Camp Rodney’s Primary Purpose

• To provide...
  – a meaningful outdoor experience for Boy Scouts,
  – an opportunity to learn a new skill or hobby, or develop an existing one,
  – a method of instilling the values of the Scout Oath and Law.
  – “A week at camp is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the classroom”
  
    -Sir Robert Baden Powell
Troop 688 Camp Rodney Team

INTRODUCTIONS

ADULTS
• David Curb – Rodney Lead
• Pat Beagle – Scoutmaster
• PJ McCarthy
• Lisa Harris

SCOUTS
• Nathan Beagle, Andrew Contreras - Brownsea
Where is Rodney Scout Reservation?

What is offered?

- **60+ Merit Badges**, 10+ BSA Awards or Trainings
- **10 Program Areas**
- Rodney Prerequisites & Prerequisite Form (needed to complete MB)
- Age and Experience Recommendations

**Three types of program sign-ups:**

- Pre-Camp Online sign-ups - **completed**
- Sign-ups in camp – Bay Hike, Night Swim, Regatta, Tubing
- Walk-ins – Firem’n Chit, Totin’Chip, Climbing, Archery, Rifle
What to Bring to Camp

- **Clothing**
  - Class A & B (t-shirt) uniform
  - Pack for 6 days (Ziplocs recommended)

- **Shoes**
  - Sneakers/light weight walking shoes (no open toed);
  - Flip flops or crocs for shower (floor can get muddy)
  - Boat shoes needed for boating activities or Wading in the Bay (Bay Walk) for Brownseas. Must be closed toed (can be old sneakers, boots or shoes only to be worn for this purpose).
    - Crocs™ or Keen™ sandals that have thick soles and will not slip off feet are acceptable
What to Bring to Camp

**Accommodation's provided** – 2 person wall tents on wooden platforms w/ canvas military style cots.

**Sleeping**
- Summer sleeping bag or bed sheet & light blanket
- Sleeping pad
- Mosquito netting (instructions to build frame or purchase a Sansbug pictured on right)

**Swimming**
- Swim suit – two pair
- Towel bath or beach
- Sunscreen, goggles,
- Brownseas and Scouts taking Swimming or Lifesaving MB bring loose fitting long pants (nylon or similar, not jeans) long sleeve shirt (button front), socks & tennis shoes (will get wet)
What to Bring to Camp

• Toiletries
  • Bug spray (non aerosol) or wrist bands.
  • Body powder / Glide (anti-chaffing roll-on)
  • Soap, shampoo, toothbrush/toothpaste, lip balm
  • Towel (2 quick dry towels recommended)

• Other Items
  • Scout handbook and notebook with pencil/pen (put in zip lock bag) with name on it.
  • 2 Water bottles (min.) or camel back/hydration pack
  • Headlamp; flash light (extra batteries)
  • Sunglasses w/ safety string/strap (optional)
  • Spending money for add’l snacks, store items, etc.???
What NOT to Bring to Camp

• Scouts are NOT encouraged to bring cell phones, electronic games, or matches/lighters.
  • If cell phones interfere with scouting activities they will be taken away and returned after camp.

• Other prohibited items
  • Goes without saying... Alcoholic beverages, fireworks, firearms, air guns, ammunition, sheath knives, illegal drugs, unscout like literature, and pets.
Brownsea Program

- Dedicated/structured program that will keep them fully occupied every day
- Lead by Nathan and Andrew, just as now
- Brownsea’s will do every activity together as a patrol, eat together and tent together
- Need to bring materials to make a Patrol emblem and flag (to be discussed at upcoming Patrol meeting)
- Activities are designed to build comradery (through shared suffering!) and make them excited for *more*

Boys who go to Rodney as Brownsea’s, and LIKE it, are most likely to stay in Scouts and excel!
A Busy Brownsea is a Tired Brownsea!

- Each day, they will work on two merit badges:
  - Swimming (Eagle Scout rank required)
  - Nature
- They’ll also work on Scout/Tenderfoot/2\textsuperscript{nd} Class/ 1\textsuperscript{st} Class rank requirements
- They’ll earn their Totin’ Chip and Fireman Chit
- The patrol will also select their own ‘Period D’ activities, such as Boating, Swimming, Handicrafts, Climbing, Archery and Rifle
- Oh... and did I mention the 6AM polar bear swim first thing Monday morning?
Rank Requirements Activities

**SCOUT**
3: Patrol Method, Patrol name, emblem, flag and yell
4a: Square Knot, Two Half-hitches and Taut-line Hitch
4b: Whipping and fusing ropes
5: Pocketknife Safety

**TENDERFOOT**
1c: Outdoor Code
3abc: Practical use of Square Knot, Two Half-hitches and Taut-line Hitch
3d: Knives, saws, axes Totin’ Chip
4ab: First aid for: Cuts and scratches, blisters, burns, insect bites and stings, snakebites, nosebleeds, frostbite and sunburn, choking, hazardous or poisonous plants.
4c: Safety precautions for 4a & 4b
4b: Two half hitches and taut line hitch
5: Buddy System & Hiking Safety
6ab: Fitness Test and Improvement Plan
7a: Displaying, Raising, Lowering & Folding the U.S. Flag
Rank Requirements Activities

SECOND CLASS
  1b: Discuss the Principles of LNT
  2abcd: Fire Building & Intro to Outdoor Cooking
  2fg: Tying the Sheet Bend & Bowline
  3acd: Map and Compass, Hazards, & Direction Finding
  4: Wild Animals
  5: Safe Swim Defense, Beginner Test, Reaching and Throwing Rescues
  6ab: First aid for: Object in eye, animal bite, puncture wounds, serious burns, heat exhaustion, shock, heatstroke, dehydration, hypothermia, hyperventilation, hurry cases
  6c: Safety precautions for 6a & 6b
  6de: Emergency Response and Vehicular Accidents
  8ab: Flag Ceremony & Respect due the flag
  9ab: Personal Safety Awareness

FIRST CLASS
  3: Hitches, Lashings, & Camp Gadget or Structure
  5a: Native Plants
  5bcd: Weather forecasts, indicators, & precautions
  6ae: BSA swim test, Line and Tender rescue
  6bcd: Safe trip afloat*, Boating Equipment*, Position in a Boat*
  7a: First aid for: sprained ankle, head injury, broken arm, broken collarbone
  7b: Transporting a victim
  7c: Signs of a heart attack, CPR
  7f: Obtaining potable water in an emergency
HEALTH & SAFETY

• Health Officer at Rodney
  – Dr. Ruth

• Medical Forms
  – Due to Mrs. Vasenko by June 3
  – Visitor medical forms

• Medications in Camp
  – Form
  – Administration
FOOD SERVICE

• Food Service
  – Dining Hall
  – Special Dietary Needs, Allergies, etc.
  – Utilize the Special Food Needs Form
Friday Family Dinner

Join your Scout for Dinner, Campwide Retreat (Flag lowering) and Closing Camp Fire

• **Friday, July 19**
  - Parents and siblings welcome
  - $9.00 per person; kids under 5 free
  - RSVPs and payment needed by July 14
  - No housing/tenting provided for visitors.
    - Several hotels nearby in North East, MD

If you join us, the Troop would appreciate your help bringing Scouts home Saturday morning.
Mail / Care Package Delivery

• In order to help insure timely delivery of a personal letter or care package, we encourage parents to drop off at check-in on departure day (July 14)
• Simply write the Scout’s name and date you would like it delivered and drop off at table in parking lot.
• Please keep in mind the mail / packages will not be in a climate controlled environment.
Trading Post - Spending Money

Last year, there was an option to purchase ‘Gift Cards’ online, Camp Rodney is not offering that this year.

If your scout would like to purchase something from the Trading Post they will need to have cash or a Visa gift card.
• Custom Camp T-Shirts available for $15 or $18 through June 12
• “Troop 688 Fairfax Station, VA” printed on sleeve
• Non custom t-shirts available at camp store for $15.
DEPARTURE TO RODNEY

- Sunday, July 14
- **9:30 a.m. Arrive at Silverbrook Elementary**
  - Spending money for lunch (Sunday)
  - Care Packages
  - Friday Night Family Dinner?

- **9:00 a.m. if bringing:**
  - **Bike** – 2nd year and up (don’t forget helmet)
  - **Prescription Medication**
RETURN FROM RODNEY

• Saturday, July 20
• Depart Rodney NLT 10:00 a.m.
• Return to Church around Noon
  • Scout to call 30 minutes prior to arrival
Questions?