

Broad Creek First Year Camper Program Guide 2022

Leaders, please send this email out to the parents of and scouts of your troop that are attending this summer's First Year Camper Program, thanks!

Intro-Welcome to Broad Creek's 2022 First Year Camper Program, Project Thunderherons! My staff and I can't wait to meet you all in a couple of weeks! Below is some information and rules that are important for you and your scouts to know.

What to Bring (Remember to Be Prepared!)-These are items that should be brought to the First Year Camper Area every day

- Water Bottle (Filled with only water in order to stay hydrated)
- Closed Toe Pair of Shoes (Sneakers or Tennis Shoes only since we will be doing a lot of walking throughout the day)
- Scout book
- Writing Utensils
- Pool Items (Even though the Swimming Merit Badge/instructional swim isn't until after lunch we want the scouts to have the opportunity to relax for a little while and not have to worry about running back to their campsite to get all of their things)
 - Bathing Suit (Females remember to wear a one-piece bathing suit)
 - Flip Flops/Crocs
 - Goggles if necessary
 - Earplugs if necessary
 - Swim Cap if necessary
 - Towel
- Rain Gear
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Hat

How Patrols Work-On Monday morning the scouts will pair up with a buddy and then will be sorted into a patrol with their buddy. Our patrols are organized with multiple troops to encourage learning about other troops and scouts. The buddy pairs are to ensure that scouts will be around one familiar person, so, they aren't in a completely new setting.

How to know what patrol your scout is in-We will be assigning patrols on Monday morning and will present the scouts with a schedule that reflects where they will be at what time. There will also be a list of patrols and where they will be at RHQ with the requirement binder by Tuesday morning.

Schedule-Please make sure that your scouts are in the correct area at the correct time.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Before 9-Gathering Activities

9-9:20- Patrol Assignments (Monday), Opening Flag Ceremony, and Attendance

9:20-11:25-Center Rotations

11:30-12:50-Archery, Rifle or Nature Hike (All patrols will rotate each day)

1-2-Lunch/Siesta

2-4-Leatherworking/Swimming Merit Badge Block

4-4:20-Closing Flags, Reminders, Closing Game

Thursday

Before 9-Gathering Activities

9-9:20- Opening Flag Ceremony, and Attendance

9:20-12-Camp Oest 5 Mile Hike

12-12:50-Pier

1-2-Lunch/Siesta

2-4- Leatherworking or Swimming Merit Badge Block

4-4:20-Closing Flags, Reminders, Closing Game

Friday

9-9:20- Opening Flag Ceremony, and Attendance

9:20-1-Finish/ continue to work on merit badges, Have the opportunity to finish requirements or work on extra requirements, Totin chip for those who don't already have it

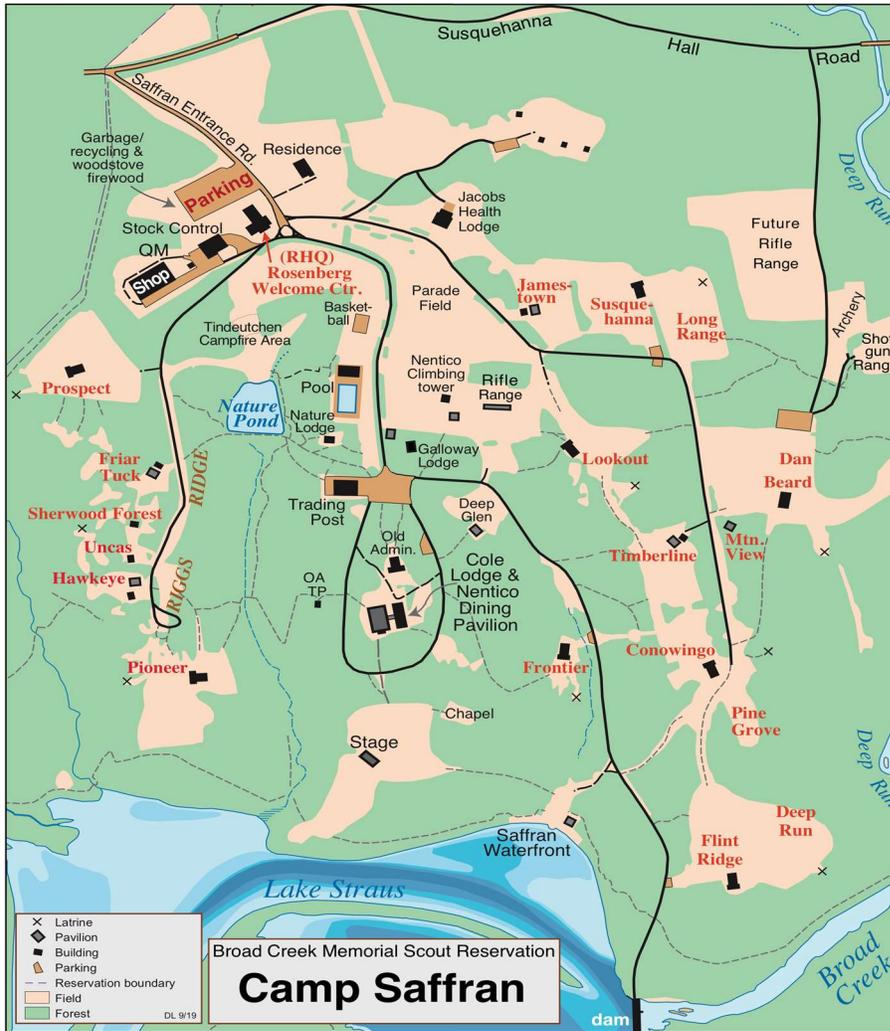
1-2-Lunch/Siesta

2-5-Campwide Games (Scouts will do this with their troop)

Swimming-The swimming badge will only be available for those scouts who have passed the swimmer's test. Non-swimmers and beginners will have the opportunity to complete only the first talking requirement of the swimming merit badge and during the swimming merit badge block will instead be doing instructional swim. All swimmer levels will have the opportunity to complete aquatics requirements during the swimming merit badge block and the pier block. Even if an aquatics requirement is the same as a requirement for the swimming merit badge, it will not be signed off for the merit badge unless the scout is a swimmer.

Leatherworking- The leatherworking merit badge will be available in the First Year Camper Area and will be completed during the leatherworking merit badge block.

Map-



The First Year Camper Program will be located at the Deep Glen site. That is also where the leatherworking merit badge will be worked on.

The swimming merit badge/instructional swim will be completed at the pool. There will be a shower house available to rinse off before and shower after the pool.

Archery will be done at the archery range right next to the shotgun range. Be aware that the only bathroom close to the range will be a porta potty.

Rifle will be done at the rifle range next to the climbing tower.

Special Events-

On Tuesday night we will be having our Inpost in the First Year Camper area and will be sleeping under the stars! We will play games, work on requirements and merit badges if the scouts would like, have our campfire program with the skits and songs the scouts worked on with their patrol that day, and of course, the most important part, have smores!! If your scout requires nightly medication that the troop is keeping in a lockbox in the site, an adult leader from your troop will have to come to the Inpost site to give the scout their medication. The staff are not allowed to be in charge of or administer any scout's medication. If your scout has nightly medication that is kept in the health lodge, please let us know and we will send them up with a buddy. We will also be having s'mores, so if your scout has any dietary restrictions, please let us know, and we will do our best to accommodate that dietary need. Scouts will need to bring their water bottles, sleeping bag/blankets, pillow, tarp, flashlight, and toiletries, and we ask that all electronic devices, food or anything fragrant stays back at the campsite. Scouts should be able to carry all of their items from their campsite to the parade field and then the First Year Camper area. Once we arrive at the site, scouts are expected to stay there for the night expect in case of emergency. If adults would like to attend and spend the night, please let us know so we can block off a spot for them. Staff will wake up scouts at 5 AM so they will have the ability to go to the Polar Bear Swim in the morning if they would like.

On Thursday morning we will have our 5-mile hike in Camp Oest to complete our orienteering requirements. We will be leaving at 9:20 directly after flags and attendance so it is extremely important to be on time that morning. Before we leave scouts will go through their backpacks to make sure they aren't bringing anything that they won't need on the hike.

Where to Find Completed Requirements-We do not sign off in the Scout book, the scouts will receive a pamphlet where they will be marking off what they have completed throughout the week. We will also have a copy of the control sheet in the First Year Camper binder in RHQ. New this year, we will also have control sheets for the rank requirements alongside the merit badges.

Adult Help-We always love having an extra set of hands especially from someone the scouts already know. You can sign up through the sign-up genius that is both attached below and that will be handed out at the Sunday leaders meeting. If you don't want to volunteer and just want to be an observer then disregard the sign-up genius.

Week 1 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4AA8A92DA2FE3-first>

Week 2 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4AA8A92DA2FE3-first1>

Week 3 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4AA8A92DA2FE3-first2>

Week 4 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4AA8A92DA2FE3-first3>

Week 5 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4AA8A92DA2FE3-first4>

Weather Policy- In case of severe rain or weather we will move into the dining hall. We will also be keeping an eye on the weather and may move there before the weather hits us.

Bullying- We have a no bullying policy, if we notice someone being bullied the bully will have consequences.

Knife Policy- Scouts who have Totin Chip are allowed to carry a pocketknife in the FYC area as long as they carry their Totin Chip card with them. Our policy is that scouts are not allowed to use their pocketknives except after they first ask a staff member.

My Contact Info- If you have any questions, comments or concerns about anything regarding the First Year Camper Program feel free to reach me at kellykayla222@gmail.com and I'll get back to you within two business days.

Once again, we can't wait to see you all this summer!

Sincerely,

Kayla Kelly, First Year Camper Program Director