

2007 AREA WIDE RIPLEY RENDEZVOUS SATURDAY PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

TWO IMPORTANT POINTS:

FIRST- Camp Ripley is a large and very active military training center. During the June 1-3 weekend, two National Guard units will be at Camp Ripley for their Annual Training sessions. The Camp Ripley Command has granted us a huge amount of space and facility access, but the needs of the National Guard units in training are the first priority of Camp Ripley and the Ripley Rendezvous Steering Committee. Please remember the information below is tentative and subject to change due to facility availability. Each program below will happen rain or shine. Be prepared to have fun and bring a raincoat too.

SECOND- Each program below is a half day long. The Expo Center is scheduled for the other half of each participant's day.

EXPO CENTER - **An Expanded Area Wide Ripley Program!!**

Location: Planned for Area 7 in the Main Housing (Cantonment) area.

Who can participate: All Scout and Venturing registered participants.

When will they participate: The Expo Center will be open in the morning and afternoon and closed during lunch.

Program concept: All participants will be able to visit the Expo Center to observe and take part in a huge array of Scouting booths, outdoor hobbies, Reenactment Groups, Native American Powwow, Military Vehicles, a Minnesota National Guard Challenge Center, and much more. Over 100 displays, activities, and events are planned for the Expo Center area.

ACTION CENTERS

Location: Planned for Areas 1 and 3 in the Main Housing (Cantonment) area.

Who can participate: Any Scout or Venturing registered participant.

When will they participate: Each patrol or crew (4-10 youth) will be scheduled either all morning or afternoon for this event.

Program concept: Participants as part of a Patrol or Crew will be challenged with a variety of Scouting and outdoor tasks which will involve team work, decision making and performance of Tenderfoot to first class skills.

ADVENTURE PROGRAM

Location: In the Camp Ripley Live Fire DOWNRANGE area, to the North of the Main Housing (Cantonment) area.

Who can participate: Any Scout 13 years or older and all Venturing registered participants (up to a limit of 2000).

When will they participate: Each participant will be transported by bus either for all morning or all afternoon for this event. Participants will eat lunch in their Subcamp after their morning session ends or before they depart for their afternoon session.

Program concept: Participants will be able to fire .22 rifles, Shotguns, Muzzleloaders and shoot Archery. Ranges will be operated by BSA, NRA and MN DNR trained range officers.

X-TREME PROGRAM

Location: In the Camp Ripley Live Fire DOWNRANGE area, to the North of the Main Housing (Cantonment) area.

Who can participate: Any Scout 15 years or older and all Venturing registered participants (up to a limit of 600).

When will they participate: Each participant will be transported by bus either for all morning or all afternoon for this event. Participants will eat lunch in their Subcamp after their morning session ends or before they depart for their afternoon session.

Program concept: Participants will be grouped in teams of 10 participants, with no more than two participants from the same Troop or Crew. They will be presented a series of challenges, including a climbing or rappelling task, shooting of firearms or Archery, as well as team oriented problem solving activities. Ranges will be operated by BSA, NRA and MN DNR trained range officers. All climbing and repelling activities will be operated by BSA guidelines for safety and supervision by trained instructors. Extreme participants will camp and eat in a special X-treme Subcamp, with additional special activities there.

MERIT BADGE WORKSHOP - **A New Area Wide Ripley Opportunity!!!**

Location: The Merit badge workshops are planned for various building and outdoor areas in Areas 1, 3, 7, 9 in the Main Housing (Cantonment) area. Unit contacts will be notified by email as to the locations of each merit badge site in mid-May.

Who can participate: Any Boy Scout or male Venturer registered participant. THESE ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED WORKSHOPS. No pre-registrations for Merit badge workshops will be taken or accepted. Each class is limited to the number of participants that will be allowed to participate. The Merit Badge committee is planning to have space and counselors available to provide 1200 Scouts this opportunity. Remember to show up early and have the required material in hand!

Program Concept: Participants can participate in either a morning or afternoon merit badge workshop to earn a Merit Badge. A list of badges and program requirements is available at http://www.bsacmc.org/ripley_rendezvous.htm; look for the Merit Badge Workshop information link near the bottom of the page. This link provides a great deal of information which each unit leader and Scout will need to know in advance to participate in this program area.