

Troop 202 Summer Camp

It is time to start planning for 2021 Summer Camp! This year's encampment for Troop 202 will be at Ransburg Scout Reservation from **Sunday June 6th to Saturday June 12th**. We will be in the Aspen, Bald Cypress, and River Birch campsites on Ridge 1. 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 Troop 202 adult leaders are on hand to help. It is a place where friendships are built, memories are made, and great strides are taken toward Eagle rank.

Here are some key dates & notes:

1. **The cost of Summer Camp (excluding class surcharges, if any) is \$330.** This cost is based on "early bird" registration. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by February 10th, and full payment is due by April 11th. After April 11th, the cost goes up \$25. The latest date to register for summer camp with Troop 202 is May 5th.
2. **Your payments are non-refundable.** If you must cancel, you have three options: (1) find a replacement in the 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 "contingent Scout", or (3) in the event of a family death or unpreventable conflict, file a refund request directly with the council. **IN THE EVENT OF CANCELLATION BY THE COUNCIL DUE TO COVID, A FULL REFUND WILL BE MADE.**
3. **Your class costs, if any, will be added to your registration fee and must be paid to the troop by May 19th.** The troop will pay your class fees to the camp before you arrive.
4. **You may fund a debit card for trading post purchases.** May 19th is the deadline for requesting a debit card for camp, and placing funds in your Scout Account to cover the cost. These council debit cards (sometimes called "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.
5. **Each Scout and adult camper must submit a complete health form (Parts A/B/C) by April 14th with the doctor's signature dated after June 12, 2020.** We are asked by the council to deliver the health forms to camp well in advance of our arrival.
6. **Merit badge class requests need to be turned in by March 31st.** Some merit badges have limited availability, so the sooner your list is turned in, the better your chance of obtaining your selections. First year Scouts should not stress over merit badge selections. We will help them select classes.
7. **We must provide at least one adult camper for every eight Scouts in camp.** Please let us know if you would like to serve as a camp adult leader. You must be a Troop 202 "Qualified Camper" and "Qualified Driver", and you must plan to be "on staff" during the week to support the whole troop, not just your son. Registration for adults who camp for the entire week and agree to be "on staff" for Troop 202 will be paid for by the troop. If you plan to attend for only part of the week, you must pay the per-meal rate for registration.
8. **The Troop will conduct BSA swim tests prior to camp.** All Scouts must take the swim test, and all adult campers are encouraged to take it 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. See the Summer Camp page of the troop website for dates as they are scheduled.
9. **If you need financial help for camp, workshops are available.** A workshop provides a scholarship for up to \$160 in exchange for completing a significant service project. Workshops 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.
10. **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 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.