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Merit Badge / Activity	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00
AQUATICS								
BSA Paddle Boarding Award (M,Tu,W)	9:00-11:00	10:00-11:00						Pass the swimmer's test
Canoeing	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00					Pass the swimmer's test
Instructional Swim			11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00			Learn to swim program
Kayaking	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00			Pass the swimmer's test
Lifesaving	9:00-10:30				2:00-3:30			Swimming MB; 2a
Motorboating (M,Tu)		10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00			Pass the swimmer's test
Motorboating (Th,F)	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00			Pass the swimmer's test
Rowing (M,Tu,W)	9:00-10:00							Pass the swimmer's test
Small-Boat Sailing			10:30-12:00		2:00-3:30			Pass the swimmer's test
Swimming	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00		2:00-3:30			Pass the swimmer's test
Water Sports	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00	4:00-5:00	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.
OPEN Stand Up Paddleboarding							3:30- 4:50	Bring a buddy. Open program, no sign-up required. Open M, Tu, W, F; Open in evening on Thursday.
Mile Swim (Wed.)							3:30- 4:50	During open swim (W). Sign-up in camp office prior to that days swim.
Troop Canoe/ Kayak Trek								See the Aquatics Director
Troop Swim								See the Aquatics Director
BADEN-POWELL								
Chess			11:00-12:00					
Citizenship in the Nation	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00			3:00-4:00		7 ; 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)		10:00-11:00					4:00-5:00	
Communications Area								
Communication	9:00-10:00				2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00	4:00-5:00	5, 8
Photography	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00		4:00-5:00	1b
Moviemaking		10:00-12:00						
Theater					2:00-3:30			1

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HANDICRAFT

Art			11:00-12:00				4:00-5:00	
Basketry	9:00-10:00				2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00		
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				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.

HIGH ADVENTURE

ATV

ASI ATV Safety Training (M,Tu)	9:00-12:00								Age 14+. 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				

COPE & Climbing

Climbing	9:00-11:00				2:00-4:00			Recommended age 13+
Low and High Ropes		10:00-12:00			2:00-4:00			Age 13+ Scouts will be able to experience our COPE area's low and high ropes challenge courses.
Mountain Biking							4:00-5:00	Sign-up in the Office
OPEN Climbing (Tu-Fri)							4:00-4:50	No sign-up required.
OPEN Rappel (Tu.)							4:00-4:50	No sign-up required. Tuesday only.

RansburgX

RansburgX	9:00-5:00							Age 16+. Monday-Friday all day.
<p>RansburgX Program Description: Scouts in RansburgX could participate in the following activities while at camp: ASI ATV, climbing, high ropes course, sporting arrows, mountain biking, water skiing, sailing, and more.</p> <p>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. Visit goransburg.org/ransburgX for more information.</p>								
<p>For ATV: 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.</p>								

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NATURE CENTER								
Fishing	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00					Recommend bringing own fishing rod and tackle, if desired. Meet at Nature on Monday.
Forestry					2:00-3:00			
Geology (Th,F)			11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00			
Insect Study	9:00-10:00							3b, 5b
Mammal Study (Th,F)	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00	4:00-5:00	3
Nature			11:00-12:00			3:00-4:00		
Pulp and Paper (M,Tu,W)			11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00			
Reptile & Amphibian Study		10:00-11:00				3:00-4:00		8
Sustainability	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00					4:00-5:00	Check out Environmental Science at the STEM Center. Either badge counts for Eagle.
Weather (M,Tu,W)	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00	4:00-5:00	

N.E.S.T.								First Year Camper
Project N.E.S.T.	9:00-12:00							Project N.E.S.T. is an exciting first year camper experience focusing on rank advancement through fun activities. Scouts will complete a number of Tenderfoot through First Class requirements as well as the First Aid (Pre Req 2b) and Fingerprinting Merit Badges. Recommended for Scouts that recently joined or crossed over. Visit GoRansburg.org/NEST for more.
Open Rank Advancement							OPEN	Open program to complete any rank requirements Tenderfoot through First Class. No sign-up required. Buddy Recommended
Totin' Chip							OPEN	No sign-up required.
Firem'n Chit							OPEN	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+
Landscape Architecture (Th,F)	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00					
Wrangler					2:00-3:30			Age 13+. Horsemanship MB, long pants. Wrangler takes your horse experience to the next level including an extended experience with your horse!
Ransburg Ranch Hand					2:00-5:00			Ages 14+ and must have done at least 1 year of Wrangler. Long pants. Ranch hands will spend the afternoon assisting the ranch staff and will have a riding opportunity each day.
Trail Rides						3:15-4:15	4:00-5:00	

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SCOUTCRAFT									
Camping	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00		4:00-5:00		4b, 5e, 7b, 9abc
Cooking		10:00-12:00			2:00-4:00				4
Emergency Preparedness			11:00-12:00				4:00-5:00		3, 9
First Aid	9:00-11:00				2:00-4:00				2b
Pioneering	9:00-11:00								Scouts should come with experience in basic knots.
Signs, Signals, and Codes							4:00-5:00		
Wilderness Survival			11:00-12:00			3:00-4:00	4:00-5:00		4
SPORTS									
<i>Range and Target Activities</i>									
Archery	9:00-11:00				2:00-4:00		OPEN*		*Open program: no sign-up required. Tight-fit, fully enclosed shoes required. M, T, W, F
		10:00-12:00							
Sporting Arrows							OPEN		No sign-up required. Tight-fit, fully enclosed shoes required. Thursday only.
Rifle Shooting	9:00-11:00				Practice (Optional)		OPEN*		*Open program: no sign-up required. Tight-fit, fully enclosed shoes required. Open M, W, Th, F; Open in evening on Tuesday!
		10:00-12:00							
Shotgun Shooting	9:00-11:00				2:00-4:00		Practice (Optional)		Age 13+; Fully enclosed shoes required.
		10:00-12:00							
<i>Field Sports</i>									
Athletics (M,Tu,W)			11:00-12:00						3, 6b
Geocaching			11:00-12:00			3:00-4:00			7, 9
Golf	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00			2:00-3:00				Disc Golf Option
Personal Fitness (M,Tu,W)	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00			2:00-3:00				5, 6, 7
Sports (Th,F)	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00				4, 5
OPEN Sports							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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S.T.E.M. CENTER								
Archaeology					2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00		
Astronomy		10:00-11:00			2:00-3:00			4c, 6b , night hikes required
Chemistry	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00			3:00-4:00		
Electricity					2:00-3:00			2
Engineering	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00				4:00-5:00	
Environmental Science			11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00		2, 6 , Check out Sustainability at the Nature Center. Either badge counts for Eagle.
Inventing	9:00-10:00							8
Nuclear Science (M,Tu,W)		10:00-11:00				3:00-4:00		Recommended Age 13+
Space Exploration		10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00					
Welding	9:00-10:30		10:30-12:00		2:00-3:30		3:30-5:00	Leather boots and long jean pants required; Recommended age 13+.
Mad Science							OPEN	Exciting science experiments and activities! No sign-up required.

FIRECRAFTER

Camper Rank	OPEN			OPEN			Firecrafter is a summer camp program supported by the Firecrafter Organization. For rank requirements and preparation information, visit GoRansburg.org . All Firecrafter programs operate on an open schedule. No prior sign-up is required.	
Woodsmen Rank	OPEN			OPEN				
Firecrafter Rank	OPEN			OPEN				

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE - 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 and in the evenings. Most 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. For a consolidated list, refer to the <i>open program schedule</i> .
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, the Scout should 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, Rowing 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 Scouting America 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/
No Program Fees:	Camp is all-inclusive ; there are no program/supply fees. This saves each Scout between \$45-\$75 depending upon the programs the Scout sign-ups for. 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.
Electronic Schedule:	An electronic version of this schedule is available at www.GoRansburg.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:	Prior to merit badge and activity sign-up it is recommended that Scouts pick a first and second choice for each program hour to make registration/scheduling simpler. 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.