

**Northeast Georgia Council
Boy Scouts of America
P.O. Box 399
Jefferson, GA 30549**

TO: All Participants of the 2010 Ranger Camp

**FROM: Jerry Rioux – High Adventure Director
Ranger Camp Director**

**Eric Logsdon - Ranger Camp Director
Peggy Johnson – Assistant Camp Director (Staff Development)**

**Subject: Information and requirements for attending
2010 Ranger Camp**

Enclosures:

Included in this mailing are a training schedule with emergency telephone numbers, a list of required equipment, a copy of the Ranger Camp rules, directions and a map to Camp Merrill, a participant agreement form, a photo release form, a waiver of liability form and the New BSA Physical form (ALL PARTS ARE REQUIRED). Please read all these materials carefully. Complete and return all appropriate forms and provide all the information requested. Incomplete forms or omission of necessary information will delay your registration.

About Ranger Camp:

The Ranger Camp training expedition is designed to be an *intensive, physically demanding* High Adventure week where participants will travel light and fast. You will hike an average of 4-miles each day, carry all your equipment, and participate in climbing, rappelling, rope bridge construction, and other High Adventure activities. Adult participation is encouraged and adults are expected to participate in the same manner as the youth. Carefully read all the attached information and rigidly adhere to the list of required equipment. Limit what you bring to what you can carry on your back and write your name on everything. Leave expensive personal items at home.

You need to arrive at Camp Merrill between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 27th (see-enclosed map). Wear your BSA Field Uniform or Standard Crew, or Explorer Uniform. If you arrive in Dahlonega early on Sunday, remain in town until the time to check in – do not come to Camp Merrill until after 7:00 a.m.

Arrival and Departure Schedules:

Ranger Camp begins at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 27th immediately following Check-in. We will be at Camp Merrill from Sunday through early Wednesday morning. Wednesday, June 30th through Friday, July 2nd, the training will take place at Mount Yonah located between Cleveland and Helen, Georgia. Ranger Camp participants will return to Camp Merrill Friday afternoon for the graduation and recognition ceremony at

4:00 p.m. Family members and others are invited to attend this ceremony, which will take place at the Camp Merrill Air Field bleachers. Departure time from camp is promptly at 6:00 p.m. following the ceremony on Friday, July 2nd.

Schedule your transportation to arrive and depart on schedule. No transportation will be provided to and from Camp Frank D. Merrill

The following items of paper work must be completed / provided and returned to the Northeast Georgia Council Service Center by June 4, 2010

1. Proof of current BSA membership (provide a copy of your membership card).
2. Proof of current insurance coverage (provide a copy of personal/family insurance card).
3. A BSA Personal Health and Medical Record Form – **(NEW FORM #34605)**, completed and signed by a physician (copy enclosed).
4. A waiver of liability signed by parent/participant and witnessed (copy enclosed).
5. Participant agreement form signed by participant and a parent if the participant is under 21-years old (copy enclosed).
6. Photo Release agreement signed by parent/participant (copy enclosed).
7. Provide a small head and shoulders photograph of the participant (write name on back). This photograph will not be returned.
8. Include a check for the balance due. (\$285.00 is the camp's cost plus extra items.)

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Training Schedule & Emergency Telephone Numbers

Sunday, June 27th

Morning Complete Check in, Introductions to BSA staff rules and introductions, barracks assignments. Military discipline, formations and marching.

Afternoon Lowers, Characteristics of Mountaineering, Mountaineering demonstration by the Rangers

Evening Rappelling and climbing instruction, climbing knots, and belay practice

Night Camp Merrill barracks

Monday, June 28th

Morning Warm up, knots, rappelling tower.

Afternoon 60' rappel wall

Evening Hike, rope bridge instruction, climbing knots and belay practice.

Night Camp Merrill barracks.

Tuesday, June 29th

Morning Land Navigation

Afternoon Warm up, rope bridge building class. Suspension Traverse

Evening Hike, rope bridge instruction, and climbing knots.

Night Camp Merrill barracks.

Wednesday, June 30th

Morning Travel to and hike up Yonah Mountain

Afternoon Lowers climbing and holds class

Evening First aid, rating climbs, what is a Ranger, and night rappelling.

Night Camping on Yonah Mountain.

Thursday, July 1st

Morning Warm up, rappelling, and climbing Yonah Mountain.

Afternoon Rappelling and climbing Yonah Mountain.

Evening Climbing Knot competition

Night Camping on Yonah Mountain.

Friday, July 2nd

Morning Pack Up and Hike down Yonah Mountain, Travel to Camp Merrill.

Afternoon Cookout and Graduation ceremony.

Telephone Numbers for Emergency Contacts:

**Camp Frank D, Merrill
5th Ranger Training Battalion
Camp Wahsega Road
Dahlonega, GA 30533**

**Telephone: (706) 864-5969 (706) 693-2446
(706) 864-3327 (800) 699-8806**

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RANGER CAMP 2010 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT FOR PARTICIPANTS**

Ranger Camp is a weeklong expedition with daytime temperatures in the 90's and nighttime temperatures in the 60's. The possibility of rain is high and all outdoor activities will continue, except in extreme weather conditions. Up to 100 scouts and scouters will live and work in close contact for the week. *Carefully read the following information and rigidly adhere to the list of required equipment.* Limit what you bring to what you can comfortably carry on your back and write your name on everything. Leave expensive personal equipment at home. Arrive in uniform with your equipment packed and prepared.

Required Personal and Camping Equipment:

Backpack: Large enough to hold all of your equipment, but small (light) enough for you to carry up a mountain.

Daypack: (Book bag size) large enough to hold your climbing helmet, harness, carabineers, Figure 8, leather gloves, rain gear, water bottle, drinking cup, compass, insect repellent, sunglasses, sun block, lip moisturizer, long-sleeved shirt (optional), notebook, pen/pencil, and a daily lunch ration and camera. Do not bring a fanny pack or hip pack.

Uniform: Arrive on Sunday in uniform (BSA Field Uniform or Standard Crew or Explorer Uniform). Everyone will attend Breakfast and Supper in Class "B" uniforms, the uniform of the day are the Class "B" utility shirt and you must be in BSA Field Uniform or standard Crew or Explorer uniform for Friday's Graduation Ceremony.

Other Clothing:

Bring clothing for 6 days and nights and any unexpected weather. This is a coed function; proper attire will be worn at **ALL** times. There are laundry facilities available while in camp. Long pants must be worn each day during the climbing and rappelling training. Your pants should have *ample room in the thighs and seat*, allowing a full range of leg motion, a good choice would be military BDU's. Shorts may be worn after the evening meal and at night in the barracks. **Olive Drab Work Shirt** will be worn during training sessions. Tank or halter-tops are not permitted. Shirts should fit snug to keep from interfering with climbing and rappelling equipment. **Shirts are to be tucked in at ALL times. Loose shirts are considered a potential hazard.**

Hiking Shoes or Boots: *Remember to break-in your footwear before you arrive at camp.* We will hike an average of 4-miles a day. Some participants may need extra shoes to be worn only in the water. They must be secure on the feet; crocs or similar shoes may be lost in the mud.

Socks: bring at least one fresh pair of socks for each day.

Climbing Shoes: are optional and can be carried in your daypack.

Athletic Shoes: Athletic shoes may be worn during climbing or rappelling. We will be hiking and not running during camp.

Additionally, Individual Participants may have an opportunity to run cross country with the Rangers EARLY each morning. Running shoes and clothes would be required. This would be for volunteers only.

Hat: All participants are required to wear a hat. If you purchased a Ranger Camp hat last year, please bring a different hat to wear at camp.

Water: Your water container(s) should have a minimum of a **2 qt. capacity** and have a secure lid. If you have a hydration system, you should bring it. See through plastic water bottles with belt attachments will work. Water supplies are at each training site for refilling personal water containers. Dehydration can be a problem, make sure you drink ample water, pre-hydrate before beginning training each day.

Gloves: Bring new **leather work gloves with reinforced palms** or clean rappelling gloves which don't fall off your hands.

Personal Items: Two towels, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, shower shoes, having accessories, deodorant (no aerosol cans), prescription medication, allergy medication, special diet supplements, laundry soap, and prescription glasses/contacts and replacements.

Padlock: *Bring a combination padlock to secure your gear in the barrack locker, NO key locks.*

Rain Gear: Bring suitable rain gear for a variety of unexpected wet weather conditions (rain suits work better).

Notebook: Spiral bound 4"x6" writing pad in a zip-lock plastic bag with a pen or pencil. Do not bring a large notebook.

Money: You may bring money for the purchase of soft drinks, snacks, t-shirts, batteries, film, etc.

Wristwatch: An optional inexpensive watch with a plastic or leather band will do, you will not need an alarm clock. Watches are to be stowed while training.

Trash Bags: Kitchen size plastic bags to "hold" your dry dirty clothes and to cover your pack.

Insect Repellent: In a plastic spray bottle, do not bring aerosol sprays.

Required Camping Equipment

Lip-Moisturizer: Such as Chap-stick or Vaseline.

Sun block: You will be in the sun for up to 10-hours a day. Bring sun-block for your skin's SPF rating in a plastic squeeze bottle preferably 20-40 range.

First Aid: Bring sufficient personal first aid supplies to handle your routine problems (this should include Moleskin for possible blisters).

Belt: A thin and lightweight belt that will not interfere with climbing or rappelling activities.

Camera (optional): A camera is optional and should be limited to the lightweight, inexpensive style. Stored in a plastic zip-lock bag.

Reading Materials: You may want to bring some lightweight reading materials.

Compass: For land navigation, Not a GPS

Sleeping Bag: A lightweight sleeping bag. You may bring sheets and a blanket for use in the barracks, but this is optional. Leave the pillow at home unless you want to carry it with you.

Tent: A small, lightweight, backpacking tent with a rain fly. Participants can share a tent with family members or member of their same gender.

Sleeping Pad: An air mattress or lightweight sleeping pad is recommended, but optional.

Flashlight: A compact size flashlight with extra batteries. Compressed gas or liquid fueled lanterns or stoves are not allowed.

Things Not To Bring:

1. **Do not bring any type of electronic equipment including CELL PHONES! !**
2. Do not bring any device that uses compressed gas or liquid fuels, such as lanterns or stoves. Matches, lighters, or any flammable fire starting items are not allowed.
3. Do not bring any tobacco products or any form of chewing gum.
4. Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and firearms are strictly prohibited.
5. Do not bring a duffel bag, footlocker, suitcase, or any other container. Limit your gear to what you can carry in your backpack.
6. You are not allowed to carry a knife with you when you are rappelling, leave your pocketknife in your pack. Sheath knives, hatchets, saws, etc. are not allowed.
7. Other than leather work-gloves or rappelling gloves, and (optional) climbing shoes, do not bring any other personal climbing equipment. Do not bring personal webbing, harness, carabineer, rope, or other accessories.

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Payment Structure

Advanced Reservation: May be made until **May 14, 2010**

Partial Registration: A partial registration fee of \$75.00 needs to be made by **May 14, 2010**, to be included in the count for camp; there are a limited number of persons we can take.

Full Payment: Required by **June 4, 2010**

Refund Policy

Refunds are not offered, but registration fees can be transferred to another event in the case of an emergency.

Participation

This program is designed to give the youth a feeling of what the Army Rangers go through while learning mountaineering.

Adult participants will be in the same squads and platoons as the youth if they so desire. Adults are expected to participate in the same manner as the youth. Adults will always have the option to step back if necessary.

At all time "***The Rangers and Instructors Will Be in Charge***".

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Rules for BSA Ranger Camp

1. You must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America (provide a copy of your membership card or a copy of your application form). Contact your local council for a copy if necessary.
2. You must provide proof of insurance coverage (a copy of personal or family insurance card) and submit a completed BSA Medical Form, #34605 (copy attached). Signed by a physician. The BSA Medical Form must be current.
3. **You must be at least 14-years of age or 13 and graduated from the eighth grade. NO EXCEPTIONS This is the National High Adventure BSA Standard.**
4. Satisfied all necessary paperwork and financial requirements for Ranger Camp.
5. You must wear an UIAA approved climbing helmet for all training activities.
6. You must bring the appropriate equipment (see attached list), participate in all training activities, and adhere to all rules. *Refusing to participate or failure to follow the rules is cause for a participant to be sent home, without refund.*
7. Other than the dining hall, your assigned sleeping quarters, *all other buildings at Camp Frank D. Merrill are off limits* and are to be entered only in the accompaniment of Ranger Camp Staff.
8. Other than hiking shoes or boots (climbing shoes optional) and gloves for rappelling **do not bring/use any type of personal climbing equipment** such as webbing, carabineer, rope, helmet, or other climbing accessories.
9. Everyone will attend breakfast and Supper, and the required dress is a Class B or Standard Crew/Explorer Uniform. Dirty and/or wet clothing will not be worn in the dining hall.
10. Long pants Cargo style (No Jeans) and utility shirt (not shorts, no tank or halter tops, and no cut off shirts) are to be worn to all training activities and all meals. Shirttails are to be tucked in at all times. We will maintain a military look.
11. **Do not bring any type of electronic equipment** to include **CELL PHONES**.
12. Do not bring/use compressed gas or liquid-fueled lanterns or stoves (bring a battery powered flashlight only).

13. Do not bring/use sheath knives, hatchets, saws, etc. If you bring a pocketknife, store it in your large backpack: not on your person.
14. Do not bring tobacco products of any form. Do not bring chewing gum or bubble gum of any form. Do not bring alcohol or illegal drugs of any form. Consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs are strictly prohibited.
15. While at Camp Frank D. Merrill, *each participant will shower daily and wear appropriate clean clothes.*
16. *The barracks/sleeping quarters, campsites, and training sites will remain clean and neat at all times.*
17. All valuable personal items stored in the barracks are to be padlocked in the metal lockers available in the barracks.
18. Any climbing equipment issued to participants by the Scout Office that is *lost or misplaced will be paid for by the responsible party* (after an exhaustive search has been completed.) The responsible individual(s) will be required to make restitution should any damage occur to governmental property.
19. Participants are not to leave the assigned training areas or sleeping quarters without permission of the Ranger Camp Staff.
20. Participants are not allowed to operate private or military owned vehicles during the Ranger Camp.
- 21. We are guests of the U.S. Army and you will conduct yourself accordingly.**
- 22. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.**

Directions to Camp Merrill from Dahlonega

1. Head northeast on US-19 toward S Derrick St
2. Turn left to stay on US-19 2.2 mi 5 min
3. Turn left at Camp Wahsega Rd 5.3 mi 15 min
4. Turn right to stay on Camp Wahsega Rd 3.2 mi 8 min
5. Continue on Camp Merrill Dr 0.1 mi
6. Turn left to stay on Camp Merrill Dr 440 ft
7. End

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Payment/Order

RANGER CAMP Fee \$285.00 (\$295 if full payment not received by June 4th)

Olive Drab Work Shirt (Two Provided) \$2.00**

Ranger Camp Shirt* (One Provided) \$15.00

Additional Ranger Camp Patches (One Provided) \$3.00

Ranger Camp Hat \$15.00

* One Ranger Camp shirt is provided; these are presented at graduation.

** Olive drab work shirts will be worn in camp during activities. It is recommended that you purchase a minimum of 2 additional olive drab work shirts, 2 are provided.

Indicate Shirt Size: _____ (Adult S, M, L, XL, and XXL)

Extra Item/s	Quantity	Amount	Total
Additional Work Shirt/s			
Additional Ranger Camp Shirt/s			
Additional Ranger Camp Patch/s			
Additional Ranger Camp Hat/s			

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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Participant Agreement Form

I understand and realize that the U.S. Army and the Boy Scouts of America accepts no responsibility for accidents or injury that I may incur or be subject to while attending Ranger Camp 2010. I understand each individual attending Ranger Camp 2010 must have his or her own personal insurance coverage while attending. I accept the responsibility of providing this insurance coverage and agree to provide proof of this coverage to the Boy Scout of America's Ranger Camp Staff.

I agree to accept and follow the rules set forth while I am attending Ranger Camp 2010. I also agree to participate in all training activities and follow all instructions given during Ranger Camp. Furthermore, I understand that participation in all training activities is required and that failure to follow the rules is sufficient cause for me to be sent home, without refund.

I understand and accept that participation in the Northeast Georgia Boy Scouts of America Ranger Camp involves risks and dangers that are inherent with all Boy Scouts of America High Adventure activities. In deciding to attend and participate in Ranger Camp, I understand and accept that camping, hiking, rappelling, traversing ropes, wading streams, exposure to summer heat, and other risks associated with the Boy Scouts of America Ranger Camp, are physically exerting activities, which will subject me to dangers and possible harm. I understand and accept that among the many risks and dangers inherent with Boy Scouts of America Ranger Camp there are physically exerting activities, which will subject me to dangers and possible harm. I understand and accept that among the many risks and dangers inherent with the Boy Scouts of America Ranger Camp are the possibilities of failing objects, being struck by falling objects, abrasion from ropes, rocks and other items, and a variety of other injuries.

Participant's Signature / Signature of Parent (if participant is under 21)

Print Name Print Parent's Name (Print)

Participant's Height, Weight, & Waist Size

Please provide a small head and shoulders photograph of the participant (write name on back). This photograph will not be returned.

In the case of emergency, provide information for contacting two individuals:

Name

Address

Day Telephone Day Telephone

Night Telephone Night Telephone

Cell Phone Cell Phone

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Waiver of Liability

Notice: By executing this document, you waive certain legal rights on behalf of yourself and your family. You should read this document carefully before you sign it. Each Individual attending BSA Ranger Camp is required to complete and return this waiver of liability.

In consideration for (me) (my child) being permitted to participate in Ranger Camp training Activities; including hiking, rappelling climbing, and other activities at Camp Frank D. Merrill; and camping, hiking, rappelling, climbing, and other activities at Mount Yonah, I _____, do hereby agree to *(write parent's name if participant is under 21-years of age, write participant's name is 21-years or older)* waive and hold harmless the Boy Scouts of America and/or the United States government, it's offices and employees, from any and all claims, demands, actions, liability, judgments, costs, and attorney's fees arising out of, claimed on account of, or in any manner pre-dedicated upon (my) (my child's) participation in these activities. I have been fully briefed on the dangers inherent in said activities. I hereby certify that (I am) (my child is) in good health and suffer(s) from no medical condition which will be aggravated or detrimentally affected by (my) (my child's) participation in Ranger Camp training activities.

Signature (Parent's if under 21-years old)

Print Name (Clearly)

If Parents signed, print Participant's Name Clearly

Witness's Signature

Witness's Printed Name

Date of Signing

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Complete, Sign, Witness, Date, and Return by June 4, 2010**

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Release for use of Photos / Images

Photo/Image

I understand that photos, video footage, or voice recording may be captured or taken of my son or daughter while participating at a Northeast Georgia Council Camps. Therefore, I consent to the use of his/her photo or artistic likeness and or voice or footage of him/her while at camp for promotional materials, movie making, media coverage, press release or other similar projects as approved by the Northeast Georgia Council, the BSA and the 5th Army Ranger Training Battalion.

Signature (Parent's if under 21-years old) Date

Print Name (Clearly)

If Parents signed, print Participant's Name Clearly

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Checklist of Items

Registration Fee Made: _____

Participant Agreement returned: _____

Waiver Signed and returned: _____

Photo Release Signed and returned: _____

Annual Health and Medical Record (# 34605) Completed (Parts A, B, and C) and returned: _____

Personal Photograph: _____

Additional Shirts ordered: _____

Read Rules: _____

Travel Arrangements made: _____

Broke in Hiking Shoes: _____

Checked Equipment sheet: _____

Plan to HAVE FUN: _____