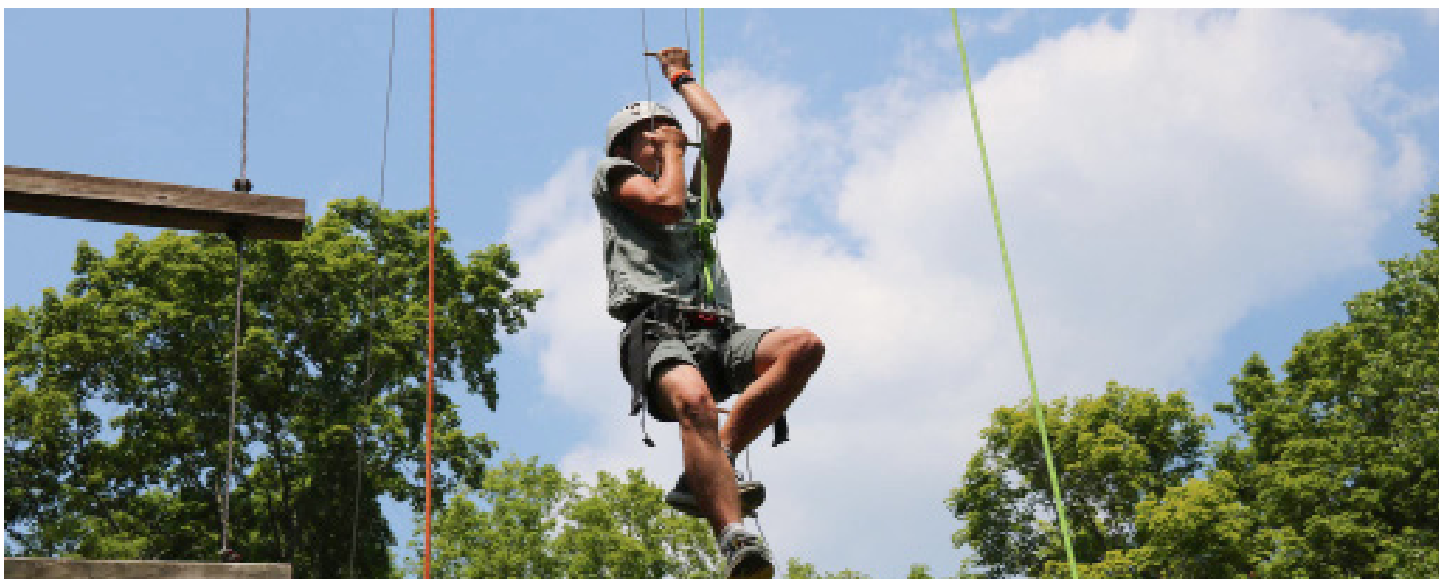
# CAMP PROMOTION

Your unit should be holding a camp promotion event for your Troop sometime between December and February. This event is one of the most important things that you will do to prepare to come to camp. The camp promotion event can be held during an already scheduled event or it can be a stand-a-lone event. Regardless of when it is held, you should make sure that each Scout has one parent in attendance. A properly run camp promotion event should last between 15 – 40 minutes. If it is held during a pre-existing event, it should be approximately 20 minutes. If it is a stand-alone event we would suggest 40 minutes.

- High energy with a program delivered by an older Scout and a dynamic leader
- Multi-media presentation, including exciting camp promotional videos and segments
- A few Scouts sharing their favorite memory/activity from camp last summer
- Literature to hand-out to parents/leaders on why attending summer camp is important for their Scout
- Hand-outs with dates, Troop information, and costs (including methods of fundraising)

Your Troop should recruit an individual that will coordinate camp promotions. If you're reading this, it might be you! Getting each Scout to attend camp should be your primary goal. Attending summer camp results in extraordinary benefits for each Scout. You should put your time and energy into convincing each Scout and parent that they should attend camp this summer.

There are numerous resources available for you. You can find them at: [JoinScoutsIN.org/camps](https://JoinScoutsIN.org/camps)



# CROSSROADS OUTFITTERS & TRADING POST

Make sure you stop by Crossroads Outfitters, at the Indianapolis office, prior to camp to stock up on all camp essentials. While at camp, the trading post is the place to go for a full selection of souvenirs, Scouting items and snacks. We also sell ice and select hot food items. We accept cash, check (payable to CAC BSA), Mastercard/Visa and gift cards.

Gift cards are available for purchase on-line at: [GoRansburg.org/gift-card-purchase](https://GoRansburg.org/gift-card-purchase)

Gift cards are digital through Square. For this reason, it is encouraged that you associate a phone number with your card and encourage your Scout to memorize that phone number for an easy transaction process.

## TALENT RELEASE

A tradition throughout the council and at Ransburg Scout Reservation is to make multimedia presentations part of the week-long summer camp experience. As a result, numerous pictures and videos are taken throughout the week, and a slideshow is presented at the closing campfire. This is an exciting closing to the week at Ransburg, and it is an integral part of the experience. Therefore, Ransburg Scout Reservation requires Scout families to agree with this talent release.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a member of the Ransburg Leadership Team. The Talent Release is a portion of the Annual Health and Medical Record.

# ANNUAL HEALTH RECORDS

To ensure the safety of all participants an Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR), with a completed exam and medical provider's signature dated within the past year, is required for all Scouts and leaders regardless of their length of stay in camp.

Following the Scouting America national guidelines, only the official Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record form will be accepted. School forms and sports physical forms cannot be accepted (even if stapled to the official Annual Health and Medical Record).

Your Troop must bring printed copies of the Annual Health and Medical Record forms to camp. Your forms **will not be returned** at the end of the week. This is due to Indiana State Law requiring the retention of these records. In addition, we request that you do not send these to camp ahead of time.

**Action Requested:** As the camp coordinator, we ask that you check and review your Troop's AHMR forms before arrival at camp. Please check for the following common errors/omissions:

- Missing date under the medical provider's signature
- Date outside of 12-month window
- Missing medical provider's signature
- Missing parent/guardian signature
- Missing immunization record and dates
- Missing health insurance card copy

As a part of the check-in process each individual form will be checked with the Scout or adult present and a verbal health questionnaire will be completed. Any errors or omissions with the form will be discovered at this time. The Health Officer will work with your Troop leadership to assist you in correcting these errors for your Scouts/Leaders. This may include facilitating a visit to an UrgentCare clinic.

In accordance with Indiana State Law, **Health Forms will not be returned at the end of the week.**







## HEALTH LODGE

Our Health Lodge is located in main camp just a few steps from the camp office. We are committed to providing friendly, helpful service to Scouts and leaders with all kinds of health and safety needs. Whether it's cleaning a cut or scrape, lifting a camper's spirits after a rough day or tending to more serious injuries, our fully trained medical staff take great care to make Scouts feel comfortable while receiving medical attention. A staff member is available in the Health Lodge 24 hours a day.

**CPAP Machines:** We encourage you to bring your own marine-grade batteries. Most campsites do not have electricity for you to plug in a CPAP machine or to charge batteries on-site. Limited CPAP batteries are available for rental (for \$40) on a first come first serve basis. Please communicate this need to our camp commissioner at [commissioner@RansburgBSA.org](mailto:commissioner@RansburgBSA.org).

## SPECIAL NEEDS

Ransburg is for everyone. We want to and are excited to accommodate Scouts and leaders with different abilities. Every area director is trained to provide basic accommodations. If you want further support or want to do something spectacular, please contact [commissioner@ransburgbsa.org](mailto:commissioner@ransburgbsa.org), or find a member of the leadership team at check-in.





# CAMPSITES

Ransburg Scout Reservation provides high-quality equipment and a prepared campsite for all Troops in camp. Each campsite is fully equipped with the following:

- Wall tents on platforms
- A cot for each participant
- A 2-inch mattress for each cot
- Permanent shelter with two picnic tables
- Solar lights in shelter (and solar-powered charging station)
- Flagpole with American flag
- Campfire ring

In addition, each campsite has access to the following conveniently located facilities, which have multiple locations along each ridge:

- Latrines with running water, toilet paper and cleaning supplies (several per ridge). A broom and hose are also available at each ridge latrine.
- Campfire rings with larger gathering areas (in addition to your campsite's fire ring).

Additional equipment is available for checkout from the Quartermaster (such as Dutch ovens, cook kits, stoves, water jugs, coolers, etc.).

## Tent Policies

- Separate tenting arrangements must be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youths.
- Youths sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age.
- Youths and adults must tent separately.
- Spouses may share tents.





# CAMPSITE CAPACITIES

**Choosing a Site** - Each campsite has its own unique qualities. You are encouraged to visit a site to see if it will be a good fit for your Troop. Alternatively, you can view photos located on the interactive map on our website. If your Troop would like to use only camp provided canvas tents you are encouraged to book a combination of campsites where the published number of canvas tents meets your needs.

Please consult the “Campsite Capacities” chart, found on the Ransburg website, to help you choose the right site for your troop: [GoRansburg.org/maps](https://GoRansburg.org/maps).

Tents provided are permanent canvas frame tents on an elevated platform with two cots and two mattresses. The published Canvas Frame Tent number for a campsite are **the only canvas tents that will be provided**. (i.e. no “temporary canvas tents” will be provided). The estimated “Personal Tent Space” is based upon the space a 10x10 personal tent might take up. This is a low-end rough estimate. To assist in making an educated decision, campsite photos are available on the interactive camp map at [GoRansburg.org](https://GoRansburg.org). The stated capacity assumes that two individuals will occupy a tent. This does not account for youth protection guidelines. For example, a troop with 7 boys and 3 adults would need 6 total tents. The stated capacity is a combination of canvas tents and personal tent capacity.

## CANVAS FREE SITES

Acadia and Shenandoah campsites have been set aside for units wishing to use only Troop tents. Canvas tents will not be provided. A shelter, fire ring, latrine, and picnic tables are still provided. A campsite discount will be applied to your reservation for choosing these sites.

*(Fees are reduced by \$15 per full-week registrant, \$7.50 per partial-week registrant)*



# CAMPSITE COOKING

Units who wish to cook at their campsite, rather than eat in the dining hall, can do so on a limited basis by reserving either the Denali or Yosemite campsite. By electing this option, your unit will provide your own food to prepare and cook at your campsite, for all three meals daily. No food is provided to cook.

Both campsites are equipped with larger shelters containing a storage room, refrigerator, electricity, and propane grill. Your unit is encouraged to bring additional cooking supplies and equipment, such as that typically packed for a weekend outing. Limited equipment is available for checkout from the Quartermaster.

*Fees adjusted accordingly (\$85 per full-week registrant, \$35 per partial-week registrant) for campsite cooking option. Only available at Denali and Yosemite campsites.*



# SHOWER FACILITIES

Ransburg is proud of its state-of-the-art shower and restroom facilities. There are three primary shower houses located throughout camp for easy access day or night.

- Jackson Shower House
- Inlow Aquatic Center
- Ridge 5 Shower House

Each shower facility has numerous individual shower rooms designed for use by a youth or adult. Each individual shower room has a shower, sink, toilet, a mirror, and electrical outlets. Each facility has numerous shower rooms and each is large enough to accommodate use by more than one Troop simultaneously. Troops are encouraged to utilize the patrol method when utilizing the shower facilities with adequate adult supervision. While the shower facilities are cleaned by staff members and a professional janitorial company, each campsite will have a camp duty assignment to be completed once throughout the week to ensure we are keeping our shower facilities as clean as they can be!

# CHECK-IN

When arriving at Ransburg Scout Reservation, you will be greeted by a staff member at our gate. If you decide to arrive early beginning on Sunday at 10:30am (all times are in **Eastern Standard Time**), you will receive directions to proceed to your campsite with your trailer where you can begin to get settled. The intent of arriving prior to initial check-in, is to provide your Troop with a more flexible timetable on Sunday with more time to get settled into your campsite. Check-in will still occur at 1pm at the STEM Center.

To allow for a smooth check-in process your Troop should arrive at camp no later than 1pm and report to the STEM Center no later than 2pm. If there are circumstances that require later arrival, please communicate that need with our Camp Commissioner and we will set-up a separate check-in process for your Troop.

The first step of the check-in process is at the STEM Center and begins at 1pm. Please be sure that the Scoutmaster and SPL report to the check-in table located at the STEM Center between 1pm and 2pm.

If you are new to Ransburg you will meet your staff guide at the STEM Center who will lead the troop through the camp check-in process. This will include medical checks, a tour of camp, a dining hall orientation, and a swimming ability check.

If you are returning to Ransburg, following initial check-in at the STEM Center, you will receive instructions for the remainder of the self-guided check-in process including the locations and order of each stop.

Troops with qualified lifeguards may take their swim check on their own prior to camp and communicate it to our staff, see Swim Checks. This can save time at check-in, eliminating the need to walk down to the Aquatics area. Our aquatics staff retains the right to require a retest at their discretion. There is a form available on our website that will need to be completed for pre-camp swim checks. For more information about early arrival and the check-in process please visit the Planning for Camp section of our website at [GoRansburg.org/swim-checks](http://GoRansburg.org/swim-checks).

SUNDAY SCHEDULE	
<b>10:30 AM - 1 PM</b>	Arrival
<b>1 PM - 2 PM</b>	Initial check-in at the STEM Center
<b>4:30 PM</b>	Leadership meeting at the Inlow Aquatics Center*
<b>5:45 PM</b>	Dinner for Group A
<b>6:20 PM</b>	Flag Lowering
<b>6:30 PM</b>	Dinner for Group B
<b>7:15 PM</b>	Merit badge schedule changes in the Picnic Area
<b>7:45 PM</b>	All-faith chapel service
<b>8:30 PM</b>	Opening campfire

*\*Be sure to have at least one adult leader and the SPL in attendance*

# CHECKOUT

A hot breakfast will be served on Saturday in the dining hall. Scouts staying for a second week of camp will not be able to stay over the weekend because Ransburg will not be able to provide supervision. Please make sure the Scout is picked up on Saturday and returned on Sunday.

CHECKOUT SCHEDULE	
<b>7:15 AM</b>	<b>Breakfast for Group A</b>
<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Pick up final merit badge information</b> <b>Review all advancement records for your Troop prior to departure. Discrepancies are best corrected now while still in camp</b>
<b>7:50 AM</b>	<b>Flag Raising</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Breakfast for Group B</b>
<b>8:45 AM - 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Your staff guide will meet you at your campsite to complete a campsite checkout</b>
<b>Before / After Breakfast</b>	<b>Check-out at the Health Lodge. Turn in medication box, lock, key and log.</b>
<b>After Campsite Checkout</b>	<b>Check-out at the Camp Office. Pay for any damaged camp equipment and turn in any remaining evaluations.</b>

# LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found items are a common occurrence at camp. All lost and found items will be located on the porch of the camp office. Any valuables (knives, wallets, phones, etc.) will be available inside the camp office.

Valuable lost and found items will be available after the conclusion of the summer at the Crossroads of America Council office (7340 Shadeland Station, 1st Floor West, Indianapolis, IN 46256)



# DINING

Ransburg Scout Reservation has employed a professional food service management company to provide high-quality food for Scouts and leaders. A licensed dietitian has reviewed the menus for balanced nutrition. Each meal has two serving times, and your Troop will be designated a time upon arrival. A detailed menu for your week of camp can be found on our [website](#).

## SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

We want every Scout and leader to enjoy their stay at camp. If Scouts and leaders need special meal substitutes because of dietary needs, please complete the on-line form **at least three weeks prior to your Troop's arrival**, available at [GoRansburg.org/dining-hall](http://GoRansburg.org/dining-hall).

For any questions or inquiries, please contact [specialdiets@RansburgBSA.org](mailto:specialdiets@RansburgBSA.org)

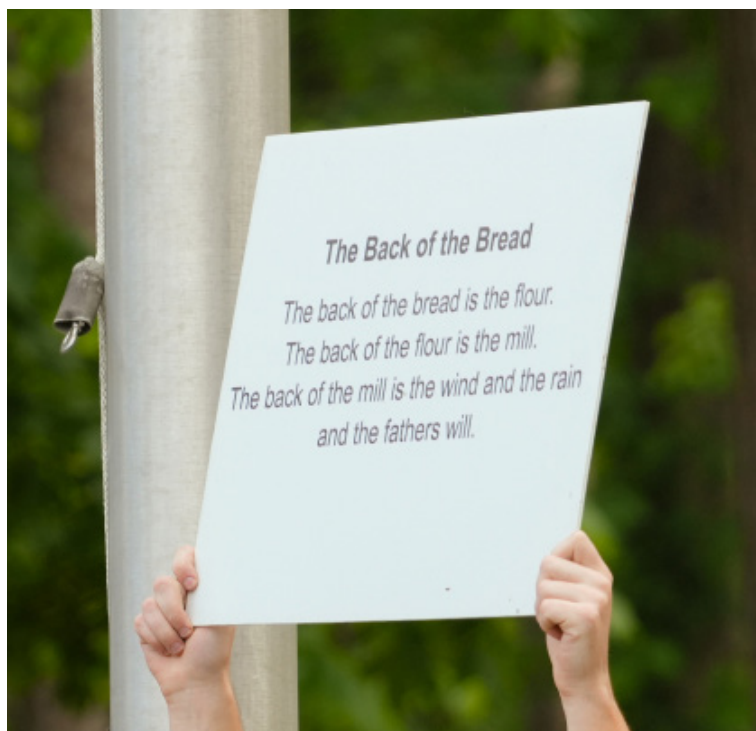
## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Dinner will NOT be served on Wednesday night. Each Troop must make plans to find an alternate source for Wednesday night dinner. Wednesday night, Troop Night, is an opportunity for visitors, Troop activities, and fellowship. Some Troops over the years have chosen to order pizza from Bloomington, and others have chosen to cook in their campsite. Special arrangements will be made to have pizzas delivered to camp for those Troops wishing to order pizza. A special pizza order form will be available on the Sunday of your camp stay. Troops should plan on a nominal fee for this pizza meal. **All orders for pizza must be placed by Monday at noon in the Camp Office.**

Special arrangements can also be made for those Troops wishing to cook in their campsite. If you are planning to cook in your campsite Wednesday night and need help getting the food you need, please seek assistance in the Camp Office.

## VISITORS

Your Troop can invite guests to dine with you at camp. Please purchase meal tickets for your guests at the Camp Office at least twenty-four hours in advance. Guest meals cost \$10 each.





# ADULT LEADERS

The role of a Scout leader is to be a teacher, listener, motivator, and more. In camp, these roles are amplified. Thus, every Troop is required to have a **minimum of two leaders (over age 21) in camp at all times.**

The guideline is one leader for every eight Scouts. If your Troop has 16 Scouts, you would be required to bring two leaders. For Troops with 17 to 24 Scouts, three leaders are needed, and so on. In addition, a Troop of boys must have at least one male leader age 21+ and a Troop of girls must have at least one female leader age 21+.

**All adults attending summer camp must be a registered member of Scouting America and have completed Safeguarding Youth training. All registrations must be complete prior to camp and cannot be in pending status.**

## LEADER MEETINGS

On Sunday at 4:30 PM, Scoutmasters and SPLs will meet for an orientation with the Camp Director in the Inlow Aquatics Center. Additional adult leader meetings are held every weekday morning at 9:10 AM, in the picnic area in main camp. Each Troop should have a leader present to receive all necessary information for the day's program. Senior Patrol Leaders also have the opportunity to meet daily in the afternoon. On Tuesday, leaders can enjoy a Leaders' Lunch at the Inlow in appreciation of spending their time at camp; do not miss it!

## SCOUT LEADERS' LOUNGE

Ransburg Scout Reservation offers leaders opportunities to learn and have fun while at summer camp. We also have an air-conditioned leaders' lounge in the Inlow Aquatics Center where you can find fresh coffee, Scouting-related information, comfortable chairs, and high-speed fiber internet. In addition to the leaders' lounge, high-speed internet is available in numerous areas throughout camp.

## LEADER TRAININGS

We offer a full complement of training available for all adult leaders during their week in camp. These include official Scouting America trainings, and numerous other topics (e.g. CPR). An adult can come to camp as a brand-new leader and walk away fully trained. In addition, an experienced leader will find numerous opportunities to further their knowledge.

## LEADER ACTIVITIES

Adults should have fun too! All Open and Evening Programs are available to leaders as well as Scouts. Try something new, whether it be a Trail Ride, Paddleboarding, Low COPE, Tomahawks, or Tie-Die. We offer several adult only programs. Adults can escape camp for an hour on the peaceful Scoutmaster Cruise or compete with each other in the Adult Archery Shootoff.

View the full adult leader schedule at [GoRansburg.org/schedules](https://GoRansburg.org/schedules)





## PARTIAL WEEK LEADERS

Partial week leaders are those who will be in camp three nights or less. Leaders in camp for four nights or more must pay the regular leader fee.

Two part-time leaders cannot split a full leader spot on the registration. Every leader attending must be listed on the registration as either a full or partial week leader. This supports us to ensure the safety of all participants by validating registration status. All leaders must submit a completed Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) form, including Part C, even if the leader is staying less than 72 hours. Furthermore, all leaders staying overnight must be registered with Scouting America.

## PROVISIONAL SCOUTS

If you have a Scout who cannot attend the same camp week as the Troop or who would like to come for a second week, you can sign them up as a Provisional Scout. Provisional Scouts need to have their own registration linked to their Troop number.

To register Provisional Scouts, call Jen Ugen at the council office (317-813-7094). She will place the Scout with another Troop for an entire camp week. If you already know the Troop you would like to place your Scout with, please let us know at the time of registration.

## RANSBURG REPEAT

Do not let the fun end with just one week! Ransburg Repeat is an opportunity for Scouts to come a second week of camp at a reduced price (\$295) to earn more merit badges, explore more programs, and make more memories. We are happy to connect you with a provisional troop. Repeat is available for all weeks.

# PACKING CHECKLIST

- Complete Scout uniform (worn at dinner & campfires)
- Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt
- Swimsuit
- Sleeping bag
- Comfortable hiking boots, athletic shoes
- Shoes that can get wet (for boating merit badges)
- Shoes with a heel (for Horsemanship merit badge and trail rides)
- Long pants for welding, ranch, COPE, ATV and RansburgX
- Raincoat
- Toiletry kit
- Notebook, pen and Scout Handbook
- Sun block
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Watch, first aid kit, camera, religious materials
- Medical form and prescription medication in its original container
- Folding pocketknife (folding blades are encouraged)
- \$85 or more for spending money

**Please leave all valuables at home.**

Be prepared and plan ahead to have the best experiences at camp!

## NEW TO RANSBURG?

**If you are new to Ransburg, please let us know!** Attending a new camp can sometimes be overwhelming. We are more than willing to schedule time with you and/or your Troop to help you plan for camp.

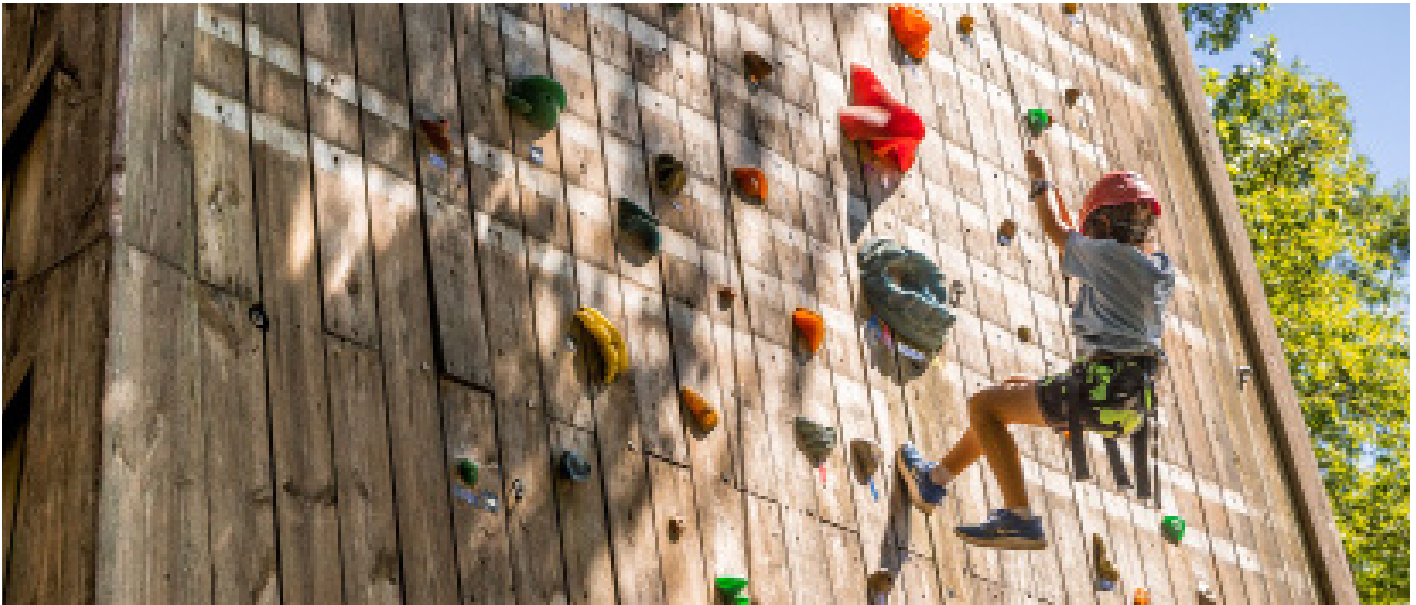
- If you have a special need or want to do something spectacular, tell us about it and we will give it our best shot.
- A printable camp map is available online at [GoRansburg.org/docs](http://GoRansburg.org/docs).
- Uniforms are encouraged for chapel service, campfires, evening flag ceremonies, and evening meals.
- Merit badges are not the only things going on at Ransburg. We encourage Troops to try new adventures and activities, and to allow Scouts time to participate in open program activities! We recommend Scouts leave time in their schedule open for these program activities and to take time to enjoy the beauty of the Hoosier National Forest and Lake Monroe.
- Troop t-shirts are encouraged and help to foster camp spirit! If your Troop would like to purchase a custom Troop t-shirt that option will be available on-line through our vendor. Information will be communicated via email to the camp contact.
- Ransburg has one of the most diverse program offerings in the country. This means that there are more activities and programs than a Scout can possibly complete in a single year. It is encouraged to have your Scouts review the merit badge and activity schedule, evening program schedule, and open program schedule in order to plan out an amazing week at camp.

# PROGRAM & MERIT BADGES

Ransburg is proud to offer one of the most diverse and extensive programs in the country. You will find something to excite every Scout while at Ransburg.

Merit Badge counselors are instructed to let out their classes 10 minutes before the end of the merit badge period. This time buffer allows for Scouts to transition between periods of activity. Even with 10 minutes of travel time, new Scouts may find it challenging to get from one side of camp to another. When scheduling, please keep in mind travel times to each location. New Scouts are encouraged to group merit badge scheduling by location/geography.

**This guide does not contain information regarding merit badge schedules. Please check the activity schedule on the Ransburg website for a full schedule of what will be offered this summer: [GoRansburg.org/programs](https://GoRansburg.org/programs).**



## REGISTERING FOR MERIT BADGES AND ACTIVITIES

Ransburg Scout Reservation utilizes Scouting Event, an online system, to schedule and document the advancement of each Scout while at camp. Your leaders will be provided access to regular attendance and advancement reports throughout the week to monitor Scout progress. Merit badges are also chosen, prior to camp, through the same Scouting Event reservation site. Current Merit Badge and Activity Schedules will be released in January/February. Unit camp coordinators and parents (if the unit chooses) will have access to the Scouting Event registration site to register for merit badges and activities beginning on a specific date and time in early April. These dates and times will be communicated electronically with the camp coordinator. Parents can also directly register their Scout for merit badges using the Parent Portal if elected by your unit.

# HIGH ADVENTURE

The high adventure area is one of the most popular areas in camp. We offer Project C.O.P.E., high course, low courses and a climbing wall.

Project C.O.P.E. consists of team-building activities and a challenging ropes course that inspire Scouts to realize their full potential. C.O.P.E. activities include climbing, swinging, balancing and soaring on our zip line. Each adventure is carefully designed and constructed so participants can feel free to challenge themselves.

The Climbing Tower is individually challenging for all Scouts. Group size is limited. While the Climbing Merit Badge is restricted to Scouts aged 13 and older, Open Climb is open to all.

Try your hand at one of our Mountain Biking trails! Open Mountain Biking is available at 4pm each day. Participants must sign up in the office and meet at the Mountain Bike course (near COPE). Scouts must be at least five-feet tall.



## RANSBURG X

This program is a week long experience; it is for Scouts who have completed most activities offered at camp but still want to attend for the week. In Ransburg X, Scouts are able to support their Troop while still participating in a higher level of camping adventure.

Ransburg X is offered from 9 AM to 5 PM each day. Scouts have an opportunity to participate in ASI ATV, climbing, mountain biking, water skiing, sailing, sporting arrows, open shoot, horseback riding, high ropes, and much more. At the start of the week, participants select one from several Adventure Tracks, to focus on the activities of most interest. For more information, visit [GoRansburg.org/RansburgX](http://GoRansburg.org/RansburgX)

Those interested in participating in Ransburg X must be at least 16 years old. If they plan to participate in the ATV Adventure, through Ransburg X, they must complete the ASI Waiver and ASI E-Course.

## ATV ADVENTURE

Ransburg offers an ATV Safety Institute program designed to expose Scouts to ATV training. Space is limited; Scouts interested in participating must be at least 14 years old and bring to camp sturdy ankle boots, a long-sleeved shirt and pants. All safety equipment is provided.

Prior to camp, Scouts must complete the ASI ATV Waiver and the ASI E-Course, which can be found on our website link below.

**For more information and to fill out the ASI ATV Waiver/E-Course, visit:**

[GoRansburg.org/atv](http://GoRansburg.org/atv)





# NEST (FIRST YEAR CAMPER)

Project N.E.S.T. is Ransburg's renowned first-year camper program. Debuted in the summer of 2024, this program received accolades from Scouts, Leaders, and parents. The NEST area, halfway down Hoosier Heritage Ridge, only serves as a home base for your first-year Scouts as they will be exploring all that camp has to offer. On day one, scouts will be assigned into "NEST patrols" with other campers. Accompanied by a staff "NEST Guide", patrols will explore camp, complete activities, and compete with each other in pursuit of learning and advancement.

Project NEST participants will work on rank and merit badge requirements including tools, fire, first aid, cooking, nature, knots, aquatics, navigation, and citizenship. At the end of the week, unit leaders will receive a report of all requirements completed by each scout. In addition to rank advancement, NEST scouts will complete the First Aid and Fingerprinting merit badges! Please consult the activity schedule or website for the most up-to-date information. [GoRansburg.org/NEST](https://GoRansburg.org/NEST)

Project NEST is intended for Scouts who have joined in the past 6 months and are Scout or Tenderfoot ranked with many requirements to work on. Adult Leaders are always welcome to observe or volunteer; each troop with a Scout participating in the 5-mile hike is asked to provide an adult leader for supervision during that hike. Join us on Friday for our graduation ceremony; bring your camera!





# BADEN-POWELL

Scouts can earn several Eagle-required merit badges in the Baden-Powell area, including Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in World, Personal Management, and Communication. The first three of these merit badges are geared to ages 14+ because they contain high school-level content. However, this is only a guideline. Scouts should consult with their Scoutmaster prior to signing up for one of these merit badges.

Baden-Powell offers numerous other badges, geared to scouts of all ages. Get ready for fun in everything from Game Design, to Salesmanship, to Photography, and more.



# ORDER OF THE ARROW

Ransburg Scout Reservation has a thriving Order of the Arrow program. Staff are responsible for all O.A. ceremonies, elections and promotions. If your Scouts are members of a ceremonial team, they are invited to talk to the office staff about joining in the ceremonies.

We welcome Scouts and Scouters from all lodges to participate in our Order of the Arrow programing.

Tuesday dinner is O.A. Sash Night. At the closing Friday Campfire, the Order of the Arrow will conduct a “call-out” ceremony for all Scouts in camp. All newly elected O.A. candidates will be called out, and candidates who have recently been called out may be recognized at the ceremony. Troops must submit those names to the office before the callout.

Members of Jaccos Towne Lodge who completed their Ordeal at least 6 months ago, may complete their induction in the Tuesday night Brotherhood Ceremony. Pick up a Brotherhood form in the office, and submit it with \$25 by Tuesday lunch. Financial assistance is available at [scholarships@jaccostownelodge.org](mailto:scholarships@jaccostownelodge.org). Out-of-council troops may complete Brotherhood only with the written permission of their Lodge. All Brotherhood and Vigil Honor members are invited to watch the ceremony.



# FIRECRAFTER

Firecrafter is a camp rank system that recognizes and develops a Scout's camping skills. Firecrafter started in 1920 at Camp Chank-Tun-Un-Gi (now Belzer Scout Camp). This popular program is unique to Crossroads of America Council and is open to all Scouts. The desire to be a Firecrafter is often the push a Scout needs to return to summer camp for another year. In addition, becoming a Firecrafter gives Scouts the added confidence to strive for Eagle and other advancements.

**Camp ranks can only be earned at camp. They serve to complement a Scout's advancement work. Most camp rank requirements are taken directly from Scouts BSA rank advancements.**



## CAMPER

Camper is the first-year program. All first-year Scouts, and Scouts new to Ransburg, are encouraged to become Campers. The requirements cover camp citizenship, the Scout Oath and Law, the origins of Scouting, map and compass reading, hiking and one hour of camp service. We recommend dedicating one hour of your daily schedule to working on Camper.

## WOODSMAN

Woodsman is the second-year program. Those who completed Camper should be encouraged to go for Woodsman. The Woodsman rank covers camp skills (fire building, knot tying, knife and ax), nature studies, first aid, leadership and two hours of service. We recommend dedicating 1-2 hours of your daily schedule to working on Woodsman.



## FIRECRAFTER

Firecrafter is the third-year program for First Class Scouts and above. While some exceptional Scouts have attained Firecrafter in their first or second year of camp, it is usually the third year before a Scout has the physical and emotional maturity to be a Firecrafter candidate. The standards for Firecrafter rank are high and include all areas of Scouting skills. The three most difficult requirements are planning and leading a campfire, building a fire by friction and an "unknown test" of Firecrafter ritual, which takes place after camp is over. We recommend dedicating 3-4 hours of your daily schedule to working on Firecrafter.

## MINISINO

Minisino is a Miami Indian word meaning "tried and proven." A youth is eligible for Minisino following his or her second summer with Firecrafter rank. A Firecrafter tapped out for Minisino must successfully complete a two-week candidacy at one of the council camps.



# RANCH

During the summer season, the Ranch is home to 20 horses. Many of these horses come back year after year. The Ranch offers several merit badges including Horsemanship, Animal Science and more. The Ranch is located down Adventure Road.

## WRANGLER

The Wrangler program is for Scouts ages 13 and up who have successfully completed their Horsemanship merit badge and are looking for more time in the saddle.

## RANCH HANDS - NEW IN 2026

Scouts ages 14 and up who have completed the Horsemanship merit badge and at least one year of Wrangler and are looking for a more intensive Ranch experience can sign up for the Ransburg Ranch Hand program. Ranch hands will spend the afternoon assisting the Ranch staff, getting more advanced instruction in riding and horse care, and will have a riding experience each day.

## TRAIL RIDES

Trail Rides are an opportunity to experience horseback riding briefly on a horse trail. There is no age restriction for the trail rides. Trail ride slots are available on a daily basis; sign-ups are available daily at the office.

**Shoes or boots with 3/4" heels and long pants (jeans) must be worn while riding, so come prepared to camp! While we have an assortment of boots and pants, we cannot guarantee all sizes.**



# AQUATICS

The Aquatics area is one of the most popular areas in camp. It features many activities, and Scouts can earn several merit badges here. Shoes that can get wet are encouraged for Scouts wishing to use any boating equipment for merit badges or for fun.

**Swimsuit Guidelines: Swimsuits should be comfortable, functional and modest. For males, swim trunks or board shorts are appropriate. For females, modest tankinis or one-piece swimsuits are appropriate. Inappropriate swim-wear includes bikinis and swim briefs or swim bottoms short enough to allow immodest exposure.**



# PRE-CAMP SWIM CHECKS

**Personnel** – The most important criteria is to have a certified adult conducting the tests. Certification would include Aquatics Instructor Scouting America, Lifeguard Scouting America or Red Cross Water Safety Instructor. Those who administer individual tests to Scouts should be: 1) adults with strong aquatics skills or 2) older Scouts with a Lifesaving merit badge or Red Cross Lifeguard or Scouting America Lifeguard training and/or certification.

**Swim Defense** – A qualified person should review the Safe Swim Defense plan (and possibly the Safety Afloat plan as well) for the entire unit. All points of the Safe Swim Defense should be adhered to during the test, and during all swimming activities. One note here: All Scouts should have their camp medical form turned in before taking the test.

**Ability Classification** – Each classification should be administered individually with one guard following and watching a single swimmer for the duration of the test. If you do this at a pool, you could have one guard combination on each side of the pool and run Scouts through in a relatively short time.

**Beginners Classification** – Jump feet-first into water over your head, come to the surface, swim 25 feet, turn sharply and return to the starting point. (Emphasize the feet-first jump and the ability to turn without holding on to something.)

**Swimmers Classification** – Jump feet-first into water over your head, come to the surface, swim 75 yards in a strong manner using any combination of accepted strokes (crawl, sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen) on your front or side. Continue swimming an additional 25 yards using a resting backstroke (elementary, not racing). At the end of the 100 yards, float on your back and stay as motionless as possible.

**Records** – Careful records should be kept that include Scout's name, medical check, swimming classification, date and who supervised the testing procedure (include certification). To ensure these records are as expected, please **submit them through this form** at least two weeks prior to your arrival.

**For more information and to sign the waivers for Aquatics forms:**

**[GoRansburg.org/swim-checks](http://GoRansburg.org/swim-checks)**

Alternatively, Swim Checks will be available on Sunday during check-in and Monday evening.







# SPORTS

We offer Archery, Rifle and Shotgun shooting merit badges at camp. However, merit badge qualifications are not the only time Scouts can practice at the range. We have open programs that don't require sign-up.

- Open Shoot for Rifle is on Monday through Friday from 3 PM to 5 PM.
- Open Shoot for Archery is on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday from 4 PM to 5 PM.
- New on Thursdays: Open Sporting Arrow Program at 4 PM.



**Optional, yet highly recommended:** Shooting practice is offered at 2 PM daily for Scouts working on rifle merit badge, and at 4 PM for Scouts working on Shotgun and Archery. Experience indicates Scouts wanting to earn these merit badges should plan on attending these sessions. We use .22-caliber, single-shot, bolt-action rifles and 12-gauge shotguns.

The **Field Sports area** is located between the rifle range and the archery range. Just look for the Gaga ball pit and basketball court! Scouts are encouraged to enjoy the merit badges, intramural sports, gaga ball, team competitions and much more! Open Sports is offered from 3 PM to 5 PM every day. Try your hand at the **Disc Golf Course** through the heart of camp.



## NATURE

The Nature Center provides many opportunities for Scouts to engage with our natural surroundings and discover a love of the outdoors. There is so much to learn outside of merit badge requirements. Scouts can visit the Nature Center in their free time to examine the animals found right here at Ransburg. Staff stand ready to share additional knowledge and provide insightful and applicable facts to the Scouts and inquisitive leaders!

At the Nature Center, Scouts explore and learn about the diverse environment at Ransburg and beyond. They also learn about their place in the environment and the environment's place in their lives. Our hands-on approach allows Scouts to earn nature-related merit badges while experiencing nature outside of the classroom.

## SCOUTCRAFT

Outdoor skills are a key component of a well-rounded Scout. The Scoutcraft area, located at the top of Hoosier Heritage Ridge (across from the chapel and behind the dining hall), is a great place for Scouts of all ages to learn and strengthen skills such as knot-tying, pioneering, camping, wilderness survival and outdoor cooking. Many first-year Scouts earn merit badges in this area, including First Aid, Camping, and Cooking. Older Scouts return to Scoutcraft for challenging merit badges like Wilderness Survival and Emergency Preparedness.



# STEM

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Center encourages Scouts to further their interests and passion through the different disciplines in STEM. This area offers a variety of STEM-related merit badges for Scouts, ranging from Environmental Science to Chemistry. It's no wonder this continues to be one of Ransburg's most popular program areas.

The STEM Center also offers a daily open program called Mad Science. Scouts will have the opportunity to take part in fun, hands-on experiments that will allow them to explore the scientific mysteries of the world.

The STEM Center is home to our very popular Welding program. Welders need to wear long jean pants and full leather boots; all other safety equipment is provided.



# HANDICRAFT

The handicraft badges are a good start for many first-year Scouts. They benefit from learning the pride and satisfaction that come with making something with your hands. New Scouts always find success in this area; we recommend encouraging them to pick at least one handicraft activity. Open Handicraft provides Scouts with time to finish their own project or merit badge requirements before leaving camp. Open Handicraft is also a very popular opportunity for activities like Tie-Dye, branding, and bead art.





# EVENING PROGRAM

There is always something exciting to do at Ransburg! Each day will end with special open programs, offered by different areas. From sports to aquatics, Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in a fun themed activity that rotates between each area. Find out more by viewing our schedule at [GoRansburg.org/schedules](https://GoRansburg.org/schedules).

Note: Some programs require sign-up in the office, such as trail rides.

Evening programs are subject to weather. We offer exciting alternative programs in the event of rain or storms.



# CAMPFIRE

The week opens and closes with an exciting Campfire Program! The opening fire is presented by our enthusiastic staff to kick off the energy and excitement of the week. The closing campfire is an opportunity for troops to show off their best skits and songs. If your troop wants to perform at the campfire (totally optional), start preparing early. Bring your props or instruments and enthusiasm. The program team will announce a time for troops to audition towards the end of the week. Be creative, have fun!



# DUTY TO GOD

Ransburg has a full-time dedicated **Chaplain** in support of a Scout's Duty to God. Services provided are:

- Certified Mental Health First Aid response
- Homesick counseling
- Conflict resolution counseling
- Special needs planning



# WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday evening: Nonsectarian worship, open and universal to all

Wednesday evening: Chaplain provides Nondenominational Christian worship & visiting Priest provides Roman Catholic Mass

Friday evening: Interfaith worship, comprised of 6-8 faith traditions in original language with English translation. This service is both worshipful and educational, informing you about other faith traditions in Scouting.

# DUTY TO GOD AWARDS

These are a 3-patch series exclusive to Ransburg. They can only be earned during the camp week. Each patch increases in the sophistication of requirements allowing earners to deepen in their respective faith journey over camping seasons. The requirements are universally Nonsectarian, and anyone can earn them. No more than 2 patches may be earned in a single week so that there is adequate time spent on reflection and understanding of your own faith tradition journey. The Capstone Pin offers a summative reflection for those who complete all three awards.

Visit [GoRansburg.org/chaplain](http://GoRansburg.org/chaplain) for more information and award requirements.





# POLICIES

At Ransburg Scout Reservation, the Scout Oath and Law are our guiding principles. We expect each leader to provide guidance to the Troop on following these principles as well as the policies of Ransburg Scout Reservation, the Crossroads of America Council and Scouting America.

## CAMPER RELEASE POLICY

Campers will only be released early from camp to custodial parents. Release to others must be communicated in writing in advance, to the Troop leadership. Parents must indicate in writing who the Scout will be leaving with and the time and day of departure. For the Scout's safety, Scoutmasters must escort the Scout to the Camp Office and sign the Scout over to the approved person.

## DAMAGED EQUIPMENT

Scouts are expected to take care of all equipment they use. Sometimes, however, equipment is damaged, and it needs to be replaced or repaired. If equipment is misused by the Troop, the cost of any damaged equipment will be settled before the Troop leaves camp on Saturday. Damages to equipment should be reported to the Quartermaster or your Ridge Commissioner.

## CAMP VISITORS

Parents and families are always welcome at Ransburg Scout Reservation. Wednesday evenings and the Friday night campfire are two excellent times for visitors. Visitors who desire to eat a meal can purchase a visitor meal ticket at the Camp Office. All visitor meals cost \$10.00.

**Note:** *Our dining hall has limited space and it is difficult to sit visitors with their Troop. If an open seat exists (for example, a partial adult is no longer in camp) visitors will be able to sit with their Troop. In most cases, however, visitors or a member of their Troop will need to sit at the visitor table. The dining hall steward can help visitors locate their table upon arrival.*

## DINING HALL

All Scouts are required to be at all meals unless the Troop is cooking in the campsite for the week. For no reason should a Scout be denied or allowed to skip a meal. Food should not be taken out of the dining hall.

## SMOKING & VAPING

Smoking is prohibited in camp (per state law and Scouting America policy). This includes electronic nicotine delivery systems. The goal of this policy is to keep smoke away from Scouts. All buildings are smoke-free environments; smoking outside the entrance or exit of any building is not permitted. In addition, all campsites must be smoke-free. There is a designated smoking area in the large camp parking lot at a picnic table with a cigarette disposal receptacle, for adults over 21 only.

## ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL DRUGS

Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are not permitted in camp. Possession or use of them on camp property will be cause for removal from camp.

## VEHICLES

Vehicles are not permitted in campsites. Vehicles should be parked only in the main parking lot. One vehicle is allowed to make a single trip to the campsite for Troop and personal gear at check-in and checkout. Only camp service vehicles are allowed on camp roads during the week. No individual should ever be transported in the back of any pickup truck or trailer.

## BIKES IN CAMP

No personal bikes are permitted on camp property or any trails, except for the designated Mountain Bike Trail.

# POLICIES CONTINUED

## GOLF CARTS

Individuals with disabilities who want to bring a golf cart type vehicle to camp must apply for a permit to the Camp Commissioner two weeks prior to arriving at camp. Once in camp, an inspection must occur, and an authorization form completed. You will also need liability insurance, a fire extinguisher and a first aid kit. In addition, per Scouting America policy, no utility vehicles (UTV's) are permitted.

## BOATS

There is no access to Lake Monroe for personal boats at camp. If you have a boat and would like to take your Troop on an activity in it, you must check your Troop out of camp and put in at a local boat ramp. No personal boats are allowed at any Ransburg dock

## PERSONAL ITEMS

The camp is not responsible for lost or stolen items. If such an unfortunate event occurs, we recommend filing a police report for insurance purposes.

## FUEL

All fuels must be kept locked. The camp Quartermaster can assist with this service. Remember that any type of open flame is not permitted in any tent.

## YOUTH PROTECTION

We adhere to all youth protection provisions of Scouting America. Two-deep leadership is required at all times. Please remember that leaders and Scouts cannot sleep in the same quarters and that mixed genders are not allowed to tent together. Exceptions are a parent/same-gender child or married couple. Scouting America strongly prefers

Scouts tent separately from their parents for reasons of leadership development and growth.

Any adult accompanying the Troop and staying overnight **must be registered** as a leader including completion of a criminal background check and youth protection training, even if they are the parent of a youth on the trip, regardless of length of stay.

Hazing is strictly prohibited. We are committed to preserving both the physical well-being and emotional stability of our Scouts. Even a "mild" incident can convince a Scout never to return. Be aware that new campers are particularly susceptible to hazing. Knowledge of any abuse **MUST** immediately be reported to the Camp Director, and appropriate authorities per law.

## PERSONAL TENTS

Personal tents must meet the Scouting America standard of 30 square feet of sleeping space per Scout.

## FIREWOOD

Due to the outbreak of harmful tree pests, no outside firewood can be brought into camp.

## PETS

Please do not bring pets to camp.

## MEDICATION

All prescription medications must be stored in their original containers at the Health Lodge or in the camp-issued lock box at the campsite. The Scout or leader may keep inhalers, EpiPens and heart medication on their person at the discretion of the Health Officer. Upon leaving camp, it is the responsibility of the unit leader to pick up unused medications that were brought to camp.

# POLICIES CONTINUED

## MEDICAL INSURANCE

Each Scout and adult leader should bring a copy of his or her medical insurance card and prescription card. Upon Sunday check-in, this information will be collected with the appropriate physical form.

## ACCIDENT & ILLNESS INSURANCE

All registered Scouts and leaders are covered by an accident and illness insurance policy while participating in or traveling to and from any Scout-sponsored activity, including summer camp. Scouts and leaders must be registered members of Scouting America to be covered by the insurance.

This is a secondary insurance policy administered by Health Special Risk Insurance (HSR). A claim must be filed with HSR within 90 days of the accident or illness. All medical expenses must be filed with the injured person's primary insurance before they can be considered by HSR. This policy generally covers usual and customary expenses up to \$15,000 per accident, including \$7,500 for illness, \$5,000 for dental treatment and \$6,000 for ambulance service, among other benefits. Any expenses beyond these limits are the responsibility of the parent/guardian or leader. Forms and complete details of this policy can be found at:

[JoinScoutsIN.org](http://JoinScoutsIN.org)

Initial questions concerning filing a claim may be directed to the Crossroads of America Council Director of Human Resources.

Questions concerning insurance coverage at camp should be directed to:

**Natalie Pearce**

Scouting America, CAC Council

7340 Shadeland Station

Indianapolis, IN 46256

Phone: 317-813-7125

Fax: 317-813-7126





## Emergency Procedures Severe Weather

Primary Notification: Continuous Tornado Siren OR Staff Notification

Secondary Notification: Text Alert / Radio Alert

### Campers:

1. **Primary Tornado Refuge:** Report to assigned Tornado Refuge.
  - a. Enter designated areas within the facility.
  - b. Follow the directions of staff members.
2. **Secondary Tornado Refuge:** Report to nearest Emergency Post
  - a. Move ½ of the way down the side of the hill.
  - b. Follow the directions of staff members.

### Staff: Program Hours:

1. **Primary Tornado Refuge:** Lead campers in your program/activity area to your assigned Tornado Refuge.
2. **Secondary Tornado Refuge:** Report to the nearest Emergency Post.
  - a. Move ½ of the way down the side of the hill.
3. Take attendance of all those present.
4. Report attendance via radio when requested.
5. Remain in place until the all-clear is given by the Camp Director.
6. Follow instructions given by the Camp Director for follow-up actions.

### Staff: Non-Program Hours:

1. **Primary Tornado Refuge:** Report to assigned Tornado Refuge.
2. **Secondary Tornado Refuge:** Report to the nearest Emergency Post
  - a. Move ½ of the way down the side of the hill.
3. Record Troop attendance as reported from each Scoutmaster.
4. Report attendance via radio when requested.
5. Remain in place until the all-clear is given by the Camp Director.
6. Follow instructions given by the Camp Director for follow-up actions.

## Tornado Refuge Assignment

**Primary:** Assignment posted in each campsite and program area. Primary assignment is an identified camp building.

**Secondary:** Nearest Emergency Post

**IMPORTANT:** If you cannot make it to the assigned **primary tornado refuge**, for any reason, proceed to the **secondary tornado refuge**, which is the nearest Emergency Post.

## Emergency Procedures for Campers

### Youth Protection / Membership Infraction

1. **Immediate Safety**
  - a. Conduct a rapid assessment to identify potential injuries or hazards.
  - b. Provide first aid and seek medical help promptly.
  - c. If necessary, contact 911 or Department of Child Services **immediately**.
  - d. If situation warrants, move individuals to a safer area to mitigate immediate risks.
  - e. Notify the Camp Director.
2. **Grasp the Full Situation**
  - a. Gather comprehensive information.
  - b. If minors involved, inform parents and guardians of the situation promptly.
3. **Document the Incident Thoroughly**
  - a. Collect all available information.
  - b. Construct a timeline that outlines the sequence of events.
  - c. Include the names of all individuals involved and detail the actions taken to address the situation.
  - d. Enhance documentation with photographs of the scene and witness statements.
4. **Notify the Local Council**
5. **Follow-Up with Care**
  - a. Maintain open communication with the families of those affected by the incident.
  - b. Address any questions or concerns they may have and ensure they feel supported throughout.

### Medical Emergency

1. Provide immediate first aid, ensuring someone stays with the injured patient.
2. Inform Troop adult leadership, if applicable.
3. Send two (2) people to the Health Lodge to report, call the camp phone number to report, or locate a staff member with a radio to report.
4. Call 911, if necessary.
5. Transport to hospital, if necessary.
6. Camp Director and Troop adult leadership cooperatively inform injured patient's parent/family.
7. **Follow-Up with Care:**
  - a. Maintain open communication with the family of those affected by the incident.
  - b. Address any questions or concerns they may have and ensure they feel supported throughout.

### Active Shooter

1. Immediately call 911.
2. Notify the main office via phone, radio, or in-person.
3. **Run:** If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate and remove yourself from the premises.
4. **Hide:** If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you.
5. **Fight:** As a last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active shooter.
6. Follow the directions of law enforcement.

### Lost Person in Camp

1. Report to Troop's adult leadership.
2. Gather information on the lost person.
3. Notify Camp Director.
4. Camp Director initiates systematic search of camp.
5. Troop adult leadership remains with Camp Director.
6. If necessary, Camp Director calls 911 and reports to Scout Executive, or designee.

### Heat Restrictions

1. Camp Director will make the determination to initiate heat restrictions.
2. Identified programs will be limited.
3. Participants will be notified regarding adjusted activities.

### Unauthorized Person in Camp

1. Notify the Main Office via phone, radio, or in-person.
2. Main office notifies the Camp Director.
3. Camp Director initiates a search for the unauthorized person(s).
4. If necessary, call 911 and notify Scout Executive or designee.

### Fire

1. Determine size and location of the fire.
2. Notify the main office via phone, radio, or in-person.
3. Camp Director notifies all staff and participants.
4. If necessary, call 911 and report to Scout Executive, or designee.
5. Camp Director initiates evacuation of camp, if necessary.
6. All participants gather at designated location.
7. Attendance is taken of all those present.
8. All staff and participants meet at the designated reunification point.

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# SENDING MAIL TO CAMP

Parents are encouraged to send a letter or a package to their Scout at Ransburg Scout Reservation. Allow a minimum of five to six days delivery time. Items arriving after Scout's departure will be returned to sender when possible. To ensure delivery, have the campsite and Troop number listed to this address:

**Scout's Name, Campsite, Troop #**

**Ransburg Scout Reservation**

7599 E. Waldrip Creek Rd.

Bloomington, IN 47401

***Please allow for an additional 25% time as USPS, FedEx, and UPS all underestimate the time for delivery. Approximately 20% of packages and mail are returned to sender due to late delivery.***

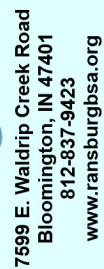
USPS delivers early afternoon, and FedEx and UPS deliver late in the evening (5p-8p). Mail will be delivered by our commissioner service the next day to your Scout's campsite.

We hope this guide has given you a taste for what's ahead for your Troop or crew at Ransburg Scout Reservation. We sincerely hope to see you next summer. As one of the best camps in the Midwest, our staff works year-round to ensure the traditions of excellence that past Scouts have enjoyed will be carried forward to the next season of campers. Please feel free to contact a member of our leadership team or council office at anytime throughout the year with questions or concerns you may have. We are just an email or phone call away.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Ransburg. We hope you'll join us for a week you won't soon forget. We cannot wait to meet you! **For the most current information about Ransburg Scout Reservation, please visit our website.**

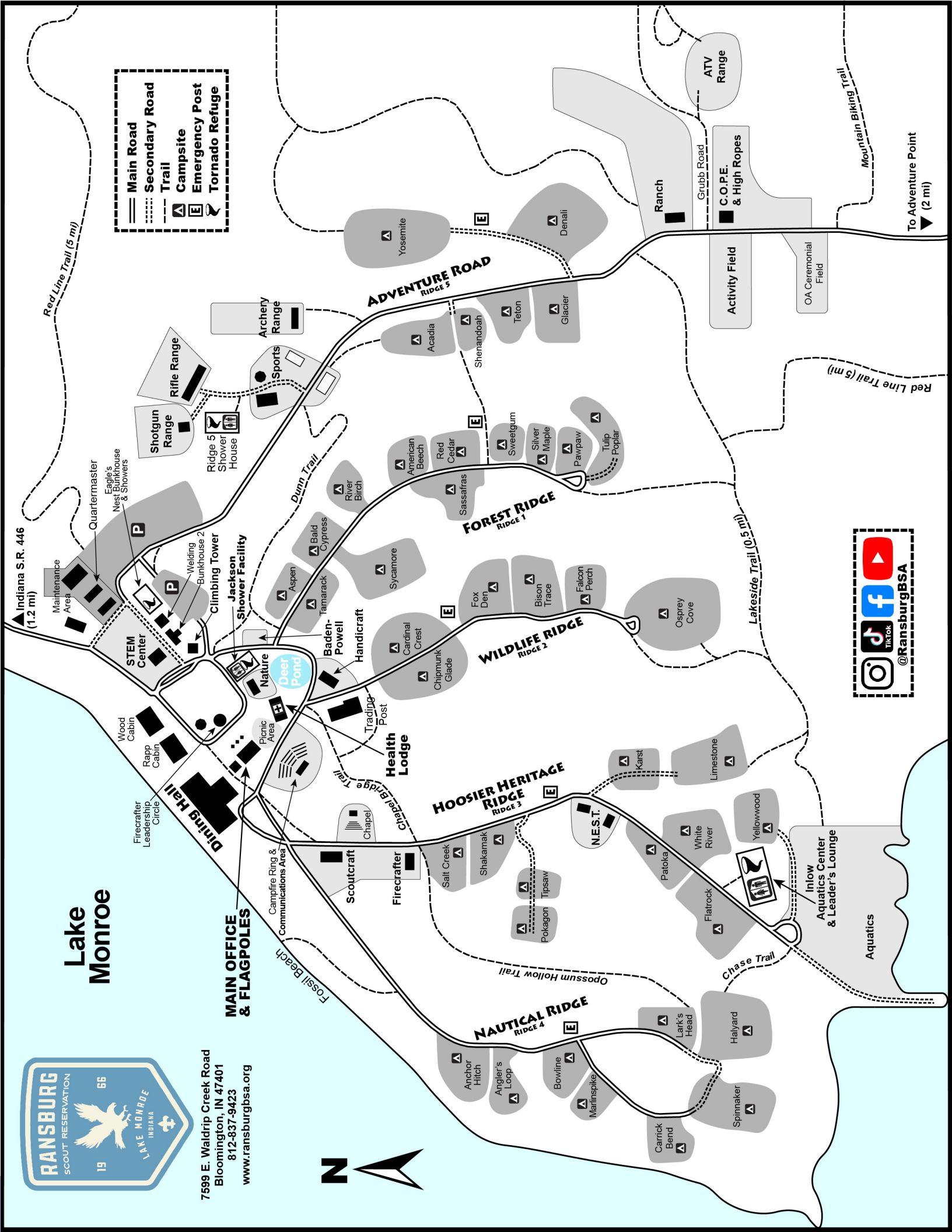
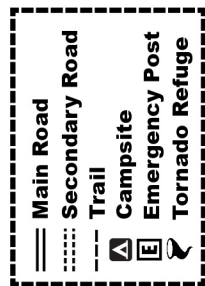


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