

7 RANGES SCOUT RESERVATION

Planning your unit's trip to summer camp starts now. This guide will walk you through the process leading up to your arrival at camp.

2017 Pre-Camp Planning Guide

Boy Scout Summer Camp

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;

To help other people at all times;

To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout Is:

Trustworthy

Loyal

Helpful

Friendly

Courteous

Kind

Obedient

Cheerful

Thrifty

Brave

Clean

Reverent



Prepared. For Life.®

BSA Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

7R Mission Statement

The mission of Seven Ranges Scout Reservation is to support the aims and methods of the Scouting program by helping the handbook come alive through activity, tradition, pride, and excellence.

BSA Vision Statement

The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

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Pre-Camp Tasks & Important Dates

January

- Begin or continue to promote the summer camping program to your scouts and their families.
- As part of your promotion, do not forget those Webelos scouts that will be crossing over into your unit later on in the spring.
- Ensure that you have registered your unit online and have a site reserved.
- Identify those scouts who may need financial assistance to attend camp.
- It is never too early to start collecting pipestone wood.

February

- Continue to update and enter unit information online.
- Apply for camperships. Applications are available online at buckeyecouncil.org.
- Attend BPI.
- Sign up to attend one of the Good Turn Weekends.
- Make first early bird payment.

Important Dates To Remember:

Feb. 4th: BPI

Feb. 15th: First Early Bird Payment Due

March

- Continue to update and enter your unit information online.
- Continue to collect pipestone wood.
- Make second early bird payment.

Important Dates To Remember:

March 1st: Campership Applications Are Due

March 17th – 19th: Good Turn Weekend #1

March 18th: 1 PM Leader Meeting #1 (7R Scoutmaster's Lounge)

March 31st: Second Early Bird Payment Due

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

Robert Baden-Powell

April

- Continue to update and enter unit information online.
- Discuss with your scouts and write down which merit badges classes they wish to attend. The merit badge scheduled will be available online by February 28th.
- Continue to collect pipestone wood.

Important Dates To Remember:

April 7th-9th: Good Turn Weekend #2

April 8th: 1 PM Leader Meeting #2 (7R Scoutmaster's Lounge)

April 21st-23rd: Good Turn Weekend #3

April 22nd: 1 PM Leader Meeting #3 (7R Scoutmaster's Lounge)

April 30th: 12:00 PM EST Merit Badge Registration Opens

May

- Continue to register your scouts for merit badges online.
- Have scouts begin working on pre-requisites
- Pay the balance of all fees 30 days prior to your Troop's arrival at camp.

Important Dates To Remember:

May 19th-21st: Good Turn Weekend #4

May 20th: 1 PM Leader Meeting #4 (7R Scoutmaster's Lounge)

June

- Ensure all scouts are registered and their information is up to date.
- Ensure all scouts are registered for their respective merit badges.
- Pay the balance of all fees 30 days prior to your Troop's arrival at camp.

Important Dates To Remember:

June 7th: Camp Office Opens

June 18th: Week 1 Begins

June 25th: Week 2 Begins

July

- Ensure all scouts are registered and their information is up to date.
- Ensure all scouts are registered for their respective merit badges.
- Pay the balance of all fees 30 days prior to your Troop's arrival at camp.

Important Dates To Remember:

July 2nd: Week 3 Begins

July 9th: Week 4 Begins

July 16th: Week 5 Begins

July 23rd: Week 6 Begins

July 30th: Week 7 Begins

Financial Planning

Individual Fees

The rates below are current for the 2017 summer camping season. Campers are required to have all fees paid in full thirty (30) days prior to their week in camp. All fees include a \$50 NON refundable and NON transferrable deposit. For more information please refer to the refund policy discussed later in this section.

New For 2017 All campers will pay the same fee regardless of Council affiliation. We have also changed the calculation for adults who will not be spending the entire week in camp.

The base fee for adults is now \$40 and an additional amount is paid for each successive night in camp. For example:

- \$15 additional for 2 nights
- \$35 additional for 3 nights
- \$60 additional for 4 nights
- \$75 additional for 5 nights
- \$95 additional for 6 nights

This would bring the total cost of camp for a leader staying all week to \$135.

The fees for Camp Calumet, our outpost camp, do not include the cost of food. Each unit is responsible for providing their own food for the week.

Discounts and camperships are available. Please see the discounts section of this guide for further details.

| | Camp Algonkin | Camp Calumet |
|-------|---------------|--------------|
| Youth | \$300 | \$210 |
| Adult | \$135 | \$80 |

Unit Fees

The site deposit is a fee paid to reserve a campsite for your unit during its scheduled week in camp. This deposit is NON refundable, however the unit has the option to roll over the current year's deposit to reserve a site for the following summer.

Your unit has the opportunity to reserve the same site and week for next summer during your current week in camp. If you leave camp without making a reservation, that site becomes available for others to reserve.

Although we make every attempt to keep units in their selected site, the camp reserves the right to move your unit if you are not maximizing the site capacity and the site is needed to house a larger unit.

In Council Unit \$150

Out of Council Unit \$200

Early Bird Payment Schedule

To qualify for the Early Bird program and to receive the commemorative hat, registration and payments need to be made by the following schedule:

| | Algonkin Youth | Calumet Youth | Algonkin Adults | Calumet Adults |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| February 15 th | \$50 | \$50 | \$40 | \$40 |
| March 31 st | \$100 | \$100 | \$95 | \$40 |

Only those adults staying the entire week and are paid in full by March 31st will qualify for the Early Bird Hat.

To ensure that newly crossed over Webelos have the same opportunities as everyone else, they will receive the Early Bird hat as long as they register and pay \$150 by the March 31st deadline.

Discounts

Siblings attending camp will receive a \$10 discount for the second scout and a third scout sibling will receive a \$20 discount. If you have issues applying any of these discounts online, please contact the Buckeye Council Service Center.

*****New For 2017*****

In an effort to encourage every unit to bring all of the scouts registered with their unit to camp, we have added an additional incentive. Any unit that brings 100% of their registered scouts to camp will receive a \$300 discount which can be used to pay camp fees, and to purchase commissary items, ice, and Trading Post items.

All you have to do to qualify for this discount is bring along a copy of your June 30th Troop roster. Scouts do not have to attend the same week that your unit is in camp. We will make provisional arrangements for any scouts who are unable to attend the week that you are in camp.

Other discounts are available for Buckeye Council units and scouts such as popcorn sales and FOS presentations. Please contact the Buckeye Council service center for more information about these discount programs.

"Boys can see adventure in a dirty old duck puddle, and if the Scoutmaster is a boys' man, he can see it too."

Robert Baden-Powell

Camperships

Every scout should have the opportunity to experience the summer camping program regardless of their family's financial situation. There are two campership programs available for those that will need financial assistance to attend camp.

The Buckeye Council has a fund available for scouts within the council. The Ohio Elks Association's Scout Financial Assistance Program is designed to assist individual scouts who will not be able to attend camp without some financial assistance. Each scout is encouraged to try to earn at least 50% of his way towards camp. Your unit's participation in FOS, popcorn sales, and Journey to Excellence weighs into who will be supported.

Both applications are available online at Buckeyecouncil.org. All information provided is considered confidential. The deadline to turn in applications is March 1st.

Refunds

All activities and events offered by the Buckeye Council require significant planning and the purchase of materials well in advance of the event. These plans include, but are not limited to staffing, food, program materials, patches, awards, and other equipment that are a part of the program fees. Once an individual or unit makes a registration, the expenses related to that event are incurred to support the registration.

- Registrations cancelled more than 30 days prior to your week in camp will receive a full refund minus the \$50 non-refundable deposit.
- Cancellations between 7 and 30 days prior to your week in camp will receive a 50% refund minus the \$50 non-refundable deposit.
- Cancellations 1 to 7 days prior to your week in camp will receive a 25% refund minus the \$50 non-refundable deposit.
- No refunds will be issued for cancellations made the day of your arrival at camp.
- All refunds will be issued to the unit and sent to the Pack, Troop, or Crew and mailed to the unit leader of record.

All cancellations must be made directly to the Buckeye Council. Completion of a refund form is required to receive monies that may be due. Final decision on refunds is up to the Council Program Director. No money will be returned to an individual camper but only through the unit. Refund forms can be found on the Buckeye Council website.

Insurance

The Buckeye Council's accident and sickness insurance plan covers only Buckeye Council units. Units from out of council need to provide proof of accident insurance upon arrival at Seven Ranges Scout Reservation.

"The object of the patrol method is not so much saving the Scoutmaster trouble as to give responsibility to the boy."

Robert Baden-Powell

Preparing Your Troop

Summer camp is the proving ground for the preferred method of scout camping; a unit operates under its own leadership.

Your week in camp will give the scouts the opportunity to grow as leaders. Time will be given for each scout to work on personal advancement. There will be troop and patrol time, as well as time for scouts to explore a range of personal interests. The unit organization used for the year-round program should be used for the implementation of each unit's summer camp program.

Adult Leadership

Each unit must be under the direction of a competent adult leader (Scoutmaster) and at least one other adult leader (Assistant Scoutmaster) at all times. These individuals must meet specific qualifications in order to safely lead their troop. The qualifications align with the National BSA standards and are mandatory.

Scoutmaster:

- Must be at least 21 years of age.
- Registered and in good standing with the BSA.
- Have completed and kept up-to-date Youth Protection Training.
- Remain at camp for the duration of the week.

Assistant Scoutmaster:

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Registered and in good standing with the BSA.
- Have completed and kept up-to-date Youth Protection Training.
- Remain at camp for the duration of the week.

Youth Leadership

The Patrol Method is the cornerstone of any scouting program. There is no reason to suspend this method during summer camp. Occasionally, new patrols will have to be formed when coming to camp because all scouts may not attend. Patrols should be established before coming to camp. In addition to the normal scouting roles, there are several positions that will aid your unit during your stay at Seven Ranges.

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster

The JASM is usually given specific responsibilities involving definite skills such as instruction of certain skills such as a camp craft or ecology. They may also be tasked with directing certain activities such as campfires and games.

Senior Patrol Leader

As the youth leader of the troop, The SPL leads the patrols in all of their patrol activities. He also chairs in the Troop Leaders' Council. At least once per day, this council should meet to discuss the day's schedule of duties and programs.

The SPL's role at camp is very important and we would like to see each and every one of them concentrate most of their time in camp to leading his unit. To accommodate this we have a special SPL2B program established.

With this program, your Senior Patrol Leader may attend camp for a second week free of any registration fees. Under this program, your SPL will not be permitted to take any classes or merit badges during your unit's week in camp. For more information about this program, please contact the Buckeye Council Service Center or the Reservation Director.

Troop Astronomer

This should be an older scout or even an adult that has an interest in Astronomy. The Troop Astronomer can guide scouts the astronomy requirements of the camp honors program. Training for this position is offered through the Ecology department.

Troop Naturalist

This should be one or two, youth or adults that have some knowledge and familiarity with the environment and can guide other members of the unit through the nature requirements of the camp honors program. Training for the Troop Naturalist is offered through the Ecology department.

Chaplain's Aide

This is a scout who has shown an interest in helping his unit in being ever mindful of the twelfth point of the Scout Law: "A Scout is Reverent". The Camp Chaplain will conduct a special training program for scouts who wish to fill this role. Chaplain's Aides will be utilized throughout their week in camp.

Fire Warden

This is a scout who is charged with the responsibility of making sure the unit is following the Camp/Unit Fireguard Plan. Fire Wardens will receive training from the Commissioner staff on Sunday.

Recommended Gear

While the camp provides some of the necessary gear needed to make your week as enjoyable as possible, there are several items you will need to bring with you as well.

Troop Gear

- Buddy Board (Mandatory)
- American Flag & State flag if from out of State
- Troop flag to be displayed in your campsite
- Troop mess kits and eating utensils
- First aid kit
- Extra lantern(s)

Patrol Gear

- Patrol flag
- Twine or rope
- Dining fly
- Patrol mess kit and eating utensils
- 2qt pot
- Cooking utensils
- Frying pan or griddle
- Water cooler
- Camp stove (optional)

Personal Gear

- ❖ Field Uniform
 - Scout Shirt
 - Scout Shorts
 - Scout Socks
- ❖ Activity Uniform
 - Scouting T-Shirt
 - Scout Shorts
 - Scout Socks
- ❖ 7 blank or Scouting related t-Shirts
- ❖ 1 long sleeve shirt
- ❖ 1 sweatshirt
- ❖ 2 pairs of pants or jeans
- ❖ 5 pairs of shorts
- ❖ Underwear (1 pair per day)
- ❖ Socks (at least one pair per day)
- ❖ Belt

Footwear

- ❖ 1 pair of sturdy hiking boots with good ankle support
- ❖ 1 pair of tennis shoes
- ❖ Closed toe water shoes (Waterfront)
- ❖ Shower shoes

Sleeping

- ❖ Pad or plastic to cover spring or wooden bunk
- ❖ Sleeping bag
- ❖ Mattress (optional)

Youth campers, including the SPL, will not be provided with mattresses.

Personal

- ❖ Mess kit and eating utensils
- ❖ Personal hygiene items
 - Tooth brush
 - Toothpaste
 - Deodorant
 - Soap
 - Shampoo
 - Comb
- ❖ 2 towels
- ❖ Swim suit (easily accessible)
- ❖ Backpack
- ❖ Watch
- ❖ Flashlight
- ❖ Pocket knife
- ❖ Notebook and pens/pencils
- ❖ Envelopes and stamps
- ❖ Camera
- ❖ Fishing pole
- ❖ Blank or scouting related hat
- ❖ Scout handbook
- ❖ Merit Badge pamphlets
- ❖ MB prerequisites
- ❖ 3' whipped knot rope
- ❖ Rain gear
- ❖ Sun screen
- ❖ Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- ❖ Pipestone wood (if applicable)
- ❖ Spending money
- ❖ Previous year's Pipestone

Medical Information

A health history as well as an examination conducted within the past 12 months is required for every youth and adult camper. A medical form signed by a physician in June of 2016 is good through June of 2017.

- Must be completed and signed by a certified and licensed healthcare provider recognized by the BSA.
- If the family has health insurance, please attach a copy of both sides of the insurance card.
- Make sure that the Emergency Contact name, address, and phone number appear on the medical form and that the parents or legal guardians have signed and dated the form in the specified location.
- Use BSA form #680-001 for all youth and adults. This form is available at the Buckeye Council Service Center and online.

All participants are required by BSA National standards to undergo a one-on-one medical review upon arrival at camp. Each participant must have their own medical form in hand when going through the recheck process. **Page protectors and binders will only serve to slow the check-in process for your unit and should not be used.**

Allergies & Other Dietary Restrictions

Seven Ranges Scout Reservation will make every reasonable accommodation to campers with dietary restrictions and/or allergies. In order to better serve you we require that you provide documentation from a physician in addition to your annual physical, to include the following:

- Allergen
- Type of allergy
- Severity
- Reaction

When you are contacted to schedule a check-in time (2 weeks prior) we ask that you notify the caller of any allergies or dietary restrictions that will require modification to the menu so that we may order accordingly.

When the camper completes the medical recheck they will be asked to complete the dietary restrictions form and provide documentation from the doctor. At this time the medical staff will verify that we have all of the information that we need.

Campers who are unable to eat in the dining hall due to severe allergy issues may be given alternative dining accommodations.

Planning For Your Arrival

A trip to summer camp can be very frustrating for adult leaders but if you have a solid plan in place, this can be made much simpler. The following section is a guide to help you plan out the time leading up to your arrival at camp.

ASAP

- Inform all scouts, second year webelos, and their parents of the dates and cost of camp.
- Pre-order your themed t-shirts online at buckeyecouncil.org
- Start collecting pipestone wood.
- Recruit 2 adult leaders for every 8 scouts attending camp.
- Start developing unit leadership and goals for camp.
- Develop a savings and earnings program to help scouts pay for camp.
- Review the summer camp program. Help scouts select merit badges and get them started on prerequisites.
- Plan to attend one of the scheduled Good Turn Weekends and planning conference.

One Month Out

- Out of council units need to file a tour plan.
- Send out a final camp notice to parents.
- Have Troop Committee members visit parents of scouts not registered for camp.
- Finalize merit badge selections and continue to encourage scouts to complete the necessary prerequisites.
- Provide scouts with a list of what to bring to camp. A suggested list was added to this guide.
- Check all scout medical forms to make sure that they have been signed by parents this year and that the medical forms are current.
- Verify that a certified and licensed health-care provider as listed on the medical form has signed all medical forms.
- Consider the resources that the summer camp program can provide and complete a program of activities your troop would like to undertake.
- If your Senior Patrol Leader wishes to participate in the camp's SPL2B program, please request an application from the Buckeye Council Service Center.
- Verify and update as necessary the online registration of your unit, scouts, and merit badges.

"In assisting his 'neighbor' every day to the best of his ability, an keeping truth, honesty, and kindness perpetually before him, the Boy Scout, with as little formality as possible, is pleasing God."

Robert Baden-Powell

Two Weeks Out

- Ensure that all of your youth and adults are registered online at Buckeyecouncil.org. This is necessary to ensure that the proper amount of food is ordered.
- Pay in full any remaining monies owed through the online registration system.
- We will contact you with a check-in time for your unit.

One Week Out

- Inspect each scout's personal and patrol gear.
- Prepare Troop equipment for packing.
- Inspect pipestone wood.
- Remind scouts of the customs, practices, and rules of camp.
- Make a final check on transportation to and from camp. You will be able to transport your Troop's trailer to your campsite during check-in on Sunday. No persons shall be allowed past the main gate into camp until after 1 pm. Check-in with the staff member at the gate to transport your trailer back to your site.
- Depending upon your departure time, remind scouts to bring Sunday's lunch. The first meal at camp is not until dinner at 6 pm.
- Give parents the address to the camp so that they may send mail to their scouts.

Scout Name/Troop/Campsite
7070 Meter Rd. NE
Kensington, OH 44427

One Day Out

There is no leadership provided at the camp from 12 noon Saturday until 1 PM on Sunday. No campers or leaders are permitted on the Reservation during this time without the permission of the Council Program Director.

Departure Day

- Make sure you have all camp medical forms and ensure that they are signed and dated before departing for camp.
- Check gear to ensure everyone is properly equipped and no restricted items are being brought to camp.
- Arrive at camp between 1 and 3 PM. No units may enter camp before 1 PM. This policy is non-negotiable.
- Please follow your assigned check-in time.
- Verify and schedule transportation home on Saturday. Advise drivers to be at camp by 11 AM.

We value all of our Scouts and Scouters and want to make your summer camping experience as enjoyable and memorable as possible. If there is anything else we can do to help you prepare, please do not hesitate to contact us any time.

