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Rainbow Council Family Camp Guide



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Family Camp Summary

Cub Scout Family Camp is an opportunity for the whole family to spend a weekend at Rainbow Scout Reservation enjoying a great program, delicious food, the great outdoors, scouting fellowship, and quality family time.

Cub Scout Family Camp is open to all Cub Scouts, their moms, dads, sisters, brothers, and even grandparents! The program is designed for Cub Scouts involving the whole family.



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Introduction

Mission Statement

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

In order to make this possible, we recruit only the best volunteer 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 RSR

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 737-acre preserve located in Grundy County approximately 60 miles southwest of Chicago and 25 miles southwest of Joliet. The Rainbow Council Service Center is also located on the reservation. The camp has been in service since 1968 and contains a variety of terrain, including prairie remnants, lakes, wooded river bottoms, soft and hard woods, and rugged topography.

Important Contacts

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| Emergency 911 | | |

Who is Family Camp For?

| Program | Suggested Age Range | Description |
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| Scouting is a Family Affair. Moms, dads, brothers, sisters, and even grandma and grandpa. We encourage the whole family to participate! RSR Camp can be an enjoyable experience when everyone participates in the activities that the volunteer staff provides. | 0 to 99 - As long as you can make your way around camp you can enjoy the features and activities that our Council camp has to offer. | Family Camp is designed for the entire family to participate in and enjoy. This camping experience not only gives new scouting families an opportunity to get familiar with our world class BSA Scout camp, but to get a real feel for what our Rainbow Council has to offer its youth. In addition, families keep coming back year after year, increasing by their numbers to take part in what families feel is a "Great scouting experience for the family to share with their scouts!" |

Program Activities

What does our program have in store for you?



Shooting Sports

- Archery
- BB's
- Discipline



Scoutcrafts

- Create
- Build
- Design



Camp

- Relaxation/ Recreation
- Camp Fires
- Skits and Songs



Games

- Kick Ball
- Gaga Ball
- Bags

Explore what Scouting is...

Dietary Needs

Scouts, unit leaders, and family members that have special dietary requirements need to be communicated to the Family Camp Event Team. This information needs to be communicated to camp on arrival. We will do our best to accommodate your special needs but will have limited opportunity for meal and menu adjustment.

Identify Your Unit Leader

In the interest of a smooth and efficient Family Camp experience for all, we recommend that each unit identify one leader from your group to assist in providing direction and leadership to your unit members. Many participants will be experiencing RSR Camp for the very first time and we want everyone to enjoy their time sharing in the experience together. Your help and leadership will ensure the prospect of a memorable and enjoyable experience for all.

Health Office

NOTE: Bring a completed medical form for every person attending.

RSR has a first aid building/medical office with supplies; available at all times to provide first aid services to any camper, visitor, or staff member. Designated persons will be available to attend to emergency needs if they arise. 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. The trading post will be open Friday evening as well as from 11am to 3pm on Saturday.



RSR Guidelines

Emergency Plans

RSR places the utmost importance on maintaining the safety and security of our campers, unit leaders, visitors, and staff. While enjoying the outdoors and the features of our wonderful camp, there are a variety of situations that come up unexpectedly. 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 Unit Leaders must take a head count and report to RSR Family Camp staff. Follow all instructions given by RSR Family Camp staff promptly.

RSR Camp Visits

Parents and family members are always welcome at RSR. In order to maintain proper safety protocols, ALL visitors are required to sign in and sign out at the Medical Office (Building directly in front of and across from the Trading Post). RSR is proud to invite parents and families that are not camping with us to come out on Saturday to visit their Scouts and families, check out RSR, and stay for the closing campfire ceremony. While meals are available for purchase over the summer during Resident Camps, this will not be available to visitors during Family Camp.

RSR Rules and Regulations

Please review the following rules regarding unit leaders, campers, and visitors to RSR:

- Alcoholic Beverages and Illicit Materials:** Possession of these on camp property is strictly prohibited and violators are subject to removal from camp property. In addition, local law enforcement authorities will be notified, if necessary.
- 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 not allowed. ***(Let the scouts focus on the fun while the parents, grandparents, and or guardians take the pictures and capture the moments)***
- Clothing and Shoes:** Appropriate clothing must be worn at all times by youth and adults. Open toe shoes/sandals are not allowed anywhere on RSR property. In addition, clothing with any references to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or any other non-Scouting-related clothing deemed inappropriate may not be worn.
- 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. ***(Exceptions are made for special situations. Please see a Family Camp Coordinator for more information)***
- Firearms Restriction:** In compliance with Boy Scouts of America National Standards, the use or possession of firearms or ammunition is strictly prohibited. Law enforcement officials required to carry duty weapons must present written notice from agency stating that carrying a weapon at all times is mandatory.
- 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.
- Generators:** The use of gas generators in campsites is prohibited
- Pets:** No pets are allowed on camp property.
- Tobacco:** Rainbow Scout Reservation has established a policy restricting smoking to a designated area that is away from campers and youth. Please do not smoke anywhere other than the designated area.
- Tour Permits:** Any troop traveling over 50 miles and outside their council borders should file a tour permit. The camp will sign the permit at check-in.
- Vehicles in camp:** During check in, units are allowed one vehicle to tow any troop trailer to their campsite. By 6PM 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.

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 9/16/2016 at 5:30pm
- Check in at Training Center (off of the main parking lot, see map on page 9)
- Turn in your individual medical forms for each participant (Extra blank medical forms will be available at check in)
- Review Emergency Plan and Program Info
- Set up camp
- Arrive at the Dining Hall at 7:30pm for a tour of Rainbow Scout Reservation.
- Join the campers at the Dining Hall at 8:00pm for popcorn and a movie

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. If you have questions about this document, please contact the camp director or council service center.

Medications will NOT be stored. Please make arrangements to facilitate storage of your own medications and take proper precautions to keep them safe and locked up so that no inappropriate access is granted to these items.

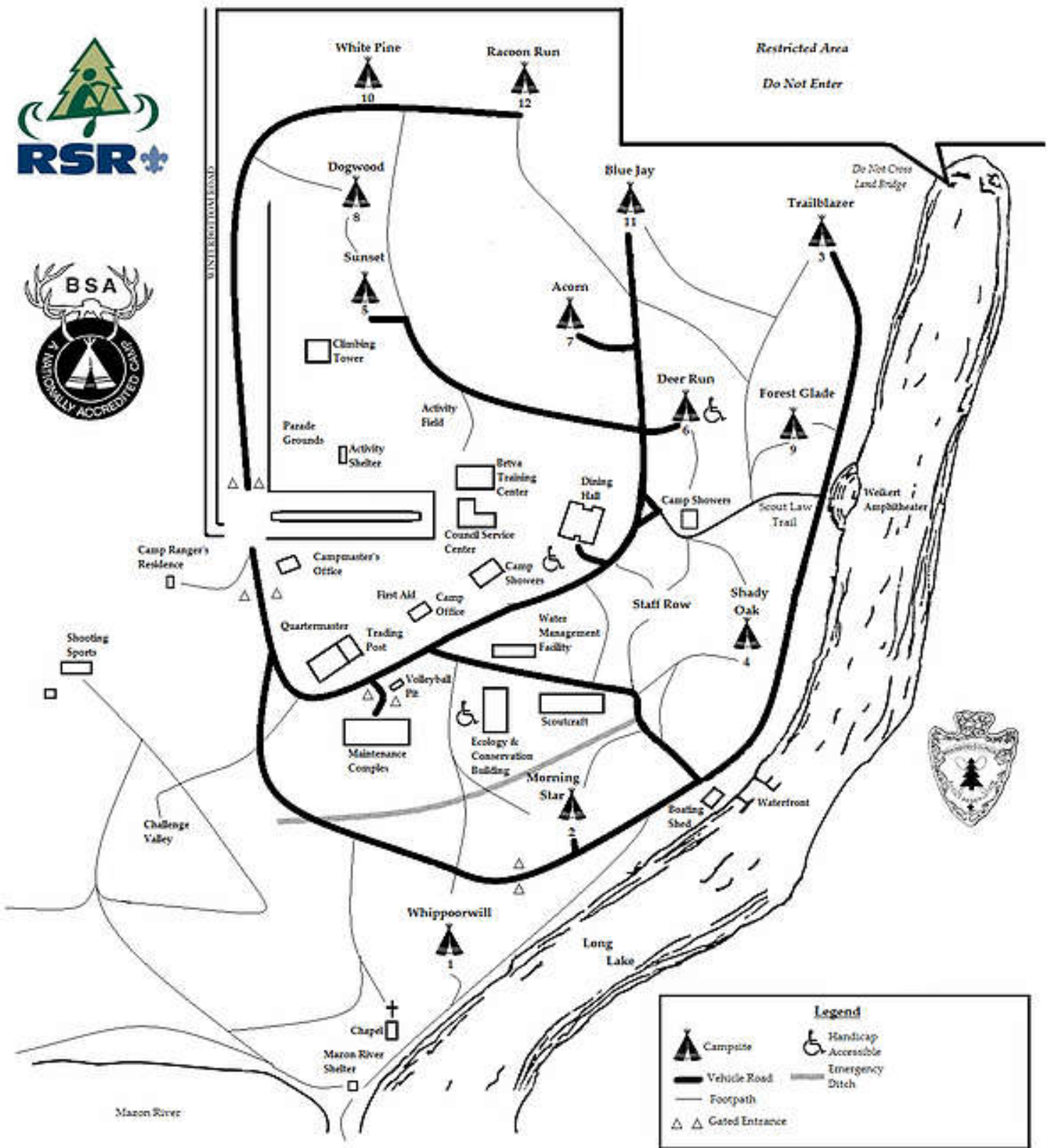
Check Out

Sunday morning 9/17/2017 after breakfast, your units are free to break down camp and head home. No formal check out is required at this point. We ask that unit leaders ensure that the "Leave No Trace" policy is practiced before your unit vacates the camp sites. There is limited staff for Family Camp and many hands make light work.

Early Release

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

For the Scout's safety, unit leaders and a second leader or adult (as specified in the Guide to Safe Scouting) must escort the Scout to the Medical 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.



What to Bring?

While these items are not required, they are highly recommended to make for an enjoyable and comfortable camping experience.

- ❖ Tent
- ❖ Ground Tarp
- ❖ Mallet for tent stakes
- ❖ Sleeping bags
- ❖ Flash lights
- ❖ Extra shoes
- ❖ Rain gear
- ❖ Unit First Aid kits
- ❖ Lawn chairs (especially during movie night)
- ❖ Water bottles
- ❖ Class A Uniforms for Flag Ceremonies
- ❖ Bug repellent
- ❖ Extra roll of toilet paper
- ❖ Hand soap for the camp site sinks (if you like using soap when you wash)
- ❖ We recommend each unit bring some snacks to hold your own unit cracker barrels in camp after the camp fire on Saturday. (Keep it locked up away from critters)
- ❖ Extra blanket
- ❖ Sweatshirt or jacket for the evenings
- ❖ Fishing Gear

One Last Thing!!!

We encourage each unit to bring a song and or skit to participate in Saturday Nights Camp Fire. The more involvement we have the better the Camp Fire will be. Let us know at Check In if your unit would like to participate.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there!