



FOREST KIDS RANGER PROGRAM

ABOUT OUR RANGER PROGRAM | AGES 7-13

BUSH CRAFT SKILLS + BADGES

Bushcraft teaches children how to be capable in the real world. Instead of only learning information, children learn how to **do**—how to solve problems, adapt to changing situations, and take care of themselves and others. Skills like building shelter, making fire, finding water, and navigating outdoors develop confidence, independence, and resilience in a way that cannot be replicated indoors.

Beyond the practical skills, bushcraft challenges children to step outside their comfort zones. They learn to face uncertainty, work through discomfort, and persist when things are difficult. These experiences build mental strength, patience, and a deep sense of “I can handle this.”

Bushcraft also reconnects children to nature. They begin to understand ecosystems, respect the land, and see themselves as part of the natural world—not separate from it. This connection fosters responsibility, environmental awareness, and a sense of stewardship.

As we head into year two of our Ranger program, things are about to get even MORE exciting! Check out what we have in store for our 2026/27 school year:

- **Large scale pioneering projects** - suspension bridges, A-frame towers or lookout platforms, monkey bridges, camp gadgets such as tripods, hanging kitchens, pot hangers, and teams work to build a functional basecamp
- **Survival scenario challenges** - guided, partial independence + full team-led
- **Fire mastery progression** - fire in wet conditions, one-match fire challenge, park-based fire (flint & steel), cooking full meals over fire, fire types (long fire, Dakota fire hole, reflector fire)
- **Advanced tracking awareness** - track identification, silent movement challenges, camouflage & stealth missions, follow the signs scavenger hunts
- **Primitive Skills** - Atlatl throwing, primitive traps, natural cordage, primitive cooking
- **Ranger Leadership Opportunities, tool + craft mastery projects, extreme environment challenges, water and fishing adventures, night and navigation experiences, rite of passage experiences, and hunting and trapping skills.**
- **Family field trip experiences**



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