

**Norwela Council, BSA
2021 Camp Turkey Leaders Guide
November 20-23, 2021**

***Celebrating
30 years of Winter Camping
at Kinsey Scout Reservation***



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From the Camp Director -

We are excited about your Troop attending our 2021 Camp Turkey! It is for all Scout BSA units and members. Boy and girl units will not camp in the same campsites or share restroom/shower facilities. Campsites will be assigned by the Camp Director.

Bicycles are allowed at Kinsey Scout Reservation. Please bring your own bikes and helmets. Mountain bikes are recommended.

Our staff of program counselors, supervised by the Camp and Program Directors, is committed to providing a quality camping experience for your Scouts. You can be assured of a strong welcome, a staff committed to meet your needs, great food, a quality program, and a great experience.

I was NYLT Course Director in 2020 and Woodbadge SPL in 2019. Using those experiences I feel I have assembled a very experienced and knowledgeable staff. Their aim will be to give your scouts a **FUN** and memorable camping experience. We have added some new items this year like Swimming and Lifesaving merit badges. We have partnered with the BHP YMCA to offer a little summer in the winter and a movie night and a campfire and other fun stuff.

I want to limit homework and unfinished merit badges. I will strive to have no homework brought back to campsites. Homework is for school work. **CAMP IS FOR FUN.** It would really help if your Scout would begin studying merit badges before they arrive at camp. This will limit classroom time. It is also traumatizing for Scouts (and sometimes Scoutmasters) with unfinished merit badges to hunt for merit badge counselors for incomplete merit badges after camp. Sure, things might happen and sometimes all requirements will not be completed but we will do our best to limit that. We do not need to offer merit badges that we know cannot be completed at camp.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions regarding our camp.

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Basic Information for Unit Leaders

The 2021 Camp Turkey Schedule:

Date: November 20-23, 2021
Check-In Time: 1:00-4:00 on the 20th
Departure Time: 5:00 pm on the 23rd

Location of Kinsey Scout Reservation:

3490 US-171
Stonewall, LA 71078

Reservation & Fees:

Before Signing into Tentaroo READ THIS COMPLETE LEADERS GUIDE.

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS September 1, 2021, Registration will be online using Tentaroo.

Early bird registration cost is \$160.00 per Scout until October 15. After October 15, the fee increases \$25.00. Registration will close at the end of the day on November 15. Extra merit badge fees costs are added when the course is selected.

Each Scout will register with their unit. We strongly discourage individual registration.

Use your link to Tentaroo to register your Scouts in Tentaroo. If you are a new user to Tentaroo get your sign in and password by contacting Amanda Denler at the Norwela Council office 318-868-2774.

Unit leaders or their designee like a Committee Member or Assistant Scoutmaster should sign up merit badges. This will help assure their Troops to guarantee they receive the merit badges they want and need.

All adults attending camp must register as an adult leader or as staff (application on-line). Additionally, an adult BSA application must be completed if the adult is not currently registered with BSA and a current copy of Youth Protection Certificate must be on file for each adult staying at camp. The adult fee is \$50.00 per adult. Teaching staff will not pay a fee; however, due to increased food costs we're asking teaching staff to consider donating \$25.00 towards meals at the camp.

If trainers are available, YPT and IOLS will be available. A schedule will be posted at the beginning of camp.

Health Forms:

All youth and adults attending camp must have a current Annual Health and Medical Record parts A, B, and C, with a copy of the Scout's medical card and I. D. This is necessary to document the current health status, special needs, precautions or medications for Scouts and adults. Health forms will be returned to units at the end of camp. Put all records in a single folder from your unit and give it to the medic upon arrival at camp during registration. We do not need original copies of medical forms. Forms will be locked in the Medic Lodge until they are needed.

Scout Medications:

Prescription medications for Scouts may be kept at the campsite with parent/guardian approval. They can also be stored in the med shack and administered by the medic. Non-prescription medicine, asthma inhalers, and epinephrine can be kept on the camper.

Leaders and YPT Compliance:

Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required with current Youth Protection Training in camp at all times. All adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered as leaders. The 72 hours need not be consecutive. Female Scouts BSA must be accompanied by a registered female leader.

One-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited both inside and outside of Scouting. ONLY registered camp youth are permitted to camp. Other children are not to be brought to camp. Separate tent accommodations will be maintained for male and female leaders. Leaders may rotate if necessary, but at least two adults must be at KSR and in contact with their Troops 24 hours a day. If it is necessary to leave camp at any time, leaders need to inform the Camp Director and sign in and out at the Hallett Building.

COVID Precautions:

At the time this Leaders Guide is being written Covid-19 policies mandated by the CDC are changing. We will be updating the Norwela Council policies to match the CDC Guidelines at the time camp starts. Please watch for updated information on the Norwela Council website. Currently masks or face coverings are required while inside all facilities.

Staff Development Weekend:

There will be a staff development weekend at KSR November 5-7. More details to follow.

Refund Policy:

Written refund requests will be considered only if received in the Norwela Scout Service Center ten (15) days prior to the beginning of camp. Written refund requests submitted after the event will be considered only for personal illness or family emergencies. No refund requests will be accepted after ten (10) days following the close of camp. A service charge of twenty-five percent (25%) of the full activity fee will be assessed on all refunds. Refund checks will be issued within 30 days following the close of the camp. Fees are only transferable within the same unit to a Scout not currently registered for the event.

Checklist for Troop Preparation:

Preparation for camp is an easy process, but it does require planning ahead. As a Unit Leader, you are the most important link in this preparation. The following timetable/checklist is designed to guide you and your Troop Committee in pre-camp planning for Winter Camp at Camp Turkey.

The Scoutmaster and/or parents should counsel with each Scout to determine which merit badges a Scout should work on and what requirements need to be completed prior to Camp Turkey in order to ensure a good rate of completion at camp (See merit badge Section).

Camperships:

Camperships are available to Norwela Council Scouts camping at KSR with their Troops or as Wranglers, in amounts covering up to half of the early bird rate. The campership application will be available at the Council Service Center. The deadline for submitting the application is November 1, 2021 and funds are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Camperships are awarded to individual Scouts and may not be transferred. All campership

applications must include the signatures of a parent or guardian and the registered unit leader. Scouts awarded camperships will be notified and the discounted camp fee will be entered into the unit's camp registration.

Scout Attendance:

Attendance at merit badge sessions and projects associated with them is necessary to complete the merit badges. Be sure to select the merit badges you are willing to work toward – limited schedule changes will be made at camp.

If a merit badge does not have a qualified instructor at the beginning of camp, it will be dropped from the schedule.

Check-in:

Arrive at KSR anytime before check in by coming to the Hallett Building. Please eat lunch before arriving at KSR. There are no provisions for early arrivals. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. Any Scout or Scouter without a current completed medical form (Parts A, B & C) will be asked to leave camp until he/she can acquire one.

Parking/Driving:

Vehicles will remain in the Dog Trot parking lot or the Hallett Building parking lot during program hours. NO VEHICLES are allowed in campsites. Trailers can be parked in areas designated by the Camp Director, Program Director or Camp Ranger no exceptions. The main camp road is a one-way street. **Speed limit at KSR is 15 mph with no exceptions.** Arrangements will be made with the Camp Director to move Scouts with physical limitations to their program areas.

Check-Out:

Campers are allowed to depart on the 23rd only after paperwork has been completed and approval of campsite clearance has been made with camp staff.

Tenting :

Wall tents are provided to campers. Scouts may bring their own tents or hammocks. Depending on space and availability, Scoutmasters and youth leadership will determine the best use of their assigned campsites and pavilions. Multiple units may be in your campsite, plan accordingly. Bring your own cot or air mattress. You can rent a cot from the Trading Post starting at 12:00 on the 20th.

Reservations:

Campsite reservations cannot be guaranteed and it is likely that multiple Troops will share campsites.

Trading Post:

The camp Trading Post will be open for your convenience. Items such as KSR souvenir shirts, candy, soft drinks, warm drinks, ice cream, and various other items will be available. Assorted handicraft items are offered along with mugs, patches, and other items.

Pets:

No pets of any type will be permitted in camp.

Service Animals:

Service animals are allowed in camp only after prior approval from the Camp Director before camp begins.

Knives:

No sheath or fixed blade knives allowed or any knife with a sharpened edge longer than 4 inches.

Firearms, Ammunition, Alcohol, Drugs, and Fireworks:

Norwela Council will make firearms and ammunition available to program areas as needed. A qualified Shooting Sports Director will supervise their use. Campers are NOT to bring firearms or ammunition to camp.

No Fireworks of any kind are permitted in camp at any time for any reason.

No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are allowed in camp at any time for any reason.

Any violation of these rules may result in the immediate removal from camp of all persons involved!

Conduct and Discipline:

All Scouts and adult leaders at Kinsey Scout Reservation are governed by the "Scout Law", "Scout Oath" and "The Outdoor Code" and will conduct themselves accordingly. The Camp Turkey staff, Scouts and adult leaders will strive to provide a safe, wholesome, and moral atmosphere to allow all Scouts the opportunity to enjoy their outdoor experience at Kinsey Scout Reservation. Adult leaders will keep the Camp Director and Program Director advised of any problems encountered with their Scouts or Scouts from other units. The Camp Director retains the authority to resolve all disputes involving disciplinary problems with individual Scouts or problems between Scouts of different units. Sanctions will be decided by the Camp Director and may include, but are not limited to, removal from specific programs or removal from camp. Violations of criminal law may result in the arrest and prosecution in DeSoto Parish under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Your campsite is your home and should be respected. Entering or loitering around another's campsite without permission is not allowed. The Scout leaders in camp are responsible for the conduct of the youth at all times. Taps is at 10:00 p.m. All campers are expected to be in their own campsite by this time. Hazing in any form is not permitted. No smoking is allowed in or near any building on camp. Adults only may smoke and only in the designated smoking area.

**If you have a life threatening or witness a severe emergency
CALL 911 and treat the injury and notify camp Key Three**

In the event of a camp-wide emergency, such as severe weather an alarm will sound. At that time, **ALL** camp personnel, campers, and staff will report to the Dining Hall for a head count by unit leaders. The unit leaders will then report to the Camp Director for further instruction.

Scout/Troop Duties:

Units are asked to share camp duties. Senior Patrol Leaders can sign-up their Troop including serving meals, cleaning the dining hall after meals, cleaning restrooms in public areas, etc. **BE PREPARED.**

Flag Ceremonies:

Assignments for Flag Raising and Retreat will be assigned after arrival at camp. Per usual camp procedure complete Class A uniforms will be worn for evening Flag Retirement and Dinner.

Chapel Service:

Troops will lead Chapel services. Chapel assignments will be made at camp.

Visitor Bathroom:

The Visitor Bathrooms are located in the north end of the dining hall. They will be cleaned daily. Cleaning assignments will be made at camp during SPL meetings.

Campsite Bathrooms/Showers:

Campsite occupants are responsible for the cleaning of the bathrooms located in the campsites. Campsites with multiple units should work out a schedule so that this duty is evenly distributed. There are modern flush toilets and showers in each campsite. Remember to respect all youth's privacy in the showers and in the campsite areas. Leaders should be observant of all activities in and around the bathroom facilities for safety concerns, while respecting the youth's privacy. Toilet Paper is available in the trading post. It is the responsibility of units to keep it furnished at each Campsite Bathroom daily. Create a duty roster and clean the restrooms daily. Leave the bathroom/shower facility cleaner than you found them.

Leaders Meetings:

Regular Adult Leaders Meetings will be held daily, as required, at 6:45PM at the Dining Hall Porch addressing camp activities as the week progresses. Senior Patrol Leaders will meet daily at 12:50 PM at the Health Lodge Porch to plan the week's program and receive information to bring back to the Troop's Patrol Leader's Council. The Camp Commissioner will attend the Leaders meeting to assist you with any problems you may have.

Dining Hall Meals:

The staff will prepare meals for Scouts, adults, and staff beginning with supper Saturday through lunch Tuesday. Dining Hall schedules will be posted at the beginning of camp. Seating for Scouts, adults, and staff will be assigned by campsite. Each Troop will be responsible for cleaning the tables and floor in their assigned areas. Your SPL's are advised to add this to the campsite duty roster.

NOTE: Any special dietary needs should be reported to the Camp Director no later than three weeks prior to your arrival at camp.

Lost and Found:

Lost and found items will be brought to the Trading Post. Encourage all Scouts to mark all possessions with their name and Troop number. At the end of camp all items will be brought to the Norwela Scout Service Center.

Wrangling:

We believe that a Scout's best camp experience is with their own Troop with Scouts they already know; if this is not possible, a Scout may attend as a Wrangler. Scouts will camp with a Troop with adequate leadership. Wrangler camping proves to be a tremendous success. Wrangling is offered to assist individual boys in coming to camp. It is not intended to relieve a Troop Committee of its responsibility to provide leadership in a long-term camp experience, therefore a maximum of three Scouts from a unit may come as provisional. If there is only one leader with the unit we will assign the unit to a campsite with another unit. We urge you to try to bring both Scouts and leaders to camp for the best results. Wranglers will be expected to check in at the Hallett Building during normal registration. Sign up online before camp.

Volunteering as a Merit Badge Instructor:

Volunteer Merit Badge Instructors are an integral part of the Winter Camp Program. We operate Winter Camp with an all-volunteer program staff. If you or one of your adults have a talent or knowledge to share and you would like to instruct, please register on Tentaroo to be on staff by October 15, 2021 to guarantee a staff shirt. There is no fee or payment for staff but donations/contributions towards your meals are welcome.

Youth Staff Requirements: All staff must be a minimum of 16 years of age and have achieved 1st class by the time camp begins. They must have current Youth Protection Training. They must take the BSA Unlawful Harassment course and Hazardous Weather course prior to arriving at camp. Merit Badge instructors must present a copy of their syllabus or lesson plan prior to camp. These requirements are to comply with BSA Camp Standards. All youth staff will be able to work on 2 merit badges while at camp and are able to attend Camp Turkey at no cost.

What to Bring to Camp Turkey

Troop Equipment:

U.S. Flag	Troop Flag	Patrol Flags
Whetstones	Plastic Trash Bags	Water Jugs
Compasses	Scoutmaster’s Handbook	Troop Library
Bow Saw	Small Maul/Hammer	Shovel/Rake
File	Rope	Troop First Aid Kit
Axes	Latrine Brush/Bucket	Scout Songbook
Water Hose	Merit Badge Pamphlets	Patrol Cooking Gear (as necessary)
Clock	Lanterns	Tents (as necessary)
Script for skits		

We will work to make your stay as pleasant as possible – only you know what you will really need.

Individual Equipment:

<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Scout Uniform	<input type="checkbox"/> Toiletry Items:
<input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable hiking shoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Soap
<input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight & Heavy Jacket	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush/paste
<input type="checkbox"/> Raincoat/Poncho	<input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant
<input type="checkbox"/> Clothes for 4 days	<input type="checkbox"/> Comb/Brush
<input type="checkbox"/> T-shirts	<input type="checkbox"/> Mouthwash
<input type="checkbox"/> Underwear	<input type="checkbox"/> Scout Pants
<input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Shoes (NO open toe shoes or sandals allowed)
<input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook	<input type="checkbox"/> thermal underwear
<input type="checkbox"/> Socks	<input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Gear for winter camping
<input type="checkbox"/> Battery Lamp	<input type="checkbox"/> Towel and wash cloth
<input type="checkbox"/> Medications	<input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight/extra batteries
<input type="checkbox"/> Mess Kit/Eating Utensils	
<input type="checkbox"/> Face Masks – Enough for four days	

Optional Items:

<input type="checkbox"/> Sewing Kit	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen Lotion
<input type="checkbox"/> Shoelaces	<input type="checkbox"/> Musical Instruments
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal First Aid Kit	<input type="checkbox"/> Spending Money
<input type="checkbox"/> Compass	<input type="checkbox"/> “Hot Hands”
<input type="checkbox"/> Postage Stamps/Envelopes	<input type="checkbox"/> Watch
<input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife (NO sheath knives allowed)	

Electronics:

Electronics like phones and games are allowed in camp. If Scouts use electronics during class and it is distracting they will be confiscated and returned to the Scoutmaster. It is up to the individual units to determine their rules in camp for electronics.

Daily Dress:

Day apparel is Class B uniforms, Camp or BSA t-shirt worn with Scout pants or shorts. Inappropriate apparel will not be allowed. Note: All personal or troop items should be marked with the Scout's Name and/or Troop Number.

Bicycles:

Bicycles are allowed at KSR. Please bring your own helmets. Mountain bikes are recommended.

Merit Badges:

Advancement is one of the methods of the Scouting Program. It teaches new skills, inspires learning, and builds self-confidence and self-esteem. At Camp Turkey, merit badges also provide the Scout with the opportunity to make decisions on the amount and type of activities in which they will participate.

ATV's:

ATV's are open to Scouts 14 years and up and adults. Scouts having first shots at openings. Riders will be taught ATV safety. Then take trail rides around the 1,600 acres and three lakes of KSR. Riders will need to wear helmet, boots, long pants, and long sleeve shirts. Other clothing is not optional. Gloves will be provided.

Drone Flight 2021:

Saturday before dinner volunteers are bringing out their drone for demonstration and safety discussion. Scouts will be able to fly the drone on a limited flight path (weather permitting).

Movie Night:

Depending on the weather the movie will be shown at the Trading Post or in the Dining Hall.

Game Night:

Sunday evening will be reserved for games organized by camp youth staff.

Campfire:

We will have a campfire program Monday evening. All troops are invited show off their best skit, song or patriotic display. Staff will coordinate the program. All performance materials will require approval from the Camp Director.

Limitations:

Because of the limited number of available merit badges, counselors, and scheduling requirements we ask each Scout to schedule **only two Eagle required merit badges**. If a Scout has a special circumstance will you be allowed to schedule more than two. Special circumstances are at the discretion of the Camp Director and will require prior approval before camp. Remember, a Scout is Trustworthy.

As you know, certain merit badges will require either advanced work before camp or follow-up work after camp. Other merit badges will be completed at camp. There are a couple of things we wish to point out to you as you assist your Scouts in their planning.

Please Do Not Let the Scout Overschedule:

Younger youth come to camp very ambitious, and quite often are so wrapped up in the merit badges or advancement programs they forget to have fun! We want the Scouts to go home with a smile on their face and a well-rounded Scouting experience. Remind them that having fun is a key part of Camp Turkey. We recommend that a Scout sign-up for no more than four sessions. This leaves one session available to study, rest, play ga-ga ball or field sports, visit with friends, and visit the Trading Post.

Have your Scouts review the merit badge book and the requirements before they come to camp. Once in a while, a Scout chooses a merit badge to work on and finds out too late it's not what he thought it was! Make sure he is prepared and knows what to expect before he comes to camp. Have each Scout review the merit badge pamphlet to see what requirements need to be completed before or after camp. Each Scout should have a merit badge book for each merit badge he selects if he expects to complete that merit badge.

Merit Badge Summary:

To have a successful merit badge program, your Scouts must begin prior to camp. Some badges are easily earned in a camping period while others take much longer. Encourage your Scouts to start working early before camp. For every merit badge, the Scout should read the entire merit badge pamphlet so that he is ready to tackle the badge while at camp. A limited supply of merit badge pamphlets is available at the Trading Post for any last minute needs.

Trail to First Class (TFC):

All first time campers are recommended to take Trail to First Class. This program will cover all book requirements available in a classroom setting. There are requirements that cannot be completed such as camping nights or attendance requirements and others. The goal is to give new Scouts a boost toward First Class Rank. They will also earn First Aid Merit Badge and possibly Swimming Merit Badge or Basketry Merit Badges. This program is mostly taught in the TFC area found on camp maps.

Camp Turkey T-Shirts:

Souvenir T-shirts are available through Tentaroo when registering. Sizes are Adult Small through 4X. Adult Small through XL are \$14.00. 2X and up are \$16.00. There will also be Kinsey Scout Reservation polos and t-shirts available for purchase in the Trading Post.

Camp Turkey 2021 Merit Badges

**The following is a list of merit badges offered.
The list is subject to change based on Instructors and Scout selection.
All class schedules will be confirmed by the Program Director.**

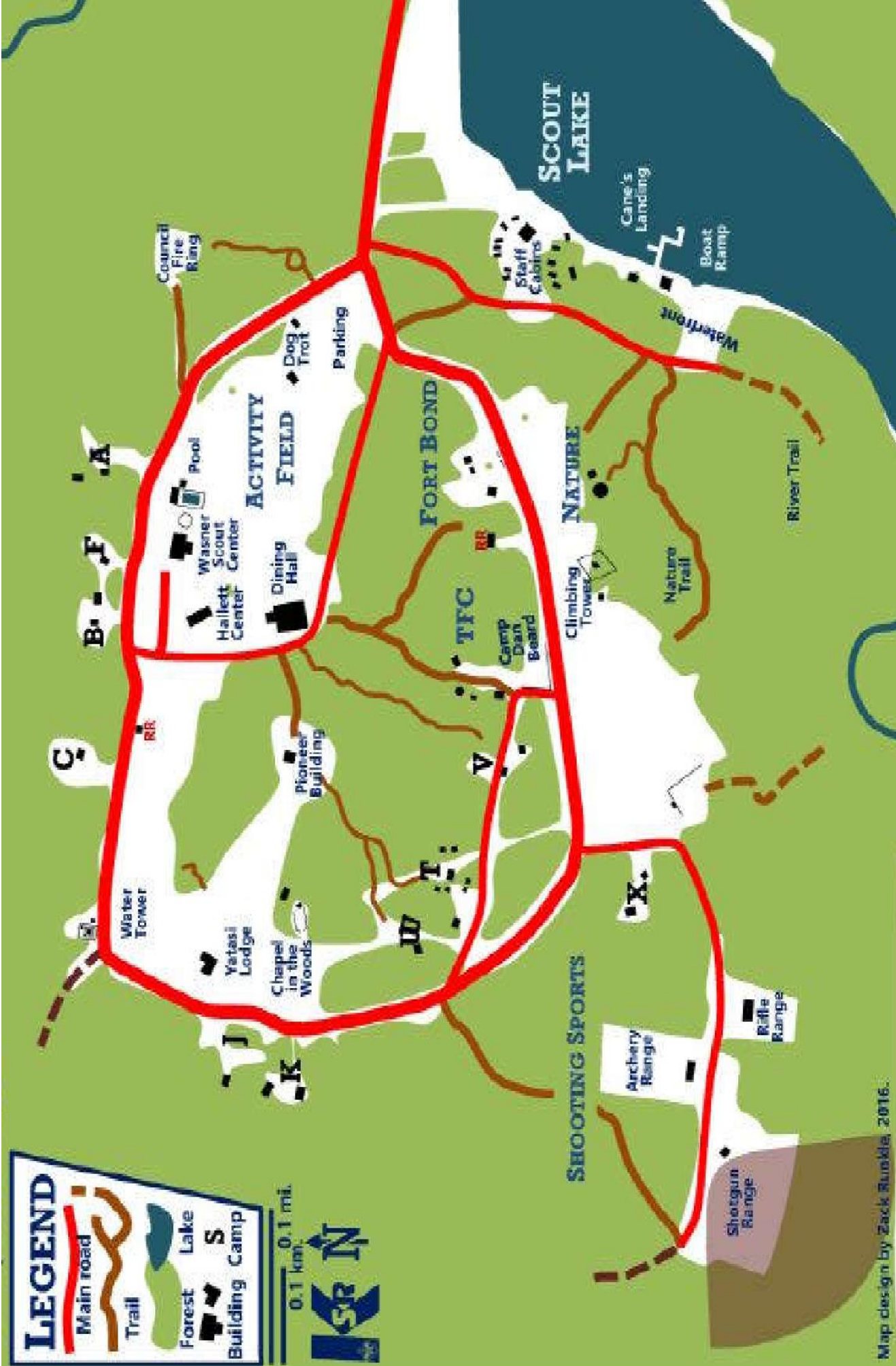
- ___ Trail to First Class (All day)
- ___ American Cultures/American Heritage
- ___ Archaeology²
- ___ Astronomy²
- ___ Automotive²
- ___ ATV Safety Program² (14 years or older)
- ___ Aviation²
- ___ Basketry
- ___ Camping (Eagle Required)
- ___ Chess
- ___ Citizenship in the Community² (Eagle Required)
- ___ Citizenship in the Nation (Eagle Required)
- ___ Citizenship in the World² (Eagle Required)
- ___ Coin Collecting
- ___ Communications (Eagle Required)
- ___ Cooking² (Eagle Required)
- ___ Crime Prevention & Finger Printing
- ___ Digital Technology
- ___ Disabilities Awareness
- ___ Electricity & Electronics²
- ___ Energy
- ___ Environmental Science² (Eagle Required)
- ___ Emergency Preparedness (Eagle Required)
- ___ Family Life (Eagle Required)
- ___ Farm Mechanics
- ___ First Aid (Eagle Required)
- ___ Fire Safety (Field Trip Required)
- ___ Fishing²

- ___ Flyfishing²
- ___ Game Design
- ___ Home Repairs²
- ___ Hunter Safety (Evening Class Only)
- ___ Insect Study
- ___ Law
- ___ Lifesaving² (Eagle Required)
- ___ Medicine
- ___ Metalworking
- ___ Orienteering²
- ___ Painting
- ___ Pioneering
- ___ Plumbing
- ___ Public Speaking
- ___ Radio / Signs, Signals, & Codes²
- ___ Reptile & Amphibian Study
- ___ Rifle
- ___ Robotics
- ___ Salesmanship
- ___ Scouting Heritage
- ___ Shotgun²
- ___ Sustainability² (Eagle Required)
- ___ Swimming² (Eagle Required)
- ___ Weather
- ___ Welding²
- ___ Wilderness Survival
- ___ Woodwork²

LEGEND

- Main road
- Trail
- Forest
- Lake
- Building
- Camp

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*We Hope You and Your Scouts Enjoy Your Week at
Camp Turkey and Come Back Again Next Year!*

*Registration for Summer Camp 2022 at Kinsey
Scout Reservation Will Be Open Soon!*