Dear Scouts & Scouters,

Thank you for choosing San Isabel Scout Ranch this summer & welcome! The outdoor program is an integral part of the Scouting program, and for many youths summer camp is the pinnacle for the outdoor program for the year. Summer camp is designed to support the troop program and here at SISR, we are committed to putting on the best possible program for Scouts & adult leaders.

We, the staff, passionately believe it is our mission to provide an environment where all Scouts have fun while developing character, citizenship, & personal fitness. Through the patrol method, Scouts will learn about themselves and come away with a sense of how to be the best possible patrol, troop, & person.

San Isabel Scout Ranch provides you & your older Scouts a wonderful opportunity to challenge yourselves by offering a unique partnership with Rocky Mountain High Adventure Base. While usually reserved for units at RMHAB, you & your Scouts can participate in a half-day excursion to the base for a half-day of world-class whitewater rafting on the Arkansas River!

We have an enthusiastic, well-trained staff that always has a smile on their face; they will be available to assist your troop with its experience – whether be it for fun or for training. The SISR camp staff is not put together last second; it takes us countless hours & much thought so that the BEST possible staff is produced.

Again, THANK YOU for choosing San Isabel Scout Ranch for your summer adventure!

Yours In Scouting,

Samuel Ahlstrom
Camp Director
About This Guide
This guide is geared to inform everyone about our camp, whether you already have your reservations in or are thinking about joining us for a summer of fun & adventure. Inside you will find clear descriptions of what camp has to offer in merit badge programs, high adventure activities, patrol & troop competitions, & special features. Please don’t hesitate to copy any part of this book and distribute it to Scouts & parents to assist in your planning. We hope this guide will answer all your questions; if you have additional questions, feel free to contact us at 719-561-1220.

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Discrimination Policy
It is the policy of the Rocky Mountain Council and San Isabel Scout Ranch not to discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, age, marital status, or any other legally protected characteristic in the administration of any program. Both the Rocky Mountain Council and San Isabel Scout Ranch, as far as practically applicable, will do their best to meet the needs of the disabled under the direction of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Any Scout or leader with a disability requiring the intervention of the camp staff, should contact the camp administration prior to attendance at summer camp.

Information Subject to Change
We have made every effort to include the most up to date information in this guide. However, depending on camp enrollment, staffing, changes in the national BSA program, and/or circumstances beyond our control, the information in this guide may need to be changed. These will be made at the discretion of the camp administration. If changes are needed, they will be announced through our website, email, social media, at check-in, or during a leader meeting.

In the coming months, we will be adding to the home page of camp on the Rocky Mountain Council website a concise list of updates that are being made to camp so that leaders can find the most up to date information at a glance.
Preparing for Camp

Camp Fees
The camp fees for 2021 summer camp season have been updated. All information regarding fees can be found here.

Registration
Dates and deadlines for 2021 registration have been updated. Please review these dates and add them to your calendar so that you don't miss them.

NEW Annual Health & Medical Record Form
In December 2019, the Boy Scouts of America released a new Annual Health & Medical Record Form. 2020 was a passing year, but beginning in 2021, you MUST use the new form. No exceptions will be made.

Express Check-In
To further expedite the check-in process, an Express Check-In has been added. This will allow your troop to submit ALL required paperwork in advance so that when you arrive at camp, we will just hand you a packet and send you on your way.

Programs & Activities

Merit Badge Programs
New merit badge activities have been added to our schedule for 2021 including Signs, Signals, & Codes. Check out all our merit badge offering by clicking here. You can also look at the different offerings for additional activities in that same section.

Troop Day
Wednesday is now Troop Day at San Isabel Scout Ranch! This will give your troop the opportunity to check out all that Southern Colorado has to offer by heading out of camp to one of the many local sites. Information about great places to check out off camp on Troop Day can be found on our website.

For troops wanting to stay in camp, we will be offering unique programs and activities that both you and your Scouts will be able to enjoy.

Camp Mail Bag
New to this year, Scouts can receive letters from home through the Rocky Mountain Council website. More details can be found here.
Camp Fees & Registration

All fees for camp this summer can be found on the table below. For more details about them, just click each one individually on the table. Each fee includes meals, a camp patch, and participation in our activities & programs available for your age group.

At the time of registration, a $75 non-refundable deposit is required per registrant. Names of registrants are not required at the time of initial registration; these can be added later. Additional registrants can be added after the initial registration.

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++ For adults staying at camp for 3 days or more  
** For adults staying at camp for less than 3 days

Payment Schedule

To provide the best experience possible as well as the best price for you and your unit, we have created a payment schedule. This will help your unit break down the cost of camp into smaller, bite-size chunks.

Paying for Camp

It is recommended that each individual attending camp covers their own cost. This can be done through a myriad of ways including fundraising. Most local councils participate in popcorn for fundraising during the fall. Typically, your council will host another fundraiser in the spring such as camp cards, beef jerky, etc. Check with your local council to find out what they have planned for fundraising this upcoming year.

Scholarships

A limited number of camp scholarships are available for Scouts registered in the Rocky Mountain Council who are in need of extra financial assistance. To get more information about these scholarships, please contact our office.

For Scouts registered outside of the Rocky Mountain Council, please contact your local council to find out more information regarding camp scholarships for your Scouts.

Correspondence

All camp correspondences, registration & program inquiries, and other
communications should be sent directly to our camp director. He will then connect you with the right individual or address the communication himself.

**Samuel Ahlstrom**  
*Camp Director*

**samuel.ahlstrom@scouting.org**  
719-561-1220 | Estes Scout Service Center  
719-485-3473 | San Isabel Scout Ranch

As there is no one at camp during the off-season to answer the phone, the San Isabel Scout Ranch number will only be answered beginning June 7, 2021. Before then, please call directly to the Estes Scout Service Center.

**Refund Policy**

**Registration Fees**

This policy applies to all registered to attend San Isabel Scout Ranch in 2021. The $75 nonrefundable deposit is never refunded under any circumstance.

The refund request timeline is based on the first day of the camp session in which you are registered and when your refund request arrives at our office.

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Refund deadlines are based on when your first day of camp is.

If you are wanting to submit your refund request within the first 2 refund windows, your request must be submitted either on through our website or by contacting our office directly.

If you are approved for a refund, a check will be cut and mailed in August after camp is over.

**Activity Fees**

San Isabel Scout Ranch is proud to say that we follow the Scout Motto: Be Prepared. We do this in a variety of ways, one way is by asking for activity registration prior to your arrival at camp. This information allows us to project camp activity costs and order supplies accordingly.

**No activity fees will be refunded after May 14, 2021.** Participants can transfer those fees to other activities at camp at any time. Monies paid for activities can only be applied towards registration by calling our office directly.

**Drop Date**

Beginning May 3, 2021, our office staff will call all registered troops who have yet to be a minimum of half of their overall camp fees. If needed, we will establish a unique payment schedule that fits the need of the unit.

If we are not able to get in contact with the unit by May 13, 2021 or the unit does not follow their new payment schedule, the troop registration will be dropped. Refunds will be made according to the refund policy listed in this guide.

**Campsites**

Our campsites can accommodate many summer camp registrants; often times they can accommodate more individuals than most troops bring to camp. This means that when you sign up to attend our camp, you understand that your troop will be most likely be paired in a campsite with another troop.

If your troop is interested in reserving an entire campsite, please contact us directly for pricing.

**Transferring Fees**

**Registration**

If a registered individual is not able to attend camp, their monies can be transferred to another individual within the unit registration.

If a registered individual is not able to attend camp during the week in which they are currently registered, they can transfer to another week of camp. Their entire
registration, minus activity registrations, will be transferred at no additional cost. Transferring from one session of camp to another will erase all activity registrations. No guarantee will be made to get a participant back into the same schedule in the new session as they had before.

**Activities, Merit Badges, & More**
If an individual signs up for an activity and does not participate in said activity, you may request a refund using the same process outlined in our refund policy.

Any fees paid for activities may be transferred to other activities. To transfer fees from activities to cover registration, please call our office.

**Confirmations & Changes**
Throughout the registration process you should receive confirmation emails and notifications via our website that changes and adjustments have been made to your registration. Please hold on to these communications when possible as they will be a wonderful record for your unit should anything happen to leadership or other situation.

Regarding changes, please allow our office staff sufficient time to complete any requested changes as they do take a decent amount of time. As soon as you find out a change needs to be made, please reach out to our camp director so that he may begin that process as soon as possible.

**Fee Groups**

**Scout / Venturer**
This fee is for youth participants, including Venturers over the age of 18, but not yet 21 years of age. Our camp programs are specifically designed with this age group of Scouts in mind.

**Adult Leader**
An adult leader is anyone over the age of 18 who is registered with the unit. Our camp has additional programming available specifically for adults in mind. Here are the requirements of an adult leader:

- Must be at least 18 years of age prior to the first day of camp
- Registered adult member with the Boy Scouts of America
- Has completed *Youth Protection Training* within the past 2 years

All units are always required to have a minimum of 2 adult leaders in camp. These 2 adult leaders must be at least 21 years of age. Any additional adults may be 18 and older.

**Adult Daily Rate**
This price is for adults (18+) who are staying at camp for less than 3 days. Those who pay this fee must follow the same guidelines as those paying a regular adult leader fee.

Adults coming to camp under this fee rate must complete all 3 parts of the Annual Health & Medical Record, including Part C. This must be submitted with the rest of the troop’s required medical forms, 2 weeks prior to the first day of your camp session.
Registering for Camp

Our goal is to make the registration process easy and efficient. An overview of the registration process is presented below.

Leaders will note that the registration process is divided into four major steps. If after reviewing this guide you still have questions, give us a call and we will be happy to help.

Online Registration Portal
San Isabel Scout Ranch is proud to offer complete online registration to all our units. Unit leaders can view their registration as well as update contact information year-round. Unit leaders can login 24 hours a day to update unit counts, enter merit badge schedules, and even make payments online with a credit or debit card. Once submitted, you will receive confirmation via e-mail.

All registrations for San Isabel Scout Ranch must be completed through the online registration portal. Paper registrations are no longer accepted.

Information entered online not only helps our office staff save time but will expedite the unit throughout the entire check-in process. Changes to your online registration can be made up to a week prior to your arrival at camp. Last minute changes can be emailed to the camp director. If you have a Scout who wants to come to camp last minute, then contact our administrative staff using the email above.

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The first step of the process is the Unit & Individual Registration. This indicates that your unit is planning to attend camp as well as the number of Scouts & adult leaders from your unit who will be in attendance. The $75 deposit per registrant is due upon time of registration.

The second step is registration for activities. Activity registration begins on April 1st and ends one week prior to your arrival at camp. Changes can be made anytime through the new registration portal. After registration closes, changes can only be made at camp by administrative staff.

As with any summer camp, there is paperwork required. In the state of Colorado our camp is considered a childcare facility. This means we have additional requirements of us from the state. All required paperwork can be found by clicking here.

The last step is check-in on Sunday afternoon. To expedite the check-in process, all paperwork must be submitted 2 weeks in advance.

When you begin your registration, it will ask for names of individuals. These names can be changed at any time, so use place holders, if needed, to complete your registration.
Express Check-In
San Isabel Scout Ranch is offering an express check-in process for units that complete the necessary paperwork and have a $0.00 balance on their account prior to arriving at camp. All information that is required for your unit to qualify for express check-in can be found below.

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Units who qualify for express check-in will simply be provided an arrival packet with a few bits of instruction from our staff, after which you will be taken directly to your campsite to begin settling in for the week.

Medical Forms
San Isabel Scout Ranch is located in the Rocky Mountains of Southern Colorado. Being that our camp is in Colorado, we have some additional guidelines that we must follow in order to fulfill state requirements. These requirements are extensive and stringent.

Because of this we have created a separate guide so that you can easily review the expectations, required forms, and deadlines that these forms must be submitted by. This guide can be found on our website at www.rockymountainscouts.org/sanisabel.

If you have additional questions regarding medical forms, please contact us directly by sending us an email or giving us a call.

Traveling to Camp
Each unit is responsible for the safe transportation of its members to and from camp, and to make sure that all vehicles meet national insurance requirements.

Transporting Scouts or adults in the bed of a pickup truck or trailer — whether it is covered or uncovered — is against the policy of the Scouts BSA, as well as the law.

Regardless of the type of vehicle you intend to travel in to arrive at camp, please review the Guide to Safe Scouting, Transportation section to refresh memory.

For additional help in preparing to travel to camp, we recommend each adult who will be driving to camp take the Drive Safely training in the my.scouting.org Training Center. This course will help remind each driver of basic habits we should follow when transporting Scouts.

Parking
Upon arrival, you will drive all vehicles into camp to and follow the directions provided by our staff. When you arrive at our camp administration building, also known as the A-Frame, you will be given direction to your campsite, upon which you will drive directly to it.

After all equipment and Scouts have been unloaded, all vehicles must return to the parking lot, save one vehicle and one trailer per troop.

Parking in Campsites
The purpose of leaving one vehicle and one trailer per troop at a campsite is to assist with storing smellable items. As San Isabel Scout Ranch is in the heart of bear country, we must take extra precautions to prevent encounters with them. At night, all items that are considered smellables should be stored in that vehicle and/or trailer. More details about bears in camp can be found here.

If an additional vehicle is required near your campsite for medical purposes, please speak with the camp health officer after you have settled in to your campsite.

Tour Buses
If your unit will be traveling to San Isabel in a charter/tour bus, notify the camp director one week prior to your arrival so that preparations can be made. Upon arrival to camp, please go directly to the main parking lot where you will need to unload. This area is one of the
few places large enough to easily turn around such a large vehicle. Arrangements will be made to transport all your gear from the bus to the campsite.

**Driving Inside of Camp**

During the designated times, driving in camp is permitted. These times include:

- Sunday before campfire
- Wednesday morning until dinner that evening
- Saturday morning

When driving through camp, speed limits must be strictly adhered to for the safety and protection of yourself, your Scouts, and all others in camp. Upon entering the front gate, the speed limit is 10 MPH. Upon entering the second gate just past the parking lot the speed limit is 5 MPH. Please be aware that because camp is in a forest, there are plenty of blind spots and places for participants & wildlife to hide behind and accidentally walk out in front of you.

Unless prior approval has been given, no participant vehicles should be driven through camp outside of the time listed above.
What to Bring

Recommended Participant Packing List

☐ Alarm Clock
☐ Backpack
☐ Camera
☐ Compass
☐ Deodorant
☐ Extra Blanket
☐ First Aid Kit
☐ Fishing Gear
☐ Flashlight or Headlamp
☐ Foam Pad or Cot
☐ Hand Sanitizer
☐ Hat
☐ Insect Repellent
☐ Jeans & Shorts
☐ Lip Balm
☐ Long-Sleeve Shirts
☐ Notebook and Pencils/Pens
☐ Official Scout Uniform
☐ Pajamas
☐ Pocket Knife
☐ Rain Gear
☐ Scout Handbook
☐ Shampoo
☐ Sleeping Bag
☐ Sneakers/Hiking Shoes
☐ Small Pillow
☐ Soap
☐ Spending Money ($30-$60)
☐ Sunglasses
☐ Sunscreen
☐ Sweatshirt or Jacket
☐ Swimsuit
☐ Toothbrush & Toothpaste
☐ Towel
☐ T-Shirts
☐ Underwear & socks for each day of camp
☐ Watch

PRO-TIP: Label clothes & valuables with name AND troop number. Scouts will probably participate in a water activity or get caught in the rain so be sure to bring extra clothes & footwear.

Recommended Troop Packing List

☐ Ax
☐ Bow Saw
☐ Dutch Oven(s)
☐ Extra Sleeping Bag(s)
☐ First Aid Kit
☐ Lantern(s)
☐ Maps & Compasses
☐ Patrol Dining Tarps
☐ Rope
☐ Troop & Patrol Flags
☐ Troop Library
☐ US Flag

Provided by Camp

- Canvas Wall Tents on platforms (sleeps 2–3 persons)
- Fire Ring
- Flagpole
- Garbage Cans
- Garbage Liners
- Latrine (may be shared)
- Latrine Cleaning Materials
- Picnic Tables
- Running Water
- Toilet Paper

What to Leave at Home

- Personal Shooting Equipment
- Inappropriate shirts
- Aerosol cans
- Fireworks
- Drugs of any kind
- Laser pointers
- Alcohol
- Excessive jewelry
- Other Valuables
- Personal Electronics
- Inappropriate material such as pornography
- Pets
Merit Badge Programs

Merit badges support the activities offered by San Isabel Scout Ranch. And while advancement is not the purpose of summer camp, it's a great time to continue down the Scouting trail.

To sign up for activities, you will need to, one, be registered to attend a session of summer camp this upcoming season and, two, have names attached to each registered participant. Then beginning April 1, 2021, you will be able to sign up your Scouts for activities using the same portal that you used to register to attend camp.

Click here to get a copy of the program planner where you can have your Scouts write down on paper what they would like to do at camp prior to the April 1st sign up date.

The troop will have access to an advancement report on our registration website throughout the week to track the progress of each Scout, and a complete report of all merit badges for all Scouts will be available online prior to departure on Saturday, noting completions and partials, including those requirements that remain outstanding.

Key to Program Icons

The following icons are used in the Program Information section of this guide to help you in easily identifying which sessions are most appropriate for each Scouts. Be sure to read the program description for details about that program.

- Eagle Rank required merit badge
- $ Program fee or material cost
- Indicates a prerequisite or post-requisite for this program

Prerequisites & Post-requisites

Many merit badges offered at camp this summer require work to be done outside of camp. To maintain the integrity of each badge, staff will not sign off certain requirements for Scouts who do not provide proof of completion. Throughout your week at camp, you will be able to track your Scouts’ progress in merit badge activities through our online registration system. More details regarding this system will be provided during our leader meetings and trainings leading up to camp.
Aquatics

BSA Stand Up Paddleboarding Award
Capacity | 10

This activity provides Scouts with an opportunity to earn the BSA Stand Up Paddleboarding award in a relaxed and fun environment. We recommend this program for older Scouts, as stand up paddleboarding requires physical strength, precise balance, and coordination.

Canoeing
Capacity | 14

A classic boating merit badge! Canoeing is an important part of many wilderness experiences as well as an enjoyable leisure activity that teaches communication, teamwork, and physical fitness. Good physical strength and stamina are required.

Kayaking
Capacity | 12

This merit badge is a great way to introduce new boating skills. Scouts will learn about various types of kayaks and will be able to practice maneuvers in each.

Rowing
Capacity | 12

Learn to pilot a rowboat. In addition to boat-maneuvering techniques, Scouts will develop skills in boating safety and rescues.

Additional Activities
Carboard Boat Race
The highlight for many at San Isabel Scout Ranch is the cardboard canoe races. Each competing troop will be given a set amount of duct tape and as much cardboard as they desire to construct the best vessel possible, manned by at least one Scout. The teams then race their boats on Wilbur Ladd Lake. Prizes are awarded for the best time & best design.

Polar Bear Plunge
With an average temperature of 45°F, Wilbur Ladd Lake will put you to the test to complete the Polar Bear Plunge. In order to earn this award, adults and youth who participate in this must take a dip in the lake during a scheduled morning time, submerge themselves completely in the water, rise up out of the water, and recite the Scout Oath & Law while standing in the water. Once completed you will be able to purchase the coveted Polar Plunge Patch.

Water shoes or an extra pair of shoes that can get wet are recommended for all aquatics area activities.

All merit badges, as well as SUP, require that Scouts successfully complete the BSA Swimmer Test. Scouts who do not meet this requirement will not be able to earn the award.

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Baden-Powell Scouts

Baden-Powell Scouts is San Isabel Scout Ranch’s 1st year camper program. Lord Baden-Powell once said “...the aim of Scouting is to produce good First Class Scouts.” The Baden-Powell concept is designed for new members of Scouts BSA who are working to achieve their Tenderfoot, Second Class, & First Class ranks.

We recommend that Scouts participating in activities in this program area also are given the opportunity to participate in other program areas while at camp. This will give the Scout a more enjoyable and rounded experience. Summer camp should be a celebration of a great year of Scouting.

Outpost

Outpost offers a taste of high adventure for your older, more experienced Scouts, while at camp. They will have the opportunity to choose how they spend their week doing activities such as:

- Black powder rifle shooting
- Pistol shooting
- Knife & tomahawk throwing
- Dutch-oven cooking
- Blacksmithing
- Wilderness survival/primitive camping skills

During their time in Outpost, Scouts will spend their time building up an old-timey campsite as 1800’s mountain men.

More details regarding this activity will be available shortly.
Art
Capacity | 12

Scouts in this session should have some drawing or artistic experience. There is a lot of freedom in choosing medium and subjects for artwork.

Basketry
Capacity | 14

Each Scout will weave a square basket, round basket, and stool that can be taken home.

Chess
Capacity | 12

Learn about the game of chess. This session has something to offer for people of all types. From beginners to experts, learn strategies and skills that will help you improve your chess skills.

Game Design
Capacity | 14

This session is about what it takes to design games. Scouts will learn about game elements, gameplay, and game analysis. Scouts will also design a game and make a prototype.

Indian Lore
Capacity | 12

Scouts will learn about the many different cultures, languages, religions, style of dress, and ways of life of American Indians.

Leatherwork
Capacity | 14

Scouts will explore hand-stitching, lacing, and braiding, and learn how to preserve and protect leather items so they will last a lifetime.

Metalwork
Capacity | 12

Learn about the properties of metal and basic metal working techniques. Scouts must bring jeans or non-synthetic pants to wear at camp. We recommend that Scouts be at least 13 years of age in order to participate.

Wood Carving
Capacity | 14

Scouts will learn basic safety and practical skills for carving wood. Wood Carving merit badge is not recommended for first-year Scouts, as all participants must have earned the Totin’ Chip before enrolling in the session. Additionally, some hand strength is necessary to complete the week’s projects. Throughout the week, Scouts will complete a round carving and a relief carving. Knives and other materials will be provided.
Each day, participants will go on short hikes, take field notes, and perform experiments. There is a great deal of written material, but some of it can be completed before coming to camp. We recommend that Scouts be at least 13 years of age in order to participate.

Scouts will explore the science and art of studying and managing wildlife. During the week, Scouts in this session will complete a conservation project around camp.

Nothing quite says summer camp than fishing. Scouts will learn the basic skills of caring for equipment, appropriate tools and use of them, and how to really make the best out of this awesome outdoor experience.

Scouts who have a decent understanding of how to fish with a rod and reel will enjoy the challenges fly fishing will offer. This program is recommended for older Scouts.

Scouts will explore the complexity of forest and trees and the resources they provide humans. They will also identify many species of trees and plants and the roles they play in a forest life cycle.

Scouts in this session will learn to identify gems and minerals and explore the history of rock formations, volcanoes, and earthquakes. Scouts will also learn about various energy sources, including fossil fuels and geothermal energy.

Surveying is an important trade skill and this merit badge activity will give Scouts a brief introduction into the process of it. A certain amount of math is required to complete this merit badge; it is recommended that older Scouts participate in it.
**Additional Activities**

**Star Party**
For those interested in getting out and looking at the stars once a week we hold a Star Party in the meadow (pending weather). Enjoy one another’s company, a nice snack from our mobile trading post, and the beautiful Rocky Mountain night sky. For any Scouts interested in learning more about the night sky, the Astronomy merit badge will be taught** during the same time on the dining hall patio.

**Fishing Competition**
Come show off your fishing skills during this afternoon open time activity! The longest fish caught during the assigned time will win a special prize. We will have a prize for the longest fish caught by a Scout and a separate prize for the longest caught by an adult.

**Due to time restraints as well as requirements, this will be a partial merit badge.**
Camping
Capacity | 12

Camping is one of the best-known parts of the Scouting movement and is an essential skill for all Scouts. This merit badge is required for Eagle.

Climbing
Capacity | 12

Scouts will learn the basics of climbing and rappelling on a natural rock face. We recommend that Scouts be at least 14 years of age in order to participate. The climbing director may allow younger, more mature participants based upon his/her judgement.

Emergency Preparedness
Capacity | 14

Scouts will learn how to be helpful before, during, and after an emergency. Scouts must have previously earned First Aid merit badge in order to participate (this is the first requirement of Emergency Preparedness merit badge).

First Aid
Capacity | 12

First aid—caring for injured or ill persons until they can receive professional medical care—is an important skill for every Scout. Scouts should bring materials for a personal first aid kit to be checked by the instructor. Scouts must have completed all first aid requirements in the Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks in order to participate.

Pioneering
Capacity | 14

Pioneering—the knowledge of ropes, knots, and splices along with the ability to build rustic structures by lashing together poles and spars—is among the oldest of Scouting’s skills. In this session, Scouts will discover the many uses of knots, lashings, and splices and put them into practice by constructing one or more structural projects.

Safety
Fire Safety
Capacity | 12

Scouts will learn how to make informed choices in their everyday activities and respond appropriately during emergency situations. Activities include creating a safety checklist for a home, learning about exit plans in different buildings, making an accident prevention plan, and learning how to use fire responsibly in various situations.

Several activities have a dress code requirement. Please review our dress code at the end of this guide.
Signs, Signals, & Codes
Capacity | 14
This unique merit badge showcases how signs, signals, and codes are used throughout our daily lives without us taking notice of them. Scouts will learn how they impact our lives, when they are the most effective, and more.

Wilderness Survival
Capacity | 12
Scouts will learn how to make appropriate plans and manage risks when in the wilderness. Additionally, they will learn how to survive when things go wrong. We recommend that Scouts be at least 13 years of age in order to participate. Building a personal survival kit must be completed before coming to camp and should be sent with the Scout to camp to show to the instructor. A suggested list of what to include can be found at rockymountainscouts.org/sanisabel

Additional Activities

Totin’ Chip
Scouts who wish to be able to carry a pocketknife and use other wood tools must earn this award. This activity will be available during open time for Scouts to be able to sign up and attend.

Paul Bunyan Award
Once a Scout has earned their Totin’ Chip, they may work on earning the Paul Bunyan Award which introduces Scouts to new wood tools such as loppers, mcleods, and hatchets. A 2-hour conservation project is required to complete the award.

Dutch Oven Cookoff
Come prepared to show off your cooking skills at the Dutch Oven Cookoff! Dishes will be judged on presentation, and most importantly, taste. Each participant will be responsible for providing their own supplies for cooking including food.
Scoutmasters are asked to use discretion when registering participants for programs in the Shooting Sports Area. Scoutmasters must read the requirements and evaluate the Scout’s physical size, ability, maturity, and attitude before enrolling them. Scouts unable to properly hold a firearm or draw a bow will be very challenged at fulfilling the merit badge requirements within the week, and thus will be excused from the session by the merit badge instructor on Monday and assisted in enrolling in another program. All Shooting Sports merit badges are recommended for Scouts 13 years of age or older. Scouts who have already earned a Shooting Sports merit badge are not eligible to sign up for that badge again.

**Archery**

Capacity | 16

We highly recommend that Scouts be 13 years of age or older with archery shooting experience to take this merit badge. Scouts must be able to successfully draw a 22 lb. bow ten times consecutively. Scouts unable to complete this will be assisted in choosing another merit badge. Completing this badge requires a lot of time to qualify.

**Rifle Shooting**

Capacity | 16

We highly recommend that Scouts be 13 years of age or older to take this merit badge. Scouts should have adequate strength and size to manage a ten-pound target rifle.

**Shotgun Shooting**

Capacity | 8

We require that Scouts have a minimum length of 12 inches from the interior of their forearm to the first joint of their trigger finger to take this merit badge. Scouts should have adequate strength and size to manage an 8 pound shotgun.

**Additional Activities**

**Black Powder Experience**

Older Scouts can be given the opportunity to participate in this unique experience where they will be able to fire a muzzle loading rifle with the assistance of our trained staff.
Additional Activities

Order of the Arrow Call Outs
Wednesday evening, members of the Tupwee Lodge will be available to hold a call out ceremony for those who have been elected to join the Tupwee Lodge of the Order of the Arrow. To participate in this call out ceremony, please speak with our program director at camp upon arrival.

Units from outside of the Rocky Mountain Council may also have Scouts called out for the Order of the Arrow. To do so, the unit leader should bring an official letter with the names of the candidates signed by your local council Scout Executive or the local Lodge Advisor.

Tupwee Lodge cannot perform elections for your troop while at camp.

Cuerno Verde Classic
For many years San Isabel Scout Ranch has offered the Cuerno Verde Classic as a single day challenge for troops to compete against one another in a variety of games. This year the Cuerno Verde Classic will be a series of activities that occur over the course of your week at camp. Troops will score points based on their participation and successful completion of the activities. A schedule of the activities will be provided at a later date.

Whitewater Rafting
All attending San Isabel Scout Ranch will have the opportunity to raft the Arkansas River with our experienced river guides from Rocky Mountain High Adventure Base in Poncha Springs, CO. After receiving training from our certified river guides, your troop will join them for a morning or afternoon of exciting – often wet – whitewater rafting.

Your troop will need to provide transportation to the meeting location on the river, approximately 2 hours away from San Isabel Scout Ranch. Scouts must be accompanied by an adult leader to provide supervision while on the water. BSA swim checks are required for participation. No minimum age required. All participants must meet the National High Adventure Height/Weight Requirements. Pre-payment is required to guarantee slots. Be sure to reserve early!

Troop Shoot!
Troops are invited to participate in a Troop Shoot, where your troop will have the entire range to yourselves. Limited slots are available so please sign up in advance through our website.

Sunrise Hike
One of the most picturesque views from San Isabel Scout Ranch is Dome Rock. Thursday morning all troops are invited to join us for a sunrise hike beginning at 4:45am. From the top of Dome Rock you will be able to look east across the beginning of the Great Plains. Be sure to bring your camera! You won’t want to forget the view.

Twilight Climb
We’re used to climbing during the day, so the Twilight climb lets you see camp in a completely different way. Troops must sign up as a whole to participate in the activity so be sure to sign up for this activity through our website.

Camp Awards

Delta Patrol and Honor Troop
Each patrol and troop are invited to work towards completing these awards. A checklist of items must be completed in order for the patrol or the troop to qualify for their respective awards. These checklists can be found on our website so that Scouts can come prepared to complete the challenges.

Scoutmaster Merit Badge
The Scoutmaster Merit Badge recognizes the tremendous contribution adult leaders make to the camp and to the Scouts in attendance. To qualify for the award, an adult leader must complete set requirements during the week. Applications for the award should be submitted to camp administration Friday morning.

Silver Trail Hiker Award
Scouts and leaders interested in hiking our scenic trails & leaving camp a better place
Games at Camp

Gaga Ball @ SISR
For the past decade or so, gaga ball has been the unofficial game of Scouting. Scouts, and even adults, are invited to check out a ball from camp to play and have a great time!

Volleyball
Come check out a volleyball at camp and enjoy a nice, relaxing game of volleyball with your friends at camp.

Camp Improvement & Service Projects
Over the past several years, we have been working to make San Isabel Scout Ranch a premier destination for troops from around the region & country. With the addition of our dining hall deck & new equipment in several of our program areas as well as improvements to our camp buildings, our commitment to improvement is stronger than ever.

But we still have much more to do.

Here are some troop level projects that you can complete at camp to make San Isabel Scout Ranch great:

- Fire mitigation around camp (Cleaning up dead fall, cutting trees, etc.)
- Invasive Species control (Removing plant species from our property)
- Other projects will be available from the camp commissioner

If you or someone from your troop has specialized skills or would like to contribute to one or more of our projects, please contact us so that we can maximize your time and contribution.

Leader Specific Activities

Summer camp shouldn’t just be about the Scouts; we want it to be worthwhile for adult leaders too! So we have a variety of activities and trainings to make your summer camp experience awesome!

Climb On Safely
Adult leader training which outlines the procedure for organizing BSA climbing & rappelling activities at a natural site or a specifically designed facility such as a climbing wall or tower.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
Designed to sharpen camping & other outdoor skills so that leaders can deliver the outdoor portion of the Scouting program. IOLS is required for new Scoutmasters & assistants to be considered “Trained”. The course prepares leaders to teach the outdoor skills that Scouts need for Tenderfoot, Second Class, & First Class. This course is also highly recommended for troop committee members, Webelos leaders, & leaders of Venturing crews. Please sign up for this training prior to arriving at camp.

Safe Swim Defense & Safety Afloat
Learn what it takes to safely operate aquatic programs within your troop. These are 2 separate trainings that will be taught in a single session.

COPE-ing with Patrol Method
Often times when a new patrol or troop is formed, or even a new person joins our unit, it takes time to integrate them. And that’s normal! But by using some simple games from COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) we can break down those barriers and come together.

CPR Certification
A course in basic adult and child CPR/AED will be offered for leaders. This is a vital certification to hold, especially when going on outings with Scouts.
**Service Opportunities**

The biggest reason we all Scout is because we love to serve. And there are plenty of opportunities to serve at camp this summer. With small and large projects needing some extra hands, we can always use some help with painting structures, repairing tents & tent platforms, and additional assistance with instruction during merit badge activities.

If you are interested in providing specific service at camp, please let camp administration know prior to arriving. If you are willing to help generally, we would love to have your assistance as well.
Your First Day

Check-In
Your unit should plan to arrive at San Isabel Scout Ranch between 1:00pm and 3:00pm on Sunday. Upon arrival you will follow the instructions of our staff as to where to drive and park your vehicles. Please be mindful of where you park as many of our roads are barely wide enough to allow 2 vehicles to pass one another.

If your unit has qualified for express check-in, you will be given your welcome packet prior to driving to your campsite. Any unit not participating in express check-in will park their vehicles in the parking lot, send 1 (one) adult leader to the A-Frame with all the required paperwork, and will check-in there. The adult leaders remaining in the parking lot should monitor and watch the Scouts so as to not impede the flow of traffic.

Once checked in, your troop host will help you settle into your campsite, and then give you a tour of the property.

During this tour you will stop off at the waterfront (please drop off your Unit Swim Classification form, or come prepared to complete the BSA Swim Check) and the health lodge (please come prepared to drop off all medications that Scouts have brought with them).

Swim Checks
All Scouts and adults participating in an aquatics merit badge or activity must complete the BSA Swim Check, also known as the Unit Swim Classification. This test can be completed at camp or within 6 months of arriving at camp.

If your troop decides to complete the swim check prior to camp, please come with a copy of your Unit Swim Classification for San Isabel Scout Ranch to keep in our records.

Swim Check

Beginner Test
Jump feetfirst into water over the head in depth, level off, and swim 25 feet on the surface. Stop, turn sharply, resume swimming, and return to the starting place.

Swimmer Test
Jump feetfirst into water over the head in depth, level off, and swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudge or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an east resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be completed in one swim without stops and must include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

Wilbur Ladd Lake has different characteristics than your typical pool; therefore our staff reserves the right to retest as they deem necessary for the protection and safety of that individual.
**Sunday Leader Meetings**
A meeting of all senior patrol leaders and another for unit leaders will be held on Sunday after dinner. At these meetings, members of camp staff will give instructions pertinent not only to this particular year at San Isabel, but also for that specific session of camp. Paper handouts of all information will be provided to ensure continuity.

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**Week at a Glance**

### Tentage
Each campsite is equipped with wooden platforms on which stand a four-wall canvas tent. Each tent can accommodate 2 to 3 persons.

Adult leaders should plan to share a tent. If you do not wish to share a tent, you must bring your own.

### Hammocking at San Isabel
A favorite way for many Scouts to enjoy the week at camp is to hammock. We have plenty of sturdy trees that are perfect to hang a hammock on.

Hammocking can be dangerous if simple guidelines are not followed. Please have all Scouts review this Safety Moment from the Boy Scouts of America so that they can come to camp prepared to hammock safely.

### Daily Schedule
As part of your welcome packet you will receive a copy of the daily schedule. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday will follow a very similar schedule to one another with program happening after breakfast and again after lunch.

**Wednesday is Troop Day**
Troop Day is an opportunity for your Scouts to explore the wonders of Southern Colorado. With several National Forests and Parks near by along with fun activities and sites to see, Wednesday will be a nice break from the regular monotony of camp.

For troops interested in staying at camp on Wednesday, a variety of activities will be offered including Troop Shoot!, unique craft classes, and games.

### Dining
Included with your registration for camp is being able to eat in our dining hall. Before each meal, troops will line up behind one of the pillars in front of our dining hall serving area, we’ll sing a song, offer grace, wash our

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**Sunday Overview**

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hands, and make our way through the serving line.

For each meal, troops will be assigned to assist with serving and cleanup of both the dining hall and the kitchen. When your troop has one of those assignments, your troop host will act as your guide through the process.

For those who have submitted the necessary paperwork for special dietary requirements, you will be able to simply tell the server at the front of the line that you have a dietary restriction. Our kitchen staff will have already prepared an appropriate meal for you.

Trading Post
The Trading Post – located in the heart of camp – stocks a variety of items from camp souvenirs, apparel such as t-shirts and hoodies, food and drinks, as well as a variety of camping supplies. Prices for our products vary from $1.00 to almost $100. A more detailed product list will be made available on our website as products are ordered.

The Trading Post accepts cash and all major credit and debit cards. There is a $5.00 minimum when purchasing with a card so please plan accordingly.

Visitors and Trading Leaders
All visitors to San Isabel Scout Ranch must check-in at the A-Frame prior to visiting any program area or campsite. Visitors will be given a wristband identifying them as such. Visitors are not allowed to participate in activities or eat meals unless they have paid for them at the A-Frame.

When leaders are being traded out midweek, both leaders must go to the A-Frame to let camp administration know what is going on. Any leader trading out for another must also be registered with the Boy Scouts of America and their name must appear on your official unit roster from ScoutBook.

Lost & Found
All lost and found items are turned in at the A-Frame. Clothing, water bottles, and other cheaper items are placed into a bin that is open for anyone to look through when the A-Frame is open. Please remember: a Scout is trustworthy; do not take what isn’t yours.

More expensive items such as jewelry, electronics, etc. are locked in a safe. Just speak with a member of camp administration for help in locating these types of items.

Leaving Camp Property
Whenever a camp participant, youth or adult, leaves camp property, they must check out at the A-Frame with camp administration. This is so that we can maintain an accurate count of who is currently in camp in the case of an emergency.

When you return to camp, please check back in at the A-Frame.

Bears, Bears, Bears
San Isabel Scout Ranch is in the middle of bear country! Each year we have several bear sightings at camp. The majority of the time we see them off in the woods, meandering through camp. But occasionally we’ll get a bear that catches the scent of a treat a Scout has left in the backpack or some deodorant that was left out in a tent.

All smellables must be packed away in your troop trailer or in a vehicle each night. This will help prevent bears. Smellables are anything from toothpaste, snacks, and even that book you were reading while eating those hot Cheetos. More instructions will be provided at our Sunday meeting.

Commissioner Service
Our camp commissioner and your troop host are ready to serve you! Each day your host will stop by your campsite to say hello and see if there is anything your troop requires.

Fishing at Wilbur Ladd Lake
A favorite pastime of many at San Isabel is fishing at our lake. It is well-stocked with

The San Isabel Grace
We thank the lord for food and drink,
For appetite and the power to think,
For loved ones dear,
For home and friends,
For everything thy goodness sends.
Amen
plenty of fish to catch. Please visit the Colorado Parks & Wildlife website to find out all you need to know about licensing and fishing legally in Colorado.

**Bicycles at Camp**

Many troops choose to allow their Scouts to bring bikes. Please take note of the following rules regarding bikes:

- Bikes must yield to pedestrian traffic & must be walked if needed
- When not in use, bikes near the troop campsite will be stored off the road, near the latrine
- Absolutely no riding after dusk without a light
- All riders will maintain safe speeds, wear a buckled helmet while riding, & obey all rules & signs

Any rule infractions will result in the individual losing their privilege to ride on camp property.

**Dress Code**

Due to the activities that we participate in at camp, such as rock climbing, shooting sports, and aquatics, it requires us to wear appropriate clothing to keep ourselves safe. The following guidelines regarding clothing is in place to keep all safe when participating in activities while at camp.

1. Closed-toe shoes should be worn throughout camp. At the waterfront you are allowed to wear sandals and other open-toe footwear.
2. When rock climbing, shorts must go past mid-thigh as the climbing harness is not intended to be worn on directly on skin.
3. Individuals with long hair are asked to carry hair ties with them so that they can tie their hair back during activities where securing your hair is required (i.e. shooting sports, rock climbing, fire safety, etc.)
4. Modest swimsuits should be worn at the waterfront. ‘Modest’ is determined by the adult leaders of the Scout, however we recommend the following guidelines:
   a. No excessively tight/revealing clothing such as speedos or bikinis
   b. No mesh/see-through materials
5. In certain activities, like Wilderness Survival, Metalwork, & service projects, Scouts may be required to wear long pants. Please come prepared accordingly.
6. No clothing with offensive language, symbols, or images.

As you can see, our dress code is not intended to be restrictive or over the top. We simply ask that you help us provide the best experience for you and your Scouts by coming prepared to have a great time.

**Contacting the Outside World**

For many adult leaders, coming to camp is a real sacrifice. And we recognize that is many instances, work and family doesn’t go silent while at camp. San Isabel Scout Ranch has a myriad of ways for you to stay connected while at camp.

**Wi-Fi**

Our camp has Wi-Fi! No additional charge to use it. It is password protected, so after you’ve settled in, find a member of the administrative staff to have them enter the Wi-Fi password into your device. Please remember though that we have limited bandwidth. When you are not actively using it, please turn off the Wi-Fi on your device.

**Telephone**

Camp does have a telephone for you to make calls on, if needed. We recommend that you first try making a phone call on your smartphone using Wi-Fi calling if it’s available on your phone. If not, no worries! We’ll be happy to let you use our phone.

**Postal Mail**

If you need something mailed to camp, here is our address:

18353 Highway 165
Rye, CO 81069

Please have your name and troop number included at the top of the parcel. This service is also available for Scouts.
Need to send out a bit of mail? No problem. Just drop off at the A-Frame and we’ll get it dropped in our mailbox to be picked up.

**Camp Mail Bag**

New to camp this year, Scouts can receive letters from home through the Rocky Mountain Council website. Parents, friends, and family members can send a letter for free through our online portal.

Want to send them a little bit of money for a treat? You can include that in your Camp Mail Bag! All this is handled through the same webpage. To see how this is handled and more, visit [www.rockymountainscouts.org/sanisabel](http://www.rockymountainscouts.org/sanisabel).

**Pets**

No pets are allowed on camp properties except for registered service animals, or animals which are for a program/demonstration & have prior approval of the camp administration.

**Fire & Firewood**

Troops are prohibited from bringing firewood into camp because it can harbor many kinds of invasive pests & diseases harmful to our trees. Troops can gather downed wood and additional wood can be made available if needed.

Fireguard charts are furnished for each campsite.

The ability to have fires in the campsite will be directly affected by fire bans.

If you choose to have a fire in your campsite, an adult must always be tending to it. Scouts may not be left without an adult to tend to campfires.

**Leaving Early?**

Scouts leaving camp during their troop’s stay must have a release signed by their parent or guardian (which is located at the bottom of Part A on the Annual Health & Medical Record) & approved by an adult in the troop.

When checking out, a member of the camp administration team will check the ID of the person taking custody of the Scout to ensure safety.

**Check-Out**

Check-out can begin after lunch on Friday. Much of the paperwork and settling up should be done on Friday. The camp business manager will provide you with a troop account balance folio showing what is owed. If there are any outstanding fees, they must be paid prior to check-out.

All merit badge information will be available online using the same website you used to registered to attend camp.

Your troop host will help with the check-out process at your campsite by reviewing the check-out sheet with you.

Any remaining trash should be taken to the edge of the road for staff to be able to retrieve.