



RESIDENT CAMP 2024

RSR Services, Policies, and FAQs



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About Rainbow Scout Reservation

RSR is operated by Rainbow Council, which delivers the scouting program to the communities located in Will, Grundy, and Kankakee counties. Rainbow Scout Reservation is a 595-acre preserve located in Grundy County approximately sixty miles southwest of Chicago and twenty-five miles southwest of Joliet. The camp has been in service since 1967 and contains a variety of terrain, including prairie remnants, lakes, wooded river bottoms, soft and hard woods, and rugged topography.

Contact Information

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| Rainbow Council Service Center | George S. McGee Service Center 921 South State Street Lockport, IL 60441 815-942-4450 | | |

Camp Dates

- Adult Leader’s Meeting: Tuesday, May 7th 8:00 PM, via Zoom (Link will be posted at <https://www.facebook.com/events/945840713609641/> on the RSR Facebook page)
- Webelos and Arrow of Light Session 1: July 19th to July 22nd
- Webelos and Arrow of Light Session 2: July 26th to July 29th
- Cub Scout Resident Camp (open to Tigers, Wolves, and Bears): August 2nd – 5th

Camp Fees and Payments

Fees and Payment Schedule

| Camp Program | Early Fee-Full payment due by May 15 th | Standard Fee |
|---------------|--|--------------|
| Youth | \$190 | \$200 |
| Adult Leaders | \$90 | \$100 |

Registration

Registrations can be made online by following the appropriate link at <https://www.linktr.ee/rsrcamp> or by contacting the Rainbow Council Service Center. Registration includes meals, activities, professional staffing, facilities, and a patch. T-shirts and other specialty items will be available for purchase at the Trading Post!

Additional Fees

Certain activities may require additional fees.

Refund Policy

This refund policy is applicable to all activities where a fee or a deposit is collected by Rainbow Council.

1. Refund requests will only be considered if submitted in person or by mail to:
Rainbow Council, Attention: Refund
921 South State St., Lockport, IL 60441
2. The following refund policy shall apply to refund requests related to major activities:
 - a. Deposits shall be non-refundable.
 - b. Scheduled payments made in addition to the non-refundable deposit shall be refundable in full, but only when:
 - i. Another approved participant takes the place of the cancelled registrant and
 - ii. The new approved participant pays all program fees in full. If these conditions are not met, scheduled payments made shall not be refundable.
3. The following Refund policy shall apply to non-major activities, which are all activities not covered by item 2 above. Refunds shall be granted less a Program Cost Recovery Fee of twenty five percent (25%) of the applicable registration fee.
4. Refund requests must be received 7 days prior to the scheduled event to be considered.
5. Approved refunds will be processed within thirty (30) days of their receipt in writing and made either by check or by credit card reversal, at the discretion of the Council staff, to the original payer for individual registrations or the unit, in care of the reservation contract, for group reservations (Summer camp, Winter camp, etc.), upon conclusion of camp operation.
6. If an activity is cancelled or postponed by the Council and the participant cannot attend on the alternate date, the full fee will be refunded in the next billing month.

Camp Check In, Check Out, and Early Release

Check In

RSR's rolling check in process allows families and dens to arrive between 2-5 PM

- Arrive as early as 2 PM
- Check in with Camp Administration
- Turn in medical forms
- Head back to your campsite to set up. Families from the same unit will be assigned to the same unit.
- Head to the Waterfront for swim checks any time between 2-5 PM.

Medical Forms / Medications

Upon arrival, each camper, adult leader, and staff member must present to the Camp Health Officer or designee a current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record form signed by a parent or guardian. Parts A and B are required for Resident Camp. Participants are strongly encouraged, but not required, to have Part C completed as well. Medications must be in their original containers and brought to check in.

The administration of medication is the responsibility of the individual prescribed the medication, or that individual's parent or guardian. A unit leader can agree to accept responsibility to administer medication to a Scout, but the BSA does not mandate or require a unit leader to do so.

Check Out

On your departure day, unit leaders can check out after breakfast. Campers are encouraged to stay for the chapel service after breakfast. Site guides will assist campers with packing up and cleaning up the campsite the morning of your departure. Early departures will require an Adult to sign out all departing campers at the camp office.

Early Release

Campers will only be released early from camp to a custodial parent or legal guardian. If leaving camp early, participants must check out at the Camp Office. Release to other adults during the session must be indicated on the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, in the appropriate spaces.

Camp Services

Commissioner Service

Our commissioner staff is here to serve you anytime you have questions, concerns, or problems. The main duty of the commissioner staff is to ensure that your unit has a "go-to" person to address your needs and concerns.

Internet and Power Access

A guest Wi-Fi network is available to adults staying at Resident Camp. There are limited plugs

available in the dining hall for charging personal electronics. RSR assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen personal items.

Dietary Needs

Scouts, Unit Leaders, and visitors that have special dietary requirements need to communicate this on the [Dietary Needs Form: https://forms.gle/vxSSJ4vK6DgeEVLd7](https://forms.gle/vxSSJ4vK6DgeEVLd7). This Form will also be available on the registration page. Please complete a separate form for each person who has a special restriction or need. **This information needs to be communicated two weeks prior to arrival.**

Health Office

RSR employs a trained medical professional as a camp health officer. They are always available to provide first aid services to any camper, visitor, or staff member. Most health concerns and first aid needs are minor and managed at the health office. In the event a camper requires further medical treatment, designated contacts will be immediately notified by the Camp Director.

RSR complies with local, state, federal, and Boy Scout of America standards and regulations. Medications need to be brought to camp in their original container and discussed at check-in with the health officer.

RSR Policies

Emergency Plans

RSR places the utmost importance on maintaining the safety and security of our campers, Unit Leaders, visitors, and staff. RSR staff have been trained to respond to a variety of potential situations that can arise at camp. Campers' and Unit Leaders' cooperation and preparedness are essential to RSR resolving any situation calmly and safely. Unit Leaders and campers will be briefed on emergency procedures when they arrive for check-in. However, please review the instructions with your unit adults and Scouts, and ask any questions when you check in.

In an emergency, RSR uses a siren. If the emergency siren is activated, all campers, adults, and guests must report immediately to the dining hall. Follow all instructions given by RSR staff promptly. Emergency response drills are conducted regularly at camp. It is extremely important that all adults and campers follow the directions of RSR staff during any emergency.

Camp Visitors

Parents and family members are always welcome at RSR. In order to maintain proper safety protocols, **ALL** visitors are required to sign in and sign out at the Camp Office/First Aid building. Visitors at any time who wish to eat with their Scout and unit will be required to purchase a meal ticket at the Trading Post for \$8.

Swimming Attire

Appropriate attire is required for all activities. BSA's National Aquatics Subcommittee recommends: Swimsuits should be comfortable, functional, and modest.

Shower Facilities

RSR has two shower houses, an individual shower house and a communal shower house with divided stalls. Designated shower times for the communal shower house will be based on the number of campers during a given session.

Motorized Vehicles

All motorized vehicles will be parked in the Camp Parking Lot.

NO vehicles will be allowed on camp roads without first securing authorization from the Camp Director.

The use of camping trailers, pickup campers, etc. for sleeping quarters is not permitted on camp property.

Campsite Policies

RSR is a tent camping facility. All campers are expected to bring their own tent and sleeping gear. Each campsite is equipped with a wash basin, latrine, and a fire ring.

Ground fires are permitted in camp sites. Please use marked fire rings. Extreme care should be always used with fires. Fires should not be left unattended for any reason. Fires need to be “cold out” before the last person leaves or goes to sleep.

Digging ditches around tents is not permitted.

Pets are not allowed on camp property. The only exception for campers is an animal that meets the requirements as specified in Illinois Law 775 ICLS 30 or Title I or II of the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

Scouts and Scouters should be prepared to make their campsite without electricity. Campers needing a CPAP for nightly use should consider battery options when coming to camp. We can assist you in charging a battery for medical devices but none of our campsites have power in them. Additionally, we are not permitted to run extension cords to the campsites.

The use of LP Gas for lighting, cooking, and heating is permitted under adult supervision. At no time should ANY flame be brought inside of a tent. Use of these devices under a dining fly is permitted if there is adequate ventilation and the device being used is kept a minimum of three feet from the ceiling and sides of the fly if they are attached.

Appropriate clothing must be always worn while on camp property by youth and adults. Open toed shoes or sandals are only allowed while in the shower or at the waterfront. Clothing with any reference to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or any other non-Scouting related clothing deemed inappropriate may not be worn.

The use of combustion engine powered generators in campsites is prohibited.

Tobacco, Alcohol, Controlled Substances, and Firearms

Tobacco products of any kind are ONLY allowed to be used in the designated smoking area that is located on the West side of Winterbottom Road at the South end of the Overflow Parking Lot. This includes Vaping. Tobacco products are also only to be used by those of legal age.

Alcoholic beverages and controlled substances, including Marijuana, are not permitted in camp.

Use of prescribed medicinal marijuana will need to be used across the street in the smoking area. We would also ask that any Scouter possessing medicinal marijuana confidentially let the Health Officer know of the possession.

In compliance with Boy Scouts of America National Standards, the use or possession of firearms or ammunition is strictly prohibited. Law Enforcement Officials that are required to carry weapons are required to notify the Camp Director and Camp Ranger upon entry to the Property. These Officials are required to present paperwork from their employer stating that carrying their weapon always is mandatory. Inability to follow these policies will result in immediate removal from camp property and notification to the Council Scout Executive.

Youth Protection

Youth Protection is the most important thing we do at camp. Unit Leaders attending camp with their scout units must have current training in BSA Youth Protection. Frequently parents or guardians may attend resident camp with their Scouts. Parents or guardians attending camp for 72 hours (may be non-continuous) or more during one camping session must have completed BSA Youth Protection training.

Bullying

All forms of bullying and harassment including verbal, physical, and cyberbullying are prohibited. This also includes hazing and initiation.

Cash and Valuables

Scouts and Adult leaders are encouraged to bring extra cash to camp in order to take advantage of our Trading Post and various open programs. Our trading post will accept credit cards and most digital forms of payment. Some shooting sports activities may require a fee for ammunition. Please note that Scouts and Unit Leaders are responsible for any cash and valuables while at camp.

Cell Phones

Use of cell phones at camp is up to the discretion of the Cubmasters, Den Leaders, and Parents. Cell phone use in shower facilities, bathrooms, or other private areas is strictly prohibited.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I attend without the rest of my pack?

Yes! We have many parent/child combinations that are the only participants from their pack. Resident camp is a great time to bond with your child, and you can come, no matter what the rest of your pack is doing.

Can siblings attend resident camp?

Resident Camp is split into two sessions for Webelos/AOL Scouts and One for Cub Scouts (Tigers, Wolves, and Bears). This allows us to plan age appropriate and specific adventures for each age group. Due to this focus, we do not have a program for siblings to stay the entire session. Siblings may attend if registered at the parent's discretion, however there is no specific programming for siblings outside of the ranks attending that particular session of camp.

Can siblings that are registered Scouts BSA attend?

Yes! Scouts can attend in a Den Chief capacity. These scouts should register as adults and pay the adult fee. What a great opportunity for siblings!

Can two parents "split shift" time at camp?

Yes! If two adults want to attend a part of the camp and "switch places" with another adult, you can pay for only one adult. When the arriving adult checks in, the camp staff will issue a new wristband and collect the wristband from the departing adult.

Will there be electricity in the campsites?

No! All campers should be prepared to camp without access to electrical outlets in the campsites.

How do I register?

You can start your registration online at <https://www.linktr.ee/rsrcamp> and register as a group (pack/den) or as an individual family. Check with your pack leadership on which method your pack prefers. Registration is not complete until full payment has been received.

Why should I attend resident camp?

Resident camp is an amazing outdoor experience that provides fun, advancement, and a great bonding experience between parent and child. Pack leaders will often find themselves bonding in new ways too.

Do not forget that resident camp is a great way to keep youth interested in the Scouting program!

Lastly, resident camp provides a great preview into the exciting world of Scouts BSA! The entire staff is composed of Scouts BSA members and Venturers. This is a great time to interact with youth and adults involved in the Scouting program.

I have a special dietary need. What should I do?

Scouts, Unit Leaders, and visitors that have special dietary requirements need to communicate this on the [Dietary Needs Form](https://forms.gle/vxSSJ4vK6DgeEVLd7): <https://forms.gle/vxSSJ4vK6DgeEVLd7>. This Form will also be available on the registration page.

Please complete a separate form for each person who has a special restriction or need. **This information needs to be communicated two weeks prior to arrival.**

Who can attend resident camp?

Any registered Webelos or Arrow of Light Scout can attend Webelos and Arrow of Light Resident Camp. Any registered Tiger, Wolf, or Bear Scout may attend Cub Scout Resident Camp.

Can Scouts attend without a parent/guardian?

Webelos/AOL Scouts can attend without their parent *only if* another parent is going to be responsible for the Scout. Please remember that packs must maintain “Two Deep Leadership” and a ratio of four youth to one adult should be maintained while at camp. Cub Scout Resident Camp attendees are recommended to attend with their parent.

Can visitors have a meal with the campers?

Of course! Meal tickets are available for purchase in the Trading Post for \$8.00

Suggested Packing List

- BSA Medical Form with Picture of Insurance Card
- Wallet/Money/Identification
- Rank Handbook
- Scout Uniform (to be worn at flag ceremonies, breakfast, and dinner)
- Scouting related T-Shirts
- Extra Clothing- shirts, pants, shorts, socks, and underwear
- Sleeping clothes
- Sweatshirt or Jacket
- Raincoat or poncho
- Comfortable walking shoes (no open toed footwear)
- Swimsuit
- Swim towel and shower towel
- Tent and ground cloth
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Sleeping pad
- Flashlight with fresh batteries
- Water bottle
- Toiletry kit- toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, comb, etc.
- Watch
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Folding chair (optional)
- Camera (optional)
- Fishing equipment (optional)