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WELCOME

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 Boy Scout 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
- Chillicothe mountain man adventure area
- 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.
PLANNING FOR SUMMER CAMP

THE RESERVATION PROCESS

1. **Pick a Date and Reserve a site!** A non-refundable campsite fee of $100 is required with the application. If you have not reserved a site with a $100 deposit, please do so immediately. This fee will later be deducted from the troops’ fee total for the summer. Whenever possible, troops at summer camp will receive the first choice on reservations for the next year’s summer camp. (Note: due to the varied capacities of different sites, and changing troop sizes, it may on occasion become necessary to move a troop from one site to another. This may be necessary to better accommodate all scouts in camp.)

2. **Gather Leadership!** The primary leader must be 21 years of age or older. Assistants must be at least 18 years of age. There is no charge for those leaders required to meet BSA supervision standards (2 leaders for the first 16 boys, one for every additional 8 boys). Additional leaders beyond this ratio are welcome, however, the unit will be charged a leader’s fee to help defray the costs of food and supplies.

3. **Get the Scouts!** Determine your troop attendance by April 1st. Now is the time for a troop camp savings plan and camp fee fund-raiser. Submit one check with full payment from the troop to the Council Service Center before May 1st in order to take advantage of the regular rate. In order to avoid late fees, full payments have to be received in the Scout Service Center NO LATER than May 1st, excluding Scouts who just crossed over from Webelos. Webelos Crossover Regular Fees need to be paid in full by June 1st.

4. **Taking Care of Business!** After May 1st, finalize your troop attendance for camp and pay any fees for last minute campers. This deadline is absolute. Payments received by the Council Service Center after May 1st pay the late fee, except Webelos crossovers. Out of council units must provide unit accident insurance company name, policy number and expiration date.

5. **Conduct a pre-camp troop meeting** for scouts and parents to review program options, provide information about summer camp, and answer questions. (Camp staff members may be available to visit and help if you would like. Contact the Camp Director by phone or e-mail to arrange this visit.) The RSR Program Schedule, the Program Opportunities sections of this Summer Camp Guide, and all Medical Forms should be given to Scouts ahead of time so they can review them before the meeting. Set up deadlines for Medical Forms too!!

6. **Conduct a personal growth conference with each Scout attending camp to help him plan for camp.** From the list of merit badges and other opportunities, the Scout should select what he would like to do at camp. Do not let the Scout over-program himself with merit badges. Allow time for fun. Look in the Program Planning section of this guide for the requirements that should be done before camp as well as useful age and experience recommendations. Scouts should bring any completed required materials and be prepared for review.
7. **The Fine Print:** REFUNDS for Scouts not attending camp may only be given if the unit notifies the Council Service Center in writing by August 31st. Request made after that date cannot be considered. It is the unit’s responsibility to be sure that all parents are aware of the refund policy.

8. **Hit the Road!** Arrange for transportation to camp. Out of council units must file a Local Tour Permit Application with your local council. Bring it to camp with you. Pack troop equipment and personal gear in as few vehicles as possible to keep traffic on our narrow campsite access roads to a minimum. Remember that all vehicles will need to be parked in the parking lot. Vehicles may not be left at the campsite without permission from the Camp Director or Camp Ranger.

9. **First Day in Camp.** Be prepared to settle any outstanding charges. Be sure to bring your checkbook. Charges to unit accounts cannot be accommodated at camp. Be sure to bring unit accident insurance information with you, as well as a claim form, so that you are prepared in the case of an emergency. Also remember to bring three copies of your troop roster, medical forms for everyone, scout and leader medication and your tour permit. The Twin Rivers Council, BSA carries a limited accident/sickness policy on all Scouts while in camp.

**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 $50.00 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.
ENJOYING YOUR STAY AT RSR

IMPORTANT: The troop leader is in charge of his or her troop at all times, and is responsible for the conduct and discipline of his or her Scouts. The Camp Director must be made aware of Scouts needing special attention due to physical handicaps or personal problems that affect the safety of RSR or the well being of its campers.

CAMPSITES: During summer camp, all Scouts will stay in 2-man platform wall tents, or 4 man lean-tos equipped with cots. Each unit is provided with a latrine with running water, picnic tables, dining flies or pavilions, a fire ring, and a flagpole for campsite ceremonies. A bulletin board and a buddy board are provided as well.

TRASH PICK UP: For your convenience, RSR offers trash pick up at each campsite nightly. Please place trash bags at the designated spot by the road by 8:00 p.m.

SHOWERS: Hot showers are located near the dining hall. Leaders should make an effort to ensure that every camper stays clean.

PRIVACY: Unmarried male and female participants are required to have separate sleeping facilities, i.e. a separate room or tent. No youth may stay in the tent of an adult other than his parent/guardian. Adult leaders need to respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing into swimsuits and taking showers, and intrude only to the extent that health and safety require. Leaders must also protect their own privacy in similar situations.

UNIFORMS: The scout uniform, correctly worn, is recommended for retreats and evening meals. Scout shorts and T-shirts are encouraged daytime wear. Some Scouts, through no fault of their own, may not have a uniform. Please note that a uniform is not a prerequisite for attending camp and that ‘experienced’ uniforms may be available at the Camp Office to be borrowed for the week. Footwear must be worn at all times (except for some activities at the waterfront). *Open toe shoes or sandals are not allowed in camp except on the beach.*

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.

TRADING POST: The Trading Post is the spot to purchase snacks, souvenirs, and campsite equipment. Also available are toiletries, stationary, and other items that may have been left at home. The Trading Post building also houses the Quartermaster, where troops may borrow equipment for cooking, cutting wood, and service projects. The Quartermaster is serviced by the Trading Post staff and is open any time the store is.

AQUATICS TESTS: A complete medical form, approved by the Health Officer, is required to enter the water. At the beginning of each camp session, Scouts and Scouters are given the opportunity to take a swimming test to determine their aquatic classification. Everyone will be classified into one of three ability groups: Non-Swimmer, Beginner, or Swimmer. Everyone must take the swim test to go swimming or boating.
To qualify as a Beginner, a participant must jump feet first into water over his head, surface, level off, and swim at least 50 feet. To qualify as a Swimmer, a participant must jump feet first into water over his head, surface, level off, and swim at least 75 yards in a strong manner using strokes indicated by the instructor, swim an additional 25 yards using the elementary backstroke, and rest in the water using minimum of motion.

**LOST AND FOUND:** The lost and found is located in the camp office.

**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.

**OUTPOST CAMPING/ HIKING:** Troops leaving on hikes or outpost trips must leave a roster of boys and leaders in the camp office. (Adult to boy ratios must be maintained.)

**HEALTH LODGE:** Qualified medical staff is provided at all times. All injuries and accidents should be reported immediately. Failure to do so may invalidate insurance claims. A doctor is on-call and arrangements have been made with Poestenkill Rescue Squad and Samaritan Hospital for transportation and emergency care.

**SITE INSPECTION:** Each campsite is inspected daily by a Camp Commissioner. Points are awarded based on cleanliness, safety, posting of duty rosters, fireguard carts, etc. Each evening, a troop is given the honor of lowering the American flag at Retreat based upon the results of that day’s campsite inspections.

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES:** A non-denominational Chapel service is conducted at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon for all Scouts and Leaders.

**WATERFRONT USE:** Aquatic facilities are for the use of registered campers and leaders only. Anyone who wishes to use the waterfront must have a valid health form on file with the Health Officer and have satisfied the requirements of the BSA swimmer’s test.

**PHOTOS:** Troop Photos will be taken throughout the week. Every Scout and Leader will have the opportunity to purchase a troop picture. The cost for each 8x10 color photo ordered is $7.00. Pictures are delivered to you before you leave Camp.

**ADVANCEMENT PROCEDURES:** Merit badge applications and Advancement reports are available at the camp office. You may also purchase the merit badge and certificates. Other advancement material can be obtained when requested. Please notify the office of your needs by Thursday evening.

**VEHICLES IN CAMP:** Personal vehicles may be used on camp roads only with the permission of the Camp Director or Ranger and only by licensed drivers 21 years of age or older. To prevent wear and tear to the site, personal vehicles are not permitted in campsites at any time. Authorized vehicles must be kept in the driveway outside of the campsite. Posted speed limits must be followed and at no time are riders permitted in the cargo areas of trucks and SUVs, or on attached trailers.
CAMP GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS

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

SMOKING: Campers are NOT allowed to smoke at camp. Adults must not smoke around Scouts. Do not allow adults to set a poor example. Smoking in any camp building or tent is prohibited by law and fire safety codes!

FIREARMS: Scouts and Scouters are NOT permitted to bring rifles, handguns, or ammunition to RSR. Personal archery equipment is not permitted at camp. The camp will provide all equipment necessary to complete shooting sports merit badges or participate in open shoot programs.

CAMPsite SECURITY: Each troop and or Scout is responsible for his own money and personal equipment. Scouts should be reminded that tents are not secure storage for personal belongings. Personal effects such as CD players, cell phones, mp3 players, video games, trading cards, etc. are brought at the owner’s own risk.

FIRE PREVENTION: Care should be used in all campsites in the use of matches and lanterns. 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 fill out your troop’s fireguard chart each day.

DAMAGE TO CAMP: Please ask your Scouts to respect the camp and its equipment. All help keeping our equipment in quality working order helps us to keep our fees low. Tents, cots, and platforms, among other equipment, are very expensive to purchase or replace. All damage will be billed to the unit responsible. Inspections of sites will be conducted upon arrival and departure.

NO PETS: For the safety of our campers and staff, pets are not permitted in camp. Please notify parents and visitors of this policy.

QUIET TIME: Leaders should verify that everyone is in the campsite nightly by 10:00 p.m. Please respect the other troops in your area and keep the noise level down. Notify the office immediately if anyone is unaccounted for.

LEAVING CAMP: Anyone leaving camp must notify the camp office and sign in and out. Scouts will be released only with permission from parents and the Scoutmaster. We suggest written permission be collected ahead of camp using the form provided available at www.rsrbsa.org and held by the Scoutmaster until needed. Written permission is required for Scouts to leave with anyone other than parents.

BUDDY SYSTEM: The Boy Scouts of America’s Summer Camp Standards require that the Buddy System must be used at all times by all Scouts. RSR will insist on strict compliance with this important safety standard.
CAMP OPENING & CLOSING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

12:00 p.m. Camp Staff Arrives for Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. Staff Guide meets arriving troop at Parking Lot
   • Scoutmaster reports to the camp office for official check in
   • Scouts and additional leaders are led to campsite by the Guide
   • SPL, Staff Guide, and adult leader inspect campsite
   • Scouts begin settling in and change into swim trunks
   • Medical staff arrives at campsite for medical re-checks and issues buddy tags
   • Scouts and leaders proceed to waterfront for swim test
4:00 p.m. Merit Badge Registration at Seneca Lodge Porch
5:45 p.m. Troops assemble at the Dining Hall for Dining Hall Orientation
6:00 p.m. Dinner
6:45 p.m. Evening Retreat at Campfire Circle
7:00 p.m. Scouts and Leaders meet with Staff Guide to complete tour of camp
   Scoutmaster’s Orientation Meeting at Camp Office
8:45 p.m. Gathering for opening campfire at campfire circle

SATURDAY

7:45 a.m. Flag Raising at Parade Field
8:00 a.m. Breakfast in Dining Hall
   • All Troop Medicines and health forms will be returned to Unit Leader
8:30 a.m. Awards ceremony at Parade Field
   • Please inform parents that they are encouraged to attend closing ceremonies
9:15 a.m. Site inspection
9:30 a.m. Departure… Safe Journey Home

CAMP HEALTH & SAFETY TOUR

On Sunday night after Retreat, 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 1 Adult Leader, will visit all program areas in camp. They will visit the Waterfront, Trading Post, Dining Hall, Office, C.O.P.E. and Climbing, Community Safety, the Archery Range, the Ecology area, Handicraft, Scoutcraft, Chillicothe, and the Rifle Range.

Meanwhile, one leader from each troop is asked to join the Camp Director and Program Director for the Scoutmaster Orientation Meeting at the Camp Office.
FOOD SERVICES

THE RSR DINING HALL

Rotary Scout Reservation is pleased to partner with Sodexho to provide high quality dining services. Dining Hall meals are served buffet-style to maintain food temperatures and the menu provides a range of tasty options. Accommodations can be made for those with special dietary needs. Simply notify the Camp Director or Head Cook when such needs exist.

The complete “class A” Scout uniform is the appropriate dress for dinner in the dining hall. Program activities will be conducted in the Dining Hall at each meal by the Dining Hall Steward and staff.

Dining Hall Meal Times:  
- Breakfast  8:00 a.m.  
- Lunch  12:30 p.m.  
- Dinner  6:00 p.m.

PATROL COOKING

Rotary Scout Reservation encourages all troops to prepare some meals in their campsite. A troop or patrol, with proper adult supervision, may opt to cook out using our commissary service. The commissary staff will, with proper notice, deliver food supplies to the campsite where the group can cook their own meal.

Upon arrival, each troop will be presented with a menu of options 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 advancement requirements.

Food Delivery Times:  
- Breakfast  7:00 a.m.  
- Lunch  12:00 p.m.  
- Dinner  4:30 p.m.

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 Patrol Site) should purchase a meal ticket at that time. Visitor meal prices are $5.00 for Breakfast, $5.00 for Lunch, and $7.50 for Dinner (Wednesday BBQ prices: $9.00 adult/ $3.00 child). When possible, unit leaders are asked to advise the Camp Director or Head Cook ahead of time when guests are expected, so that appropriate adjustments may be made to the food preparation.
HEALTH & SAFETY

The health and safety of all visitors to Rotary Scout Reservation is always a top priority. 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, RSR has established close relationships with Poestenkill Ambulance, On-Call Medical Clinic, and Samaritan Hospital in Troy to provide support as needed.

MEDICAL FORMS & 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.

Please note: All medications brought to camp must be provided in the original, labeled container.

Participants, particularly adult leaders, who will be in camp for less than 72 hours are not required to submit a signed physical, but must complete and turn in the medical history and emergency contact portions of the form.

In order to participate in Aquatics or COPE activities, all participants must have an appropriate medical form with signed record of physical examination, regardless or length of stay in camp.

BSA MEDICAL FORM

In 2009, the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America began rolling out a new medical form. Beginning in 2010, this new form is now mandatory for all Scouting activities, including Summer Camp at Rotary Scout Reservation. Older BSA forms, and non BSA forms are no longer acceptable.

Who is required to provide a medical form with proof of physical exam?

• Anyone (youth or adult) whose stay in camp lasts longer than 72 hours.
• Anyone (youth or adult) who wishes to participate in Aquatics or COPE & Climbing activities, regardless of overall length of stay in camp. No buddy tag will be issued for swimming or boating activities without a signed medical form on file.

What do you need to know about the new form?

• It is valid for only one year, and now requires an annual physical exam.
• It still requires a parent’s signature for those under the age of 18.
• It includes the personal standing orders for medication that previously was documented on a separate form.

• It includes a hold harmless agreement and talent release form that must be reviewed by the parent.

• It includes height and weight guidelines for certain Scouting activities. Please note that these guidelines are designed to restrict participation in high adventure activities where quick access to emergency medical care is limited. Failure to meet these standards will not restrict an individual’s ability to attend Summer Camp at RSR.

• New York State law still requires that accurate dates be provided in the immunization record. “Up to Date” is not an acceptable notation.

Please ensure that all families receive copies of the new Medical Form well in advance of your attendance at Summer Camp, so that the annual physical may be completed and properly documented before your arrival.

Download a copy of the BSA Medical Form at www.rsrbasa.org.

SUNDAY CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

The success of a timely Sunday check-in for all campers depends largely on the pre-camp preparation by units to gather all necessary medical documentation. Here’s how you can help ensure a smooth and orderly check-in.

• The Scoutmaster should review all participants’ medical forms well before the date of the troops arrival at camp. The Scoutmaster should ensure that:

  ✓ All participants are using the new BSA Health Form.
  ✓ All forms have a physician’s signature verifying a physical exam within the last year.
  ✓ All forms have completed the Parental Informed Consent and Hold Harmless/Release Agreement and Talent Release Form.
  ✓ All youth forms (under 18 years of age) have been signed by a parent or legal guardian.

• On or before the day of arrival at camp, the Scoutmaster should collect all participants’ health forms. If any Scout does not have a health form or their health form is incomplete, contact the Scout’s parents immediately before leaving for camp. It is helpful to have the forms alphabetized by last name.

• Upon arriving at camp, the Scoutmaster should give all health forms to the Staff Guide in the parking lot. The Guide will deliver the forms with the Troop to the campsite while the Scoutmaster checks in the unit at the Camp Office.

• The Camp Health Officer will visit the campsite for the medical re-check of each participant. To ensure the privacy of all participants, please keep other Scouts and
adults away from the picnic table when the Health Officer is conducting the medical re-checks.

- Each Scout must present all medication he has brought with him during the re-check. All medication must be in original, labeled containers and must match the personal standing orders authorized by the physician on the health form. A parent of a child in camp may hold on to their child’s medication during the time that the parent is in camp. All other youth medications must be turned over to the Health Officer to be kept in locked storage in the health office. Refrigerated storage is available in the health office for those medications that require it.

During the medical re-check interview, the Health Officer will discuss medication schedules with each participant who requires medications while at camp. Mealtime medications will be brought to the Dining Hall by the Health Officer. Arrangements will be made individually with each Scout following a different medication schedule.

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.

CAMPER RELEASE FORM

If your son needs to leave camp at any point during the week, such as for a baseball game or doctor’s appointment, it is important that the troop and camp leadership be made aware of his departure and any plans for his return. This is especially true if someone other than the Scout’s parents will be picking him up. If you plan to remove your Scout from camp, you must complete a Camper Release Form, which the Scoutmaster must sign, and submit the form at the Camp Office when signing the Scout out. It is best to do this ahead of time, in case the Scoutmaster is unavailable to sign the form when you arrive. Download the Camper Release Form at www.rsrbsa.org.

Positive ID will be required of anyone removing a Scout from camp.
EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

SIRENS

**One 15 Second Blast**
Is a test of the system and is used to notify troops of food delivery
Test signal sounds at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 4:30 p.m.

**One Long, Continuous Blast**
Signals everyone to assemble at the Hoccer Field near the Health Lodge

**“The Yelp”**
Signal for weather emergency; seek shelter at the Dining Hall or Seneca Lodge

FIRE PLAN

During a fire emergency, the following steps are taken:
1. The person discovering the fire should alert any person in immediate danger
2. Immediately notify staff in the nearest Program Area or Camp Office
3. The siren will be sounded using one continuous blast
4. Camp Director will notify the Poestenkill Fire Department
5. Upon hearing the siren, all persons in camp will proceed to the Hoccer Field assembly area near the Health Lodge and line up by troop. Attendance will be taken. All Scouts are to remain in the area until directed otherwise.
6. The Camp Director will issue all orders and directions concerning the emergency.

LOST SWIMMER

The Aquatics Staff will conduct regular buddy checks. If the number of swimmers does not match the number of tags on the buddy board, the Aquatics Director will initiate the following Lost Swimmer procedures:
1. The Aquatics Director will immediately notify the Camp Office & Health Officer
2. The siren will be sounded using one long, continuous blast
3. All persons in camp will assemble in the Hoccer Field near the Health Lodge
4. The Aquatics Director will direct the search at the waterfront, while the Camp Director takes attendance and issues instructions at the Hoccer Field

LOST SCOUT

Unit Leaders are asked to regularly take attendance of their Scouts, using the in-site buddy board and meal time gatherings. If a Scout is not accounted for, the following procedures are to be followed immediately:
1. Report missing Scout to the Camp Office
2. Staff will begin an immediate search of campsite, program areas, and trading post
3. If search is unsuccessful, the siren will sound one continuous blast
4. Troops will assemble in the Hoccer Field by the Health Lodge
5. The Camp Director will issue appropriate instructions and contact local emergency personnel
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & GUESTS

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 Day and evening BBQ, and at Saturday morning’s closing ceremony. Check in on Sunday begins at 1:00. The closing ceremony begins Saturday between 8:30 and 8:45. Parents are encouraged to attend closing ceremonies on the Parade Field behind the Dining Hall. Dismissal for all troops follows the closing ceremonies at approximately 9:30. 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 $7.50. 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.

CAMPERSHIPS: Limited camperships are available for those Scouts who need financial assistance to attend at camp RSR. Campership applications are available from the Council Service Center. (Twin Rivers Council units only)

MAIL: Incoming mail will be given out from the office only to Scoutmasters for distribution to the boys. Scouts enjoy receiving mail from home. To help prevent homesickness, it is important for parents to consider refraining 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: (518) 286-2374

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.

CAMP CELL PHONE POLICY: While the camp does not officially prohibit the use of cell phones by Scouts, we do support and encourage troops to adopt such a policy while at Summer Camp. The use of cell phones and other electronic equipment can distract a Scout from the numerous outdoor program opportunities available to him 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. The Camp Staff is trained in how to support the troop leadership when dealing with cases of homesickness, but can do so only when informed before a parent arrives to take the boy home. The camp phone is always
available for any Scout who wishes to call home (with the approval of his Scoutmaster), and many Scoutmasters are happy to allow Scouts to use their personal cell phones when needed to contact home.

PARKING: Parking for all vehicles remaining in camp for the week, or just visiting, will be available in the PARKING LOT only. Only camp service vehicles are permitted beyond the parking lot. Handicap access passes are available at the Camp Office.

WHAT TO PACK

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
Boy Scout 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
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)
Prayer book, Bible, or other reading material
Musical instrument
Camera and film
Swim fins/facemask
Sunglasses and sunscreen
Watch or alarm clock