



# 2019 DAY CAMP PARENT GUIDE

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## WELCOME TO DAY CAMP 2019

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We are excited that your Scout will be joining us for a fun-filled week of Day Camp this summer! The Day Camp staff has been hard at work planning a lot of fun and engaging activities so that your child will have an enjoyable, educational, and memorable experience this summer. The information provided in this handbook is intended to help make your child's experience at Day Camp the best it can be. Please review it carefully.

As always, in keeping with the purpose of Scouting, the camp program has been designed to promote character development, citizenship training, and both mental and physical development.

## CONNECT WITH US

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Get all of the latest updates on Day Camp 2019 by liking us on Facebook at [facebook.com/RSRdayCamp](https://facebook.com/RSRdayCamp).

If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to the Day Camp directors at [cubscoutdaycamp2019@gmail.com](mailto:cubscoutdaycamp2019@gmail.com).

## REGISTRATION

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Forms are available at [rainbowcouncil.org](http://rainbowcouncil.org). Visit Camping > Day Camp > Forms. Please return the following,

Registration form for:

- Each **individual Scout**
- Each **individual Sibling**
- Each **individual Adults**
- Each Scout, volunteer, and sibling also needs:
- Medical form Part A & B
- Copy of insurance card
- YPT certificates for adult volunteers

Return your forms and payment to your Pack Coordinator so that he/she can register your Scout for the FUN of Day Camp! Don't forget to fill out your registration form too!

**Pack Coordinators:** Registration is on-line and can be paid with credit card or e-check.

## TRADING POST

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The Camp will be operating a Trading Post where the Scouts may purchase beverages, snacks or official Scout related items. The Trading Post will be open daily during camp hours.

## DAY CAMP PATCHES

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Each registered Scout who attends Day Camp will receive a Day Camp Patch. These patches will be given with a list of adventures completed to the Pack Coordinators for distribution.

**SCHEDULE**

Type	Location	Dates	Address	1 <sup>st</sup> Day Arrival	2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Day Arrival	Departure Time
Day	Bolingbrook	June 10-13	Village Hall 375 W. Briar Cliff Rd.	8:30 AM	9:00 AM	3:00 PM
Day	New Lenox	June 24-27	Francis Field 521 E. Francis Rd.	8:30 AM	9:00 AM	3:00 PM
Day	Shorewood	July 15-18	Hope Lutheran Church 305 E. Black Rd.	8:30 AM	9:00 AM	3:00 PM
Twilight	Kankakee	July 22-25	Lills Park 335 N. Monroe Ave.	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	8:00 PM
Twilight	Morris	August 5-8	Rainbow Scout Reservation 2600 N. Winterbottom Rd.	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	8:00 PM

**FEES**

Rate	Cost	Due Date
Early Bird *	\$90	Due May 1, 2019
Regular Rate	\$115	2 Weeks Prior to Start of Camp

To qualify for the early bird rate, your balance must be paid in full before May 1, 2019. All payments submitted to Rainbow Council after May 1, 2019 will forfeit the early bird rate, and the regular rate will be due in full.

\*New Scouts joining after May 1, 2019 will receive the early bird rate up until 2 weeks prior to the start of the camps date. Membership must be verified by Rainbow Council.

**CANCELLATIONS**

Due to the administrative and programming costs planned for when a Scout is registered, registered Scouts will only be eligible for a refund based on the following schedule. Refund requests must be submitted in writing to the Rainbow Council Activities Committee.

- 50% of the fee if cancelled before May 15, 2019
- 25% of the fee if cancelled before May 30, 2019
- 0% of the fee if cancelled after June 1, 2019



## CAMP PROGRAM

While at camp, your child will have the opportunity to participate in the following activities:

- Water Games (Bring a towel!)
- Archery, BB Guns, & slingshots including safety instruction and target practice
- Crafts
- Sports
- Scout skills
- Nature skills
- Special themed activities
- And more!

## ADVANCEMENT

There is a potential for campers to earn some rank achievements, electives, and activity badges by participating in camp activities.

Order	Tigers	Wolf	Bear	Webelos
<b>First</b>	Tiger-iffic!	Adventures in Coins	World of Sound	Castaway
<b>Second</b>	Tiger Theater	Air of the Wolf	Marble Madness	Engineer
<b>If Time</b>	Tiger Tag	Paws of Skill	Baloo the Builder	Build It

## OUTDOOR ACTIVITY AWARD

By attending day camp, your child also has the opportunity to earn the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. See the [application](#) for a complete list of requirements to earn the Outdoor Activity Award.

## SHOOTING SPORTS

Each child who participates in shooting sports at Day Camp will earn the Shooting Sports rank level patch. If time permits, they will also work towards the device pins for each discipline by completing level 2 requirements.



## ARRIVAL – FIRST DAY

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Please arrive 30 minutes before the start of Camp on the first day. At that time, Scouts will be assigned to a den area at the registration table. The following days, Scouts will check in and out with their Den Leader at their assigned den area.

## LATE ARRIVALS & EARLY DEPARTURES

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Any Scout or sibling arriving late must check in with the Camp Director before joining his or her den at their station. This ensures that attendance is properly updated. A staff member will escort them to their assigned area after signing in.

If a Scout or sibling needs to depart from camp early, a permission slip needs to be on file with the Camp Director. A staff member will escort the departing child to the Camp Director for the parent(s) or authorized adult picking up can sign the child out. A photo ID must be presented before the Scout or sibling will be dismissed from camp. To ensure the safety of all campers and siblings, this policy will be strictly enforced.

## ABSENTEEISM

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If the Scout and/or parent will not be in camp for any reason, please get this information to your Pack Coordinator, who can relay this information to the Camp Director. We assume every Scout registered for camp will be there every day, and we need to account for all of the Scouts. The Camp Director will call the home of all Scouts who are absent, unless notified of the absence in advance.

## TRANSPORTATION

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For the protection of the children, Day Camp requires that if anyone other than the parent will be picking up a child, a permission form must be filled out. The identification of the pickup person will be verified prior to allowing the child to depart from Camp.

Illinois law and BSA policy states: "Every child MUST have a seat with a seat belt" and "The transportation of children in the bed of a pick-up truck is absolutely prohibited." These policies and laws will be strictly enforced and anyone who does not adhere to it will not be allowed to participate in Camp.

## IDENTIFICATION BRACELETS

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For security purposes, all Scouts, staff, volunteers, siblings, and visitors are required to wear an identification bracelet when on camp premises. Adults, Scouts, and tots should **keep their bracelets on all week**. Lost bracelets should be reported to the Camp Director.

## VISITORS

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All visitors should check in with the Camp Director before entering camp to receive in ID bracelet. Please bring a photo ID and a copy of your Youth Protection Certificate.



## WHAT SCOUTS SHOULD BRING TO CAMP

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Please remember that Day Camp is an outdoor activity, so make sure that your Scout is dressed appropriately each day. The following is a list of items that your child will need to bring to camp on a daily basis. Please label everything, and don't send your nice beach towels.

- Any medication(s) that need to be taken at camp.
- Backpack or daypack to carry their gear in for the day
- A lunch that **does not** require refrigeration – no mayonnaise, milk, or other perishable items
- Water bottle or refillable container
- Towel
- Raincoat or poncho
- Comfortable **closed-toed** shoes
- Hat
- Sunscreen (Sunscreen should be applied by a parent before the start of camp. Volunteers and staff may not apply sunscreen to your child.)
- Insect repellent (non-aerosol only)
- Money for the Trading Post
- Flashlight (for twilight camps)
- Camp T-shirt – **MUST** be worn every day!

## SPECIAL REQUESTS FROM PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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- **Bears:** Please bring a wire coat hanger!
- Wrapping paper, tin foil, or paper towel tubes.

## WHAT SCOUTS SHOULD *NOT* BRING TO CAMP\*

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- Electronic devices such as games, iPod, etc.
- Knives, axes, or saws
- Trading cards
- Aerosol sprays
- Chewing gum
- Camp is not responsible for items that may be lost, stolen or damaged

\*The Camp Directors reserves the right to add items to this list if they are deemed to be inappropriate or a danger to any of the Scouts. Scouts will be notified of any additions at opening or closing announcements.

## MEDICATIONS

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Medication must be in its **original container** and turned in to the camp Health and Safety Officer. If your child has an Epi-pen or inhaler, please make sure the Scout or an authorized adult who will be present the whole day has it in their possession while at camp.



## CAMP UNIFORM

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Scouts will be provided with a Day Camp t-shirt as part of their registration fee. This t-shirt must be worn each day the Scout is in camp. Additional t-shirts can be ordered on the registration form. Athletic shorts, jean shorts, or khakis may be worn. We suggest swim trunks or quick dry shorts as campers will get wet. Closed toed shoes and socks are required. A hat is also recommended. **NO SANDALS OR OPEN TOE SHOES WILL BE ALLOWED.**

## STAFF AND VOLUNTEER ATTIRE

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Adult attire should be similar to Scout attire. T-shirt, shorts, hat, and closed-toe shoes. T-shirts must be in good taste (no alcohol, or tobacco, halter tops, etc.) No short shorts, please. Adults and youth volunteers may purchase camp t-shirts. Adults who volunteer all 4 days will receive 1 free t-shirt. We recommend a Troop activity shirt for youth volunteers. Any dress code violations may be asked to go home and change.

## TOT LOT

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Tot Lot will be available for siblings age 3-14 who are not enrolled in the Scouting program. Tot Lot is only available to parents on days they are day walking or staffing camp. Children **MUST** be potty trained to be eligible for Tot Lot. The cost of Tot Lot is \$10 per day or \$5 per day for parents who volunteer all four days of camp.

Please submit payment and registration forms for Tot Lot to your Unit Coordinator to be turned in with your Pack's registration. Children registered for Tot Lot will be able to accompany parents during camp hours. Children in the Tot Lot need to be signed in and out with the Tot Lot supervisor at the beginning and end of the day. The camp directors recommend children in Tot Lot purchase a camp t-shirt to wear each day. Additional attire should be the same as campers and includes shorts and close toe shoes. **NO OPEN TOE SHOES OR SANDALS.**

Parents should also pack a lunch, change of clothes, snack, and water bottle for their children in the Tot Lot area. Lunches will be stored in a cooler in the Tot Lot area. Please be sure to clearly mark your child's lunch with his/ her name.

Volunteers are needed for the Tot Lot area. Please email the directors if you are interested in volunteering for Tot Lot.





## WEATHER

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Do NOT assume Camp will be cancelled due to rain. Bring your rain gear and continue as scheduled. Trash bags make great disposable ponchos. The Camp Director is the only person authorized to move camp into a sheltered area, or cancel camp if weather conditions become unbearable. In the unlikely event that this happens, emergency procedures have been put into place, and you will be notified to pick up your child. No child will be left anywhere unattended. For more information, see Emergency Procedures.

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

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Day Camp will not be cancelled or delayed except in the case of lightning, tornadoes, and severe weather. In the event that severe weather is in the area, the Camp Director will make a decision to delay or cancel camp as soon as possible in the morning. When the decision is made, the Camp Director will call each unit coordinator as well as post on the Rainbow Council Day Camp Facebook page.

In the event that severe weather arises while we are at camp, all Scouts, siblings, and adults will be directed to designated buildings or areas until the severe weather conditions have passed. The Camp Director will notify the staff when the program may be resumed. The camp is in constant communication with the weather services in our area in order to provide the quickest weather updates.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

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Each Camp has a full-time staff member trained to deal with injuries and medical emergencies. It is extremely important that all emergency information be up to date, clear, and complete on the medical form for each child and adult. The local Police, Fire Department, and Hospital have been notified of the camp's operation and schedule. They are prepared to quickly respond in the event of an emergency, and we need to ensure that any medical information we give them is accurate.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS:

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**A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY, LOYAL, HELPFUL, FRIENDLY, COURTEOUS, KIND, OBEDIENT, CHEERFUL, THRIFTY, BRAVE, CLEAN, AND REVERENT.**

- The Scout Law should be followed by Scouts and adults at all times.
- No open-toed shoes like sandals or flip flops.
- Scouts must stay with their den at all times. Children may never go anywhere alone at camp!
- The buddy system will be put in place, and Scouts should always stay with their buddy.
- Respect day walkers, camp staff, and other Scouts at all time.
- Report all injuries to your day walker so he or she can take you to the Camp Health Officer.
- Leave No Trace - Pick up all of your trash, and throw it away.
- DO NOT climb on fences or trees.
- Scouts must stay in designated camp areas at all time.
- **DO YOUR BEST!!!**
- **HAVE FUN!!!**

## DISCIPLINE

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If discipline issues arise, the procedure is as follows:

- **First Offense:** Warning by Day Walker or Staff member.
- **Second Offense:** The Scout will spend one rotation with the Camp Director and will miss that scheduled activity. The activity will NOT be made up. Incident is documented, and notification will be given to parent/guardian at the end of the day.
- **Third Offense:** Immediate notification of parent/guardian. Incident is documented, and camper may be sent home and not permitted to return to camp.

## HAZING & BULLYING

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Physical and mental hazing or bullying of any kind is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated at camp. Any incidences of hazing or bullying should be reported to the Camp Director immediately.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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In order to make this the best experience possible for your child, we need your help! Each Pack is required to provide enough adult leadership to supervise Scouts each day. The adult to Scout ratio is 1:8, however a minimum of 2 adults per rank is required to maintain 2-deep leadership. Please work with you Unit Coordinator to ensure this requirement is met. If you are interested in working as a staff member, please let your coordinator know, or email the directors at [cubscoutdaycamp2019@gmail.com](mailto:cubscoutdaycamp2019@gmail.com).

**Tigers must have an adult partner attend camp with them.**

## STAFF & DAY WALKERS

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There are two different types of adults present in camp: Staff and Day Walkers.

- **Staff Member** – We need to fill the following positions for each camp: Health Care Officer, Range Masters (2-3 each camp), Tot Lot Supervisor, COPE Instructors (Morris only), Station Lead, and Den Leaders (one for each den).
- **Day Walker** – Each den will need a leader to walk them from station to station, take attendance, and communicate with the camp director about den activities.
- Staff Members who volunteer all 4 days will receive a \$40 rebate on 1 of their Scouts' registration fees, with the exception of Den Leaders who will receive a \$20 rebate on 1 of their Scouts' registration fees. Rebates will be paid after the conclusion of the last session of Day Camp.

## YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

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We have two opportunities for youth volunteers:

- **Den Chief:** Assists Den Leaders and Day Walkers by carrying out duties assigned.
  - Must be in Scouts BSA or Venturers.
  - Must be at least Second Class or have their Scoutmaster's recommendation.
- **Program Aide:** Helps the Staff Member in a program area and carries out duties as assigned.
  - Must be in Scouts BSA or Venturers.
  - Must be at least Second Class.
  - Must be able to demonstrate and teach skills.

**SEE THE LEADER GUIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON VOLUNTEERING.**

## THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING DAY CAMP!

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Day Camp is a rewarding experience for all who participate. We are thrilled that your child will be able to join us this year. We hope that your Scout enjoys this opportunity to learn, do their best, and most of all have FUN. We hope you will consider joining in the fun too by volunteering to help at a station or walk with the dens.