Welcome to Rotary Scout Reservation, a 1,300 acre wilderness adventure area in Upstate New York. RSR is owned and operated by the Twin Rivers Council, BSA, and offers six weeks of Scouts BSA summer camp programs.

The experienced staff members at Rotary Scout Reservation are trained to provide the most exciting, high quality outdoor program for Scouts. Highlights include:

• Climbing and Rappelling  
• Sailing and Canoeing  
• Kayaking  
• Shotgun and Rifle Shooting  
• Project COPE high ropes course  
• Wilderness Survival, Geocaching and Scoutcraft skills  
• Handicrafts  
• Archery  
• Ecology and Conservation

This guide is offered to provide the basic information you need to help plan your summer camp experience. For additional resources, and for all of the latest information on Rotary Scout Reservation, please visit our website at www.rsrbsa.org.
Camp Maps

I attended Summer Camp at Rotary Scout Reservation Twin Rivers Council

Full size versions are available online at www.rsrbsa.org.
Planning for Summer Camp

Twin Rivers Council Loyalty Unit Program

Eligible units are able to lock in last year’s camp fees for this year with the Twin Rivers Council Loyalty Unit Program. Any troop that attended summer camp in the Twin Rivers Council last year may become eligible by paying the campsite deposit of $250 by November 1st. A $100 deposit for each Scout attending camp is due by March 15th, with the full balance to be paid by May 1st. Camp fees for Webelos crossovers and new Scouts may be paid at the program rate until June 15th.

Summer Camp Fees 2019

Please note that camp fee is ALL INCLUSIVE and includes the cost of all program materials. Regular fee applies when paid in full by May 1st. Webelos Crossovers and new Scouts may pay the Regular Fee until June 15th.

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SECOND WEEK DISCOUNTED FEE
A Scout will be eligible for a reduced second week fee of $250 at Rotary Scout Reservation if he has already paid for one week of summer camp at RSR or Camp Wakpominee in the same year.

ADULT LEADER FEES
It is the policy of the BSA that a minimum of two adult leaders provide supervision for each unit and that there be one adult for every eight boys. At RSR, these required adult leaders are FREE. In order to keep costs as low as possible for the Scouts, RSR charges an Adult Leader Fee for each leader beyond the required ratio for unit supervision. Please use the following chart to determine the Adult Leader Fee for your unit:

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Provisional Camping

A scout who is unable to go to camp with his own troop or wishes to go to camp for a second week without his unit may attend as a provisional camper. Typically, provisional campers are placed with carefully selected existing troops and would function as a member of that troop for the week. In some cases, a larger number of provisional campers will be formed into a separate troop for the week, with qualified leadership provided by the camp staff. The fee is the same for a provisional camper, though a camper who returns for an additional week of camp as a provisional would benefit from the Second Week Discount rate.

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**Adult Leader Registration**

All adults (age 18+) accompanying a troop or crew to summer camp must have a current certification in BSA Youth Protection training and be cleared **prior to camp** by the New York State Sex Offender Registry.

All adults accompanying a troop or crew to summer camp for more than 72 hours total (not necessarily consecutive) must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America, including completion of the criminal background check and current Youth Protection Training.

Units will be asked to submit names and registration/training status of all adult leaders prior to June 1st. Leaders will be verified upon arrival at camp and will not be permitted to accompany the troop if they do not meet these standards. This policy does not apply to short term visitors such as those attending the Family Night BBQ.

**Summer Camp Planning Timeline**

**BEFORE LEAVING CAMP:** Get a jump on next year by selecting your preferred week and campsite. See the Camp Director or Program Director to place a reservation. A deposit of $250 is required to hold your unit’s spot. Please note: Due to the varied capacities of different sites, and changing troop sizes, it may on occasion become necessary to move a troop from its preferred campsite. This may be necessary to better accommodate all Scouts in camp.

**NOVEMBER 1:** Deadline for returning units to register for the TRC Loyalty Unit program.

**WINTER:** Start talking up summer camp, informing families, and recruiting leadership!

**MARCH 15:** Deadline for payment of $100 camper deposits.

**APRIL 1:** Campership application deadline for Twin Rivers Council units. Parents of the Scout and unit leaders will be informed about any camperships awarded prior to camp payment deadline.

**MAY 1:** Balance of camper payments due. Scouts not fully paid by May 1st lose the benefit of the Loyalty Unit discount.

**SPRING:** Conduct a pre-camp troop meeting for Scouts and parents to review program options, provide information about summer camp and answer questions.

Senior camp staff members may be available to visit to help promote camp and answer questions. Contact the Camp Director (campdirector@rsrbsa.org) to arrange a visit.

The RSR Program Schedule and all medical forms should be given to Scouts ahead of time so they can review them before the meeting. Establish a deadline before camp for the collection of medical forms.

**JUNE 1:** Deadline for units to submit BSA registration, Youth Protection training, and background check information for any leaders who may accompany the troop to camp.

**JUNE 15:** Registration deadline under the Loyalty Unit program for new Scouts and Webelos Crossovers.
Twin Rivers Council Refund Policy

Months before camp opens extensive planning, purchasing, and staff contractual agreements are all set in place, among other things. Due to these types of commitments, it is not practical to give full refunds. All refunds will be assessed a minimum of $100.00 for fixed costs already incurred. Refunds will be considered for the following cases only: (NO EXCEPTIONS)

SUMMER SCHOOL: Documentation from the school must be provided with the request in writing, and MUST be submitted no later than July 1st. Scouts should be encouraged to attend camp in a later week.

MEDICAL: Documentation from the Physician must be provided with the request in writing, and MUST be submitted at least one week prior to the Scout’s scheduled arrival at camp.

DEATH IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY: A letter with the refund request in writing from the parent/guardian.

NON-QUALIFYING REFUND REQUESTS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: Sports (of all kinds), vacation, homesickness, failure to show, Scout changes their mind, travel events, etc.

All requests must be in writing and include the required documentation. Please advise whether check should be made out to the Family or the Unit.

A camper removed from camp for discipline reasons forfeits all fees.

Checks will be issued after September 15th
Camp Opening & Closing Schedule

Sunday

12:30 PM  Units may begin gathering in Parking Lot
  • Please do not arrive before 12:30 PM
  • Troops remain in parking lot until escorted to campsite by Staff Guide

1:00 PM  Camp Opens and Check in Begins
  • Staff Guide greets troop in Parking Lot
  • Scoutmaster brings roster to the Administration Building for check-in
  • Scouts and additional leaders are led to the campsite by the Guide
  • Health Forms should be carried to the campsite (not the office)
  • SPL, Staff Guide, and adult leader inspect campsite
  • Scouts begin settling in and change into swimsuits
  • Guide escorts troop to designated location for medical re-check
  • Scouts and leaders proceed to waterfront for swim test
  • Camp Health & Safety Tour begins with Staff Guide, Scouts, and leaders

4:30 PM  Merit Badge Registration at Seneca Lodge Porch
5:45 PM  Waiters Report to Dining Hall to set up for dinner
6:00 PM  Dining Hall Orientation & Dinner
6:45 PM  Evening Retreat at Parade Field
7:00 PM  Scoutmaster Orientation at Grizz Pavilion
8:30 PM  Opening Campfire at Baden-Powell Campfire Area

Saturday

7:50 AM  Flag Raising at Parade Field
8:00 AM  Breakfast
8:30 AM  Closing Ceremonies (parents welcome)
9:30 AM  Closing Campsite Inspections & Camp Dismissed

Camp Health & Safety Tour

On Sunday afternoon, all Scouts in camp will be guided on a tour of RSR by our Staff Guides. This tour is mandated for all Scouts by the New York State Department of Health.

Each member of your troop, along with at least 2 adult leaders, will visit all program areas in the camp and stop at the waterfront for swim tests. Scouts will be returned to the campsite before merit badge registration.

Any portion of the tour not completed in the afternoon will be finished after dinner. At this time at least one adult leader is expected to accompany the troop on the tour while the one leader attends the Scoutmaster Orientation.
Enjoying Your Stay at RSR

The Campsite

ACCOMMODATIONS: Each campsite is equipped with 2 person platform wall tents with cots. Some sites also feature a small number of 4 person lean-tos. Each site features a latrine with running water, picnic tables, a 19’ x 20’ pavilion, dining flies, a fire ring, a flagpole, and buddy board.

YOUTH PROTECTION: Units are required to follow all BSA youth protection policies, including separate accommodations for unmarried males and females and youth accommodations that do not place together Scouts of different genders or those more than two years apart in age. No youth may stay in a tent or lean-to with an adult other than his or her parent or guardian.

TRASH: For your convenience, RSR offers trash pick up at each campsite nightly Monday through Friday. Please place trash outside the site along the road before dinner each evening. Troops are asked to remove their own trash on Saturday morning after policing the site.

COMMISSIONER SERVICE: A valuable resource for any troop at camp is the friendly Commissioner. RSR's Commissioners are veteran Scouters who are there to assist your troop and to help you take full advantage of all that RSR has to offer. Commissioners will also conduct a daily campsite visitation. The unit that earns the top score each day will have the honor of lowering the colors at retreat.

STOVES AND LANTERNS: Liquid fuel stoves and lanterns may be used in camp under adult supervision. Propane stoves may be used in open areas with adult supervision. Liquid fuel MUST be stored in approved containers and kept in appropriate storage areas.

PERSONAL VEHICLES: Personal vehicles may not be used on camp roads beyond the parking lot without permission from the Camp Director or Ranger. All drivers must be licensed and 21 years of age or older. For safety reasons, and to prevent wear and tear, vehicles are not permitted in campsites at any time. Authorized vehicles and trailers MUST be kept in the driveway outside of the campsite. The posted speed limit of 10 MPH must be followed and at no time are riders permitted in the cargo areas of trucks and SUVs, or on attached trailers.

CELL PHONES: While the camp does not prohibit the use of cell phones by Scouts, we do support units that adopt such a policy while at camp. The use of cell phones and other electronic devices can distract a Scout from the numerous outdoor program available at camp. The use of cell phones by Scouts may also encourage homesickness and allows a Scout to circumvent the responsible unit and camp leadership when upset or in need of assistance.
Enjoying Your Stay at RSR

Camp Services

SHOWERS: Hot showers are located near the dining hall, featuring 12 individual stalls.

LAUNDRY: A washer and dryer are available for use in the Administration Building.

TRADING POST: The Trading Post is the spot to purchase snacks, souvenirs, and camp apparel. Also available are toiletries, stationary, and other items that may have been left at home.

QUARTERMASTER: The Quartermaster maintains a supply of equipment available to be checked out for patrol cooking, cutting wood, and camp improvement projects. Also available are toilet paper and latrine cleaning supplies. The Quartermaster is staffed by the Trading Post staff and is available and is open anytime the store is open. For after hours assistance, please see the staff in the Administration Building.

LOST AND FOUND: The camp Lost and Found is located in the camp office.

HEALTH LODGE: Qualified medical staffing is provided by an on-site EMT at all times. All injuries and illnesses in camp must be reported to the medical officer. Failure to do so may invalidate insurance claims. A doctor is on-call and emergency medical care is provided by Empire Ambulance and Samaritan Hospital in Troy.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES: A non-denominational “Scouts’ Own” chapel service is conducted at 5:15 PM on Tuesday afternoon. No other program in camp is offered at that time.

WIFI: Free high speed wireless internet service is available at the Administration Building, Dining Hall, and Seneca Lodge for use by adult leaders and staff. The password may be obtained from the camp administration and should not be shared with campers to avoid overtaxing the system.

COMPUTERS: Two desktop computers are available in the Administration Building for use by leaders and Scouts who need to complete merit badge related research.

TROOP PHOTOS: Troop photos will be taken on Monday after dinner. Every Scout and leader will have the opportunity to purchase a printed 8” x 10” photo for $7.00. Photos will be delivered before the end of your week at camp.

MAIL DELIVERY: USPS mail deliveries are received Monday through Saturday. Each campsite has a mailbox in the camp office that should be checked on a daily basis by an adult leader for mail and messages.

MERIT BADGE BOOKS: RSR loans merit badge books to Scouts free of charge as part of a lending library.
Food Service

The RSR Dining Hall

Rotary Scout Reservation is pleased to partner with professional chefs to provide a high quality dining experience. Dining Hall meals are served buffet style and the menu provides a range of tasty and nutritious options.

Accommodations can be made for those with special dietary needs. Please notify the camp director prior to your arrival and he will put you in direct contact with the head chef to discuss your child’s dietary needs.

The complete “Class A” Scouts BSA or Venturing uniform is the appropriate dress for dinner in the dining hall. Program activities at meals will be led by the dining hall steward and staff.

DINING HALL MEAL TIMES
Breakfast 8:00 AM
Lunch  12:30 PM
Dinner  6:00 PM

Patrol Cooking

Rotary Scout Reservation encourages all troops to prepare some meals in their campsite. A troop or patrol, with proper adult supervision in site, may opt to cook out using our commissary service. The commissary staff will, with proper notice, prepare ingredients for meals that will be delivered to the campsite for cooking.

Each troop will be provided a menu of meal options to choose from for patrol cooking. We encourage you to discuss with your Scouts which meals would be most appropriate for them to cook in site, taking into consideration factors such as experience and time.

PATROL COOKING FOOD DELIVERY TIMES
Breakfast  7:00 AM
Lunch  12:00 PM
Dinner  4:30 PM

Visitor Meals

All visitors are required to sign in at the Administration Building upon arrival at camp. Visitors who wish to join the Scouts for a meal (either in the Dining Hall or campsite) may purchase a meal ticket at that time. When possible unit leaders are asked to advise the camp director or head chef ahead of time when guests are expected so that food prep may be adjusted.

VISITOR MEAL PRICES
Breakfast $5.00
Lunch    $5.00
Dinner   $8.00

FAMILY NIGHT BBQ PRICES
Adult (Age 12 & up) $10.00
Child (Age 11 & under) $5.00
Health & Safety Information

The health and safety of all visitors to Rotary Scout Reservation is always a top priority. The camp is staffed with an EMT on-site at all times. To ensure the best quality of care for all Scouts, leaders, and visitors, all illnesses and injuries must be brought to the attention of the Health Officer as soon as detected. If further medical attention is warranted, emergency care will be provided by Empire Ambulance and Samaritan Hospital in Troy.

Privacy of Medical Information

All medical information provided to Rotary Scout Reservation will be guarded with respect to the privacy of the individual. All medical documents are locked in the Health Lodge for the Health Officer’s reference and returned directly to the Scoutmaster at the end of the week. Relevant medical information will be shared with responsible staff only when necessary and in conjunction with the parent’s wishes.

BSA Health and Medical Record

All campers and adult leaders are required to provide a completed copy of the BSA Health and Medical Record (latest version available at scouting.org). Part C, which requires a record of a physical exam within the last year, is required of all campers and most adults as follows:

The following groups are required to complete all three parts (A, B, and C) of the form:
- All youth campers, regardless of length of stay
- All adult leaders accompanying the unit for 72 hours or more (not necessarily consecutive)
- Any adult leaders, regardless of length of stay, who want to receive a buddy tag to use the waterfront, or who want to use the climbing tower or high course.

Adult leaders staying for fewer than 72 hours who do not intend to use the waterfront, climbing tower, or high course are not required to submit Part C of the form (record of physical exam). However, all adult leaders accompanying a unit are required to provide at least Parts A & B of the BSA Health and Medical Record. This form, which may be completed by the participant, includes a health history and emergency contact information.

Per NYS Health Department requirements, a complete record of immunization dates must be provided on or with the medical form. A notation of “up to date” is not acceptable. No buddy tag may be provided without immunization dates so failure to complete this information will lead to a Scout’s delayed participation in aquatic activities, including the swim test.

Medications in Camp

The camp is not allowed to legally distribute over-the-counter (OTC) medications. Scouts must bring with them any medications that they may require during their stay, including OTC meds. All medications, prescription and OTC, must be stored in their original container. All medicine will be held in locked storage in the Health Lodge in a bag labeled with the Scout’s name and unit number. Scouts may hold on to prescribed inhalers and epipens and should keep them with them at all times.
Each Scout bringing medication to camp (prescription or OTC) must complete the Medications section of the health form, indicating the dosage that the Scout is to take and specific instructions regarding the frequency of medication. Additionally, parents must authorize the use of sunscreen and bug spray by their Scout at camp.

The medical officer will discuss each Scout’s medication schedule with him during check in. In most cases, Scouts will obtain meal time medications from the medical officer at the end of a meal in the dining hall. For medications with alternate schedules (i.e. bedtime, first thing in the morning, etc.) arrangements will be made between the Scout and the medical officer.

Please be advised that all medications must be self-administered by the Scout under observation by the Health Officer. The Health Officer is not permitted to distribute or prescribe medication of any kind. It is the responsibility of the Scout, with the assistance of his unit leader, to obtain his medications at the appropriate time. A record will be kept.

Adults may keep most personal medications with them in their sites, however the Health Officer will be happy to provide secure and refrigerated storage (if necessary) for all adult medications. Parents of Scouts in camp may hold on to their own child’s medication, however in some cases it may be better to store the child’s medication in the Health Lodge to ensure that it is accessible to medical personnel at all times, even when the parent is not.

Sunday Medical Re-Check

In order to help expedite the medical re-check process as much as possible upon arrival to camp, please follow these guidelines:

- Collect and review all participant medical forms several weeks before camp.
- Ensure that all forms are complete, including immunization dates, parent’s signature, and physician’s signature indicating completion of physical exam within one year.
- Do NOT collect medical forms in a binder with plastic sleeves. Keep all forms loose.
- Upon arrival, do not send medical forms to the office with Scoutmaster during check in. Carry forms directly to the campsite with the Scouts.
- Upon arriving in campsite, direct Scouts to gather any medications they brought with them.
- Proceed with Staff Guide to the medical officer for re-check.
- Gather Scouts away from the pavilion to allow for private medical conversations.
- Line up Scouts in alphabetical order with medical form and medications (if any) in hand.
- As each Scout is called forward, prepare the next to move up.
- Remind the Scouts to hold onto their buddy tags until the reach the waterfront.

Twin Rivers Council Accident/Insurance Policy

The Twin Rivers Council, BSA carries a limited accident / sickness policy on all Scouts while in camp. It is the responsibility of unit leaders to process all charges for medical expenses through the unit’s insurance policy.

RSR and the Twin Rivers Council is not responsible for pre-existing health conditions and any related prescriptions. Scouts and Scouters are expected to follow their doctor’s or pharmacist’s directions printed on any medicine container.
Guidelines and Expectations

As the sign at the entrance to camp reads: “There are two rules in camp: The Scout Oath and the Scout Law.” For further clarity, we offer these additional guidelines.

**ALCOHOL & ILLEGAL DRUGS:** Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs of any kind are not allowed in camp under any circumstances. Offenders will be removed from camp immediately. Police will be notified as warranted.

**DAMAGE TO CAMP PROPERTY:** All participants are asked to respect the camp property and equipment. Damage to camp property negatively affects program and causes fees to increase. All damage caused by neglect or willful intent will be billed to the unit responsible. Inspections of campsites will be conducted upon arrival and departure.

**FIREARMS:** Personal firearms and related equipment, including rifles, handguns, and ammunition, are not permitted in camp. Personal archery equipment may not be used for merit badge work and is not permitted at camp. The camp will provide all equipment necessary to safely participate in shooting sports programs under qualified supervision.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** Care should be used at all times around open flames, including matches, campfires, lanterns, and cook stoves. No open flames are permitted in tents. Liquid fuel must be stored in approved containers and kept secure. All Scouts and leaders should become familiar with the camp’s fire safety plan. Make sure to complete your unit’s campsite fireguard chart each day.

**LEAVING CAMP:** Anyone entering or leaving camp must sign in and out at the Administration Building. Scouts will be released only with permission from parents and the Scoutmaster. When possible, we suggest written permission for dismissal be collected ahead of camp using the form provided available at www.rsrbsa.org and held by the Scoutmaster until needed.

**NO PETS:** For the safety of our campers and staff, pets are not permitted in camp. A midweek visit from a beloved pet may also contribute to homesickness among our younger campers. Please notify parents and visitors of this policy.

**QUIET TIME:** Leaders should verify that everyone is in the campsite nightly by 10:00 PM. Please be courteous to other troops in your area and keep evening noise levels down. Notify the camp administration immediately if anyone is unaccounted for.

**PROGRAM AREA BOUNDARIES:** Several program areas are marked with perimeter boundaries, including the waterfront, climbing tower, and shooting sports ranges. These perimeters are established for everyone’s safety and no one (adult or youth) may cross these boundaries at any time except at established gates with the permission of the staff.

**RIDERS IN VEHICLES:** All passengers in vehicles must be in seats. Passengers may not be transported in or on trailers or in the beds of trucks.

**SECURITY OF BELONGINGS:** The camp and council are not responsible for the security of personal belongings brought to camp. Campers should be reminded that tents do not provide secure storage and exposure to the elements may also damage belongings.

**SMOKING:** Campers are NOT permitted to smoke at camp. Adults must not smoke or use vaping devices around Scouts. A smoking area is provided for adults behind the dining hall.
## Rotary Scout Reservation
### 2019 Daily Program Schedule

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### Merit Badge Recommendations

The following guidelines are provided as recommendations of the maturity level typically required for successful completion of each merit badge offered.

(Bold indicates Eagle Required Merit Badge • Italic indicates Offered by Appointment Only - Complete Prerequisites Before Camp)

#### First Year & Older
- Art
- Basketry
- Fingerprinting
- Fire Safety
- Fishing
- Indian Lore
- Leatherwork
- Mammal Study
- Nature

#### Second Year & Older
- Archery
- American Heritage
- Bird Study
- Canoeing
- Climbing
- First Aid
- Fish & Wildlife Management
- Forestry
- Geocaching
- Geology
- Lifesaving
- Oceanography
- Orienteering
- Repel & Antipathian Study
- Rifle Shooting
- Rowing
- Safety
- Small Boat Sailing
- Soil & Water Conservation
- Swimming
- Traffic Safety
- Weather

#### Third Year & Older
- Astronomy
- Backpacking
- Camping
- Emergency Preparedness
- Environmental Science
- Insect Study
- Kayaking
- Law
- Photography
- Pioneering
- Plant Science
- Search and Rescue
- Shot Gun Shooting
- Wilderness Survival
- Woodcarving

#### Non-Merit Badge Programs
- BSA Lifeguard
- BSA Stand Up Paddleboarding Award
- Mile Swim
- Outdoor Cooking
- Project COPE
- Snorkeling, BSA
- Swim Instruction

#### Minimum Age Requirements
- Project COPE (age 13 and up)
- Rifle Shooting (age 12 and up)
- Shot Gun Shooting (age 13 and up)
First Year Camper Program

Trail to First Class

The Trail to First Class program is designed for Scouts who have just entered the program and who are working toward the rank of First Class. The program centers around the outdoor requirements needed to advance to a boy’s next rank. Each interested Scout should sign up for either the weeklong Morning session or Afternoon session.

Skills Practiced at Trail to First Class Include:

- Knot Tying
- First Aid
- Use of Camp Tools
- Hiking
- Tree and Plant Identification
- Flag Ceremonies
- Aquatics Skills
- Firebuilding
- Compass Skills
- Activities may vary from week to week based upon needs of the Scouts

Advantages of the Trail to First Class Program:

- Young Scouts are given a structured program to adjust to life at camp.
- Scouts are instructed in small groups, according to rank.
- Hands on instruction with low camper to staff ratios.
- The camp is the classroom: Activities are conducted at the waterfront, along trails, and in program areas.
- The Trail to First Class Area is centrally located in the heart of the camp to make it easier for new Scouts to find.
- Scouts have the opportunity to earn Mammal Study merit badge.
- Half of the Scout’s day is available for merit badge work or open programming.
- Scouts will practice skills at TTFC, but ultimately it remains the Scoutmaster’s right to sign off on completion. A record of all skills completed will be given to each unit at the end of the week.
Advancement Program

Rotary Scout Reservation is pleased to offer 45 merit badges, including several Eagle-required badges. Additionally we offer a number of non-merit badge BSA award programs and BSA program-specific training courses. The following merit badges, awards, and trainings are offered at camp. (Eagle-required badges listed in bold. Badges offered by appointment are listed in italics.)

**Aquatics**
- Canoeing MB
- Kayaking MB
- **Lifesaving MB**
- Rowing MB
- Small Boat Sailing MB
- **Swimming MB**
- BSA Lifeguard
- BSA Stand Up Paddleboarding Award
- BSA Mile Swim Award
- Snorkeling BSA
- BSA Aquatics Supervisor
- Instructional Swim

**Ecology & Conservation**
- Astronomy MB
- Bird Study MB
- **Environmental Science MB**
- Fish & Wildlife MB
- Forestry MB
- Geology MB
- Insect Study MB
- Mammal Study MB
- Nature MB
- Oceanography MB
- Plant Science MB
- Reptile & Amphibian Study MB
- Soil & Water Conservation MB
- Weather MB

**Archery**
- Archery MB

**Community Safety**
- American Heritage MB
- **Emergency Preparedness MB**
- Fingerprinting MB
- Fire Safety MB
- **First Aid MB**
- Law MB
- Safety MB
- Search & Rescue MB

**Handicrafts**
- Art MB
- Basketry MB
- Indian Lore MB
- Leatherwork MB
- Photography MB
- Wood Carving MB

**COPE/Climbing**
- Climbing MB
- Project COPE
- Climb on Safely

**Scoutcraft**
- Backpacking MB
- **Camping MB**
- Fishing MB
- Geocaching MB
- Orienteering MB
- Pioneering MB
- Wilderness Survival MB
- Outdoor Cooking Award
- Leave No Trace
- Trek Safely

**Shooting Sports**
- Rifle Shooting MB
- Shotgun Shooting MB
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<td>Archery</td>
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<td>Research state and local laws for owning and using archery tackle.</td>
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<td>Astronomy</td>
<td>#4a-c, #5b, #6b, #8</td>
<td>Completion requires extended night observations and clear nights making this badge very weather dependent and difficult to complete solely at camp.</td>
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<td>Camping</td>
<td>#4b, #8d, #9a, #9b</td>
<td>Requirement #9 must be done over a series of camping trips and verified with dates and locations by the Scoutmaster. Scouts taking Camping should bring an external frame backpack and backpacking tent for a one night outpost experience</td>
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<td>Emergency Preparedness</td>
<td>#1, #2c, #6c and #8b</td>
<td>Complete First Aid Merit Badge prior to starting E-Prep, create emergency plan with your family, and bring completed Emergency Kit for review by your counselor</td>
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<td>Environmental Science</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>While there are no prerequisites, Environmental Science is a very intense and time consuming Eagle Required merit badge for older Scouts. Care should be taken in scheduling other merit badges so as to not overburden the Scout. Maturity is important.</td>
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<td>First Aid</td>
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<td>Review First Aid requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. Bring completed First Aid Kit for review by your counselor</td>
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<td>Complete Second Class and First Class rank requirements.</td>
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<td>Complete Cyber Chip certification for your age level.</td>
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<td>Pioneering</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Proficiency in knots and lashings required. Scouts should review and practice knots and lashings prior to camp.</td>
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<td>Rifle Shooting</td>
<td>#1d and #1f</td>
<td>Knowledge of the firearm laws of the Scout’s home state is required. Minimum age of 12 required.</td>
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<td>Safety</td>
<td>#1a-e, #2a-b, #3b, and #4, #6</td>
<td>Prepare notebook of news stories, facts and statistics. Complete home inspection and develop family safety plan. Teach family members what to do in an emergency.</td>
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<td>Search and Rescue</td>
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<td>Highly recommend minimum age of 13</td>
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<td>Shotgun Shooting</td>
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<td>Knowledge of the firearm laws of the Scout’s home state is required. Scout must demonstrate ability to hold proper shotgun stance prior to signing up for merit badge.</td>
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<td>Small Boat Sailing</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Prior practice of required knots is useful for completion</td>
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<td>Successfully pass BSA Swimmer’s Test. Scouts who do not pass the Swimmer’s Test on Sunday should be placed in Swim Instruction rather than Swimming MB.</td>
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<td>Wilderness Survival</td>
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<td>Build a personal survival kit.</td>
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I confirm that the above listed requirements were completed by the Scouts named and that credit may be given by the merit badge counselor.

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Unit Leader Signature                                      Date

Please turn completed form in to the camp office or to the relevant program area director. Forms should be delivered in person by the adult leader.
Spotlight On…Older Youth Programs

Few factors are as important to the continued success of a troop or crew as the active participation of older youth. These are the veteran Scouts who have “been there, done that” and offer a wealth of experience to guide recent crossovers and serve as an inspiration to younger Scouts. In order to maintain the interest of these older Scouts, however, the program must offer something for them as well. At RSR we offer a number of opportunities for experienced Scouts looking for that extra challenge. Most of our older youth programs are open to adults as well!

COPE

Open to Scouts at least 13 years of age, COPE challenges young men and women mentally and physically. Guided by the philosophy of “Challenge By Choice,” each participant is encouraged to push themselves beyond their own expectations. Working as a team, the Scouts will have a chance to develop the communication, leadership, and decision making skills you are looking for in your youth leaders…but you don’t have to tell them that. All that they need to know is that they are going to have one of the most exciting and rewarding experiences of their lives…while standing thirty feet in the air!

BSA Lifeguard

BSA Lifeguard is a very rigorous program and requires a full-time commitment, but completion of the program will yield a certificate recognized by NYS for employment as a Lifeguard. It is required that Scouts considering this program be at least 14 years old or have completed the eighth grade. It is recommended that the Scouts hold most of the badges offered at the waterfront. Scouts taking the BSA Lifeguard program must bring long pants and a long-sleeved shirt for clothes inflation.
Shooting Sports

The Rotary Marksmanship programs teach Scouts to respect and safely operate rifles, shotguns and bows. Scouts must be at least 12 years old to handle a rifle or shotgun, but in many cases a Scout must be even older before he or she has the physical and mental maturity required to safely participate in the Shooting Sports Program. It is highly recommended that Scouts be at least 13 years old before taking Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge. In addition to qualifying for the Rifle, Shotgun, and Archery Merit Badges, older Scouts can take advantage of Open Shoot sessions, Black Powder Shooting, and Marksmanship Competitions.

Sailing, Kayaking, Canoeing, and Stand Up Paddleboarding

There's no better way to spend a warm summer day than on the water and at RSR you have your choice of maritime options. Set sail for adventure on Davitt Lake as you cruise the water on your choice of sailboat, kayak, canoe or stand up paddleboard. Earn merit badges in Small Boat Sailing, Canoeing, or Kayaking, or learn to paddle board and earn the BSA Stand Up Paddleboard Award.

Open Boating opportunities are also available throughout the week for Scouts and leaders.
CIT PROGRAM

The Rotary Scout Reservation Counselor-In-Training program is for Scouts and Venturers who are ready to take the next step in leadership, by learning how to counsel other Scouts in a fun, outdoor environment. Participants must be 15 years old before the start of camp and Scouts must be at least First Class rank.

The two-and-a-half-week CIT program allows half the day for the Scout's own advancement and half the day for training, observing, and developing instructional techniques under careful guidance. The CITs are exposed to as many program areas as possible, and some camp support areas as well.

Each CIT is paired with a staff member mentor who will serve as a guide and resource throughout the experience. Upon completion of their program, the CIT may be asked to stay on as an intern for the rest of the summer. The cost to participate in the CIT program is the same as one week of camp, but there is no cost to remain on as an intern.

CITs are encouraged to stay with their Troop when the unit is in camp, so that their leadership is available to the unit while at summer camp.

STAFF

One of the ultimate Scouting experiences: Summer Camp Staff. Open to young men and women age 16 and over, summer camp staff is where bonds are made that last a lifetime. Staff members are paid to share their knowledge, skills, and years of Scouting experience with a new generation. Staff positions are available for older boys and adults in every program and support area. For more information, contact the Camp Director (campdirector@rsrbsa.org).
Suggested Camp Packing List

Necessary Items
Completed Personal Health and Medical Record, including parent and physician signatures and accurate immunization dates.
Medication, if needed, with current dosage/instruction label and Scout’s name/troop #
Personalized Standing Orders for medication
Inhaler or bee-sting kit, if needed
Sleeping bag or blankets and pillow
Scouts BSA Handbook
Scout Uniform
Underwear
Socks
Sneakers (enclosed toe shoes must be worn at all times for safety)
Hiking Boots (enclosed toe shoes must be worn at all times for safety)
Shorts and T-Shirts
Pajamas
Sweater or Sweatshirt
Windbreaker or Jacket
Raincoat or Poncho
Swimsuit/Swim Trunks
Towel
Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, mirror, soap, shampoo, deodorant)
Washcloth and hand towel
Flashlight & spare batteries
Kleenex or handkerchief
Insect Repellent
Backpack
Wallet & money for Trading Post purchases (Trading Post does not hold accounts)

Recommended for Outpost Camping
Plastic ground cloth
Camp eating utensils
Canteen or water bottle
Compass
Pocketknife and valid Totin’ Chip Card
Matches in waterproof container
Personal First-Aid kit

Optional
Fishing Pole (Bait provided by camp)
Camera
Swim fins/facemask
Sunglasses and sunscreen
Watch or alarm clock
Musical instrument
Reading material
Information for Parents & Guests

(A handy one-page guide to reproduce locally and distribute to parents.)

PARENTS AND GUESTS: All visitors MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE UPON ARRIVAL AT CAMP. Parents and guest are welcome, especially at check-in time on Sunday, Wednesday’s Family Night BBQ, and at Saturday morning’s closing ceremony. Check-in on Sunday begins at 1:00 PM. The closing ceremony begins Saturday at approximately 8:30 AM. Parents are encouraged to attend closing ceremonies on the Parade Field behind the Dining Hall. Dismissal for all troops follows the closing ceremony at approximately 9:30 AM. For the safety of all Scouts and Visitors, pets are not permitted in camp, whether leashed or not.

PARENT AND GUEST MEALS: Visitors are welcome to stay for meals. The costs are as follows: Breakfast $5.00, Lunch $5.00, Dinner $8.00. The price is the same whether dining in our dining hall or with the Scouts in their campsite. These charges help cover our food cost, and help to keep the price of summer camp low for Scouts. Meal tickets for visitors are required and should be purchased at the office prior to meals.

Family Night BBQ tickets may be purchased for $10.00 (Age 12 and over) or $5.00 (Age 11 and under). Tickets may be purchased at the camp office when signing in to camp. Participating in the BBQ is optional, but ALL visitors on Family Night must sign in.

CAMPERSHIPS: Limited camperships are available for those Scouts who need financial assistance to attend at camp RSR. Campership applications are available online at www.rsrbsa.org and www.trcscouting.org.

MAIL: Incoming mail will be given out from the office to Scoutmasters for distribution to the Scouts. Scouts enjoy receiving mail from home. To help reduce homesickness, it is important for parents to refrain from comments such as “We miss you very much,” “it’s lonely without you,” etc. This is especially true for our first year campers. Mail to camp should be sent at least three days in advance to ensure that it arrives while the Scout is still at camp.

The camp’s mailing address: Scout’s Name
Troop #, Campsite Name
Rotary Scout Reservation
279 Davitt Lake Road
Averill Park, NY 12018

The camp phone number is: (518) 283-4794
The camp FAX number is: (866) 766-9378

All phone messages will be placed in the troop mailbox for leader pickup. Emergency messages will be delivered immediately. Please indicate clearly that a message is an emergency.

PARKING: All personal vehicles must be parked in the main parking lot. Vehicles may not be kept at the campsite unless approved by the Camp Director. Only camp service vehicles are permitted beyond the parking lot without permission. Handicap access passes are available at the Camp Office.