

# **2018 Leader Guide**

## **Rodney Scout Reservation**

*95 Years as a beacon of Scouting on the Chesapeake Bay!*

Dear Scout Leader,

Thank you for considering Rodney Scout Reservation for your Troop's summer camp experience this year! Rodney Scout Reservation is a Nationally Accredited Boy Scout Resident Camp. Our facilities, program and staff are top rate. Everyone from the newest Scout to the experienced adult leader, will have a great experience.

This guidebook, along with the Rodney website - [www.dmvc.org/rodney](http://www.dmvc.org/rodney), will give you the information needed to prepare your Scouts for a great time at summer camp. Camp Rodney offers a wide variety of program for Scouts of all ages, from Brownsea for the first-year campers, to our older boy programs: A.C.E. (Advanced Camper Experience), High Adventure Sailing, and the Jetski Program. Please take time to share this information with your Scouts and their parents so that everyone can be well prepared.

This year we will be doing a Web-based Virtual Leaders Meeting. It will be posted online by March 17th on the Camp Planning webpage and on our Facebook Page. We will cover all the latest camp program information updates, answer any questions you might have and introduce some of the senior camp staff for this summer. If you would like a tour of camp, they are available any weekend simply reach out to [rsr@dmvc.org](mailto:rsr@dmvc.org) and we will set up staff to guide you.

Thank you again for choosing Camp Rodney and we look forward to seeing you soon.

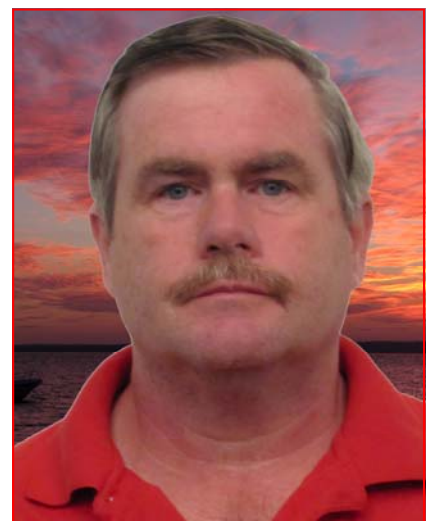
Yours in Scouting,



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Camp Director



**Wilson Forney**  
Program Director



**Charlie Shirley**  
Camp Ranger

This guide will help you begin planning for the summer camp experience of a lifetime at Camp Rodney. Time and again, research has shown that boys remain in the Scouting program in units that plan a strong outdoor program. Our camp staff is eagerly awaiting your Troop's arrival. We know that Troops who plan their summer experience before they arrive are the ones that leave camp the most satisfied. Please make the information in this guide available to all Scouts and leaders attending camp. **As the Scout Motto goes...Be Prepared!**

This guide and other related summer camp documents are available on the Rodney Scout Reservation website:  
**[www.delmarvacouncil.org/rodney/summer/planning](http://www.delmarvacouncil.org/rodney/summer/planning)**



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[www.dmvc.org/rodney/summer/planning](http://www.dmvc.org/rodney/summer/planning)



## **SHOULD BE SENT AHEAD OF CAMP:**

Unit Swim Classification Procedures

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Listing of Programs & Descriptions

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# SECTION 1 – PRE-CAMP INFORMATION

## Contact Information

Regarding Summer Camp Reservations or Site Fees:

**Del-Mar-Va Council**

1910 Baden Powell Way  
Dover, DE 19904

**Camping Services**

Phone: (302) 622-3300 x127  
Fax: (302) 622-3308  
Email: [camping@delmarvacouncil.org](mailto:camping@delmarvacouncil.org)



Regarding Summer Camp Program or Camp Staff Opportunities:

**Rodney Scout Reservation**

400 Rodney Scout Road  
North East, MD 21901

**Camp Headquarters**

Phone: (410) 287-5888  
Fax: (410) 287-5889  
Email: [RSR@delmarvacouncil.org](mailto:RSR@delmarvacouncil.org)

Additional copies of this guide and all related materials are available online at  
[www.delmarvacouncil.org/rodney/planning](http://www.delmarvacouncil.org/rodney/planning)

## \*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Wed-based Virtual Pre-Camp Leaders' Meeting

We have heard your plea. Many of you have been driving several hours just to come to our Leaders' Meetings in the past. New this year we will be hosting an online virtual pre-camp leaders' meeting. The meeting will be pre-recorded and available starting on, or before, March 17<sup>th</sup> and will be hosted by the Camp Director and key summer staff. Topics of discussion will include preparing for your Troop's summer experience, as well as highlighting any new programs to be introduced. We want to make sure to answer all of your questions, as such we will reach out ahead of the meeting so we can answer in the presentation.

## Tours of Camp

We have staff available in camp every weekend, they will be glad to give you a tour of the property or showcase your Troop's summer campsite.

## Provisional & Encore Camping

For every Scout, a summer camp experience can be the highlight of their year. The Del-Mar-Va Council is dedicated to offering options for every youth to have this great opportunity. Be sure all of your Scouts know their options.

**Provisional Camping** – Provisional camping is when a youth attends a summer camp experience outside of their home Troop, as an individual. These youth will 'adopted' by a participating Troop. This will allow these Scouts to experience camp while staying with a Troop in their campsite. This is a must for Scouts who cannot attend camp with their Troop, but would still like the summer camp experience.

**Encore Camping** – Encore camping is for Scouts participating in more than one week of summer camp at a Del-Mar-Va Council resident camp. Discounted costs are available for these Scouts with the drive to be camping.

## 2018 Fee Schedule (at Rodney fees are ALL INCLUSIVE)

"ALL INCLUSIVE" means that here at Del-Mar-Va Council you do not pay extra at camp for any of the following, they are included in your general camp fee: Basketry Kits, Leather Crafts, Rifle Ammunition, Shotgun Ammunition, Ice for your Cooler, Motor Boat Fuel, Waterski Time, Time on the Climbing Wall, Food for Cooking MB, Second Helpings in the Dining Hall, Cleaning Supplies for your Latrine, Coffee, Tea and Juice for thirsty leaders, WIFI access, Use of an AC cooled Leaders Lounge, 24 hour on call health staff, lost arrows during Archery MB, the best sunsets in the BSA, all the fun and excitement you can bear, and much much more!!!

All camp payments can be submitted online using your Troop's login at [www.delmarvacouncil.org](http://www.delmarvacouncil.org), in person or mailed to the Del-Mar-Va Council service center. To receive the discounted camper fee, all fees must be received by May 1.

<b><u>CAMPER FEES</u></b>	<b>DISCOUNTED FEE (PAID BY MAY 1)</b>	<b>REGULAR FEE (RECEIVED AFTER MAY 1)</b>
Dining Hall or Heater Stack	\$455	\$475
Troop Commissary (Troop brings & prepares own food)	\$405	\$425
Provisional Camper (Scout attending as individual without Troop)	\$455	\$475
Encore Camper (2 <sup>nd</sup> week at a Del-Mar-Va Council camp)	\$405	\$425
Encore Camper Week 8 Special (2 <sup>nd</sup> week at a Del-Mar-Va Council camp)	Call for Special Rate	Call for Special Rate

### **ADULT LEADER FEES**

(based on the number of youth attending camp from your Troop during your week)

# OF YOUTH	# OF FREE ADULTS	ALL OTHER ADULTS
1-9	0	\$125 each
10-19	2	\$125 each
20-29	3	\$125 each
...	...	\$125 each

## Camperships

**Camperships** – Every Scout deserves the opportunity to attend summer camp. Scouts who may have financial difficulties should consider applying for campership funds. Check online at [www.delmarvacouncil.org/camperships](http://www.delmarvacouncil.org/camperships) for more information.



## Refund Policy

Partial refunds for Scouts not attending camp will be given only if the unit notifies camping services, in writing at least two weeks prior to the unit's scheduled arrival date at camp. There will be no refund for cancellations within two weeks of camp attendance, except for medical reasons. A doctor's note must be sent no later than the completion of the unit's week at camp. The \$50 non-refundable registration fee will not be returned. After June 1, contractual fees increase the non-refundable amount to \$100 regardless of the reason for cancellation. Any refunds will be made to the unit after the close of the summer camping season. It is the unit's responsibility to be sure that all parents are aware of the refund policy. If families wish to purchase camp insurance

## Cancellation Insurance



Buy Coverage

Even with the best intentions, sometimes things get in the way of your Scouts' coming to camp. Family emergencies and medical emergencies can stop even the most diehard Scout from completing Swimming Merit Badge and singing songs at campfires. Things happen and we at Rodney recognizes this. So, while unable to protect Scouts' and Scouts' Parents time investment in camp, there is an option to protect the financial investment. By teaming up with Trip Mate Inc., a leisure insurance specialist, parents can now purchase protection against their child's inability to attend Summer Camp. This coverage does not include everything. If your Scout suddenly doesn't want to go to camp or is restrained by certain obligations like Summer School this coverage will not take effect. Please read the Trip Mate Policy Specifics to get exact details as to what is covered and what is not. Additionally, this coverage extends to emergencies that happen while a covered Scout is in camp such as medical evacuation and also covers lost and stolen personal items.

Please note that to be covered your insurance would have to be purchased prior to your final payment.

For more information or to purchase a plan please visit <https://www.aplusplans.com/index.php/consumer/index/dlmv11>. Click "Get a Quick Quote" to start the process of purchasing a plan.

If you or a parent have questions about this program, please do not contact Rodney but Trip Mate Inc. at 800-420-5378 or at [info@travelpolicyadmin.com](mailto:info@travelpolicyadmin.com). Please note that this program is not administered in any way by Rodney Scout Reservation or Del-Mar-Va Council. This is not an exception to Rodney's no refund policy nor does this program constitute a subrogation for camp fee payment.





## Medical Forms

The **BSA Annual Health & Medical Record** is mandatory of all youth and adult participants. The form can be downloaded at [www.delmarvacouncil.org/rodneysummer/planning](http://www.delmarvacouncil.org/rodneysummer/planning). This is the current National BSA form and is the only form to be accepted. **It is unacceptable to use a sports physical form as a substitution.** Parts A and B are required for any participant staying in camp. Part C must be completed for any participant staying more than 72 hours or participating in any activities involving risk (for example Aquatics, Climbing, and Health & Fitness area activities to name a few) and must be signed by a certified and licensed health-care provider. All three sections A, B and C must be turned in at the medical recheck. The form must be signed by a licensed medical practitioner within the past 12 months and have a parent or guardian signature granting permission to render emergency treatment. Adults must sign their own form. There should be no superfluous supplements to the BSA Health Form, Parts A, B, and C only. **No one will be able to stay in camp without the proper medical form.** We strongly encourage Troops to make copies of the medical form to turn in at medical recheck. Please keep the originals of these forms, so they can be used again for other activities. **Medical forms will not be returned at the completion of summer camp for anyone who receives medical treatment in camp.**

All Scouts and adults will receive a medical screening soon after arrival at camp. **Camp is inherently a close quarters community, in an effort to minimize the risk of having an outbreak of illness any Scout or Scouter with a temperature of greater than 101 degrees will be sent home if medically safe to travel.** In the interest of everyone's health, please make sure to have parents check campers temperatures before leaving home. Scouts and leaders with temps over 101 should delay their arrival until temperature returns to normal range.



## Insurance Requirements

**Del-Mar-Va Council Troops** – All Del-Mar-Va Council Troops are covered by an accident insurance policy issued by ACE American Insurance Company (Health Special Risk, Inc). Insurance certificate and claim forms are included with your annual charter. It is the unit leader's responsibility to process all claims. Do not send bills to the camp or the council service center.

**Other Council Troops** – The Del-Mar-Va Council does not provide unit accident insurance for out-of-council units. Units may receive accident insurance coverage through their local council, arrange for it themselves when they re-charter, or contract for coverage on their own. It is the unit leader's responsibility to process all claims. Do not send bills to the camp or the council service center.



The safety of our youth and adults is always of utmost importance at camp. This summer there are some new Boy Scout standards and Del-Mar-Va Council policies in place to help ensure that safety.

### **New Youth Protection Training Required for all Overnight Adults**

Any adult staying overnight at a Del-Mar-Va Council summer camp must complete the new Youth Protection Training prior to their stay in camp. The training is available online through [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org).

### **BSA Registration Required for all Adults staying over 72 hours**

The BSA's new adult registration requirements mandate that all adults accompanying a Scouting unit to a residence camp or other Scouting activity lasting 72 hours or more must be registered as a leader, including completion of a criminal background check and Youth Protection Training. These requirements will go into effect June 1, 2018, at the start of the summer camp season.

The new requirement applies to any adult accompanying a Scouting unit on a single Scouting activity where they are present for 72 hours or more (not necessarily consecutive).

**These adults must be registered as leaders and Youth Protection Training before the activity** even if they are the parent of a youth on the trip.

## Camp Staff

Rodney Scout Reservation takes pride in its summer camp staff. Each year the camp employs over 100 seasonal staff ranging in age from 15-80\*. Most senior staff and area directors attend regional training sessions for their position, these are held at a BSA National Camping School. Staff members also participate in a one-week training session previous to the start of the first summer camp session. All of the staff are ready and prepared to field questions upon your arrival.

Camp Rodney is also lucky to host several International Scouts who work as part of our camp staff. Scouts and Scouters are encouraged to take time to learn from them about their native Scouting programs and personal experiences.

If you have any Scouts who would like to be a part of the Camp Rodney team, please have them fill out the online staff application at [www.dmvc.org/rodney/staff](http://www.dmvc.org/rodney/staff). All applicants will be offered an interview for the opportunity to be a part of Camp Rodney. Some Scouting experience is recommended, but not necessary.



## Counselors-in-Training

Each year, Rodney Scout Reservation trains the next generation of camp staff in its Counselor-in-Training program. Each "CIT" participates in a 3 or 4-week program to both experience multiple areas of camp program and to get a first-hand look into the life of a camp staff member. Many CITs return the following summer to be employed as a full-summer staff member. The CIT program is recommended for 14 and 15-year olds. Some Scouting experience is recommended, but not necessary.



## SECTION 2 – GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

### Goals for Participants

**It is the goal of Rodney Scout Reservation to provide a program that contributes to the development of citizenship, character development, and personal fitness in Scouts, leaders, staff, and visitors.**

Participating in the program at Rodney Scout Reservation allows Scouts, leaders, visitors and staff to experience the Scouting program. Demonstrating behaviors associated with the aims of the Scouting program is an integral part of the camp experience.

Some examples of desired behavior outcomes include:

**Citizenship-** Scouts, leaders, staff, and visitors demonstrate respect for our nation by participating in daily flag ceremonies in the morning and at night. Scouts, leaders, staff and visitors may also demonstrate citizenship by maintaining a clean campsite, and/or performing a service project to benefit others.

**Character Development-** Scouts, leaders, staff, and visitors have opportunities to participate in a rigorous outdoor program. This program will challenge them to act as part of a team to accomplish a community goal. Individuals will learn and demonstrate new skills. A Scout learning to safely climb and repel from the camp climbing tower for the first time is a prime example.

**Personal Fitness-** Scouts, leaders, staff, and visitors are encouraged to participate in a physical outdoor program that promotes an active, healthy lifestyle. Scouts, leaders, staff and visitors are also encouraged to develop and practice habits associated with healthy, fulfilled living, which may include pursuit of the faith practices of their choosing. Examples could include: Scouts choosing to eat a salad during meal time as a healthy choice to supplement the camp menu; Scouts and leaders holding a daily prayer in their campsite.



## Arrival at Camp

The check-in process begins with your unit's arrival at camp at 1:00 PM on the Sunday beginning your summer camp session. A camp staff member will meet you upon arrival and serve as your guide for the afternoon to help you get checked-in, settled, and started on your program. To help speed up your check-in, please be sure that:

1. All camp fees are received in the council service center or submitted online at least 14 days prior to the start of your session.
2. All medical forms have been collected by your Troop in advance and are ready to be turned in to the camp health officer. Please have copies of all medical forms ready to turn in. The camp will not make photocopies or return those submitted.

## Leaving Camp

Although we do not want to see your Troop and Scouts leave camp, the time will come on Saturday morning to pack up your things and say goodbye. Prior to leaving camp on Saturday morning, your Troop leadership will be presented with all merit badge blue cards, advancement certificates, and other achievements or awards.

During the week all Scouts and leaders who intend to leave camp must sign-out at the camp administration building.

For the protection of your campers, they may not leave camp without parental permission. Leaders should be aware of a boy's need to be out of camp in advance, if possible, and know the person taking the boy out of camp. Before 4 PM on Friday afternoon, any



Scout leaving camp must sign-out through the camp administration building with their unit leader and the person taking them from camp. The Scout will be asked to identify the person taking them out of camp, as will the unit leader. If the person taking the Scout from camp is not a parent or guardian, the camp reserves the right to contact the parents for permission. After 4 PM on Friday afternoon, the Scouts are the responsibility of their unit leader and may sign-out with them when necessary.

## Leadership Requirements

Two registered adult leaders, or one adult leader and a parent of a participating Scout, one of whom must be at least 21 years old, per Youth Protection, are required for the duration on all trips and outings. There are a few instances, such as patrol activities and merit badge classes, where no adult leadership is required, as Scouts will be under the supervision of adult staff directors and instructors, but observation is always welcome.

Youth need to be under the constant supervision of an adult per Maryland state regulations.

## Camp Facilities & Equipment

During summer camp, all Scouts will stay in 2-man, platform wall tents, equipped with army-style canvas cots. If the site has a building, leaders will be expected to stay in it. Each unit is provided with picnic tables and benches, a dining fly, fire ring, bulletin board, and a flag pole for campsite ceremonies. In order to make your stay more comfortable, it is strongly recommended that you bring mosquito netting or plan to purchase some in our trading post for use in your tents.

The camp furnishes major facilities and equipment. Your Troop is responsible for conducting a check-in inventory, with your assigned staff guide, to be sure everything is in your site. If something is missing, please ask that it be replaced. Be sure to check ALL equipment carefully before you sign the inventory form, as you are then responsible for the items on the inventory. Loss or damage to equipment will be charged to you at the end of your camp session. Note carefully any damage that may exist when you move in with your staff guide. If the camp cannot replace an item, make note of it on the inventory form.

A few words about camp facilities – The camp is like a small city with many of the same requirements: water supply, sewage, garbage disposal, fire-fighting, policing, food supply, housing, etc. Latrines are designed for disposal of human waste only; they are NOT garbage cans or trash disposal places. They were not designed to digest cans, foam products, bottles, or greasy dishwater.

## Visitors in Camp

Summer camp is a great opportunity to cultivate new leaders or invite special guests to see your unit in action. Visitors are welcome in camp and must sign-in and sign-out through the camp administration building. Visitors may join your unit for a meal with the purchase of a meal ticket 24 hours in advance through the camp administration building. Rates for meal tickets are:

**Breakfast - \$5.00**

**Lunch - \$7.00**

**Dinner - \$9.00**

Overnight adult visitors will be charged \$25 per night or \$100 per week. Sleeping facilities will not be guaranteed for adults staying less than a full week. Camp Rodney will provide camp tent space if available and/or space to bring setup their own tent. Youth visitors may not stay overnight. Family and friends traveling a distance are asked to book local accommodations at a hotel or motel if necessary.

## Camp Communications

Rodney Scout Reservation has a limited number of telephone lines to serve the business functions of the camp. Scouts are not permitted to use the camp's phones except in the case of an emergency. Incoming calls should be of the utmost importance and may require locating a Scout or leader. A return phone number must be left. Individual Troops are encouraged to have a policy on Scouts using cell phones while at camp. Please be sure to advise parents what your Troop's policy on Scouts using cell phones will be.

Scouts love to receive mail while at camp! Each unit may pick up their mail at the camp administration building. Outgoing mail also leaves camp daily. All incoming mail should be addressed as follows:

**(Scout's Name), Troop #**  
**Campsite**  
Rodney Scout Reservation  
400 Rodney Scout Road  
North East, MD 21901

For your Scouts to receive mail while in camp, please be sure parents know to mail it in advance of your session at camp. A better way to ensure Scouts receive mail while at camp is to give personal letters to your adult leaders that are dated for when your Scout should receive it. This prevents the risk of letters not arriving in time to reach your Scouts. Care packages or "Hugs from Home" can also be purchased without the need to mail them through our Camp Trading Post at [www.dmvc.org/rsrstore](http://www.dmvc.org/rsrstore).

## Food Services

Rodney Scout Reservation offers three different types of food service for units in camp: dining hall, heater stack, or Troop commissary.

**Dining Hall** - The most common means of food service at Rodney. All campsites located in the Pathfinder and Wilderness camps attend meals at the Dining Hall. There are 2 services for each meal and your Troop will be assigned a service ahead of camp. You will either be "first service" or "second service" and will remain at those times throughout the week. The Dining Hall works on a "waiter" system; please have the waiter from each table report 15 minutes prior to each meal. No Scouts are permitted to leave the dining hall area until dismissed by the camp staff.



Breakfast	7:00AM & 8:00AM
Lunch	12:00PM & 1:00PM
Dinner (except Friday)	5:15PM & 6:15PM

**Heater Stack** - Troops in campsites located in the Lenape camp at Rodney will have three meals delivered to them via heater stacks. All meals are delivered on a set schedule, so these Troops do get to eat at the same time as dining hall Troops. All eating utensils and supplies are also delivered, so no extra preparation is needed. This method works well to have your meals and relax in your Troop site. Camp staff can be available to join you for meals in your Troop site and can add to the mealtime program if requested. We would encourage your Troop to make an effort to go "Green"; we can provide you with soap and cleaning supplies to avoid the waste of disposable dishes by washing silverware, plates and cups in your site.

**Troop Commissary** - Back to basics, this is the true Scouting method of food service. This method is for Troops who wish to provide and cook all their own food for the week. This also serves as a great opportunity to strengthen the patrol method in the Troop and offer food choices that just might not be available from the camp's kitchen. Be aware, if you cook anything extraordinary... the camp staff will follow! This method is typically only available in Lenape campsites.

**Opening Day Barbeque Picnic** – Everyone's first meal at Camp Rodney will be the Sunday evening barbeque, regardless of the food service plan you have chosen. If weather permits, the barbeque will be held on the main parade field immediately following the opening flag ceremony. No visitors please. Due to the messy nature of a BBQ Picnic, Troops are welcome to wear Class B uniforms to retreat and dinner on Sunday as we do not want your Class A uniforms BBQ stained on the first day of camp.

**Friday Evening Family Dinner** – Everyone's last evening meal at Camp Rodney will be the Friday evening family dinner. Be sure to extend an invitation to all Scout families and supporters to attend. The dinner tickets can be purchased online at [www.delmarvacouncil.org/rsrstore](http://www.delmarvacouncil.org/rsrstore) to ensure space for your visitors in the dining hall. This dinner will be served at 5:15pm and 6:30pm. The Troops staying in Lenape campsites will be given a choice to eat in their site or to eat in the Dining Hall for dinner on Friday. Those eating in the Dining Hall will be assigned to join either the first or second service for this meal, if you have a meal preference please share that with the camp administration upon arrival in camp. The camp reserves the right to change a Troop's dinner seating if necessary and will give the Troop notice as far in advance as possible to contact Scout families.

**Dietary Restrictions** - If any of your adults or Scouts have dietary restrictions, including food allergies, please fill out and submit the Special Food Needs form found online at [www.delmarvacouncil.org/rodney/summer/planning](http://www.delmarvacouncil.org/rodney/summer/planning). Also please communicate with the Food Service Manager upon your arrival in camp. The camp is ready and prepared to work through most situations.

## Crew 299's Pizza Night



Venture Crew 299 is made up of current Rodney camp staff and camp staff alumni. The Crew meets monthly throughout the year to do work projects at camp that help increase program opportunities and better your unit's experience. As a fundraiser to support their meals for these monthly projects, the Crew will sell pizzas as a late night snack each week during summer camp. Enjoy a great snack with your Scouts and help support the camp staff at the same time! More details will be presented at the Sunday night leaders' meeting.

## Uniform in Camp

Campers are encouraged to have a full BSA field uniform while in camp. Uniforms are encouraged to be worn on Sunday during check-in, evening meals, and camp-wide retreat ceremonies. Customized "class B" t-shirts are also available for purchase with your Troop number and hometown on it through our camp online Trading Post at [www.dmvc.org/rsrstore](http://www.dmvc.org/rsrstore). Advance orders can be received upon your arrival at camp.

## Camp-Wide Retreats

Citizenship is an important part of Scouting and a memorable part of camp life. Camp-wide retreats are held on the main parade field with the Chesapeake Bay as the backdrop. All Troops are expected to attend these retreats. Camp-wide retreats will be held on Sunday night before the barbeque, Friday night while family and friends are in attendance, and Saturday morning before you leave camp. Your Troop is encouraged to perform their own daily flag ceremonies in their campsite.





## Campsite Duties

Certain responsibilities will be given to your Troop while in camp and may include cleaning your campsite, your latrine or a shared comfort station, or keeping water-filled fire buckets in the site. Senior Patrol Leaders will be briefed on all duties and expectations upon arrival.

## Service & Conservation Projects

If your Scouts would like the opportunity to work on some projects during their stay in camp, there are always some available. Service project opportunities may be obtained through the Camp Ranger. If conservation projects are your interest, project ideas may be obtained from the NEST Director. Projects for advancement up to Life rank may be carried out at camp with the approval of the Scoutmaster and appropriate camp personnel. Eagle projects are not permitted.

## Chapel Services

Being reverent is not only a part of the Scout Law, it's a part of camp life. Under the direction of a camp chaplain, Troops are encouraged to attend the weekly chapel service as listed in the camp program schedule. Interested Scouts, especially Chaplain's Aides, are encouraged to talk to the chaplain about opportunities to be involved in the service. Camp Rodney will offer a religious program for Scouts; see the program schedule for more information.

## Trading Post

Our camp is home to a full-service trading post, carrying anything you might need while in camp. The store also carries anything you might want to remember your camp experience. Basic equipment, merit badge pamphlets, booklets, and other Scouting related merchandise are readily available, along with souvenirs for family and friends back home. If you are hungry between meals, the main trading post, as well as the "Snack Shack" in Sampson Lodge, carries an extensive selection of food and drink. The trading post and Snack Shack are open daily with posted hours at camp.

## Campfires

During your stay, you'll be able to experience at least two exciting campfires. Shortly after your arrival, on Sunday night, the opening campfire will be organized and performed by the camp staff. This campfire will offer an introduction to the staff as well as a fun experience for all the Scouts to help kick-off the week. All Scouts and leaders are expected to attend. On Friday night the Scouts will



have the opportunity to entertain, during the closing campfire, with the skits, songs, and stories that they practiced all week. All Troop additions to the Friday night campfire MUST audition with the Campfire Directors during the week. You will get notified of the audition time at the Sunday Leader's meeting. Brownsea Scouts, our first-year campers, will also have the opportunity to attend a campfire held special for them during the week.

## SECTION 3 – HEALTH & SAFETY

Our health lodge is located in the main administration building. The health lodge staff can handle most minor illnesses or injuries. **ALL** illnesses or injuries must be brought to the attention of the health lodge as soon as detected. If further medical attention is required, Scouts and adults might need to be transported to the local hospital or urgent care center. Unless the Scout/adult needs to be transported via ambulance, the Troop will be asked to provide the transportation.

It is the responsibility of the unit leader to process all charges for medical expenses through the unit's insurance policy, to have the expenses paid by the unit leader, or to have the expenses billed to the patient's family. Do not send bills to the Scout service center or the camp.

### **Buddy System**

It's the Scout way. All campers must use the buddy system at all times while in camp. A minimum of two individuals should remain together at all times.

### **Medications**

All prescription and non-prescription medications must be stored under lock and key during your time in camp. Medications may be controlled and administered by the camp health officer or the unit leader. A unit leader may administer medications only if they are stored under lock and key (and refrigerated if needed) in the campsite. The preferred position of the camp is for the Unit Leader to store and administer the medication at their Troop site. If the Troop Leaders are unwilling or unable to store and distribute the medicine, it may be turned in to a Health Officer who will administer them from the camp's Health Lodge.

### **Standards for Privacy**

Male and female participants are required to have separate sleeping facilities, i.e. a separate room or tent. Separate rooms are available only at Shawnee, Minsi, Accomac, Wicomico, Minquas, and Alapocas. These separate rooms will house 2 persons. At all other campsites, and if the number of females exceeds two at the above-mentioned sites, females will be housed separately in tents.

No youth may stay in the tent of an adult other than his parent/guardian. Legally married couples may share the same quarters, provided appropriate facilities are available. Adult leadership need to respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing into swimsuits and taking showers, and intrude only to the extent that health and safety require. Leaders must also protect their own privacy in similar situations. The posted hours for adult use of the showers must be observed. Adult leaders may not use the comfort station rooms designated for boys. Use the buddy system for latrine use by having another person wait outside the entrance, or use an "occupied"/"unoccupied" sign.

### **Hydration**

"A hydrated Scout is a happy Scout." Water will be provided at all program areas and campsites. All Scouts are expected to bring their own container for water. Every person is strongly recommended to drink five (5) quarts of water per day. The number one health problem ailing campers is dehydration.

## Camp Security

Wristbands provide an identification system to those who belong in camp. All campers will have wristbands colored by swimming ability. Visitors to camp will also have a different color wristband. Camp staff are unmistakable in their red staff polo shirts. If you come across anyone in camp without a wristband, please escort them to camp administration building to check-in or be dismissed from camp.

## Showers

Personal cleanliness is the number one item in the prevention of illness. There is no substitute for soap and water. Hot showers are located near each campsite. Leaders should make an effort to be sure that every camper stays clean. Showers should be taken daily, preferably before bedtime, and a tick inspection made by each camper.

Separate central shower facilities are available for male and female leaders. Adult shower times at all showers will be posted with the exception of the Lenape Pool Comfort Station which has separate facilities for youth, male leaders, and female leaders. Please enforce the separate shower times for youth and adults in the interest of Youth Protection.

Each campsite will be responsible for the cleanliness of the closest shower building on specified days. The schedule will be posted. Shower building cleanliness will be a part of each Troop's daily campsite inspection.

**Adult leaders may not use the comfort station rooms designated for boys except during posted adult leader bathing times.**

## Insects

A great week of summer camp can be ruined by constant insect bites. Be prepared when you come to camp. A non-aerosol insect repellent is recommended to reduce the likelihood of mosquito and tick bites. Aerosol insect repellents are prohibited in camp and are extremely flammable and destroy tent waterproofing. Mosquito netting is strongly recommended and can be purchased at the camp's trading post if necessary.

## Hiking

Camp Rodney is fortunate to encompass Bull Mountain on its property with several marked hiking trails. Some areas of camp require extra caution. Parts of the trail system pass through potentially swampy areas. If hikers come to a spot that looks doubtful, the ground should be tested prior to putting full weight on it. Scouts must be cautioned to remain on the marked trails and to use the buddy system at all times. During the day, hikers should be aware that some trails are also used by the Mountain Biking program. Be sure to check out Rodney's newly marked 5K trail!

## Campsite Inspections

Your camp commissioner does campsite visitations daily. Be sure to keep your Troop responsible for their own living areas along with the general campsite. Also be sure that your Senior Patrol Leader remembers your Troop's assigned responsibilities after their Sunday night meeting.

## Motor Vehicles

In the interest of the safety of our campers who walk and bike along the camp roads, these rules are to be followed:

- Vehicles may NOT be used to drive around camp after checking in.
- All vehicles must be parked at the designated parking lot. **No vehicles may be parked in campsites.** Exceptions will only be granted by the Camp Health Officer for medical reasons that are identified by a health-care provider on their medical form.
- Vehicles entering or leaving camp must be cautious of campers walking or biking on the roads.
- All drivers must have a valid driver's license and all vehicles must be properly licensed and insured.
- All recreational vehicles are restricted from use as housing.
- Absolutely no passengers may be transported in a vehicle that does not have a seatbelt installed for the purpose of passenger safety. Riders are NOT permitted to ride in the bed of a truck.
- Del-Mar-Va Council is not responsible for damage to vehicles parked in camp.
- Special arrangements can be made for handicapped individuals and for transporting heavy Troop equipment with prior approval of the Camp Director.
- No Scouts are to be driven anywhere in camp by leaders or visiting adults. See the Camp Director for any specific exceptions.

## Bicycles

**Scouts participating in the Brownsea program should not bring bikes to camp.** Scouts and adults may bring their own bicycle for personal use during their stay in camp. The following rules are to be followed by anyone bringing a bicycle to camp; failure to follow these rules may result in a bike being removed from a Scout, or leader's, possession until their departure from camp:

- A helmet must be worn (and fastened) by the rider at all times.
- Each bicycle is permitted to have a maximum of one rider.
- Bicycles are not to be used before Monday morning or after 5 PM on Friday. During the week, only bicycles with appropriately attached and operable cycling lights are allowed to be ridden after dinner.
- Riders are expected to know the rules of the road for bicycles as stated in the Cycling Merit Badge pamphlet (i.e. ride to the right side of the road).
- Bicycles are for use on camp roads only and not permitted to be used on any trails or in campsites unless part of the Mountain Biking program with camp staff.
- Bicycles are expected to be used in a safe manner at all times, slow and cautious. A Scout is courteous on the road, beware of pedestrians. The camp speed limit is 15MPH. If you are unsure of your speed, consider that the average person walks at about 4MPH.
- When not in use, bicycles are expected to be parked off roadways and trails in such a way as to not impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- Camp Rodney is not responsible for personal bicycles in camp, they are the sole responsibility of the owner. Del-Mar-Va Council is not responsible for lost or damaged bicycles (or damaged Scouts).

**Please help keep the camp a safe environment. The ability to use bicycles in camp is a privilege and not a right. The above rules will be enforced by adult leaders and camp staff members. Scouts and Leaders who do not obey the rules may have their privilege to use a bicycle revoked and their bike held under lock and key by the camp administration until the Troop's departure.**

## Aquatic Classification & Policy

At the beginning of each camp session, Scouts and leaders will take a swimming test to determine their aquatic classification. Everyone will be classified into one of three ability groups: Non-Swimmer, Beginner, and Swimmer. Everyone must take an approved swim test to use the swimming pool or waterfronts. Your ability group will determine what color wristband you receive for your stay in camp. If a wristband is tampered with or lost, the Scout or leader may have to retake the swimming test as directed by the camp's aquatics director.

To qualify as a Beginner Swimmer, a Scout or leader must: jump feet first into water over their head, surface, level off and swim at least 50 feet. To qualify as a Swimmer, a Scout or leader must: jump feet first into water over their head, surface, level off and swim at least 75 yards in a strong manner using strokes indicated by the instructor, swim an additional 25 yards using the elementary backstroke and rest in the water for one minute using minimum motion.

**Your Troop is highly encouraged to conduct swim tests prior to their arrival at camp. This will ease Scout anxiety, speed up the check-in process, and allow Scouts and leaders to better plan their weekly activities. Specific instructions, qualifications, and forms are available at [www.dmvc.org/rodney/summer/planning](http://www.dmvc.org/rodney/summer/planning). The camp's Aquatics Director reserves the right to refuse swim tests performed outside of camp if proper procedures have not been followed or have any Scout or leader retake a swim test if deemed necessary. Please email completed forms to [rsrpd@dmvc.org](mailto:rsrpd@dmvc.org) so that we can have your buddy tags prepared ahead of time.**

At Camp Rodney, all swimming must be done only in the swimming pool. The waterfront areas are not considered swimming areas and are restricted for approved boating activities only.

- Watercraft may only be checked out with the aquatics staff through the buddy board.
- For safety reasons, all boating will be done with a buddy and/or a buddy boat.

All occupants of all watercraft must wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and 'boat shoes' at all times.

## Footwear & "Boat Shoes"

Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times in camp. Closed-toed footwear and socks must be worn at all times around camp except while swimming in the pool.

"Boat shoes" refer to the footwear required to be worn while boating or wading in the bay. These must be closed-toed and can be old sneakers, boots, or shoes to be worn only for this purpose. Wet shoes that are worn around camp will cause blisters. **Aqua socks, sandals, and open-toed shoes are not acceptable as "boat shoes" and will prevent Scouts from participating in any programs or the bay.** Crocs™ or Keen™ sandals that are closed-toed, have thick soles and will not slip off your feet are acceptable.



## Smoking

Smoking is PROHIBITED in camp except in designated areas without youth present. Smoking is not permitted by youth at any time and may lead to dismissal from camp. Adults are discouraged from smoking while in camp as it sets a poor example for the youth. Smoking in the presence of youth, either by sight or smell, may lead to dismissal from camp.

## Other Prohibited Items

The following items are prohibited in camp. Violators may be dismissed from camp.

- Alcoholic beverages
- Pets (except guide dogs)
- Large Sheath knives
- Fireworks
- Illegal drugs
- Firearms and airguns\*
- Ammunition of any type

\*If a Scout or leader, who is a serious marksman, wishes to bring his own rifle, he may do so. It must be checked in at the camp office upon arrival in camp and may be retrieved as the unit leaves camp. The rifle must be bolt-action, .22 caliber, minimum 3# trigger-pull and capable of being loaded one round at a time. Tube-type magazines may not be used. Semi-automatic rifles are prohibited.

**Absolutely no ammunition may be brought to camp.**

Any questions on the above mentioned items should be directed to the Camp Director.



# SECTION 4 – EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

All emergencies at Camp Rodney will be identified by a system of sirens as follows:

**1 BLAST**      **LIGHTNING WARNING** – lightning is in the immediate vicinity, stay alert

**Effect:** aquatics areas and climbing tower will close, others will remain open

**3 BLASTS**      **CAMP-WIDE EMERGENCY** – a camp-wide emergency is in progress see examples below

**Effect:** All Scouts & Leaders must return immediately to their campsites; Troops need to take attendance and send a text to the main camp office to confirm your Troop's attendance of Scouts and leaders (i.e. all present or 'John Doe' and 'Sammy Scout' are missing). The text information will be given to Troops upon arrival.

## **Accident or Illness:**

- Unit should administer first aid within the limits of their qualifications.
- Report all accidents or illnesses to the health lodge immediately.
- If additional help or a hospital visit is necessary, the health officer will make the necessary arrangements.
  - If the unit is transporting the patient to a medical center or hospital, the health officer can provide directions.
- If anyone in the unit has a cellular phone and calls for an ambulance directly, be sure to notify the main camp office (410-287-5888) immediately, so they can direct the ambulance to your exact location.
- An adult from the unit must accompany an injured or ill person to the hospital and notify the patient's family from the hospital. Expenses are the responsibility of the unit. Be sure to take a copy of your unit accident insurance and a claim form. You will also need to provide the hospital with the patient's family policy information. Do not bill the council or the camp.
- Be sure to report back to the health officer on the circumstances of the illness or injury, and the condition of the patient.
- If required, completely fill out an incident report recording all information required and file it with the health officer or camp director.

## **In Case of Fatality**

- Immediately inform the Camp Director, Program Director, or Health Officer. They will summon the proper authorities and notify the Camp Ranger and other appropriate council personnel.
- Out of respect for the victim and their family, keep everyone well away from the area, and do not discuss with other campers, leaders, or staff.
- Assist the police and medical personnel in every way possible.
- Assist the Camp Director in completing an incident report.

## **Severe Storm**

- 3 blasts of the siren will be heard and all campers will be instructed to report to their campsite.
- All units will check to be certain that all campers are present and accounted for. Once campers are present and accounted for, the unit will send a text to the main camp office to report that your unit is all present with a count of Scouts and leaders. A text will be sent with any further instructions to the unit.
- Instruct all campers to secure their personal gear and secure all unit gear.
- Units in lodges or bunkhouses will keep everyone inside. If necessary to leave shelter for any reason, do so only in groups of two or more. Remain indoors until further instructions are issued.
- Units in tents or shelters will be moved to a protected facility if necessary. Once moved, units should be sure to keep everyone inside until further notice. If necessary to leave shelter for any reason, do so only in groups of 2 or more.
- If forecasts indicate the camp is to be evacuated, and sufficient time is available, the camp will be evacuated in an orderly fashion. This will require a minimum of thirty to sixty minutes advance notice. The Camp Director or Camp Ranger will consult with the appropriate council personnel before ordering an evacuation. If time will not allow an evacuation, proceed as above.

## **Lost Person**

- If it is suspected that someone is missing, notify the Camp Director or Camp Ranger, who will take charge.
- All members of the unit from which the person is missing will report to their campsite.
- Unit leadership will determine if anyone else is missing with him, or if the camper might have gone home.
- Determine where the person was last seen. Thoroughly check all tents, cabins, bunks, and latrines. Check the waterfront areas for the person or any missing boats.
- If the person is still missing, the camp alarm (3 blasts) will be sounded, returning all units to their campsites.
- All units will check to be certain that all campers are present and accounted for. Once campers are present and accounted for, the unit will send a text to the main camp office to report that your unit is all present with a count of Scouts and leaders. A text will be sent with any further instructions to the unit.
- If the person is still missing, the Camp Director or Camp Ranger will notify the appropriate council personnel. They will institute a search of the camp roads and trails, using the Camp Staff and any available leaders over the age of 18 who are familiar with the camp. They will search the camp using a line-abreast pattern and by areas as determined on a map. Campers may be used for this but only in daylight and only when each group of campers is supervised by two adults. Search one area at a time, from one side to the other, and then move on to the next area. If at this point the camper can still not be located, the Camp Director or Camp Ranger will request the assistance of the Maryland State Police. Assist the police as requested and follow their directions.

## **Fire, Earthquake, Chemical Spill, or Other Disaster**

- Immediately upon learning that there is a fire or other incident in camp, notify the Camp Director, Camp Ranger, or other member of the Camp Staff. The Camp Director or Camp Ranger will notify the fire department, Forest Ranger, police or other appropriate emergency personnel.
- The camp siren (3 blasts) will be sounded for all campers to return to their campsites.
- In the case of a fire, the Camp Ranger will direct fire-fighting efforts until relieved by the fire department. The Program Director or Camp Director will remain at the main camp office and direct all other staff members to report to the fire scene and work as directed by the Camp Ranger.
- In other emergency cases, after a camp siren (3 blasts) has been sounded, a text will be sent with any further instructions to the unit.



## Lost Bather

When it has been determined that a boater or swimmer is missing, the following procedures will be initiated:

- The aquatics staff calls out the Scout's name to see if he answers.
- If no answer, the aquatics staff determines where the Scout was last seen.
- The area is quickly scanned. If the Scout is still missing, the aquatics staff will send all Scouts back to their campsites.
- The Aquatics Director is notified. He will assign a staff member to go to the missing Scout's campsite and verify their camper inventory.
- The Camp Director is notified.

As the above occurs, the aquatics staff organizes and begins a water search.

- The general camp alarm (3 blasts) will be sounded.
- If the Scout is still missing, the Camp Director will notify EMS and command all other aspects of the search.
- Appropriate council personnel will be notified.

## Allegations of Bullying or Child Abuse

- Suspected bullying or abuse must be reported as soon as it is suspected. Failure to do so may result in criminal or civil penalties. No state requires that you have proof that abuse has occurred prior to making the report, only that it is suspected.
- Call 1-844-SCOUTS1 to report the situation.
- All reports must be immediately reported to the Camp Director. Initial reports may be oral, but any oral report must be documented in writing at the earliest possible time.
- In cases involving allegations of sexual abuse against an individual, the Scout Executive of the council in which the alleged abuser resides is also responsible for implementing proper procedures.



# SECTION 5 – PROGRAM INFORMATION

## Merit Badge Philosophy

At Rodney Scout Reservation, our camp staff takes pride in the fact that any merit badge earned at camp was truly earned. It is a national policy that no merit badge requirements be waived or altered in order to accommodate the camp situation. In other words, every requirement must be met, including those that cannot be completed in camp. There are, therefore, some badges that simply cannot be completed in a one or two week stay in camp. As part of the Brownsea program, one leader from each Troop will be trained to be a counselor for Nature Merit Badge, so the boys may complete the remaining requirements after camp with their leader.

All Troops should conduct a conference with each Scout attending camp to help him determine his program needs and interests. NO SCOUT SHOULD COME TO CAMP WITHOUT KNOWING BEFOREHAND WHAT PROGRAMS HE PLANS TO ATTEND. The Scout should also be aware of all requirements, especially those that require completion prior to camp (see Camp Rodney's program descriptions, age levels, and requirements found at [www.delmarvacouncil.org/rodney/summer/planning](http://www.delmarvacouncil.org/rodney/summer/planning)). Be certain that each Scout has obtained the merit badge pamphlet for each badge prior to their first class, which can also be purchased at the camp's trading post.

Be careful not to let the Scout over program himself with merit badges. There is more to summer camp than earning merit badges. Don't let your Scouts miss out on the other opportunities available.

## Session Sign-ups

All sessions must be signed up for online at [www.delmarvacouncil.org](http://www.delmarvacouncil.org), using your Troop's DoubleKnot username and password that is received once your Troop is registered for summer camp. **Signups will open on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.** Using the online sign-ups, some sessions, will have a strict maximum number of participants that can register. Sessions like Water Sports or Motorboating, will have a strict capacity based on equipment restrictions. Other sessions, like Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting, Archery, or Climbing will have a strict capacity based on safety regulations. When possible, large size sessions will be split into multiple groups to allow for more individual attention toward each Scout for a better experience. Individual Troops will be limited to not more than half of the period capacity for any period of any program. If additional capacity space exists at the start of your week of camp Troop capacities may be adjusted.

First priority for all sessions will be to those who registered for their sessions online before camp, as long as they have met all session pre-camp or age requirements. Every attempt will be made to ensure that every Scout gets to enjoy a program of their interest. General interest sessions (ie Polar Bear swim, Chapel service, Open programs, etc.) do not require advanced sign-ups and will be for walk-ins during camp.

## Prerequisites

Every effort has been made to make programs have the least pre-requisites possible; most work will be completed in camp. The pre-requisites or preparatory information, for each badge or program, is listed in the Descriptions of Programs document available online at [www.dmvc.org/rodney/summer/planning](http://www.dmvc.org/rodney/summer/planning). In order for a Scout to complete a badge he should have completed all pre-requisite work prior to his arrival. The pre-requisites for some badges should be approved ahead of camp by the Scoutmaster of the Troop, those requirements are on the Pre-requisite Completion Form available on the Forms page of the website.

## Merit Badge Applications

Merit badge 'blue cards' are the applications used at camp. They must be signed by the unit leader and turned into the instructor at the first merit badge session. Partial completion or 'passed at camp' will be noted on the 'blue card' at the end of the week. Those cards will be distributed prior to the Closing Campfire on Friday night. A "partial completion" may be completed up until the Scout turns 18 years of age. If a Scout wishes to complete a "partial completion" from outside of camp while at Rodney, the counselor may retest the Scout on requirements already completed to satisfy that they were met.

## Merit Badge Counselors

All camp staff are qualified instructors under the direct supervision of their program area directors and the program director. Most area directors have attended a National Camping School for specific training in their program area, merit badge counseling, and staff management. All merit badge counselors at camp are registered with the Del-Mar-Va Council's advancement committee.

## CPR Requirement

Some merit badges require Scouts to "explain how to recognize and confirm cardiac arrest and demonstrate proper technique for performing CPR using a training device approved by your counselor." Scouts should complete this requirement before coming to camp. Evidence of completion will be noted within the Prerequisite Completion Form.

## Fishing Gear

If you wish to fish while here at camp, please make sure to have an appropriate license if required and bring fishing gear for fishing from shore in the northern Chesapeake Bay.

## Adult Opportunities

Outside of basic rest and relaxation, at the Sunday evening leaders' meeting, the camp staff will identify several opportunities for adult leaders to get involved while here at Camp Rodney.

**Adult Leader Training** – On Sunday, a schedule of offered training sessions will be distributed. The sessions may include Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Climb on Safely, Leave No Trace, Scoutmaster Specific Training, Troop Committee Challenge, MB Counselor Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. This may serve as a great opportunity for newer leaders to receive the basic training they need or for 'seasoned' leaders to get a refresher.

**Leader's Leathercraft Program** – Stop by and make a belt or other leathercraft at the craft lodge on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday night. Crafts must be started by Tuesday, as it is not a one-night project. Many tools are available to make a special craft just for you. The staff will assist you with your craft, but keep in mind that the boys are the first priority and there may be times when adults may have to wait for the help they need.

**Scoutmaster Wade** – All leaders are welcome to wade in the shallow area of the pool and watch merit badge classes in action whenever possible. Always popular on those hot, summer days!

**Scoutmaster Water Skiing** – Try it for the first time or impress your other adult leaders. Check the schedule upon arrival to find out which night is available to sign up for.

**Leader Jetski** – Wondering what the fuss is all about and why your Scouts are returning to the campsite all smiles? Now is your chance to experience the fun yourself.

**Leaders' Social and Mid-Week Gathering** – All leaders are invited to a special gathering with our camp leadership and special guests on Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 PM in the Dining Hall. Ice cream will be provided for your enjoyment as we give you an update on the week at camp, ask for feedback from your experience, and talk about the future of Camp Rodney.



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