

Parents and Scouts Attending Summer Camp at Ransburg,

We'll be meeting bright and early on Sunday, July 2 at 5:30 AM in the PNC Bank parking lot to begin a great week of camping at the Ransburg Scout Reservation. This note is to provide new and returning scouts and their families with information and a number of important reminders about the week.

Conduct. Summer camp is an opportunity to live the ideals of the Scout Law. To help make it a great experience for all participants, I'd like parents to remind their scouts that they are expected to be well behaved throughout the week. Inappropriate conduct, such as name calling, vandalism, bullying, verbal abuse, and violent behavior, is not acceptable and will result in disciplinary action and a call to the scout's parents. Repeated or severe misconduct will result in dismissal of the scout from the camp, with the scout's parents being required to travel to Ransburg to take the scout home.

Health. Current and complete medical forms, including a signed Part C Health Exam, must be on file for every scout and adult attending Ransburg. Please contact Will Buhlig (wbuhlig@yahoo.com) ASAP to make arrangements to submit any missing forms. If your scout takes any prescription or over-the-counter medications, either regularly or occasionally, please provide the medications in their original containers in a labeled zip lock bag with WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS for dispensing (dose, frequency, time of day, daily/as needed use.) These medications and instructions will be collected before departure from Naperville.

Mail. Scouts love getting letters and packages. Allow at least three days for delivery. You can send mail to your scout at the following address:

Scout's Name
Terrace Hills – Naperville Troop 505
Ransburg Scout Reservation
7599 E. Waldrip Creek Rd.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Emergency Contacts. The Emergency Contact for this outing is Will Buhlig (630-542-5147) & Lyndee Macaskill (331-330-1630) The emergency phone number for the Ransburg Scout Reservation is 812-837-9423.

Departure Details.

- We'll meet at 5:30 AM in the PNC Bank parking lot. Scouts must wear their **Class A uniforms (without neckerchief)** while traveling to and from camp.
- An adult serving as **Medical Officer** will collect zip lock bags with **medications and instructions.**
- An adult serving as **Banker** will collect **spending money** envelopes.
- We need to load the gear into the trailer. Keep your day pack with you.
- We'll do Roll Call and drivers will get directions.
- Group Picture!
- Go to vehicles and lunch money will be distributed to drivers. **Depart at 6:00 AM.**
- We'll meet for lunch at the McDonald's at I-465 and Hwy 37.

If you're running late and it's nearing departure time, call Will Buhlig (630-542-5147).

Return Details. Saturday July 8th, depart Ransburg by 10 AM, arrive at the PNC bank parking lot by 3 PM. Parents will be called about 15-45 minutes before arrival.

What to Bring.

- q **Complete Boy Scout Uniform** (no neckerchief) for evening meal, flag lowering, and campfires
- q Troop 505 T-shirts, Troop 505 hat (2017 Troop Tee Shirts will be distributed at Ransburg for those who ordered them.)
- q Shorts, long pants, underwear, socks, belt for at least 6 days
- q Jacket or Sweatshirt
- q Swim Trunks (Scouts and Adults will be taking swim test on arrival at camp and should wear swim trunks under the uniform or put them in their day pack.)
- q **For Swimming Merit Badge (New Scouts)**
 - o Long pants and a long-sleeved button-down shirt are required for the clothing inflation requirement (be sure they fit loosely)
- q Comfortable hiking boots or hard soled shoes and spare shoes
 - o For boating, scout will need a pair of shoes that can be worn in the water
 - o For horseback riding, scouts need shoes with a heel
- q **Rain gear** -- it always rains at least once or twice
- q Duffel Bag or Backpack to carry personal equipment to campsite
- q **Water bottles or canteen**
- q Sleeping bag or blankets and small pillow
 - o Optional – sheet.
 - o Ransburg provides cots and mattresses
- q Mosquito Netting and Poles to create a canopy (can be PVC Pipe, tomato plant stakes, etc.)
- q Small roll of duct tape
- q Ground Tarp
- q Toilet kit (toothbrush, toothpaste, shower towel, comb, soap, shampoo, etc.)
- q Beach towel
- q **Sun screen and insect repellent (must be non-aerosol)**
- q **Merit badge books and pre-requisite documentation**
- q Notebook, pencils and pens
- q **Scout Handbook** (very important for new scouts). Place in a zip lock bag to protect it
- q Compass
- q **Flashlight (or two) with extra batteries**
- q Folding Pocket Knife (no blades over 3" long) with Tote'n Chip
- q Trash bag or laundry bag
- q **Personal first aid kit**
- q Rope or twine for clothes line (15 ft)
- q **Lightweight backpack/daypack**
- q **Spending money:** \$1s and \$5s in an envelope. Please write scout's name and amount on the outside. Do not seal the envelope. We recommend \$60 for the week.
- q Optional: OA sash, waterproof watch, **sunglasses**, disposable camera, playing cards, books, stamps, pre-addressed envelopes, **plastic hanger for uniform** (highly recommended), fishing gear

DO NOT BRING THESE ITEMS

- ∅ Sheath knives or knives with blades longer than 3 inches
- ∅ Radios, stereos, i-Pods, video games, **ANY electronic gear**
- ∅ Cell phones, pagers, Palm Pilots
- ∅ Firecrackers, candles, matches, lighters
- ∅ Foods or snacks - they attract animals to the campsite