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CORNERSTONE CONFERENCE



Merit Camp

CONF. CAMPGROUNDS, BROWN SUMMIT, NC

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Greetings in the name of our Master Ranger Jesus Christ,

Our annual merit camp is coming up on March 27th. This camp is an excellent opportunity for you to take advantage of providing your boys with training that will compliment your weekly advancement tracks. These advancements are designed to provide an opportunity for each of your Rangers to earn a merit in a weekend. I encourage each of you to motivate your boys to attend this exciting event. Most if not all of the merits can be completed during the merit camp weekend.

Please have your boys bring the appropriate paperwork (including a pencil or pen and paper) to the campout. This should include the merit worksheets that are part of their merit workbooks. Boys should expect to complete one merit during the weekend (some of the advanced merits may require some finishing touches back at the outpost if time is a concern). In the event time permits, boys may be able to complete a portion or another merit (this is more likely with red and blue merits only).

We will offer patches this year for the first time. In an effort to keep cost at a minimum, we are ordering patches after registration is completed (i.e. March 15th). If you fail to register by that time, we cannot assure a patch. We will make every effort to have those patches available at the camp. In addition, boys who take Dutch oven cooking will have a minimum fee associated with the purchase of food, etc. (see registration forms for details).

All the boys will be recognized during our Ranger Banquet on Saturday night. Please remember that our Advancement Cycle is driven by instant recognition. Therefore, order merits for your boys in advance in order to present them the merits after the event. In order to keep cost down, we are asking each outpost to preorder advancements for their boys. I will acknowledge your assigned merits as quickly as possible to allow you to ample time to acquire merits.

Commanders should make sure that their boys are supervised during this merit camp. This is being provided as a service to assist you in your advancement tracks. If you have additional staff who are able to assist with teaching and or helping with merits, please contact me as soon as possible.

Finally, meal service will not be provided for this event. You should plan accordingly. All classes will start Saturday at 8 a.m. with the exception of the Hunter Safety which starts Friday Night. If you need accommodations, cabins will be available. Please indicate this on the registration form as well. Remember Ranger of the Year is on Friday night as well. I look forward to seeing you at this event.

In His Service,

Rodney Suggs, Deputy Conference Commander