

Troop 202

Annual Outdoor Program Planning Standards

The Troop 202 Annual Outdoor Program refers to the plan for monthly weekend outings. The program includes a variety of activities designed to provide a welcoming environment for bonding and fellowship, an opportunity for skills improvement and rank advancement, and a venue for coaching and character development, fitness challenges, and an appreciation of the outdoors. The following standards establish expectations that will guide our planning work for the Troop 202 Annual Outdoor Program.

1. The Annual Outdoor Program provides at least 22 Troop camping nights per year.
2. Troop 202 supports the Crossroads of America Council program and provides a long-term camping opportunity for all Scouts in the troop by participating in summer camp at Ransburg Scout Reservation. Participants are expected to remain for the entire week.
3. Troop 202 supports the district program and provides an opportunity for fellowship and competition with other troops by participating in district or section camporees -- Winter Camporee in late January, Spring Camporee in late April, and Fall Camporee in October.
4. Each outing has a volunteer adult and a volunteer youth assigned to further research and plan the event.
5. Adult planners participate in the Outings Committee and follow Troop 202 protocols for planning. (The Outings Committee is comprised of the Outings Coordinator and the adult leaders of the outings from the August planning meeting of one year through the end of the following calendar year.)
6. Regular monthly outings are designed to be suitable for all Scouts in Troop 202. None are restricted from attending based on age, rank, or skill.
7. If an outing is used as a shakedown for a high adventure group within the troop (e.g., canoeing prior to a Boundary Waters trek, or hiking prior to a Philmont trek), a second adult and youth leader are also assigned to focus on the needs of younger Scouts and those not planning to participate in the high adventure trek.
8. Appropriate, trained adult supervision will be available for all outings. As the Annual Outdoor Program plan is developed, adult training status and gaps are reviewed, and a plan for adult training to support the program plan is developed as needed.
9. Day activities in addition to the weekend outings may be included in the program, but should be in addition to -- not instead of -- meeting the criteria above.
10. The Annual Outdoor Program Plan is posted to the troop website so that all can plan for and anticipate upcoming events. (<http://www.troop202.us/Outings.htm>)