



SUMMER CAMP

T. Brady Saunders

Heart of Virginia Council

July 1-7/ July 22-29



It is time to start thinking about scout summer camps again. Troop 895 has reserved space at Camp Brady Saunders in Goochland, VA. We have reserved space for 2 different weeks July 1-7, and July 22-29. It is time to get dates on your calendars and for the Troop to start making plans for its annual summer camp adventure. Scout spaces will be allocated in the order in which applications to attend and payments are received.

Key Dates and Costs:

Payment Schedule: The schedule below is the dates by which payment must be received by the Troop

Transportation: The troop will utilize bus transportation to and from Brady Saunders. Cost for round trip bus transportation is estimated at \$30 per scout.

	<u>Early Bird by 3/10</u>	<u>Regular Payment by 5/30</u>
Scout	\$230	\$260
Adult	\$100	\$100

Camp Activities:

Trail Blazer is a first-year camper program designed for new Scouts. It is more of an orientation to the out-of-doors and its purpose is to help the new Scout get comfortable with Scouting's methods and teach vital camping skills. New Scouts attend Trail Blazers from 9AM -12PM and afternoons in merit badge classes. One afternoon period will be the swimming merit badge or instructional swim. During the other afternoon period they will have a choice of a handicraft merit badge (Indian Lore, Space Exploration, Basketry, or Leatherworking) On Thursday night, all Trail Blazer Scouts will be away from the home troop for a special backpacking camp-out.

Merit Badge Offerings:

Eagle Required Include: First Aid, Camping, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science, Swimming, Lifesaving

Other Offerings: Pioneering, Wilderness Survival, Fishing, Orienteering, Astronomy, Soil & Water Conservation, Fish and Wildlife Management, Mammal Study, Forestry, Weather, Nature, Plant Science, Rowing, Canoeing, Rifle Shooting, Archery, Shotgun Shooting, Leatherwork, Space Exploration, Indian Lore, Basketry, Woodcarving, Composite, Fingerprinting, Cinematography

Rangers Challenge is a program designed for older scouts (14 and older) who seek a different experience than a normal week of earning merit badges at camp. Activities offered may include Indian Archeology, Survival, Rifle and Black Powder Shooting, snakes, an ecology trip to the James River, Hikes to Crab Tree Falls, special canoe outings and so much more. Boys may also have a chance to shoot crossbows, blowguns, throw boomerangs and atlatls, throw axes and knives and all of the other skills that are needed to become a well-rounded woodsman! Nature study and outdoor awareness is built into all parts of the program. John Hankins conducts this program. With 38 years on camp staffs, he has a body of experience and knowledge that is unique to our camp and our program. Several Scoutmasters have been to camps run by John Hankins as scouts. It was always a great and memorable experience.

Additional information to come during our planning meetings scheduled for this Spring. Please see the Brady Saunders website for more information about the camp at <http://bradysaunders.net>

Specific Questions can be directed to Matt Dillard matt@mdillard.net