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AQUATICS

Canoeing	9:00-10:30	10:30-12:00		2:00-3:30		Pass the swimmer's test
Instructional Swim			11:00-12:00	2:00-3:00		Learn to swim program
Kayaking	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00	2:00-3:00		Pass the swimmer's test; 1b*
Lifesaving	9:00-10:30			2:00-3:30		Swimming MB; 2ab,17*
Mile Swim BSA (Conditioning)		10:00-11:00				Pass the swimmer's test
Motorboating (M,Tu)			11:00-12:00	2:00-3:00		Pass the swimmer's test; 1bc*
Motorboating (Th,F)	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00	2:00-3:00		Pass the swimmer's test; 1bc*
Personal Watercraft (PWC) Safety Program	9:00-10:30			2:00-3:30		PWC introductory course. Pass the swimmer's test; Age 15+ . Must have a Boater Education Course Certificate**, photo ID, & signed waiver form
Rowing (M,Tu,W)	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00				Pass the swimmer's test; 1b*
Small-Boat Sailing		10:30-12:00		2:00-3:30		Pass the swimmer's test; 1b*
Swimming	9:00-10:30	10:30-12:00		2:00-3:30		Pass the swimmer's test; 1b*
Water Sports	9:00-10:30	10:30-12:00		2:00-3:30		Pass the swimmer's test; Age 13+
OPEN Boating					3:30- 4:50	Bring a buddy. Open program, no sign-up required. Open M, Tu, W, F; Open in evening on Thursday.
OPEN Swimming					3:30- 4:50	Bring a buddy. Open program, no sign-up required. Open M, Tu, W, F; Open in evening on Thursday.
Stand Up Paddle Boarding					3:30- 4:50	Bring a buddy. Open program, no sign-up required. Open M, Tu, W, F; Open in evening on Thursday.
Troop Canoe Trek						See the Aquatics Director
Troop Swim						See the Aquatics Director

Notes: *CPR/First Aid requirement only requires **knowledge** of CPR and First Aid skills. If completed at a Troop meeting or in First Aid MB, that will fulfill the prerequisite.
**PWC: Indiana Boating Safety Course link and information is available on our website. Out of state Boating Safety Courses must meet NASBLA requirements.

BADEN-POWELL

Chess		10:00-12:00		2:00-4:00		
Citizenship in the Nation	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00		3:00-4:00	2 ; Recommended age 14+
Citizenship in the World		10:00-11:00		2:00-3:00	4:00-5:00	Recommended age 14+
Game Design	9:00-10:00			2:00-3:00		8
Personal Management		10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00		3:00-4:00	1b, 2, 8 ; Recommended age 14+
Salesmanship (M,Tu,W)	9:00-10:00				4:00-5:00	



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COMMUNICATIONS

Communication	9:00-10:00				2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00	4:00-5:00	5, 8
Photography	9:00-10:00				2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00		1a (Cyber Chip). Bring a personal digital camera, if
Moviemaking		10:00-12:00						
Music							4:00-5:00	
Theater		10:00-12:00						1

EAGLE QUEST

First Year Camper	9:00-11:00		OPEN*		2:00-4:00		OPEN*	Covers only Tenderfoot and Second Class Reqs. Morning and afternoon sessions are identical to each other; Scouts only need to sign up for one of the two sessions. *Open program to complete any requirements. No sign-up required.
First Class			11:00-12:00				4:00-5:00	Covers only First Class reqs. Morning and Afternoon sessions are identical to each other; Scouts only need to sign up for one of the two sessions.
Totin' Chip			OPEN				OPEN	No sign-up required.
Firem'n Chit			OPEN				OPEN	No sign-up required.
Paul Bunyan			OPEN				OPEN	No sign-up required.

HANDICRAFT

Art			11:00-12:00				4:00-5:00	
Basketry	9:00-10:00				2:00-3:00			
Fingerprinting (Th,F)		10:00-11:00				3:00-4:00		
Leatherwork	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00			
Metalwork	9:00-11:00				2:00-4:00			
Model Design and Building			11:00-12:00			3:00-4:00	4:00-5:00	
Sculpture (M,Tu,W)		10:00-11:00				3:00-4:00		
Woodcarving	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00	4:00-5:00	Totin' Chip required
OPEN Handicraft							OPEN	Open program for Scouts to work on projects and learn different art mediums. No sign-up required.



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HIGH ADVENTURE									
Climbing	9:00-11:00				2:00-4:00				Recommended age 13+
C.O.P.E.	9:00-12:00				2:00-5:00				Age 13+; long pants; "Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience": Older Scout program that includes group initiative games, trust events, and challenges that reach from the ground to the sky, including a low challenge course and high ropes course.
Open Climbing (Tu-Fri)							4:00-4:50		No sign-up required.
Open Rappel - Youth (Tu.)							4:00-4:50		No sign-up required. Tuesday only.
NATURE CENTER									
Bird Study	9:00-10:00								5
Fish and Wildlife Management			11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00				7
Fishing	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00							7 ; Recommend bringing own fishing rod and tackle, if desired.
Forestry		10:00-11:00					4:00-5:00		
Geology (Th,F)			11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00				
Mammal Study (Th,F)	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00	4:00-5:00		3
Nature	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00	4:00-5:00		
Reptile & Amphibian Study		10:00-11:00				3:00-4:00			8
Weather (M,Tu,W)	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00	4:00-5:00		9
OPEN Nature							4:00-5:00		No sign-up required
RANCH									
Animal Science (M,Tu,W)	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00						
Horsemanship	9:00-11:00								Long pants; Recommended age 13+
		10:00-12:00							
Landscape Architecture (Th,F)	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00						
Wrangler					2:00-3:30				Age 13+ , long pants, Horsemanship MB. Wrangler takes your horse experience to the next level including an overnight experience with your horse!
Trail Rides						3:15-4:15			Sign-up in Trading Post; long pants
							4:00-5:00		



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SCOUTCRAFT

Camping	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00			2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00		4b, 5e, 7b, 9abc
Cooking		10:00-12:00			2:00-4:00			
Emergency Preparedness	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00		4:00-5:00	1, 2c, 8b
First Aid	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00		5
Pioneering	9:00-11:00				2:00-4:00			
Search and Rescue		10:00-12:00					4:00-5:00	
Signs, Signals, and Codes			11:00-12:00				4:00-5:00	
Wilderness Survival	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00				3:00-4:00	4:00-5:00	

SHOOTING SPORTS

Archery	9:00-11:00				OPEN*			*Open program - no sign-up required. Fully enclosed shoes required.
		10:00-12:00						
Rifle Shooting	9:00-11:00				Practice (Optional)	OPEN*		*Open program - no sign-up required. Fully enclosed shoes required. Open M, W, Th, F; Open in evening on Tuesday!
		10:00-12:00						
Shotgun Shooting	9:00-11:00				Practice (Optional)			Age 13+; Fully enclosed shoes required.
		10:00-12:00						

SPORTS

Athletics (M,Tu,W)		10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00					3, 6b
Geocaching	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00		4:00-5:00	7, 9
Personal Fitness (M,Tu,W)	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00			2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00		1b, 7, 8
Sports (Th,F)	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00			2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00		4, 5
Mountain Biking					OPEN	OPEN		5+ feet tall, starts on the hour. No sign-up required.
OPEN Sports	OPEN				OPEN			Various pick-up sports and games will be played on an open basis. No sign-up required. Tues: open program only offered in the evening.



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STEM CENTER									
Archaeology					2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00			
Astronomy					2:00-3:00				4c,6 , night hikes required
Aviation (Th,F)	9:00-10:00						4:00-5:00		4
Chemistry			11:00-12:00			3:00-4:00			
Electricity	9:00-10:00				2:00-3:00				2
Energy (M,Tu,W)							4:00-5:00		
Engineering	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00				4:00-5:00		
Environmental Science	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00			3e, 4
Exploration (M,Tu,W)	9:00-10:00								
Nuclear Science		10:00-11:00				3:00-4:00			Recommended Age 13+
Robotics	9:00-11:00		OPEN*			2:00-4:00		OPEN*	*For enrolled Scouts only. No sign-up required.
Space Exploration		10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00						
Welding	9:00-11:00				2:00-4:00			PRACTICE* (Optional)	Leather boots and long jean pants required; Recommended age 13+. *Practice for enrolled Scouts only.
		10:00-12:00							
Mad Science								OPEN	Open program for fun and exciting science experiments and activities. No sign-up required.

ATV

ASI ATV Safety Training (M,Tu)	9:00-12:00								Age 16+. Must complete ASI eCourse online prior to camp (link on Ransburg website). Long sleeve shirt, long jean pants, & sturdy ankle boots required. A signed permission form is also required on the first day.
ASI ATV Safety Training (Th,F)	9:00-12:00				2:00-5:00				

RansburgX

RansburgX	9:00-5:00								This program is designed for Scouts Age 16+. Monday-Friday all day. Waiver forms are required for ATV and can be found on website. Program is run with two concurrent sessions to increase capacity while maintain small groups.
Program Description:									
Scouts in RansburgX could participate in the following activities while at camp: ASI ATV, climbing, mountainboarding, mountain biking, overnight trekking, water skiing, sailing, and more. Get ready for fun and adventure! This exciting older Scout program is designed for Scouts who want to come to camp for an adventure! Focus will be adventure type activities and not advancement. Day to day activities are subject to change, depending on the interests of the group.									



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FIRECRAFTER									
Camper Rank	OPEN				OPEN				Firecrafter is a summer camp program supported by the Firecrafter Organization. For rank requirements and preparation information, visit www.firecrafter.org . All Firecrafter programs operate on an open schedule and are also open in the evenings. No prior sign-up is required.
Woodsman Rank	OPEN				OPEN				
Firecrafter Rank	OPEN				OPEN				
SPL									
SPL Leadership Program							4:00-5:00		A leadership development program designed for Troop Senior Patrol Leaders at summer camp. All SPLs are encouraged to sign up. Other youth leaders (ASPLs, acting SPLs) are welcome.

OVERALL NOTES	
Open Programs:	It is encouraged for Scouts to leave an hour during the day of open time to enjoy the numerous open programs offered. The majority of open programs occur from 4:00pm - 5:00pm. Open programming does not require prior sign-up. A Scout can simply show-up at a program area when they would like to participate in an open program. New in 2023, expanded open program opportunities in the evenings will be offered in addition to afternoons.
Age Restrictions:	Some programs have required age minimums and some programs have recommended age minimums. The purpose of age restrictions varies from program to program. When listed as "Recommended Age 13+", if the Scout is under the recommended age, it is suggested that the Scout have a conversation with their Scoutmaster or Summer Camp Coordinator prior to signing-up for that merit badge.
Partial Week Programs:	All programs meet Monday through Friday unless indicated otherwise next to the Merit Badge/Activity name. For example, Kayaking meets on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. There are numerous opportunities in the program schedule to match-up two partial week activities so that a Scout has a full week of activities during a particular hour.
Prerequisites:	Bolded numbers in the Notes and Prerequisites column correspond to the official BSA Merit Badge Requirements and are specific to each individual Merit Badge. The requirements associated with each Merit Badge can be found at www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/
Program Fees:	New in 2023, camp is now all inclusive; there are no program/supply fees. This will save each Scout, on average, \$30-\$60. Merit badge kits will be available in the program area where the merit badge is offered. For example, basketry kits will be available in Handicraft. Additional kits (beyond those provided) will be available in the Trading Post for purchase.
Electronic Schedule:	An electronic version of this schedule is available at www.ransburgbsa.org and will be the most current version of this document. Viewing of this schedule is best done printed in color ink or electronically on our website.
Selection & Registration:	The Troop Summer Camp Coordinator should register Scouts for merit badges and activities on the Scouting Event Registration website. It is recommended that Scouts pick a first and second choice for each program hour to make registration/scheduling simpler for the Troop's Camp Coordinator. Additional information for each program area can be found in the Camping Experience Guide available on our website. If you have any questions about registering or merit badge selection please reach out to the Crossroads of America Council office.