



*Rhodes France
Scout Reservation*

**SUMMER
2020**

**ADULT LEADER
GUIDE**

Goals for 2020

At Rhodes France Scout Reservation we pride ourselves on providing each Scout who attends our camp with the best possible summer camp experience. Each Scout is important and if there is something we can do to make their experience better, we will do our best to do so. We want each Scout to learn about him or herself while at camp. Through our program Scouts will learn self-reliance that can help them in school and at home. They will also learn more about working together as a team which will help them throughout their lives.

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This page has a summary of changes to the Leader's Guide for 2020 as well as some important information to note. Please read the entire Leader's Guide, this list is not all encompassing. You must be familiar with all aspects of the camp program. Remember, BE PREPARED!

- Page 4 Fees. There are changes to the camp fees **AND DEADLINES** for 2020
- Page 6 The Alcohol and Drugs paragraph has been updated to reflect new laws and policy updates.
- Page 14 Blue Cards removed from the pre-camp checklist.
- Page 19 The BSA Lifeguard program will not be offered in 2020 and was removed.
- Page 22 The Whoosh! NOVA award will be offered in 2020.
- Page 23 An Order of the Arrow section was added to explain how each GSLAC OA Lodge operates.

Please review the entire Merit Badge Section! Requirements can change annually. Pre-requirements are based on the current merit badge pamphlets.

Important Information

Please remind visitors to the camp that they should follow the same guidelines as our Scouts and Leaders and Staff. A few of the most important guidelines are:

- * Appropriate attire and footwear must be worn at all times.
- * Pets are not allowed at camp.
- * Smoking/Vaping only in designated areas.
- * Visitors must sign-in in the Trading Post and be issued a temporary wristband.

2020 Camp Dates

Staff Development Week	June 7th - 13th
Week 1	June 14th - 20th
Week 2	June 21st - 27th
Week 3	July 5th - 11th

2020 Camp Fees & Deadlines

Youth Fees

- If paid in full before April 8 \$315
- If paid in full between April 8 & June 1: \$335
- If paid after June 1: \$350
- Multiple-week discount: \$100 off a second week (when the first week is paid in full)
- Family Discount: \$100 off each additional Scout attending from the same household (when the first Scout is paid in full)

**Any Scout who joins after February 1st, 2020 will qualify for the discounted fee.

Campsite Cooking Option

Troops who choose to bring their own food and prepare and eat meals in their campsite will pay a reduced rate for Summer Camp. We strongly encourage Troops to eat in the Dining Hall so their Scouts will get the most from their experience at Rhodes France Scout Reservation.

- Discount of \$45 per person will apply for Troops who select the campsite cooking option.

Second Week Discount*

Attend a week of Scouts BSA or Venturer summer camp and get \$100 off a second week of camp at a GSLAC property (excludes National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), and Horse camp). Or, get \$50 off a GSLAC camp if you spend a week at another council's camp or high adventure base.

Family Discount*

Family Discount* A \$100 family discount is available for siblings who also attend a GSLAC Scouts BSA Scout camp.

*Please contact the Council Camping Department at camping@stlbsa.org or 314-361-0600 to apply discounts before paying in full.

Adult Fees

- 3-10 Scouts: 1 free leader
- 11-20 Scouts: 2 free leaders
- 21-30 Scouts: 3 free leaders
- 31-40 Scouts: 4 free leaders
- 41-50 Scouts: 5 free leaders
- Each additional leader: \$95

Part-time Leaders and Guests

Adults who only attend camp for part of the week will be charged only for the meals they eat while at camp. Meals are \$5.00 each. Part-time leaders and guests must purchase meal tickets in the Trading Post prior to the meal they will be eating. **Units may NOT run a tab throughout the week for visitor meals.**

Provisional Campers

Scouts who are unable to attend summer camp with their Troop are eligible to participate in the provisional camper program at Rhodes France Scout Reservation. Scouts will choose a week to attend camp and, in coordination with the Camp Director, be placed with a troop attending that week. The Scoutmaster of the troop will then contact the Scout to finalize the arrangement. Scouts participating in the provisional camper program must meet the same payment deadlines in order to receive the discounted camp fee. The provisional camper form must also be completed. If a Scout is placed with a Campsite Cooking Troop, they must eat with that Troop in the campsite.

Cancellations & Refunds

Refunds may be issued in circumstances involving medical or family emergencies and must be requested using the Refund Request Form (available at camping.stlbsa.org) before August 31, 2020. Units should attempt to collect fees from families before making payments. Refund requests from units that make payments on behalf of families that ultimately do not come to camp will only be considered in the case of medical or family emergencies.

Parent Portal

Parents have the ability to make payments, register their Scout(s) for merit badges, and apply for camperships using the Parent Portal. This feature can be activated by the Unit Leader at the time of registration.

Camperships

Every youth deserves the opportunity to experience summer camp. Camperships were created to ensure that any youth with financial difficulties is not denied an opportunity to attend summer camp at a Greater St. Louis Area Council property. Camperships normally do not exceed 50% of the full camp fee, except where extenuating circumstances are present. Apply online at <https://247scouting.com/forms/form.php?>

Alcohol & Drugs

The Alcohol and Drugs paragraph should read "All youth prescription drugs must be kept under lock and key. Units can provide a lock-box and keep these medications in the campsite or they can choose to have them kept in the First Aid Office. Exceptions are medications carried for life-threatening conditions such as inhalers, heart medication, and bee sting kits. Alcohol and illegal drugs of any type are prohibited on camp property. Possession or use of them on camp property will be cause for immediate removal from camp. Adult-Use Cannabis is prohibited on camp property.

Smoking/Vaping

It is the responsibility of the Boy Scouts of America to protect the health and safety of the young people in the program. As a result, adults are asked to use discretion when using tobacco products in any form, and should avoid them in the presence of campers. All camp buildings are smoke-free environments. The use of tobacco products by anyone under the age of 18 is prohibited. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers or electronic nicotine delivery systems which simulates tobacco smoking. Smoking is only allowed in the designated smoking area located behind the Trading Post Building.

Firearms and Archery Equipment

Firearms and ammunition are available at camp for use at the range. **No other firearms or ammunition will be permitted at camp. Also, leave all personal archery equipment at home.** The Greater St. Louis Area Council BSA operates pursuant to the Guide to Safe Scouting for Scouting and acknowledges that Illinois law permits concealed carry of firearms by those with a valid concealed carry permit. It is the policy of the Greater St. Louis Area Council that persons with a valid concealed carry permit who enter a Council camp within a vehicle are permitted to carry a concealed firearm on or about his or her person within the vehicle and may store a firearm or ammunition concealed in a case or locked container within the locked vehicle out of plain view within the vehicle in the parking lot. A person with a valid concealed carry permit may carry a concealed firearm in the immediate area surrounding his or her vehicle within the parking lot only for the limited purpose of storing or retrieving a firearm within the vehicle's trunk, provided the concealed carry permit holder ensures the concealed firearm is unloaded prior to exiting the vehicle. Firearms are not permitted outside the parking lot.

Fireworks

Fireworks of any kind are not allowed in camp. Violation of this rule may lead to immediate dismissal from camp. The Camp Administration may approve fireworks for use in special programs.

Vehicles

Because of safety considerations, vehicle traffic at camp must be kept to a minimum. Personal vehicles of leaders, staff, campers, and visitors are restricted to the parking lot. The camp personnel will transport your

Pets

Pets are not permitted at camp. This applies to leaders, campers, and visitors. **Please share this information with guests you having coming to camp.**

Valuables

The camp staff is not responsible for the safety of camper valuables. Each unit may wish to bring a lock box for money and other valuables. **NO VALUABLES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO THE SHOWERHOUSE.**

Health & Safety

A First Aid Office is available with a qualified Health Officer on duty 24 hours a day. If additional medical attention is required, Scouts and Scouters will be directed to the Pana Community Hospital. In the case of non-life threatening injury, the troop leadership will be asked to provide transportation to the hospital or elsewhere as directed. Emergency services will be called in the case of accidents of a more critical nature.

BSA Annual Health & Medical Record (Physical Form)

A completed BSA Annual Health & Medical Record is required for each Scout and adult attending camp. Parts A, B, & C are required for all Scouts. Adults who will be staying onsite for over 72 hours (does not have to be consecutive) must complete parts A, B, & C as well. Adults staying less than 72 hours must complete parts A & B. These forms are available at the Council Service Center and online. Part C of the form is an examination by a physician. This exam must have been completed during the 12 months prior to the Scout or Adult's week of camp (example: a physical exam held on June 4th, 2019 is considered current until June 30th, 2020). If a Scout or Scouter arrives at camp without a medical form, it is the Scout or Scouters responsibility to obtain the physical examination before being allowed to stay in camp. The physical examination must be completed by a certified and licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. (Chiropractors do not qualify) The Health Officer has the final say on whether a Scout or Scouter can remain at camp. Units should not turn in originals of the health forms. At the end of each week, the copies turned in will be destroyed unless the unit has requested to have them returned.

Uniforms

Official uniforms are to be worn by Scouts and leaders for evening retreat and dinner meals. Official uniforms should also be worn to the Family Night campfire. Activity uniforms are appropriate for all other times except when specifically instructed. We request that athletic type shorts and swim trunks not be worn with the official uniform shirt. In cases of extreme heat the Camp Administration may choose to use activity uniforms at evening meals. Troops will be notified in advance and will be able to choose which uniform to wear.

Footwear

Shoes must be worn at all times while in camp. Open-toed sandals, clogs, crocs, and flip-flops are NOT permitted. Please advise any visitors of this policy prior to the start of camp. Shower shoes should only be worn while in the shower area. No bare feet allowed! **This policy applies to visitors as well, please inform your**

Buddy System

The use of the buddy system throughout camp is encouraged. If a Scout is the only one in his Troop going to a certain program area, efforts should be made to join with a Scout from another Troop.

Camp Security

All campers, leaders, and visitors must check in and out with Camp Administration (or designee). It is strongly recommended that Scouts do not leave camp. **Scouts who will be leaving camp at times that differ from their unit's departure must have the proper Camper Release Form. One is for pre-arranged absences such as baseball games, vacations, etc. The other form is for situations such as illness, homesickness, or family emergencies.**

All adult leaders and Scouts must follow the Scout Oath and Law at all times while at camp. Those individuals that cause vandalism, intimidation of others, theft, etc. will be sent home immediately or removed from the camp by the Shelby County authorities. All campers and leaders will be required to wear wristbands during their stay at camp. These will be distributed during check-in and must be worn at all times. All visitors must report to the camp office or Trading Post to be issued a temporary wristband.

Troop Leadership

Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth. If there is a substitution for the troop leader, then there should be an overlapping period of time during which both adults are in camp in order to maintain program continuity and adult supervision over the troop at all times. **All adults accompanying a Scouts BSA Troop to summer camp and are present for 3 or more nights (not necessarily consecutive), must be a registered member of the BSA and be current with their youth protection training.**

Parents & Visitors

Parents and visitors are invited to visit camp on Wednesday evenings beginning at 5:00pm. Arriving prior to 5:00pm can cause program disruptions. Parents may dine with the campers. Due to inventory restrictions, reservations are required for those parents wishing to eat with their troop on Family night. These reservations must be made at the Trading Post by leaders prior to noon on Monday.

Weather Contingencies

The weather during summer camp can be very unpredictable and can cause schedule changes or other difficulties. Every effort will be made to ensure that Scouts are able to fully participate in the camp program, even during inclement weather. If weather or other unforeseen circumstances interrupt normal program time, the camp administration will work to adjust the schedule so Scouts can complete requirements that were missed during

Mail Service

The camp has daily mail service. No mail should be sent to the Scout after Wednesday of the week he is at camp because it will not arrive on time. Incoming mail is distributed to the Scouts as soon as possible. Any mail received after a Scout has left camp will be returned to the sender. Mail should be addressed as follows:

Scout's Name
Troop #
Rhodes France Scout Reservation
815 N 500 East Rd
Pana, IL 62557

Troop Photos

Troop photos will be taken during your week of camp. Leaders wishing to purchase troop photos may do so through the Trading Post using the Troop Photo Order Form. Photos will be distributed at the end of the week.

Lost & Found

The camp's lost and found is located in the Trading Post. **Leaders are to remind Scouts to have their personal gear clearly marked with the Scout's name and Troop number.** The Greater St. Louis Area Council is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items. Items not claimed within 30 days of the close of camp will either be donated to local charities or disposed of.

Religious Services

Scouts of all faiths observe the 12th point of the Scout Law by worshipping in the manner of their choosing. Scouts will have the opportunity to attend a non-denominational worship service on Sunday night at 7:00pm in the Chapel.

Hazing & Bullying

Hazing and bullying are strictly prohibited by the Boy Scouts of America. Camp is intended to help Scouts grow. There is no room for hazing or harassment. Knowledge of any abuse should be reported to the Camp Administration immediately.

Dining Hall

Meals will be served immediately following assembly at 7:30am, 12:15pm, and 5:45pm. Scouts will sit with their troop at their assigned tables. We will ask troops to provide two Scouts to wash the tables, sweep the floor, and take care of all service items after each meal. Staff members will be eating with the troops in the dining hall, Scouts will select an assigned number of totems for their tables, and those staff members will sit with your troop. Scouts or leaders who need special diets due to medical or religious requirements will be accommodated if at all possible. Submit the Medical Statement for Food Allergies form (available on our website, stlbsa.org) for each individual at least two weeks prior to your camp stay. Depending on the severity of some food allergies, a participant's safety may not be guaranteed. Those with severe nut allergies should make the food service aware of the allergy immediately by completing the food allergy form and contacting the Camp Director at least one week prior to arriving at camp.

Bicycles

Leaders (18 and older) may bring a bicycle to use at camp. Anyone riding a bicycle must wear a helmet and must stay on the roads.

Campsites & Equipment

Campsites are located throughout camp and are provided with a water faucet, picnic table(s), fire suppression equipment, fire ring, and a latrine (some latrines are shared between sites). Troops are responsible for providing tents for all Scouts and Leaders.

Camp Staff

It is the desire of the Greater St. Louis Area Council and Rhodes France Scout Reservation to provide the best quality instructors for our camp program. The camp staff arrives one full week before camp opens to prepare for their program classes. Scouts ages 15 and above by June 7, 2020 are eligible to apply for a camp staff position.

Counselors in Training (CITs) are 14 year-old (at least) Scouts who wish to learn about staff positions at camp. Those selected to participate in the CIT program will receive room and board at no cost. Scouts interested in this program must complete a camp staff application.

Restricted Areas

Scouts and adults are restricted from the staff areas at all times. Campsites of other Troops are off-limits and should not be visited or passed through on the way to or from other areas without approval. The Firebowl is off-limits except during approved programs.

Daily Leader Meetings

Leader meetings will be held each morning at 9:15am in the Dining Hall. Any leaders in camp are encouraged to attend to stay up to date on all happenings in camp.

On Friday morning, leaders will be asked to share their opinions of their week of summer camp and have a chance to give input to members of the camp and Council management teams. As a thank you from the Greater St. Louis Area Council for the work that they do, all leaders attending will receive a special gift.

Damage to Camp Property

Rhodes France Scout Reservation reserves the right to assess appropriate fines to a unit for any equipment damaged during their stay. Fines shall be paid prior to leaving camp. Upon arrival at the campsite, adult leadership should inspect their campsite with their assigned staff member. Any existing damage should be brought to the attention of the Camp Director as soon as possible.

Song & Skit Standards

The Greater St. Louis Area Council and the Boy Scouts of America believe that Scouting is a character building organization, and that this concept should permeate our program to all levels, including skits and songs.

1. All skits, songs, and run-ons, must be screened by the unit leader and the person in charge of the event (campfire or song) prior to performance in front of a group. Campfire programs are the place where the positive example is set.
2. No toilet humor - anything that involves bodily functions, toilet paper, etc.
3. No water - where the audience, participants, or stage area gets wet.
4. No embarrassing an audience member without their prior knowledge and agreement to participate.
5. No racial put-downs, making fun of mental or physical abilities, religious groups, and others.
6. No portrayal of violent behavior.
7. Avoid anything that is not in keeping with the ideals of the BSA.
8. No performances with sexual overtones.
9. Unacceptable acts that get on stage will be removed immediately.

You may find that many traditional skits and songs that have been performed in the BSA for years and years are not acceptable under these standards. However, many of these songs and skits can be modified to meet these standards.

Pre-Camp Swim Checks (Strongly Encouraged!)

Troops have the option to complete a swim test prior to arrival at Rhodes France Scout Reservation. **By participating, you will save valuable campsite setup time.** This test must be administered by a certified BSA Lifeguard, Red Cross Lifeguard or an adult trained in BSA Aquatics Safety. A copy of their current certification must be attached to the form. The Aquatics Director may review or re-test any Scout whose skills appear to be inconsistent with his classification. More information and the form for completing these pre-camp swim checks can be found on the website.

Ice, Toilet Paper, Garbage Bags

Toilet paper, garbage bags, and bags of ice are available free of charge upon request either at the Commissary or the Trading Post. Camp needs of ice will be filled before bags are given to units.

Rhodes France Grace

Prior to all meals served at Rhodes France Scout Reservation Scouts and Scouters will recite the Rhodes France Grace. This grace has been used for several years and was written by a former staff member.

For Wind in the Trees, and Good Times by the Fire
For Food Shared With Friends, and For All of Your Care.
We Thank You Dear Father, Your Love We Will Share

Have FUN!

Shower & Restroom Facilities

Latrines are located throughout camp, in or nearby all campsites. Warm showers are available at the Shower House.

Program Areas

Rhodes France Scout Reservation has a total of seven program areas that provide services to Scouts and Leaders. The program areas are Shooting Sports (Archery, Rifle, & Shotgun), Scoutcraft, Handicraft, Nature, Lake-front, Pathfinders, & the pool. More information on each area, the merit badges offered, extra program activities, and associated costs will be located in the program section of this guide.

Trading Post

The Camp Trading Post has Scout literature, T-shirts, souvenirs, refreshments, and much more for sale. It also serves as the camp lost and found station. The following is a list of some of our available items:

- T-Shirts
- Patches (including Order of the Arrow Patches)
- Scout Knives
- Flashlights, repair kits, and other camping accessories
- Handbooks & Merit Badge Pamphlets
- Craft Kits (for Merit Badges)
- Candy, slushies, & ice cream treats

Trading Post Hours (Closed during meals, religious services & other special camp-wide programs)

Sunday 1:00pm - 7:00pm

Monday - Friday 8:00am - 8:30pm (Wednesday we will open after the Family Night Campfire)

Saturday - 7:30am - 8:30am

Administration Building

The Camp Administration Building houses the Health Office and the Camp Director and Program Director's Office. There is a meeting room with coffee available for leaders throughout the day as well as access to the internet for the leaders in camp. Male and female restrooms (adults & staff only) are available.

General Assembly (Non Emergency)

Signal: Blasts of the air horn

Procedure: This is a non-emergency signal. All Scouts, Leaders, Visitors, and Staff should assemble at the Flag Pole Assembly Area and await further information from the Camp Administration.

Emergency Assembly

Signal: Wavering up and down siren in short intervals

Procedure: When this signal is heard all Scouts, Leaders, Visitors, and Staff must proceed immediately to the Flag Pole Assembly Area and await further instructions from the Camp Administration. This signal will be used in cases such as fire emergencies, lost camper emergencies, and any other time that an emergency situation calls for the entire camp to assemble.

Inclement or Severe Weather

In case of inclement or severe weather (thunderstorms), Scouts, Leaders, Visitors, and Staff will need to take shelter in the nearest pavilion or building until the storm passes.

Tornado

Signal: Continuous wavering up and down siren

Procedure: Take cover immediately in the lowest area possible (ravine, ditch, etc...) and cover your head. An all clear will be given in the form of the Emergency Assembly signal or verbally throughout the camp. During the assembly the Camp Administration will assess the situation and give further instructions.

Other Emergency Information

Report all first aid cases to the Health Officer as soon as possible. If possible, the patient is to be brought to the Health Office. If not possible, the Health Officer needs to be notified so they can get to the patient as soon as possible.

Suspected child abuse, whether physical, mental, emotional, or sexual, must be reported to Camp Administration IMMEDIATELY. Follow all BSA Youth Protection Guidelines!

If you suspect a lost person or lost swimmer, immediately notify the Camp Administration so that proper actions can be taken.

If you suspect unauthorized persons have intruded onto camp property, immediately notify the Camp Administration so that proper actions can be taken.

By now your unit should have completed its basic plans for camp. Your camp reservation is in, and you are in the process of selecting your camp leadership. This checklist should be helpful from this point.

- _____ **Sept. - December** - Troop decides when to attend Rhodes France and submits the reservation online with the \$100 deposit. Hold a Troop Camp Promotion Meeting.
- _____ **April/May** - Complete transportation arrangements to and from camp. Be sure parents are aware of visitor policies. Full payment is due on or before April 8th to receive the discounted rate.
- _____ **May/June** - Finalize Scouts program plans. Complete merit badge registrations online.

Below is a more detailed checklist that may help you prepare for camp:

Six Months Before Departure

- _____ Leaders and committees review this camp guide.
- _____ Commitments obtained from adult leaders assisting at camp.
- _____ Final commitments for camp secured from each Scout family.
- _____ Unit leader supplies each Scout family with camp information.
- _____ Unit leader begins program planning procedure for camp.
- _____ Travel plans are started.
- _____ Equipment needs are reviewed.
- _____ Contact Scouts with financial needs who will attend camp with the troop. Provide campership form.
- _____ Talk with Webelos who will graduate into your troop about going to camp.
- _____ Check the merit badge requirements that must be completed prior to camp and help the Scouts get started.

Four Weeks Before Departure

- _____ Scribe and unit leader complete camp roster sheets.
- _____ Check to see if all medical examinations have been completed.
- _____ Unit Treasurer confirms with a Council Service Center that all fees are paid.
- _____ Check on final transportation arrangements.
- _____ Inventory troop and patrol equipment.
- _____ Inventory each Scout's advancement records.
- _____ Counsel Scouts on their personal goals for fun and achievement.
- _____ Turn in copies of all medical forms for review.

15 Days Before Departure

Prepare the following to bring to camp with you 15 days prior to leaving:

- _____ Your Scouts' and Scouters' completed medical forms for camp. This is a must. No Scout or adult can remain in camp without the appropriate medical form.
- _____ Completed merit badge registration schedule. (online)
- _____ This guidebook for reference.

Arrival Schedule

Check-in begins at 1:00pm - not before. Troops will be assigned a check-in time to arrive at camp. The assigned times help streamline the check-in process. **No Adults or Scouts may go to the campsite prior to check-in.**

- Troops will drop trailers along the drive as they arrive. Trailers will be moved to the campsites in the order of check-in times.
- Site Counselors will meet with their Troop as they arrive. A leader will proceed to the Registration Building to check-in their unit and verify which Scouts and Adults are in attendance. The Camp Director will also give the Leader a copy of their Merit Badge Schedule. Any changes can be hand written and given to the Site Counselor in the campsite.
- While the Leader is at the Registration Building, the Site Counselor will guide the Scouts to Shooting Sports for the Range Orientation. From there, they will go to their campsite.
- Medical Checks will happen at the campsites. Two staff members will meet the troop in the campsite and conduct the medical checks. Be sure to have all medical forms ready for this process.
- Site Counselors will go over complete the check-in checklist, Dining Hall Procedures, Pool Rules, Distribute Cups, collect any Merit Badge Schedule changes, and help the Troop get set-up and settled.
- Troops needing Swim Checks will report to the pool at their assigned times.

Early Arrivals

Rhodes France Scout Reservation is closed and the staff is off duty from noon Saturday to noon Sunday each week. Troops are not permitted in camp during this time. Any exception to this must be approved by the Camp Director.

Tips for a Quick Check-in

Units may choose to take the following steps to ensure a quick and simple check-in:

- Sign up for merit badges online prior to arrival.
- Ensure that the unit's health forms are accurate and in order.
- Ensure that all financial obligations for camp are met prior to arrival.
- Complete Swim Checks prior to camp using the Pre-Camp Swim Check Form.
- Be sure Scouts have their swim trunks and towels at hand for swim checks to be completed at camp.
- Have all Troop and personal gear loaded into one vehicle to help the transfer of gear to the trailer that the camp provides to move gear to the campsite. Units may also bring their own flat-bed trailer for overflow gear to be hauled to their campsite. Remember, no personal vehicles will be allowed past the parking lot.

Sunday Afternoon & Evening Program

4:30pm	Camp Tour leaves from the Friendship Circle
5:45pm	Units gather at Flagpoles for evening retreat
5:50pm	Dinner
7:00pm	Religious Services - Chapel
7:30pm	Camp Leader's Meeting in Admin. Building (SPL's should attend)
8:15pm	Units gather at Flagpoles for Opening Campfire program
11:00pm	Lights Out

Camp Check-Out Procedures

Check-Out Schedule

7:30am	Flag Ceremony
7:35am	Breakfast
Immediately Following	Site Counselor meets troop in campsite for tear-down Load troop and personal gear and clean campsite Campsite inspection completed by Site Counselor & Unit Leader Pick up any medications from the First Aid Office Pick up packet from the Administration Building* Depart Camp

*This packet includes physical examination forms (if requested), merit badge cards, summer camp patches, and any other program forms from your week at camp. Be sure to check over this packet prior to leaving camp.

Troop First Aid Kit

Lock Box

Tents

Cots

Clipboard

Propane Lanterns

Propane Stove

Cooking Utensils

Campsite Gateway

Axe, Hatchet, and Camp Saw

Rope and Twine

Dining Fly (RFSR does not supply!)

Hammer

Push Pins for Bulletin Board

Merit Badge Books

Clothespins

Duct Tape

Dutch Oven and Spices

Matches or Lighter

Troop and Patrol Flags

Hand Soap for Latrine

American Flag

Leader's Rocking Chair

This list is intended to serve as a guide. Use your discretion when packing for camp.

(Make copies for each person going to camp)

Very Important

- ___ Signed Medical Forms (Required)
- ___ Trading Post Money

Personal Gear

- ___ Pack
- ___ Class "A" Uniform
- ___ Chap stick
- ___ First Aid Kit
- ___ Sleeping Bag
- ___ Hiking Boots
- ___ Light Shoes
- ___ Flashlight
- ___ Jacket
- ___ Hat
- ___ Work Gloves
- ___ Rain Gear
- ___ Air Mat/Pad
- ___ Socks (several pairs)
- ___ Washcloth
- ___ Toothbrush
- ___ Swimsuit
- ___ Large Towels
- ___ Soap
- ___ Toothpaste
- ___ T-Shirts
- ___ Sweater
- ___ Shorts
- ___ Extra Batteries
- ___ Pencils
- ___ Note Pad
- ___ OA Sash
- ___ Merit Badge Books
- ___ Bug Spray
- ___ Scout Handbook
- ___ Shower Shoes
- ___ Pants
- ___ Underclothes
- ___ Pocketknife

Optional Items

- ___ Compass
- ___ Sewing Kit
- ___ Clothespins
- ___ Laundry Bag
- ___ Fishing Gear
- ___ Twine or Rope
- ___ Sharpening Stone
- ___ Camera
- ___ Pillow

Items to Leave at Home

- Pets
- Firearms
- Matches and Lighters
- Radios
- Tobacco
- Unlawful Drugs
- CD Players
- Electronic Games
- Weapons
- Ammunition
- Alcohol
- Sheath Knives
- Fireworks
- Toys
- Archery Equipment

This list is intended as a guide. Use your own discretion and refer to your Scout Handbook when packing for camp. Temperatures can range from 50 degrees at night to 100 degrees during the day. When packing remember that, "A Scout is prepared."

Aquatics

Pool

Rhodes France Scout Reservation operates a large, in-ground pool for campers and leaders. Swimming and Lifesaving merit badges as well as an instructional swim period are offered at the pool. Free swim periods are held each afternoon (except Sunday) during each week of camp. Scouts must sign up for a free swim period through the merit badge registration system online. Troop times will not be scheduled in 2020. Each individual Scout will select their free swim period prior to camp.

Lakefront

The lakefront area includes rowing, canoeing, stand-up paddleboards, and kayaking. A swimmer must accompany a non-swimmer in a rowboat. Only Swimmers are allowed in canoes and kayaks. Everyone using any craft on the lake must wear the appropriate PFD. No camper or leader will be allowed to use the lakefront without a swim test.

Mile Swim

Scouts who complete the mile swim will receive an emblem that they may place on their swim trunks. There are warm-up sessions held Monday-Thursday afternoon. The actual Mile Swim will be held on Friday afternoon. Times will be announced ahead of time. Scouts who are participating in the mile swim should attend each day to complete the mile swim.

Horsemanship

Rhodes France Scout Reservation has an agreement with a local riding instructor to provide the Horsemanship merit badge to Scouts attending summer camp. This is an off-site program with an additional fee of \$275.00. The class is 2 hours each day, Monday - Friday. Transportation is provided.

Scoutcraft

Scoutcraft features pioneering displays, an axe yard, rope building demonstrations, and fire building areas. The Cooking merit badge will cook and eat as a class at lunch time on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to fulfill their requirements. Participants are asked to bring a personal mess kit or equivalent items.

Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports offers rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery. All the ranges are certified in accordance to Boy Scouts of America standards. The camp furnishes .22 caliber rifles and pistols, archery equipment, and shotguns for use on the ranges. The Shooting Sports Director, in association with the Camp Director and Program Director, has the absolute authority for all the activities at the shooting sports range. NO personal firearms or bows may be used.

Open Shoot

The open shoot schedule will be posted during the week of camp. The schedule can change based upon merit badge class needs. **Cost for open shoot are as follows (tickets may be purchased at the Trading Post):**

Archery—free

Shotgun—5 shots for \$1.50

Rifle—free

Hot Shot Competition & Dead-Eye Competition

Scouts who participate at the ranges during "Open Shoots" are encouraged to turn in their targets for the Hot Shot competition. The highest score in both Archery and Rifle Shooting for the week is posted at the ranges and replaced each time a Scout bests the posted score. A plaque is given each Friday to the highest score for the week. The Dead-Eye competition is for adults in camp. The camp will provide each adult with one free open shoot ticket for rifle shooting. Additional tickets may be purchased in the Trading Post. The adult with the highest score at the end of the week will be awarded with a plaque at the closing campfire.

NRA Pistol Shoot Competition

Scouts who show advanced marksmanship skills are invited to compete in this national competition. Scouts compete for a weekly recognition including a certificate and lapel pin. After the summer camp season has ended, the final scores are forwarded to the NRA National Headquarters and a Camp Champion is announced. The shooter with the highest score for the camp season is awarded a belt buckle. Shooters are divided into two divisions for this competition, 13 and younger for the junior group and over 13 for the senior division.

Pathfinders

The Pathfinder program is Rhodes France Scout Reservation's basic skills program for first year Scouts. The Pathfinder program runs daily from 9am - 12pm and 2pm - 3pm. The program allows Scouts to actively participate in a patrol and troop environment. In addition to learning the fundamental principles of the Scouting program, participants will earn their Totin' Chip and Firem'n Chit certificates. The program is designed to help Scouts earn advancement requirements toward Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks. Pathfinders will work on a busy schedule of advancement including the First Aid and Swimming merit badges. Be sure that your Scouts bring the necessary materials or pre-requisites for these two merit badges to camp with them. The Pathfinder staff is specifically trained in the needs of first year campers. A complete report of the Scouts activities will be given to the Scoutmaster at the end of each week. This report will give a performance evaluation for each participant based on his proficiency at skills or requirements encountered in the class. The Pathfinder Program will end at 3:00pm daily to allow Scouts time to visit other program areas and participate in an open swim period. **Scouts must have a First Aid and Swimming Merit Badge Book.**

Senior Scout Program

The Senior Scout program is designed for those older scouts who want a different experience while at summer camp. Participants in this program can choose to "work" at a program area for the week they are at camp. Senior Scouts will work along side the camp staff to learn about that program area. There are requirements for each program area. These requirements can be obtained from the Program Director. Scouts wishing to participate in this program must see the Program Director on Sunday during check-in.

Adult Leader Training

Rhodes France Scout Reservation will be offering several adult leader training sessions throughout each week of summer camp. Courses could include Youth Protection Training, Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather, Scoutmaster & Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, and more.

Baden Powell Patrol Award

Patrols have the opportunity to earn the Baden Powell Patrol Award during their week at camp. This is a camp specific award, not a national award. The requirements for this award focus on Scout Spirit and participation in special events and activities at camp. Patrols wishing to earn this award can obtain the award form from the Program Director on Sunday. These forms must be returned by 5:00pm on Friday. There are several requirements including taking part in service or conservation projects. Please plan accordingly and start early in the week.

Duty to God Program

Those interested in earning the "Duty to God" patch **must** attend the Sunday evening religious service. Devotionals will be handed out at this time. Participants must read three devotionals during the week and lead grace before a meal (this can be done as a group). After completing the requirements, turn in the check-off sheet to the Camp Chaplain. The patches will be included in the troop's departure packet on Saturday.

There are four patches in the "Duty to God" series to encourage participants to exercise their faith every year they come to camp. The program is under the direction of the Camp Chaplain.

Trailblazers

Trailblazer is a classification of some merit badges offered at RFSR. The purpose of the program is to help Star and Life Scouts (ONLY) complete Eagle required merit badges in a convenient location. Each class will meet daily for an hour. Scouts must have all the Pre-requisites completed prior to camp in order to complete these badges. Trailblazers will meet in the Friendship Circle. Scouts who earn 2 Trailblazer badges during the week and volunteer in the Pathfinder area will receive a Trailblazer patch.

STEM

The STEM classes at RFSR take place in the Administration Building. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn a Scouts BSA Nova Award during the week of camp.

Whoosh! Nova Award

The class for this award will be held at 3:00pm Monday - Friday. The pre-requisites that must be completed before camp are listed in the Merit Badge section of this guide.

Other Activities

Sunday

Camp-wide Religious Service - 7:00pm at the Chapel. (Must attend to complete the Duty to God program.)
Opening Campfire - 8:15pm - Troops meet at the flag poles.

Monday

Pathfinder Ice Cream Social - 1:15pm - Activity Building
Splash-a-rama - 7:00pm - Pool

Tuesday

Order of the Arrow Ice Cream Social - 8:00pm - Activity Building
Free Night!! Sports equipment available to check out. Inter-Troop Campfires are strongly encouraged!

Wednesday (Family Night)

Parents and visitors are invited each Wednesday beginning at 5:00pm through the campfire program. Visitors are encouraged to enjoy dinner with their troop. The camp will serve dinner at a cost of \$5 per person. Wednesday night meal fees for visitors must be paid on Sunday when your troop arrives at camp. Please inform your parents early so you can collect and tabulate the total number of visitor meals needed. An exciting campfire program including the Order of the Arrow Call Out Ceremony will begin at 8:30pm in the Firebowl. All those attending should meet at the flag poles at 8:15pm. **Appropriate attire and footwear should be worn by all visitors. No pets are allowed at camp, this includes visitors.** Transportation for those unable to make the walk will be provided from the Registration Building.

Other Activities

Thursday

OA Call Out Ice Cream Social - 8:30pm - Activity Building

Camp-wide game - Scout Olympics - 7:00pm - Troops meet in front of the Admin. Building

Wilderness Survival Outpost Camp - 10:00pm - Scouts in the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge - meet at Scoutcraft

Friday

Closing Campfire - 8:15pm - Troops meet at the flag poles

Order of the Arrow

- **Anpetu-We Lodge: All elections are held prior to summer camp.** The Anpetu-We Lodge citation fee is \$25 and should be paid to the lodge prior to camp. Pre-Ordeal takes place Friday night at Anpetu-We Fall Reunion weekend in September.
- **Shawnee Lodge: Elections are held on Wednesday morning in the campsite.** The Shawnee Lodge citation fee is \$30 and must be paid in the camp office prior to the Callout ceremony. Pre-Ordeal takes place in August at Beaumont Scout Reservation.
- **Nisha Kattan Lodge: Elections are held on Wednesday morning in the campsite.** Units may also conduct their elections prior to camp ([Chttp://nishakattan.org/index.php/programs/unit-elections](http://nishakattan.org/index.php/programs/unit-elections)). Candidates will pay their fees when registering for their Fall or Spring Ordeal event. Candidates will complete their Pre-Ordeal ceremony at the Fall or Spring event as well.
- **Woapink Lodge: Elections are held prior to summer camp.** Candidates will pay their fees when registering for their August Induction Weekend or Spring Fellowship event. Candidates will complete their Pre-Ordeal ceremony at the August Induction Weekend or Spring Fellowship event as well.

This listing is intended to help you prepare your Scouts for merit badge work they plan to do while at summer camp. All the merit badges offered this year are listed here. There are several merit badges that require extensive work and cannot be completed at camp. Scouts can either fulfill those requirements prior to coming to camp, in which case they will complete the merit badge, or they may elect to partially complete the merit badge and finish the work sometime in the future. **Scouts are expected to have in their possession and have read the current merit badge books for the badges they plan on completing while at camp.**

The program areas are open until 5:00pm so the staff will be in their areas ready and willing to work with the Scouts. If you have a Scout who would like to work on a badge not listed in this section, or who has a conflict with the schedule, please see the Program Director. Every effort will be made to accommodate the Scout.

While every attempt has been made to make this listing as accurate as possible, mistakes are unavoidable. Please try to complete all necessary preparatory work in advance of camp. Camp time is for practical applications and demonstrating skill proficiency. Carefully reading merit badge books prior to attending camp will lessen confusion and disappointment. Do not expect counselors, staff, or Scoutmasters to sign off on badges that were not truly earned.

Online Merit Badge Registration

This year Rhodes France Scout Reservation will be using the stlbsa.org website for our online merit badge registration. Once a Scout's fees are 100% paid they can sign up for classes. This pre-registration will help to speed up the check-in process at camp as well as solve the problem of classes filling up and Scouts having to make last minute changes at camp.

Additional Merit Badge Fees

Some merit badges may require craft kits or other items to be purchased in the Camp Trading post. The list below will give an estimated cost for these items.

Merit Badge	Item	Estimated Cost
Space Exploration	Rocket Kit	\$15
Leatherwork	Leather Kits	\$5 - \$20
Indian Lore	Indian Lore Kit	\$20

	Activities Building	Handicraft	Lakefront	Nature	Pathfinders	Pool	Scoutcraft	Shooting Sports	STEM	Trailblazers
9:00a		Woodcarving	Rowing	Fishing Plant Science	Pathfinders: 4 period program. Will include First Aid & Swimming	Swimming	Signs, Signals & Codes Wilderness Survival	Archery Shotgun	Space Exploration	Communication *
9:30a										
10:00a	First Aid	Leatherwork	Kayaking	Fishing Weather	Lifesaving	Lifesaving	Camping	Archery Pistol (10a-11:30a)	Game Design	Personal Fitness *
10:30a										
11:00a	Emergency Preparedness	Textiles	Kayaking	Environmental Science Forestry	Swimming	Swimming	Cooking	Archery	Archeology	Citizenship in the Nation *
11:30a										
12:15p	Gather at Flags for Lunch									
2:00p	First Aid	Indian Lore	Canoeing	Environmental Science Insect Study	Pathfinders	Instructional Swim	Pioneering	Archery Rifle	Chemistry	Citizenship in the World *
2:30p										
3:00p		Fingerprinting (Mon & Tues) Pulp & Paper (Wed-Fri)	Open Boating: Kayaks Canoes Rowboats Paddleboards		3 Open Swim Sessions Sign Up When Registering For Classes	3 Open Swim Sessions Sign Up When Registering For Classes	Whoosh! NOVA Award	Open Shoot per Posted Schedule		
3:30p										
4:00p					Exploration	Exploration				
4:30p										

- Archeology** Location: Administration Building
Times Offered: 11:00am
Pre-requisites: 4a, 4b, 5a, 5b, 7, 10
- Archery** Location: Archery Range
Times Offered: 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am & 2:00pm
Pre-requisites: 1a, 1b, 1c
Notes: No personal archery equipment allowed. Limit of 16 Scouts per class.
- Camping** Location: Scoutcraft
Times Offered: 10:00am
Pre-requisites: 4a, 4b, 5e, 8d, 9 (Verification from Unit Leader for #9)
Notes: Scouts should have 20 days and nights of camping before taking this badge.
- Canoeing** Location: Lakefront
Times Offered: 2:00pm
Pre-requisites: Completion of the BSA Swim Test, bring water shoes.
Notes: Limited to 16 Scouts per class.
- Chemistry** Location: Administration Building
Times Offered: 2:00pm
Pre-requisites: 5, 6(all), 7b
- Citizenship in the Nation** Location: Trailblazer Area
Times offered: 11:00am
Pre-requisites: 2, 3, 6, 8 (**STAR & LIFE SCOUTS ONLY**)
Notes: Pre-requisites **must** be completed before camp. This is required so that the scouts complete the merit badge in the allotted time at camp.
- Citizenship in the World** Location: Trailblazer Area
Times offered: 2:00pm
Pre-requisites: 4b, 4c, 7 (**STAR & LIFE SCOUTS ONLY**)
Pre-requisites **must** be completed before camp.
- Communication** Location: Trailblazer Area
Times Offered: 9:00am
Pre-requisites: 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 (**STAR & LIFE SCOUTS ONLY**)
Notes: Scouts need to complete the extensive pre-work before camp. Scouts should be ready to show counselor completed materials on the first day of class.
- Cooking** Location: Scoutcraft
Times Offered: 11:00am (Wed. - Fri. 11:00am - 2:00pm including lunchtime)
Pre-requisites: 4(all), 7
Notes: Scouts must bring a mess kit or equivalent. Scouts will prepare two dinners and

Environmental Science

Location: Nature
Times Offered: 11:00am, 2:00pm
Pre-requisites: 1, 2, 3e, 4, 6
Notes: Scouts should be prepared to discuss their report from requirement 3e in class.
Pre-requisite 4 requires the study of 2 DIFFERENT outdoor areas.

Exploration

Location: Scoutcraft
Times Offered: 4:00pm
Pre-requisites: 4, 9
Notes: Scouts will plan and take an expedition in camp during their week. It will not be overnight.

Fingerprinting

Location: Handicraft
Times Offered: 3:00pm Monday - Tuesday
Pre-requisites: None

First Aid

Location: Activity Building
Times Offered: 10:00am, 2:00pm (Pathfinders will be placed in these classes also)
Pre-requisites: 5
Notes: Scouts do not have to be in the Pathfinder Program to participate.

Fishing

Location: Nature
Times Offered: 9:00am, 10:00am
Pre-requisites: 1, 7
Notes: Be prepared to tie the knots in requirement 4. Requirement 9 can be completed prior to camp but the Scout must have a letter stating completion from his/her Scoutmaster.

Forestry

Location: Nature
Times Offered: 11:00am
Pre-requisites: 1, 5, 8
Notes: Scouts will need to bring their collections for requirement #1 to camp.

Game Design

Location: Administration Building
Times Offered: 10:00am
Pre-requisites: 5

Horsemanship

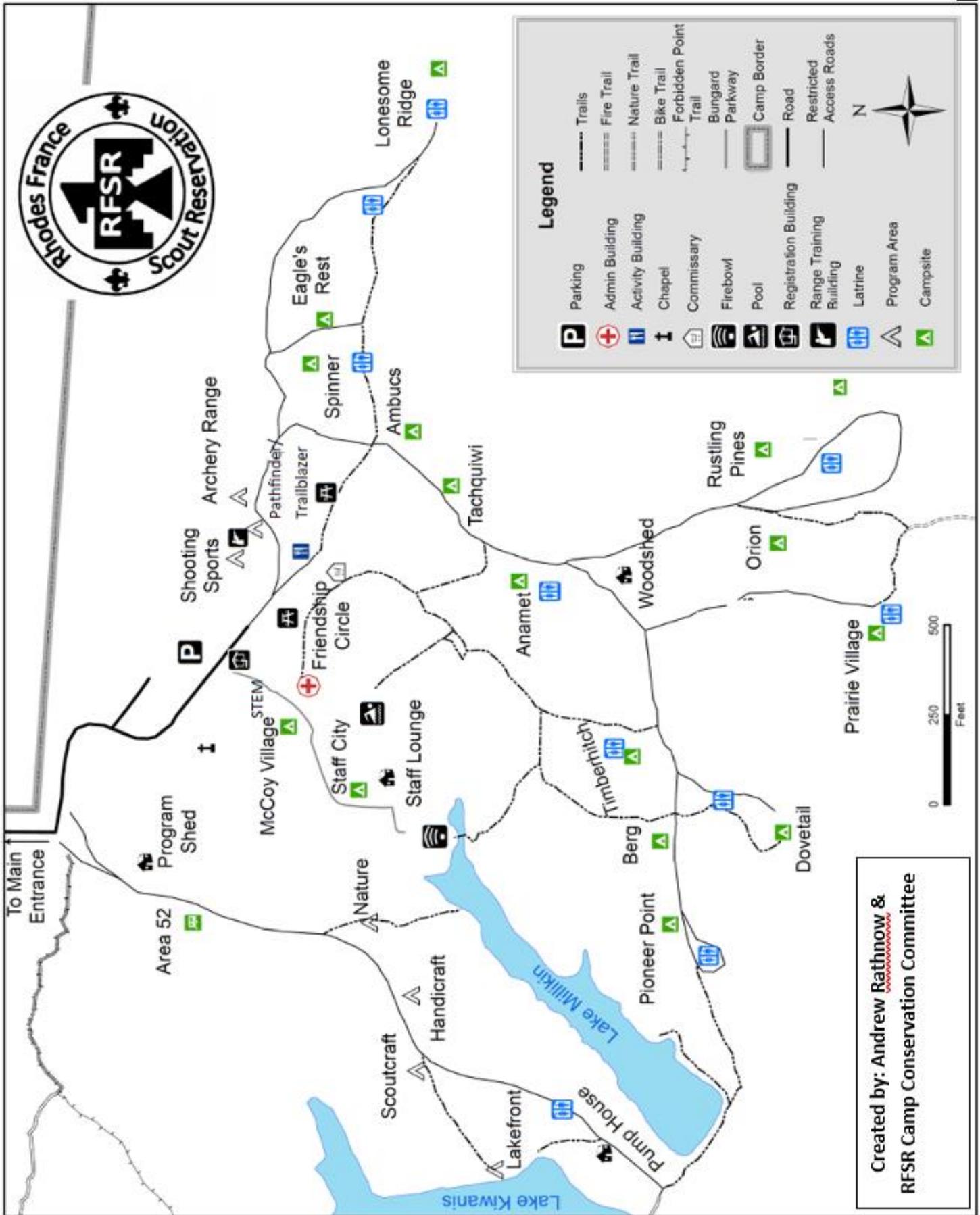
Location: Off-site at Horse Heaven Farm (Transportation provided)
Times Offered: 9:00am - 10:50am (2 hour class)
Pre-requisite: None
Notes: Additional fee of \$275.00 to participate. Scouts should bring appropriate footwear (boots). Limited to 10 Scouts per class.

Indian Lore

Location: Handicraft

- Insect Study** Location: Nature
Times Offered: 2:00pm
Pre-requisites: 5, 9, 10, 13
Notes: For requirement 9, some common insects like flies or beetles have shorter life cycles. Bring pictures to show your counselor.
- Kayaking** Location: Lakefront
Times Offered: 10:00am, 11:00am
Pre-requisites: Completion of the BSA Swim Test, bring water shoes
Notes: Limited to 10 Scouts per class
- Leatherwork** Location: Handicraft
Times Offered: 10:00am
Pre-requisites: 5
Notes: Leatherworking kits will be available for purchase in the Trading Post. (Estimated Cost - \$5 - \$20)
- Lifesaving** Location: Pool
Times Offered: 10:00am
Pre-requisites: Completion of the BSA Swim Test
Notes: Recommended for Scouts who are First Class rank or higher.
- Personal Fitness** Location: Trailblazer Area
Times offered: 10:00am
Pre-requisites 1, 6, 7, 8, 9 **(STAR & LIFE SCOUTS ONLY)**
Notes: **If Pre-requisites aren't completed before camp, Scout should NOT enroll.**
- Pioneering** Location: Scoutcraft
Times Offered: 2:00pm (Hour and a half class, ends at 3:30pm)
Pre-requisites: None
- Pistol Safety and Marksmanship** Location: Rifle Range
Times offered: 10:00am (Hour and a half class, ends at 11:30am)
Pre-requisites: Scouts must be 14 years old or 13 years old and out of the 8th grade. There is absolutely no exception to this standard. A signed parental waiver sheet is required. There is a \$14 fee to purchase the handbook. Limit of 16 Scouts per class.
- Plant Science** Location: Nature
Times offered: 9:00am
Pre-requisites: 1, 5, 6, 7
- Pulp & Paper** Location: Handicraft
Times Offered: 3:00 Wednesday - Friday
Pre-requisites: 6, 7, 8

- Rowing** Location: Lakefront
Times Offered: 9:00am
Pre-requisites: Completion of the BSA Swim Test, bring water shoes
Notes: Limit of 12 Scouts per class.
- Shotgun Shooting** Location: Shotgun Range
Times Offered: 9:00am
Pre-requisites: 1, 2b (Option A) (do not print out laws, list 3 each on 1d & 1f)
Notes: Recommended for third year Scouts or higher. Limit of 14 Scouts per class.
- Signs, Signals, & Codes** Location: Scoutcraft
Times Offered: 9:00am
Pre-requisites: 7
Notes: None
- Space Exploration** Location: STEM
Times Offered: 9:00am
Pre-requisites: 2, 5, 7, 8
Notes: Rocket kit must be purchased in the Trading Post (Estimated Cost - \$15).
- Swimming** Location: Pool
Times Offered: 9:00am, 11:00am (Pathfinders are automatically placed in one of these classes)
Pre-requisites: None
Notes: Scouts do not have to be in the Pathfinder Program to participate.
- Textiles** Location: Handicraft
Times Offered: 11:00am
Pre-requisites: None
- Weather** Location: Nature
Times Offered: 10:00am
Pre-requisites: 6, 9a, 10, 11
- Whoosh Nova Award** Location: Administration Building
Times Offered: 3:00pm
Pre-requisites: 1, 4
Notes: Maximum of 15 Scouts
- Wilderness Survival** Location: Scoutcraft
Times Offered: 9:00am
Pre-requisites: 5
Notes: Scouts will improvise a natural shelter and campout on Thursday night. Scouts should bring their survival kits for requirement 5 to camp to show the Counselor.



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While at camp this summer, your troop will have the opportunity to reserve the same week and campsite for 2021. Units can do this on while in camp at the camp office by completing the required form and paying a \$100 non-refundable deposit. Troops may only reserve the same campsite and week. Remaining campsites and weeks will open for reservations on September 14, 2020. Please note that “week” refers to the number week of the summer (e.g. 1st, 2nd, etc.), and not necessarily the same exact dates. Make sure to ask your camp director about registering at camp!

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