

Troop 202 Summer Camp 2024

It is time to start planning for 2024 Summer Camp! This year's encampment for Troop 202 will be at Ransburg Scout Reservation from **Sunday June 2nd to Saturday June 8th**. We will be in the Aspen, Bald Cypress, and River Birch campsites on Forest Ridge. Summer Camp is an important time for our troop, and we strongly encourage all Scouts to attend with Troop 202 when their fellow Scouts and adult leaders are on hand to help. It's a place where friendships are built, memories are made, and great strides are taken toward Eagle rank.

Here are some key dates & notes:

- ✓ **The cost of Summer Camp is \$485.** This cost is based on in-council "early bird" registration and includes \$10 for campsite supplies and Wednesday night troop dinner. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by February 21st, and full payment is due by April 12th. After April 12th, the cost goes up \$25. The latest date to register for summer camp with Troop 202 is May 1st.
- ✓ **Your payments are non-refundable.** If you must cancel, you have three options: [1] find a Scout in our troop (who is not already registered) to go in your place, [2] reschedule with the council for a different week later in the summer as a "provisional Scout", or [3] in the event of a family death or unavoidable conflict, file a refund request directly with the council.
- ✓ **There are no additional fees for classes or class materials.** The cost of camp is all-inclusive. There are no surcharges for things like shooting sports ammo, boat fuel, handicraft materials, etc.
- ✓ **You may buy a debit card directly from the council for trading post purchases.** May 15th is the deadline for buying a debit card for camp if you would like for us to prepare a laminated card your son can use at the trading post. These council debit cards (sometimes referred to as "cash cards") are strongly recommended. If a card is lost, it can be returned or replaced, whereas lost cash is likely lost for good. Any remaining balance on a cash card is good at the council Scout shop or at camp next year.
- ✓ **Each Scout and adult camper must submit a complete health form (Parts A/B/C) by May 1st with the doctor's signature dated after June 8, 2023.** This is required for each person who will spend even one night at camp.
- ✓ **Merit badge class requests must be submitted by March 29th.** When the council selection system opens, we will try our best to schedule your preferences. Some merit badges have limited availability, so the sooner your list is turned in, the better your chance of obtaining your first choices. First year Scouts should not stress over merit badge selections. We will help them select suitable classes.
- ✓ **We must provide at least one adult camper for every eight Scouts in camp.** There is a separate sign-up form for adult campers. You must be a registered BSA troop adult, a Troop 202 "qualified camper" and "qualified driver", and have a current Part A/B/C health form to participate. Full-week adult campers pay \$120, and the troop will cover the balance, as they are agreeing to be "on staff" during the week to support the whole troop, not just their son. Part-week adult campers pay \$120 to cover their registration fee.
- ✓ **The Troop will conduct BSA swim tests prior to camp.** All Scouts must take the swim test each year. All adult campers are encouraged to take the test since they may not participate in any Aquatics activities (swimming, boating, etc.) at camp without taking it. You are strongly urged to take the test on one of the pre-camp dates so you won't have to stand in line and take the test in the lake on arrival at camp.
- ✓ **If you need financial help for camp, workerships are available.** The deadline for council workership applications is March 1st. A workership is a partial scholarship in exchange for completing a special service project. Workerships are confidential, and a leader in Troop 202 would approve and sign off the completed service project. Please see the Committee Chair, Scoutmaster, or Troop Treasurer if you have questions. Our goal is to make Summer Camp available to all Scouts.
- ✓ **Troop 202 requires you to have a Class A (field uniform) shirt and a Class B (activity uniform) t-shirt for camp.** A Class A shirt is required for travel to and from camp, and for flag ceremonies and dinner at camp. All insignia must be up-to-date and neat. Order of the Arrow and Firecrafter events for older Scouts may require a complete Scout Class A uniform (Scout shirt with epaulets, Scout shorts, Scout socks, a Scout belt, and an appropriate Scout buckle). There might be some uniform items available in the Troop 202 Gear Mart. If you cannot afford the needed components of a Scout uniform, a discount is available through the local council. Please contact the Committee Chair, Scoutmaster, or Troop Treasurer for information.