

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

TO: All Participants of the 2022 Ranger Camp

FROM: Dan Fredericksen Ranger Camp Director

**Subject: Information and requirements for attending
2022 Ranger Camp**

Enclosures:

Included in this mailing are a training schedule with emergency telephone numbers, a list of required equipment, things not to bring, payment structure, a copy of the Ranger Camp rules, directions and a map to Camp Merrill, a participant agreement form, Ranger Camp Medical Alert Memo and the New Annual Health and Medical Record 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 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 26th (see-enclosed map). Wear your BSA Field Uniform, 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. Follow the signs from the front gate to the barracks.

Those coming from Camp Rainey Mountain (CRM) **need** to be at Camp Merrill on the same schedule as above as this is an important learning day. It is suggested to make alternate plans to camp in Dahlonega the night before or have dedicated drivers to get participants to camp on time as training begins at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Arrival and Departure Schedules:

Ranger Camp begins at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 26th immediately following Check-in. We will be at Camp Merrill from Sunday through early Wednesday morning. Wednesday, June 29th through Friday, July 1st, 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 4:30 p.m. Family members and others are invited to attend this ceremony, which will take place at the Camp Merrill "Lowers" bleachers (Directional signs will guide you to the ceremony site). Please arrive early enough to be seated in bleachers shortly before the ceremony begins. Departure time from camp is **promptly** at 6:00 p.m. following the ceremony on Friday, July 1st.

Schedule your transportation to arrive and depart on schedule. No transportation will be provided to and from Camp Frank D. Merrill (any exceptions will be handled on a case by case basis and may include an additional transportation fee).

The following items of paper work must be completed / provided and returned to the Northeast Georgia Council Service Center no later than by Friday, May 27th.

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, front & back).
3. An Annual BSA Health and Medical Record Form – **(NEW FORM #680-001, 2019 Printing)**, completed and signed by a physician (copy enclosed). **All 3 parts. Due 30 days prior to the start of camp (Friday, May 27th, 2022).**
4. Participant agreement form signed by participant and a parent if the participant is under 21-years old (copy enclosed).
5. Provide a small head and shoulders photograph of the participant (write name on back). This photograph will not be returned.

Full Payment must be returned to the Northeast Georgia Council Service Center by Wednesday, May 4th, 2022.

1. Include a check for the balance due. (\$350.00 is the camp's cost-plus extra items.) **Due 60 days prior to the start of camp (Wednesday, April 27th, 2022).**

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RANGER CAMP 2022**

Telephone Numbers for Emergency Contacts:

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

Telephone:

**(706) 864-3327 – Camp Merrill HQ
(706) 693-2446 – Jefferson Service Center**

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RANGER CAMP 2022 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 (**2-1 liter bottles preferred**), compass, insect repellent, sunglasses, sun block, lip moisturizer, long-sleeved shirt (optional), notebook, pen/pencil, personal first aid kit, and a daily lunch ration (MRE, provided by camp) and camera (optional). Do not bring a fanny pack or hip pack.

Uniform: Arrive on Sunday in uniform (BSA Field Uniform, 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, 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 (unless staff allows shorts based on daytime temperatures). Your pants should have *ample room in the thighs and seat*, allowing a full range of leg motion, and should be green in color to be uniform with Company. BDU's are not recommended. Shorts may be worn for training depending on the heat of that day. Shorts should also have room in the seat, and come down to mid-thigh or lower, and green in color. Shorts may also

be worn after the evening meal (training dependent) and are allowed 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. (Order the correct size shirt)**

Socks: Bring at least one fresh pair of socks for each day. Wool hiking socks are preferred.

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.

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. Participants who purchase 2021 Ranger Camp hats will be presented those at the end of camp, not to wear for the week.

Water: Your water container(s) should have a minimum of a **2 qt. capacity** and have a secure lid (**2-1 liter bottles work well**). Hydration systems are not recommended, please **do not** bring them. 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. **Do not bring finger-less gloves.**

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 (for high efficiency machines. PODS work well), 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), though ponchos are acceptable.

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

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. Sagging pants are not allowed.

Camera (optional): A camera is optional and should be limited to the lightweight, inexpensive style. Stored in a plastic zip-lock bag. Cell phone cameras are not permitted.

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. **NO HAMMOCKS, PERIOD.**

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 of any form or 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 (no finger-less 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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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 Annual BSA Health and Medical Record Form, #680-001, 2019 printing, All 3 Parts (copy attached). Signed by a physician. The BSA Health and Medical Form must be current. **Due 30 days prior to the start of camp. Friday, May 27th, 2022.**
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. Helmets are provided by the camp.
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 and 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, with room in the seat (No Jeans) and utility shirt (**no** tank, halter tops, or cut off shirts) are to be worn to all training activities and all meals. Shirttails are to be tucked in at all times. No sagging pants'. Bring a belt to hold them up. We will maintain a uniform military look. Shorts may only be worn if instructed to do so.
11. **Do not bring any type of electronic equipment including 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. Knives are a safety hazard.

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. **No** open toes shoes are to be worn around camp. They may only be worn in the shower.
22. ***Visiting Camp is highly discouraged during the week. It disrupts training and finding the Company will be very difficult.***
23. ***We are guests of the U.S. Army and you will conduct yourself accordingly.***
24. ***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. Turn slight right on Camp Merrill Dr. to get into base at Main Gate 0.1 mi
6. Follow signs/guides from gate to barracks for check-in.



Main Gate

Parking

Barracks

Parking

Graduation

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Camp Wahsega Rd

Camp Merrill Dr

Army Merrill Camp

Hightower Church Rd

Hightower Church Rd

Hightower Church Rd

Hightower Church

Cloverleaf Trail

Black Falls

river

Ranger Camp Medical Alert Memo

Due to the extreme level of difficulty associated with this camp extreme caution must be used when participating. All participants must be knowledgeable of their own medical problems and should know basics in first aid as well to help identify others suffering from environmental ailments. While a medic is on staff the one who has full knowledge over one is yourself. Participants are encouraged to bring along their own first aid kit.

The difficulty associated with this camp ranges from physical to mental. Pushing one's self beyond physical and mental bounds one thought capable of possessing.

Some of the "stressing factors" associated with this camp are:

- Heat. Ranging from low 80's to high 90's and up. Dehydration is a common daily occurrence in extreme cases heat exhaustion symptoms may be present. Extreme heat conditions are part of the training due to scheduling of the camp.
- Sleep deprivation. Due to the likeness of the RANGER training and the amount of training exercises packed into every day, sleep is not abundant every night. The average per night is 6-7 hours or less if participating in morning Physical Training (PT).
- Extreme daily schedule. Typical day lasts 17-18 hours. Little down time between exercises and training. Average mileage walked up to 4 + miles. Pull-ups before every meal on base.
- Adverse weather conditions: Rain, high winds, little to no cloud cover, etc.
- Mental stress caused by loud vocal instruction. By no stretch is either BSA or RANGER cadre there to demoralize, dispirit, or harass students. We do try to make it as close to actual military training as possible without crossing the threshold.

Participants who have the medical issues listed below are advised to consult with BSA staff prior to signing up for camp.

- Diabetes
- Asthma
- Panic attack/ paranoia/ other psychiatric conditions
- Recent surgeries
- Musculoskeletal issues
- Seizures
- Sleep disorders
- Allergies: insect bites and certain plants
- Heart problems
- Respiratory issues
- Any other issues or disorders that might concern you or your child.

Zach Vaughan RANGER CAMP medic

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Payment Structure

Advanced Reservation: May be made until **Friday, June 10th, 2022**

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

Full Payment: Required by Friday, April 29th, 2022

Refund Policy

Refunds are not offered. However, registration fees can be transferred to another event in the case of an emergency (For In-Council Units Only).

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 times "***The Rangers and Instructors Will Be in Charge***".

**RANGER CAMP 2022
INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION
JUNE 26 - JULY 1**

Please print ALL information. **Submit an application for each participant.**
Minimum age is 14 (or 13 and completed the 8th grade)

Name: _____
First Last

Date of Birth: __/__/__ Age ___ Grade _____ Unit Type: Troop Crew Post Unit No. _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone (h): _____ Phone (w): _____

Council/District: _____
Council District

Shirt Size (circle one): Small Medium Large XL XXL (These are men's adult sizes)

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18): _____
(please print clearly)

Parent/Guardian Phone # _____

Parent/Guardian e-mail address _____
(Required for photo info, email and future updates)

	Quantity	Amount	Total
RANGER CAMP Deposit Fee (See Below)		\$75.00	
RANGER CAMP Fee		\$350.00	\$
'Olive Drab' Work Shirt** (Three Provided)		\$10.00	\$
Ranger Camp Shirt* (One Provided)		\$15.00	\$
Additional Camp Patches (One Provided)		\$3.00	\$
Ranger Camp Hat		\$15.00	\$
Amount Enclosed			\$

Your \$75 deposit will be applied towards the total course fee of \$310. The remaining balance of \$235 is due 60 days prior to the start of camp. Additional costs may apply if transportation requests to and from camp are made. Only Olive Drab work shirts are presented at the beginning of camp. All other purchased items presented at graduation.

Please pay by Check, Money Order, or Credit Card. Please make checks payable to: NEGA, BSA

CC Type: Visa MasterCard Discover Name on Card: _____
(Please Circle One)

CC#: _____ CVV#: _____ exp. date: __/__/__

Signature: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____ date: __/__/__

*One Ranger Camp Shirt is provided and is presented at graduation. **Olive drab work shirts will be worn in camp during activities.
 Return with payment to: fax: 706.693.4849

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You will receive additional information including a medical form, registration form, equipment list, etc. after your acceptance.

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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 injuries that may incur or be subject to while attending Ranger Camp 2022. I understand each individual attending Ranger Camp 2022 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 2022. 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 falling objects, being struck by falling objects, abrasion from ropes, rocks, 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

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	_____ Name
_____ Address	_____ Address
_____ Day Telephone	_____ Day Telephone
_____ Night Telephone	_____ Night Telephone
_____ Cell Phone	_____ Cell Phone

**Mail To: BSA RANGER CAMP / NEGA Council, BSA
P.O. Box 399 / Jefferson, GA 30549 or email to: Heather.Sisk@scouting.org
Return by Friday, May 27th, 2022**

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Checklist of Items

- Registration Fee Made: _____
 - a. Full payment of \$350 due by Friday, April 29, 2022 (or \$275 if deposit is paid)
- Participant Agreement returned: _____
- Annual Health and Medical Record (# 680-001, 2019 Printing) Completed (Parts A, B, and C) and returned by Friday, May 29, 2022: _____
Part B of the Annual Health and Medical Record includes the following:
 - a. Informed Consent and Hold Harmless/Release Agreement (Waiver)
 - b. Talent Release Agreement (Photo Release)
- Personal Photograph returned with Annual Health Form: _____
- Additional Shirts ordered: _____(1 suggested)
- Read Rules: _____
- Travel Arrangements made: _____
- Broke in Hiking Shoes: _____
- Checked Equipment sheet: _____
- Plan to HAVE FUN: _____