



# Troop 109 Summer Camp

## Session 2 June 9 – June 15 2013



July 2012

### What Do I Bring to Camp?

Bring only the things you need!

**YOU Should LABEL EVERYTHING - NAME & T109.**

- ✓ Sack lunch and drink (the 1<sup>st</sup> camp meal is dinner)
- ✓ Required medication (in original prescription bottles per Ransburg requirements with parent instructions)
- ✓ Spending money (additional Merit Badge costs, spending money for the trading post, plus \$10-15 for Wednesday dinner)
- ✓ Backpack, duffel bag, or foot locker
- ✓ Boy Scout Class A uniform including shirt, belt, 2-3 pair of Scout socks, pants/shorts, neckerchief (wear when traveling, at dinner each night, for Boards-of Review, and at campfires).
- ✓ Underwear and socks for at least six days
- ✓ Shirts and pants (short & long) for at least 6 days Jacket, sweater or sweat shirt
- ✓ Raincoat or poncho
- ✓ Swimming trunks and towels; some nylon cord
- ✓ Hiking boots and athletic shoes (also “wet shoes” if taking a boating merit badge)
- ✓ **Water Bottle, Hydration Pack, or Canteen**
- ✓ Small pillow and a blanket & sheet or sleeping bag
- ✓ Toilet kit in a zip-lock bag (shampoo, comb, soap, washcloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)
- ✓ Notebook, pencil, pen, and **Boy Scout Handbook**
- ✓ Sunscreen and insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- ✓ Flashlight with extra batteries.
- ✓ Watch, pocket knife (3” blade **limit with Tote’n chip card**). (Locking blade encouraged).
- ✓ Other ideas; Bible, **camp chair**, camera, sewing kit, compass, fishing gear, hammock, a good book
- ✓ **For Swimming MB** - . *Long pants and long sleeve button down shirt will be needed for the clothes inflation requirement. Recommend picking pant, belt, and shirt that can be easily removed in water. Will also need to jump in with shoes (I’ve seen Crocks used for this in the past).*
- ✓ **Horse Riding (including MB)** - *Long pants and shoes with heels.*
- ✓ **C.O.P.E** – Long pants required.
- ✓ It’s been said that hanging dryer sheets in your tent help keep insects/spiders away. (Can’t hurt)
- ✓ **First Aid Kit (Required for First Aid MB).**

#### DO NOT BRING

- ◇ Cell phones, CD or MP3 players, electronic games, radios, or any valuables.
- ◇ Sheath Knives are not permitted in camp.

### Parent Guide

#### • A Great Experience

Camping in the rugged outdoors of beautiful Camp Ransburg is an experience that your son will long remember.

Your son will learn many new things about the world around him. He can swim, fish, and canoe at Lake Monroe. He will have a chance to try his luck at archery and to learn the proper handling of a .22 rifle. He can study plants and animals on nature hikes. He can sleep under the stars. He can make friends, earn merit badges, advance in rank, and even earn a special camp rank (*Camper / Woodsman / Firecrafter*). Games, competitions, sports, crafts, and campfire programs are also part of his summertime adventure.

Our adult leaders and older Scouts will be there to assist on merit badges, act as mentors, and ensure everyone has a GREAT TIME!

#### • Campsite Living

Our campsites are **Ridge Runner L&R** on the first ridge. Boys will sleep in Voyager tents (canvas walled tents on a wooden platform) with two boys to a tent. Sleeping pads & cots are provided in the tents. Scouts are encouraged to dress up their patrol area (flag, etc.) to make it more like home.

Campsites have their own shelter with a picnic table, a flag pole with American flag, and a lantern. A shower house is provided close to the campsite. Scouts can wear shorts and T-shirts most of the time but are required to wear their “Class A” uniform while traveling, during dinner, for Boards-of-Review & at the campfire programs (pack 2-3 pair of Scout socks). **Write your son’s name on everything (shoes, socks, underwear, T-shirts, uniforms, anything not bolted down).**

#### • Camp Check-Out

Scouts will only be released from camp to custodial parents. Release to other must be communicated in writing, in advance, with troop leaders’ knowledge. Parents must indicate in writing who the scout will be leaving with and the time and day of departure. For the scout’s safety, the Scoutmaster must escort the scout to the camp office and sign the scout over to the approved persons. **Do Not remove your scout from camp without following this procedure.**

#### • Spending Money

Scouts will manage their own money. **Bring enough money to pay for extra MB costs (listed in schedule for each MB), trading post purchases, and enough for the Wednesday evening meal at a restaurant in town (about \$10-15 for meal).** Other, normal camp meals are provided at no additional cost.

#### • Swimming Test

Scouts must **pass the swimmers test to participate in Aquatics activities, including free swim, swimming MB, etc.** The troop will provide the opportunity to take the test prior to camp.

## Health & Safety

All youth and adults must have a doctor signed (signed in ink, not stamped, and signed within 12 months of entire summer camp stay) health form (Parts A, B, & C) to remain in camp even if you stay just one night. Medications are kept by an adult leader and are dispensed according to your written instructions. Scouts are not allowed to have any medications on their person unless specifically ordered by their doctor.

### • Special Needs

If your son has any special needs or dietary restrictions, or if there is any other information your leaders should know to help make this a fun week for your son, let the Summer Camp Coordinator know before camp.

Talk with your son about feeling homesick. Counsel him that it is normal and that he must not let it interfere with his fun. It is our policy not to allow homesick Scouts to call home. Scouts are not allowed to use a telephone without the approval and supervision of the Scoutmaster.

## Scout Do's and Don'ts

DO practice the Scout Oath & Law at camp  
DO label all your belongings with your NAME and Troop 109  
DO use the patrol method and bring your patrol flag  
DO keep your tent and patrol area neat and clean  
DO perform your duties with a smile  
DO drink a lot of water  
DO obey camp rules, your SPL, and the adult leaders  
DO leave the camp better than you found it  
DON'T have food or flames in your tent  
DON'T bring CD or MP3 players, radios, electronic games, or any valuables.  
DO HAVE FUN!

## Typical Camp Schedule (Times subject to change)

### - Sunday Check-In

**1:00PM – Troop check-in – Includes checking completeness of health forms.**

**5:45PM – Dinner**

**6:20PM – Flag lowering**

**8:15PM – Campfire**

### - Monday through Friday

**7-9AM – Flag Raising / Breakfast**

**9AM-12PM – MB / Activities**

**12-2PM – Lunch**

**2-5PM – MB / Activities**

**5:30-7PM – Flag Lowering / Dinner**

### - Saturday Check-Out

**7-9AM – Flag Raising / Breakfast**

**9-10AM – Campsite Check-out**

**10AM – Return trip home**

### - Other Activities

**Wednesday dinner in town**

**Friday night campfire**

**Other evening activities throughout the week.**

## Sending a Letter

Please allow at least three days for delivery when sending a letter or package to Ransburg. Items should be addressed in the following manner:

(Scouts Name)

**Ridge Runner – Troop 109  
Ransburg Scout Reservation  
7599 E. Waldrip Creek Road  
Bloomington, IN 47401**

## Driving Directions

Take State Road 37 south to Bloomington. Turn left on State Road 46 East (the by-pass around Bloomington). Follow 46 as it turns left at College Mall. Go two miles to State Road 446 and turn right (south) for 10 miles (one mile past the Lake Monroe causeway). On the top of the hill is Ransburg's entrance on the right. Follow the gravel road to the main parking lot and go to the main office.

## Visits

To prevent / minimize home sickness, it is preferred that parents do not visit camp. If it is necessary to visit camp during the week, let the Scoutmaster know ahead of time and remember **Do Not remove your scout from camp without following the proper checkout procedures, which includes having the Scoutmaster check the scout out with the camp office.**

## First Year Scouts

The first year of summer camp is an ideal time to take the Swimming MB (if you can pass the swimmers test, besides, when else are you going to do it?). This is also an excellent time to take First Aid to get a good start on rank advancement. Eagles Quest is available to work on the first three rank advancements (including Eagles Quest open time in the afternoon to work on whatever you need). Remember to schedule some free time to enjoy camp and work on Firecrafter ranks.

## Other Summer Merit Badge Opportunities

Non Troop Sponsored. Ask for details if interested.

**Dan Beard Camp (\$75)** → four day, day camp program at Belzer (same time as Cub Scout Day Camp). Geared towards helping young Scouts reach First Class Rank. Several sessions available.

**Baden-Powel Camp (\$75)** → a merit badge day camp where Boy Scouts have the opportunity to earn up to six Eagle required or non-required merit badges. Located at Belzer Scout Camp.

### Questions?

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