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About Thunder Ridge

For over 25 years now Thunder Ridge has been offering Scouts and their leaders a chance for outdoor adventure on 1300 acres of breath taking wilderness. Originally granted to the Utah National Parks Council in 3 separate Land Patents from the U.S. Government, the camp gets its name from the sometimes ear-crunching summer thunder storms. The camp has changed little in its 28 years of operation. There is a lodge, a shower house and a trading post, but most of the camp remains true to its rustic spirit. Minimal development has been done in order to keep Thunder Ridge a wilderness camp.

The main campground itself sits at the top of a mountain in a beautiful little meadow. The cliffs and steep hills that surround the camp offer views and sunsets that have to be seen to be believed. Due to the large amount of wilderness that incorporates Thunder Ridge, backcountry trails and hikes are plentiful. The camp is also located next to Brian Head Ski Resort, which during the summer offers many backcountry biking trails for all skill levels.

The weather at Thunder Ridge can be just as unpredictable as lighting itself. Most days are warm and pleasant, but remember the Scout Motto and "Be Prepared". Thunder storms that bring all types of moisture from torrential rain or even snow are not uncommon. Nights tend to be quite cool and even cold at times, so you will want a warm sleeping bag.

We offer the full range of Scouting activities and merit badges in Handicraft, Shooting Sports, Aquatics, First Aid, Scout Craft and Nature. We also offer training for adult leaders, team building experiences for whole troops or patrols, and activities designed to help Scouts and Scout leaders dedicated themselves more fully to the values of Scouting.

At Thunder Ridge we strive to give each Scout more than just an opportunity to earn merit badges. We hope that every Scout will walk away a better person with a greater understanding of the importance of Scouting's traditions and values. We are here to put Scouting in the boy, not just put the boy in Scouting. As such, you won't find a program dedicated to just merit badge classes.

You will find a program that offers everyone the chance to take advantage of all that Scouting has to offer. Your week at Thunder Ridge will be designed to give you and your Scouts experiences and memories that will last a lifetime.

For over 25 years Thunder Ridge has been going strong and we'll just keep getting better and better.

Where is Thunder Ridge?

Thunder Ridge is located up Parowan Canyon about 9 miles. The best way to get here is to go to Parowan, Utah on Interstate 15 and follow Highway 43 up toward Brian Head ski resort. The turn-off is just before mile marker 12.

