



POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Scouts BSA Camp 2026



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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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Camp Mailing Address	Rainbow Scout Reservation 2600 Winterbottom Road Morris, IL 60450
Service Center	George S. McGee Service Center 921 South State Street Lockport, IL 60441 815-942-4450

Camp Dates

- Adult Leader's Meeting: Saturday February 7th at 2:00 pm, via Zoom
- Second Adult Leader's Meeting: Sunday March 22nd at 2:00 pm, via Zoom
- Third Adult Leader's Meeting: Sunday May 17th at 2:00 pm, via Zoom
- Zoom Links will be available at <https://www.rainbowcouncil.org/news#Events>
- Week 1: June 14th to June 20th
- Week 2: June 21st to June 27th
- Week 3: July 5th to July 11th

Camp Fees and Payments

Initial Deposit

Units can secure a 2025 camp site reservation with a \$250 deposit paid online at <https://scoutingevent.com/702-2025RSRSummerCamp>. Deposits will be taken until **January 15th**, then registration will open. This deposit reserves your choice of site and session. All sites are reserved on a first-paid basis. Please note, camp sites not filled to capacity may need to be shared with additional units.

Fees and Payment Schedule

Camp Program	Standard Fee	Admin Fee Price
Youth	\$425	\$450
Adult	\$300	\$325

If registration is not paid in full by **May 1st**, a \$25 Admin Fee will be applied. The admin fee only applies to the registration cost. If scouts want to change merit badges after May 1st there will be no charge, unless the merit badge has any additional fees.

Registration

Registrations can be made online at <https://scoutingevent.com/702-2025RSRSummerCamp> or by contacting the Rainbow Council Service Center.

Partial Adult Registrations

If any adult is not able to attend the full week of Summer Camp, please reach out to the Camp Director to request a partial registration. To ensure appropriate Scouting America policies are followed, buying meal tickets to cover one's stay as an adult leader is no longer permitted. Partial registrations and fees will not be granted for anyone leaving on Friday.

Campsite Sharing

A boy troop and a girl troop are permitted to share a campsite at any of our sites on property. Boys and girls must be on opposite sides of the campsite with adults located in between. In some campsites, Scouts can be separated by gender into separate "coves" with the adults placed in a cove in between them. If you have questions on how your campsite should look, please ask your site guide or the Camp Commissioner when you arrive at camp.

RSR is a tent camping facility, and units are responsible for providing their own equipment. Each campsite has a sink, drinking water tap, an outhouse, and fire rings.

Additional Fees

Certain activities and merit badges may require additional fees. Please see the forthcoming 2025 Program Guide for more details.

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.

Camperships

Everyone should have the ability to experience RSR and the Scouts BSA Summer Camp experience. RSR's campership program has been created to do our best to assist those most in need of financial assistance in Rainbow Council. Individuals may apply to the Council's Camping Committee to help defray some of the cost of camp. Applications are available at [this link](#) and on the registration site. Please note that applications are considered on a need basis and that Campership funds are limited. The application must be submitted online on or before April 1, 2025.



Camp Check In, Check Out, and Early Release

Check In

RSR's streamlined check in allows units to arrive at camp at their convenience, set up camp, and proceed through the formal check in process when they are ready.

- To ensure that the Camp Staff is ready to check you in, you can arrive as early as 12 pm
- Meet your site guide in the parking lot upon arrival
- Choose a check in time with your site guide
- Be escorted to your campsite by your site guide and set up camp
- Arrive at the Dining Hall dressed for swim checks at your check in time with your entire unit, typed unit roster, medical forms, and medications
- Be escorted to the Waterfront for swim checks

Medical Forms / Medications

Upon arrival, each camper, adult leader, and staff member must present to the Camp Health Officer or designee a current Annual Health and Medical Record form signed by a medical doctor, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner. Parts A, B, and C are required for camp.

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 Scouting America does not mandate or require a unit leader to do so. Medications may be stored in the Health Office if desired. A refrigerator/freezer is available for specialized medications requiring storage in cold temperatures.

Check Out

Saturday morning after breakfast, site guides will return to unit campsites to begin the checkout process. Site guides will assist your unit with packing up and cleaning up the camp site. Once your unit is ready to leave, an adult leader may proceed to the Camp Office to return evaluation forms, pick up patches, and sign their unit out.

Early Release

Campers will only be released early from camp to a custodial parent or legal guardian. Release to other adults during the week must be indicated on the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, in the appropriate spaces.



For the scout's safety, Scoutmasters must escort the Scout to the Camp Office and sign the Scout over to the approved person. A photo ID of the person picking up the scout MUST be shown to camp personnel at check out.

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 unit's needs and concerns.

Mail Service

Families are encouraged to send a letter or package to their scout while at RSR. Please allow at least two days delivery time. Items arriving after Scout's departure will be returned to sender. Address the items in the following manner:

(Scout's Name)
(Troop Number) Rainbow Scout Reservation
2600 North Winterbottom Road, Morris, Illinois 60450



Internet Access

RSR has a guest Wi-Fi network available for use to campers. Many leaders are successfully able to work while at camp, but bandwidth is limited.

Dining Hall

Rainbow Scout Reservation proudly boasts the best camp food you will ever find. We do not hire contractors for food production, all our Kitchen staff are highly trained, skilled Scouts and Scouters. Under the direction of trained and experienced food service professionals, our dining hall is not only a source of excellent food, but a great place to relax and grab a cup of fresh coffee or lemonade all hours of the day! All meals from dinner on Sunday Night to Breakfast on Saturday Morning are provided at the Dining Hall, no patrol cooking necessary.

Dietary Needs

Scouts, Adults, and visitors that have special dietary requirements need to communicate this on the online [Dietary Needs Form](https://forms.gle/s9sWzCrrqt2AMETa6). This Form is accessible available on the registration page and directly at <https://forms.gle/s9sWzCrrqt2AMETa6>. Please complete a separate form for each person who has a special restriction or need. **This information must be communicated two weeks prior to arrival.**

Adult Leader Trainings

RSR is proud to offer adult leader training during the week. Adult leaders are encouraged to review the program guide which includes a schedule of adult leader trainings offered during the week. Trainings will be coordinated by the Camp Commissioner. Take advantage of these trainings at camp if you are interested!



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. The majority of 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. The local EMS response time is less than ten minutes.

Trading Post

RSR's trading post is stocked with a wide variety of snacks including ice cream, candy, chips, beef jerky, and much more! In addition, be sure to check out a large assortment of Scouting related literature, patches, and Order of the Arrow merchandise. We will also be offering a wide assortment of newly designed RSR apparel including t-shirts, water bottles, and hoodies!

Camp Staff

RSR's pride and joy is our highly trained Camp Staff. Our camp is known for having a Camp Staff that goes above and beyond in every aspect of their jobs. Our staff cannot wait to meet you and your Scouts and is ready to provide the best program possible!



Pizza Night

One night each week, RSR is happy to offer an evening pizza delivery service to your troop! Prices for each pizza are TBD based on supplier rates, but will be available prior to camp so your unit can plan ahead.

Order of the Arrow at RSR

As Scouting's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow is an essential part of RSR's summer camp program. Waupecan Lodge provides a variety of events for both members and non-members during the summer.

The Order of the Arrow's approach towards inductions has changed much recently, and, therefore, the availability of a call-out ceremony is yet to be determined. Anyone who has been elected to the Order of the Arrow this year will be recognized at camp, though it may look different from previous years.

Arrowmen who have been Ordeal members of Waupecan Lodge for at least six months can complete their induction by converting to Brotherhood membership while at camp. Please contact Waupecan Lodge to learn more about the requirements and procedures.

Please note that Waupecan Lodge will not be hosting an Ordeal opportunity during RSR summer camp this year. Please see the Rainbow Council Calendar or Lodge social media pages for information on upcoming Ordeal opportunities.

Additional Order of the Arrow programs such as an Ice Cream Social, trainings, and specialty programs will be available at camp!



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. Once there, the Scoutmaster must take a head count and report to RSR staff. Follow all instructions given by RSR staff promptly. An emergency response drill will be conducted each week of 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. Parents and Family are especially encouraged to visit during our Family Night, which will be on Friday night. In order to maintain proper safety protocols, **ALL visitors are required to sign in and sign out at the Camp Office/ First Aid building.** RSR is proud to invite parents and families to come out on Friday evenings to visit their Scout, check out RSR, and stay for the closing campfire ceremony.

Visitors on Family Night that wish to enjoy dinner with their Scout and unit will be required to purchase a meal ticket at the Trading Post for **\$8**. Meal ticket sales are cut off two hours before dinner. Scoutmasters are asked to provide an estimated number of guests for family night on Friday morning, and ***all meal tickets must be purchased before 3 PM.***



Visitors throughout the week are welcome to observe their Scouts. Any visiting Scout wishing to take part in a camp activity outside of family night must be approved by the Camp Director, submit a medical form, and pay all appropriate fees. Any visitor staying overnight must also be approved by the Camp Director, submit a medical form, and pay all appropriate fees.

Conduct

All campers, visitors, and staff are expected to conduct themselves in a Scout-appropriate manner. Any behavior deemed unsafe or inappropriate at the sole discretion of the camp staff may result in the removal from a program area or activity.

RSR asks all adults, as Scout leaders, to be active in their supervision and oversight of their Scouts for the entirety of their stay at camp. Behavior deemed inappropriate or unsafe at the sole discretion of the Camp Director may result in the immediate removal from camp property at one's own expense. No refunds will be granted in the event of removal from camp.

Swimming Attire

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

Shower Facilities

RSR has two shower houses, an individual shower house and a communal shower house. Designated shower times for the communal shower house will be based on the male-to-female camper ratio during a given week. Camp Leadership will make known at the Sunday Adult Leaders meeting if a shower schedule will be implemented that week.

Buddy System

All youth participants are expected to travel around camp with at least one buddy. The buddy system should be encouraged and enforced by individual units. Buddies should be the same gender, or groups of three can be in mixed company.

Motorized Vehicles

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

During check-in, units are allowed one vehicle to tow any troop trailer to their campsite. By 6 PM on Sunday, ALL vehicles must be moved to the 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

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 *before* coming to camp. We can assist you in charging a battery for medical devices but none of our campsites have power in them. Additionally, extension cords are not to be run to campsites.

The use of knives and axes is permitted. The safe and correct use of all wood tools is the responsibility of the Unit. The use of Totin' Chip Cards is required. The cutting of live trees, shrubs, etc. is not permitted unless it has been approved by the Camp Ranger.

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 in the designated smoking area. We would also ask that any Scouter possessing medicinal marijuana confidentially let the Health Officer know of the possession.



In compliance with Scouting 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. Bullying, hazing, or initiation in any fashion will result in the immediate removal from camp property at one's own expense. No refunds will be granted in instances of removal from camp.

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. 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 Unit Leaders. However, during merit badge classes or other activities cell phone use should not be a distraction. There may be some merit badges or activities that require taking photos. **Cell phone use in shower facilities, bathrooms, or other private areas is strictly prohibited.**



Provisional Camping

Do you have a Scout that cannot attend with your unit? Do a few of your Scouts want to come back for an additional week? Then provisional camping is for you!

How can I register?

Any registered Scouts BSA member can sign up at <https://scoutingevent.com/702-2025RSRSummerCamp> by selecting Provisional Scout.

Extra Weeks at Camp

Provisional is ideal for Scouts who cannot get enough summer camp. Whether they are coming to camp a week before their troop or staying an extra week, this program allows a youth to attend without their unit adult leadership, which is provided by our staff. However, adult leaders are welcome to attend as well!

Check-in

Provisional Scouts will have a dedicated check-in time. Provisional Scouts should arrive at 3:00 p.m. when they will meet the Scoutmaster and fellow Scouts.

Provisional Scoutmasters

RSR's provisional scouts are typically "adopted" by a troop that is camping there for the week. However, we may require additional adult supervision. *Please contact the Camp Commissioner if you are interested in volunteering as a Provisional Scoutmaster!*

"The man who is blind to the beauties of nature has missed half the pleasure of life."

- Robert Baden-Powell, Founder of the Scouting Movement



RSR Camp Map



RAINBOW SCOUT RESERVATION MAP



