



2026

Read Renegades

Manual

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A. The “READ RENEGADE EXPERIENCE”

Summer Camp is exciting for all who participate, including the Read Renegades. This experience will help you to become a better Scout through the skills learned, friendships forged, and goals accomplished. It is our pledge to work with you by providing quality staff directions, programs, and facilities to assist you in meeting your goals while giving Camp Read a very valuable service.

The purpose of this manual is to provide the information you will need before coming to camp. While at camp it is expected that you will abide by the policies found in this manual. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions before the summer please contact your Read Renegade Director or you can contact Sandy Owens at the Council Office, at ghv.camping@scouting.org or (914) 449-2612.

Your time will be divided among many different types of activities. You will have some personal time for yourself and will want to manage your time wisely so that you can benefit from the varied experiences that your Read Renegade Program and life at Camp Read have to offer.

As a Renegade, you will be part of a crucial group of people who make the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation an excellent summer experience for Scouts. You will do everything from being part of a campfire to helping the Ranger in a service project to assistant teaching merit badges in program areas. You will participate in various training sessions that cover information and skills which are crucial in becoming a future staff member. Renegades will also be taken out of camp once a week as a group to explore and have leisure time.

Read Renegades earn community service hours during their time at camp. Assisting leaders as needed with learning where things are in camp, helping fellow Scouts during merit badge classes and activities under guidance, as well as partaking in a small conservation-style project each week. We estimate this to be about 25 hours per week earned, and this is also noted in the contract that you sign.

There will also be time for Scout advancement. Come prepared with requirements-not-taught done on merit badges you would like to earn. This is greatly encouraged, as the facilities are readily available, and the staff will be eager to help you.

Throughout the summer, Renegades will be evaluated based on their performance in program areas and within the Renegade group. These evaluations will affect the decision to hire an individual on staff in the future.

As a Read Renegade, you are expected to have an open mind, positive attitude, a desire to do your best, and to follow the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Outdoor Code.

Read Renegades are required to serve a minimum of 2 weeks, and welcome to stay with us

for the full 5 weeks. A one-week Scout Participant payment will be required (whether serving 2 or 5 weeks), as Renegades are encouraged to take part in Advancement while at camp, often done so with their troop (those who also stay a week with their troop will be in camp at least 3 weeks). All room and board are covered by this fee while you are with us.

B. WHAT TO DO BEFORE CAMP

1) Required Documents

- Read Renegade Agreement. One Copy needs to be signed by both Renegade and parent/guardian, and snail-mailed to the office within 30 days of receiving.
- Read Renegade Manual Agreement - Read this manual carefully, sign it and have your parent/guardian sign it, and return it to the council by June 1st.
- Parental Permission Slip to leave Camp- All Renegades must have with them a completed permission slip signed by their parent or guardian or they will not be permitted to leave Camp and, if applicable, the names of persons permitted to take you off Camp property.
- Medical and other Forms, available as pdf fillable, can be downloaded from <http://www.ghvscouting.org/readstaff>.
 - Annual Health & Medical Record ~ requires both parent/guardian and physician signature. No substitutions.
 - Meningitis Form ~ requires parent/guardian signature
- There is an optional Food & Dietary Needs form available, if necessary

Mail or email all paperwork to the Council Service Center by June 1st:

Camping Department, 18 Westage Drive Suite 19, Fishkill, NY 12524 or
ghv.camping@scouting.org

2) GETTING TO CAMP

- Renegades should defer to their Contract for their arrival and leave dates.
- Transportation is not available.

3) PERSONAL EQUIPMENT TO BRING TO CAMP

2 Official Scout Uniforms	Flashlight/lantern*
(Class A Shirt, shorts, belt)	Laundry detergent
SEVERAL pairs of Scout socks	Phone card/ cell phone
2 pairs of long Scout pants and or shorts	Underwear
Rain Gear	Bathing suits
Hiking shoes or boots	Pajamas
Work clothes and gloves	Jacket and Sweatshirts
T-shirts (solid color, no messages -unless Scouting related)	Toilet articles and soap, towels
Sleeping bag and bedding	Spending Money
Face coverings/masks	Extension Cord (outdoor)
	Durable water bottle/ canteen

D. POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

The following policies and regulations are designed to give you a framework for what is expected at the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation. These policies are applicable to all staff and Scout leaders at Camp Read. If you live by the Scout Law, Scout Oath, and Outdoor Code along with a cheerful and eager attitude we will all have a great summer.

Membership in Scouting- You must currently be registered in a Scouting unit. If you are not currently registered already, we can have your parents fill out an application and register you.

Uniform- attire in Camp- During staff week days or after Scouts leave on Saturday, you may wear your casual clothes. While Camp is in session, Class A uniform (the complete official Scout summer uniform- short sleeve dress shirt, Scout shorts and Scout socks) is required at retreat and dinner. Long sleeve Scout shirt and Scout long pants are appropriate during cool weather. Please come to Camp with adequate uniforms. During the remainder of the day at Camp, staff and Renegades wear Class B uniform. Class B uniform is Scouting oriented, plain white, or solid color T- shirt with Scout shorts or Scout pants and Scout socks.

Personal Appearance- A Scout is Clean. In addition to proper uniform, members are required to maintain a sharp personal appearance. Personal cleanliness and proper grooming are expected.

Theft- A Scout is Trustworthy. The Read Renegades will be a close-knit group, and thus mutual trust is a necessity. Renegades should not use other members' possessions or enter others' quarters without permission. Camp property must be safeguarded as well. Theft of any item in or out of camp will be cause for immediate dismissal. You are encouraged not to bring items of great value to camp.

Camp Property- A scout is Thrifty. All camps work on a very limited budget. Most of our facilities and equipment is of high quality and in good shape, and this is due to the cooperation of all staff, Renegades, and campers. We ask that you treat all that we have with care. Tools need to be cleaned and returned after use and only used in the manner for which they were designed.

Fireworks- Possession of fireworks or other explosive materials is a violation of the penal law of New York State and is not permitted on or off Camp property. Do not bring them to camp.

Firearms- Personal firearms and other dangerous weapons are not allowed in Camp.

Renegade Quarters- A Scout is Clean. All Renegades are expected to keep their quarters clean and neat at all times. The Read Renegade Campsite will be inspected each day just like other campsites. Renegades should anticipate living in a camper-sized tent with another Renegade, there is minimal electricity.

Punctuality- Read Renegades are expected to report to program, meals, flag ceremonies, retreats, or any other function **ON TIME, ALL THE TIME!**

**READ RENEGADE (formerly known as Counselor in Training)
PERMISSION TO LEAVE CAMP- OVERNIGHT**

We do not allow anyone under the age of 18 to leave Camp overnight without parent/ guardian or their approval. If arrangements are made for someone other than the above mentioned to pick up your son to leave Camp for ANY purpose, then the following permission slip must be completed and brought to Camp with that person or persons.

First & Last Name: _____ has permission to leave Camp
with _____.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

**READ RENEGADE
PERMISSION TO LEAVE CAMP- NON-OVERNIGHT**

Renegades often appreciate the opportunity for a short trip out of Camp (i.e. night off) in a Council vehicle only. We do not allow anyone under the age of 18 to leave without parental/ guardian permission and he/she must be accompanied by a staff member who is 18 or older and approved by Camp Management. The following permission slip must be completed and brought to Camp for a Read Renegade to leave Camp.

First & Last Name: _____ has permission to leave Camp
with a staff member 18 years of age or older and approved by Camp Management.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent or Guardian)



READ RENEGADE ~ MANUAL AGREEMENT

I have completely read the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation Read Renegade Staff Manual and agree to abide by the policies, rules, and regulations which are described therein.

I understand that not abiding by these conditions of employment could result in my dismissal from the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please Print Name: _____

PARENTAL/ GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

I have read and understand the Read Renegade Manual for the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation.

I understand that if my child _____ does not stay the whole summer (for any reason), that I will have to provide transportation. If my child is requested to leave for cause before the end of the summer, I will have the opportunity to discuss the circumstances of his dismissal with the Read Reservation Director.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian)

