HENSON SCOUT RESERVATION LEADER ORIENTATION

Celebrating 55 summers!!!

2020
**NAMES TO KNOW**

- Henson Management Team
  - Camp Director, Ryan Teat, ryanteat@dmvc.org
  - Program Director, Paul DeRepentigny, hsrpd@dmvc.org
  - Camp Commissioner, Scott Worsham
  - Camp Ranger, Craig Richards
  - Food Services Director, Glenn Sadler
  - Health Officer, Jim May

- Del-Mar-Va Council Staff
  - Director of Support Services, Bill Mischke, bmischke@dmvc.org
  - Council Program Administrator, Carrie Johnston, cjohnston@dmvc.org
  - Assistant Program Admin., Corie Irvine, cirvine@dmvc.org
PROTECTION AND PREVENTION VS. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

▪ What will be different?
- Pre-Event Medical Screening will be enhanced prior to leaving home and at camp
- Individuals are strongly encouraged to bring a thermometer and know that the unit will conduct daily checks
- Hand washing stations and Hand Sanitizer will be readily available
- Camps cleaning and sanitation efforts will be increased from in the past

▪ What could be different?
- Single person tenting
- No large gatherings such as Flag Ceremonies (done by unit in site)
- Class Sizes might be limited, Week Sizes might be limited
- Waiting on CDC Camp Guidelines
FOOD SERVICE

▪ What will be different?
  - Director of Food Service, Glenn Sadler
  - Again, waiting on CDC Guidelines for camps
  - Hand Sanitizer stations will be at every entrance and monitored by staff

▪ What could be different?
  - No salad bars or self serve stations
  - No family style meals
  - Limit to #'s in Dining Hall
  - Units required to take meals back to campsites
  - Heater Stacks delivered to campsites
- Introduction to scouting. Requirements from Tenderfoot to First Class are covered.
- ½ day program in conjunction with Swimming and Nature MB
- Adult leader policy - an adult leader must be present with Brownsea scouts all day (in Brownsea and in merit badges)
- Only need to register in DoubleKnot for Brownsea (no MB signup)
- You will be notified at the Sunday night leader meeting if your scouts are in the morning or afternoon Brownsea Session.
OUTDOOR SKILLS

- Overnight outpost for Wilderness Survival
- Totin’ Chip recommended for all badges
- Written letter, signed by Scoutmaster, will suffice for most pre-reqs such as camping nights for Camping MB
- Scouts should be prepared with items such as a water bottle, pocket knife, first aid kit, bug spray, etc.
Brownsea Scouts will take Nature MB at the nature center. Please send an adult with them.

Scouts will often travel to alternate locations during Nature/Ecology classes.

Bug spray recommended!

Environmental Science requires a lot of silent observation time, and is recommended for Scouts age 13 and up.
TECHNOLOGY

- New in 2020: Electronics Merit Badge
- Robots, Computers, Xbox, the Tech Center has it all!
- Scouts and Adults can use equipment during 5th period under the supervision of a staff member
- Cyber chip is now available by appointment during 5th period!!
AQUATICS - POOL

- Must pass BSA Swim Test for Pool MB’s
- Instructional Swim is available at the pool for scouts who are not strong swimmers
- Pre-camp swim checks are recommended for all
- Troop swim is available some evenings. Your unit must have qualified personnel. You will sign up for a time at camp.
- BSA Mile Swim is available during 4th period, no longer offered during evening program. This will allow Scouts to earn their Mile Swim award!
AQUATICS - WATERFRONT

- Must pass BSA Swim Test to take Waterfront MB’s
- Closed toed shoes are required in the boatyard at all times, even while in or on boats.
- Scouts should come to camp with a motorboating license in order to complete Motorboating MB. [https://www.boat-ed.com/maryland/](https://www.boat-ed.com/maryland/)
- Watersports is a physically demanding merit badge. Keep that in mind when allowing scouts to participate.
- New in 2020: BSA Stand Up Paddle-boarding
SHOOTING SPORTS

- BSA Pistol Program- all participants must have the permission form completed and in hand when they come to class on Monday. No exceptions will be made. Minimum age of participants is 14 by the start of the program.

- Shotgun Shooting takes a considerable amount of upper body strength. Keep this in mind when allowing scouts to participate.

- If you bring personal firearms to camp, they must be turned over to the Camp Director immediately upon arrival. No ammunition is allowed to be brought to camp.

- No Fees for open shoot! Adults are welcome and encouraged to participate!
13 and older for Climbing MB

Small harnesses are available for younger scouts to use during open climbs

Ensure your scouts have athletic wear and sneakers that are appropriate for climbing

Adult leaders wishing to take the Level 1 Climbing Instructor Course should see Dan Sauers, Climbing Director, on Sunday during Merit Badge Midway
Handicrafts / Visual Arts

- Totin’ Chip is required and must be presented at the beginning of Woodcarving Merit Badge.
- Cyber Chip is required for Photography MB and must be presented to counselor. Scouts can complete it during the week at Eagle Base Camp.
- Old clothes that can be ruined are recommended for Pottery Merit Badge.
- If scouts do not complete projects in a timely manner, they may have to spend time in the campsite completing them.
- New in 2020: Animation Merit Badge.
- No supply fees!
EAGLE BASE CAMP

- Mature scouts who are ready to work and learn should enroll in these badges
- Minimum of 13 years old and first class is recommended for all scouts to be successful
- Homework and typing papers will be required
- Cyber Chip is available by appointment during 5th period
- American Business MB is being offered for the first time as part of this program area!
Blacksmithing

- Metalworking MB
- Double period class
- Long pants and long sleeve shirt that are made of natural material should be worn (no synthetic materials)
- Boots are recommended footwear
- All other safety equipment is provided
- Adults should visit!
- Scouts keep their projects!
ATV

- Must be 14 before the week of camp to participate
- Scouts must have long pants, long sleeve shirt, and boots that cover the ankles. No exceptions for riding clothing
- Helmets, gloves, and goggles are provided
- Participants meet in the main parking lot near dining hall
- Hold Harmless Agreement must be in the scouts hand for the first session on Monday. No exceptions will be made.
- No MB is earned. Scouts will complete the ATV Safety Institute’s Rider Safety Course and will receive a pocket card.
FISHING

- Scouts can but do not have to bring equipment

- Fishing takes place at the bass pond with the exception of early morning pontoon fishing

- All fishing at both areas is catch and release

- Classes meet in the main parking lot and are transported by the trolley to fishing area
WELDING

- Welding MB (max 8 participants per period)
- Scouts must wear jeans and boots to class
- All safety equipment is provided
- New Location - Welding will take place in the Longhouse located next to the Yurts.
SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Custom T-shirt orders can be placed using the link below (please complete at least 2 weeks prior to your week at camp):
  
  https://squareup.com/store/henson-scout-reservation

- If your unit would like a troop crab feast in your campsite, please contact Camp Director, Ryan Teat. The price for this will vary depending on the local market price of crabs.

- **Wednesday night is Pizza Night!** Your unit can order pizzas in the main office. Pizzas will be picked up from the kitchen at 9p.m. and taken to your campsite as a late night snack. This does not take the place of dinner. Pizzas are $12 each.
MORE QUESTIONS/CONCERNS?

- If you have any questions or concerns regarding your week of summer camp, do not hesitate to reach out!

- If your unit is new to Henson and would like to send a delegation to visit your campsite and take a tour of camp prior to summer, arrangements can be made through the Camp Director.

- Ryan Teat, Henson Camp Director
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  - 410-202-0053 (camp number)
  - 410-829-3024 (cell)
THANK YOU AND SCOUT ON!!!
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, MAY THE GREAT SCOUTMASTER
HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HANDS.