

Troop 202 Summer Camp

It is time to start planning for 2023 Summer Camp! This year's encampment for Troop 202 will be at Ransburg Scout Reservation from **Sunday June 4th to Saturday June 10th**. 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 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 is \$480.** 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 13th, 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 4th.
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.
3. **There are no additional fees for any 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.
4. **You may fund a debit card for trading post purchases.** May 17th 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 13th with the doctor's signature dated after June 10, 2022.** We are asked by the council to deliver the health forms to camp well in advance of our arrival.
6. **Merit badge class requests must be submitted in late March.** We'll let you know when the 2023 activity schedule becomes available. 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 suitable classes.
7. **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 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 your son. Part-week adult campers pay \$120 to cover their registration fee.
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, 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.
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 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.