

# Ranchoree 2007



October 19<sup>th</sup> –21st at the TFC Ranch

## What's Happening?

Once again Potawatomi Trails and Thunderbird districts are joining together to put together this high level, challenging and fun adventure for Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts.

With your support, the Ranch-O-Ree will offer a strong program and a memorable experience to all Scouts. So that Scouts may participate, the activities will be run by adults. So we need volunteers to help and lead activities in order to succeed.

## Running at High Speed Due To Late Start

Ranch & ranch reservation issues caused us to get a late start. Now we're kickin' in the afterburners to catch up and have a great event.

## Please Read This Guide!

This is the main and most complete information source to plan for participating in and getting the most out of this event. But as the program develops, this will be revised to reflect important additions and changes.

This guide contains event-specific information. All other BSA regulations and procedures apply.

## Ranchoree Web Site

The latest information, guides and forms are available at [www.fyrfox.com/ranchoree](http://www.fyrfox.com/ranchoree). ("ranchoree" is case-sensitive) Ranchoree information (including some items which this guide says are on the Ranchoree web site.

## When Is It?

It starts on the evening of Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 2007, and runs through the morning of Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. A tentative schedule is included later in this guide.

## Who is invited?

Boy Scout troops, and older Scouts such as Venture crews.

## Where is it? How Do We Get There?

At the TFC Ranch, our 500+ acre beautiful Scout Camp on the shores of the mighty Kyte River. From the intersection of Route 59 and I-88:

- Go about 48 miles west on I-88 to Route 251
- Go north (right) on 251 for approximately 4.2 miles to Hemstock Rd.
- Go west (turn left) on Hemstock and go approx. 5.3 miles until it ends at the entrance to the ranch. Jog about 10 feet and keep going west on the entrance road

## Registration and Cost

The cost is \$12 per person. Priorities etc. will go by earlier and advanced registration. The registration form and details are available at the Ranchoree web site. Register your estimated number of persons. Overshoots in registration (by units in attendance) are refundable. Mail it to either Scout office by Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, bring it to either Scout office by Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup>, or, as a last resort, bring it to the event. Please register ahead of time!!!

## Organize by Patrols

Organize you unit by patrols for this event. (even if your whole unit is one patrol just for this event). Every patrol should have a name.

## Check In

Check-in is required at the main Registration/Information area. A Class 1 medical form is required. (Class 1 is the most basic version) A listing of attendees will be required. A pre-made list may be used to speed up the process.

## Event Chairs

There is an event co-chair chair from each of the districts:

Potawatomi Trails	Tim Ford tmfordy@aol.com 630-782-5411
Thunderbird	Fred Turek Tureks@Ameritech.net 630-717-0437

## Camping Style & Fires

Traditional camping is invited, as are modern devices (stoves etc.) This includes traditional ground campfires and traditional wood tools, all used safely per the Scout Manual. Bring water buckets, and keep them full and nearby. **Do not leave any rocks in / by the campfire area.** Fire grates are not provided.

For firewood, wood that is on the ground can be brought in from the forest, and some is available for hand carrying from the lower barn. Plan on the latter method requiring a little work, safely cutting it up and carrying it. No live or standing trees may be cut.

## Picnic Tables?

A limited amount of picnic tables are available in the camp but not necessarily in the campsites. It's OK for units energetic boys to haul them from wherever they are available which will probably be the upper barn / registration check-in area, except a few allocated for other uses. .

## Skits for the Evening Campfire

A certain number of spots are available for skits, songs or stories put on by units. See schedule on where and when to do the required sign up. Think of your best job that your unit can do on your best skit, song or story, and get it ready for the Saturday evening campfire. All should be scout appropriate, not too long, and submitted for inclusion during the event.

## Campsites

We'll have 3 types of campsites available.

### Regular Unit Sites in the Main Camping Area

Regular unit sites in the main camping area will be available

### Ship-Shape Camping Area within main camping area

This section is for elite camping units with ship-shape camping style, tents in rows, and gateways, arranged along the midway. Units in this section (and all sections) will have *plenty* of room. A special elite inspection competition and prize will be available for units in this area.

### Backpacker Sites

If your unit (or a portion of it with adult leadership) is willing and able to backpack about a mile to a site (about 1/3 of a mile from water) this option is available.

## Vehicles & Trailers

Troops who use a *trailer* (not a gear vehicle) can leave it in or near their site. Entry by vehicles will be restricted to a quick **5 minute-maximum** drop-off by one vehicle per unit at a time, and so carrying in of gear (other than the main trailer or one or two vehicles with heavy gear) is recommended. Other than 1 detachable gear trailer per troop, **NO VEHICLES MAY BE LEFT IN CAMPING AREAS.** This is accordance with BSA National and Council policies which are for safety, logistics and to enhance the camping experience. ***Please follow this rule closely; we don't have to remind you about it!*** See next section regarding vehicles on Sunday.

## Checkout is Required

When your gear is 90% packed you can get a card that will allow one vehicle (from your unit) in at a time for a **5 minute** stop to load up gear. This is intended for one or two vehicles with heavy gear; most gear should be just carried to the parking lot.

When your site is empty and policed (all trash, rocks and firewood cleared out) have us check it out (while some boys are still there) and get your final site check card, and check out at the registration area to get your

medical forms back and get on the list to receive patches.

## Tentative Schedule (version 1.5 10/17/07)

Changes might be made and announced at the event.

### Friday, October 19th

6:00 P.M. Camp opens and is available for arrivals.

10:00 P.M. ish Meeting for Adult Leaders and SPL's only. Units are encouraged to plan their own for Friday night.

10:30 Patrol Skill Challenge registration forms due

10:30-ish Ranch-O-Ree staff meeting.

11:30 Midnight Star / night hike (sign up by 11:00 P.M. required\*.)

### Saturday, October 20th

8:30 Flag Ceremony & Announcements

9:00 AM – 11:45 Daytime activities

12:00 Evening campfire Skit/Song/Story forms are due\*

12:00 – 12:55 Lunch

1:00 - 5:00 Daytime activities

5:00 – 5:30 Activity Area Score Sheet turn-in\*

5:30 Flag Ceremony (low key, attendance optional)

5:15 – 8:15 dinner, cleanup & rest

6:00 – 7:30 Golden Skillet cooking competition turn-in\*

5:30 Deadline for signup for the University of Camperology

8:15? Big Tug of War

8:30-10:00 Main Camp-wide Campfire

10:45 night/ star hike (sign up by 8:00 P.M. required\*)

\* At registration / information area

### Sunday October 21st

Units who wish to pack up, have their site checked, and leave quickly may do so.

Units who wish to stay a few hours are welcome to do so.

8:00 Checkout available\*

12:00 Noon All units must be out

## Star / Night Hikes

Star/ Night hikes will be offered Friday night at 11:30 PM and Saturday night at 10:45 PM. (If there are no stars, it will be a night hike). Advanced registration (see schedule) is required. You will be told where to meet when you register for this hike.

## **Required Materials for the Activities.**

Patrols and Units will need to bring certain items for the activities and skill challenge. Patrols should bring paper, pen, compass, their handbook, all materials for the Patrol Skill Challenge, and Scout Spirit.

### **Special Sky Display Arranged**

We made special arrangements for a Ranchoree sky display. The Orionids meteor shower will be displayed on Saturday night from approximately 11:00 PM -4:00 AM in the southern sky emanating from a point to the left or the constellation Orion. We arranged for a second stronger display the same time Sunday night to see when you go home.

### **Patrol Skill Challenge**

This is race for Boy Scout Patrols or Venture Crews or a team from a troop, consisting of quickly accomplishing three activity areas and a race to travel between them. Without adult help. Except where noted, teams must bring all supplies to accomplish each event!

**Tent Pitching.** Tent must be either the main type of tent that your troop uses or a Eureka Timberline. Pitch it fully, properly and ship-shape TWICE. No axes for stake pounding.

**Fire Building** Build a fire to boil 2 inches of water in a pot, large juice can or a coffee can. Other than small amounts of tinder, only wood may be burned. So, bring the pot /can, tinder & wood, a way to support it above the fire, and water to boil & put the fire out.

When each is done, see the judge in that area to OK it and release your patrol for travel farther into the triathlon.

To assure that we have sufficient staff available, signup for the Triathlon is required by 10:30 Friday night.

All units that complete the Triathlon can consider themselves to be in the elite class of participants from this event.

**Knots Relay – The Secret Event is now revealed! Secret Event to Be Announced** At the 11<sup>th</sup> hour we will pick 4 of the following 6 knots for the event:

Square Knot

Bowline

Two Half Hitches

Clove Hitch

Sheet Bend

Taught Line Hitch

This will be an 8 stage relay race to correctly tie (per BSA manual) and untie each of the 4 selected knots.

Pick a “specialist” for each knot. If your patrol has 4 or more boys, you must use a different person for each of the 4 knots. Bring a pieces of rope, at least 1/8” thick and at least 5’ long and a small pole or piece of wood to tie the “pole” type knots around.

### **Special Cooking Competition to win the Golden Skillet**

This is a special cooking competition that will occur Saturday evening. The first, second and third place awards will the Golden skillet, the Silver Skillet and the Bronze skillet respectively. To enter, bring one large serving which the judges will divide up into small samples) of the dish that you wish to enter to the information/registration area anytime between 6:00 PM and 7:30 PM. To be eligible, the dish must be:

- Fully prepared in camp from very basic or raw ingredients
- Part of your own menu for that evening
- Cooked by the boys.

The judges will ask the delivery person about the preparation details. Judging will be based on numerous factors including taste, compliance with the contest rules, and degree of outdoor cooking skill represented.

### **Preparation for the Evening Campfire & Festivities**

Dress WARM and bring something to sit on the ground with. On all outdoor activities, in cool weather, you need much warmer clothes when you are sitting (stationary)

### **Patch Distribution**

Due to the difficulty in estimating that far in advance, patches will be available after the event through your roundtable and district organization.

### **We need volunteers and staff!**

Contact your District Event Chair

### ***Be There, and Have a Great Time!***

Sincerely,

Tim & Fred  
Event Chairs