TWIN RIVERS COUNCIL STAY CAMP

Summer camp is one of the most important highlights of the Scouting year. We recognize that Scouts look forward to camp all year long to spend time with friends, enjoy the outdoors, and pursue advancement opportunities.

While we may not be able to get together in person this year at Camp Wakpominee or Rotary Scout Reservation, we believe that the spirit of camp must live on. We have created the Twin Rivers Council Stay Camp so that Scouts can continue to enjoy the fellowship, entertainment, fun, and advancement of summer camp from home this year.

To do this we have brought together your favorite staff members from Camp Wakpominee and Rotary Scout Reservation, as well as volunteer merit badge instructors from throughout the council, to offer a unique Scouting experience.

Stay Camp will offer each Scout who participates a variety of exciting virtual and real world experiences that in many ways will mirror the ebb and flow of a week of Scout camp. Scouts may sign up for as many as 4 merit badges offered virtually through the Zoom platform. Additionally, our program includes whole-camp activities, scavenger hunts, and physical challenges designed to get the Scouts outdoors and away from the computer. Virtual campfires and special presentations round out the camp experience.

This guide will serve as a means to better understand the Stay Camp program. It contains valuable information about registration, logistics and program features. Hopefully, it will answer any questions you may have, but if not, please feel free to contact us at staycamp@trcscouting.org or at the individual contacts below.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Health & Safety
As with all Scouting activities, health and safety are our top priority. Youth Protection policies, the Buddy System, and cyber safety guidelines provided through the BSA Cyber Chip program will be enforced to ensure that all participants have a safe and enjoyable experience. All live virtual sessions will be hosted by a minimum of two registered adult leaders. You can learn more about Scouting’s digital safety guidelines at www.scouting.org.

BSA Member ID: The Scout’s BSA Member ID is needed at the time of registration to connect our program to Scoutbook for recording advancement. If you do not know your Member ID, please contact your Scoutmaster or visit my.scouting.org.

Registration
Registration for the Twin Rivers Council Stay Camp will take place at www.trcscouting.org/staycamp. There are three separate sessions to choose from and Scouts may register for as many sessions as they wish. When registering, please have the following information available:

Mailing Address: A mailing address is required so that program supplies and the Camp in a Box can be shipped directly to the Scout.

Email Address: The email address will be used for each participant to connect with counselors and provide program updates. Please check the email address for accuracy during registration and ensure that it is an address that the Scout has direct access to for program use. Important Tip: Please do not use a school-issued email address. Often these addresses are restricted and do not allow messages from outside of the district staff and other students.

Camp Fee
The camp fee is just $99 for a full week of program. The full balance must be paid at the time of registration. Registration will close on June 28, 2020 in order to ensure that we can order supplies and ship out the Camp in a Box to all participants.

For this fee, Scouts will receive full access to the week’s activities as well as any program supplies that might be needed to complete the merit badges the Scout has signed up for.

Camp in a Box
Every Scout participant will receive the Stay Camp “Camp in a Box” delivered right to their home. The Camp in a Box will include a Stay Camp t-shirt, a collection of limited edition water bottle/laptop stickers, all program supplies needed to complete the merit badges the Scout has signed up for, and lots more fun surprises!

Adult leaders will also have the opportunity to purchase a specially designed “Camp in a Box” for themselves. Go to www.trcscouting.org for more information and to place your order before June 28th.

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ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

Scout camp is a great time to work on personal advancement and learn new skills. At Stay Camp, each Scout will have the opportunity to earn up to four merit badges, in addition to completing other fun challenges and activities.

The merit badges offered at Stay Camp were selected because we believe they are appropriate for the virtual learning space. A Scout who is diligent and responsible should be able to complete most of the badges offered. There are, however, some requirements that can not be completed until social distancing requirements are relaxed. As will all merit badges, a partial may be completed any time up until the Scout’s 18th birthday.

It is important to note that the merit badge standards are not relaxed due to the virtual method of instruction. Pay attention to the action verbs that begin most merit badge requirements. Scouts will be expected to “discuss,” “show,” and “demonstrate” just as they would if they were together with a counselor at camp or other meeting place.

Program Schedule

The Twin Rivers Council Stay Camp will be offered in three sessions:

- July 20-24, 2020
- July 27-31, 2020
- August 3-7, 2020

Each week’s program will be delivered Monday through Friday. Hour long virtual merit badge sessions will take place between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

Throughout the rest of the day program will be offered in a variety of ways, including live sessions, pre-recorded sessions that Scouts can view at their convenience, and other activities that the Scouts can complete on their own or with family.

Merit Badge Registration

Registration for all merit badge sessions will be completed through the council website when registering for camp. Please note the times of each session when registering.

Due to instructor availability, not all merit badges will be offered each week and the merit badge schedule is subject to change. Late changes to the schedule are not expected, but if they occur we will work with the Scout to accommodate changes to his or her schedule.

Class Instruction

All merit badge instruction will be provided by Twin Rivers Council approved merit badge counselors. The primary means of delivering instruction will be a combination of Zoom for live sessions, and Google Classroom for asynchronous instruction. Instructors will use Google Classroom to post program materials and information.

Each merit badge session will have a unique Zoom meeting code and Google Classroom code shared with the Scouts to ensure their safety and prevent interruptions from outside individuals. These codes should not be shared.
Merit Badge Records

All merit badge records, including completions and partials, will be recorded in Scoutbook at the end of each week of camp. Scoutbook is a free web-based record keeping platform provided to all Scouts by the BSA.

Parents and leaders will be able to access this information through Scoutbook. No physical blue cards will be issued since all of the relevant information will be provided within the Scout’s individual Scoutbook account.

Merit badge counselors will directly link to the Scouts in their assigned sessions. Unit leaders should access their Scoutbook accounts to approve the merit badge work of their Scouts.
Scouts will have the opportunity to choose from among 24 different merit badges in the Stay Camp program. There are some minor differences in the schedule from week to week, due to instructor availability. Please note that the two sessions of Communication Merit Badge listed each week are separate sections. A Scout should not sign up for more than one session.

Class sizes will be limited to ensure quality of instruction and active participation by each Scout. Classes will meet for one hour each day for live instruction. Additional requirements may be completed outside of the instructional time.

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OPEN PROGRAM

Advancement is great, but much of the excitement of Scout camp is found in the open program. These are the fun experiences that introduce Scouts to new skills and interests and kindle friendships among campers and staff. Our goal with the Twin Rivers Council Stay Camp is to continue this spirit of exploration and fellowship with a number of open program activities.

All Stay Camp participants will be able to enjoy the programs listed below. You do not need to sign up for any of these activities at the time of registration. Some programs will be in a live format, some will be pre-recorded, and others will encourage the Scout to get out and explore the world on their own.

A complete schedule and details on how to view or participate in these programs will be provided to registered Scouts and adults through the Google Classroom. This list will be updated online as new programs are added, so check back often.

Opening Campfire
Monday, 7:30 PM
A summer camp tradition, the Opening Campfire will kick off each week on Monday evening with a blast. Join your favorite Camp Wakpominee and Rotary Scout Reservation staff members and staff alumni for an evening of entertainment.

Camper Campfire
Friday, 7:30 PM
Now it’s your turn. Just like at camp, we need the Scouts to give us their best performances. These performances will be pre-recorded and shared with the camp community in a closing campfire on Friday night.

Mega Scavenger Hunt
Ongoing All Week
The ultimate campwide game! Use the Goosechase app to compete against all of the other Scouts in camp to explore your home and the world around you.

Ice Cream Social - Sponsored by Stewart’s Shops
Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Dig in to your favorite frozen treat and hang out with other Scouts from across the council and across the country! Learn about other fun programs in Scouting. Thank you to Stewart’s Shops for providing everyone with a free ice cream cone!
OA Trivia Night - Hosted by Kittan Lodge

Thursday, 7:00 PM
A competition featuring both scout skills and scouting trivia open to all Scouts. Following it will be a Q&A about the Order of the Arrow, where scouts can find answers to any of their questions about Scouting’s Honor Society.

Special Presentations
Check out a variety of special presentations posted throughout the week by the staff and staff alumni. Scout skills, safety tips, how-tos, and other informational sessions will be posted to Google Classroom throughout the week.

ADULT LEADER ACTIVITIES

We wouldn’t forget about you. We know you miss camp too. Adult leaders are welcome to join all of the open programs listed above and we’ll also have several sessions designed exclusively for you, including a roundtable with the council camping team, Nap on Safely training, Scoutmaster Essentials Training, and more.

Scoutmaster & Assistant SM Essentials Training

Tuesday and Thursday, 7:00 PM
The best leader is a trained leader! Adults looking to be trained as a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster are invited to take part in this valuable classroom training course, held online and led by experienced trainers. This approximately 5 hour course will be split over two nights. Participation in both sessions is required to complete the training.

Nap On Safely Training

Friends don’t let friends nap unsafely. Whether you are retired, working from home, or working on the front lines as an essential worker (Thank you!) we all need a good nap to de-stress and Scout On! This fun and essential training will teach you how to nap safely.

Council Camping & Program Roundtable

Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Join the leadership of Camp Wakpominee and Rotary Scout Reservation and representatives of the Twin Rivers Council camping and program teams for an open discussion about camp and council program.
MERIT BADGE PREREQUISITES

Some merit badges offered during Stay Camp require work to be done over an extended period of time or contain requirements that cannot easily be completed in a virtual setting. Those requirements are listed below.

Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge

• Complete Requirements #2, #3, and #6 and be prepared to discuss each in class.

Communication Merit Badge

• Requirement #4 is to interview someone you know fairly well, like, or respect because of his or her position, talent, career, or life experiences.
• Requirement #5 if possible, to attend a virtual public meeting, tell me about what meeting you plan on watching, where several points of view are given on a single issue. Practice active listening skills and take careful notes of each point of view. Prepare an objective report that includes all points of view that were expressed, and share this with your counselor.
• Requirement #6 Be prepared to discuss, a plan to teach a skill or inform someone about something. Share your teaching aids for your plan. Once you carry out your plan, we will discuss whether the person has learned what you intended.
• Requirement #7 Review the options for 7A, 7B, 7C.
• Requirement #8 we will go over and you may not be able to finish the merit badge this week because of this requirement.

Dog Care Merit Badge

• Own a dog that you have the ability to control because you will need to show with your dog any three of these commands: “come”, “sit”, “down”, “heel”, “stay”, “fetch” or “get it”, and “drop it”.
• Get started on Requirement #4: For two months keep and care for your dog. Maintain a log of your activities during this period that includes these items: feeding schedule, types of food used, amount fed, exercise periods, training schedule, a weekly body weight record, grooming and bathing schedules, veterinary care, if necessary, and costs. Also include a brief description of the type of housing/shelter arrangements you have for your dog.

Entrepreneurship Merit Badge

• Complete Requirements #1 and #4 and be prepared to discuss each in class.
Public Health Merit Badge

• Review Requirements #7 and #8

Space Exploration Merit Badge

• Complete Requirement #2: Design a collector’s card, with a picture on the front and information on the back, about your favorite space pioneer. Be prepared to share your card and discuss four other space pioneers with your counselor. Begin researching the four other space pioneers before the first session
• Complete Requirement #5b: Using magazine photographs, news clippings, and electronic articles (such as from the internet), make a scrapbook about a current planetary mission.

Sustainability Merit Badge

• Complete Requirement #1 before the first session and before beginning any other work on the merit badge.
• Complete extended time requirements: #2. Food-A; #2. Energy-B, and #2. Stuff-A

Weather Merit Badge

• Requirement #1: Define meteorology
• Requirement #3: Draw cross sections of a cold front and a warm front showing the location and movements of the cold and warm air, the frontal slope, the location and types of clouds associated with each type of front, and the location of precipitation.
• Requirement #6: Draw a diagram of the water cycle and label its major processes
• Requirement #9: Do one of the following, A or B.
• Requirement #10: Give a talk of at least 5 minutes to a group (such as your unit or a Cub Scout pack) explaining the outdoor safety rules in the event of lightning, flash floods, and tornadoes. Before your talk, share your outline with your counselor for approval. You will need to designate your group. It can be the online class. If you give the presentation to your troop, please inform the counselor. The outline will need to be written and sent to the instructor.
CODE OF EXPECTATIONS

The following are guidelines for participating in virtual merit badge sessions in lieu of personal face-to-face instruction due to special circumstances:

As a Scout:

• I agree that I will only work and connect with a merit badge counselor virtually with my parents’ permission.

• I agree that when communicating with my virtual merit badge counselor I will ALWAYS ensure that at least one other adult is present in those communications, whether it be via video conference, email, text, phone call or any other form not specifically listed here.

• I promise that I will personally complete each project and fulfill all requirements for the merit badges. I will not pass others’ work off as my own.

• I understand that if a requirement uses words like “show,” “demonstrate,” or “discuss,” I agree that I must be prepared to exhibit those requirements through the use of electronic or digital technology. If I am unable to do this, I must wait until such a time as I can present those requirements to the merit badge counselor in person.

• I agree that I will always identify myself clearly and accurately by name in virtual settings. I will not use aliases or alternate screen names during merit badge instruction.

• I agree that I will use electronic chat features respectfully to ask questions, communicate with instructors, and participate productively. I will not use the chat to distract others, harass, or be otherwise inappropriate.

• I agree that I will conduct myself according to the Scout Oath and Law in all virtual settings.

• I promise that I will not abuse the privilege that I have been given to conduct a merit badge in a virtual setting. I will not bully, or otherwise disparage, any scout that may be in a virtual setting with me, and I understand that if I do so this privilege may be revoked, and I may not be allowed to continue in this setting.

As a Parent:

• I agree to allow my scout to engage with youth and adults in a virtual setting while working on a virtual merit badge.

• I understand that my scout will be required to interact and communicate with an adult in virtual setting and that I will monitor such interaction as necessary to ensure the safety of all individuals involved in those activities.

• I agree to ensure that my scout actually and personally completes all projects and requirements for the merit badges which are requested to be performed in a virtual setting.