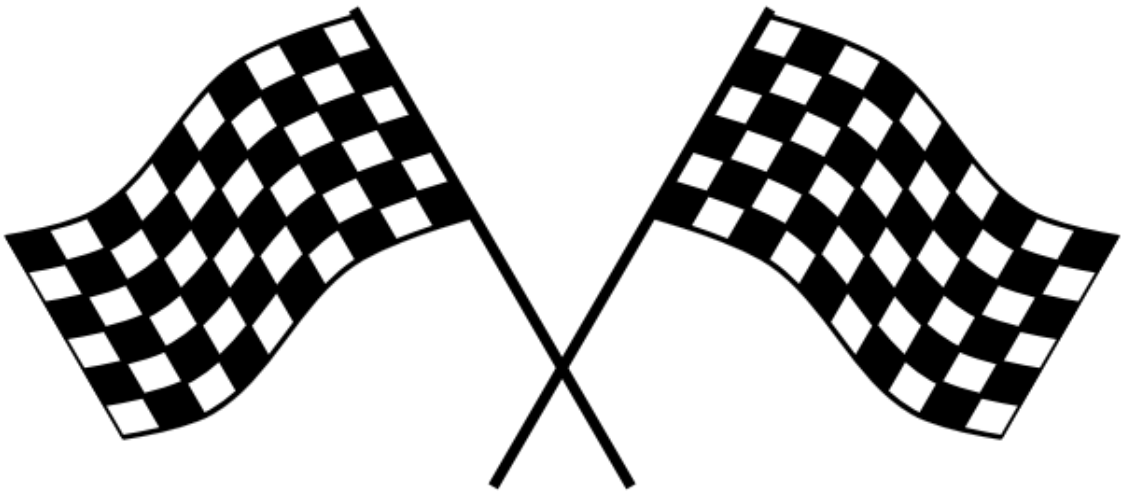


2024 Day Camp
Off to The Races



PARENT GUIDE

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Registration

Day Camp registration will open March 1, 2024. Scouts entering grades 1-5 in the fall are eligible to attend Day Camp. Lions will have their own day camp at the conclusion of the summer.

To register for Day Camp please visit rainbowcouncil.org. Every participant, including adults, must register online. Payment may be made online in the form of an eCheck or credit card. Individual registration is recommended this year due to limited spacing.

Contact Us

If you have any questions about registration or Day Camp, please feel free to reach out to the Directors at RCdaycamp2023@gmail.com.

Stay up to date with all of the latest Day Camp information by liking our Facebook page at facebook.com/RSRdayCamp.

Medical Forms

Boy Scouts of America requires that every person who will be on location at Day Camp has a Medical Form (Part A & B) on file with the Camp Health Officer. Download the Medical Forms at the link below.

Medical Forms must be turned into the Directors by the start of camp. For faster check-in, forms may be dropped off or mailed to the Rainbow Council Service Center at:

Rainbow Council Service Center

Attn: Day Camp

921 S. State St.

Lockport, IL 60441

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-001_ab.pdf

Schedule

LOCATION	DATES	ADDRESS	HOURS
Bolingbrook	June 10-13	375 W Briarcliff Road	9 am- 3 pm
Kankakee	June 18-20	172 Johnson Ave, Bonfield, IL	3 pm- 8 pm
New Lenox	June 24-27	801 E Francis Road	9 am- 3 pm
Morris-	July 15-18	Rainbow Scout Reservation	3 pm- 8 pm
Morris- Lions ONLY	July 18th	Rainbow Scout Reservation	3 pm- 8 pm

Fees – Full Week

RATE	COST	DEADLINE
Early Bird*	\$120	May 1, 2024
Regular Rate	\$140	2 Weeks Prior to Start of Camp

Fees- Kankakee

RATE	COST	DEADLINE
Early Bird*	\$90	May 1, 2024
Regular Rate	\$110	2 Weeks Prior to Start of Camp

Fee – Lion Camp

RATE	COST	DEADLINE
Regular Rate	\$40	2 Weeks Prior to Start of Camp

To qualify for the early bird rate, your balance must be paid in full before May 22, 2024. All payments submitted to Rainbow Council after May 22, 2024 will forfeit the early bird rate and the regular rate will be due in full.

*New Scouts joining after May 22, 2024 will receive the early bird rate up until 2 weeks prior to the start of the camp's date. Membership must be verified by Rainbow Council.

Cancellations

Due to the administrative and programming costs planned for when a Scout is registered, registered Scouts will only be eligible for a refund based on the following schedule. Refund requests must be submitted in writing to the Rainbow Council Activities Committee.

- ⇒ ☒ 50% of the fee if canceled before May 22, 2024
- ⇒ ☒ 25% of the fee if canceled before June 1, 2024
- ⇒ ☒ 0% of the fee if canceled after June 12, 2024

Weather

Day Camp will operate rain or shine! Campers should bring the appropriate gear for the weather (poncho & boots for rain, sunscreen & water for heat). In the event of inclement weather during camp hours, the Camp Director will move campers into the weather shelter area and the rainy-day program will be implemented.

Emergency Procedures

Safety of our campers and adults is our number one priority. The Day Camp Team monitors the weather very closely during camp. If severe weather (lightning, tornados, etc.) is expected, the Day Camp Team will decide if camp will be delayed or canceled for the day at least one hour prior to the start of camp. Notifications will be sent out via Facebook and email.

Emergency Services

Each Day Camp location will always have a trained health officer on location. Local hospitals, fire departments, and police will be aware of camp operations. Please be sure that medical forms are up to date and have accurate information on emergency contacts, allergies, medical conditions, and medications so emergency personnel can respond quickly and appropriately in the event of an emergency.

Medications

Medication that needs to be taken while at camp must be turned in to the Camp Health Officer in the original container. Camper's name and dosing instructions and times should be clearly labeled on the packaging. Campers may carry their Epi-Pen or inhalers with them.

ID Bracelets

For the safety of our campers, all participants, staff, volunteers, visitors, etc. must wear an identification bracelet while at camp. Lost bracelets should be reported to the Camp Director so a new one can be issued.

SICKNESS GUIDELINES

Campers and volunteers should stay home if they:

- Have any symptoms such as fever, cough, headache, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle aches
- Have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are awaiting COVID-19 test results

Day Camp Program

The Day Camp Program is specially designed to promote fun and adventure while building upon the aims of Scouting: character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Packs are encouraged to promote participation in the Day Camp program to help strengthen the Pack by providing a good outdoor experience to their Scouts. While rank advancement is important, the Day Camp program focuses more on FUN with a purpose.

Rank Advancement

Campers will practice skills throughout the Day Camp program that can be applied to required and elective belt loops for rank advancement. There may be additional requirements Campers will need to complete at home or within their Packs to earn the belt loop. A complete list of requirements completed will be sent home with Campers to provide to their Pack's Advancement Chair.

Summertime Fun

By attending day camp, scouts will complete one requirement to earn the Summertime fun belt loop.

Shooting Sports

Scouts will also have the opportunity to work on earning their slingshot, archery, and BB gun belt loops. The Day Camp Team will make every effort to conduct B.B. guns, archery, and slingshots over the course of the week. Substitutions may need to be made depending on weather, staffing, etc.

Day Camp Patch

Each Camper will receive an official Day Camp patch. Patches will be passed out on the last day of Camp. If a Camper is absent that day, the patch will be available through the Pack or Rainbow Council Service Center.

Arrival – First Day

Please arrive 30 minutes before the start of camp on the first day. Please have your medical forms ready at the check-in table. For faster check-in on the first day of camp, please see the information on [Medical Forms](#) in this document.

We highly encourage you to submit your medical forms earlier than the 1st day of camp.

Arrival & Departure – General

Campers must be signed in and out of camp each day. On the first day, Campers will be sign in at the registration table and assigned to a den. The remaining days of camp, please sign your Camper in and out each day with the den leader.

Absenteeism

In the event a Camper, sibling, or volunteer cannot be at camp, please call the Camp Director at 847-732-1973. To ensure the safety of our Campers and volunteers, the Camp Director will place a call or text to the emergency number provided for any absences not called in.

Late Arrivals & Early Departures

Campers arriving late must check in with the Camp Director before joining his or her den at their station. This ensures that attendance is properly updated. A staff member will escort them to their assigned area after signing in with the Camp Director.

If a Camper needs to depart from camp early, a request in writing needs to be on file with the Camp Director. A staff member will escort the departing child to the Camp Director for the parents or authorized adult picking up can sign the child out. A photo ID must be presented before the Camper will be dismissed from camp. This policy will be strictly enforced.

Transportation

If anyone other than a parent or guardian will be picking up your Camper, please be sure to list the adult under the Adults Authorized to Take Youth to and From Events section on Part A of the Medical Form.

Visitors

Visitors must check in with the Camp Director and receive an ID bracelet before entering camp. A photo ID and a copy of the visitors Youth Protection Certificate are required.

Trading Post

The Trading Post will be open daily during Day Camp hours. Campers can purchase snacks, drinks, and Scouting related items. Please send Trading Post money in an envelope marked with the Trading Post plus the Camper's name.

Camp Attire

Campers will be provided with a Day Camp t-shirt as part of their registration fee. This t-shirt must be worn each day the Camper is at camp. Additional t-shirts can be ordered on the registration form. Athletic shorts, jean shorts, or khakis may be worn. Closed toed shoes and socks are required. A hat is also recommended. **NO SANDALS OR OPEN TOE SHOES WILL BE ALLOWED.**

Camp Rules

A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY, LOYAL, HELPFUL, FRIENDLY, COURTEOUS, KIND, BEDIENT, CHEERFUL, THRIFTY, BRAVE, CLEAN, AND REVERENT.

- ⇒ The Scout Law should be followed by Scouts and adults at all times.
- ⇒ No open-toed shoes like sandals, flip flops, or crocs.
- ⇒ Scouts must stay with their den at all times. Campers should never travel alone!
- ⇒ The buddy system will be used at all times.
- ⇒ Respect day walkers, camp staff, and other Campers at all times.
- ⇒ Injuries should be reported to a leader immediately.
- ⇒ Leave No Trace - Pick up all of your trash and throw it away.
- ⇒ Climbing on trees, fences, landscaping, etc. is prohibited.
- ⇒ Scouts must stay in designated camp areas at all times.
- ⇒ DO YOUR BEST!!!
- ⇒ HAVE FUN!!!

Discipline

If discipline issues arise, the procedure is as follows:

- ⇒ **First Offense:** Warning by Day Walker or Staff member.
- ⇒ **Second Offense:** The Scout will spend one rotation with the Camp Director and will miss that scheduled activity. The activity will NOT be made up. Incident is documented and notification will be given to parent/guardian at the end of the day.
- ⇒ **Third Offense:** Immediate notification of parent/guardian. Incident is documented and campers may be sent home and not permitted to return to camp.

Hazing & Bullying

Physical and mental hazing or bullying of any kind is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated at camp. Any incidents of hazing or bullying should be reported to the Camp Director immediately.

What to Bring

The following is a list of items that your Camper will need to bring to camp on a daily basis. Personal items should be labeled with first and last name. The Camp Director reserves the right to add items to this list if they are deemed to be inappropriate or a danger to any of the Campers.

- ⇒ Any medication(s) that need to be taken at camp
- ⇒ Backpack or daypack to carry their gear in for the day
- ⇒ A lunch – No mayonnaise, milk, or other perishable items
- ⇒ Water bottle or refillable container
- ⇒ Towel
- ⇒ Raincoat or poncho
- ⇒ Comfortable closed-toed shoes
- ⇒ Hat
- ⇒ Sunscreen (Volunteers and staff may not apply sunscreen to your child.)
- ⇒ Insect repellent (Non-aerosol only)
- ⇒ Money for the Trading Post
- ⇒ Flashlight (For twilight camps)
- ⇒ Camp T-shirt – MUST be worn every day!

Please DO NOT bring electronic devices, knives, axes, or saws, toys, or trading cards

Volunteers

As a volunteer driven event, we ask that each Pack provide enough adult leadership to supervise Campers each day. The adult to scout ratio is 1:8 however a minimum of 2 adults per rank is required to maintain 2-deep leadership. Please work with your Unit's leadership to ensure this requirement is met. We strongly recommended each camper have a corresponding adult (parent, guardian, grandparent, sibling over 18, etc.) volunteer a minimum of 1 day as a Staff Member or 2 days as a Day Walker. If you are interested in working as a volunteer staff member or day walker, please contact the Directors at RCdaycamp2023@gmail.com.

LIONS & TIGERS MUST HAVE A PARENT ATTEND CAMP WITH THEM.

Staff & Day Walkers

There are two different types of adults present in camp, volunteer staff and day walkers. Below is a brief description of each position.

- ⇒ **Staff Member** – Volunteer Staff Members consist of Range Masters (2-3 each camp), Tot Lot Supervisor, Tot Lot Assistant, Station Leads, Den Leaders (one needed for each den), and Trading Post Supervisor.
- ⇒ **Day Walker** – Day walkers provide support to Staff by assisting with stations, providing additional supervision, and maintaining 2 deep leadership for every den.

Staff and Volunteer Attire

Adult attire should be like Scout attire. T-shirt, shorts, hat, and close toe shoes. T-shirts must be in good taste (no alcohol, or tobacco, halter tops, etc.) No short shorts, please.

Adults and youth volunteers may purchase camp t-shirts. Adults who volunteer all 4 days will receive 1 free t-shirt. We recommend a Troop activity shirt for youth volunteers. Any dress code violations may be asked to go home and change.

Training

Youth Protection Training – All adult and youth volunteers, including day walkers, are required to complete Youth Protection Training online.

A valid copy of the YPT certificate MUST be on file with the Camp Director.

Hazardous Weather Training – All volunteer staff should complete Hazardous Weather Training online. This quick 15-minute training is available online through my.scouting.org.

Preventing Youth on Youth Abuse – All volunteer staff are required to complete Preventing Youth on Youth Abuse. This is a separate training from Youth Protection and will be completed during Day Camp Training.

Day Camp Volunteer Training – All volunteer staff, including day walkers, are required to complete the Day Camp Volunteer Training slideshow.

See the leader guide for more information on volunteering.

Tot Lot

Tot Lot childcare is available to siblings of Campers who are ages 3-14 on days when their parent or guardian is serving as an adult volunteer or day walker. The Tot Lot is not a full Day Camp program though participants may participate in some of the Day Camp activities. Additional activities will also be provided.

- ⇒ Children MUST be potty trained to attend Tot Lot
- ⇒ Tot Lot is only available on days when parents/ guardians are volunteering.

Parents should also pack a lunch and an additional snack for their children in the Tot Lot area. Lunches will be stored in a cooler in the Tot Lot area. Please be sure to clearly mark your child's lunch with his/ her name.

Tot Lot Cost

Tot Lot is available at a cost of \$5 per day.