

**RAINBOW SCOUT RESERVATION  
MORRIS, IL.**



# **PROGRAM GUIDE**

# **2025**



## A LETTER FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Scouts and Scouters,

In its 57th year of bringing the Scouting community together, Rainbow Scout Reservation is returning to "Rewind in '25" to continue our longstanding tradition of excellence in outdoor fun, personal growth, and commitment to Scouting's values.

As we take a look through the decades of pop culture and RSR, we invite you to participate in a variety of all new themed programs along side our classic lineup.

In my now six years as a staff member I have pined for the opportunity to serve as program director at what I will personally affirm is the finest camp in our program.

In your time with us, you have the opportunity to leave a changed person. This is because RSR consistently holds a balance of timeless traditions with innovative programs. In the coming year, you are returning to a camp where you can count on a warm meal made with care, a boisterous campfire that is chaotic in all the right ways, and a staff that caters to the needs of each individual scout. Beyond that, you will receive the camp experience in new ways with an expanded Handicraft program to set the groundwork for real life trades, an aquatics area that will take you beyond the waterfront to our properties most scenic views, and a Scoutcraft area that will fuse the skills of the backcountry with the vision of summits not yet mounted.

Camp is where Scouting lives. This summer, we invite you to embrace all that Scouting has to offer at Rainbow Scout Reservation. Come make yourself at home.

Yours in Scouting,  
Kyle R. Land

Program Director | Rainbow Scout Reservation





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***STAY CONNECTED!***



<https://linktr.ee/rsrcamp>





*SESSION ONE*  
June 15th-21st

*SESSION TWO*  
June 22nd-28th

*SESSION THREE*  
July 6th-12th

*ADULT LEADER'S MEETINGS*

\*Full meeting to be posted on RSR social media  
May 6th, 7pm-8pm

*Sit down with the camp Key 3 to discuss all things program and logistics for the 2025 season. Zoom links will be available at [rainbowcouncil.org](https://rainbowcouncil.org) or our social media attached on page 4. Registration is not required. See you there!*



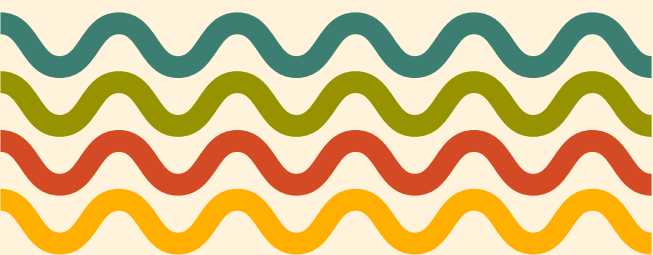


## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

OOH! AHH! SPIFFY!

# PATHFINDERS

*FIRST YEAR CAMPER PROGRAM*

- Your introduction to RSR!
  - Patrol method based and Scout Skill activities all morning
  - Introductions to the wider camp program, including hands-on programming in COPE, the range, Handicraft, and more!
  - Hikes and overnight outpost!
  - The opportunity to earn First Aid, Swimming, & Fingerprinting merit badges.
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# C.O.P.E.



**CHALLENGING  
OUTDOOR  
PERSONAL  
EXPERIENCE**

- Experience climbing, leadership and team building activities, and push your limits!
- Gain valuable experience to bring back to your unit
- Activities are open to Scouts and Scouters
- Please bring comfortable shoes or boots

# HORSEMANSHIP

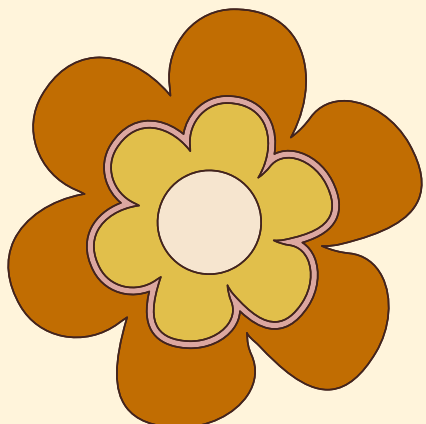
*AT ROCKING L RANCH*

- Saddle up and learn how to ride hands-on!
- Transportation to RLR must be on a unit level

A GUARDIAN MUST SIGN WAIVER BEFORE ATTENDING:

*See attached at the end of the Program Guide*

<http://www.rockinglranch.us/home.html>





**NEW  
IN 2025**

- Aquatics joins the overnight festivities at camp with an outpost of their own!
- Travel down scenic Long Lake to your relaxation destination for this first of it's kind program.
- Don't forget to pack your swim trunks and tiki shirts!



**NEW  
AREA!**

- Joining our arsenal of top notch programs, RSR is expanding it's "older" scout offerings to feature programs to prepare you to go beyond the comforts of home.
- Join the **Rainbow Voyager** with different shake down and preparation activities modeled around each of Scouting's High Adventure bases.
  - Gain insight and skills necessary to go on higher level, long term adventures!
  - Experience activities and treks as you would on high adventure with all the benefits of RSR.
- Each deep dive into a high adventure-style program will include it's very own outpost!
- In the afternoons, enjoy conservation and trail refurbishment that take you through the decades of the property!

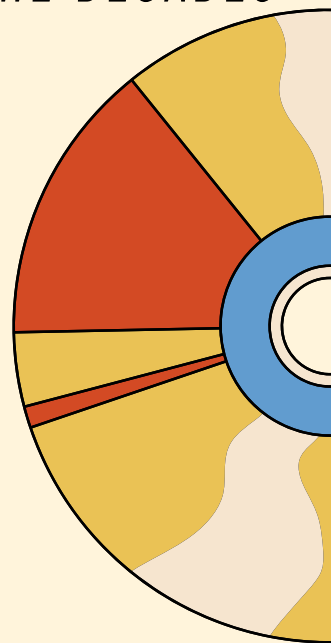
# TIME-WARP TUESDAY

*TAKE A TRIP THROUGH THE DECADES*

- Travel around camp and time as each area has taken on a decade of their very own!
- Enjoy specially themed retro activities, exclusive to each area and this year.



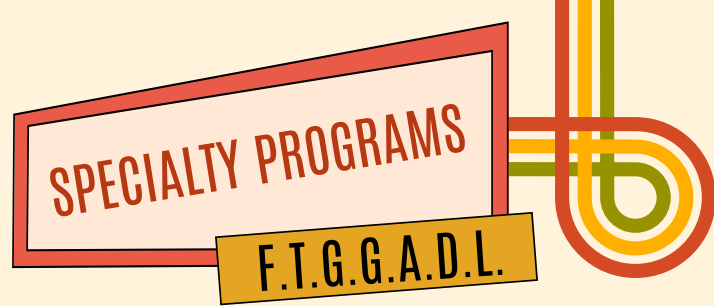
**THE LU-OUT  
POST HOSTED  
BY AQUATICS**



# WAUPECAN LODGE

## *ORDER OF THE ARROW*

Rainbow Scout Reservation is happy to hold a strong relationship with Waupecan Lodge, serving as their home camp since we opened our doors. Scouts and Scouters have the opportunity to engage with a variety of programs hosted by the lodge throughout the week. For more information, please contact Lodge Chief Elise West at [chief@oa197.org](mailto:chief@oa197.org) or Lodge Adviser Silas Rea at [silas.rea@scouting.org](mailto:silas.rea@scouting.org).



## SHOOTING SPORTS

### *AT THE RANGE*

- Hosting rifle, shotgun, and archery, one of Rainbow Council's year round program offerings brings it talents to the summer.
- Associated costs for ammo are subject to change prior to the season
- Ear/eye protection are required and available for purchase at the trading post.





# WEEK LONG PROGRAM

Area	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
Aquatics	Swimming		Lifesaving
	Kayaking	Kayaking	Kayaking
	Canoeing		Canoeing
COPE/Climbing	COPE — Challenging Outdoor Personal Experiences		
Ecology / Conservation	Geology / Mining	Soil & Water Conservation / Plant Science	Environmental Science
Handicraft	Traffic Safety/Auto Maintenance		Pottery
	Welding		Metalwork
	Leatherwork		Woodworking
Pathfinders	First Year Camper Program		
Scoutcraft	Search & Rescue	Emergency Preparedness	Geocaching
	First Aid	Signs Signals & Codes	Communications/Public Speaking
	Camping		Pioneering
Shooting Sports	Archery	Archery	Archery
	Shotgun Shooting		Rifle Shooting
STEAM	Chemistry	Moviemaking / Photography	Robotics
	Electricity / Electronics	Inventing	Theater
	Game Design	Nuclear Science	Model Design & Building
Trading Post	American Business	Personal Management	Entrepreneurship / Salesmanship

## MERIT BADGE POLICY

Unit leaders will receive a spreadsheet at the end of the week with their Scout's completed requirements marked. Units can also print copies from Black Pug. Taking a merit badge is not necessarily a guarantee of completing the badge. However, if all the prerequisites are met, most scouts should be able to complete the badges they sign up for. Scoutmasters must approve their Scouts to take the merit badges they sign up for in accordance with National Policy. RSR Leadership will ask for the Scoutmaster's signature upon arrival to confirm approval. For any questions on merit badge offerings or other program activities, please contact the Program Director, Kyle Land.



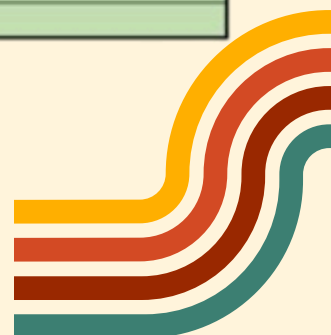


# MONDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAM

	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM
Aquatics	Rowing		
	Open Waterslide / Swimming @ Waterfront		
COPE/Climbing	Climbing Session 1	Climbing Session 2	
Ecology/Conservation	Leave No Trace Awareness Workshop		
Handicraft	Home Repairs - Day 1*		
	Plumbing - Day 1*	Pulp and Paper	
Pathfinders	First Year Camper Program		
Rainbow Voyagers	Conservation Session	Outpost Shakedown - "Sea Base"	
Scoutcraft	Exploration - Day 1*		
	Paul Bunyun Award - Day 1*		
Shooting Sports	Open Archery		
	Archery - Day 1*	Open Shoot	
STEAM	Chess Session 1 - Day 1*	Music / Bugling	
	Engineering - Day 1*		
Off Camp Property		Horsemanship Session 1 @Rocking L Ranch	

# TUESDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAM

	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM
Aquatics	Stand Up Paddleboard @ Aqua Blue		
	Open Swimming @ Waterfront		
COPE/Climbing	Climbing Session 1	Climbing Session 2	
Ecology/Conservation	Nature		
Handicraft	Home Repairs - Day 2*		
	Plumbing - Day 2*	Fire Safety	
Pathfinders	First Year Camper Program		
Rainbow Voyagers	Trail Refurbishment (Lost Paths @ RSR)	Outpost Shakedown - "Philmont"	
Scoutcraft	Exploration - Day 2*		
	Paul Bunyun Award - Day 2*		
Shooting Sports	Open Archery		
	Archery - Day 2*	Open Shoot	
STEAM	Chess Session 1 - Day 2*		
	Engineering- Day 2*		
Off Camp Property		Horsemanship Session 2 @Rocking L Ranch	



# WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAM

	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM
Aquatics	BSA Snorkeling @ Aqua Blue		
	Open Boating @ Waterfront		
COPE/Climbing	Climbing Session 1	Climbing Session 2	
Ecology/Conservation	Fishing - Day 1*		
Handicraft	Home Repairs - Day 3*		
	Woodcarving		
	Plumbing - Day 3*	Fingerprinting	
Pathfinders	First Year Camper Program		
Rainbow Voyagers	Conservation Session	"Other" Awards Information Session	
Scoutcraft	Disc Golf		
Shooting Sports	Open Archery		
	Archery - Day 3*	Open Shoot	
STEAM	Chess Session 2 - Day 1*	Music / Bugling	
	Painting - Day 1*	Space Exploration - Day 1*	
Off Camp Property		Horsemanship Session 3 @Rocking L Ranch	

# THURSDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAM

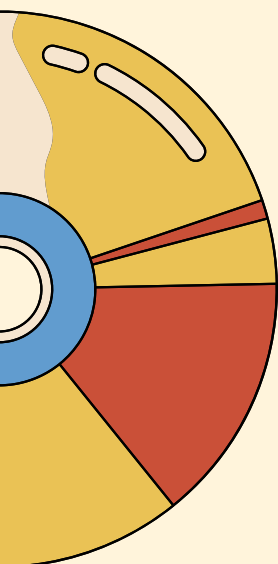
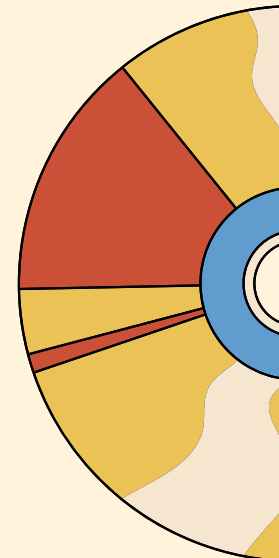
	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM
Aquatics	Water Activities / Sports @ Waterfront		
	Adult Open Boating / Slide @ Waterfront		
COPE/Climbing	Climbing Session 1	Climbing Session 2	
Ecology/Conservation	Fishing - Day 2*		
Handicraft	Home Repairs - Day 4*		
	Plumbing - Day 4*	Safety	
Pathfinders	First Year Camper Program		
Rainbow Voyagers	Trail Refurbishment - The Names Behind the Signs	Outpost Shakedown - "Northern Tier"	
Scoutcraft	Wilderness Survival / Astronomy		
Shooting Sports	Open Archery		
	Archery - Day 4*	Open Shoot	
STEAM	Chess Session 2 - Day 2*		
	Painting - Day 2*	Space Exploration - Day 2*	
Off Camp Property		Horsemanship Session 4 @Rocking L Ranch	

\*Afternoon slots marked "Day 1," "Day 2," etc. means Scouts must attend each session to attend the badge.



# PREREQUISITES LIST

For ALL Aquatics Merit Badges & Awards, you MUST pass the BSA Swim Test		
Aquatics	Lifesaving	Must have earned the Swimming merit badge, and must pass 2b to continue on with merit badge, 16b
	Rowing	4b
Ecology/Conservation	Environmental Science	6
	Fishing	10
Pathfinders	First Aid	2b(1), 2b(2)
	Swimming	Must pass the BSA Swim Test
Handicraft	Leatherworking	\$10 fee for materials, 5
	Pottery	\$10 fee for materials, 7
	Automotive Maintenance	Long pants & closed-toe shoes, 12
	Safety	1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 2a, 2b, 3b, 4
	Welding	Long pants & closed-toe shoes, 7a
	Plumbing	\$10 fee for materials, 1b, 7
	Metalwork	Long pants & closed-toe shoes, 4
	Woodcarving	Have earned the Totin' Chit
	Pulp & Paper	7
Rainbow Voyagers	Home Repairs	Completion of badge is dependent on availability of projects.
	Woodworking	7
Rainbow Voyagers	Outposts	Please come prepared with gear that may be applicable to a trek, such as backpacking tents, sleeping bags, etc. Gear availability is limited.
Scoutcraft	Astronomy	4c, 5b, 6a, 6b
	Camping	8c, 8d, 9a, 9b, 9c
	Communications	5, 7, & 8
	Disc Golf	A1, A2, C2, & C4
	Emergency Preparedness	1, 3a, 3b
	First Aid	2b(1), 2b(2)
	Search & Rescue	6a
Shooting Sports	Archery	\$15 fee, includes arrow kit
	Rifle	\$30 fee, \$3.50 for eye protection, may require extra rounds
	Shotgun	\$45 fee, \$3.50 for eye protection, may require extra rounds
STEAM	Bugling	6, prior bugling practice may affect completion
	Electricity	7, 8a, 8b
	Game Design	8
	Inventing	8
	Theater	1
Trading Post	American Business	5
	Entrepreneurship	3
	Personal Management	1, 2, & 8
	Salesmanship	5, 6, & 7
Outside Camp Property	Note: Camp does not provide means of travel to get to Rocking L Ranch	
	Horsemanship	\$50 fee, long pants & closed-toe shoes
	Address: 1075 Gore Rd, Morris, IL 60450	



## PREREQUISITE POLICY

Prerequisite requirements cannot be completed on camp property and/or over the duration of the session. These requirements may require additional proof of completion, and additional guidance on how to present completion of these is pending.

For any questions on prerequisites, please contact the Program Director, Kyle Land.





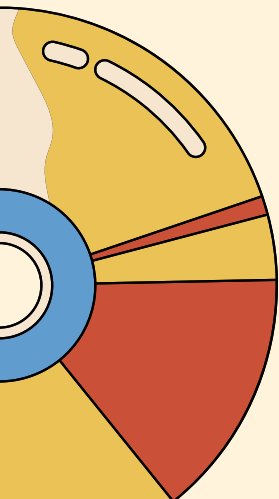
# ADULT LEADER PROGRAM



## SAMPLE RSR ADULT PROGRAM & TRAININGS SCHEDULE

Time	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
07.00	Commissioner Coffee					
09.30	Leader Meeting	Leader Meeting	Leader Meeting	Leader Meeting	Leader Meeting	Check-out
10.00		IOLS	IOLS	Cook-Off	Golf Classic	
11.00		IOLS	IOLS/The OA and Your Unit	Cook-Off	Golf Classic	
01.00	Shooting Sports Safety Talk	IOLS/Safe Swim Defense	IOLS/Patch Training			
02.00	Climb on Safely	IOLS/Unit Conflict Management	IOLS	Commissioner's Chat		
03.00	Camp History	IOLS	IOLS/Leave no Trace			
04.00		IOLS	IOLS			
07.00	Scoutmaster Shoot/ IOLS hike			Sunset Hike		
08.00		Smore's on Beach	Patch Trading	Sunset Hike	*Schedule Subject to Change	

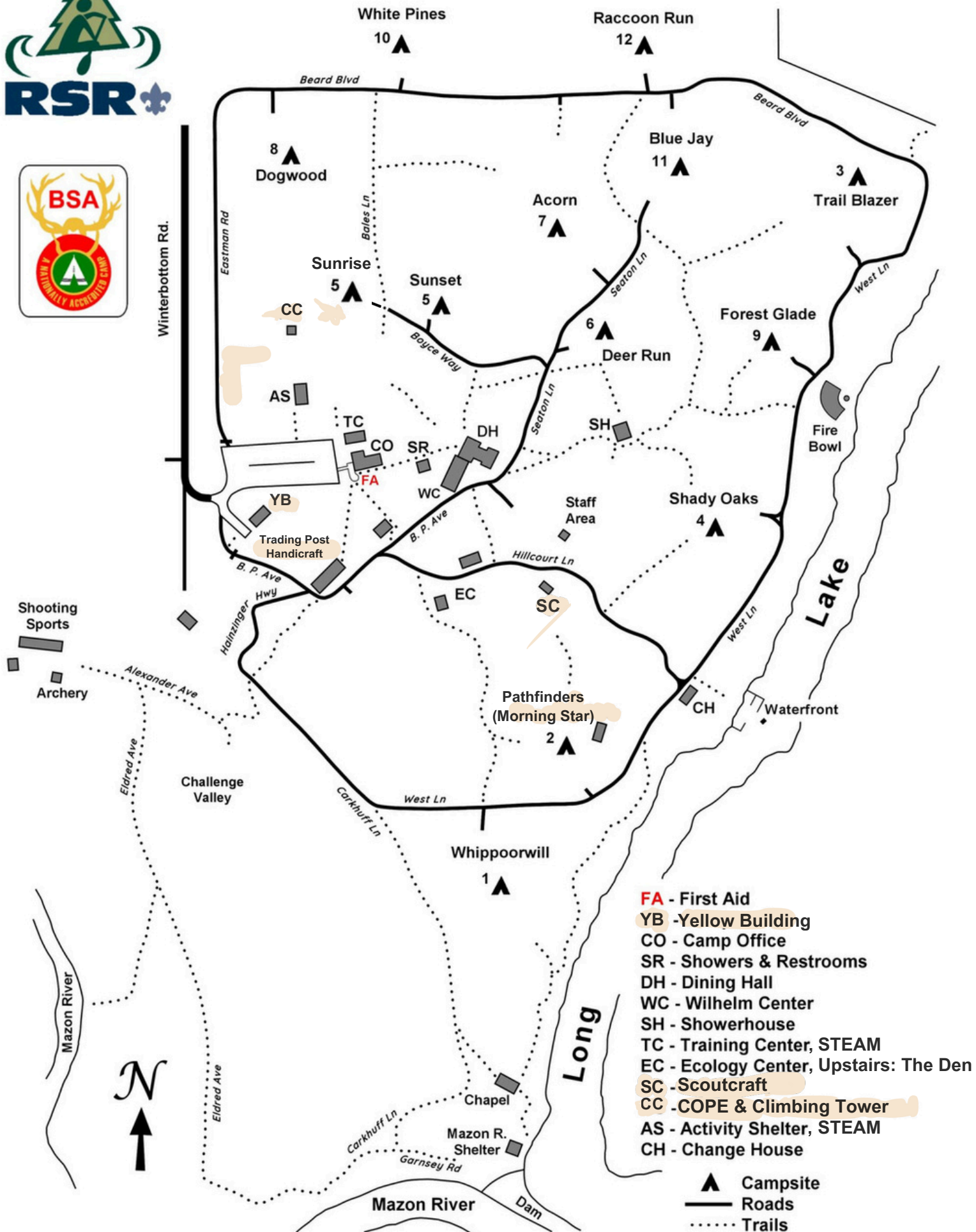
Camp Commissioner Catherine Archer returns this year, boasting an impressive lineup put on by herself, the RSR staff, and Rainbow Council volunteers. Join in on the fun in program areas for adult COPE and Shooting Sports night, get trained at camp with our on site IOLS program, and enjoy timeless programs such as the Cameron Guerra Annual (mini) Golf Invitational along with many more additions to our leader programming. See our sample schedule above!







# RAINBOW SCOUT RESERVATION MAP



# RSR 2025 Morning Merit Badge Schedule

Area	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
Aquatics	Swimming		Lifesaving
	Kayaking	Kayaking	Kayaking
	Canoeing		Canoeing
COPE/Climbing	COPE — Challenging Outdoor Personal Experiences		
Ecology / Conservation	Geology / Mining	Soil & Water Conservation / Plant Science	Environmental Science
Handicraft	Traffic Safety/Auto Maintenance		Pottery
	Welding		Metalwork
	Leatherwork		Woodworking
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Scoutcraft	Search & Rescue	Emergency Preparedness	Geocaching
	First Aid	Signs/Signals & Codes	Communications/Public Speaking
	Camping		Pioneering
Shooting Sports	Archery	Archery	Archery
	Shotgun Shooting		Rifle Shooting
	Chemistry	Movie Making / Photography	Robotics
STEAM	Electricity / Electronics	Inventing	Theater
	Game Design	Nuclear Science	Model Design & Building
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# **EQUINE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

## **Rocking L Ranch**

1075 Gore Rd.

Morris, IL 60450

(815) 941-4220

### **WARNING**

**Under the Equine Activity Liability Act, each participant who engages in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities.**

**CIRCLE EITHER ADULT OR YOUTH BELOW**

**Name:** **ADULT - Over 18 yrs. Old / YOUTH - Under 18 yrs. old**

**IF UNDER 18 YRS. OLD, PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby enter into this agreement, and execute this waiver, having considered of my ability, and in exchange for permission to ride OR use any Horse owned by or boarded by: **ROCKING L RANCH** that is being used in any activities while on the premises of **ROCKING L RANCH** the stables / facility, and to enter upon the property of **ROCKING L RANCH**.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

THE **FACILITY/STABLES** WILL HEREBY BE REFERRED TO AS: **ROCKING L RANCH**. BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT YOU ARE GIVING UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO RECOVER DAMAGES IN CASE OF INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE, ARISING OUT OF YOUR RIDING OR USE OF THE OWNER'S HORSE AND/OR PARTICIPATION IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES AT: **ROCKING L RANCH**, INCLUDING: INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE ARISING OUT OF THE NEGLIGENCE OF **ROCKING L RANCH (STABLES/FACILITY)**.

**READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING IT. YOUR SIGNATURE INDICATES YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF AND AGREEMENT TO ITS TERMS.**

By signing this form I hereby acknowledge on behalf of myself AND/OR any minor for which I am responsible that I have familiarized myself with the activities that I will be allowed to participate in, and that I do hereby acknowledge and agree that I or the minor for which I am responsible with participate in equine activities. I recognize the inherent risks involved in the riding and working with horses, including but not limited to:

- Bites, kicks, abrasions or contusions from horses
- Being thrown or bucked off of horses
- Scratches or other injury from stalls or enclosures
- Scratches or other injury from grooming, tools and other equine equipment and tack
- Allergic reactions to animals, hay, or other allergens
- Tripping in holes or on materials or equipment
- Slipping, falling, or otherwise being injured in the barn, in stalls, or on the grounds, which can be slippery, muddy, wet or contain or present other hazards

Owner acknowledges for themselves or themselves, and acknowledges with regard to any minor the following risks associated with equine activity: **(1) An equine has the propensity to behave in dangerous ways that may result in injury to the minor participant; (2) There is generally an inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons, or animals, and (3) an inability to predict the hazards of surface or subsurface conditions.**

I hereby specifically forever waive and release **ROCKING L RANCH (facility)** and its principals and agents from any liability for injury arising out of the inherent risks from riding, working or participating in a stable environment and/or with horses, as well as from the active negligence of the Stable / Facility and/or Horse Owner, its principals and agents.

INITIALS:

By signing this agreement I hereby acknowledge that although there may be supervision during my time spent at **ROCKING L RANCH**, there will not be a nurse on the premises and **ROCKING L RANCH** and its principals and agents bear no responsibility for my health or medical care.

INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to indemnify, save and hold harmless **ROCKING L RANCH** and its principals and agents from and against any loss, liability, damage, attorney's fees, or costs that they may incur arising out of or in any way connected with either my presence or participation at **ROCKING L RANCH** or any acts or omissions of **ROCKING L RANCH** principals or agents.

By signing this agreement and by initialing the paragraph below, I hereby acknowledge my complete understanding, agreement and consent to my presence and/or participation OR **(my Youth if circled on page 1)**, without restriction, without liability to **ROCKING L RANCH**, its principals or agents, and with full knowledge and understanding of the disclosures, waivers, and releases herein.

**INITIALS:**

*If I or my Youth are present at and participate in activities of ROCKING L RANCH, I/we do so at my/our own risk, and I hereby acknowledge and agree that ROCKING L RANCH and/or any of its principals and agents shall bear no responsibility or risk associated with injuries that could arise from my/our presence or participation in any activities at ROCKING 1. RANCH.*

**INITIALS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF MINOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF PARTICIPANT OR PARENT/GUARDIAN:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:**

**PARTICIPANT / PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_