



Every Boy Scout to Camp



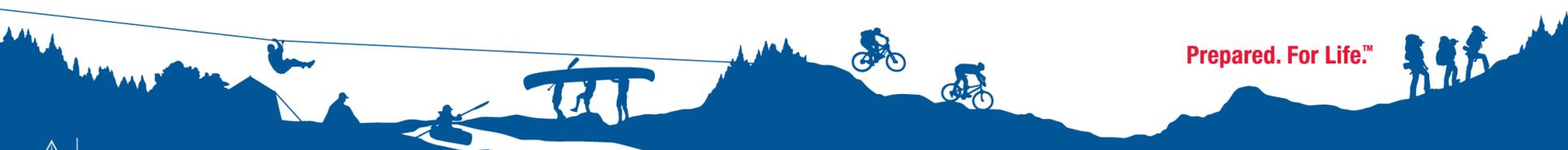
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Best Practices

Understanding adult training requirements



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Scouting's Organizing Principle #1

Scouting is a volunteer driven membership movement

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Movement

**A group of people joining together
for a common cause**



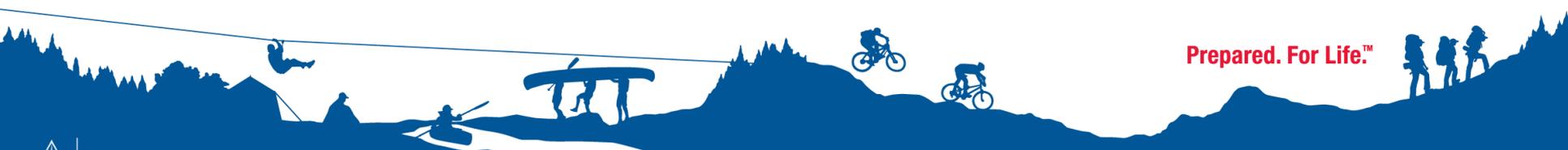
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Scouting's Organizing Principle #2

Partnership with Community Organizations

(Refer to Annual Charter Agreement)



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Call to Service

If you or someone else in your unit have unique skills in;

- Leadership
- Fundraising
- Training
- Event planning

and have an interest at another level beyond the unit, please let this presenter know or contact your local district executive.

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State of the Unit

Talk about how your unit is doing (2 minutes)

- **Is it growing**
- **Share some calendar highlights**
- **Is it financially sound**

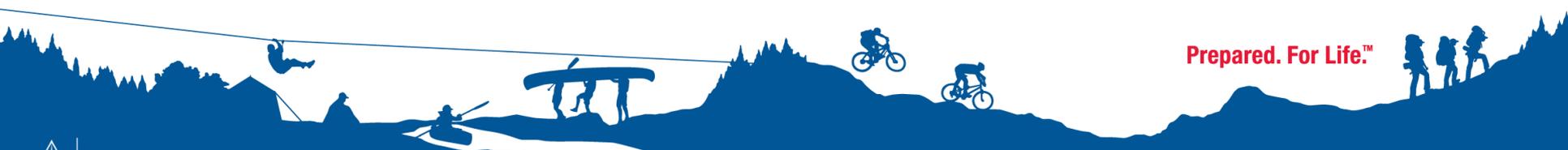
What do you do best (5 minutes)

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Time to begin your module



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How will this help my Troop?

- An active troop during the summer keeps kids more involved in Scouting
- It provides special experiences for your Scouts you cannot do during the rest of the year
- Summer camp is the highlight of the Scouting year

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Outline

- **Summer Camp More than just fun**
- **Ransburg Scout Reservation**
- **Krietenstein Scout Camp**
- **Tips for your best experience**
- **Resources to help you**

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Summer Camp

Our camps are chock full of great programs for your Scouts to enjoy. We have passionate teachers who enjoy sharing knowledge and experience with every Scout that passes through our gates. We'd like to make sure that your Scouts get the chance to try something new, learn to trust in themselves, and have fun while at camp. With so many different opportunities, it can be pretty hard to choose what you want to do. There are lots of opportunities to work merit badges that are needed to advance along the trail to Eagle as well as time for fun activities!

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Summer Camp, more than just fun

Organized camping is a creative, educational experience in cooperative group living in the outdoors. It uses the natural surroundings to contribute significantly to physical, mental, spiritual, and social growth.

- **Camping;**

- Contributes to good health.
- Helps campers develop self-reliance and resourcefulness.
- Enhances spiritual growth.
- Contributes to social development.
- Is an experience in citizenship training.
- At the Cub Scout level introduces boys to the knowledge and skills that they will learn and apply more thoroughly as a Boy Scout.

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Camp Krietenstein

An easy one-hour drive from downtown Indianapolis west on I-70, Camp Krietenstein has a rich history and excellent camping opportunities. The five-acre lake and all of the program facilities are conveniently located in the center of camp. There are seven primitive campsites located near the main camp area. A dining lodge seats about 150.

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Camp Krietenstein

Programs include a variety of Merit Badges and activities including, swimming, canoeing, life saving, rifle shooting, BB gun shooting, archery, Scout skills, wilderness survival, nature, basketry, bird study, camping, cooking and about 30 other merit badges.

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Camp Krietenstein

The camp focuses on younger Boy Scouts and provides a very intimate environment. With a strong staff involvement and the ability to enjoy smaller classes for most merit badges. Scout troops can pick from 9 camp sites - 5 that have room for 40 Scouts and adults; 4 that have room for 10-32 Scouts and leaders.

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Other Krietenstein notes

- **Camp provides a traditional Boy Scout summer experience with full dining hall service and wall tents on elevated platforms in each campsite. There is an option where units may use their own tents and equipment in selected campsites.**
- **Do merit badge sign-up at:**
<https://webportal.crossroadsbsa.org/main.aspx>
- **Merit badges are not the only things going on at Krietenstein Scout Camp. We encourage troops to try new adventures and activities (i.e. tubing, canoe trips, and hikes). Talk to the Program Director about these opportunities.**

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Ransburg Scout Reservation

Ransburg Scout Reservation is the premier Scout camp in the Midwest. Nestled in the rolling hills of southern Indiana, the camp has several miles of shoreline on Indiana's largest freshwater lake, Lake Monroe. The beauty of the hardwood trees and lakefront create one of Scouting's most beautiful settings.

Ransburg has 624 acres of secluded land and is surrounded by the Hoosier National Forest. Ransburg Scout Reservation is 624 acres of adventure, beautifully situated on Lake Monroe, one of the state's largest lakes. Sailing, water skiing, horseback riding, hiking, nature trails and more await each Scout who spends a memorable week or more at Ransburg every summer. Summer programs are provided for Boy Scouts as well as Venturing youth.

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Ransburg Scout Reservation

Each year nine weeks of programs are offered, with a wide variety of Merit Badges as well as other High Adventure activities.

Activities include:

- Motor boating
- Water skiing
- Climbing
- Nature study
- Wake boarding
- COPE
- Wilderness survival
- Eagle Quest
- Mountain biking

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Ransburg Scout Reservation

Camp has 19 campsites in main camp as well as two outpost camps at Adventure Point.

- Each half of a camp site is set up for 16 campers, so troops can reserve part of a campsite or several campsites depending on the size of the troop.
- The camp dining hall provides food for the majority of campers, but Outpost, Hill Top and Adventure Point are designed so troops can cook in the camp site if they wish.
- Reservations for in-council troops begin the first business day of May the year prior to camp.
- Be sure to reserve your spot at the premier summer camp program in the mid-west today while sites are still available.

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Online planner

Please take some time to sign up and get acquainted with Ransburg's online planner. Using the planner is the only way to get your Scouts signed up for their merit badges and activities. The online planner is now fully active. Talk to your youth now and learning what they would like to do at camp so you are prepared for the scheduling process!

- If you have Scouts that would like to change their schedule, you can do this at any time before you come to camp. However, if you find that a Scout needs to change their schedule upon arriving at camp, we'll have time on Sunday to do so.**

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Other Ransburg Notes

- **50% of payment is due in Early March to retain your campsite**
- **Full payment is due in Early May to receive the early bird fees**
- **Send food restrictions, health forms, equipment request forms and swim checks two weeks prior to your reservation**
- **Pre-camp swim checks can be done but they must follow the procedures of the Council Aquatics committee**
(Information is available in the Ransburg Leaders Guide)

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Tips for your best experience at both camps

- Plan to hold a “Parent Information” meeting about summer camp to inform Scouts and parents of camp details including: dates, fee schedule, and camp program information. Contact the Order of the Arrow or the Camp Promotion Chairman for help in planning this meeting.
- Encourage your Scouts to engage in the Firecrafter Program. It is a unique program that encourages a youth to work on Scouting skills that will help them toward Eagle Scout and provide leadership and personal skills that will challenge them.

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Tips for your best experience at both camps

- Contact parents of Scouts not attending camp and pay a personal visit to promote camp. Remind parent that Scouts can attend with other troops or as a provisional Scout for a week.
- Make sure you keep copies of all forms for your records prior to turning in to Scout office or camp
- Attend one of the pre-camp meetings in early May
- A variety of adult Trainings will be offered during the week

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Before camp advancement tips

- In March or April review each Scout's advancement and help him decide which merit badges he wants to work on at camp.
- Be sure to review the schedule to avoid conflicts in meritbadge scheduled times.
- Review the requirements of each merit badge with the Scout to see which requirements should be completed before going to camp (pre-requisites).
- Scouts are encouraged to sign up for merit badges before arriving at camp. It is important to use the online reservation system for your camp.

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Perspective

Summer Camp is NOT a merit badge mill, where you pay a fee and get a merit badge automatically. Instead, the camp program offers a merit badge program as a supplement to the overall Scouting program at summer camp.

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WORKERSHIP PROGRAM

- The Workership program assists Scouts in need attend camp. This program encourages Scouts to complete age appropriate service hours in exchange for up to 50% of their early bird camp fee. Verification of service hours completion will be done. The council holds a “Cookout on the Circle” to raise funds for Scouts in need. Applications are available in your camp packet or at a Scout Service Center. Application due by April 13th.
- This program is for families in need and helps a youth earn part of his way to camp. If there is a financial need and the Scout is willing to do service to help earn his way there everyone wins.

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Leadership Resources

- **Crossroads of America Camping Webpage**
 - <http://www.crossroadsbsa.org/Forms/Camping%20Forms.aspx>
- **Additional information is available on the Ransburg website www.ransburgbsa.org**

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Who can Help?

- **First contact should *always* be your Unit Commissioner**
- **District OA and Firecrafter**
- **District Commissioner and staff**
- **District Executives**
- **Council Support Staff**

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What does success look like.....

- **Have we taken the Journey to Excellence. Use this tool to measure how successful the Troop truly is.**
 - Bronze Level -The troop participates in a long-term camp.
 - Silver Level - 60% of Scouts attend a long-term camp.
 - Gold Level - 70% of Scouts attend a long-term camp.

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