

# 2012 Summer Camp

## Planning Guide

(Revised Edition)



*47 Years of Camping Experiences!*

## Introduction:

Camp T. Brady Saunders is a summer camp owned and operated by the Heart of Virginia Council, Boy Scout of America. It is located in Maidens, Virginia in rural Goochland County. The camp offers a wide variety of merit badge programs along with adventure activities for older scouts.

This packet has information that will explain a little about what to expect from a week at Camp T. Brady Saunders. It has a breakdown of our daily camp life and descriptions of the special programs offered at camp. For the most updated information please visit us at [bradysaunders.net](http://bradysaunders.net). At the end is a camp hold-a-space form that will allow you to reserve a space for your troop for the 2012 camp season. All forms are also available on our website.

This preplanning guide is designed to inform you about T. Brady Saunders and what it offers your scouts. Additional publications will be available on our website later, including:

- Camp Roster
- Merit Badge Signup sheet
- Merit Badge Pre-requisite book
- Guidebook to Adventure – information for scouts and parents
- Forms needed for specific programs and merit badges

Check the camp website for the most updated information!  
[bradysaunders.net](http://bradysaunders.net)

We look forward to serving your summer camp needs for the 2012 season. It will be an exciting summer!

Register early and take advantage of our early bird camping rate!

## Your First Day in Camp

### Basic Check-in Schedule and Procedures

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Arrive at Camp - Park in lot behind Camp Office. Meet your Staff Guide at the picnic table at the rear of the Camp Office. Scoutmaster and SPL or designee reports to the Camp Office to complete check-in; bring the following:

- All materials needed to complete any financial transactions
- Two copies of the troop roster

2:30 – 5:00 PM

Camp Tour – Your Staff Guide will hike the Troop into camp and conduct a tour of camp. If the scout needs to change into a swimsuit, they should choose a tent and immediately change. Please do not take time to make camp home at this point.

Medical Check-in at the Health Lodge - Have each Scout present his own medical form to the Health Officer for review. Medications may be left at the Health Lodge at this time, if not being secured in your campsite by a scoutmaster. Buddy tags will be issued only after medicals are received.

The Waterfront - Swim checks are conducted (If swim checks were done prior to camp submit your roster and forms to the Waterfront staff for approval).

The Dining Hall - There will be a stop at the dining hall where a demonstration of the dining hall procedures will be reviewed. This is very important for every camper to witness.

Troop to campsite - Change into uniforms; explain the host system and dining hall procedures; make campsite like home.

5:30 PM

Waiters report to the Dining Hall. Send one waiter for every six total Scouts and Leaders.  
Troop in full Class A Uniform with flags, reports to the Retreat Field.

5:45 PM

Retreat Ceremony at the Activity Field – attendance is required.  
Evening announcements will be made immediately following retreat.

6:00 PM

Supper

7:00 – 7:45 PM

Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader Roundtable at Camp Administration Office.  
Waterfront demonstration - **Mandatory for all Scouts and leaders** except the Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader

8:45

Assemble along the road at the Scout Law Steps (Entrance to the Chapel) for Opening Campfire Parade.

10:00

Taps—(Lights out—All quite)

## **Basic Daily Schedule**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
7:00 AM	First Call
<b>7:30*</b>	<b>Reveille</b>
7:45	Waiters to Dining Hall
7:50	Morning Color Ceremony at Eagle Flag Plaza—required attendance
8:00	Breakfast
8:45	Troop assembly at campsites prepare for daily inspection. Quartermaster is open for tools and supplies.
9:00 - 9:50	First Merit Badge Period
10:00 – 10:50	Second Merit Badge Period
11:00 – 11:50	Third Merit Badge Period
<b>12:00*</b>	<b>Troop Assembly at Campsites / SPL and Scoutmaster Meeting</b>
12:15 PM	Waiters to Dining Hall
12:30	Lunch
1:25 – 2:15	Fourth Merit Badge Period
2:25 – 3:15	Fifth Merit Badge Period
3: 25– 5:00	Open Activity Period – All areas open
<b>5:00*</b>	<b>Troop Assembly at Campsites</b>
5:40	Waiters to Dining Hall Troops to Retreat—required attendance
5:45	Camp-wide Evening Retreat at the Retreat Field (Full Class-A Uniform)
6:00	Supper
7:00 – 8:30	Evening Activity Period (Camp planned activities)
8:30	Troop planned programs (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Camp planned activities (Sunday and Friday)
9:00	Evening Devotions (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday in the Chapel)
9:45	Call To Quarters
<b>10:00*</b>	<b>All Scouts to Own Site, Lights Out, All Quiet, Bed Check</b>

\* Please count heads to assure all your scouts are present.

\*\* Schedule subject to change.

NOTE: ATTENDANCE, PARTICIPATION, WEATHER OR OTHER UNFORSEEN FACTORS MAY NECESSITATE SCHEDULE CHANGES DURING THE WEEK. IF THIS OCCURS YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF ANY CHANGES.

## Check-Out Procedures

Before 7:30am or after breakfast one vehicle per troop will be allowed to enter the campsite to remove gear. Please, no vehicles on the road while campers are moving to the dining hall!  
Remember to drive slowly!

At 9:00am your staff guide will arrive at your campsite and complete the Check-in/out sheet. If you plan to leave earlier please inform the Commissioner Staff so they can make special arrangements to have your site inspected.

When your site has been cleared, the Scoutmaster will need to bring the check in/out sheet to the Administration building.

There you will also get all your medicals and medicine (if you did not store it in the lockable container in your campsite)

Fill out your 2013 T. Brady Saunders camp preregistration form for the 2013 camp season! You can pre-select your site and week with no hold a place fees until October!

**Week 5 Information** – Week five is a modified week of summer camp. Instead of running from Sunday afternoon to Closing Campfire Friday night, it runs from Monday morning to Saturday night campfire. Troop are welcome to arrive on Sunday at the normal registration times and special programs will be set that night for any troops who wish to attend!

Have a safe trip home; we look forward to seeing you next year!  
T. Brady Saunders Staff

## Merit Badges

Merit badges are the heart of summer camp and it is our goal at T. Brady Saunders to make sure you get as many of the badges you want as possible. For the 2012 summer we will be simplifying the merit badge signup process. Instead of selecting the badges you want and the times you want you will select your top ten merit badge choices. We will do everything we can to make sure you get your top five merit badges.

The official merit badge signup sheet will be available on March 31<sup>st</sup> on our website [bradysaunders.net](http://bradysaunders.net) and will be based on a first come first served basis, so get your forms in as quickly as possible, troops who are 80% paid will also receive priority.

The merit badges available will be updated on our website in early spring.

### Tentative Offerings Include:

- First Aid\*
- Pioneering
- Wilderness Survival
- Fishing
- Orienteering
- Camping\*
- Emergency Preparedness\*
- Environmental Science (2 hours)\*
- Astronomy
- Soil & Water Conservation
- Fish and Wildlife Management
- Mammal Study
- Forestry
- Weather
- Nature
- Plant Science
- Swimming\*
- Lifesaving (2 hours)
- Rowing
- Canoeing (2 hours)
- Instructional Swim
- Kayaking BSA
- Rifle Shooting
- Archery
- Shotgun Shooting
- Leatherwork
- Space Exploration
- Indian Lore
- Basketry
- Woodcarving
- Composite
- Fingerprinting
- Cinematography
- Trail Blazers
- COPE
- Rangers Challenge
- Half-Mile Swim (6:30am Tues)
- One Mile Swim (6am Thurs)

\* Eagle Required

Some merit badges will only be offered in limited shifts due to program equipment and staffing needs. Please remember to send your merit badge requests in early. You will be able to send

them in by US mail or via EMail. We look forward to serving your merit badge needs!

## Special Programs

### TRAIL BLAZERS

Throughout the week, first year campers will blaze their own path on the trail to Eagle while having the time of their life! The Trail Blazers program will combine both rank requirements and a love of the outdoors to instill in the young scouts a desire to achieve. It will also inspire them to look deeper into Scouting and the experiences it can bring.

#### Our Vision

To provide young scouts the best opportunity to experience the Scouting program at Camp T. Brady Saunders. To supply these young men with the tools and experiences needed to be successful in their scouting careers. Making their experience with Trail Blazers one that will be remembered and relied on for the rest of their lives, but most importantly, to have fun at everything we do!

We are all excited and enthusiastic to have the opportunity to work with these future Eagle Scouts!

#### Trail Blazers Description:

Trail Blazers is a first-year camper program designed for the brand new Scout, the Scout that has just moved up from Webelos or joined the troop for the first time right before camp. It is more of an orientation to the out-of-doors and to the facilities at Camp T. Brady Saunders. Its purpose is to help the new Scout get comfortable with Scouting's methods and teach vital camping skills.

A scout attends Trail Blazers from 9AM-12PM in the Trail Blazer area and the afternoon in merit badge classes. One of the afternoon merit badge periods will be the swimming merit badge or instructional swim. During the other afternoon merit badge period they will have a choice of a handicraft merit badge (Indian Lore, Space Exploration, Basketry, or Leatherworking) \*Additional fees for supplies will be required\*. Each Thursday night, all Trail Blazer Scouts will be away from the home troop for a special backpacking camp-out; they will be leaving at 4:00 PM to set up camp, return for retreat and dinner in the dining hall and then enjoy a night of fun and activity just for Trail Blazers. They will also be putting on their own campfire for their scoutmasters. We ask that every scoutmaster that has a Scout in the Trail Blazers program please attend the campfire to see the hard work their scouts have done throughout the week.

### Special Equipment Needed

Each Scout participating in Trail Blazers will need, besides his regular camping gear, the following items that will be used in the Trail Blazers program:

- A day pack or book bag of some type
- His Scout Handbook
- A Canteen or water bottle
- Rain Gear
- Compass—with at least 2 degree increments
- Paper and Pencil
- A pocket knife
- A small personal first aid kit
- Hot Spark Fire Starter (Trading Post purchase)
- Tent – (some loaner tents are available)

#### Sign-up For Trail Blazers

Registration for Trail Blazers is done using the merit badge registration form available online March 31st.

Merit badge selection for the two afternoon blocks is also done using this form. Trail Blazer participants have designated merit badge classes from which to choose. Please do not select merit badges outside of the ones allowed for Trail Blazers

Scouts that participate in Trail Blazers will be recognized at the closing campfire on Friday evening. They may purchase a Trail Blazer tee shirt at the Trading Post.

### First Year Camper & Parent Orientation

We offer a special orientation for first year campers and their parents. It will be at camp on Saturday, June 16 from 9-12 with a hot dog lunch provided. This program is designed to relieve anxieties first year campers and their parents might have about Boy Scout long term camping.

Some of the questions we will answer will be:

- Where am I going to sleep?
- What do the tents look like?
- Where do I eat?
- What are the showers and bathrooms like?
- Where do I go if I get an injury?
- What is there to do during the day?
- What is "Trailblazers"?
- Special video on Home Sickness
- How do I communicate with my scout?
- What should I bring to camp?
- What should I leave at home?
- Medications at camp?
- Any questions you have?

Signup will be available in early May at our website [bradysaunders.net](http://bradysaunders.net)

## PROJECT C.O.P.E.

Project COPE - Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience. COPE is comprised of group initiative games, as well as low and high-rope course activities. Some of the activities involve a group challenge, while others test individual skills and agility. Participants climb, swing, balance, jump, rappel and think of solutions to a variety of activities. Most do much more than they ever thought they could do.

The underlying goals of Project COPE are consistent with the methods of Scouting. Group activities are ideal for emphasizing the patrol method and developing leadership. Individual activities help promote personal growth. Other Scouting methods are inherent in the conducting of the program.

Project COPE provides an opportunity for every participant to achieve success as an individual and as a member of a team. The activities are not designed to be competitive or to be a race against time. More important objectives such as building individual confidence, developing leadership, and inspiring cooperation among team members are emphasized.

Through a generous gift from Nawakwa Lodge, Camp T. Brady Saunders operates a COPE course. The COPE course is, by design, geared for the older Scout in the troop. Scouts who participate should be those who have reached a time when merit badge classes stop being as attractive and challenging. The Camp and the COPE Director will have the final say on who will participate in this program.

Each week, 12 scouts will be selected for participation in Project COPE. The morning COPE session will be conducted from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon. Project COPE participants may take afternoon merit badges to complement their COPE session or participate in Ranger Challenge.

In addition, it should be noted that due to the group dynamics involved in Project COPE, missed sessions cannot be made up. Therefore, leaving camp for baseball games, swim meets, etc. removes eligibility for participation in Project COPE.

Further, visitors are only allowed when invited by the COPE Director. Due to the safety aspect of conducting COPE activities, the COPE area is OFF LIMITS to anyone without the supervision of a qualified instructor and area director. Anyone found on the course unsupervised will be dismissed from camp!

- COPE minimum requirements for participation:
- Must be at least 13 years of age by January 1 of the year of participation.
- Must be at least a First Class Scout.
- Must be at least a second year camper at summer camp

### ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST:

- Have a completed Annual Health and Medical Record
- Be approved by his Scoutmaster
- Complete a COPE Application
- Complete a Medical Challenge Course Release Form

## RANGER'S CHALLENGE

Rangers Challenge is a program designed for older scouts who seek a different experience than a normal week of earning merit badges at camp!

A wide variety of activities will be offered each week which may include Indian Archeology, Survival, Rifle and Black Powder Shooting, snakes, an ecology trip to the James River, Hikes to Crab Tree Falls, special canoe outings and so much more!

The boys may also have a chance to shoot crossbows, blowguns, throw boomerangs and atlatls, throw axes and knives and all of the other skills that are needed to become a well-rounded woodsman! Nature study and outdoor awareness is built into all parts of the program.

John Hankins conducts this program. With 38 years on camp staffs, he has a body of experience and knowledge that is unique to our camp and our program.

Adults are welcome to participate and help out where necessary. A scout must be 14 years of age and physically fit. At the end of the week, the participants can purchase the "Ranger Challenge" rattlesnake hat at the Trading Post and John will issue a special patch to individuals completing Ranger Challenge. The program will be altered or changed due to extreme weather conditions. At least 2 of the programs will be offered after supper.

## AWARDS AND PATCHES

Camp Patch: Each camper will earn a camp patch once they complete an entire week.

Clean Camp Award: Units must meet the standards of the commissioner service on daily campsite inspections.

Honor Patrol Award: This award can be earned by a patrol if it completes the requirements listed on the Honor Patrol Application (see Program Planning Aids)

Honor Troop Award: This award can be earned by a troop if it completes the requirements listed on the Honor Troop Application (see Program Planning Aids)

Mile Swim: Awarded to individual Scouts who swim a mile without stopping during their stay at camp.

Trail Blazers: Award given to campers who complete the Trail Blazers program.

Contests: Top winners of the following events will receive recognition: Shotgun Shoot, Rifle Shoot, Archery Shoot, Swim Meet, Camp-wide Game, and Retreat Inspection (awarded daily)

## SPECIAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

### Open Activity Period and Evening Activity Period

In general, all the program areas in camp are open for patrols/troops from 3:25 – 5:00 PM. In the evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 PM there will be special camp games or activities in which troops and/or patrols can participate. These times are referred to as Open Activity Period and Evening Activity Period are offered to teach skills and provide entertainment. They are not being offered as merit badge classes. At Camp T. Brady Saunders, we want Scouts to be free to have fun doing whatever activities interest them. Evening Activities will consist of the annual Volleyball Tournament!, Camp-Wide Games, Waterfront Style!, The Ironman Competition!, and several other events! Sunday night will be the camps opening campfire and Friday night will be the closing campfire.

### Open Activity Programs:

#### Aquatics:

Open Boating—Canoes, Row boats, Kayaks  
Open Swim (3:25 – 5:00 PM)  
Half-Mile Swim (Tuesday at 6:30 AM)  
Mile Swim (Thursday at 6:00 AM)

#### Shooting Sports:

Open Shotgun Range (Purchase tickets at the Trading Post, 75 cents per shot)  
Open Rifle Range (Purchase tickets at the Trading Post, 15 cents per shot)  
Open Archery Range

#### Games:

Volleyball  
Horseshoes  
Ultimate Frisbee  
Frisbee Golf  
Other games may be added or requested

#### Camp-wide Events:

Opening Campfire: Sunday night, full of great skits by the staff, songs and stories.

#### Camp-wide Activity:

(Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday have camp wide activities)

#### Closing/Visitors Campfire:

Friday night at 8:30 PM.  
Special awards are given out.  
An Order of the Arrow call-out ceremony.  
Parents and friends are invited, but ask them not to arrive before 7:00 PM.  
NO PETS ALLOWED IN CAMP. PLEASE ASK PARENTS TO LEAVE ALL PETS AT HOME.

#### Daily Awards:

Spirit Log: Each day the *Spirit Log* will be presented at retreat to the most spirited troop of the day. It will be that troop's job to decorate the log and bring it back the next day.

Clean Sweep: Each day the *Clean Sweep* will be awarded at retreat to the troop with the cleanest campsite of the day. It will be that troop's job to decorate the broom and bring it back the next day.

Retreat Cup: Each day the *Retreat Cup* will be awarded to the most impressive looking troop at Retreat. It will be that troop's job to decorate the cup and bring it back the next day.



**2012 Brady Saunders**  
Summer Camp Reservations

Please mail all reservations to:  
Heart of Virginia Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
Attn: Summer Camp TBS Reservations  
PO Box 6809  
Richmond, VA 23230

Troop/Crew# \_\_\_\_\_  
Council \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Camp Weeks					
Pioneer Week - June 10 - June 16	2nd Week - July 1 - July 7	4th Week - July 15 - July 21			
1st Week - June 24 - June 30	3rd Week - July 8 - July 14	5th Week - July 23 - July 29 (Monday to Sunday)			

Please select week desired or if flexible, label 1-3 your top choices

**Estimated Number of Attendees**

Youth# \_\_\_\_\_

Adult# \_\_\_\_\_

**2012 Fee Schedule**

**Hold A Spot Fee \$250** (due with registration)

**Early Bird Special! \$230** – 1/3 of total bill paid by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Regular Fee \$260** - Applies to all youth registering after March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Leaders \$100 per week or \$20 per day if not staying the entire week**

**Full Payment Due before arrival at camp**

Payment in full by June 1, 2012	# Cots	<i>Choice</i>	Campsite	# Cots	<i>Choice</i>	Campsite	# Cots	<i>Choice</i>
(1) Hill	30		(6)Turner	30		(11) Matheny	30	
(2) Huffines	40		(7) 500	30		(12) DesChamps	30	
(3) Koch	40		(8) Myers	30		(13) McLaughlin	30	
(4) Newlon	36		(9) Heslep	40		(14) Saunders	30	
(5) Frise	40		(10) Hargrove	20		(15) Overstreet	24	

(Please label your top choices 1-15)

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**Contact Information:**

**Primary Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Numbers:**

**Primary:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Secondary:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Mailing Address:**

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zipcode:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this your first time to camp T. Brady Saunders?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank you for your interest in attending summer camp at T. Brady Saunders. Merit badge information will be posted on our website in March. EMail regarding camp will be emailed to your primary and secondary EMail so make sure they are EMail you actually use. We look forward to having you at camp in 2012!**

**For additional information and updates please visit <http://bradysaunders.net>  
Merit Badge registration will open on May 21<sup>st</sup> and registration information can be found on <http://bradysaunders.net>**

**Please return this form along with your \$250 hold a space deposit to:**

**Heart of Virginia Council  
Boy Scouts of America**

**Attn: Summer Camp TBS Reservations  
PO Box 6809  
Richmond, VA 23230**

**or**

**email completed forms to  
[mic.mullins@scouting.org](mailto:mic.mullins@scouting.org)  
Include in email how you are paying  
the \$250 deposit**