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DATE: September 15, 2022

TO: Camp Ranger Basic Participants, November 6 - 11, 2022

FROM: Dave Cornell, Architect – Outdoor Programs / Properties Team
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Welcome to the Scouting University Camp Ranger Basic course at H Roe Bartle Scout Reservation near Osceola, Missouri! This letter contains important information to help you prepare for the training session. You are confirmed to attend Camp Ranger Basic and on behalf of the faculty, we eagerly look forward to having you with us at H Roe Bartle Scout Reservation.

The Council Liaison for this camp school will be B J Straw. He can be contacted at robert.straw@scouting.org,

Check list to help you prepare:

Packing list. See below

BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, parts A and B. Available [here](#).

Completion of Camp Ranger Basic “Learning Plan” modules

Course location: H Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, 5525 NE Scout Camp Rd, Osceola, MO 64776

Participants: please plan to arrive between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. (local time) on Sunday, November 6, 2022. Departure will be after lunch on Friday, November 11, 2022.

Housing will be in cabins with multiple-person accommodations; bedding WILL be provided; however towels are NOT provided. The telephone number at HRBSR is 417.646.8115, or in case of emergency Ranger cell is 660.924.1627.

If you are arriving early due to travel arrangements, arrival on Saturday is OK. The early arrival fee is \$40 for lodging. No meal service is available. Your council will be billed if you arrive early so be sure to consult with them prior to arriving early.

No shuttle service is available from the Kansas City International airport (2.25 hours) or Springfield-Branson National Airport (1.25 hour). A participant roster will be circulated prior to the course to facilitate carpooling. If the need arises, we can arrange a ride for 3-4 attendees if adequate notice is provided, but expect a fee to be charged. Please call!

We are pleased you will be attending this important training session. If you have any questions about as you prepare, please do not hesitate to contact dave.cornell@scouting.org, or 214.502.9395 mobile.

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COVID-19 Information

- *The COVID-19 pandemic continues. The current dates (above) for the Camp Ranger Basic at H Roe Bartle Scout Reservation could be adjusted if local COVID-19 regulations require it. We will keep you continually updated if any date adjustment becomes necessary.*
- *H Roe Bartle Scout Reservation will continue to practice any locally required COVID-19 and other communicable disease mitigation strategies. The following pages have information regarding specifics related to Covid at the camp. This will include (in addition to a current Annual Health & Medical Record) at minimum the COVID-19 pre-event screening documentation and a COVID-19 risk acknowledgement.*

These precautions are important, but these efforts cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at camp. Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to participating in the Camp Ranger Basic Course.

Packing List — Camp Ranger Basic — H Roe Bartle Scout Reservation

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| ✓ Current BSA Medical Form (sections A and B completed) | ✓ Camp or Scout t-shirts, Scout caps |
| ✓ Work clothes and gloves (for hands-on sessions) | ✓ Laptop, paper, pen/pencil for taking notes |
| ✓ Layered clothing for daytime temps in the 50s and nighttime temps in the 30s | ✓ Sleeping bag, blanket, sheets, pillow/case |
| ✓ BSA Field Uniform | ✓ Socks, underwear, shoes, outdoor clothing |
| ✓ Rain gear | ✓ Camp maintenance plan |
| ✓ “Ranger casual” clothing for classroom sessions (jeans, Scouting shirts) | ✓ Camp promotional (to share) |
| ✓ Toiletry items | ✓ Camp Budget & Council Long Range Plan |
| ✓ Washcloths & towels | ✓ PDS Goals |
| ✓ Flashlight & pocketknife | ✓ Building maintenance records |
| | ✓ Comfortable shoes/boots (We will be walking for extended periods of time.) |

From the Heart of America Council: COVID-19 Participant Statement

The well-being and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is the Heart of America Council’s top priority. While there is still much uncertainty regarding COVID-19, we are monitoring the information provided by health experts and government agencies to help keep safe those who choose to visit our camps.

Our council health supervisor, Dr. John Peterson, is helping us coordinate with state and local health departments to ensure we are informed of and comply with their guidance to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 being contracted at camp. We recommend that each unit, group or person follow our COVID-19 mitigation plan to reduce risk of exposure during Scout activities.

Our mitigation plan -

- Pre-attendance education – understand the risk and CDC guidelines
- Health screening conducted before you arrive or travel to camp
- Limitations of visitors while in camp
- Extra handwashing / sanitizer stations throughout camp
- Mask must be worn when social distancing is not an option
- Cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces and shared program equipment
- Having planned check-ins with each participant one week and two weeks after they leave camp to determine if anyone has developed symptoms.

Screening precautions are important but cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or other illnesses while at camp. Experts have said that people with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness but can still spread the virus. Other people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. Even with these precautions, someone with COVID-19 may be allowed into camp. We also recognize the very nature of camp makes social distancing difficult in many situations and impossible in others. Even with all the efforts to reduce transmission, it may be possible for someone to be exposed to COVID-19 while at camp.

Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. *If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to attending camp.*

Every unit collectively, as well as each individual staff member, volunteer, and Scouting family must evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending camp. We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.

