

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are the dates for camp 2017?

A: [Click here](#) to see camp dates and offerings.

Q: Can my unit check in on Sunday?

A: If your unit is traveling a great distance or otherwise needs to arrive at camp on Sunday it is welcome. We ask that units arriving at camp on Sunday please contact the Camp Director, Eleanor Anderson (eleanor.anderson@scouting.org). Sunday check-in will be after 7:00 p.m. There is no formal program or meals on Sunday, however we encourage units to take that time to have a Troop campfire or other Troop planned experience. There is a \$75.00 fee for Sunday arrival with an additional \$5.00/person for continental breakfast on Monday. Formal check-in will be Monday morning.

Q: Does everybody need a swim check?

A: Anyone who wants to participate in any aquatics activities (swimming, boating, aquatics merit badges, Scoutmaster Splash, River Rafting trip/adventure, etc.) will need to complete a Swim Check prior to arriving at camp. Submit the form prior to arrival at camp to eleanor.anderson@scouting.org. Remember to attach a copy of the credentials of the person administering the swim checks. A limited amount of time will be allotted on Monday for those who are not able to complete their swim check prior to arrival at camp.

Q: Can I send my Scout a letter or package at camp?

A: Yes. Please be mindful of the time it may take to receive the mail at camp. Address mail to your Scout as follows:

Name
Troop #
SOAR
7177 Colorado River Road
Gypsum, CO 81637

Q: What if my child/I have special dietary needs?

A: Please fill out the Special Dietary Needs Form and submit it to the Camp Director prior to camp. For more intensive concerns please make note and call the Camp Director.

Q: Is there a deadline for signing up for merit badges and for trips or adventures?

A: Yes. You must select your merit badges, day trips, and adventures by May 15th. No changes can be made to day trip and adventure selections after that date. Only some of our merit badge classes are flexible and therefore changes at camp will be difficult.

Q: What if there is an emergency at home and I need to contact my Scout?

A: Because cell phone reception is extremely poor at camp, the best way to reach your Scout is by calling the camp phone at 970-524-7768. We ask that parents call if and when there is an emergency or something of real importance. It is likely that when you call your Scout will not be immediately accessible. Please make sure to clearly state your Scouts name and unit number as well as a call back number so that we can find him and have him contact you as soon as possible.

Q: Can we bring our troop trailer? Where does the troop trailer go during the week at camp?

A: Yes, you are welcome to bring your troop trailer. Troop trailers as well as all vehicles remain in our parking lot(s) throughout the week and do not go up to the Tipi Villages.

Q: How do I get to camp?

A: The Spirit of Adventure Ranch is located at 7177 Colorado River Road, Gypsum, CO 81637. Please take Exit 133 off of the I-70, at the roundabout head toward Sweetwater/Colorado River Road. The camp is about 10-15 minutes up Colorado River Road on the left. Our camp is listed on google maps and should be findable via GPS.

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Q: Do you have an electronics policy?

A: We ask that staff, scouts, and leaders refrain from using any personal electronic devices during scheduled program time (merit badge classes, camp-wide activities, etc.) unless they are doing so to take pictures. There is no cell phone reception at the camp. There is WiFi for leaders. Please see administrative staff for password information.

Q: Can family come visit?

A: Absolutely. Family members are welcome to come visit. We ask that each unit find out how many family members are planning on coming to visit ahead of time and inform the Camp Director at check-in. We encourage family to visit camp on Friday evening for awards and the closing Campfire Program (put on primarily by the scouts). Anyone who is visiting will need to stop by the Administration Building to check-in and receive a wrist band. Meals cost \$7.00 each.

Q: What if I want to be on staff?

A: We are currently accepting staff applications which you can find on the Camp Forms page of bsasoar.com. Please submit your application and/or any questions you may have as soon as possible to eleanor.anderson@scouting.org.

Q: Who should attend Senior Patrol Leader meetings?

A: Senior Patrol Leader meetings are designed to help give the SPL opportunities to better lead and serve his troop throughout the week at camp. If the SPL is not available for SPL meetings (i.e. attending Adventure Camp, does not come to camp with the unit, etc.) we encourage that another representative from the unit attend the meetings such as the ASPL, Patrol Leader, or another qualified scout who will be on base camp all week that can take on the responsibility. Those who attend the SPL meetings are eligible to participate in our Senior Patrol Leader Training Program.

Q: What is the weather like at camp?

A: The average temperatures during the camping season are a low of 44 degrees and a high of 83 degrees (on average). The highest high we had in the summer of 2015 was 91 degrees and the lowest low was 46 degrees. The weather in Colorado can be unpredictable so we encourage units to prepare and pack for any scenario; we also encourage units to complete Weather Hazards training. We do get thunder storms at camp fairly regularly and therefore encourage scouts to be aware of what to do in case of thunder and to pack for rain. The elevation at camp is about 6,250 feet. Please be conscientious by drinking a lot of water, getting sleep, and wearing the proper gear.