Troop 541 Summer Camp Guide

2025

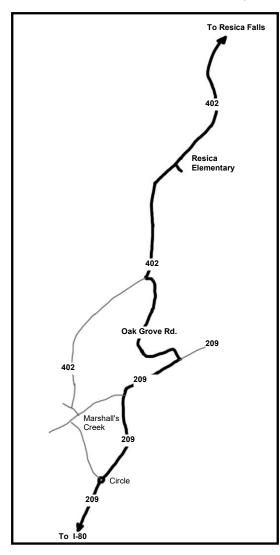
IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS:

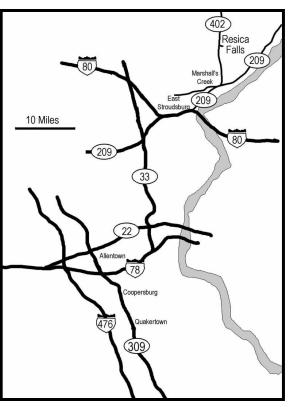
- 1. Read through this guide ahead of time.
- 2. Register for the awards you plan to earn by April 1
 - Download and read the Scheduling packet from our web site: <u>https://troop541.com/summercamp/2025campmb.pdf</u>
 - □ Fill out the online request form: <u>https://forms.gle/vZiFwjZCKPf1TwEW7</u>
- 3. Turn in HARD COPIES of medical paperwork by July 7 (see page 1):
 - □ Annual Health and Medical Record signed and dated by both physician and parent no earlier than 8/3/23 (no more than a year old while we're in camp)
 - □ Drug Administration Record signed by parent
- 4. Be at the church at 9:00 AM Sunday, July 27
 - □ Wear your complete Class A uniform including neckerchief
 - □ Bring a brown bag lunch for Sunday
 - □ Have an extra key or a copy of the combination to your lock.

DIRECTIONS TO RESICA FALLS:

See Map on Right

- 1. North on 309 approximately 25 miles through Quakertown and Coopersburg to I-78 East.
- 2. East on I-78 for 11 miles to PA Route 33 N.
- 3. Continue on 33 north for about 23 miles. This will take you through Wind Gap. Route 209 joins with 33 for the last part of this section. Watch for 209 and 33 to split and follow 209 toward Stroudsburg.
- 7. After splitting from 33, 209 continues for about 6 miles and merges into I-80.
- 8. Join I-80 and follow I-80/US 209 east toward the Delaware Water Gap.
- 9. Exit with US 209 at exit #309 for Marshall's Creek and follow 209 for 3.5 miles to a circle (see map below).





See Map on Left

- 10. After entering the circle take the first right to stay on the US 209 Marshalls Creek bypass
- 11. Follow US 209 1.5 miles to the second light which is Oak Grove Road and turn left
- 12. Follow Oak Grove Road for 1.2 miles to PA 402 and turn right
- 13. In about 1.1 miles, you'll come to Resica Elementary on the right at the intersection of Gravel Ridge road. **Stop and regroup to eat lunch in the picnic area behind the school.**

GPS 41.076978, -75.108040





14. The camp is about 1 mile past the school on 402.GPS 41.11097 -75.09444 At the entrance, ask for

directions to 541's site.

Mr. Eibner's Cell Phone 215-990-6651

BEFORE WE LEAVE

MEDICAL FORMS: State law and BSA regulations require campers to provide medical forms at overnight camps. Scouts will not be admitted to camp at Resica Falls without them. Attach the two forms listed below together with a paper clip and turn in HARD COPIES of them no later than July 10. Do not attach any additional health information. Anything important must be recorded on the forms.

Annual Health and Medical Record:

Everyone staying overnight in camp must have one with parts A, B, and C completed. Part C must be signed by a certified Healthcare Provider within twelve (12) months preceding the first day of the month we're at Camp. Scouts must also have a parent's signature on parts A and B of the form. Please staple all the pages together before turning them in.

- Note that part B requires you to attach copies of both sides of your insurance card
- Please make sure that all signature blocks have been signed and dated

Drug Administration Record:

All participants must provide a completed and signed Drug Administration Form. This form authorizes the camp to administer OTC medications, as well as prescription medications the camper brings with her.

PLAN YOUR ADVANCEMENT: - Download and read the Scheduling packet from our website right away:

https://troop541.com/summercamp/2025campmb.pdf

Then figure out what merit badges you will be taking, and fill out the online request form:

https://forms.gle/vZiFwjZCKPf1TwEW7

- **TWO SCOUTS PER TENT:** Tents at Resica house two people, but Scouts may not tent with anyone more than 24 months different in age from them. Patrols will work out tenting arrangements in advance.
- **MEDICATIONS:** Prescription medications for youth are managed by the health lodge while we are at camp. Medications must be in their original container labeled with the camper's name. Pack medication in a zip lock bag with Scout's name and Troop 541. Instructions must be indicated on the drug administration record form (see above). Give the medications to us with the medical forms. Exceptions are insulin, asthma inhalers and Epi Pens which Scouts may maintain in their own possession.
- **KNOW WHERE YOUR PARENTS ARE: -** Sometimes parents seize this opportunity to get away themselves. The hospital in the Poconos insists on speaking to parents before they will treat a Scout. Your parent's signature on the medical form will not satisfy this requirement. Make sure you and the Scoutmaster know how your parents can be reached if they plan to be away from home.
- **JUNIOR LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES:** Junior leaders are a vital ingredient to our success in camp, and leadership skills are one of the important things Scouts learn. A junior leader's meeting will be held in July. Each junior leader will have work to do to get ready for camp. This will be discussed in more detail at our planning meeting. Plan to devote some time to this.
- **PATROL EQUIPMENT: -** Each patrol needs to bring enough of the following equipment for its members to go on our outpost hike. Patrol leaders are expected to organize this by working with the quartermasters ahead of time. New Scouts should not be expected to buy any of these items at this time.

Canteens Mess Kits Vittles Kits Backpacks Bungee Cords

GENERAL INFORMATION



DATES AND TIMES: Leave the Church at 9:00 AM on 7/27/25, Leave Resica 9:30 AM on 8/2/25.

MAILING ADDRESS:

Scout's Name/ Troop 541 Shenandoah Campsite Resica Falls Scout Reservation 1200 Resica Falls Rd. East Stroudsburg, Pa. 18302

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

(570) 223-8312 or Mr. Eibner's Mobile 215-990-6651 **COST:** \$645 (\$615 with early bird discount) **TRANSPORTATION:**

Please arrange a car pool

- **PHONE CALLS TO HOME** Scouts are discouraged from calling home during the week. Hearing mom's voice on the phone does<u>not</u> make a Scout feel better about being 100 miles away. We discourage sending a cell phone with Scouts or encouraging or expecting a call. Neither the Troop nor the camp will be responsible for lost or damaged cell phones or tablets. We'll post pictures on our web site every day so you can see how we're doing. If you don't hear from us everything is fine.
- **VISITORS** The camp does not have an organized visitor's night, and while visiting the camp is possible it is not encouraged unless you're helping with transportation. If you do decide to visit, please coordinate your visit in advance through the Scoutmaster. All visitors must sign in at the camp office immediately upon arrival and sign out when they leave. Meals for visitors are only available to registered Scouters, and only if the camp is notified 24 hours in advance.
- **PETS** Pennsylvania state law prohibits pets in camps.
- **SIGNING OUT EARLY** Our group departs from the camp on Saturday 8/2. Sometimes Scouts need to leave before our scheduled departure due to other obligations, or family vacations. In these cases, they may leave only with a parent or guardian or under the auspices of an adult approved by the parents by means of a signed *Camper Release Authorization* form. You can get the form from the Scoutmaster.
- **LEADERSHIP** Our troop will camp in a group campsite with supervision provided by our junior leaders and a group of our adults. We'll eat in the camp's dining hall, and enjoy activities and instruction provided by the camp's staff members. The camp staff is organized into program areas such as aquatics, handicraft, scoutcraft, STEM, Ecology, and many more. Each area is staffed by qualified, trained, resident, staff members in order to ensure the best possible experience for the Scouts.

LEAVING FOR CAMP

WEAR:

Class A Scout uniform; shirt, pants (long or shorts), neckerchief, slide, Scout socks, and belt.

BRING

1. MEDICAL FORMS AND MEDICATIONS (SEE ABOVE)

- 2. SLEEPING BAG
- 3. SPARE KEY OR COMBINATION FOR FOOTLOCKER
- 4. BROWN BAG LUNCH FOR SUNDAY
- 5. A LOCKED FOOTLOCKER CONTAINING:

Clothing:

Jeans	Shorts	Shirts
Socks	Underwear	Poncho
Sweat Shirt	Swim Suit	Sneakers
Old sneakers	for boating etc.	
Hiking shoes	(recommended))
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O.A. Sash (if you're a member)



Troop 541 Tee shirt to be worn with your Scout pants as your Class B uniform Extra uniform parts as needed (uniforms are worn to dinner daily)

Shoes must be worn at all times in camp

Personal Equipment:

Flashlight & batteries	Scout Handbook	Spending money
Small Pillow	Camera (optional)	Compass (optional)
Foam Pad for COT	Insect repellent (no aerosols)	Sun Screen
Anything required for	merit badges you plan to work	on
Pocket knife (optional	, blade must be less than 6", no	sheath knives)

Toilet Items:

2 Towels Toothbrush & paste	Medication (I	oring a note)
Magic Cards	Fishing Rod	Books
Ball & Glove	Sports Equipment	Frisbee
Lacrosse stick		
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6. BICYCLE – The troop won't transport these, but if you can get it there you may bring one. Helmets are absolutely required.

ITEMS NOT PERMITTED IN CAMP

Liquid Fuel (including lighters)	Sheath Knives
Fireworks	Aerosol bug spray (pump type is OK)
Personal archery equipment	Alcoholic beverages
Personal Firearms & ammunition	Illegal drugs or controlled substances
Pets	Dangerous items such as sling shots
Open toed shoes or sandals	Nonalcoholic beer

You may not keep food in your tent because of animals. Buy it as you want it at the trading post.

Scouts are never permitted to smoke, and Troop 541 requests that adults refrain from smoking.

Scouts are discouraged from bringing mobile phones

LEAVING FOR CAMP

SPENDING MONEY

Resica Falls has a trading post that sells light refreshments, Scout supplies, and craft items. We have no fixed amount of money to recommend that you bring. A Scouts real needs are taken care of by the prepaid fee, and our leaders will take care of emergency situations. Most Scouts find a way to spend all the money they bring, so don't bring more than you are willing to spend. Here are some examples of previous year's trading post prices:

Basket Kits	\$7.50 (two are needed for basketry merit badge)
First aid kit	\$8 to \$30
Hot spark fire starter	\$6.99
Knives	\$15.00 to \$121.00
Leather belt & buckle	\$45.00
Leather Kits	\$8,00 to \$25.00
Merit badge books	\$6.00
Sharpening Stone	\$13.00
Compass	\$20.00 to \$50.00
Woodcarving Projects	\$3.50 to \$8.00 (The troop will have some available)
Certificate for shotgun shells	\$30.00
Arrow kit	\$12.00
Snacks	Comparable to convenience store prices

OUR SCHEDULE IN CAMP

THE FIRST DAY IN CAMP: - Here's an approximate schedule of what we should expect on Sunday July 30: 9:00 AM Meet at the church to depart

12:00 AM Regroup at Resica Elementary School on Route 402 about a mile before the camp and eat brown bag lunch

1:00 PM Medical recheck at the school

1:30 PM Car pool from the school to the camp

1:45 PM Unload at Resica Falls and settle into our campsite

2:15 PM Dining hall orientation

3:30 PM Swim test for anyone who didn't do it in advance

5:30 PM Change to Class A uniforms for dinner

5:45 PM Learn parade field procedures

6:15 PM Retreat

6:30 PM Dinner

8:45 PM Opening Campfire

10:00 PM Junior Leader's meeting

Anticipated Special Events (Subject To Change)

	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday	Orientation	Opening Campfire
Monday	Afternoon Adventures	The Mariners Tournament
Tuesday	Hike & Swim in Bushkill	Seadog Spirit
Wednesday	Barnacle Bash	Vespers, Camper's Campfire, and OA Call-out
Thursday	Afternoon Adventures	Troop Campfire
Friday	Afternoon Adventures	Jewish Service & Closing Ceremony



2025 Theme – The Search for Scouting's Treasure

Daily Instruction (Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 12:30 pm & 2:15 pm to 3:15 pm) Follow the instructions in this document to sign up for your merit badges <u>https://troop541.com/summercamp/2025campmb.pdf</u>

Lunch and Clubs Every day the camp will offer a different lunch club. During your club period, Scouts can choose different sporting or gaming activities to challenge each other or the staff to a friendly game.

The Long Lost Treasure of Captain Ranjo (Weeklong) Somewhere at Resica Falls is Captain Ranjo's hidden treasure. Follow the clues and work with your troop throughout the week to discover its location. You never know where a new clue might be hidden.

The Search for Scouting's Treasure: (Weeklong) The port of Resica Falls has brought many privateers from across the ocean to compete in challenges of skill, wit and know-how. Join the Barnacle Buccaneers or the Crossbone Corsairs to embark on a venture to find who is the greatest pirate crew! Throughout the week earn points for your pirate crew to help win the ultimate prize.

Campers Council (Monday-Friday 7:15 PM) at the Campcraft Amphitheater) This forum of the camp's principal youth leaders, the senior patrol leaders, will gather each day to review the program and discuss concerns of the camp. Therefore, it is extremely important that the senior patrol leader, or designated representative, be present at each meeting to ensure your unit's representation

The Global Port Festival (Tuesday - 7:30 pm) Now's your chance to show off a culture from the wide array of ports you have visited from your time on the seven seas. Join other troops and patrols on the Parade Field with a game, culinary item, or other activity from your country. A list of countries and activity ideas will be shared with Senior Patrol Leaders at our April Leaders Update.

Seadogs Sprint (Tuesday - 7:30 pm) Pirates (14 years of age or older) seeking to prove their strength, stamina, and skill will be put to the test through many trials around the reservation. The Seadog Sprint consists of a dash through the forest, sailing across the Bushkill and a marksmanship test that rivals even Blackbeard. Join us to test your endurance and skill.

Ranjo's Night Raid (Tuesday - 9:30 pm) Captain Ranjo's Crew of Raiders is still running loose around the reservation. Head out on this night hike in search of finding them along with a special clue to find the buried treasure.

The Barnacle Bash (Wednesday - 1:30 pm) Join the Pirates of the Bushkill and your fellow crew members at Lake Roger in a fun and exciting afternoon competing in various games and activities to cement your crew as the greatest of them all!

All Faith Service (Wednesday-7:30 - 8:00 pm) A Scout is Reverent. Join us for our staff-led religious services – uniforms are appropriate. If your Unit would like to coordinate a service of a particular faith, we would be happy to help you plan and run it.

Campers Campfire (Wednesday - 8:15PM) Wednesday nights we encourage troops to plan their own campfires of skits, goofs, revelry, and fun times to perform for other Units and the staff on stage at Richards Arena. The campfire circle is the heart of the camp and can provide an opportunity for lifelong memories among your Unit.

Friday Evening Closing Ceremony (Friday - 8:45 pm) Join us as we recognize all of the winners and participants from your camp-wide activities. You won't want to miss this fun and exciting closing ceremony, which will include the slide show of your week in camp!

<u>PROGRAM</u>



Nonder, Thursder, and Frider Afternoons

There will be three periods of fun every afternoon when you'll go either with the troop or your patrol to do the adventures you've selected. This will mean doing some extra work before camp because the patrols will need to select the adventures



they want to do before we get there. We'll hold a pre-camp PLC meeting on June 16 where the troop guides, patrol leaders and SPL will lay out a schedule. Then, the day we get to camp, the SPL will attend a scheduling meeting and try to reserve the adventures you want them to sign your patrol up for.

Archery Range:

Archery Shoot

Civics:

Minute to Win-It Treasure Trove Trivia

Ecology:

Conservation project Hatchery Program Nature Hike

Handicraft:

Art Club Eye Patch Decoration Flag Design Tye Dye

Lake:

Bounce gym on lake Build A Boat Fishing Open Boating Stand Up Paddleboard

Pool:

Instructional Swim Mile Swim Open Swim

Scoutcraft:

Catapult Building Cooking Demonstration Geocaching Orienteering Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award

Shooting Sports: Troop shoot

Shop:

Blacksmithing Exhibition Unit Welding

Sports:

Gaga Frisbee Golf Fly Fishing and Tying Pickle Ball Sports Club

STEM:

3D Printing Arduino Kits Eggshells Ahoy Fox Hunt Radio Hour of Code Laser Engraving Ozobots VR Experience

Other:

Escape Room Side Quests Skit Making

Resica Falls 2025 Master Schedule					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00	Polar Bear Swim / Reveille	Polar Bear Swim / Reveille	Polar Bear Swim / Reveille	Polar Bear Swim / Reveille	Polar Bear Swim / Reveille
7:30	Breakfast Blue	Breakfast Blue	Breakfast Blue	Breakfast Blue	Breakfast Blue
8:05	Morning Colors	Morning Colors	Morning Colors	Morning Colors	Morning Colors
8:10	Breakfast Red	Breakfast Red	Breakfast Red	Breakfast Red	Breakfast Red
9:00	High Five Merit Badges Resica Rangers Swimming & Water Rescue IOLS Training (10:00AM)	High Five Merit Badges Resica Rangers Swimming & Water Rescue Leader Specific Training	High Five Merit Badges Resica Rangers Coffee Drinking MB CPR Training (10:00AM)	High Five Merit Badges Resica Rangers	High Five Merit Badges Resica Rangers IOLS Training (10:00AM)
12:45	Lunch Blue & Lunch Club Red	Lunch Blue & Lunch Club Red	Campwide Picnic Lunch (12:30PM)	Lunch Blue & Lunch Club Red	Lunch Blue & Lunch Club Red
1:00	Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather	Leaders Appreciation Lunch Leave No Trace		Trek Safety	
1:30	Lunch Red & Lunch Club Blue	Lunch Red & Lunch Club Blue		Lunch Red & Lunch Club Blue	Lunch Red & Lunch Club Blue
2:15	Afternoon Adventures High Five Paddlecraft Safety Open Boating Home Away From Home	Afternoon Adventures High Five Paddlecraft Safety Open Boating	Barnacle Bash	Afternoon Adventures High Five Napping Merit Badge Open Boating	Afternoon Adventures High Five Mile Swim Test Leaders Regatta (3:00PM) Open Boating
3:30	Free Swim	Free Swim		Free Swim	Free Swim
5:30	Dinner Blue	Dinner Blue	Dinner Blue	Dinner Blue	Dinner Blue
6:15	Evening Colors	Evening Colors	Evening Colors	Evening Colors	Evening Colors
6:30	Dinner Red	Dinner Red	Dinner Red	Dinner Red	Dinner Red
7:15	Campers Council Meeting	Campers Council Meeting	Campers Council Meeting	Campers Council Meeting	Campers Council Meeting
7:30	The Mariners Tournament	Seadog Sprint (7:30PM) Global Port Festival (7:30PM) Twilight Programs Night Owl Swim (8:45PM)	All Faith Service (7:30PM) Camper's Campfire (8:15PM)	Twilight Programs Resica Ranger Overnighter Wilderness Survival Overnighter Night Owl Swim (8:45PM)	Merit Badge Reconciliation (7:30PM Closing Ceremony (8:45PM)
9:00	Star Talk Leaders' Swim and BBQ Leaders' Dutch Oven Dessert Challenge	Star Talk (Backup) Ranjo's Night Raid (9:30PM)	OA Callout (9:00PM) Star Talk (Backup) OA Ice Cream Social (9:30PM)		
10:00	Taps	Taps	Taps	Taps	Taps

Resica Falls 2025 Pool Schedule					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:00-7:30	Polar Bear	Polar Bear	Polar Bear	Polar Bear	Polar Bear
9:00-9:45	Swimming MB	Swimming MB	Swimming MB	Swimming MB	Swimming MB
9:00-10:40	Lifesaving MB	Lifesaving MB	Lifesaving MB	Lifesaving MB	Lifesaving MB
9:15-12:30	Swimming & Water Rescue	Swimming & Water Rescue			
9:55-10:40	Swimming MB	Swimming MB	Swimming MB	Swimming MB	Swimming MB
0:50-12:30	Lifesaving MB	Lifesaving MB	Lifesaving MB	Lifesaving MB	Lifesaving MB
0:50 - 11:35	Swimming MB	Swimming MB	Swimming MB	Swimming MB	Swimming MB
1:45-12:30	Resica Rangers	Resica Rangers	Resica Rangers	Resica Rangers	Resica Rangers
2:15-3:00	Instructional Swim	Instructional Swim	POOL CLOSED	Instructional Swim	Mile Swim
2:15-3:00	Mile Swim Build Up	Mile Swim Build Up	POOL CLOSED	Mile Swim Build Up	Mile Swim
3:30-4:30	Free Swim	Free Swim	POOL CLOSED	Free Swim	Free Swim
EVENING	Leader's Swim & BBQ (9:00-10:00 pm)	Night Owl Swim (8:45pm)	POOL CLOSED	Night Owl Swim (8:45pm)	POOL CLOSED

	Resica Falls 2025 Lake Schedule					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
9:00-10:40	Canoeing, Kayaking, Rowing	Canoeing, Kayaking, Rowing	Canoeing, Kayaking, Rowing	Canoeing, Kayaking, Rowing	Canoeing, Kayaking, Rowing	
10:50-12:30	Fishing, Kayaking, Small Boat Sailing	Fishing, Kayaking, Small Boat Sailing	Fishing, Kayaking, Small Boat Sailing	Fishing, Kayaking, Small Boat Sailing	Fishing, Kayaking, Small Boat Sailing	
2:15-3:45	Paddlecraft Safety Training (2:15-4:30) Open Boating	Paddlecraft Safety Training (2:15-4:30) Open Boating	Barnacle Bash	Open Boating	Open Boating	
3:50-4:50	Open Boating	Open Boating	Barnacle Bash	Open Boating BSA Stand-Up Paddleboarding	Open Boating	
EVENING	LAKE CLOSED	Twlight Boating (7:30 pm)	LAKE CLOSED	LAKE CLOSED	LAKE CLOSED	

NOTE: Because of the distance to the lake, Scouts should plan to spend the entire morning at the lake so it does not interfere with the timing of other merit badges. There are no longer any afternoon merit badges at the lake. Scouts WILL NOT HAVE TIME to take a badge at the lake and schedule a session immediately following in the main camp. All boats should be to shore by 4:45 pm.

Specialized Adventures

ATV Program: Are you a Scout looking to kick it up a notch this summer? Our ATV program is offered to Scouts 14 years of age and older and offers an experience to learn about ATV's, safety and have the opportunity to take guided rides around camp. This program requires pre-registration like the merit badges. Before arriving to camp participants must complete the online blended learning training found at https://atvsafety.org/atv-ecourse/ (2 hrs. to complete). Completion certificates must be presented to the instructor along with your ATV Participation and Hold-Harmless Agreement that must be completed and signed by a parent before the Scouts arrive in camp. There is a \$45.00 fee per Scout for participating in the program.

High Five Adventure Club: Are your Scouts looking to do a few merit badges at camp, but they also want some ADVENTURE?!! Each day, Scouts aged 14 and up will be given the opportunity to go on a different adventure around Resica Falls and the Pocono Mountains. This program requires pre-registration like the merit badges. On Monday the Scouts will have an opportunity to pick their excursions for the week, so the activities will change each week depending on what that week of Scouts want to do. The excursion will meet every day at the Clock Tower at 9:00AM and 2:15PM (unless decided otherwise). Here is a list of possible excursions for the Scouts to pick from:

- A hike to Look Out Point, one of the many scenic vistas in camp, followed by a swim in the Bushkill Creek
- A shotgun shooting competition that will feature challenging shooting angles
- A canoe trip on the Delaware River
- A COPE/Climbing day
- Action Archery/Atlatl/Sporting Arrows/Tomahawk Throwing/Knife Throwing
- Fly Fishing
- The World Famous Three Falls Hike

COMING HOME

We depart from camp on Saturday, August 5, at 10:00 AM

Drivers are requested to arrive at Resica no later than 9:30 AM so they can load up and head out by 10:00

The adults who have been in camp all week will be anxious to head home by then and don't want to wait for late drivers

- Allow time for heavy traffic in the Marshall's Creek area
- All scouts and drivers will be expected to remain at the camp until we are sure the necessary vehicles have arrived to get everyone home

When the drivers are all there and tear down and cleanup has been completed, the entire troop will be cleared to go and dismissed by the Scoutmaster

Do not expect to take your Scout home from camp until the entire troop is released