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Woods and Water

Overview of Program and Facilities Use

Ransburg June 28 - July 8, 2000

I.     Facilities and Personnel needed from Ransburg Summer Camp Staff:

A. We are requesting the following assistance from the Staff at Ransburg:

1.     The Health and Safety officer for Camp Ransburg to review the procedure for reporting accidents, injuries, sickness and Prescription Medication dispersal with the WS W&W staff on Friday June 30, 2000. The Health officer can set the time based on his schedule.

2.     Two members of the aquatic staff for swimming ability testing on Saturday July 1 at 9:30 a.m.

B. Facilities needed at Ransburg:

1.     Flag pole area north of parking lot and the Nature Center for registration 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. July 1. Same Flag pole area on July 8 from 10:00a.m. To 12:00 noon for closing.

2.     Use of the Aquatics area from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. July 1, 2000.

3.     Wilderness Point from Thursday June 29 at 4:00 p.m. to Sunday July 2 at 6:00 p.m. for Precourse activities and first two-day of the session.

4.     Wilderness Point will be needed again from 12:00 noon on Thursday July 6 to Saturday July 8, 2000.

5.     Area for 4 campsites off of Grubb Road just north of the old Cope course (marked on the map as site 6).

6.     Shower Facilities in Main Camp for Thursday July 6 at 4:30 to 5:30 P.M. for staff

7.     Shower Facilities at Adventure Point on Friday July 7 from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M.

8.     8 picnic table, if available.

9.     Walk-in refrigeration and freezer space if available.

10.    Use of 2-3 horse from the Horse Barn area from Sunday July 2 to evening of July 6 and Boarding for 1-2 extra horses from Thursday evening June 29 to Sunday afternoon July 2 and from Thursday evening July 6 to Saturday afternoon July 8.

II.    Equipment:

1.     8 Backpacking stoves and Cook sets will be provided by The White Stag course. These stoves can be available for camp inspection before session if desired.

2.     Two water purifiers will be available on the trail for emergency water treatment.

3.     Tents and all personal gear will be the responsibility of the participants.

4.     24 Canoes will be brought in from Belzer on July 4 and returned on July 8.

5.     All other gear will be provide by WS Staff

III.   Schedule of activities: Attached is a schedule of activities with color coding for location. Below is a synopsis of facilities usage. All

campfires will be made using the mount method so as not to leave a fire scare, unless a permanent fire pit is available

Thursday June 29:

The White Stag Woods and Water staff will arrive at Ransburg between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. and move to base camp at Wilderness Point. Bringing in a Troop trailer and a horse trailer. The horses will be offload at the Horse Barn and the Trailer will be stored at WP. Only two vehicles will go back to WP, all others will stay in Parking lot at Main camp (to eliminate unnecessary traffic in camp).

Friday June 30

Staff will set up camp, prepare equipment and supplies for Participants, build three flagpoles and start a gateway.

The staff will meet at the flagpoles on the North side of the Main Camp parking lot at 7:30 A.M. for flag raising. Participants should start arriving around 7:45. Registration and Health checks will be in the Nature Center until 9:00 a.m. After registering the participants will go with a troop guide to his pack line and have his gear reviewed to confirm he has brought what he needs. The staff and participants will take their gear at 10:00 a.m. to the waterfront for swim tests with the Aquatics staff. After swim testing the participants will be backpacking to WP to set up camp. The rest of the day will be spent in WP following the items on the schedule.

Sunday July 2:

Activities will be at WP until 4:00 p.m. The troop will leave WP with the Troop Instructors guiding the way in Patrols separated by 15-min. intervals. We will be traveling and camping in 4-5 groups of 10 or less. We will follow the perimeter trail to Grubb Road and 446, cross SR 446 into Deam's Wilderness on the Hayes trail to Grubb Ridge Loop, then northeast on Grubb Ridge Loop to Camp site 1, close to the Peninsula trail turn off. There will be no troop level activities while in the wilderness, and one patrol activity (Initiative Games). This patrol activity will consist of team building exercises (tossing a ball while calling out the persons name, tying a knot with multiple people holding the rope, etc) These activities will be done in different locations to minimized the impact of any one area (ex. Knot tying done on trail to avoid trampling plants). The support team will be camp in Blackwell Camp grounds. They will bring water into the campsites for resupply using horses.

Monday July 3:

Troop assembly will consist of checking each site to do a head count and distribute medications. One Patrol presentation on Maps and Compass will be given and the activity of doing a compass course will be the hiking to the next site and will continue as we progress through the outing. The patrols will then packup and head for campsite 2, separated by 15 intervals. We will follow the Grubb Ridge Loop to Axom Branch loop, head southwest crossing Tower Ridge Road to the junction with Cope Hollow

Loop, head south on Cope Hollow Loop to Hunter Creek trail. Take Hunter Creek Trail to Hunter Creek Road, follow the road south to Yellowstone, and turn east on the unimproved road to meet up with the Hickory Ridge Trail system. Take the trail northeast approximately 1 mile to Campsite 2. The participants will be reading the maps and guiding their patrols. Once at campsite 2 with lunch finished there are a series of troop presentations consisting of mostly lectures and evaluation of the information (reflections). The evening activities will consist of learning to plan a troop meeting and conducting a troop meeting with patrol competitions and games. The games and competitions will be designed to minimize disturbance to the natural fauna or ground cover.

#### Tuesday July 4:

Two troop presentations (lecture) are planned for the morning, and then lunch and we leave at 12:30 P.M. for site 3. We will follow the trail north through Callahan Hollow up along the north ridge following it to Hickory Ridge Road. We will cross Hickory Ridge Road following the trail along the ridge between Fleetwood Branch and Lincoln Back Branch to site 3. After arrival there are presentations to be done in the patrol site, supper and a troop game such as tracking each other through the forest and then doing a lost youth search.

#### Wednesday July 5

We will have one Troop level presentation and a Pioneering project before we leave campsite 3. We are hoping set up a trail improvement project with the Forestry Service. We will heading east wardly then North to Tower Ridge Road, cross to Maumee Road and meet the support team with the canoes at Launch point A. We have two-trained LifeGuard on our staff. If the water is low Youth will be transported to launch site B (Maumee Road crosses Salt Creek) or C to launch. We will canoe to Campsite 4 on the hill between Will Hay Branch and Crooked Creek Boat Ramp. The evening activities consist of a troop presentation and a campfire program. All LNT and safety procedures will be followed.

#### Thursday July 6

We will leave site 4 at 8:30 a.m. and canoe to site 5. As each patrol arrives they will be directed to campsites to eat lunch. After lunch each patrol will go through more team building and problem solving activities, meet with the Scoutmaster and head out for their lone hike. The Staff will take the canoes to Cutright Boat Ramp load them and return them to Wilderness Point. The Participants will follow the Peninsula Trail to Grubb Ridge Loop, head west to Hays Trail, to SR 446, follow 446 north to Grubb road, pickup the Perimeter trail and head North west into Ransburg. They will cross-country navigate to a site on the North end of the Old Cope Course (Site 6). There will be a new adult staff to watch over them for the night. The regular staff will have the evening off after returning the canoes and helping to set up Wilderness Point again. We are requisitioning a reservation for one side of the Troop Showers from 4:30 to 5:00 P.M. We will return to camp around 10:00 P.M. and move to WP for the night.

Friday July 7:

Participant will eat breakfast at the outpost camp and then return to WP via the Old Cope course to the gravel road and arrive around 8:00 A.M. We have a full day of activities at WP. The participants need to have access to showers from 5:00 to 6:30 P.M. for the Feast. We could send one patrol at a time to AP for showers during this time period. Each Patrol would be allowed 20 minutes to shower and change. Is it possible to reserve the showers?

Saturday July 8:

We will disassemble camp at WP, hike the participants and staff to the main camp and hold a closing ceremony at the three flagpoles on the north end of the parking lot. At 10:30 A.M. This should only last around 40 minutes. The participants should be out of camp by 11:30 and the staff will head back to WP to finish any clean up and to check out with camp staff. We hope to be gone by 12:30 p.m.

If there are any further questions you can contact me at 317 274-7508 (W), 317 357-9668 (H), 2325 N. Irwin St., Indianapolis, IN 46219, or email at bhenry@iupui.edu.

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