



SUMMER 2025

PROGRAM SCHEDULE GUIDE

**INCLUDES THE ACTIVITY SCHEDULE, TRAVEL TIME REFERENCE
GUIDE, OPEN PROGRAM SCHEDULE, AND EVENING PROGRAM
SCHEDULE**



2025 Ransburg Activity Schedule

2025-A

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Merit Badge / Activity	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00
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AQUATICS

BSA Paddle Boarding Award (M,Tu,W)		10:00-11:00						Pass the swimmer's test
Canoeing	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00					Pass the swimmer's test; 1b*
Instructional Swim			11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00			Learn to swim program
Kayaking	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00			Pass the swimmer's test; 1b*
Lifesaving	9:00-10:30				2:00-3:30			Swimming MB; 2a, 16*
Motorboating (M,Tu)			11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00			Pass the swimmer's test; 1bc*
Motorboating (Th,F)	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00			Pass the swimmer's test; 1bc*
Personal Watercraft (PWC) Safety Program	9:00-10:30				2:00-3:30			PWC introductory course. Pass the swimmer's test; Age 15+ . Must have a signed waiver form, Boater Education Course Certificate**, & photo ID
Rowing (M,Tu,W)	9:00-10:00							Pass the swimmer's test; 1b*
Small-Boat Sailing		10:30-12:00			2:00-3:30			Pass the swimmer's test; 1b*
Swimming	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00		2:00-3:30			Pass the swimmer's test; 1b*
Water Sports	9:00-10:30	10:30-12:00			2:00-3:30			Pass the swimmer's test; Age 13+
OPEN Boating							3:30- 4:50	Bring a buddy. Open program, no sign-up required. Open M, Tu, W, F; Open in evening on Thursday.
OPEN Swimming							3:30- 4:50	Bring a buddy. Open program, no sign-up required. Open M, Tu, W, F; Open in evening on Thursday.
OPEN Stand Up Paddleboarding							3:30- 4:50	Bring a buddy. Open program, no sign-up required. Open M, Tu, W, F; Open in evening on Thursday.
Mile Swim (Wed.)							3:30- 4:50	During open swim (W). Sign-up in camp office prior to that days swim.
Troop Canoe/ Kayak Trek								See the Aquatics Director
Troop Swim								See the Aquatics Director

Notes:

*CPR/First Aid requirement only requires **knowledge** of CPR and First Aid skills. If completed at a Troop meeting or in First Aid MB, that will fulfill the prerequisite.
**PWC: Indiana Boating Safety Course link and information is available on our website. Out of state Boating Safety Courses must meet NASBLA requirements.

BADEN-POWELL

Chess		10:00-12:00			2:00-4:00			
Citizenship in the Nation	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00			3:00-4:00		7 ; Recommended age 14+
Citizenship in the World		10:00-11:00			2:00-3:00		4:00-5:00	Recommended age 14+
Game Design	9:00-10:00				2:00-3:00			8
Personal Management		10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00			3:00-4:00		1b, 2, 8 ; Recommended age 14+
Salesmanship (M,Tu,W)	9:00-10:00						4:00-5:00	



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COMMUNICATIONS

Communication	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00			2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00	4:00-5:00	5, 8
Photography	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00		4:00-5:00	
Moviemaking		10:00-12:00						
Theater						3:00-5:00		1

HANDICRAFT

Art			11:00-12:00				4:00-5:00	
Basketry	9:00-10:00				2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00		
Fingerprinting (Th,F)		10:00-11:00				3:00-4:00		
Leatherwork	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00			
Metalwork	9:00-11:00				2:00-4:00			
Model Design and Building			11:00-12:00				4:00-5:00	
Sculpture (M,Tu,W)		10:00-11:00				3:00-4:00		
Woodcarving	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00	4:00-5:00	Totin' Chip required
OPEN Handicraft							OPEN	Open program for Scouts to work on projects and learn different art mediums. No sign-up required.

HIGH ADVENTURE

ATV

ASI ATV Safety Training (M,Tu)	9:00-12:00							
ASI ATV Safety Training (Th,F)	9:00-12:00				2:00-5:00			

Age 14+.
Must complete ASI eCourse online **prior to camp** (link on Ransburg website). Long sleeve shirt, long jean pants, & sturdy ankle boots required. A signed permission form is also required on the first day.

COPE & Climbing

Climbing	9:00-11:00				2:00-4:00			Recommended age 13+
Low and High Ropes	9:00-10:30	10:30-12:00			2:00-3:30			Age 13+ Scouts will be able to experience our COPE area's low and high ropes challenge courses.
OPEN Climbing (Tu-Fri)							4:00-4:50	No sign-up required.
OPEN Rappel (Tu.)							4:00-4:50	No sign-up required. Tuesday only.

RansburgX

RansburgX	9:00-5:00							
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RansburgX Program Description:
Scouts in RansburgX could participate in the following activities while at camp: ASI ATV, climbing, high ropes course, mountainboarding, mountain biking, water skiing, sailing, and more.
Get ready for fun and adventure! This exciting older Scout program is designed for Scouts who want to come to camp for an adventure! Focus will be adventure type activities and not advancement. **Day to day activities are decided on the first day of the program by group participants, activities will vary by week based upon interest.**

This program is designed for Scouts Age 16+. Monday-Friday all day. Waiver forms are required for ATV and can be found on the website.



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NATURE CENTER										
Bird Study							4:00-5:00		5	
Fishing	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00			2:00-3:00				7 ; Recommend bringing own fishing rod and tackle, if desired.	
Forestry		10:00-11:00								
Geology (Th,F)			11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00					
Mammal Study (Th,F)	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00	4:00-5:00		3	
Nature			11:00-12:00			3:00-4:00				
Pulp and Paper (M,Tu,W)			11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00					
Reptile & Amphibian Study		10:00-11:00				3:00-4:00			8	
Sustainability	9:00-10:00						4:00-5:00			
Weather (M,Tu,W)	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00	4:00-5:00		9	
OPEN Nature							4:00-5:00		No sign-up required.	
N.E.S.T. First Year Camper										
Project N.E.S.T.	9:00-12:00									Project N.E.S.T. is an exciting first year camper experience focusing on rank advancement through fun activities. Scouts will complete a number of Scout through First Class requirements as well as the First Aid (Pre Req 5) and Fingerprinting Merit Badges. Recommended for Scouts that recently joined or crossed over.
Open Rank Advancement							OPEN		Open program to complete any rank requirements Tenderfoot through First Class. No sign-up required. Buddy Recommended	
Totin' Chip							OPEN		No sign-up required.	
Firem'n Chit							OPEN		No sign-up required.	
RANCH										
Animal Science (M,Tu,W)	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00							
Horsemanship	9:00-11:00		10:00-12:00						Long pants; Recommended age 13+	
Landscape Architecture (Th,F)	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00							
Wrangler					2:00-3:30				Age 13+ , Horsemanship MB, long pants. Wrangler takes your horse experience to the next level including an extended experience with your horse!	
Trail Rides						3:15-4:15	4:00-5:00		Sign-up daily in camp office; long pants required.	



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SCOUTCRAFT

Camping	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00			2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00		4b, 5e, 7b, 9abc
Cooking		10:00-12:00			2:00-4:00			4
Emergency Preparedness	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00		4:00-5:00	1, 2c, 8b
First Aid	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00			3:00-4:00		5
Pioneering							4:00-5:00	
Signs, Signals, and Codes							4:00-5:00	
Wilderness Survival	9:00-10:00					3:00-4:00	4:00-5:00	

SPORTS

Range and Target Activities

Archery	9:00-11:00				2:00-4:00		OPEN*	*Open program: no sign-up required. Fully enclosed shoes required.
		10:00-12:00						
Rifle Shooting	9:00-11:00				Practice (Optional)		OPEN*	*Open program: no sign-up required. Fully enclosed shoes required. Open M, W, Th, F; Open in evening on Tuesday!
		10:00-12:00						
Shotgun Shooting	9:00-11:00				2:00-4:00		Practice (Optional)	Age 13+; Fully enclosed shoes required.
		10:00-12:00						

Field Sports

Athletics (M,Tu,W)			11:00-12:00					3, 6b
Geocaching	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00			3:00-4:00		7, 9
Golf		10:00-11:00			2:00-3:00			Disc Golf Option
Personal Fitness (M,Tu,W)	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00			2:00-3:00			1b, 7, 8
Sports (Th,F)	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00			4, 5
Mountain Biking							4:00-4:45	Sign up daily in the camp office. 5+ feet tall.
OPEN Sports	OPEN				OPEN			Various pick-up sports and games will be played on an open basis. No sign-up required. Tues: open program only offered in the evening.



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S.T.E.M. CENTER								
Archaeology					2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00		
Astronomy		10:00-11:00			2:00-3:00			4c,6 , night hikes required
Chemistry			11:00-12:00			3:00-4:00		
Digital Technology	9:00-10:00							5b, 6
Electricity	9:00-10:00				2:00-3:00			2
Energy (M,Tu,W)							4:00-5:00	4
Engineering	9:00-10:00		11:00-12:00				4:00-5:00	
Environmental Science	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00		2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00		3e, 4
Nuclear Science (M,Tu,W)		10:00-11:00				3:00-4:00		Recommended Age 13+
Space Exploration		10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00					
Welding	9:00-10:30	10:30-12:00			2:00-3:30	3:30-5:00		Leather boots and long jean pants required; Recommended age 13+.
Mad Science							OPEN	Exciting science experiments and activities! No sign-up required.

FIRECRFTER

Camper Rank	OPEN			OPEN			Firecrafter is a summer camp program supported by the Firecrafter Organization. For rank requirements and preparation information, visit www.firecrafter.org . All Firecrafter programs operate on an open schedule. No prior sign-up is required.
Woodsman Rank	OPEN			OPEN			
Firecrafter Rank	OPEN			OPEN			

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE - OVERALL NOTES

Open Programs:	It is encouraged for Scouts to leave an hour during the day of open time to enjoy the numerous open programs offered. The majority of open programs occur from 4:00pm - 5:00pm and in the evenings. Most open programming does not require prior sign-up. A Scout can simply show-up at a program area when they would like to participate in an open program. Expanded open program opportunities in the evenings are also offered in addition to afternoons.
Age Restrictions:	Some programs have required age minimums and some programs have recommended age minimums. The purpose of age restrictions varies from program to program. When listed as "Recommended Age 13+", if the Scout is under the recommended age, it is suggested that the Scout have a conversation with their Scoutmaster or Summer Camp Coordinator prior to signing-up for that merit badge.
Partial Week Programs:	All programs meet Monday through Friday unless indicated otherwise next to the Merit Badge/Activity name. For example, Rowing meets on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. There are numerous opportunities in the program schedule to match-up two partial week activities so that a Scout has a full week of activities during a particular hour.
Prerequisites:	Bolded numbers in the Notes and Prerequisites column correspond to the official Scouting America Merit Badge Requirements and are specific to each individual Merit Badge. The requirements associated with each Merit Badge can be found at www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/
No Program Fees:	Camp is all-inclusive; there are no program/supply fees. This saves each Scout between \$40-\$70 depending upon the programs the Scout sign-ups for. Merit badge kits will be available in the program area where the merit badge is offered. For example, basketry kits will be available in Handicraft.
Electronic Schedule:	An electronic version of this schedule is available at www.ransburgbsa.org and will be the most current version of this document. Viewing of this schedule is best done printed in color ink or electronically on our website.
Selection & Registration:	The Troop Summer Camp Coordinator is encouraged to register Scouts for merit badges and activities on the Scouting Event Registration website. It is recommended that Scouts pick a first and second choice for each program hour to make registration/scheduling simpler for the Troop's Camp Coordinator. Additional information for each program area can be found in the Camping Experience Guide available on our website. If you have any questions about registering or merit badge selection please reach out to the Crossroads of America Council office.



Ransburg Scout Reservation Travel Times

Approximate Travel Time on Foot in Minutes

	Aquatics	Archery Range	ATV Range	Baden-Powell	C.O.P.E.	Climbing Tower	Communications	Dining Hall	Firecrafter	Handicraft	N.E.S.T.	Nature	Ranch	Rifle & Shotgun Range	STEM Center	Scoutcraft	Sports	Welding Building
Aquatics	0	15	14	13	13	14	11	12	9	13	4	11	12	18	14	10	17	14
Archery Range	15	0	5	9	4	8	10	10	12	9	15	10	3	3	8	12	1	8
ATV Range	14	5	0	14	1	13	14	15	16	13	18	14	2	8	13	17	6	13
Baden-Powell	13	9	14	0	13	1	1	1	4	1	6	1	12	7	2	3	6	2
C.O.P.E.	13	4	1	13	0	12	13	14	15	12	17	13	1	7	12	16	5	12
Climbing Tower	14	8	13	1	12	0	2	1	4	2	7	1	12	7	1	4	6	1
Communications	11	10	14	1	13	2	0	1	3	1	4	1	13	8	2	3	7	3
Dining Hall	12	10	15	1	14	1	1	0	2	2	5	1	13	8	2	1	7	2
Firecrafter	8	12	16	4	15	4	3	2	0	4	4	4	16	13	5	1	12	5
Handicraft	13	9	13	1	12	2	1	2	4	0	6	1	12	7	2	3	6	2
N.E.S.T.	4	15	18	6	17	7	4	5	4	6	0	6	16	17	8	4	15	8
Nature	11	10	14	1	13	1	1	1	4	1	6	0	12	7	2	3	6	13
Ranch	12	3	2	12	1	12	13	13	16	12	16	12	0	6	12	17	4	12
Rifle & Shotgun Range	18	3	8	7	7	7	8	8	13	7	17	7	6	0	8	12	1	8
S.T.E.M. Center	14	8	13	2	12	1	3	2	5	2	8	2	12	8	0	4	6	1
Scoutcraft	9	12	17	3	16	3	3	1	1	3	4	3	17	12	4	0	12	4
Sports	17	2	6	6	5	6	7	7	12	6	15	6	4	1	6	12	0	6
Welding Building	14	8	13	2	12	1	3	2	5	2	8	13	12	8	1	4	6	0

Number = route via Lakeside Trail

Travel times are approximate and may vary by individual



OPEN PROGRAM SCHEDULE

2025

Ransburg Scout Reservation offers a multitude of different open programs for any Scout or Adult Leader to participate in and enjoy. Unless otherwise stated below, open programs do not require prior sign-up.

Aquatics	Days Offered	Time	Additional Notes and Information
Open Boating Open Swimming Stand-Up-Paddle Boarding	M, Tu, W, F	3:30-4:50 PM	Participants will need to make sure that they have a buddy present with them. There is no prior sign-up required to participate in any open aquatic program.
Field Sports			
Mountain Biking Open Sports	M-F M-F	4:00-4:45PM 9:00-12:00AM & 2:00-5:00PM	Mountain bike treks will begin at the Sports Shelter at 4PM (Sign up in camp office). Participants can enjoy their open time playing fun and engaging recreational activities - Gaga Ball, badminton, human foosball, and so much more.
Firecrafter			
Open Firecrafter	M-F	9:00-12:00AM & 2:00-5:00PM	Open to all participants who are working on requirements for the ranks of Camper, Woodsman, and Firecrafter.
Handicraft			
Open Handicraft	M-F	4:00-5:00PM	Extra time for any Scouts to work on projects and learn different art mediums.
High Adventure			
Open Climbing Open Rappel	Tu-F Tu	4:00-4:50PM	Open to anyone who loves to climb or are looking for extra practice with their climbing skills. For rappelling, Ransburg does ask that only Scouts participate in this activity. Camping Merit Badge must come Monday evening or find another time with Scoutcraft and Climbing.
Nature			
Open Nature	M-F	4:00-5:00PM	Participants can spend time in Ransburg's Nature Center learning more about the native wildlife and plant life.
N.E.S.T.			
Open Advancement Totin' Chip Firem'n Chip	M-F	4:00-5:00 PM	All open program is available for Scouts who are working on mastery of rank requirement skills, needing to earn their Totin' Chip and/or Firem'n Chip.
Ranch			
Trail Rides	M, W, Th, F	3:15-4:15PM & 4:00- 5:00PM	Participants will need to sign-up at the Office. Please wear long pants for the trail.
Shooting Sports			
Open Archery Open Rifle Shooting	M-F	4:00-5:00PM 3:00-5:00PM	Open for all participants to have time shooting on the range whether that is for archery or for rifle. Ransburg does ask that all participants wear enclosed shoes when shooting.
STEM			
Mad Science	M-F	4:00-5:00PM	Unleash your inner mad scientist with fun and exciting science experiments and other crazy STEM activities. Different Experiments each day!



EVENING PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Merit Badge Add/Drop Session
Session will begin at 7:15PM in the Picnic Area

Nonsectarian Chapel Service
Service will be at 7:30PM in the Chapel

Opening Campfire
Troops will need to be lined up in front of the flag poles by 8:15PM for dismissal

MONDAY

Monday Night Advancement
Event will begin at 7:30PM at the Aquatics Field

Monday Night Game
Event will begin at 7:30PM in the Parade Field

Monday Night Magic
Event will begin at 7:30PM in the Dining Hall

OA Fellowship Night
Event will begin at 7:30PM in the Dining Hall Tent

Firecrafter Member Meeting
Members meet in the Firecrafter Shelter at 8:30PM

Handicraft Party
Event will begin at 7:30PM at the Handicraft Shelter

TUESDAY

Adult Leader Shoot-Off
Event will begin at 7:30PM at Shooting Sports

OA Brotherhood Ceremony
Event will begin at 8:15 PM at the Flag Poles

Adult Leader Cruise
Event will begin at 7:30PM at the Aquatics Field (sign up in office)

Open Shooting
Event will begin at 7:30PM at Shooting Sports Area

Open Sports
Event will begin at 7:30PM at the Sports Area

Evening Trail Rides
Two Trail Rides will begin at 7:00PM and 7:45PM at the Ranch (sign up in office)

WEDNESDAY

Troop Night
There will be no evening flags nor any Dining Hall services

Roman Catholic Mass
Service will begin at 5:15PM in the Chapel

Nondenominational Christian Service
Service will begin at 7:30PM in the Chapel

THURSDAY

Aquatics Beach Party!
Event will begin at 7:30PM at the Aquatics Field

Ransburg 5k
Event will begin at 7:30PM at the Flagpoles

Adult Leader Cruise
Event will begin at 7:30PM at the Aquatics Field (sign up in office)

Wrangler Roundup
Wranglers will meet at the Ranch. See the Ranch Director for details about meeting time.

Firecrafter Overnighter
Firecrafter candidates will meet at the Flag Poles at 9:45PM

Camp Cracker Barrel and Fellowship
Event will begin at 8:00PM at the Inlow

FRIDAY

Interfaith Service
Service will begin at 7:30PM in the Chapel

Closing Campfire
Troops will need to be lined up in front of the Flag Poles by 8:15PM for dismissal

Additional Notes: There may be changes to any of the evening programs listed above due to weather or other unforeseeable events. Any changes to the evening program schedule will be communicated either at the flag poles or via the Remind App (for leaders).