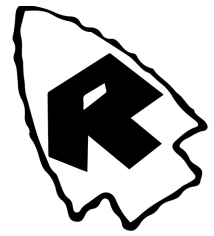


# Camp Ranachqua



**You may notice that this year's program features some new activities and opportunities:**

Project LEAF (Learning Exploration Advancement and Fun) is a comprehensive and immersive course for first year Scouts to familiarize and gain confidence with the Boy Scout program while learning skills for rank advancement in a patrol setting rather than a large class. This will replace what was previously known as our First Class Adventure course. As this is a transitional year, the Ranachqua staff will work with your Troop to accommodate Scouts in need of Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class rank requirements. We encourage first year campers to consider spending their week at camp in the Project LEAF course.

Expanding beyond our traditional camp curriculum this year we've added several Merit Badges. Theater, Music, Public Speaking and Moviemaking will be offered all summer allowing for Scouts to earn these performing arts focused badges. Additionally we've incorporated Game Design into our Field Sports program area and are happy to introduce Composite Materials Merit Badge, taught by our Ecology staff.

We'll be launching an all-new specialty segment that we are referring to as "DIY 9-5". This a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) based program focused on teaching older boys about career opportunities while also introducing them to very relevant real world skills. This program will be offered Week Four, July 26<sup>th</sup> - August 4<sup>th</sup>, to Scouts ages 14 and up or those that have completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Additional Merit Badges offered this week include; Welding, Robotics, Plumbing, Automotive Maintenance, and Engineering. If you have a Scout interested in attending but your unit is not coming that week- we invite you to send them as a provisional camper.

Week Five, Ranachqua's Trail to Eagle specialty camp will run as it has for many years. Open to First Class Scouts 13 and up, the Trail to Eagle Camp offers required Merit Badges not typically available in a summer camp setting. Badges include; Personal Management, Communications, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Family Life, Emergency Preparedness, and now featuring Cooking which is newly required and has undergone substantial changes making it no longer a typical "Summer Camp Merit Badge". Scouts are permitted to earn four Eagle required badges while attending this specialty camp. Boys attending Week Five with their Troop are welcome to participate, Scouts registered to attend without their unit will form the Eagle Provisional Troop.

A skilled and knowledgeable staff has always been a mainstay of Camp Ranachqua. We look forward to continuing that trend and, as we've done year after year, will use all of our available resources to deliver an unmatched camping experience to the Scouts in your unit this summer.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. If you would like additional promotional material or would like a representative from camp to stop by a troop meeting please don't hesitate to ask.

Yours in Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Lennon", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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