

# SUMMER CAMP 2009

## CAMP T. BRADY SAUNDERS

### AT THE HEART OF VIRGINIA SCOUT RESERVATION

The long term camping experience is the beginning and end of the Scout program year. It is at summer camp where the Scout troop prepares for Scouting on a year-round basis. The individual Scout and the troop both grow in experience, better prepared for Scouting back home. The summer camping program at Camp T. Brady Saunders is designed to strengthen the troop. It is not just a place to earn merit badges for individual Scouts. It is a place where the troop, the patrol, and the Scout all benefit from their attendance. This pamphlet is a short promotion guide. The program guide, published later this year, contains complete details regarding Camp T. Brady Saunders.

Camp T. Brady Saunders is the long term camp of the Heart of Virginia Council, located in Maidens, Goochland County, Virginia. It is one of the finest Scout camping facilities in the South. Over 600 acres provide an exciting location for Scouting in the Heart of Virginia. Scouts and leaders sleep in floored wall tents on cots. Meals are served family style in a central dining hall. Thirteen individual troop sites, divided into patrol sites, are the base of operation for each troop. Twenty three acre, Lake Dillion, is available for fishing, boating, swimming and other aquatics activities. Scouts can make use of the handicraft and nature lodges. Field sports are popular at the archery, rifle, and state-of-the-art shotgun ranges. In the Scoutcraft area, camping, cooking and pioneering activities are provided to support troop programs. A medical center, daily newspapers, wireless internet, and administration center to support the troop leadership.

### DATES

Camp T. Brady Saunders is in operation seven weeks for, Long-term Scout Camping. The dates are:

Pioneer Week - June 7 – June 13	
1st Week - June 21- June 27 (JRA* available this week)	4th Week - July 12- July 18 (JRA* available this week)
2nd Week – June 28 - July 4 (JRA* available this week)	5th Week - July 19 - July 25
3rd Week - July 5 - July 11 (JRA* available this week)	6th Week - July 26- Aug 1
<b>* James River Adventure is only available on weeks 1 to 4</b>	

### PROGRAMS

#### **“NEW FOR 2009”**

##### **NEW CAMPER ORIENTATION DAY**

*If you have scouts that have never been to a long term summer camp or to Camp T. Brady Saunders, help ease Mom and Dad's anxiety by having them bring their scout out to camp for a **New Camper Orientation Day**. They will get to visit all of the program areas, meet some of the staff, and walk through a campsite to see the tents and cots that your son will call home for the week. While the scouts are with some of the staff Mom and Dad will have an opportunity to visit with the Camp Director, Program Director for an informational session on what to expect, how camp runs and how to avoid or ease the pain of homesickness.*

##### **PIONEER WEEK**

This week of camp is for those troops and scouts that are out of school early and have additional plans for the summer. This is a full week of camp staffed by adult leaders who volunteer to spend a week at camp to provide these boys with an opportunity to attend camp. It is open to any troop or provisional scout that wishes to attend.

##### **“NEW” SCOUTS**

###### ***Trial Blazer***

This program is designed for the Scout at any age that has just joined the troop or a Scout who has recently “crossed over” from Webelos. Participants become comfortable with Scouting, summer camp, the patrol method, and general scout skills required for advancement to First Class. It is designed to enhance the training provided by the troop and not as a replacement. Outpost camping, cooking, a campfire program for their scoutmasters and many other activities keep these scouts busy.

## **“MORE EXPERIENCED” SCOUTS**

### ***Ranger’s Challenge***

John Hankins, Reservation Superintendent, at The Heart of Virginia Scout Reservation, gives a challenge to all experienced scouts in camp. If you are 14 years of age, you can spend your afternoons with John, doing one of his many Ranger Challenges. Scouts who take part in the program can purchase the famous "Rattlesnake Hat." Participants should not plan on taking any afternoon merit badge classes.

### **COPE**

***C.O.P.E. - Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience.*** Ideal for older boy leaders!

This is a nationally recognized low and high ropes course. Participants practice such skills as problem-solving, teamwork, and initiative. Participants must be 13 by January 1 prior to taking the course.

### **JAMES RIVER ADVENTURE**

A 5-day (Monday through Friday) 50 mile canoe adventure on the James River. Programs on and off the river. Check in with your troop on Sunday and depart Monday morning for an incredible week. Return to your troop on Friday. The troop does not have to be in camp for a scout to participate in the trip. Scouts are encouraged to attend a week of camp with the troop and return a different week for the river experience.

### **GEOCACHING - GPS**

Learn how to use a Global Positioning System device. Pre-determined locations around camp have been programed into the units and you will learn how to read the unit and find each of the cache.

### **TRAIL BIKE PROGRAM**

There are approximately 5 miles of bike trails located in Camp T. Brady Saunders. Join the class and learn safe riding techniques, take guided rides around the camp’s trail biking course. Adult trail riders are encouraged to bring their own trail bike and experience the beauty of Camp T. Brady Saunders while staying in shape for your next scouting adventure. Bikes are to be used for trail riding only, not as transportation for getting around camp.

### **NEW - AQUATIC PROGRAMS**

**Scuba “Seal Team”** – an introduction to scuba for scouts 11 – 13 years old. Learn the basics and have fun putting your scoutskills to use underwater.

**SCUBA – BSA** – Scouts 14 – 18 years old can earn their “SCUBA Certification, Snorkeling MB and be prepared make an exciting trip to Sea Base.

### **MERIT BADGES**

The merit badges to be offered in 2009 are being reviewed at this time, under consideration are the following:

Photography                      Auto Mechanics                      Woodworking                      Cinematography

A complete list of badges offered and details on requirements that need to be completed before camp will be included in the **Leaders Program Guide** available on [www.bradysaunders.net](http://www.bradysaunders.net) later this year.

### **LEADER TRAINING/ACTIVITIES**

Trained leaders are a vital part of the scouting program. Time for the leaders to enjoy being at camp is also important. The following leader training classes and activities will be offered or are pending:

Swim Safe Defense	Safety Afloat
Trek Safely	Climb on Safely
New Leader Essentials	CPR
Round Robin Shoot-Out	Leader Specific Training
Scoutmasters Merit Badge	Mountain Man Golf Tournament

If you are part of the Adult Leader Training team in your district and would like to assist with the presentation of Leader Training please contact the Camp Director.

### **CAMP STAFF**

For some Scouts, camp staff might be the key to keep them active in Scouting. A 14 year old Scout can be a "Counselor in Training (CIT)," regular camp staff must be at least 15 years old. A staff application is enclosed with this material. Leaders can help to ensure a good camp staff by encouraging key Scouts to apply.

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## **Promoting Summer Camp in the Troop**

Signing up for summer camp is the first step in assuring a troop participates in summer camp. The second step is securing camp leadership and Scout attendance. The troop committee acquires the leadership and the whole troop works on Scout attendance. The key to Scout attendance at summer camp is conducting a parents' night in order to tell the summer camp story. District Scouters and members of the Order of the Arrow can help you plan and conduct a parents' night. It is the one sure way of getting the word to Scouts and families.

## **CAMPER FEES**

- **THE CAMP FEE PER SCOUT IS PAYABLE ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE. PAY FOR AT LEAST 3 SCOUTS AND SECURE THE SAME FEE FOR THE REST OF THE TROOP.**
  - **\$210 IF PAID BY DEC. 31, 2008**
  - **\$220 IF PAID BY MAR. 31, 2009**
  - **\$230 IF PAID AFTER MAR. 31, 2009**
- **ALL LEADERS PAY \$100.**
- **THE JAMES RIVER ADVENTURE FEE IS \$275 PER PERSON (ADULT OR YOUTH), DUE IN FULL BY FEBRUARY 28, 2009.**

## **TROOP PROMOTION CALENDAR**

### **August**

- ⇒ **Make your \$250 Hold-a-Site Deposit for Summer Camp 2009**
- ⇒ Begin Camp Savings Plan.
- ⇒ Announce date for parents' night to discuss Camp (**Schedule the meeting before December.**)

### **September, October, November, December**

- ⇒ Hold a parents' night, announcing the dates and fees.
- ⇒ Distribute Scout Medical (physical) forms.
- ⇒ Collect Commitment Fee. Submit "Hold-a-Site" form and fee of \$250 to the Council by December 31, 2008
- ⇒ James River Adventure fee of \$275 per person is **due by February 28, 2009.**
- ⇒ **January 1 Camper fee goes up to \$220**

### **March, April**

- ⇒ Camp leaders attend pre-camp planning meeting and receive updates and planning information
- ⇒ Using the Leaders Program Guide troop leaders plan the summer camp program.
- ⇒ Troop equipment needed for camp is checked and ready.
- ⇒ Individual Scout equipment check list distributed.
- ⇒ **April 1 Camper fee goes up to \$230**

### **May**

- ⇒ Final details given to parents, departure and travel plans, visitor night and emergency phone number.
- ⇒ Final fees paid at the Council Service Center **at least two weeks before your arrival at camp.**
- ⇒ Summer camp leadership attends the pre-camp roundtable at camp two weeks before your camping date.
- ⇒ C.O.P.E. applications sent to the Camp T. Brady Saunders office.

### **June, July, August**

- ⇒ Attend "Camp T. Brady Saunders" for 2009 Summer Camp.
- ⇒ Evaluate camp and make plans for next summer.
- ⇒ Sign up for 2010

## **Camp Leadership**

1. **ALL ADULTS ATTENDING CAMP MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE BSA!** The troops registered Scoutmaster and one of his or her assistants should be the first choice for summer camp leadership.
2. **Once the leadership for summer camp is on board, please inform the Council Service Center so that material and meeting information can be sent directly to the summer camp leader.**

# 2009 HOLD-A-SITE RESERVE YOUR SITE NOW TO JOIN IN THE FUN



Complete this Hold-A-Site form, pay the \$250 deposit at the same time and reserve your favorite campsite.  
Your site will be held **ONLY** if the deposit fee is paid when the Hold-A-Site is submitted.

**SUMMER CAMP – DUE BY DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Troop/Crew \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ Council will be attending on the week selected ...

<input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer Week - June 7 – June 13	<input type="checkbox"/> 4th Week - July 12 - July 18
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We are planning to send \_\_\_\_\_ scouts , \_\_\_\_\_ male leaders and \_\_\_\_\_ female leaders to camp.  
We need \_\_\_\_\_ tents for female leaders.

If you pay the deposit at this time you can select the site where you would like to camp. All sites are on a first come basis, so register early. Use 1 – 13 to select your site. It will be assigned as available. (\*\* - Handicap site)

Site	# Cots	Choice	Site	# Cots	Choice	Site	# Cots	Choice
Hill	30		Myers	30		McLaughlin	30	
Newlon **	36		Heslep	40		Saunders	30	
Frise	40		Hargrove	20		Overstreet	24	
Turner	30		Matheny	30				
500	30		DesChamps	30				

**JAMES RIVER ADVENTURE – DUE BY FEBRUARY 28, 2009**

Troop/Crew \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ Council would like to participate on the week selected..

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> Week - June 21- June 27	<b>There are 20 slots available each week.</b>  <b>Any reserved slots not paid in full by February 28, 2009 will immediately become available to any scout</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week – June 28 - July 4	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week – July 5 - July 11	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> Week - July 12- July 18	

We are planning to send \_\_\_\_\_ Scouts. We would like to send \_\_\_\_\_ Leaders *if space is available*.

***Please direct all summer camp correspondence to: (Please print)***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone:(H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Person making this reservation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form along with a \$250 deposit (required) to:  
**Camp T. Brady Saunders**  
**Heart of Virginia Scout Reservation**  
**Boy Scouts of America**  
**P.O. Box 6809**  
**Richmond, VA 23230**

**BE SURE TO ENCLOSE YOUR \$250 DEPOSIT WITH THIS FORM.**  
**This will be credited towards your total fees; it is not refundable after March 31, 2009**

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Date Received : <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Posted to Hold-a-Site: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Refund Date: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Staff Application: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	