

# Ripley Rendezvous 2020

## Not an Ordinary Ripley Rendezvous

### Unit Leader Guide

All Federal, State COVID rules apply

#### Ripley Rendezvous Vision:

To provide Scouts and leaders with a safe and unique outdoor experience that engages, challenges, all who attend. Please understand and realize that our program needed to make several changes to do our best to ensure COVID risk mitigation is fully taken for all participant and all our family and friends' safety. Please be patient, find value in being able to be at Camp Ripley and have an outdoor experience with our Scout family.

**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 Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Explorers. Webeles in 5<sup>th</sup> grade who will transfer into a Scouts BSA Troop as of June 1, 2020, 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 5-1.

#### **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 5-8. 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. Trading Post/Concession Bldg.: Building 5-2**

**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

Due to COVID policy influences and the current situation in our world, all participants will receive a ½ day of each program.

**Adventure Program:** Shooting Sports include, 20 gauge shot guns, .22 rifles, and archery.

**Scout OPS Program:** Confidence course, obstacle course, and leadership reaction course.

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

**Friday Evening Welcome Campfire:**

**Saturday Evening Campfire:**

**No open fires** will be allowed due to safety concerns other than the official event campfire by event staff

#### 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 5-1 for instructions and support.

**Two-Deep Leadership** is mandatory for all units. The recommended leader to youth ratio is 1:5. Units will maintain unit integrity during the weekend

**Health forms** (parts A and B) are required for all participants. Please bring two copies of each health form. You should always keep a copy with the unit/individual and have a set for your unit as a back-up.

Event patches will be giving to the unit leaders at checkout on Sunday after the "Good Turn".

The Below forms will be turned in during the check in process. **Without forms completed and turned in, Scouts and Scouters will not be able to participate.**

COVID 19 Waiver Sheet required (signed) individual  
COVID Risk Acknowledgement form (signed) individual  
COVID Unit Pre-Screen Health Form (signed) unit  
Shooting Sports Parental Permission (signed) individual

**Unit Equipment** (see Scout handbook for complete list)

- COVID-Hand sanitizer, wipes, spray extra masks
- First Aid Kit (required)
- Means of Securing Valuables
- Tent & Camping gear as needed
- Troop Identification Flags (optional)

**Personal Gear (\*Required)**

<u>*Health Form required</u>	Trading Post Money
<u>*Signed COVID forms</u>	Personal Medication(s)
<u>*COVID Masks 2-3</u>	Camera
<u>*Signed Shooting Sports form</u>	Hand Sanitizer
<u>*Official Scout Uniform</u>	Camp Chairs
Scout Handbook	Day Pack
Troop Activity Shirt	Gloves/Hat/Cap
Sleeping Bag/Pillow	Sunscreen
Water Bottle	Bug Spray/Tick Repellent
Personal Hygiene Items	Flashlight
Compass	Rain Gear
Extra Footwear	Phone
Lawn Chair & case or mat	Cold Weather Gear

#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 5-1, 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.**
- **Speed limits are enforced**
- Never ride in the bed of a truck.
- 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 5-1.
- Persons seeking lost items should report to Building 5-1 to describe the missing item.
- 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.

**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**

\*we are guests Minnesota National Guard/ Camp Ripley.

\*We are not their primary focus during our stay on base.

\*They will continue to do their best to support us

**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 to Paul Ravenberg

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