

Rainbow Scout Reservation



Summer 2021 Adult Leader's Guide



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A Word from the Camp Director

Dear Scouts and Scouters:

Thank you for taking a few moments to review the 2021 RSR Leader's Guide. To give you a little bit about me, my name is Jim Thuot and I am an Eagle Scout from Rainbow Council. As a youth here, I attended the old Waupecan Camp, a Regional and National Explorer Scout Conference, NOAC, and a World Jamboree. I was the first Lodge Chief elected at this camp. As an adult, I have staffed two National Jamborees, and National Camp School both Regionally and at Philmont. I am a retired engineer having worked in the nuclear power industry for Commonwealth Edison, Argonne National Laboratory, and Sargent & Lundy Engineers. In my spare time I was a Scoutmaster, Venture Advisor, Climbing and COPE Director and Challenge Course Manager. I have also been an Aquatics Director and Lifeguard Instructor. Scouting has been a major piece of my life and my family's.

When I was a scout, the object was to earn ranks and merit badges, but more importantly to develop leadership, citizenship, service, and most importantly **HAVE FUN**. At summer camp the mornings focused on advancement and the afternoons were open. That way we could hang out at the range, tip over canoes, or earn more merit badges; it was our choice.

This is YOUR camp. You are our customers, your satisfaction and that of your scouts and their parents, are of primary importance to us. We want to hear your thoughts and those of your youth. We are motivated to provide the highest quality of program for all scouts, leaders, and guests at our camp.

Covid played a major role in our thinking during 2020. We listened to seminars by BSA, read and listened to guidance from the CDC as well as the State and County Health Departments. We are not sure what requirements will be in place next year so our current leaders guide will reflect that. Some of our policies and procedures have been updated. Please be sure to read that section of this guide to stay up to date.

RSR is well known for its outstanding Camp Staff and this year will be no different. These young men and women are held to the highest expectations and they are determined to not disappoint. This group is committed to providing a safe, fun-filled, and memorable experience for all guests of RSR.

Keep an eye out for the 2021 Program Guide which will be released soon. It will detail our program offerings, merit badge schedule, prerequisites and much more. This will be available for download from the Rainbow Council website and Facebook pages.

To maintain the safest camp, all policies and procedures comply with the BSA's Guide to Safe Scouting, American Camping Association, and CDC/IDPH Guidelines. As you prepare your troop for camp, please check our website throughout the year for the latest news. Please know that I am committed to ensuring you and your Scouts will have an unforgettable experience at RSR.

Welcome to camp!

I am looking forward to serving you and your Scouts!

Yours in Scouting,
Jim Thuot | Camp Director

IMPACT OF COVID 19

Summer Camp and Resident Camp are being developed along two lines: 1. Assuming current group size limitations are in place next summer and 2. Assuming there are no group size limitations.

Assuming group size limitations are in place:

Summer Camp will focus on troop and patrol activities. Morning and evening flags will be conducted in campsites. We will not have camp-wide activities. Visitors will not be allowed in camp without prior arrangements. The emphasis will be on troop activities and the function of the staff will be to facilitate troop activities.

Groups of ten scouts will be formed into what CDC refers to as COHORTS. A Cohort is basically a scout patrol. The cohort will have up to ten scouts with unit leadership. The groups will rotate to program areas as a group. Individual members of a patrol may partake of as many of the advancement offerings at each program area as they choose. Patrols will spend 1.5 hours in each program area and will rotate through four program areas. Program Areas will be sanitized/disinfected per IDPH Guidelines between rotations by Camp Staff.

A typical rotation schedule would look like:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:30	Shooting Sports	Aquatics	Scoutcraft	Challenge	Nova
10:45-12:15	Nova	Shooting Sports	Aquatics	Scoutcraft	Challenge
1:00-2:30	Challenge	Nova	Shooting Sports	Aquatics	Scoutcraft
2:45-4:15	Scoutcraft	Challenge	Nova	Shooting Sports	Aquatics

Pathfinders would be an all-day program.

Group size is not limited:

This will look like our traditional summer camp. Scouts will be able to select from a larger group of activities. There will be camp wide activities including campfires in our new fire bowl.

COVID has allowed us to focus on camper health from a new perspective. We will be taking additional precautions in the future:

Units should fill out the RSR Health Questionnaire prior to leaving for camp. Participants who, in the mind of the Camp Health Officer, pose a potential risk to the Camp will not be allowed to leave the parking lot. All participants will have their temperature taken and their health forms (including RSR Health Questionnaire) reviewed prior to their leaving the reception area.

We may require masks that cover the nose and mouth and social distancing.

We will be sanitizing kybos and shower houses daily.

WHAT'S NEW IN 2021:

Facilities:

The Old Shower House is being refurbished. It should be done by Summer Camp.

The new Fire Bowl is nearing completion.

The flooding damage at Shooting Sports and Aquatics has been repaired.

Activities:

For your older scouts who have done it all, canoe down to Aqua and Boundary for an overnight adventure (open to groups only, prior arrangements apply).

We are now offering the COMPLETE ANGLER AWARD.

We will be completing one segment of the National Outdoor Award each year in a six year rotation.

RSR will begin offering one of the NOVA Award segments (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) every year on a rotating basis.

Earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award.

Complete sections 1, 2, 3b, and 5 of the Outdoor Ethics Action Award.

The bike trails will be open this summer. Check out a trail bike with your buddy and head for the backside of camp (additional rental fee applies).

Find (and take pictures of) all of the wood carvings at camp. A special award will be available for those who do.

If you want to work on Camping or Cycling Merit Badges, cycle the Shabbona Trail along the I&M canal between Channahon and Morris.

Training Opportunities:

We will be offering training sessions in the following areas:

Belaying

Pioneering & Knots

Orienteering

BSA Lifeguard (additional fee applies)

Scoutmaster Indoor Training

Merit Badge Counselor Training

Unit Committee member Training.

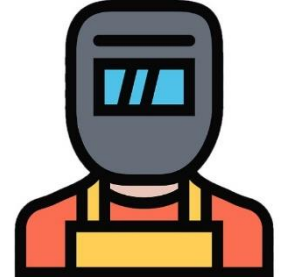
As a special bonus during Week 3, we will also offer Scoutmaster Outdoor Training. (Please note that you will be away from your troop for the better part of two days and overnight. You must arrange for two deep leadership while you are away).

Highlights of RSR 2021

STEM and Trades Merit Badges- Our STEM area is always an innovative place and the Trades Merit Badges will be returning for their second year! These merit badges will be offered in our trades area and will allow scouts to get their feet wet in trades that they might want to take up for a future career or a helpful skill to know in life!

NRA Marksman- If you are a straight shooter and want to test your accuracy down at the range, you have an opportunity to earn the NRA Marksman award. Go down during open shooting to test your aim for the NRA Marksman (for Shotgun and/ or Rifle)!

Human Foosball Court – Foosball has always been a fun activity, why not do it in real life? Our human foosball court is located by the Waterfront. It is sure a fun time for all when playing patrol versus patrol or troop versus troop!



Pathfinders – A stalwart program area of RSR, Pathfinders has been the home to many first year Scouts. If you ask many campers who have been a camper since their first year, they often will have a story to tell about their experience at Pathfinders. Here Scouts learn the patrol method, basic outdoor skills, first aid, and swimming.

C.O.P.E. – Standing for Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience, C.O.P.E is an outstanding program for Scouts 13 and older. COPE teaches teambuilding, problem solving, and self-confidence as Scouts overcome obstacles and ride the zip-line. Take the leap of faith and try it out!



Limited Edition RSR Camper Hats – In 2010, RSR debuted a limited-edition camper hat. Each season this hat is a new color and only limited numbers will be sold each session. 2021 will be no different, so get yours as soon as you arrive and don't miss out!

Stand Up Paddle boarding (SUP) – The very popular aquatic activity launched at RSR in 2017! Not only will we offer the BSA SUP Award during merit badge time, but these boards will be available during open boating time for any scout or adult to come down and enjoy!



This year we will offer several new challenges:

The Carvings - Many of you have seen the chain saw carvings around camp. We challenge you to find and photograph all of them. A special patch will be awarded to those who can find them.

Adult Kayak races - YES, see your scout leaders race their kayak around the RSR course.

Daily campsite inspection – These will be conducted by the Scoutmasters. The best units demonstrating the ideals of scouting will lead us to the dining hall and put up the flags at the morning retreat. (When I was a scout my leader, Mr. Wilhelm, liked to eat early so we were expected to win).

Meet Rainbow Scout Reservation

Mission Statement

At RSR, our mission is to offer the finest summer camp experience; which includes a safe, quality, fun-filled Scouting program for every Scout and leader in camp.

In order to make this possible, we recruit and train only the best staff members who are dedicated to the Scouting program, professional in demeanor, and attentive to detail and customer service. We strive to be the “Living breathing example of the Boy Scouts of America, right off the cover of Boys’ Life Magazine!”

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 60 miles southwest of Chicago and 25 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.

Important Contact Information

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*Use this contact before June 10th			

Program Overview

2021 Summer Camp Programs

RSR is chocked full of different merit badges and exciting activities for Scouts of all ages! Below is a brief description of each program. Scouts and unit leaders should review each description and select the program that best fits their needs.

Program	Suggested Age	Description
Pathfinders	11 to 12-year olds 1 st year campers	The <i>Pathfinders</i> program is carefully designed as a complete introduction to Scouting. This all-inclusive program guides Scouts through patrol method camping and rank advancement. Additionally, they may earn up to three merit badges as Pathfinders.
Traditional Summer Camp	12 to 17-year olds	Our traditional scout camp program provides the opportunities for scouts to earn merit badges, enjoy open areas and special programs, and challenge themselves at <i>C.O.P.E</i>
RSR Provisional Camp	Any registered Scouts BSA member	Our provisional scout program allows campers to attend RSR without their home unit. Scouts will be “adopted” by another troop staying in camp that week to camp and participate with them.

Program Area	Description	Highlights
Aquatics	Our aquatics area offers a full range of both swimming and boating activities. Located on Long Lake, the waterfront area is popular every day of camp, especially the hot summer afternoons.	Be sure to check out this area for the waterslide, famous Tiki-Tuesday, and earn some special certifications from the BSA.
C.O.P.E. and Climbing	RSR has one of the best COPE areas in the business. COPE participants will enjoy team building, the low ropes course, the high ropes course, and our zip line. Besides all that, climbing & rappelling are available! This area is a “can’t miss” at RSR!	Ask the staff about the newest challenges added this year: the flying squirrel, milk crate stacking, and Giant Swing.
Ecology / Conservation	Learn about the natural world around us, take care of some Eagle required badges, and gaze up at the heavens! Not to mention seeing a collection of local wildlife!	Star gazing at night is awesome and be sure to munch on some local edible ecology!
Scoutcraft	Scoutcraft is a staple of every scout camp, but this area stands out by offering a wide range of badges! If you aren’t busy with badges, be sure to swing by for some time in the GaGa Pit!	GaGa pit opens during free time. Earn several merit badges in a single class, and much more.
Shooting Sports	Take aim at rifle, shotgun, and archery merit badges!	There is a fee for shooting sports to cover ammunition and arrows Minimum fee for open shoot.
STEM	The STEM area continues to innovate. With the addition of the Trades program, scouts will experience different facets of the trade field exposing them to new career options. During open time, stop by for fun science!	More new badges and the NOVA award!

Merit Badges

This is a **TENTATIVE** listing of merit badges offered in 2021. Look for our final merit badge schedule, prerequisites, additional fees, and required materials in the Program Guide when it is published in late March.

Area	Badges Offered		Additional Information and Offerings
Aquatics	Canoeing Kayaking Lifesaving Standup Paddleboard (SUP) Award	Rowing Swimming	BSA Mile Swim BSA Lifeguard Instructional Swim Safety Afloat Training Safe Swim Defense Training
COPE Climbing	Climbing		Project <i>COPE</i>
SPECIAL	Scouting Heritage		By special arrangement with the Camp Director
Ecology / Conservation	Archaeology Astronomy Environmental Science Geology / Mining	Nature Oceanography Reptile and Amphibian Study Weather	Guided Nature Hikes Independent Study Merit Badges Astronomy Hikes
Scoutcraft	Camping Communications Cooking Emergency Preparedness Fishing First Aid Indian Lore	Music/Bugling/Art Orienteering Pioneering Public Speaking Search and Rescue Signs, Signals, and Codes Wilderness Survival	Branding with our official RSR brand Totin' Chip and Fireman Chit Cards Trek Safely Training
Shooting Sports	Archery Rifle Shotgun		Open time for anyone to shoot!
STEM	Automotive Maintenance Chemistry Chess Digital Technology Electronics/Electricity Engineering Game Design	Model Design & Building Movie Making Photography Programing Robotics Space Exploration Welding Woodworking	Trades Area NOVA awards

Pathfinders Program

The Pathfinders program was created in 2008 to meet the unique needs of Scouts who are coming to summer camp for the first time. We know that one of the Scoutmaster’s most difficult tasks is training scouts in the fundamentals of scouting every year. The Pathfinders program was carefully designed to incorporate all the elements of Scouting. Scouts learn by example and from experience.

In just one week, Scouts will form patrols, practice first aid, swimming, and outdoor skills, participate in flag ceremonies, earn up to three merit badges, and go on a patrol outing. When they return to your troop, they will have the basic tools they need in order to function competently as members of a patrol. On the first day, Scouts are divided into patrols and create a group identity with a patrol name, flag, and yell. Each patrol is accompanied by an experienced staff member who serves as their Troop Guide. They will learn about the merit badge program by working toward three merit badges. For the rest of the week, this group will stay together as they learn scout skills, swim, and hike. They may even decide to attend an overnigher as a patrol later in the week.

Scouts will remain with the Pathfinders troop from 9:00 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. (with the exception of lunch) every day before returning to their Troop. Scouts will also complete almost all outdoor requirements for the Tenderfoot through First Class ranks – without even knowing it! Scouts learn by doing! RSR’s Pathfinders program is consistently rated the best in the area by our campers and leaders. Many leaders have reported increased retention and faster advancement in their new scout patrols. Come see why RSR’s first year camper program is one of the best!

Below is a tentative schedule of the Pathfinders patrol rotation.

Pathfinder Patrol - Sample Schedule					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00am	First Aid skills	First Aid skills	First Aid skills	First Aid skills	Hike Preparation
10:00am	Swimming MB	Swimming MB	Swimming MB	Swimming MB	PF Hike
11:00am	Scout skills	Scout skills	Scout skills	Scout skills	PF Hike
12:00pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	PF Hike
1:00pm	Staff Time	Staff Time	Staff Time	Staff Time	Dismissal
2:00pm	Woodcarving MB	Woodcarving MB	Woodcarving MB	Fingerprinting MB	
4:00pm	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	

Additional Program Offerings

Scouts can sign up for these programs and will attend sessions daily.

BSA Lifeguard - A rigorous course for older scouts and adult leaders to become a BSA lifeguard for Council or unit aquatics activities. Physical strength and stamina are a must. Scouts must be at least 15 years old and strong swimmers to participate in this program. Participants must show evidence of current training in American Red Cross First Aid, American Red Cross CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer, BSA Safe Swim Defense (offered at Camp), and finish all requirements within 120 days to complete and receive the certification.

AQUATICS SUPERVISION – Swimming and Water Rescue. A course similar to BSA Lifeguard but focusing more on the leadership role. This course is for older youth and adults.

AQUATICS SUPERVISION – Paddle Craft Safety. A course similar to BSA Lifeguard but focusing more on the leadership role. This course is for older youth and adults.

BSA Mile Swim – A scout or scouter is physically fit, so work on this each day to progress toward a mile swim.

Camp Cup – The epitome of teamwork, Scout Spirit, and test of skills, the Camp Cup is a week-long competition for troops to show off their talents and troop pride. By working together, troops will participate in various activities throughout the week to earn points that will count towards their overall score. Will your troop win the Camp Cup?!

C.O.P.E. – Participants will learn teamwork, problem solving, and self-reliance in this Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience. Scouts will work together to overcome obstacles like the Meat Grinder, High Ropes Course, and Zip line. Minimum age is 13.

Duty to God – Complete the requirements for the RSR Duty to God program to qualify for a unique patch offered in the RSR Trading Post and Rainbow Council Service Center.

Iron Scout – Iron Scout is back! After a brief absence in 2016 this RSR tradition returns with a triathlon style competition in two age divisions! Bike, run, and hit the water to prove you are the toughest scout in camp. Plan on bringing running shoes and a bathing suit!

Pirates' Lunch – Although far from the Caribbean, the pirates of Long Lake invite you to take your troop on a noon time trip on the waters! Paddle down to the Mazon River Shelter to have lunch and a fun time with your troop!

Scoutmaster vs. Staff Volleyball Tournament – Each week the staff challenges the adults in camp to a face off at the pit! Bumps, sets, and spikes take place at 1:00PM on most days of the week. Come ready for a great challenge!

Scoutmaster Shoot – Relieve some stress, adults! Visit our shotgun range for some adult only time and see if you can beat your scouts!

Scout Leader Kayak Races – enough said.

Leader COPE – Every Monday night leaders are invited to participate in our High COPE course.

Service Projects – As part of the program, we are requiring troops to complete 10 hours of service throughout the week. Individual projects should be arranged through the Camp Commissioner or Ranger.

Baden Powell Program – Patrols will compete in scouting skills. Each of the camp areas will have a skill test for patrols to accomplish. Bonus points will be awarded for winning the campsite inspection and completing a service project. The patrols will be recognized at the closing campfire.

Specialty Hours

4:00 p.m. Program Hour – Every day from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., program areas will be open for Scouts to enjoy their favorite activities from that area. This is a great time to work on additional requirements for your merit badges.

7:00 p.m. Program Hour – In the evenings, program areas will feature special activities. Enjoy Tiki Tuesday at the Lake, “Rock Under the Stars” and more. Check the Daily Schedule when you arrive at camp and show up for a great time!

Order of the Arrow and 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. Below is a description of the programs and services that the lodge offers at camp.



Program	Description
Call-Out Ceremony	The Lodge will conduct a call-out ceremony each week during camp for Scouts who have been elected to the Order of the Arrow. We provide courtesy call-outs for out-of-council members provided paperwork from their home lodge is complete.
Ice Cream Social	Weekly, the lodge will host an ice cream social for the entire camp.
Brotherhood Conversion	Arrowmen who have been Ordeal members for at least 10 months can elect to complete their induction by converting to Brotherhood membership. Workshops are offered during staff time to learn more about the Order.
Ordeal Experience	Scouts who are called out by the order can become members of the Order of the Arrow once they complete their “ordeal.” This can be done here at camp shortly after the call out. Details will be reviewed at the adult leaders meeting, so be sure to be in attendance.

Provisional Camping

Who can participate?

Any registered Scouts BSA member can sign up!

Extra Weeks at Camp

Provo is ideal for Scouts who can't get enough of summer camp. Whether they're 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.

Registration

Scouts interested in registering for provisional camping should complete an online registration. Register as a Provisional Scout in the Provisional Scout campsite. Discounts are available for scouts who come back to camp for a 2nd, 3rd, or 4th week of camp.

Check-in

Provisional scouts will have a dedicated check-in time. Provo Scouts should arrive at 3:00 p.m. when they will meet the Scoutmaster and fellow Scouts from their "host troop" for the week.

Equipment

Be sure to bring a uniform, mess kit, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, clothes, and everything else a Scout would normally need during a week of camp.

"A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room."

- Robert Baden-Powell, Founder of the Scouting Movement



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. The primary goal of the Commissioner Staff is to address your unit’s needs and concerns. Commissioners are also a great resource to help Scoutmasters earn the Scoutmaster Merit Badge (see the Camp Commissioner when you arrive at camp).

Commissioners are responsible for:

- Verifying troops have everything they need once they arrive for camp.
- Helping to promote the patrol method.
- Providing help in solving problems.
- Interpreting RSR camp policies and regulations.
- Promoting inter-troop activities.
- Promoting Scoutmaster training opportunities while at camp.
- Ensuring that each unit has a well-rounded program.

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

Letter to Employer

Rainbow Scout Reservation would be honored to send a letter to your employer or company telling them about your leadership in Scouting and how it is important to the lives of our youth. You may request this employer letter from the Camp Director.

Internet Access

Adult leaders staying overnight with their units have the opportunity to access internet service. Access is available from the Training Center, located next to the camp office. See the camp director at the leaders meeting Sunday evening when you arrive at camp.

Dietary Needs

Scouts, unit leaders, and visitors that have special dietary requirements need to communicate this on the Dietary Information Sheet. Please complete a separate sheet for each person who has a special restriction or need. **This information needs to be communicated to camp prior to arrival.** Please mail forms to the council service center or email them to the camp cook: tasulich@aol.com.

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 include Youth Protection, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, BSA Lifeguard, Aquatics Supervision courses, Belay Training, Scoutmaster Indoor, and Climb On Safely. Take advantage of these trainings at camp so that you don't have to do them at home!



Health Office

RSR employs a trained medical professional as a camp health officer. They are available at all times to provide first aid services to any camper, visitor, or staff member. The majority of health concerns and first aid needs are minor and handled 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.

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. Finally, you have to check out the wide assortment of newly designed RSR apparel including t-shirts, water bottles, and hoodies!



Each year limited edition RSR camper hats will be on sale. These hats change each year and only a limited quantity will be available. Be sure to get yours right away!

RSR Guidelines

Emergency Plans

RSR places the utmost importance on maintaining the safety and security of our campers, unit leaders, visitors, and staff. RSR staff has 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 situation, RSR uses 2 different signals: an intermittent siren and a continuous siren. If the emergency siren is activated, all campers, adults, and guests must report immediately to the dining hall. Once there, the Scoutmaster and SPL must take a head count and report to RSR staff. Follow all instructions given by RSR staff promptly. An emergency procedures sheet will be distributed to unit leaders at check in. Upon arrival, please review the sheet with other unit leaders and Scouts in camp. It is extremely important that all adults and campers follow the directions of RSR staff during any emergency.

RSR Camp Visits

Parents and family members are always welcome at RSR. Before visiting, prior arrangements must be made with the Camp Health Officer. 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; the cost is \$7.00. Additionally, visitors who wish to stay overnight with their Scout or unit are welcome. Each individual must purchase an overnight stay ticket for \$10.00 (this includes a meal and overnight camping). Family members wishing to view the Wednesday evening Order of the Arrow Call Out ceremony are welcome to arrive at camp as early as 7:00 p.m. Please note that there is no meal or overnight stay option for family members on Wednesday evening.

Swimming Attire for all Scouting Participants

Swimsuits should be comfortable, functional, and modest. For males, swim trunks or board shorts are appropriate. Tight fitting swim briefs or swim bottoms short enough to allow exposure are not allowed. For females, modest tankinis or one-piece swimsuits are appropriate. Bikinis are not allowed.

Shower Facilities

Designated shower times for the Old 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

Buddies should be the same gender, or groups of three can be in mixed company. There is no boy-girl buddy pair allowed.

Rainbow Scout Reservation In-Camp Rules

Welcome to the Rainbow Council Scout Reservation. We are pleased to have you camp with us. This information listed here will help you have a pleasant stay while you are with us. The Campmaster who is on duty can help you have a great weekend. Visit with him to learn more about the Camp, the surrounding area, and what is available to you.

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

Unit trailers may be brought into the camp site. The pull vehicle will be returned to the parking lot and the gate relocked. On occasion, the pull vehicle MAY be allowed to remain near the site depending on the weather and conditions of the roads. The Campmaster will let you know if this is allowable or not on this particular weekend. Scouts must hike into their campsite.

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

Ground fires are permitted in camp sites. Please use areas where fires have been before. Extreme care should be used with all fires at all times. 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.

All trash should be placed in the appropriate cans in your campsites. If bags are needed, the Campmaster can help accommodate that. On your way out of camp, all used trash bags, regardless of how full, should be placed in the dumpster.

Cleanliness of the campsite and the site latrine is the Unit’s responsibility. The flush toilets and shower house can be opened for weekend camping use PROVIDED that the Unit requesting their use is willing to take responsibility for their cleaning prior to check out. This can be requested through the Campmaster. Cleaning supplies for all bathroom facilities can be acquired from the Campmaster if needed.

A qualified adult must be present with scouts when canoes and boats are being used. BSA Safe Swim / Safety Afloat requirements must be followed.

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 encouraged. 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 as long as there is adequate ventilation and the device being used is kept a minimum of 3 feet from the ceiling and sides of the fly if they are attached.

Units that rent or borrow Council owned equipment are responsible for that equipment and are not allowed to let another Unit use it for any reason.

Alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are not permitted in camp.

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.

Appropriate clothing must be worn at all times while on camp property by youth and adults. Open toed shoes or sandals are ONLY allowed while IN the shower or at the waterfront. Closed toed shoes must be worn to and from both of our shower facilities. Clothing with any reference to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or any other non-Scouting related clothing deemed inappropriate may not be worn.

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, we are not permitted to run extension cords to the campsites.

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 duty weapons at all times are required to notify the Campmaster and Camp Ranger upon entry to the Property. These Officials are required to present paperwork from their employer stating that carrying their weapon at all times is mandatory. Inability to follow these policies will result in immediate removal from camp property and notification to the Council Scout Executive. Although the State of Illinois has legalized the use of marijuana, Rainbow Council has taken the stance that it is not appropriate for 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.

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

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.

Buddy System

Units are responsible for maintaining and enforcing the BUDDY SYSTEM.

During District, Council, Order of the Arrow, or other large or multi-unit activities, the activity organizers will be responsible for determining and communicating how the buddy system is to be enforced.

The use of personal golf carts, ATVs and UTVs is allowed for medical reasons or for scouters working at the site, however, owners must present evidence of training, insurance, and be issued a driving privilege by the ranger or his designee. A demonstration of driving skills may be required.

Health Officer

For unit activities the unit is responsible for all health-related activities. The ranger and/or Scout Executive must be notified in the event outside assistance (participant taken to hospital, personal physician, 911 call, etc) is made.

During District, Council, Order of the Arrow, or other large or multi-unit activities, the RSR Health and Safety Committee will provide guidance on requirements.

Health Forms

During Resident Camp, the camp is responsible for collecting and maintaining Parts A, B, and C of the BSA Health Form. Note, a copy will be retained by the camp.

During Unit events the unit is responsible for maintaining the BSA Health Form.

During District, Council, Order of the Arrow, or other large or multi-unit activities, the BSA Health Form will be maintained by the event Health Officer.

For staff working or volunteering at camp (Properties Committee, Challenge or Shooting Sports, etc.) A BSA Health Form Part A and B is required to be maintained in the Health Lodge and/or with the Ranger.

For ALL Challenge Activities, the BSA Health Form Part A serves as the permission slip and a copy will be retained by the course.

Youth Protection

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 unit adults are encouraged to bring extra cash to camp in order to take advantage of our Trading Post and various open programs. Please note that Scouts and unit leaders are responsible for any cash and valuables while at camp.

Cell Phones

Units are **STRONGLY** encouraged to instruct youth not to bring a cell phone to camp. Use of cell phones in individual campsites is the responsibility and liability of unit leaders. Cell phone use in shower facilities, bathrooms, or other private areas is strictly prohibited.

Attire

All participants and staff/volunteers shall wear scout appropriate clothing that covers all skin from mid-upper arm over the shoulder down to mid-thigh. The clothing shall not be so tight as to accentuate any body parts. The use of tight-fitting clothing is discouraged because it does not provide sufficient protection from mosquitos or ticks. Additionally, it may be very difficult to remove burrs from such items. In addition, clothing, including hats, with any references to drugs, alcohol, tobacco or any other non-scouting related clothing deemed inappropriate shall not be worn. Bright colored t-shirts and hats are similarly discouraged because they tend to attract bees.

Electricity

Scouts and Scouters should be prepared to make camp in their site *without* access to electricity. Campers using CPAP machines should consider a battery option for their week at camp.

Generators

The use of gas generators in campsites is prohibited.

Fuel

Flammable liquid fuels are not allowed in campsites. The camp commissioner/ranger can assist with storing any fuels you bring to camp. Any type of open flame is not permitted in any tent. (Liquid fuel stoves ARE permitted again by BSA).

Pets

No pets are allowed on camp property.

Vehicles in Camp

During check-in, units are allowed one vehicle to tow any troop trailer to their campsite. By 6 p.m. 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. Vehicles left after 6 p.m. will be tagged and WILL BE TOWED at the owner's expense by Monday morning.

Camp Dates, Fees, and Payments

There are two easy components to the payment plan at RSR:

- the Initial Site Deposit (\$150) is required to make your reservation and hold your campsite.
- full payment for each adult and camper by the due date.

Initial Registration and Site Deposit

Units can secure a 2021 camp site reservation with a \$150 deposit forwarded to the Rainbow Council Service Center. This deposit reserves your choice of site and session. The \$150 deposit can be applied to your unit's account, returned at the end of the summer, or applied to your unit's 2022 reservation.

All sites are reserved on a first-paid basis. Please note: units that reserve a site and do not fill it to capacity are subject to sharing that site with an additional unit.

Fees and Payment Schedule

Camp Program	Extra Early Fee Full payment due by April 22 nd , 2021	Early Fee Full payment due by May 5 th , 2021	Standard Fee
Summer Camp Fee	\$325	\$350	\$350
Adult Leaders	\$140	\$150	\$150
Unit receives 2 FREE registered adult leaders for Scout units returning from RSR 2019 Scout Summer Camp Webelos Crossover Discount: Webelos who have crossed into troops can pay Extra Early Bird prices thru June 1 st			

Cub Resident Camp Program	Extra Early Fee Full payment due by April 22 nd , 2021	Early Fee Full payment due by May 5 th , 2021	Standard Fee
Camp Fee	\$165	\$180	\$180
Adult Leaders	\$85	\$95	\$95

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 at 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.

2021 Scout Session Dates and Meeting Dates

Staff Meeting Oct 31 9:00-10:00 or Nov 7, 9:00-10:00

- Adult Leader's Meeting: Saturday Feb 27nd, 2021
- Second Leaders Meeting, Saturday May 1st, 2001
- Week 1: Sunday June 13th – Saturday June 19th
- Week 2: Sunday June 20th – Saturday June 26th
- Week 3: Sunday June 27th – Saturday July 3rd
- Week 4: Sunday July 4th – Saturday July 10th

2021 Cub Scout Resident Camp Dates

- Week 1 July 16-19
- Week 2 July 23-26
- Week 3 July 29-Aug 1

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. Individuals may apply to the Council's Camping Task for a Campership, to help defray some of the cost of camp. Please note that applications are considered on a need-basis and that Campership funds are limited. The application must be in the Council Service Center postmarked on or before April 3, 2021.

Rainbow Council BSA
Attention: Campership Application
921 South State Street
Lockport, Illinois 60441

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.

- Arrive as early as 12:00pm
- Notify staff member as you arrive of your troop number & meet your site guide
- Confirm your check in time
- Arrive at your campsite and make camp
- Arrive at the Dining Hall with your entire unit, typed unit roster, medical forms, medications, and be dressed for swim check

Medical Forms / Medications

Please review the BSA's Annual Health and Medical Record. This document must be completed and a copy provided for each camper at check in.

BSA policy requires that RSR comply with the guidelines of the Annual Health and Medical Record, which requires a physician's visit (Part C). If you have questions about this document, please contact the Camp Director or Council service center.

Medications will be stored and locked in the camp's health office.

Check Out

Saturday morning after breakfast, site guides will return to unit campsites to begin the checkout process. Site guides will have a checklist that must be reviewed with the Scoutmaster and SPL. Once the site guide signs off your unit's check out sheet, an adult leader may proceed to the Camp Office to turn in their sheet, return evaluation forms, pick up patches, and sign their unit out.

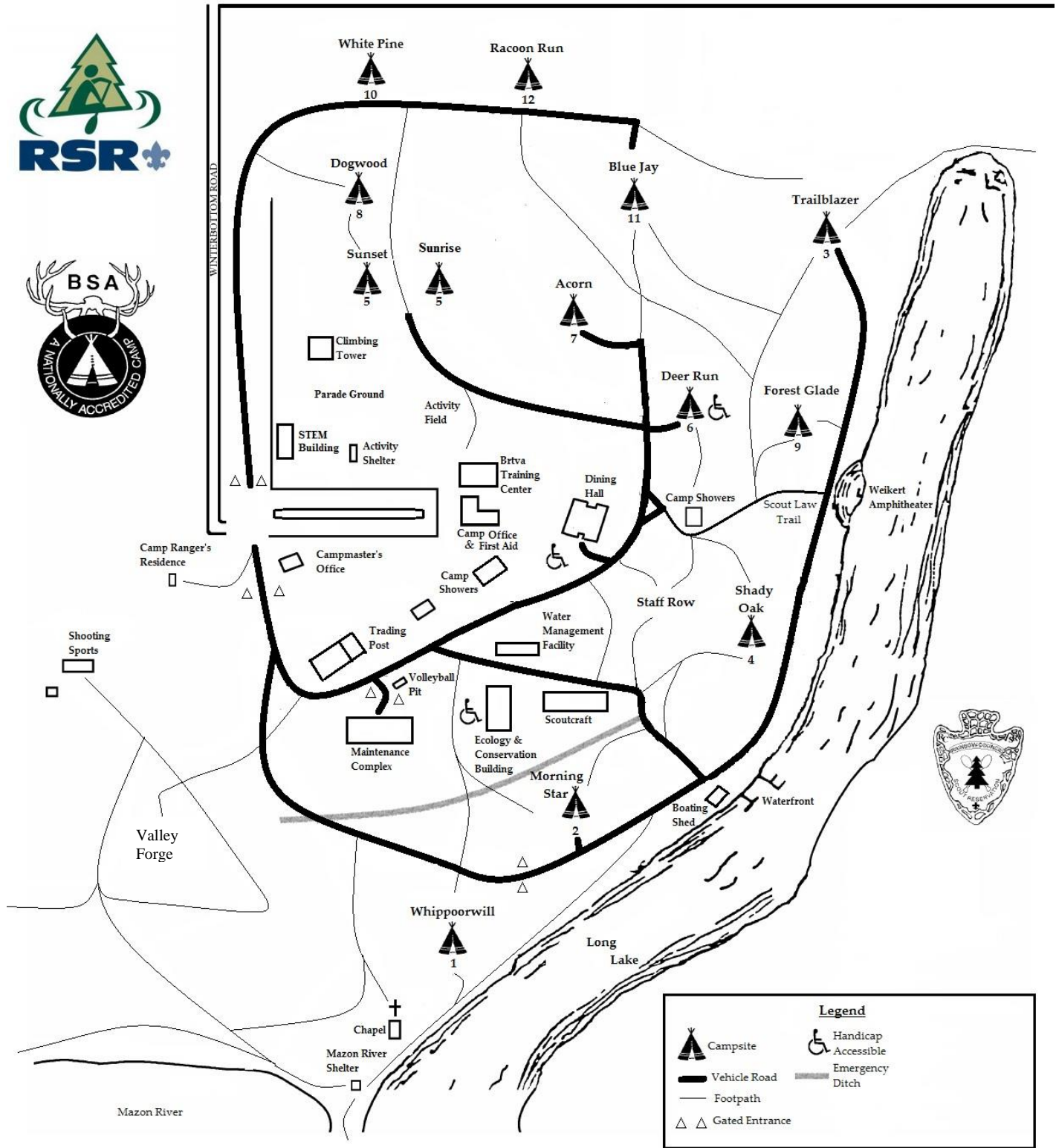
Early Release

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 personnel will make a copy of the ID for Council's records.

Forms and Documents

RSR Camp Map



RSR Health Questionnaire

Name: _____

Completed: Prior to arriving

Name of Person Completing Questionnaire: _____

1. Have you experienced any of the following symptoms (outside the norm of what you typically experience) over the past seven days:

Persistent cough	Yes	No	If yes, you must remain/return home.
Shortness of breath	Yes	No	If yes, you must remain/return home.
Difficulty breathing	Yes	No	
Fever (temperature of above 100.4 F)	Yes	No	If yes, you must remain/return home.
Chill	Yes	No	
Fatigue	Yes	No	
Muscle or body aches	Yes	No	
Headache	Yes	No	
Sore throat	Yes	No	
New loss of taste/smell	Yes	No	
Congestion or runny nose	Yes	No	
Nausea or vomiting	Yes	No	
Diarrhea	Yes	No	

If yes to two or more of the above, you must remain/return home.

2. Have you recently (in the past 14 days) been in close contact with anyone who has exhibited any of the above symptoms? (Close contact means within less than six feet for a prolonged period of time). **If answered "yes", you must remain at home or if you are in the office, leave for home immediately.**

Yes No

3. Have you recently (in the past 14 days) been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or been advised to self-isolate by a medical professional due to COVID-19 reasons? **If answered "yes", you must remain at home or if you are in the office, leave for home immediately.**

Yes No

4. Have you recently (in the past 14 days) traveled internationally or to any state which an Illinois or Chicago executive order requires quarantine? **If answered "yes", you must remain at home or if you are in the office, leave for home immediately.**

Yes No

I certify that my responses are accurate. I agree to follow the instructions provided to me by the camp. If I believe that my symptoms are related to a separate condition, I will seek documentation from my physician and provide it to RSR.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

DAILY TEMPERATURE CHECK

Each Day every resident in camp must have their temperature checked and recorded. Temperatures above 100° F must be reported to the Health Officer. Note Temperature should be marked OK if less than 100° F.

Week: _____

Site: _____

Name	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Unit Registration Form

2021 RSR Summer Camp - Unit Registration Form

Registrations can be made online to the Rainbow Council website. If you prefer to submit a hard copy, complete this form and mail it the Council Service Center. Be sure to include all the information that is called for on this form. Site deposit of \$150.00 is due with reservation.

Contact Information:

Unit: _____ District: _____ Council: _____

Scoutmaster or Adult Event Coordinator

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number(s): Home _____ Cell _____

Email Address: _____

Camping Session:

___ Week 1: Sunday June 13th – Saturday June 19th

___ Week 2: Sunday June 20th – Saturday June 26th

___ Week 3: Sunday June 27th – Saturday July 3rd

___ Week 4: Sunday July 4th – Saturday July 10th

Number of Scouts and Adults:

Number of Scouts you *anticipate* will attend camp: _____

Number of adults you *anticipate* will attend camp: _____

Of the number of Scouts you *anticipate* attending camp, please indicate the following:

Number of Scouts in Traditional Camp Program: _____

Number of Scouts in Pathfinders Program: _____

Preferred Site:

Please indicate if you have a preferred camp site. Note that sites are assigned on a first paid basis. In addition, this is a request and subject to change based on RSR's discretion. Your camp site will be assigned when you check in to camp.

Our unit's preferred site is: _____

Provisional Camping Registration Form

2021 RSR Summer Camp – RSR Provisional Camping Registration Form

Please complete this form and mail it the Council Service Center (James.r.thuot@att.net).

Contact Information:

Unit: _____ District: _____ Council: _____

Scout's Information

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number(s): Home _____ Cell _____

Email Address: _____

Parent Information

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number(s): Home _____ Cell _____

Email Address: _____

Camping Session:

____ Week 1: Sunday June 13th – Saturday June 19th

____ Week 2: Sunday June 20th – Saturday June 26th

____ Week 3: Sunday June 27th – Saturday July 3rd

____ Week 4: Sunday July 4th – Saturday July 10th

Which Program Area will you be participating in:

Number of Scouts in Traditional Camp Program: _____

Number of Scouts in Pathfinders Program: _____

Dietary Needs Form

Rainbow Scout Reservation strives to serve its campers nutritious meals which meet or exceed all applicable requirements and standards. The variety of foods available at meals is usually adequate to suit the nutritional needs of most campers. In order to meet the needs of participants who have special dietary requirements due to allergies, food intolerances, or other health issues, as well as those who have religious dietary requirements, it is necessary to obtain as much information as possible prior to arrival at camp. Please be as specific regarding exact nature and severity of any allergy or intolerance. This information is necessary to determine whether the individual can simply avoid eating certain foods, whether we need to assess all ingredients in every food, or whether offending foods can or cannot be stored or served where they may contact the individual or things he or she may eat. Additionally, extra time may be required to obtain special foods such as gluten-free breads or vegetarian, vegan entrees or foods made in nut free environments. While RSR attempts to provide meals, which meet these special needs as much as possible, it is still the responsibility of the individual to avoid those foods which he or she is unable to eat. In some rare cases, it may be necessary for the camper to bring some food items, which can then be prepared by the camp staff.

Name: _____

Unit: _____

What session of camp are you attending (please check):

_____ Week 1: Sunday June 13th – Saturday June 19th

_____ Week 2: Sunday June 20th – Saturday June 26th

_____ Week 3: Sunday June 27th – Saturday July 3rd

_____ Week 4: Sunday July 4th – Saturday July 10th

_____ Week 1: July 16-19th

_____ Week 2: July 23-26th

_____ Week 3: July 29-Aug 1th

Contact Name for Further Information if Needed:

Relationship to Camper: _____

Phone: _____

Food Allergies? **YES** **NO**

What is the allergy? _____

How severe is the Allergy? **MODERATE** **STRONG** **SEVERE**

Other information we may need to know about these allergies?

Other Special Diets? Please circle.

Vegetarian Vegan Diabetic Other: _____

Signature (Parent/Guardian if form for Scout): _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to: Jim Thuot, c/o the Council office. Forms turned during Camp check-in upon arrival will be accepted but provisions may not be available.

Campership Application

2021 RSR Summer Camp – Campership Application Form

This application for financial aid is to be filled out by the registered unit leader with the approval of the unit Committee Chair and a parent or guardian of the applicant. The completed form should be sent to the Council service center, Attn: Campership Request.

In order to be accepted for consideration, the application must be in the Council Service Center postmarked on or before April 3rd, 2021. No promise of camp aid is to be made to the Scout for whom the application is filed. Camperships are not awarded for 100% of program costs. All applications will be given fair consideration. In keeping with the Scout Law, "A Scout is Thrifty", seldom will campership aid be given for more than one-third of the camp fee. Camperships are not transferable and are restricted to registered Rainbow Council Scouts. Scout must attend one of Rainbow Council's summer day or resident camps. Camperships are to be requested for one camp experience only.

Rainbow Council Campership Request Form

Cub Scout Day Camp Cub Scout Resident Camp Scouts BSA Summer Camp

Scout's Name

Unit No

Parent/Guardian

Address

City

State

Zip

Confidential Information Section

Camp Fee (amount of the camp) \$ _____

Amount to be paid by unit \$ _____

Campership funds requested \$ _____

Please explain why this application should be accepted in the space below:

Unit Leader Approval

Phone

Committee Chair Approval

Phone

****This request is to be held in strictest confidence by all concerned parties****