



Ripley Rendezvous 2018 "SCOUT TREK" Unit Leader Guide

Ripley Rendezvous Vision:

To provide Scouts and leaders with a safe and unique outdoor experience that engages, challenges, and thrills all who attend.

Ripley Rendezvous Mission: For all Scouts and leaders to discover the hands-on excitement of learning and exploring, while building the confidence to meet those challenges.

Ripley Rendezvous is for Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers. Webelos in 5th grade who will transfer into a Boy Scout Troop as of June 1, 2018, are eligible to participate in this event.
No Cub Scouts may participate in this event.

Medical Emergency Phone Numbers

Please do not use 911!

Range Emergency - 320-616-3137

Camping Area Emergency - 320-632-7375

Ripley Rendezvous leadership, security numbers, first aid station numbers, and opt-in text messaging will be included in the unit check-in packet.

Reporting Incidents in Camp

In case of an emergency, such as fire, bodily injury, or lost person, report to your Sub Camp Headquarters or Event Headquarters in Building 9-1.

EXPLOSIVES and AMMUNITION

Camp Ripley is an Active Military Training Facility. Should anyone find explosives or ammunition, **DO NOT PICK IT UP!**

Contact Ripley staff to arrange for proper disposal.

Event Information

Check-in: 5:30-8:30 PM at Building 9-134. If you arrive later, you will still be able to check-in.

Please send one leader to check in for your unit.

The rest of your unit is welcome to check out the scout shop and concessions while you wait.

Scout Shop: Building 9-134 Dining Hall

Concessions: Building 9-134 Dining Hall

Required: All adults that are driving need to bring their valid driver's license to pass Camp Ripley gate.

Required: All adults must have a valid ID. It will be checked against our roster by Camp Ripley staff.

Be patient with the check-in at the gate and while you are waiting to check-in. Camp Ripley staff will be doing their best to ensure that the post remains secure during our check-in process and during the weekend event. It's a big deal. Be sure to remain respectful and patient.

Parking is limited. Only bring the vehicles and gear that your unit will need.

On Saturday, porta-johns will be available down range.

Meals will be provided including Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner. And, Sunday continental breakfast. **Scouts and leaders with special dietary needs, will need to provide their own meals.**

Program Information

Adventure Program: Shooting Sports will include 20gauge shot guns, black powder rifles, .22 rifles, and archery. Scouting skills will be tested with the Super Troop Challenge. Be sure the Scouts brush up on their orienteering, knots, tripod and square lashings, first aid carries, and fire by flint and steel.

Scout OPS Program: Scouts 14+ and Venturers will participate in Super Troop Challenge, confidence course, obstacle course, rappelling tower, 9 ball, GA GA pit and leadership reaction course.

Order of the Arrow Elections will be on Friday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. You must have 50% of your unit in attendance to hold an election.

Religious Services: We will be offering both a Catholic Mass and Non-denominational service on Saturday evening.

Saturday Evening Campfire: OA call out ceremony followed by lots of songs and skits! Units are encouraged to plan a song or skit to share.

No open fires will be allowed due to safety concerns.

Leader and Scout Information

All BSA Youth Protection policies will be followed during this event. It is required that at least one adult from each unit has been Youth Protection trained. Any incidents should be reported immediately to your Council's Scout Executive or, if unavailable, contact Event Headquarters at 9-1 for instructions and support.

Two-Deep Leadership is mandatory for all units. The recommended leader to youth ratio is 1:5.

Health forms (parts A and B) are required for all participants. Please bring two copies of each health form. You will turn in a set at check-in and have a set for your unit. You will get the health forms back at check-out when you receive your event patches.

Unit Equipment (see Scout handbook for complete list)

- First Aid Kit (required)
- Means of Securing Valuables
- Troop Identification Flags (optional)

Personal Gear

Health Form (required)
Personal Medication(s)
Official Scout Uniform
Scout Handbook
Troop Activity Shirt
Sleeping Bag/Pillow
Water Bottle
Personal Hygiene Items
Compass
Extra Footwear

Optional Items

Trading Post Money
Camera
Camp Chairs
Day Pack
Gloves/Hat/Cap
Sunscreen
Bug Spray/Tick Repellent
Flashlight
Rain Gear
Phone

Please monitor the use of all personal electronic devices.

Please have Scouts bring personal water containers. Emphasize the importance of staying hydrated.

Uniforms and Clothing

Scouts and leaders are required to wear their uniforms:

- During road travel to and from the event.
- During Saturday evening religious services.
- At the Saturday Night Campfire.

Unit t-shirts or other troop activity clothing may be worn during program activities.

PLEASE NOTE: Per the Camp Ripley National Guard, **DO NOT WEAR ANY CAMOUFLAGE CLOTHING!**

First Aid

- A staffed, 24-hour First Aid Station will be available at Building 9-1, and on call.
- There will be first aid stations in all program areas. First Aid station numbers will be given out at check in and again during opening ceremony announcements.
- On-site EMT and security personnel provided.

Restrooms and Wash Stations

- Barracks Chiefs and leaders will monitor facilities.
- Report any needed supplies/issues to the Barracks Chief.

Motor Vehicle/Parking/Pedestrian Safety

- Do not block roadways or sidewalks when parking.
- **It is against post policy to use your phone while driving. Camp Ripley has unmarked vehicles and will issue tickets.**
- Never ride in the bed of a truck.
- Speed limits must be obeyed.
- No skateboards, inline skates, bikes or scooters.
- Stay off roadways, only cross at designated areas.
- Always walk facing traffic.
- Carry a flashlight at night.
- Give emergency vehicles the right-of-way.
- Stay in your designated Scouting areas.

Lost and Found

Camp Ripley and Ripley Rendezvous personnel will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

- A Lost and Found will be located at Building 9-1.
- Persons seeking lost items should report to Building 9-1 to describe the missing item. A check will then be made at Sub Camp Lost and Finds.
- To guard against loss of valuables:
 - 1) Mark all personal items with name, council, and unit number.
 - 2) Store equipment in a locked container when not in use. Especially when leaving your campsite.

Policy on Smoking, Alcohol, and Drugs

While in uniform, leaders will not smoke in the presence of any Scouts, or when they would subject the BSA to adverse criticism by the public. Please, dispose of your cigarettes properly. The use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, personal firearms, fireworks are not allowed at this event.

Always remember that during this event we are guests of the Minnesota National Guard and Camp Ripley. We are not their primary focus during our stay on base. However, they have and will continue to do their best to display, demonstrate, and include us in the cool things that they have available as much as they can.

Got pictures? Take pictures of your Scouts and leaders enjoying the fun activities at Ripley Rendezvous! And, when the event is done, share your pictures with the council to be used in our marketing materials and on our website. Please send a cd/dvd to Mike Gardner at the council office or email them to mike@bsacmc.org.

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