

# Troop 507 Final Summercamp Packet

Please find attached the following info:

1. Checklist of critical items that we need immediately.
2. Ransburg Reservation Scout Camp general information sheet and "What to Bring"
3. Departure/Arrival information and checklist
4. Troop 507 Scout Activity Schedule (Merit Badges)
5. Current Roster of Scouts and Adults attending summer camp
6. Ransburg 2006 Activity Schedule (so that you may check fees and prerequisites)
7. Map of Ransburg Scout Camp and directions to camp from interstate.

(If you are receiving this via email, some of the above will be in separate attachments to the email.)

## Checklist of Critical Items that We need Now!!!!

- **Medical Forms.** You will not be permitted to attend camp without these on file with the summer camp coordinator, Jim DerKacy, 416-1530. If you have not turned these in yet, you must call Jim immediately.
- **The Class 1 & 2 combined form and the Class 3 form are available from the troop website at the following link: [www.bsa507.org/forms.htm](http://www.bsa507.org/forms.htm)**

Everyone attending summer camp for any length of time, boys and adults, must provide a completed *Class 1 Personal Health and Medical History* signed within 12 months of July 30, 2006. Forms for boys must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Boy scouts and adults under age 40 spending more than 72 consecutive hours at camp must provide a *Class 2 Medical Evaluation* form completed by a licensed medical practitioner and dated within 36 months of July 30, 2006. (Hint: Retain extra copies of Class 2 forms completed by your physician, since they are good for more than one year and can be reused for future summer camps!)

Adults 40 and older who are spending more that 72 consecutive hours at camp or who are participating in COPE or climbing must provide a *Class 3 Personal Health and Medical Record* form completed by a licensed medical practitioner and dated within 12 months of July 30, 2006.

**Note: Both the Class 1 form and the age-appropriate Class 2 or Class 3 form are required for participation in aquatic activities.**

In addition, we need:

- A photocopy of your current insurance card and prescription card.
- Notification if you or your scout has special dietary needs.
- Confirmation of adults attending camp and which days.

Ransburg Scout Reservation Info Sheet  
Camp Period Session 9: July 30 - August 5, 2006

To: Scout and his parents

Subject : Get ready to have FUN at Ransburg Scout Reservation

**PLEASE BE SURE TO ARRIVE ON SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 30<sup>th</sup> AT COLLEGE SQUARE SHOPPING CTR. BY 5:45 AM. WE MUST PACK UP AND LEAVE BY 6:30 AM SO WE ARRIVE AT CAMP ON TIME. VAN AND CAR SEAT ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE SCOUTS AT THAT TIME. WE WILL BE RETURNING ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>, APPROXIMATELY 2:30 to 3:00 PM.**

- 1) All scouts and adult leaders must have current medical records on file with the summer camp coordinator. **THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONFIRM THAT JIM HAS THESE ITEMS.** See "critical" items sheet for more information or contact Jim DerKacy, 416-1530. **You may not attend camp without it!**
- 2) **PLEASE REVIEW THE** Ransburg 2006 Activity Schedule so that you may check fees and prerequisites. The Ransburg Activity Schedule is available on the web at the following link: <http://www.ransburgbsa.org/resources/files/Ransburg%20Activity%20Schedule%202006.pdf>
- 3) **MERIT BADGE PREREQUISITES:** If the schedule indicates there are prerequisites for the merit badges you want, be sure to complete them before going to camp.
- 4) **SPENDING MONEY:** The amount to bring depends on your own circumstances, program plans and your family's wishes. Ordinarily, the average Scout spends about \$40 during a week's stay at camp. Please see the cost for specific Merit badges on the Ransburg 2006 Activity Schedule. If you bring cash, bring mostly \$1 bills. If you bring Traveler's Checks, bring the smallest denominations available, and keep a record of the serial numbers at home.
- 4) **BOWS, ARROWS AND FIREARMS:** Due to the standards set by the B.S.A. only firearms, bows, arrows and ammunition issued by Ransburg Scout Reservation can be used at camp. Please do not bring personal firearms, bows, arrows or ammunition to camp.
- 5) **VISITING:** Parents are always welcome to visit their sons and observe the program and facilities at Camp. All visitors must check in with the camp office immediately upon arrival and check out when leaving. Visitors are expected to park at the main parking lot and walk to the campsites.

During the course of a Scout's week at summer camp, he is involved in many activities and it is our experience that visiting family members and friends can serve as a distraction both to the Scouts and the staff. The best time to visit the camp is on Family Night, Friday night. Special arrangements can be made to join the Troop for supper in the dining hall on Friday night. The cost per meal is \$6.50. Reservations for the number of meals should be made on

Sunday when the Troop checks into camp.

- 6) **CAMPER RELEASE:** Scouts who are leaving camp with a parent or guardian will be escorted to the camp office with a scout leader and signed over to their parent or guardian.
- 7) **SEND CARDS, LETTERS AND "CARE" PACKAGES TO YOUR SON AT CAMP!** Send the first on Friday before we leave for Camp. That way it will get there on Monday or Tuesday. If you send a "care" package, Please send enough so that your son can share it with his patrol, or with the whole Troop.

Address: Scout's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Dogwood, Troop# 507  
Ransburg Scout Reservation  
7599 E. Waldrip Creek Rd.  
Bloomington, IN 47401

Please believe us that experience shows that a card, letter, or care package goes a long way toward raising sagging spirits.

- 8) **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE: 812-837-9423.** When such a call is received, the Troop Leader must be found and notified by Camp Officials. It is often an hour or more before the return call is made due to location and schedules. [ NOTE: Adult Leader cell phones on the roster are for communication while traveling and are unlikely to be in use while at camp. ]
- 9) **PLEASE DISCOURAGE YOUR SON FROM CALLING HOME DURING CAMP.** Outgoing calls are made from the Camp's pay phone, usually collect! In addition to costing a small fortune, calls home tend to disrupt the Troop's schedule. If one of our Troop's leaders believes that it is necessary for your son to call home, permission will be granted. **THIS YEAR AT CAMP AN ADULT LEADER MUST ACCOMPANY A SCOUT WHILE HE USES THE PAY PHONE.**
- 10) **OUR TROOP UNIFORM FOR SUMMER CAMP** will consist of the following. Please see that your son has his:  
Class A for trip to and from Camp, Evening Meals and Flag ceremonies.  
Class C in Camp [ NOTE: Troop T-shirts will be available (\$12 each) at July troop meetings and before we leave on July 30. ]
- 11) **A NOTE TO PARENTS ABOUT MARKING PERSONAL BELONGINGS.** Each year campers leave behind several thousand dollars worth of clothing and other personal belongings which the Camp Staff can not return because it has no name or Troop number. We suggest that parents pick up an indelible fine point marker and mark at least valuable stuff with the name and Troop#. Found items can then be placed in your Troop's mailbox.
- 12) **FIREWORKS.** Under no circumstances may fireworks be brought to Camp or transported on any Scouting activity.
- 13) **THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME.** Matches, candles, pets and all knives except those approved by your SM.

## WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

1. SCOUT UNIFORM. Full Class A uniform for Evening meals, campfires and flag lowering ceremonies. Class C T-shirts for other meals and Troop activities.
2. Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt
3. Jeans
4. At least six pairs of socks (some Scout socks for use with summer uniform)
5. Neckerchief and slide
6. Towel (2) and washcloth.
7. At least six changes of underwear.
8. Swimming trunks.
9. Pajamas or other comfortable sleeping wear.
10. Sleeping bag or several wool blankets.
11. Poncho or raincoat - **A MUST!**
12. Belt
13. Comfortable hiking boots and/or athletic shoes.
14. Should have an extra pair of shoes (for wet weather) - **A MUST!**
15. Shoes that can be worn in the water if taking any boating merit badges.
16. Shoes with a heel if taking Horsemanship Merit Badge or taking a trail ride
17. Backpack, duffel bag or foot locker.
18. Canteen or water-bottle with waist strap.
19. Toilet kit (Soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, etc.) Shower Daily at camp!
20. Notebook, Scout Handbook, paper, pencils or pen. - **A MUST**
21. Sunscreen lotion, insect repellent (non-aerosol). **A MUST**
22. Sunglasses (optional)
23. Flashlight with extra batteries (**A MUST!**).
24. Watch, personal first-aid kit, sewing kit, religious materials
25. Folding pocket knife, preferably with a locking blade. (Blade 3 inches or less.)
26. Mess kits including fork, and spoon (Wednesday night all units will camp cook).
27. Mosquito netting - **A MUST FOR ALL CAMPERS** who will be sleeping in platform canvas tents.
28. Long pants (jeans) and long sleeve button down shirt are needed for clothes inflation requirement of the Swimming merit badge. Long pants are also required to ride horses.

## OPTIONAL

Camera (disposable is best) and film, compass

Cot. (Cots must not have feet that will punch a hole in our tents' floors. Cots with broad feet like a horizontal bar should be used.)

## WHAT NOT TO BRING

Soft drinks and Candy. (Available for purchase at Trading Post, but not in campsite)

Electronics (radios, TVs, Gameboys and the like, cell phones, etc.)

Matches, candles, and anything else that produces a flame. Pets.

# **Summer Camp 2006**

## **Departure/Arrival Information**

**Ransburg Scout Reservation**  
**Ph. 812-837-9423**  
**DOGWOOD Campsite, Troop 507**

**Leave: College Square Shopping Ctr.**  
**When: SUNDAY, JULY 30<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 AM Sharp!**  
**Please arrive before 5:45 AM**

Scouts should be wearing their swim suits under their clothing. Scouts must wear their class A uniform for insurance coverage. Scouts should bring a small pack with a towel, shorts, underwear and a t-shirt to change into after swim test.

**Return: College Square Shopping Ctr.**  
**When: August 5<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 PM**

### **Things to turn in to JIM DERKACY at check in**

- All prescription Medications in the original containers with the prescription label attached. Over-the-counter medications will not be allowed in camp unless they are prescribed by a physician. Medications will be turned over to the camp Health Lodge at camp check-in time and are kept and dispersed by the camp Health Officer.
- \$8 in cash for Troop Summer Camp (8x10)photo if desired.
- \$5 in cash for CD with digital photos taken throughout the week by the staff and the Friday night campfire slide show if desired.

**Question call Jim DerKacy - 416-1530**

## Ransburg Scout Reservation Travel Directions

Normally we take I-294 and I-80 east and then go south on I-65 to Indianapolis. However, if there is congestion due to construction on I-294, I-80 in Illinois and the Borman Expressway in Indiana, it is advisable to get off I-80 and take I-57 or Illinois 394 south to US Hwy 30, then go east on 30 to reach I-65.

**From Indianapolis,** take State Road 37 south to Bloomington. Turn left (east) on State Road 46 East (the by-pass around Bloomington). Follow State Road 46 East as it turns left (east) at the College Mall. Turn right (south) on State Road 446 East (approx. two miles from the College Mall) and follow it about 10 miles (one mile past the Lake Monroe causeway). On the top of the hill is Ransburg Reservation's entrance on the right (west). Follow the gravel road to the main parking lot.

Central Indiana:



Bloomington Area:

