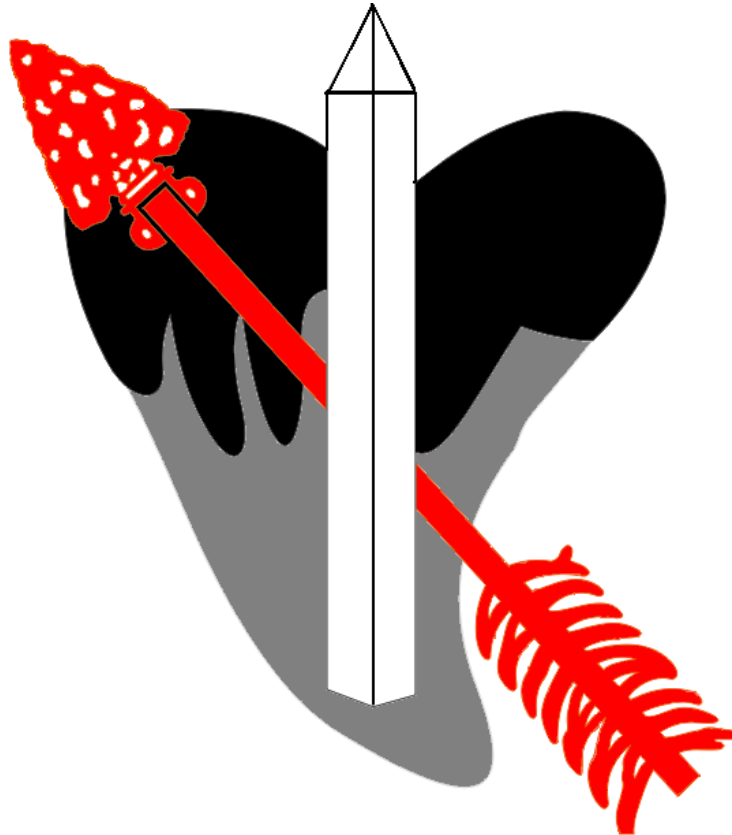


Where to go Camping Guide



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1. Letter from the Chief

Fellow Campers,

As a society of Honor Campers, one of the Order of the Arrow's first obligations is to serve as a resource to the units of our communities. In partnership with the National Capital Area Council, the Amangamek-Wipit Lodge of the Order of the Arrow has worked to develop this resource for you. On behalf of the entire Lodge leadership team, I would like to thank you for choosing to utilize this Where to Go Camping Guide.

The purpose of this guide is to provide the youth and adult leadership of this Council the resources they need to make an informed decision about camping in our area. With campgrounds highlighted in Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the Virgin Islands, there is a diverse range of handpicked sites meant for you to get the most out of your camping experience. The sites range from primitive to advanced and include a broad range of environments for camping.

In addition to information on camping locations, we have also included various planning and informational materials to facilitate leadership growth. With tools ranging from camping safety outlines to campfire agendas, we hope to provide a comprehensive and complete tool for you to use in planning your next outing. These resources are meant to be flexible in enabling proper planning, and we invite you to use them as you see fit. This guide will be regularly updated to give you the most accurate and up-to-date information possible. We welcome any feedback you may have and invite you to send any comments to camping@wipit470.org. Your feedback is critical to the success of this guide and to our mission to provide you an accurate resource.

Thank you for your support of Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

William H Gouker

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2019-2020 Lodge Chief

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2. Letter from the Committee Chairman

It is a great honor and privilege to update this Where to Go Camping Guide on behalf of the Amangamek-Wipit Lodge. As the honor society for campers, I hope this guide becomes an invaluable tool for every Arrowman, Scout and Scouter in the National Capital Area Council and beyond.

I would like to thank past Lodge Chief, Beckman Hollis, 2017-19 Lodge Chief, William Gouker, and Vice Chief of Operations, Zachary Brandon, for supporting me in every way in this position. Also, my committee's adviser, Mr. O'Connell, for his longstanding service to the lodge, including to the lodge Camp Promotions/High Adventure Committee.

This guide is a resource for everything related to camping, including high adventure, council camps, camping policies, camping awards, places to go camping and other resources for you to use. I hope you enjoy it.

Yours in Brotherhood and Cheerful Service,

Joseph Cawley

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3. Council Camps

A. Goshen Scout Reservation

Camp Olmsted

Camp Olmsted is unique among the Boy Scout Camps on the lake in that it is the only camp that Scouts and leaders receive the experience of eating their meals in a Dining Hall. Olmsted is also the only camp that offers a climate-controlled Tech Center where technology related Merit Badges are taught. Don't let our technology badges concern you. Olmsted still offers your fundamental summer camp badges such as Wilderness Survival, Swimming, and Rifle Shooting! Olmsted's Merit Badge program offers a great deal of diversity with roughly 60 badges offered!



Camp Marriott

Camp Marriott is located on the 450-acre Lake Merriweather in the Appalachian Mountains of Virginia. Not only does it boast a beautiful waterfront, but it also offers access to the 4000+ acres of Goshen land and over 35,000 acres of adjacent National Forest and State Wildlife Lands. Scouts at Camp Marriott will enjoy swimming, fishing, learning outdoor skills, shooting rifles, making crafts, learning about the environment around them, and much more.



Units stay in a campsite accommodated with platform tents, cots, a dining and cooking area, and a leader site. Camp Marriott offers Patrol Cooking along with Heater Stack dining options. The camp can also accommodate a mix of the two dining options for troops interested in trying out patrol cooking.

Camp Bowman

Camp Bowman is a Boy Scout and Venture Scout resident camp located on 450-acre Lake Merriweather. Now solely a patrol cooking camp, participants utilize the patrol method in action as they work with their patrol unit to prepare, cook, and clean meals supplied by our commissary in their campsites. Youth sleep in two-man platform tents with cots. The camp is accredited annually by the BSA and must also meet State of Virginia requirements. Scouts attend with their units and enjoy all that Scout camp has to offer.



Camp William B. Snyder

The 325-acre Camp William B. Snyder, located in Haymarket, Virginia, is the latest and greatest camping experience offered by the National Capital Area Council and the Boy Scouts of America. Camp Snyder, open since 2008, serves as a multi-functional camp that can meet the needs of packs, troops, Venturing crews, Varsity teams, and other outside organizations looking to develop a partnership or quality outdoor experience.

Camp Howard M. Wall



Camp Howard Wall is located on the south coast of St. Croix, the largest of the U.S. Virgin Islands and just a two-and-a-half-hour plane ride from Miami.

Camp Wall is a hidden treasure of a camp, which provides 17 acres of open campground for tent lodging with beach frontage. There is a main building for orientation, a large full kitchen, 3 large covered open pavilions, a climbing wall and advanced COPE course, a shooting range, kayaks and royaks, and an amazing view of the Caribbean Sea.

B. *Cub Scout Camps*

Camp Ross



Camp Ross is gearing up for another rossome summer at Goshen Scout Reservation. This year we will offer the classic favorites like swimming, boating, BB gun shooting, archery, tie dye, nature exhibits, fire building, team building exercises, dodge ball, and much more! We will also have some of our newer favorites like the HUMONGOUS water trampoline, Ross idol hunt, brand new craft project, balloon popping, and more.

Our goal at Camp Ross is to give Scouts a fun week and introduction to Scouting. We do our best to meet and exceed this goal for each and every Scout who attends. So, what are you waiting for? Sign up today!

Camp PMI

Camp P.M.I. is a premier Scout camp that offers programs for both Webelos I and Webelos II. It is nestled between two Boy Scout camps (Marriott and Bowman) and has access to some amazing hiking trails that lead to some spectacular views of Goshen Scout Reservation. During your stay, Scouts can enjoy activities at Handicraft, Scoutcraft, Aquatics, Ecology, BB and Archery ranges, and a second-year program for Webelos II's.



Packs eat each meal in a dining hall that serves hot and fresh meals every day and stay in camp sites equipped with canvas platform tents, a dining fly, and two army style cots. Throughout the week, Scouts learn outdoor skills that are necessary for the Scouting program as well as teamwork and confidence building exercises. You will have the opportunity to sign up for a variety of activity badges as well. Please see our documents below for more information about beautiful Camp P.M.I.!

C. High Adventure Opportunities

Lenhok'sin High Adventure



Lenhok'sin High Adventure is Goshen Scout Reservation's nationally accredited high adventure program. The program offers Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, and their adult leaders exciting high adventure opportunities they will enjoy and remember forever. The staff at Lenhok'sin will work with you to

customize a trek based on your Crew's interests.

Lenhok'sin is a trail camp. You will have the opportunity to hike the 4,000+ acres of Goshen Scout Reservation as well as some of the 35,000 acres of surrounding state wildlife game lands in addition to visiting Lenhok'sin staffed outposts. Treks run from Monday through Friday, allowing crews to select 4 outposts to attend.

Trail food is provided to you by the Lenhok'sin staff and prepared by your crew on the trail. Breakfasts and suppers are cooked meals and lunches are generally "no-cook" meals consisting of high protein foods.

Climbing/C.O.P.E.

Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience, or Project C.O.P.E., is the challenge course program of the Boy Scouts of America. It is a series of physical, mental and emotional challenges facilitated by trained and certified staff directed at enhancing personal growth.



In a nutshell, C.O.P.E. is the laboratory for leadership training. In an NCAC C.O.P.E. session, participants have the opportunity to discover their personal leadership style, and experience group dynamics as we transition from Forming, Storming, Norming to Performing (and Adjourning/Reforming).

Goshen Order of the Arrow Trail (G.O.A.T.)

Amangamek-Wipit Lodge #470 has pursued a number of opportunities to educate Order youth about the benefits of outdoor recreation and environmental stewardship as well as to provide service to its Council camps at Goshen Scout Reservation. The lodge formed its first Goshen Order of the Arrow Trail Crew (GOAT) in June 2002 to take advantage of such opportunities. "GOAT" as it is called in our lodge is modeled after the Philmont OA Trail Crew program that has been in operation for many summers.

The GOAT Program offers an innovative leadership and high adventure opportunity. The program challenges older Order youth and adults to experience, firsthand, the interrelationship between outdoor recreation and environmental stewardship. The Trail Crew Program combines the spirit of adventure with an interactive back country program into a two-week experience.

Specific benefits the Goshen Order of the Arrow Trail Program provides any participant are:

- Applying practical back country skills in direct support of our Council camps
- Learning to cooperate and to work in unity toward environmental stewardship
- Enhancing one's understanding of the Order of the Arrow
- Experiencing fun and inner satisfaction from a unique high adventure experience.



High Adventure & Outdoor Ethics

Amangamek-Wipit Lodge will form one or more GOAT crews comprised of six (6) to eight (8) Order youth per crew, aged 14 and older, and two (2) adult advisers per crew. The GOAT Crew's base camp will be Camp Baird, Goshen Scout Reservation from June 21 through July 4, 2015.

Week One

After crew selection and formation, two adult crew overseers will accompany the crew(s) to Camp Baird on one of the start dates. From Monday through Friday, the GOAT Crew will interact with various trainers on topics related to outdoor ethics and back country conservation so that the youth crew may apply these newly learned skills across the entire breadth of the Lenhok'sin Trail system. (Second crew is Tuesday through Friday.)

The GOAT Crew will be introduced to Goshen's newest COPE [Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience] course that helps youth to plan, organize, and lead outdoor adventure activities. In addition, crew members can expect to be exposed to advanced outdoor skills, techniques and strategies. Examples of such skills include: Search and Rescue (SAR), fire suppression and back country risk management. Also, each participant may earn certification in Leave No Trace (LNT) ethics.

Week Two

From a variety of program options, not otherwise offered to units attending Lenhok'sin, the youth crew will design a high adventure experience for themselves. On Monday, the GOAT Crew will depart Camp Baird for their multi-day trail adventure. Throughout the two weeks, the participants will gain a deeper understanding of the traditions within the Order of the Arrow. (Second crew ends on Thursday.)

Program Cost

Order of the Arrow members selected as GOAT Crew participants pay a total program cost of \$170. This amount covers the costs for the fourteen (14) day high adventure experience at Goshen. Second crew program cost is \$140 for the twelve (12) day program. Camperships are available – use the information form on the back side of the brochure.

Link: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/program/order-of-the-arrow/goshen-order-of-the-arrow-trail-crew/>

4. Council Summer Camp Information

A. Goshen Scout Reservation

More detailed information pertaining to Goshen Scout Reservation can be found using the link: <https://www.gotogoshen.org/>. Information provided from this link is information about camps Olmstead, Marriott, Bowman, Ross, and PMI. Once at the provided website information such as camps & programs, registration, scheduling, fees, refund policy, etc. can be found.

B. Camp William B. Snyder

More detailed information pertaining to Camp Synder can be found using the link: <https://www.gotosnyder.org/>. Information about summer camp, year-round events, rentals, Scout shops, work & volunteers, etc. can be found by using the provided link.

C. Camp Howard M. Wall

More detailed information pertaining to Camp Wall found on the Council website or by using the link: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-howard-m-wall/>. Information found by using this link is things such as general information about the camp, rental opportunities, and things to do.

D. Campership Aid

All Campership requests for Goshen Scout Reservation are due at the Council Service Center by February 1 of each year. The Campership Committee will convene and make award designations. Requests received after the due date will only be considered if funds are still available. If you plan on applying for a campership for a youth, please DO NOT pay the full amount right away. Voucher codes will be sent out after camperships are awarded.

More information about the Goshen campership award can be found using the link, <https://www.gotogoshen.org/registration/#camperships>.

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5. High Adventure Opportunities

A. Philmont Scout Ranch

Born in 1938 as Philtorn Rocky mountain Scoutcamp, today's Philmont Scout Ranch is a bustling center for high adventure and training. Youth and adults take advantage of the Ranch's camping, training and work programs. Most activity takes place during the summer, but Philmont also offers Autumn Adventure and Winter Adventure programs.



More than 1 million Scouts, Venturers, and leaders have experienced the adventure of Philmont since the first camping season in 1939. Throughout its existence, conscientious attention to low-impact camping techniques has helped maintain the Ranch's wilderness.

The area surrounding the Ranch is rich with history, from the Native Americans who made this arid land their home to the land barons of the 19th century. The town of Cimarron boasts a number of historical buildings, including the St. James Hotel: the site of at least 26 killings during Cimarron's wilder days

B. Northern Tier

Northern Tier is the Boy Scouts of America's gateway to adventure in the Great Northwoods. In the summer, Scouts from Northern Tier's three wilderness canoe bases explore millions of acres of pristine lakes, meandering rivers, dense forests and wetlands in Northern Minnesota, Northwest Ontario and Northeast Manitoba. In the winter, Northern Tier is home to the OKPIK Cold-Weather Camping program, the BSA's premier winter high adventure program. Fall programming is also available.



Whatever your plans, Northern Tier staff will outfit your crew with state-of-the-art camping equipment as well as a highly trained staff member called an "Interpreter."



Wilderness Canoe Trips in:

Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness of Minnesota
Quetico Provincial Park in Ontario, Canada
Wilderness Areas of Manitoba, Canada

Contact Northern Tier at:

(218) 365-4811

info@ntier.org

www.ntier.org

C. Florida Sea Base

The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is a unique Scouting program that offers aquatics programs found nowhere else. Whether your interests lie in sailing, scuba diving, rustic camping on an undeveloped barrier island, fishing or a combination of all, this is the place for your troop or crew.



Contact the Florida Sea Base at:

- Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1906, Islamorada, FL 33036
- Physical Address: 23800 Overseas Highway,
Islamorada, FL 33036
- Phone: (305) 664-4173
- General Manager: Mike Johnson, phone #, email

D. The Summit at Bechtel Family Reserve



Situated in the wilds of West Virginia, The Summit is a training, Scouting, and adventure center for the millions of youth and adults involved in the Boy Scouts of America. And anyone who loves the outdoors. And home to the National Scout Jamboree. And the Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base which complements the three existing bases: Philmont Scout Ranch, Northern Tier and Florida Sea Base.

Get ready for the next century of Scouting. With incredible facilities and amazing outdoor programs, The Summit is a place that takes Scouts and Venturers to the limits of what they think they can do, and then pushes them further.

The Summit is more than just a place for Scouts; its where future leaders are shaped.

Contact Summit at Bechtel Family Reserve at:

summitbsa.org

summit.program@scouting.org

(304) 465-2800

6. OA High Adventure

The Amangamek-Wipit Lodge holds a campership fund to alleviate the cost of these programs for deserving Arrowmen. For more information, please contact the Lodge Camp Promotions/High Adventure Committee at camping@wipit470.org

A. Canadian Odyssey



The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage: Canadian Odyssey program is an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience the wild beauty of the Quetico Provincial Park of Ontario, Canada.

Like its U.S. counterpart the first week of the program is spent giving back to the Quetico through portage trail restoration work. Participants have the opportunity to leave their mark on the Quetico that will enable millions of visitors each year to better enjoy their experience. Trail work involves restoring and protecting trails that have existed for centuries and are in dire need of repair.

The second part of the program is a 90-mile trek from Atikokan, Ontario to Ely, Minnesota.

B. Ocean Adventure

The Order of the Arrow, in cooperation with the Florida Sea Base, is offering you an opportunity to provide cheerful service while experiencing the adventure and fun of one of the greatest ecosystems on our planet - the Florida Keys and the waters which surround them. This ten day program will provide an array of service opportunities that include work helping to develop the Florida Keys Heritage Trail, removing invasive species in and around the Sea Base's Big Munson Island, and supporting both the Crane Point Nature Center and Marathon Wild Bird Center in preserving the Keys flora, fauna and wildlife. You will be camping at both Big Munson Island and Crane Point during the service portion of the program, after which you will move aboard a 40-50' sailing yacht for four days at sea. While afloat, you will experience the fun and excitement of life in the Keys from the unique perspective of a sailor as you sail, snorkel on pristine coral reefs, troll for sportfish, and swim in the warm waters of the Keys.



Your program is a 10-day experience in which you will experience wilderness camping, kayaking, sailing, fishing, snorkeling, team building (including a trip on a war canoe) and of course cheerful service. The program will be conservation based and will seek to help protect the eco-system of the Florida Keys.

In addition to the conservation service, participants will strengthen leadership skills, learn about the Keys ecosystem and its marine environment, experience life afloat and strengthen understanding of the Order of the Arrow.

C. Summit Experience

The Order of the Arrow Summit Experience program is an experience like no other. For 8 days, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Summit in West Virginia has to offer.



Four days of the program will be focused on building or maintaining trail around the Summit, and the New River Gorge National River Area. The remainder of the experience will revolve around white water kayaking and rafting, along with mountain biking, climbing, and participation in other Summit activities. Participants will not only build trail, but also bonds of brotherhood as they start their High Adventure journey.

The program is designed to entice younger Arrowmen to participate in High Adventure. Lodges and Chapters are encouraged to participate as a crew. Arrowmen ages 14 but not yet 18 will have the opportunity to explore all that the Summit has to offer in terms of adventure, brotherhood and cheerful service.

D. Trail Crew

The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program is one of the best ways to experience Scouting's premier high adventure base, Philmont Scout Ranch. For two weeks, participants see and experience all that Philmont has to offer and much more.

For the first week, participants have the chance to make a significant difference to Philmont by participating in trail building in the backcountry. Work will include clearing terrain for trail and constructing switchbacks, retention bars, and several other erosion controls. The impact of this service will be felt by Scouts for decades.



The second week of the program is spent experiencing Philmont in its finest. Unlike regular treks, Trail Crews make their own itinerary, instead of selecting from pre-planned routes. You can do and see just about anything, from the Tooth of Time to Baldy Mountain, your crew decides!

E. Wilderness Voyage

The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage program is an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota has to offer.



The first week of the program is spent giving back to the Boundary Waters through portage trail restoration work. Participants have the opportunity to leave their mark on the Boundary Waters that will enable millions of visitors each year to better enjoy their experience. Trail work involves restoring and protecting trails that have existed for centuries and are in dire need of repair.



The second part of the program is a trek planned by the crew. From the 8-1/2 mile "Grand Portage" leading to Lake Superior, to the Height of Land, even the pictographs on Fishdance Lake, crews have done and seen all in the Boundary Waters

7. Guide to Safe Scouting (Concerning Camping)

A. Safe Swim Defense

BSA groups shall use Safe Swim Defense for all swimming activities. Adult leaders supervising a swimming activity must have completed Safe Swim Defense training within the previous two years. Safe Swim Defense standards apply at backyard, hotel, apartment, and public pools; at established waterfront swim areas such as beaches at state parks and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lakes; and at all temporary swimming areas such as a lake, river, or ocean. Safe Swim Defense does not apply to boating or water activities such as waterskiing or swamped boat drills that are covered by Safety Afloat guidelines. Safe Swim Defense applies to other non-swimming activities whenever participants enter water over knee deep or when submersion is likely, for example, when fording a stream, seining for bait, or constructing a bridge as a pioneering project. Snorkeling in open water requires each participant to have demonstrated knowledge and skills equivalent to those for Snorkeling BSA in addition to following Safe Swim Defense. Scuba activities must be conducted in accordance with the BSA Scuba policy found in the Guide to Safe Scouting. Because of concerns with hyperventilation, competitive underwater swimming events are not permitted in Scouting.

Safe Swim Defense training may be obtained from my.scouting.org, at council summer camps, and at other council and district training events. Additional information on various swimming venues is provided in the Aquatics Supervision guide available from local council service centers.

Qualified Supervision

A swimming activity must be supervised by a mature and conscientious adult age 21 or older who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of those in his or her care, and who is trained in and committed to compliance with the eight points of BSA Safe Swim 7 The online version of the Guide to Safe Scouting is updated quarterly. Go to www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss. II. Aquatics Safety Defense. It is strongly recommended that all units have at least one adult or older youth member currently trained in BSA Aquatics Supervision: Swimming and Water Rescue or BSA Lifeguard to assist in planning and conducting all swimming activities

Personal Health Review

A complete health history is required of all participants as evidence of fitness for swimming activities. Forms for minors must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Participants should be asked to relate any recent incidents of illness or injury just prior to the activity. Supervision and protection should be adjusted to anticipate any potential risks associated

with individual health conditions. For significant health conditions, the adult supervisor should require an examination by a physician and consult with the parent, guardian, or caregiver for appropriate precautions.

Safe Area

All swimming areas must be carefully inspected and prepared for safety prior to each activity. Water depth, quality, temperature, movement, and clarity are important considerations. Hazards must be eliminated or isolated by conspicuous markings and discussed with participants.

Controlled Access: There must be safe areas for all participating ability groups to enter and leave the water. Swimming areas of appropriate depth must be defined for each ability group. The entire area must be within easy reach of designated rescue personnel. The area must be clear of boat traffic, surfing, or other non-swimming activities.

Bottom Conditions and Depth: The bottom must be clear of trees and debris. Abrupt changes in depth are not allowed in the non-swimmer area. Isolated underwater hazards should be marked with floats. Rescue personnel must be able to easily reach the bottom. Maximum recommended water depth in clear water is 12 feet. Maximum water depth in turbid water is 8 feet.

Visibility: Underwater swimming and diving are prohibited in turbid water. Turbid water exists when a swimmer treading water cannot see his feet. Swimming at night is allowed only in areas with water clarity and lighting sufficient for good visibility both above and below the surface.

Diving and Elevated Entry: Diving is permitted only into clear, unobstructed water from heights no greater than 40 inches. Water depth must be at least 7 feet. Bottom depth contours below diving boards and elevated surfaces require greater water depths and must conform to state regulations. Persons should not jump into water from heights greater than they are tall and should jump only into water chest deep or greater with minimal risk from contact with the bottom. No elevated entry is permitted where the person must clear any obstacle, including land.

Water Temperature: Comfortable water temperature for swimming is near 80 degrees. Activity in water at 70 degrees or less should be of limited duration and closely monitored for negative effects of chilling.

Water Quality: Bodies of stagnant, foul water, areas with significant algae or foam, or areas polluted by livestock or waterfowl should be avoided. Comply with any signs posted by local health authorities. Swimming is not allowed in swimming pools with green, murky, or cloudy water.

Moving Water: Participants should be able to easily regain and maintain their footing in currents or waves. Areas with large waves, swiftly flowing currents, or moderate currents that flow toward the open sea or into areas of danger should be avoided.

Weather: Participants should be moved from the water to a position of safety whenever lightning or thunder threatens. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last lightning flash or thunder before leaving shelter. Take precautions to prevent sunburn, dehydration, and hypothermia.



Life Jacket Use: Swimming in clear water over 12 feet deep, in turbid water over 8 feet deep, or in flowing water may be allowed if all participants wear properly fitted, Coast Guard–approved life jackets and the supervisor determines that swimming with life jackets is safe under the circumstances.

Response Personal (Lifeguards)

Every swimming activity must be closely and continuously monitored by a trained rescue team on the alert for and ready to respond during emergencies. Professionally trained lifeguards satisfy this need when provided by a regulated facility or tour operator. When lifeguards are not provided by others, the adult supervisor must assign at least two rescue personnel, with additional numbers to maintain a ratio of one rescuer to every 10 participants. The supervisor must provide instruction and rescue equipment and assign areas of responsibility as outlined in Aquatics Supervision, No. 34346. The qualified supervisor, the designated response personnel, and the lookout work together as a safety team. An emergency action plan should be formulated and shared with participants as appropriate.

Lookout

The lookout continuously monitors the conduct of the swim, identifies any departures from Safe Swim Defense guidelines, alerts rescue personnel as needed, and monitors the weather and environment. The lookout should have a clear view of the entire area but be close enough for easy verbal communication. The lookout must have a sound understanding of Safe Swim Defense but is not required to perform rescues. The adult supervisor may serve simultaneously as the lookout but must assign the task to someone else if engaged in activities that preclude focused observation.

Ability Groups

All youth and adult participants are designated as swimmers, beginners, or non-swimmers based on swimming ability confirmed by standardized BSA swim classification tests. Each group is assigned a specific swimming area with depths consistent with those abilities. The classification tests must be renewed annually, preferably at the beginning of the season even if the youth has earned the Swimming merit badge

Swimmers pass this test: Jump feetfirst into water over the head in depth. Level off and swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be completed in one swim without stops and must include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

Beginners pass this test: Jump feetfirst into water over the head in depth, level off, and swim 25 feet on the surface. Stop, turn sharply, resume swimming, and return to the starting place.

Anyone who has not completed either the beginner or swimmer tests is classified as a non-swimmer.

The non-swimmer area should be no more than waist to chest deep and should be enclosed by physical boundaries such as the shore, a pier, or lines. The enclosed beginner area should contain water of standing depth and may extend to depths just over the head. The swimmer

area may be up to 12 feet in depth in clear water and should be defined by floats or other markers.

Buddy System

Every participant is paired with another. Buddies stay together, monitor each other, and alert the safety team if either needs assistance or is missing.

Buddies check into and out of the area together. Buddies are normally in the same ability group and remain in their assigned area. If they are not of the same ability group, then they swim in the area assigned to the buddy with the lesser ability.

A buddy check reminds participants of their obligation to monitor their buddies and indicates how closely the buddies are keeping track of each other. Roughly every 10 minutes, or as needed to keep the buddies together, the lookout, or other person designated by the supervisor, gives an audible signal, such as a single whistle blast, and a call for "Buddies." Buddies are expected to raise each other's hand before completion of a slow, audible count to 10. Buddies who take longer to find each other should be reminded of their responsibility for the other's safety.

Once everyone has a buddy, a count is made by area and compared with the total number known to be in the water. After the count is confirmed, a signal is given to resume swimming

Discipline

Rules are effective only when followed. All participants should know, understand, and respect the rules and procedures for safe swimming provided by Safe Swim Defense guidelines. Applicable rules should be discussed prior to the outing and reviewed for all participants at the water's edge just before the swimming activity begins. People are more likely to follow directions when they know the reasons for rules and procedures. Consistent, impartially applied rules supported by skill and good judgment provide steppingstones to a safe, enjoyable outing.

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B. Chemical Fuels and Equipment

Purpose

This policy directs Boy Scouts of America members how to safely store, handle, and use chemical fuels and equipment. Safety and environmental awareness concerns have persuaded many campers to move away from traditional outdoor campfires in favor of chemical-fueled equipment used for cooking, heating, and lighting. Be aware that chemical fuels and equipment create very different hazards than traditional wood, charcoal, and other solid fuels; this policy defines how to address those hazards.

Before any chemical fuels or chemical-fueled equipment is used, an adult knowledgeable about chemical fuels and equipment, including regulatory requirements, should resolve any hazards not specifically addressed within this policy.

Definitions

Chemical fuels—Liquid, gaseous, or gelled fuels.

Approved chemical-fueled equipment—Commercially manufactured equipment, including stoves, grills, burners, heaters, and lanterns that are designed to be used with chemical fuels.

Prohibited chemical-fueled equipment—Equipment that is handcrafted, homemade, modified, or installed beyond the manufacturer’s stated design limitations or use. Examples include alcohol-burning “can” stoves, smudge pots, improperly installed heaters, and propane burners with their regulators removed.

Recommended chemical fuels—White gas (Coleman fuel); kerosene; liquefied petroleum gas fuels, including propane, butane, and isobutane; vegetable oil fuels; biodiesel fuel; and commercially prepared gelled-alcohol fuel in original containers.

Chemical fuels not recommended—Unleaded gasoline; liquid alcohol fuels, including isopropyl alcohol, denatured ethyl alcohol, and ethanol; and other flammable chemicals that are not in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions for chemical-fueled equipment.

Storing, Handling, and Using Chemical Fuels and Equipment

An adult knowledgeable about chemical fuels and equipment should always supervise youths involved in the storage, handling, and use of chemical fuels and equipment.

Operate and maintain chemical-fueled equipment according to the manufacturer’s instructions and in facilities or areas only where and when permitted.

Using liquid fuels for starting any type of fire—including lighting damp wood, charcoal, and ceremonial campfires or displays—is prohibited.

No flames in tents. This includes burning any solid, liquid, gel, or gas fuel—including tents or teepees that feature or support stoves or fires; and any chemical-fueled equipment or catalytic heaters.

Store chemical fuels in their original containers or in containers designed for immediate use. Securely store any spare fuel away from sources of ignition, buildings, and tents.

During transport and storage, properly secure chemical fuel containers in an upright, vertical position.

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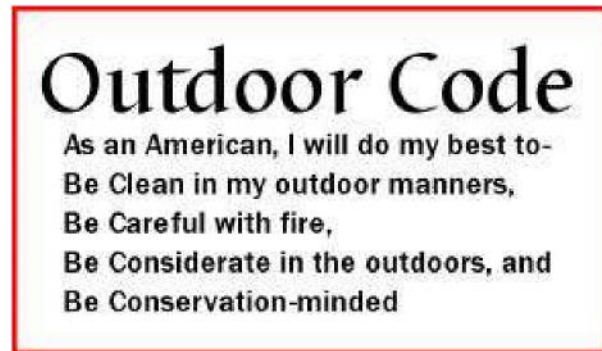




8. Standards of Conduct

A. Leave No Trace

The principles of Leave No Trace might seem unimportant until you consider the combined effects of millions of outdoor visitors. One poorly located campsite or campfire may have little significance, but thousands of such instances seriously degrade the outdoor experience for all. Leaving no trace is everyone's responsibility.



Plan Ahead and Prepare

Proper trip planning and preparation helps hikers and campers accomplish trip goals safely and enjoyably while minimizing damage to natural and cultural resources. Campers who plan ahead can avoid unexpected situations and minimize their impact by complying with area regulations such as observing limitations on group size. Schedule your trek to avoid times of high use. Obtain permits or permission to use the area for your trek.

Proper planning ensures:

- Low-risk adventures because campers obtained information concerning geography and weather and prepared accordingly
- Properly located campsites because campers allotted enough time to reach their destination
- Appropriate campfires and minimal trash because of careful meal planning and food repackaging and proper equipment
- Comfortable and fun camping and hiking experiences because the outing matches the skill level of the participants



Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

Damage to land occurs when visitors trample vegetation or communities of organisms beyond recovery. The resulting barren areas develop into undesirable trails, campsites, and soil erosion. **Concentrate Activity, or Spread Out?**

- In high-use areas, campers should concentrate their activities where vegetation is already absent. Minimize resource damage by using existing trails and selecting designated or existing campsites. Keep campsites small by arranging tents in close proximity.
- In more remote, less-traveled areas, campers should generally spread out. When hiking, take different paths to avoid creating new trails that cause erosion. When camping, disperse tents and cooking activities—and move camp daily to avoid

creating permanent-looking campsites. Avoid places where impacts are just beginning to show. Always choose the most durable surfaces available: rock, gravel, sand, compacted soil, dry grasses, or snow.

These guidelines apply to most alpine settings and may be different for other areas, such as deserts. Learn the Leave No Trace techniques for your crew's specific activity or destination. Check with land managers to be sure of the proper technique.

Dispose of Waste Properly (Pack It In, Pack It Out)

This simple yet effective saying motivates backcountry visitors to take their trash home with them. It makes sense to carry out of the backcountry the extra materials taken there by your group or others. Inspect your campsite for trash or spilled foods. Accept the challenge of packing out all trash, leftover food, and litter.

Sanitation

Backcountry users create body waste and wastewater that require proper disposal. **Wastewater.**

Help prevent contamination of natural water sources: After straining food particles, properly dispose of dishwater by dispersing at least 200 feet (about 80 to 100 strides for a youth) from springs, streams, and lakes. Use biodegradable soap 200 feet or more from any water source.

Human Waste.

Proper human waste disposal helps prevent the spread of disease and exposure to others. Catholes 6 to 8 inches deep in humus and 200 feet from water, trails, and campsites are often the easiest and most practical way to dispose of feces.

Leave What You Find

Allow others a sense of discovery and preserve the past. Leave rocks, plants, animals, archaeological artifacts, and other objects as you find them. Examine but do not touch cultural or historical structures and artifacts. It may be illegal to remove artifacts.

Minimize Site Alterations

Do not dig tent trenches or build lean-tos, tables, or chairs. Never hammer nails into trees, hack at trees with hatchets or saws, or damage bark and roots by tying horses to trees for extended periods. Replace surface rocks or twigs that you cleared from the campsite. On high-impact sites, clean the area and dismantle inappropriate user-built facilities such as multiple fire rings and log seats or tables.

Good campsites are found, not made. Avoid altering a site, digging trenches, or building structures.

Minimize Campfire Impacts



Some people would not think of camping without a campfire. Yet the naturalness of many areas has been degraded by overuse of fires and increasing demand for firewood.

Lightweight camp stoves make low impact camping possible by encouraging a shift away from fires. Stoves are fast, eliminate the need for firewood, and make cleanup after meals easier. After dinner, enjoy a candle lantern instead of a fire.

If you build a fire, the most important consideration is the potential for resource damage. Whenever possible, use an existing campfire ring in a well-placed campsite. Choose not to have a fire in areas where wood is scarce—at higher elevations, in heavily used areas with a limited wood supply, or in desert settings.

True Leave No Trace fires are small. Use dead and downed wood that can be broken easily by hand. When possible, burn all wood to ash and remove all unburned trash and food from the fire ring. If a site has two or more fire rings, you may dismantle all but one and scatter the materials in the surrounding area. Be certain all wood and campfire debris is cold out.

Respect Wildlife

Quick movements and loud noises are stressful to animals. Considerate campers practice these safety methods:

- Observe wildlife from afar to avoid disturbing them.
- Give animals a wide berth, especially during breeding, nesting, and birthing seasons.
- Store food securely and keep garbage and food scraps away from animals so they will not acquire bad habits. Never feed wildlife. Help keep wildlife wild.

You are too close if an animal alters its normal activities.

Be Considerate of Other Visitors

Thoughtful campers respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.

- Travel and camp in small groups (no more than the group size prescribed by land managers).
- Let nature's sounds prevail. Keep the noise down and leave radios, tape players, and pets at home.
- Select campsites away from other groups to help preserve their solitude.
- Always travel and camp quietly to avoid disturbing other visitors.
- Make sure the colors of clothing and gear blend with the environment.
- Respect private property and leave gates (open or closed) as found. Be considerate of other campers and respect their privacy.

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9. *Camping Tips and Tricks*

A. *Tips for Your Gear*

- Removing sticky pine sap from your gear: Use warm water and mineral oil to remove stubborn pine sap from fabric.
- Minimize condensation in your tent: Keep your vents open and clear of large packs or piles of clothes. For better circulation, keep a top and bottom vent open so that cool dry air is sucked in as the hot moist air leaves.
- Save room: Use a clothes pillow. Instead of packing a big bulky pillow (or not sleeping with one!) Use your sleeping bag stuff sack and some clothes to rest your head on at night.
- Organize your pack to keep your balance. Make sure your heaviest equipment is packed in the lower middle of your pack. Pack medium-weight gear around or above the heaviest gear. This will keep the weight centered and natural feeling.
- Dry your boots quickly. At home, hang wet boots upside down and fill them with crumpled up newspaper to dry them overnight. In the field there are two really effective boot driers; the sun and your feet. If you have the time, put your boots
- The temperature doesn't matter to a sunburn. You can still get sunburned in cloudy or cool weather. Also remember that UV rays are stronger at higher elevations even though it may not feel like it, as the temperature drops. Always take lip balm and sunscreen to protect from sunburn.
- Always know where your bandana is: A bandana is one of the most versatile items you can take on the trail. You can use it for washing, wear it as sun protection, strain water, keep the sweat out of your eyes, and even use it as a makeshift, first aid tool. Of course, it can still be used for its original purpose of nose blowing – just be sure to give it a good wash before using it for any of the above listed uses!

B. *Staying Comfortable*

- Natural mosquito repellent: In a pinch some plants will provide repellency to mosquitoes. While it might give a bad-tempered French knight something to taunt you about, the leaves of the elderberry bush make a great natural mosquito repellent. Crush the leaves and rub the liquid on exposed skin. There are also manufactured repellents that utilize active ingredients found in plants that will provide natural repellent.



- Prevent blisters: Some people advocate the use of foot lubricants like Hydropel or Bodyglide to avoid blisters. Powders such as Gold Bond or BlisterShield will also help keep sweaty feet dry.
- Use greasy snack food if kindling is wet: Oily chips like Fritos or Lays potato chips can be used as back-up fire starters if your wood is too wet.
- Don't get caught in the dark: For a rough estimate of how much sunlight is left in the day, find a clear view of the horizon and the sun. Extend your arms in front of you, with your fingers parallel to the horizon. Count how many finger widths are between the sun and the horizon. Each finger width indicates approximately 15 minutes. So, for example, four fingers between the sun and horizon indicate 1 hour of sunlight remaining.
- Don't be a sucker. Remove ticks properly: Use tweezers to grasp the tick tightly, as close to the skin as possible. Pull the tick straight out in a slow, steady movement. Do not twist or jerk the tick as it comes out. Doing so will cause the tick's head to break off in your skin and can become infected. (Gross!)
- Protecting a hot spot: If you start to feel a blister coming on, place a piece of moleskin or a bandage between the skin and your sock inside the shoe. If the skin has already begun to blister, use a blister treatment like GlacierGel to create a buffer and keep the wound stable, moist and clean.
- Use physics to warm your feet: You can use the force of inertia to get the blood flowing again to your cold feet. Simply swing your legs back and forth like a pendulum. This will force extra blood down into your feet and will keep them warmer.



NCAC Scout Shop Locations



9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814 – Phone:
(301) 564-1092

5232 Port Royal Rd, Springfield, VA 22151 – Phone:
(703) 321-4836

Ten Essentials

1. Map
2. Compass (optionally supplemented with a GPS receiver)
3. Sunglasses and sunscreen
4. Extra clothing
5. Headlamp (or flashlight)
6. First-aid supplies
7. Firestarter
8. Matches
9. Knife
10. Extra food



Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety

1. QUALIFIED SUPERVISION

Every BSA activity should be supervised by a conscientious adult who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of the children and youth in his or her care. The supervisor should be sufficiently trained, experienced, and skilled in the activity to be confident of his/her ability to lead and to teach the necessary skills and to respond effectively in the event of an emergency. Field knowledge of all applicable BSA standards and a commitment to implement and follow BSA policies and procedures are essential parts of the supervisor's qualifications.

2. PHYSICAL FITNESS

For youth participants in any potentially strenuous activity, the supervisor should receive a complete health history from a health-care professional, parent, or

guardian. Adult participants and youth involved in higher-risk activity (e.g., scuba) may require



professional evaluation in addition to the health history. The supervisor should adjust all supervision, discipline, and protection to anticipate potential risks associated with individual health conditions. Neither youth nor adults should participate in activities for which they are unfit. To do so would place both the individual and others at risk.

3. BUDDY SYSTEM

The long history of the buddy system in Scouting has shown that it is always best to have at least one other person with you and aware at all times as to your circumstances and what you are doing in any outdoor or strenuous activity.

4. SAFE AREA OR COURSE

A key part of the supervisor's responsibility is to know the area or course for the activity and to determine that it is well-suited and free of hazards.

5. EQUIPMENT SELECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Most activity requires some specialized equipment. The equipment should be selected to suit the participant and the activity and to include appropriate safety and program features. The supervisor should also check equipment to determine that it is in good condition for the activity and is properly maintained while in use.

6. PERSONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT

The supervisor must ensure that every participant has and uses the appropriate personal safety equipment. For example, activity afloat requires a life jacket properly worn by each participant; bikers, horseback riders, and whitewater kayakers need helmets for certain activities; skaters may need protective gear; and all need to be dressed for warmth and utility depending on the circumstances.

7. SAFETY PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

For most activities, there are common-sense procedures and standards that can greatly reduce the risk. These should be known and appreciated by all participants, and the supervisor must ensure compliance.

8. SKILL LEVEL LIMITS

There is a minimum skill level requirement for every activity, and the supervisor must identify and recognize this minimum skill level and be sure that no participants are put at risk by attempting an activity beyond their ability. A good example of skill levels in Scouting is the venerable swim test, which defines conditions for safe swimming based on individual ability.

9. WEATHER CHECK

The risk factors in many outdoor activities vary substantially with weather conditions. These variables and the appropriate response should be understood and anticipated.

10. PLANNING

Safe activity follows a plan that has been conscientiously developed by the experienced supervisor or other competent source. Good planning minimizes risks and



also anticipates contingencies that may require emergency response or a change of plan.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

The supervisor needs to be able to communicate effectively with participants as needed during the activity. Emergency communications also need to be considered in advance for any foreseeable contingencies.

12. PLANS AND NOTICES

BSA tour and activity plans, council office registration, government or landowner authorization, and any similar formalities are the supervisor's responsibility when such are required. Appropriate notification should be directed to parents, enforcement authorities, landowners, and others as needed, before and after the activity.

13. FIRST-AID RESOURCES

The supervisor should determine what first-aid supplies to include among the activity equipment. The level of first-aid training and skill appropriate for the activity should also be considered. An extended trek over remote terrain obviously may require more first-aid resources and capabilities than an afternoon activity in the local community. Whatever is determined to be needed should be available.

14. APPLICABLE LAWS

BSA safety policies generally run parallel or go beyond legal mandates, but the supervisor should confirm and ensure compliance with all applicable regulations or statutes.

15. CPR RESOURCE

Any strenuous activity or remote trek could present a cardiac emergency. Aquatics programs may involve cardiopulmonary emergencies. The BSA strongly recommends that a CPR-trained person (preferably an adult) be part of the leadership for any BSA program. Such a resource should be available for strenuous outdoor activity.

16. DISCIPLINE

No supervisor is effective if he or she cannot control the activity and the individual participants. Youth must respect their leader and follow his or her direction.

C. Winter Camping Tips

- . Some tips to keep in mind when your troop takes on winter camping.
- . Fail to Plan = Plan to Fail
- . Always bring a bit more than what you think you'll need – water, food, clothes.
- . Make sure that you have a good knowledge of the signs of frostbite and hypothermia. You should be able to recognize it in others and in yourself. Tell



someone right away if you or another Scout is showing signs of cold-related problems.

- Stay hydrated. It's easy to get dehydrated in the winter. Eat and drink plenty of carbs.
- Keep out of the wind if you can. A rain fly for a tent can be pitched to serve as a wind break. The wind chill factor can often be considerable and can result in effective temperatures being much lower than nominal.
- Bring extra WATER. It's easy to get dehydrated in the winter. You aren't visibly sweating, so you don't think to drink water, but since the air is so dry, you lose a LOT of water through breathing. Drink lots of water!
- Bring extra food that doesn't need to be heated or cooked. Granola bars, trail mix, etc.
- Keep a pot of hot water available for cocoa or Cup-a-Soup – these warm from the inside.
- Always eat hot meals (breakfast, lunch, & dinner.) Dutch ovens are the best – they keep the food hot longer. It doesn't need to be fancy DO cooking. Meals should be 1-pot meals to keep cleanup to a minimum. Don't get too fancy with the meals - it's hard to chop onions & carrots at -10°F with gloves on. Prep all meals at home in the warmth of the kitchen.
- Shelter the cooking area from wind (walls of tarps, etc.)
- Fill coffee/cook pots with water before bed. It's hard to pour frozen water, but easy to thaw it if it's already in the pot.
- Remember C O L D:
 - Clean - dirty clothes lose their loft and get you cold.
 - Overheat - never get sweaty, strip off layers to stay warm but no too hot.
 - Layers - Dress in synthetic layers for easy temperature control.
 - Dry - wet clothes (and sleeping bags) also lose their insulation.
 - COTTON KILLS! Do not bring cotton. Staying dry is the key to staying warm. Air is an excellent insulator and by wearing several layers of clothes you will keep warm.

- Remember the 3 W's of layering - Wicking inside layer, Warmth middle layer(s) and Wind/Water outer layer. Wicking should be a polypropylene material as long underwear and also sock liner. Warmth layer(s) should be fleece or wool. The Wind/Water layer should be Gore-Tex or at least 60/40 nylon.
- If you're camping in the snow, wear snow pants over your regular clothing
- Bring extra hand covering - mittens are warmer than gloves.
- Bring 2 changes of socks per day.
- Everyone must be dry by sundown. No wet (sweaty) bodies or wet inner clothing.
- Use plastic grocery bags or bread bags over socks. This keeps your boots dry and you can easily change those wet socks.
- Keep your hands and feet warm. Your body will always protect the core, so if your hands and feet are warm, your core will also likely be warm. If your hands or feet are cold, put on more layers, and put on a hat!
- Dress right while sleeping. Change into clean, dry clothes before bed. Your body makes moisture and your clothes hold it in - by changing into dry clothes you will stay warmer and it will help keep the inside of your sleeping bag dry. Wearing wool socks and long underwear (tops and bottoms) in the sleeping bag is OK.
- Put on tomorrow's t- shirt and underwear at bedtime. That way you won't be starting with everything cold next to your skin in the morning.
- Wear a stocking cap to bed, even if you have a mummy bag.
- Put tomorrow's clothes in your bag with you. This is especially important if you're small of stature. It can be pretty hard to warm up a big bag with a little body, the clothes cut down on that work.
- Put a couple of long-lasting hand warmers into your boots after you take them off. Your boots will dry out during the night.
- Fill a couple of Nalgene water bottles with warm water and sleep with one between your legs (warms the femoral artery) and with one at your feet. Or use toe/hand warmers. Toss them into your sleeping bag before you get in. Some of the toe/hand warmers will last 8 hours.

- Eat a high-energy snack before bed, then brush your teeth. The extra fuel will help your body stay warm. Take a Snickers bar to bed and eat it if you wake up chilly in the night.

- Use a sleeping bag that is appropriate for the conditions. Two +20°F sleeping bags, one inside the other will work to lower the rating of both bags.
- Use a bivvy sack to wrap around your sleeping bag. You can make a cheap version of this by getting an inexpensive fleece sleeping bag. It isn't much more than a blanket with a zipper, but it helps lower the rating by as much as 10 degrees.
- Use a sleeping bag liner. There are silk and fleece liners that go inside the sleeping bag. They will lower your sleeping bag's rating by up to 10 degrees. Or buy an inexpensive fleece throw or blanket and wrap yourself in it inside the sleeping bag.
- Most cold weather bags are designed to trap heat. The proper way to do this is to pull the drawstrings until the sleeping bag is around your face, not around your neck. If the bag also has a draft harness, make sure to use it above the shoulders and it snugs up to your neck to keep cold air from coming in and warm air from going out.
- Don't burrow in - keep your mouth and nose outside the bag. Moisture from your breath collecting in your bag is a quick way to get really cold. Keep the inside of the bag dry.
- Put a trash bag over the bottom half of your sleeping bag to help hold in the heat. A zipped-up coat pulled over the foot of a sleeping bag makes an extra layer of insulation.
- Don't sleep directly on the ground. Get a closed cell foam pad to provide insulation between your sleeping bag and the ground. A foam pad cushions and insulates. The air pockets are excellent in providing good insulation properties. Use more than one insulating layer below you – it's easy to slide off the first one.
- In an emergency, cardboard makes a great insulator. Old newspapers are also good insulation. A layer of foam insulation works too.
- Bring a piece of cardboard to stand on when changing clothes. This will keep any snow on your clothes off your sleeping bag and help keep your feet warmer than standing on the cold ground.
- A space blanket or silver lined tarp on the floor of the tent or under your sleeping bag will reflect your heat back to you.
- No cots or air mattresses! Better to lay on with 30° earth instead of -10° air.

- Sleep in quinzees or igloos. These are warmer than tents since you've got an insulating layer of snow between you and the outside air, instead of just a thin nylon layer.
- If in tents, leave the tent flaps/zippers vented a bit, it cuts down on interior frost.
- Drain your bladder before you go to bed. Having to go in the middle of the night when it is 5 degrees out chills your entire body. Drink all day but stop one hour before bed.

10. Awards and Recognition

Scouts BSA offers a plethora of awards that can be earned. Below are a few of the camping and conservation awards. Attached with each award is a short description of the award and a link to find more information. The following link is where you will find information concerning all the other awards given out by Scouts BSA

Link: <https://www.scouting.org/awards/>

A. National Camping Award:

The six National Outdoor Awards badges recognize a Scout, Varsity Scout, Sea Scout, or Venturer who demonstrates knowledge and experience in camping, aquatics, conservation, hiking, riding, or adventure. Youth earning the National Outdoor Awards badges have demonstrated that they are knowledgeable, safe, and comfortable in the outdoor activity covered by the badge.

Link: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/noa/>

B. Scouts BSA Outdoor Ethics Awards:

Scouts interested in learning more about outdoor ethics and Leave No Trace should begin by exploring the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award.

The Outdoor Ethics Action Award challenges Scouts and Scouters to take affirmative steps to improve their outdoor skills.

Link: <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/outdoor-ethics/awards/scouts-bsa/>

C. 50-Miler Award:

To recognize members who cover the trail or canoe or boat route of not less than 50 consecutive miles; take a minimum of five consecutive days to complete the trip without the aid of motors.

Link: <https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/50-miler/>

D. National Historic Trails Award:

To bring appreciation to the ideals, principles, and traditions that have made our country strong; requirements emphasize cooperation between historic societies and Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout units, which should establish a close relationship with

a local society as soon as possible when planning a historic activity—most communities have such societies.

Link: <https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/historic-trails/>

E. World Conservation Award:

To encourage all youth members to think globally and act locally to preserve and improve our environment. Involves advancement and project work.

Link: <https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/world-conservation/>

F. William T. Hornaday Award:

Conservation and the Boy Scouts of America have been partners for a long time. Camping, hiking, and respect for the outdoors are a part of the Scouting heritage. Many of the requirements for advancement from Tenderfoot through Eagle Scout rank call for an increasing awareness and understanding of the natural sciences. Many former Scouts have become leaders in conserving our environment and protecting it from abuse. Right now, Scouts are involved in learning about environmental problems and actively working to make a difference.

This awards program was created to recognize those that have made significant contributions to conservation. It was begun in 1914 by Dr. William T. Hornaday, director of the New York Zoological Park and founder of the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. Dr. Hornaday was an active and outspoken champion of natural resource conservation and a leader in saving the American bison from extinction. He named the award the Wildlife Protection Medal. Its purpose was to challenge Americans to work constructively for wildlife conservation and habitat protection. After his death in 1937, the award was renamed in Dr. Hornaday's honor and became a Boy Scouts of America award.

In the early 1970s, the present awards program was established with funding from the DuPont Company. At that time, the late Dr. Hornaday's idea of conservation was broadened to include environmental awareness.

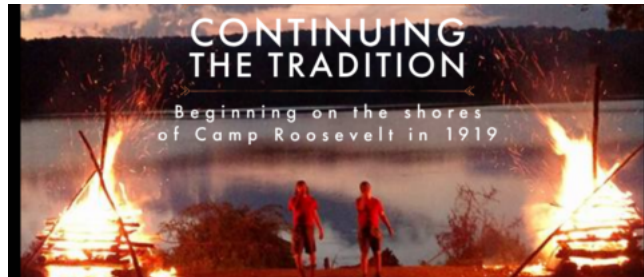
The Hornaday Awards are highly prized by those who have received them: Approximately 1,100 medals have been awarded over the past 80 years. These awards represent a substantial commitment of time and energy by individuals who have learned the meaning of a conservation/environmental ethic. Any Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturer willing to devote the time and energy to work on a project based on sound scientific principles and guided by a conservation professional or a well-versed layperson can qualify for one of the Hornaday Awards. The awards often take months to complete, so activities should be planned well in advance.

The fundamental purpose of the Hornaday Awards program is to encourage learning by the participants and to increase public awareness about natural resource conservation. Understanding and practicing sound stewardship of natural resources and environmental protection strengthens Scouting's emphasis on respecting the outdoors. The goal of this awards program is to encourage and recognize truly **outstanding** efforts undertaken by Scouting units, Scouts and Venturers, adult Scouters, and other individuals, corporations,

and institutions that have contributed significantly to natural resource conservation and environmental protection.

Link: <https://www.scouting.org/awards/hornaday-awards/>

G. NCAC 100 Years of Camping:



Honor and celebrate 100 years of camping in the National Capital Area Council. Continue the tradition of Scout camping that began at Camp Roosevelt on Maryland's Western Shore in 1919!

Camp overnight and participate in events in 2019 and 2020 with Special Programs designed to celebrate the great outdoors.

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to earn a FREE 100th anniversary patch by participating in designated events as well as to obtain a SPECIAL EDITION 100th anniversary patch at one of our four summer camps.

All of the details can be found on the National Capital Area Council website.

Link: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/100-years-of-ncac-camping/>

11. Staff Opportunities

A. Goshen Scout Reservation

Every year, the seven camps and programs which make up the Goshen Scout Reservation employ close to 250 highly motivated individuals to participate in the experience of a lifetime. If you are 14 years of age or older by this summer, you could be a part of something huge!

Please contact us anytime to discuss a great summer experience with one of the camps at Goshen Scout Reservation.

Goshen Staff Information: <https://www.gotogoshen.org/information/goshen-staff/>

Please call or email Camping Specialist Sarah Moses at (301) 214-9155 or Sarah.Moses@scouting.org with any questions.

B. National High Adventure Bases

The BSA's four national high-adventure bases are looking for quality staff members.

The Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier High Adventure Base, Summit Bechtel Reserve, and Philmont Scout Ranch annually seek applications from qualified men and women. Each season, for example, Philmont alone employs more than 1,100 individuals, from trail-guide rangers to backcountry program staffers to base camp and Philmont Training Center support people. Likewise, Northern Tier and the Florida Sea Base fill similar seasonal slots. Applicants must be 18 or older; previous Scouting experience and attendance at a high-adventure base are helpful but not required.

Basic qualifications for employment at any of the National High Adventure Bases:

1. You must be at least 18 years old; for some positions, 21 years old.
2. You do not have to be a current member of the Scouts BSA to apply for an employment opportunity, however, if offered a position you will be required to become a member of the Boy Scouts of America.
3. You must legally be able to work in the United States.
4. You must agree to submit to a criminal background check.
5. You must successfully complete in advance of arrival an annual medical exam that demonstrates minimum physical capabilities commensurate with the desired position. Please note that some positions have physical requirements, including weight limitations.

Florida Sea Base

The Florida Sea Base

Attn: HR Director

PO Drawer 1906

Islamorada, FL 33036

<http://www.bsaseabase.org/Resources/Employment.aspx>

Philmont Scout Ranch

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/jobs/>

Northern Tier

Applications can be found at <http://www.ntier.org/Jobs/>

-Mail Staff Applications to:

Seasonal Personnel

Northern Tier High Adventure

PO Box 509

Ely, MN 55731

-E-mail Staff Applications to:

Jobs@NTier.org

The Summit Bechtel Reserve

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12. Short Term Camping

A. Camping Sites

Kampgrounds of America (KOA)

For more than 50 years, KOA has provided millions of campers with fun, memorable adventures. All of our more than 485 locations across North America continue to be special places designed for the ways you like to camp. That will never change. KOAs are packed with wonderful amenities like Wi-Fi, family activities, cable TV and swimming pools to enhance your stay. Try mini golf.



Washington DC / Capitol KOA

768 Cecil Avenue North Millersville, MD 21108 – Phone: (410) 923-2771

Harpers Ferry / Civil War Battlefields KOA

343 Campground Road Harpers Ferry, WV 25425 -- Phone: (800) 562-9497

Gettysburg / Battlefield KOA

20 Knox Road Gettysburg, PA 17325 -- Phone: (717) 642-5713

Hagerstown / Antietam Battlefield KOA

11759 Snug Harbor Lane Williamsport, MD 21795 -- Phone: (301) 223-7571

Fredericksburg VA / Washington DC S. KOA

7400 Brookside Lane Fredericksburg, VA 22408-8856 – Phone: (540) 898-7252

Elizabethtown / Hershey KOA

1980 Turnpike Road Elizabethtown, PA 17022 – Phone: (717) 367-7718

Philadelphia / West Chester KOA

1659 Embreeville Road Coatesville, PA 19320 – Phone: (610) 486-0447

Jonestown / Hershey NE KOA

11 Lickdale Rd Jonestown, PA 17038 – Phone: (717) 865-6411

Luray KOA

3402 Kimball Rd Luray, VA 22835 – Phone: (540) 743-7222

Williamsburg KOA

4000 Newman Road Williamsburg, VA 23188 – Phone: (757) 565-2907

Harrisonburg / Shenandoah Valley KOA

12480 Mountain Valley Road Broadway, VA 22815 – Phone: (540) 896-8929

Allentown KOA

6750 KOA Drive New Tripoli, PA 18066 – Phone: (610) 298-2160

Charlottesville KOA

3825 Red Hill Road Charlottesville, VA 22903-9710 – Phone: (434) 296-9881

Williamsport South / Nittany Mtn. KOA

2751 Millers Bottom Road New Columbia, PA 17856 – Phone: (570) 568-5541

Bellefonte / State College KOA

2481 Jacksonville Road Bellefonte, PA 16823 – Phone: (814) 355-7912

Staunton / Walnut Hills KOA

484 Walnut Hills Road Staunton, VA 24401-6936 --- Phone: (540) 337-3920

Virginia Beach KOA

1240 General Booth Boulevard Virginia Beach, VA 23451 – Phone: (757) 428-1444

Delaware Water Gap / Pocono Mountain KOA

227 Hollow Road East Stroudsburg, PA 18302 – Phone:
(570) 223-8000

Uniontown KOA

1101 Riveredge Road Connellsville, PA 15425 – Phone: (724) 628-4880



Lynchburg NW / Blue Ridge Parkway KOA

6252 Elon Rd Monroe, VA 24574-3012 – Phone: (434) 299-5228

Madison / Pittsburgh S.E. KOA

764 Waltz Mill Road Ruffs Dale, PA 15679 – Phone: (724) 722-4444

Natural Bridge / Lexington KOA

214 Kildeer Lane Natural Bridge, VA 24578 – Phone: (540) 291-2770

Honesdale / Poconos KOA

50 Countryside Lane Honesdale, PA 18431 – Phone: (570) 253-0424

Washington / Pittsburgh SW KOA

7 KOA Road Washington, PA 15301 – Phone: (724) 225-7590

Flatwoods KOA

2000 Sutton Lane Sutton, WV 26601—Phone: (304) 765-5055

Butler North KOA

231 Peaceful Valley Road West Sunbury, PA 16061



Maryland

Janes Island State Park

26280 Alfred J Lawson Dr, Crisfield, MD 21817 - Phone: (410) 968-1565:



Located near Crisfield on Maryland's Eastern Shore, Janes Island State Park offers visitors a unique opportunity to enjoy the beauty and bounty of the Chesapeake Bay. Within the mainland portion of the park are the campground, rental cabins and conference center, picnic areas and pavilions, and the boat ramp and marina.

Potomac River State Park

The scenic Pocomoke River is the setting for the Pocomoke River State Park, Shad Landing, and Milburn Landing areas.

Shad Landing is on the south side of the Pocomoke River off Route 113. Milburn Landing is on the north side of the river on Route 364. It is a 25-minute drive between the two areas of Pocomoke River State Park.

Patapsco Valley State

Patapsco Valley State Park extends along 32 miles of the Patapsco River, encompassing 16,043 acres and eight developed recreational areas. Recreational opportunities include hiking, fishing, camping, canoeing, horseback and mountain bike trails, as well as picnicking for individuals or large groups in the park's many popular pavilions.

The park is nationally known for its trail opportunities and scenery. We have 170 miles of trails, with 70 of those miles identified as maintained trails. There are hiker only trails and multi-use trails accessible from many areas of Patapsco.

Big Run State Park



10368 Savage River Road Swanton MD 21561 – Phone: (301) 895-5453

Situated at the mouth of the Savage River Reservoir, Big Run State Park is the perfect base camp from which to enjoy the surrounding Savage River State Forest. Campers

at Big Run have easy access to fishing, boating, hiking or hunting



opportunities. Autumn visitors have a spectacular view of the changing colors on the surrounding mountain ridges.

Calvert Cliffs State Park

2750 Sweden Point Road Marbury, MD 20658 –Phone: (301) 743-7613

Calvert Cliffs State Park is a day-use park featuring a sandy beach, unique fossils, recycled tire playground, fishing, a freshwater and tidal marshland and 13 miles of hiking trails located in Calvert County

Cedarville State Forest

10201 Bee Oak Rd, Brandywine, MD 20613 - (301) 888-1410



The Piscataway Indian Tribe made this section of Southern Maryland its winter camping ground because of the mild climate and abundance of game. Legend says there is an Indian Burial ground in Cedarville State Forest, but to date it has not been found. The headwaters of the Zekiah Swamp are located in Cedarville. The swamp extends Southward through Charles County for 20 miles, emptying into the Wicomico River. The Swamp is one mile wide

and serves as a haven for wildlife. The surrounding land is mostly agricultural fields. In colonial times and there after efforts were made to drain the swamp for cultivation. Drainage ditches are still evident. To this day, the swamp remains wooded bottom land.

Elk Neck State Park

4395 Turkey Point Road Northeast MD 21901 - Phone: (410) 287-5333

Enjoy spectacular views of the Chesapeake Bay headwaters! Sandy beaches, marshlands and heavily wooded bluffs rising above the Northeast River. Camping, boating, and swimming are major activities. Several trails meander through the diverse landscape, revealing the great variety of plant and animal life. An easy walking trail to Turkey Point Lighthouse provides a view of the Elk River and the Chesapeake Bay. Family Fun for everyone!

Point Lookout State Park

11175 Point Lookout Road, Scotland, MD - Phone: (301)
872-5688

Lighthouse enthusiasts, avid anglers, paddlers and history buffs are just a few of the folks who frequent Point Lookout State Park. Located in southern St. Mary's County, where the Potomac River meets the Chesapeake Bay, this park was



once the site of a Civil War prison for Confederate soldiers. Today, it offers great fishing from a 710-foot fishing pier. Other amenities include boat launch, beaches, hiking trails, picnic areas and camping. The Civil War Museum/Maryland Nature Center opens seasonally and offers nature programs and Civil War history discussions. A Timeless Adventure for all!

Washington Monument State Park

6620 Zittlestown Rd, Middletown, MD 21769 – Phone: (301) 7914767

Located atop South Mountain, Washington Monument State Park is named for the first completed monument dedicated to the memory of George Washington. The Washington Monument is a rugged stone tower that was initially erected by the citizens of Boonsboro in 1827.



Youghiogheny Nрма Campground

898 State Park Road Swanton MD 21561 - Phone: (301) 387-5563

Maryland's first Wild and Scenic River! This protected river corridor offers a variety of recreational activities, including Class IV and V whitewater rapids at various times of the year. There are public access points for hiking and catch and release fly fishing. Other points are primitive and rugged and should be used by those with the experience and skills necessary. Shelter rentals available.

Fort Whaley Campground

8428 Stephen Decatur Hwy Berlin, MD 21811 – Phone: (800) 228-5590

Fort Whaley Campground is Frontier Town's cousin campground, located among the towering pines in Whaleyville, Maryland. Open March through November, we offer fine and dandy amenities, planned activities, and the peacefulness of being' city close yet country quiet. We've got nearly 200 spacious campsites catering' to primitive tenting' all the way up to luxury 45-foot motor homes and camping' cabins.

Ramblin' Pines Campground

801 Hoods Mill Road Woodbine, Md 21797 – Phone: (410) 795-5161

No other campground offers you such easy access to outstanding urban attractions from such an incomparable rural setting. We are perfectly nestled in a quiet, peaceful wooded setting, located in the center of the full range of the Washington - Frederick - Baltimore vacation attractions. For those of you that aren't looking to go outside the campground for your vacation, we have you taken care of, too. Whether it's a game of horseshoes, swimming or just taking a walk along the nature trails we have it all. Come and share some camping fun and recreation with us!

Treehouse Camp at Maple Tree

20716 Townsend Road Rohrersville, Maryland 21779 – Phone: (301) 432-5585

Twenty acres of beautiful wooded campground, backed up to the Appalachian Trail on South Mountain provide an ideal setting for year-round camping, hiking and river rafting fun. The seclusion, peace and quiet of our campsites offer a relaxing atmosphere to slow down, escape from your busy schedule and enjoy the surrounding nature.

Roaring Point Waterfront Campground

POB 80, 2360 Nanticoke Wharf Road Nanticoke, MD 21840 -- Phone: (410) 873-2553

Roaring Point Waterfront Campground requests the pleasure of your company. We are a family operated business since 1974. We are a smaller park offering a pristine experience. The majority of our sites are 50'x50'. Our mission is to preserve the traditional camping experience which includes valuable time with family and friends while connecting with our natural surroundings. Fishing, crabbing, swimming and relaxation are some of the favorite things to do at our park. We offer entertainment on most weekends for those that enjoy crafts, bingo, tournaments, live music, and a good 'ole fashioned hayride.

The property dates back to the 1700's with Civil War Soldiers camping in the surrounding fields. Also, there was the Nanticoke Steamboat that operated off the wharf area of the camp. It transported people to Baltimore, MD and other places along with commerce trade. The pirate Bluebeard is said to have travelled the waters of the Nanticoke River and more. And let us not forget the Nanticoke Indians that lived along the river, protecting and growing their families. Come and learn more about the natural history while making your own memories.

The sunsets are sensational, river breezes refreshing, and the hospitality is warm. We hope you will choose us as your next camping destination² reviews

Holiday Park Campground

P.O. Box 277 Greensboro, MD 21639-0277 - (410) 482-6797

With so much to see and do in and around Holiday Park, we're sure you will enjoy your stay. Our sites can accommodate any type of camping equipment, from a pup tent to a 40' bus towing a car. We have over 200 acres, mostly wooded, along the picturesque headwaters of the Choptank River.

Duncan's Family Campground

5381 Sands Road Lothian, Md. 20711 – Phone: (410) 741-9558

Near Washington DC, we're located just 15 miles southeast and 17 miles south of Annapolis in Lothian, Maryland right next to the town of Upper Marlboro. Baltimore is 35 miles north.

Maryland camping at Duncan's is close to many attractions such as: The Chesapeake Bay, Annapolis, Six Flags Amusement Park, National Harbor, The Capital Wheel Observation Wheel, Showplace Arena Equestrian Center, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland Renaissance Festival, Sandy Point State Park, Baltimore Inner Harbor and much more... Here at Duncan's, family camping is our specialty. We have activities and events all the time just for families. PS: kids camp FREE! (5 & under)

We have 28 acres of lovely, mostly wooded, well maintained land. Families enjoy our two playgrounds, swimming pools, mini golf, volleyball, horseshoes, shuffleboard, Basketball, giant board games, store, nature trail and "the largest campground dog park on the east coast". Yes, we are a very pet friendly campground! Click here for dog breed restrictions.

This campground in Maryland enjoys a wide variety of campsites for you. We have full hookup, water & electric, and tent sites. 30 amp and 50-amp service available. Some of our largest sites are over 75' long and wide open. ALL of our full hookup sites are PULL-THRU. Our tent camping sites have their own shady area. We have three separate bath houses and two laundry rooms. If you want to camp close to Washington DC, but away from all of the interstate noise, then Duncan's is the place for you. We offer a daily shuttle van to the Largo Town Center Metro station which is at the beginning of the blue line.

Little Bennett Campground

23705 Frederick Road Clarksburg, MD 20871 – Phone: (301) 528-3430

Little Bennett Campground is part of Little Bennett Regional Park and offers visitors quality wooded campsites and miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails throughout 3,700 acres of forests and meadows. With more than 20 miles of trails to explore, 91 wooded campsites from which to choose, and a variety of weekend activities available for all age groups and interests, Little Bennett Campground is a perfect weekend get-away or vacation spot.

Brunswick Family Campground

100 S. Maple Ave Brunswick, MD 21716 -- Phone: (301) 834-9950



The Brunswick Family Campground is located between the Potomac River and the C&O Canal, near Harpers Ferry, WV. This full-service RV and tent campground right on



the river has over 100 scenic campsites. The campground is conveniently located only 1 hour from the Washington DC and Baltimore beltways.

Rocky Gap Campgrounds

12900 Lake Shore Drive Flintstone, MD 21530 – Phone: (301) 722-1480

Enjoy the rugged mountain beauty and solitude of 3,000-acre Rocky Gap State Park, home to Lake Habeeb, a year-round mecca for recreational activities including fishing, swimming, and boating (electric motors only). Hike along Rocky Gap Run as it winds its way through an impressive mile-long gorge with sheer cliffs, overlooks, and a hemlock forest dense with rhododendron. Great place for a family camping adventure!



Virginia

Tall Pine Harbor Campground

8107 Tall Pines Ln, Temperanceville, VA 23442 -- Phone: (757) 824-0777

Come enjoy the family-oriented destination park where there are no strangers, just camping friends you haven't met yet! Located on Virginia's Eastern Shore in Sanford, just minutes away from Chincoteague and Assateague Island. We are nestled amongst the tall pines and the beautiful waterfront of the Pocomoke Sound. Big Rig Friendly. Themed weekends throughout our season!

Prince William Forrest Park

18277 Park Entrance Rd, Triangle, VA 22172 - Phone: (703) 221-7181

Prince William Forest Park is an oasis, a respite of quiet and calm. In 1936, Chopawamsic Recreation Area opened its gates to house children's 'relief' camps during the Great Depression. Renamed Prince William Forest Park in 1948, these fragrant woods and trickling streams have welcomed generations of campers, hikers, bikers and nature lovers. Discover Northern Virginia's best kept secret!

Shenandoah Valley Campground

476 Bald Rock Road Verona, Va. 24482 – Phone: (540) 248-CAMP (2267)

Nestled within a 1½ mile horseshoe bend of Middle River, Shenandoah Valley Campground is the only campground in Virginia with a spectacular Waterfall and four 6-person Indoor Hot Tubs. We offer FREE Wi-Fi, River Tubing, Wading, and Trout and Bass Fishing in the River as well as Trout and Bass Fishing in our Well-Stocked Weed Free Lake. We have a Huge Pool and a Kiddie Pool, 18 Hole Mini-Golf, Game Room and Two Playgrounds. Click on the links on the left of this page for information on our Activities and Special Events. Be greeted by our Tame Bunnies and Squirrels on your way to The Cafe for a Pizza, Hand Pulled Pork Barbecue, and Hand Dipped Hershey's Ice Cream. Pitch Horseshoes or Corn Hole, play Basketball or Sand Volleyball or cool off under the refreshing Waterfall. On summer nights sing Karaoke (Fridays) and dance to our DJ (Saturdays). We offer Large Shaded Pull Thrus and Shaded Back-ins along The River. Full Hookups as well as Satellite TV Hookups are available. Our Heated/AC Camping Cabins offer Cable Hookup, Porch Glider, Grill, Fire Ring and Deck. Our On-Site Rental Campers offer all the comforts of a camper without the investment.

Misty Mountain Camp Resort

56 Misty Mountain Rd, Greenwood, VA 22943 – Phone: (540) 456-6409

Misty Mountain Camp Resort offers a delightful, relaxing vacation at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains near historic Charlottesville, Virginia. Whether you're looking for a private getaway, a group gathering, or fun with the kids, Misty Mountain Camp Resort is sure to meet your needs. Our scenic 50-acre park provides private sites nestled in the trees and a large recreational building with banquet seating to accommodate any large group.

Explore nature trails, splash in our pool, sit by the creek, fish in our pond, play at several playgrounds, climb our hills, shoot hoops and spike the volleyball or pitch horseshoes, take a hayride, enjoy live music and dances, shop at the General Store, shoot pool and play video games, relax in solitude or join with new friends - the choice is yours and it's all at Misty Mountain Camp Resort!

Small Country Campground

4400 Byrd Mill Rd, Louisa, VA 23093 – Phone: (540) 967-2431

Located in the heart of Old Virginia, Small Country Campground is your gateway to the rich history of the Commonwealth of Virginia. While camping at this family-oriented RV & tent campground you'll be close to local vineyards and flea markets, fascinating historic attractions and towns, golf courses, and much more while camping in modern, full-service park near Louisa. Small Country Campground is family-owned and operated where family values are important. You'll find events for young and old, spacious campsites and cabins, and friendly hosts. Stay for a weekend, month, or longer.



Shenandoah Hills Campground

110 Campground Ln, Madison, VA 22727 – Phone: (540) 948-4186

Shenandoah Hills Campground is the most amazing and wonderful place for you to laze away the days by the pool or take a luxuriating nap in the shade. If you're feeling frisky, try our Jumping Pillow or other fun recreation we have for

you here. If you're feeling particularly adventure, wander to the surrounding area and discover the



magnificence of the Blue Ridge Mountains and all they have to offer including horseback riding, hunting and fishing.

North Landing Beach Campground

161 Princess Anne Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23457 – Phone: (757) 426-6241

If you haven't experienced Virginia Beach Camping, get ready for an amazing experience at North Landing Beach Resort. From RV camping, cabin vacation rentals to waterfront camping tents with magnificent views of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, North Landing Beach Resort has it all!

Candy Hill Campground

165 Ward Ave, Winchester, VA 22602 – Phone: (540) 662-8010



Candy Hill Campground is a beautiful campground located just outside of Winchester, Virginia. Candy Hill Campground is a wonderful place to stop if you're traveling through or looking for a spot for that perfect vacation away from it all. Open year-round Candy Hill Campground is always ready to welcome you, the camper, accepting everything from tents to motor homes this campground is able to suit

you. Candy Hill offers beautiful grounds, along with a great campground store. Candy Hill Campground is a great place for family camping.

Grey's Point Camp

3601 Greys Point Rd, Topping, VA 23169 – Phone: (804) 758-2485

A few days at Grey's Point, along the Rappahannock River, can be an experience you will never forget. We have created a little bit of paradise right here just

minutes from Virginia's Chesapeake Bay in Virginia's River Country. Walking trails wind along the shore through beautifully landscaped natural areas designed with you in mind.

Greenville Farm Family Campground

14004 Shelter Ln, Haymarket, VA 20169 – Phone: (703) 754-7944



Located 35 miles outside of Washington, D.C. near the Manassas Battlefield, Greenville Farm is a 200-acre working farm with 43 wooded acres developed for your camping pleasure. Campers are free to roam the farm, see the farming operation, and enjoy the animals. Four ponds stocked with bass, bluegill, and channel cats for campers to enjoy.

Pennsylvania

Old Mill Stream Campground

2249 Lincoln Hwy. E., Lancaster, PA 17602 -- Phone: (866) 386-2839

Nestled along a quiet stream on 15 acres, Old Mill Stream Campground at Dutch Wonderland combines modern amenities with a convenient location close to area attractions of PA Dutch Country. Within walking distance of Dutch Wonderland Family Amusement Park and located in the middle of Rte. 30 outlet shopping, restaurants, The Strasburg Railroad, theatres and more. Camp in comfort at one of 130 shaded sites or rent a new family cabin or tipi. Amenities include cable, laundry, country store, trash pick-up and Wi-Fi. Pet friendly

Artillery Ridge Campground

610 Taneytown Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325-8777 – Phone: (877) 335-5596

One mile south of the National Park Visitor Center on Route 134. Historic horse tours, horseback battlefield tours, DC tours, outdoor pool, planned activities, boats, game room, fishing, playground, W/E/S hook-ups, large pull-thrus, cabins, horse camping, pet friendly

Allegheny River Campground

1737 US Route 6 W, Roulette, PA 16746 – Phone: (814) 544-8844

Experience waterfront camping along the Allegheny River and explore Historic Route 6 in God's Country, PA Wilds Region. Offering tent sites, RV sites, cabins primitive and full service cabins, trailer rentals, river activities, swimming pool, fishing, groceries, game room and modern bathhouse, laundry, propane service, on site sewer service, full hookup site 20/30/50 amp service, pull thru sites, dog park for your furry friends to run around and relax, park wide WIFI. Also offering organized activities. Located on Route 6 W., six miles west of Coudersport, PA. We have 28 acres of meadow, shaded and waterfront sites. Offer nightly, weekly and seasonal sites. Open Mid April-Mid December. Come visit us in God's Country.

Bald Eagle State Forest

PO Box 147, Laurelton, PA 17835 -- Phone: (570) 922-3344

The Forest is comprised of nearly 200,000 acres offering a wide variety of recreational activities and game species, including deer, bear, wild turkey and other small game. Thirteen streams totaling 47 miles are stocked. Hundreds of miles of trails and roads to explore. The district office is located in Laurelton. Always let someone know when and where you will be hiking. Leave no trace of your activities. State parks and forest district office provide maps and self-guiding brochures. Trails within the forest are open to mountain biking. Most trails are kept clear over the summer. It is recommended you contact the district office to find out which trails are better for riding. Trails within the forest are open to horseback riding. Contact the district office for trail maps. Primitive campers spending no more than one night at a campsite typically do not need a camping permit, with certain exceptions. Contact the local forest district office for camping permit information.

The Camp at East Lake

Camp Rd at East Lake Rd., New Milford, PA 18834 – Phone: (800) 226-7688

Full service beautiful 25-acre FAMILY campground on serene East Lake, conveniently located 3 miles off Pa. Exit 223 on I-81. Tent, RV and Cabins. Pet friendly. Free WI-FI. Tent sites are primitive or with water/electric. RV sites are all level with 30 or 50 AMP and pullthrus. 9 rustic cabins and 1-3BR cottage w/Jacuzzi. Park has very nice, clean private restrooms with hot showers, large covered picnic pavilion, playgrounds, coin-op laundry, and rec hall with video games, pool tables, library, and theatre and dance floor. Camp store on site with drinks, snacks, ice cream, ice, firewood, propane and camping needs. Our park also offers boating, paddle boats, fishing, mini-golf, waterslide, volleyball, horseshoes, shuffleboard,



complementary coffee, hayrides, fire truck rides, bon-fire with camp sing-along and karaoke. Special events, live music, games and contests



throughout the year. We are near hunting, hiking, paintball, Steam town, restaurants, bridges, historic sites & hospital.

Crooked Creek Horse Park

Huspon Road, Ford City, PA 16226 – Phone: (724) 845-4502

Camping, trails and show equestrian center in Manor Recreation Area. 200+ stalls for rent, 2 lighted show rings, 40+ camping hook-ups for RV. 35 miles of trails. Rodeo in July.

Elk State Forest

258 Sizerville Rd., Emporium, PA 15834 – Phone: (814) 486-3353

Located principally in Elk and Cameron counties, Elk State Forest, comprised of 200,000 acres, is open to primitive camping, licensed hunting and fishing, and offers opportunities for hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding and wildlife viewing. Primitive camping is overnight camping where all equipment is transported in limited trips by non-motorized vehicle methods and where a motorized vehicle is not located near or part of the camping experience. Primitive campers spending no more than one night at a campsite typically do not need a camping permit, with certain exceptions. Primitive camping is carry in, carry out. All trails are open to hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding, unless posted closed. All trails with brochures are painted and cleared yearly. Contact the district office to find out which trails are best suited for your activity, for trail maps or self-guiding brochures and for camping permit information.

Handsome Lake Recreation Area

Indian Rock Campground

436 Indian Rock Dam Rd., York, PA 17403-9581 – Phone: (717) 741-1764

A quiet and clean campground located three miles from York. Centrally located between Gettysburg, Lancaster and Hershey. Also bordered by the York Heritage Rail Trail. 40 campsites, boat rentals nearby, fishing nearby. Pet friendly. Open year 'round.



West Virginia

Rifrafters Campground

286 Rifrafters Campground Drive (Co. Rt. 8) Fayetteville, WV 25840 – Phone (304) 574-1065

Rifrafters Campground provides tent and RV camping and economy cabins in the woodlands near Fayetteville, West Virginia (WV) -- only two-miles south of the New River Gorge Bridge. Our cleanliness, accessibility, and quiet family atmosphere have earned us a place among West Virginia's most-popular camping areas.

You'll also find a friendly full-time staff, exceptionally clean showers and restrooms, and plenty of space for small gatherings and walks in the woods behind the campground. Use our website to explore our camping amenities and find out more about the New River.

Cox Camping

5822 Milo School Road Great Cacapon, WV 25422 – Phone: (304) 258-2267 or (301) 953-2676

Cox Camping where you can enjoy the four seasons, year-round family friendly camping with fantastic mountain views and rustic scenery. Our 60-acre site is located within a 2 hour drive from Baltimore and Washington, DC. Located in the West Virginia Eastern Panhandle situated on Sideling Hill between the Potomac and the Cacapon Rivers. Just a few miles from Historic Berkeley Springs, the C&O Canal National Park, the Paw Paw Tunnel, Berkeley Springs State Park, Cacapon State Park, Audubon's Eidolon Nature Preserve and various State Forests.

Our Main Lodge includes a camp store with antique shop, soda machine and a large viewing deck. The lounge area is A/C controlled and has TWO 50" Satellite TVs and another TV on the outside deck for your viewing enjoyment. We have hot showers, flush toilets and a laundry room available 24 hours a day.

New River Campground Inc.

11218 Midland Trl, Gauley Bridge, WV 25085 – Phone: (304) 632-9821



New River Campground is situated on the National New River, located on Scenic Midland Trail/Route 60 just above Gauley River in Gauley Bridge, West Virginia where they hold a town



festival the last weekend in September every year. We are just minutes from Kanawha Falls, Beckley Exhibition Mine and Hawks Nest State Park. Other local attractions include whitewater rafting and the New River Gorge Bridge---the longest arch bridge in the world and the second highest bridge in the U.S.---which is a local center of focus on Bridge Day (the third Saturday in October).

We strive to provide our customers with a comfortable camping experience that will make them want to return time and time again. We have 39 full hookup (water, electric and sewer) sites and 13 rustic (tents only~no utilities). Each one of our campsites contain a fire ring, a grill and a picnic table. For your comfort, our bathhouse has hot showers and is equipped with heating and air conditioning. We also have a boat launch and a covered shelter that may be rented.



Abram's Creek Retreat & Campground

166 Abrams Creek Dr, Elk Garden, WV 26717 – Phone: (304) 446-5383

Some folks like sun; some folks like rain; some folks like wind. And sometimes things just happen that prevent you from using a reservation you have made with us. We guarantee the weather you like! If you reserve a space at Abrams Creek, and the weather doesn't suit you, or for any other reason you

cannot use the reservation you have made, let us know, and you can apply those funds to a reservation any time in the future here at Abrams Creek (major holiday periods excepted). This option is in addition to our regular cancellation policy.

Bulltown Campground

2550 South Main Street Burnsville, West Virginia 26335-7516 – Phone: (304) 452-8006

Head to Bulltown Campground to experience the scenery and historic significance of this central West Virginia region. The large campground is on the edge of Burnsville Lake, just beside the Bulltown Historic Area. This spot occupies the site of a Civil War



battle, where reenactments of the historic event take place twice a year.

The campground is near the headwaters of Burnsville Lake on the Little Kanawha River. The hilly, forested region lies at the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains, just west of the Allegheny Plateau. Take a trip back in time at the Bulltown Historical Village to get a taste of life during the Civil War era. Other activities include hiking, boating, wildlife viewing, fishing, hunting and picnicking. The campground offers nearly 200 campsites. Playgrounds and showers are located within each loop. A boat ramp is within the campground and a beach is about a mile away. A trip to the Bull town Historic Area Visitor Center is highly recommended. The Burnsville Lake Wildlife Management Area is due east. For camping convenience, two general stores are located within three miles of the campground.

Prickett's Creek Campground

Grafton Rd, Fairmont, WV 26554 – Phone: (304) 363-1910

Hey, you've been indoors for too long, now's the time for going camping; Prickett's Creek Campground in West Virginia is a tremendous choice. Prickett's Creek Campground is a very popular campground among folks of Idamay. This segment of West Virginia is always a bliss to go to all through camping season.

here's a load of outdoors recreation available in the vicinity such as whitewater paddling, playing golf, fishing, and swimming, so you won't run out of things to do. Loads of folks camp here so they can go to Valley Falls State Park. There is so much enjoyable stuff in the vicinity of Prickett's Creek Campground; camping is such a fun thing to do, and this is a tremendous place to do that.

Little Coal River Camp Ground

101 Tunnel Rd., Julian, WV 25529 – Phone: (304) 369-1951

We are located across from the newly constructed Hatfield McCoy Visitor's Trail Center. The campground is twenty miles south of Charleston, WV nestled between Corridor G (Route 119) and the Little Coal River near Julian. The campground has 17 RV sites with a large amount of primitive camping available. The RV sites have water, sewer and 20/30/50-amp power hookups. We have a large renovated bathhouse with heat and air conditioning. The vending machine room has a microwave for your convenience. The campground has DIRECT access to the Little Coal River Trailhead.



The campground is located along the banks of the Little Coal River. The tranquil stream offers fishing spots along its scenic banks. Shopping and fine cuisine for all, is just twenty minutes north. Many attractions are located near Charleston. The campground

has one two-bedroom cabin. Also, a 36-foot travel trailer is for rent. The remaining Hatfield McCoy trails are to our south.



Teter's Campground

122 Beech Run Rd, Albright, WV 26519 -- Phone: (304) 329-3626

The campground was established in 1976 by Mr. Frank D. Teeter Sr. who wanted to have a place to serve fishermen and visitors in a quaint family environment. Teeter's is located next to the Historic British Cemetery where four British Soldiers were laid to rest after washing up on shore during WW II. The plot of land that the cemetery is located on was donated by my Grandparents and belongs to the British Government. It is now maintained by the U.S. Coast Guard. Teeter's Campground offers a laid-back camping experience in keeping with the Islands unique quaintness and relaxing state of mind.

Lazy A Campground

317 Kathy's Ln Hedgesville, West Virginia 25427 – Phone: (304) 229-8185

Open May 1 to October 31. Level, shaded, grassy campground in scenic setting. Fishing in nearby. 30 sites with 30 electric/water service. Located 15 minutes from Inwood, WV. We have fishing, hot showers, clean modern bathhouse, pets allowed on leash (no Pitbulls, Dobermans, or Rottweilers!)

Delaware

Big Oaks Campground

35567 Big Oaks Lane, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971 -- Phone (302) 645-6838

Big Oaks Campground offers a variety of activities during the summer season. You can dance outside, show off your artistic ability at our art contests, eat free ice cream cones, play bingo, watch movies or join in one of our tournaments (basketball, horseshoes, shuffleboard, or billiards). Activities include: swimming pool, playground, game room, camp store, shuttle service, snack bar, tile bath, shuffleboard, Civil War gifts, picnic tables, fire rings, horseshoes, basketball court, laundry and free Wi-Fi.



Holly Lake Campsite

32087 Holly Lake Rd, Millsboro, DE 19966 -- Phone: (302) 945-3410

Holly Lake Campsites is located in Millsboro, Delaware, just 9 miles from the Atlantic Ocean and the Delaware Bay. A two-and-a-half-hour drive from metropolitan Philadelphia; Washington DC or Baltimore, Holly Lake Campsites can accommodate the largest camping units to the smallest of tents. We have hundreds of sites for tents and RVs, as well as 30 cabins, all nestled in the woods near Delaware's

popular resorts and beaches including Lewes, Rehoboth and Dewey Beach. Enjoy sunbathing, fishing, sailing, crabbing, clamming, outlet shopping or a stroll on the Rehoboth Beach Boardwalk in the "Nation's Summer Capital."

Our Amenities include a 'new' laundromat, the camp store, game room, swimming pool and clean bathhouses, planned activities, miniature golf, Frisbee golf and the petting zoo.

Delaware Beaches Jellystone Park Camp-Resort

8295 Brick Granary Rd. Lincoln, DE 19960 -- Phone: (302)

491-6614 Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Camp-Resort™ at Delaware Beaches is a stone's throw from: Unspoiled and pristine beaches, Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge and incredible state park land. Just a short drive away is Rehoboth Beach - One of Coastal Living Magazine's "Ten Great Coastal Boardwalks", of 2013 and Nerdwallet Travel's "10 Family Friendly Beach Towns"



Delaware Seashore State Park

39415 Inlet Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971 – Phone: (302) 227-2800

Water, water everywhere describes Delaware Seashore State Park. Bounded on the east by the mighty Atlantic Ocean, and on the west by Rehoboth Bay and Indian River Bay, the 2825-acre park is a beach-goer's delight.

Throughout history, the forces of wind and water have kept this barrier island largely inaccessible, due to the frequent natural changes of the inlet channel between the bays and the sea. Transportation along this narrow stretch of land was difficult until the Federal government completed construction of two large steel and stone jetties in 1939, stabilizing the Indian River Inlet. The State Park Commission (now the Division of Parks and Recreation) began operating Delaware Seashore State Park in 1965. Today, the park is a major attraction for millions of visitors who enjoy the large variety of water-related activities available along Delaware's coast.

Killens Pond State Park Campground

5025 Killens Pond Road Felton, DE 19943 -- Phone: (302) 284-3412

The wooded campground is a popular attraction at Killens Pond. This year-round facility boasts 59 sites which feature electric and water hookups, accommodating both tents and recreational vehicles. In addition, there is a primitive camping loop for tents only that features 17 walk-in sites.

Fort DuPont State Park

45 Clinton St, Delaware City, DE 19706 – Phone: (302) 834-7941



While you are in the Delaware City area, take the time to visit nearby Fort DuPont State Park. Named for Rear Admiral Samuel Francis du Pont, the Fort was actively used as a military base from the Civil War through World War II. Following World War II, the Fort was turned over to the State of Delaware and has been used for various purposes, including the Governor Bacon Health Center. Portions of the land were dedicated as a State Park in 1992.

Fort DuPont is located just south of Delaware City off Route 9. The park features 322 acres along the scenic Delaware River and the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. Open year-round, the park provides opportunities for passive recreation including picnicking, fishing, and hiking. A self-guided trail is available for visitors to explore the site's rich historic past. For those interested in more active recreation, the park provides both tennis and basketball courts.

Virgin Islands

Virgin Islands Campground

Phone: 340 776-5488

Virgin Islands Campground is an eco-sensitive resort with self-contained cottages set on pristine, 500-acre Water Island, in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Known for its natural charm, Water Island is a secluded getaway, where you can spend a quiet day looking out over the ocean from your cottage's private terrace, or take a leisurely five-minute walk down to idyllic Honeymoon Beach for some snorkeling and sun-bathing or get a little adventurous on rugged and secluded Limestone Bay which is just a quick trek down from your cabin. Regular ferry service (7 min. ride) makes it convenient to shopping, dining and activities in St. Thomas. Also, the hourly ferry service allows you to easily island hop between the U.S Virgin Islands as well as the British Virgin Islands.

Cinnamon Bay Campground

Cinnamon Bay, St John, VI 00831 – Phone: (340) 776-6330

Cinnamon Bay Campground is committed to offering guests an ecofriendly, tranquil camping experience within the beautifully preserved natural Caribbean surroundings of the US Virgin Islands National Park. Cottages, tents and bare sites each have a selection of site locations, some near the beach, others are tucked amongst the trees. All offer easy access to nearby central bathhouses that include restrooms and cool water showers. Each site is private and serene and



Hiking Trails

The Anacostia Tributary Trail System

Phone: (301) 699-2255.



Get away from automobile traffic and experience nature! The Anacostia Tributary Trail System, a link in the national shore-to-shore American Discovery Trail, provides miles of uninterrupted trails along the tributaries of the Anacostia River. The southernmost point of the trail is located at Bladensburg Waterfront Park, and trail spurs extend northeast and northwest along beautiful stream valley parkland. The trail system's

continuous greenway traverses a variety of natural environments including woodlands, open fields, and wetlands.

The trail affords ample opportunities for fishing, bird watching, hiking, biking, jogging, horseback riding, and in-line skating. Sites along the Anacostia Tributary Trail System worth a stop include College Park Airport, College Park Aviation Museum, Ellen Linson Swimming Pool, Herbert Wells Ice Rink, Lake Artemesia, Adelphi Mill, College Park Community Center, Paint Branch Golf Course, and many local neighborhood and community parks.

The flat, barrier-free trail system is designed for a wide variety of users, and a signage system with mile markers assists with location awareness. The trail system links several neighborhoods to Metro stations, but commuters needing to travel at speeds greater than 12 miles per hour should consider alternative routes.

Patuxent River Park – Jug Bay Area

16000 Croom Airport Road Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 – Phone: (301) 627-6074

Jug Bay Natural Area is the headquarters for the Patuxent River Park properties. This 2,000-acre tract of land is comprised of various natural habitats that buffer

the Patuxent River and provide a critical link in conserving the area's natural resources.



The Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis Trail

The Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis (WB&A) Trail runs along the site of the former Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad. From 1908 through 1935, state-of-the-art electric commuter trains ran along this route through Bowie and Glenn Dale, carrying passengers between Washington, DC, and Baltimore.

The 5.6-mile trail from Route 450 in Glenn Dale, running northeasterly to the Patuxent River, includes five bridge crossings, two tunnel crossings, and two at-grade intersections. Ancillary facilities include trail head parking and rest areas with benches, bike racks, and landscaping. The 10-foot wide bituminous trail runs from Glenn Dale through Bowie and opened in November 2000. The trail will eventually be extended across the Patuxent River into Anne Arundel County. Information: 301-699-CALL (2255)

Henson Creek Trail

The 5.7-mile Henson Creek Trail extends from Oxon Hill Road to Temple Hill Road. The trail is a scenic, recreational route through the Henson Creek Stream Valley Park and passes through several neighborhood and community parks, including Tucker Road Athletic Complex and Community Center. The asphalt surface accommodates shared use for cyclists, pedestrians, hikers, joggers and inline skaters. The grassy shoulder accommodates equestrians. The trail has a rating of easy. There are at-grade road crossings at Tucker Road, Bock Road and Brinkley Road. Along Tucker Road, there is a short section where the trail is located in the shoulder of the road.

Appalachian Trail

The Appalachian Trail is a footpath across 2,168 miles of Appalachian Mountain ridgelines from Georgia to Maine. Almost 40 miles of the A.T., as it is affectionately known, cross Maryland, most of which follow the ridgeline of South Mountain.

Henson Creek Trail

Catoctin's diverse cultural resources provide several vignettes of our nation's history in one small location. Native Americans quarried rhyolite for the production of lithic tools. A charcoal and iron industry is still visible today, along with smaller industries including farms, sawmills, and an old moonshine still. Historic structures and products of the Works Progress Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corps, along with the site of our nation's first Job Corps Center, are tangible reminders of the capability of vigorous youth programs to strengthen the nation's economic and social fabric. The totality of resources found in Catoctin Mountain Park reflects much of the early fabric of our country. With 25 miles of trails winding through Catoctin Mountain Park a variety of experiences are available ranging from easy to strenuous, many leading to outstanding scenic vistas.

13. Resources for Units

DUTY ROSTER

This is a sample Duty Roster. If you have your own form, you may use it. Duties could include the following, or as assigned by your Scoutmaster or Senior Patrol Leader (SPL).

	Water and Stoves	Cooking	Cleanup	Food Storage
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday				
Saturday				
Sunday				

Water and Stoves	Maintain the water supply for cooking and cleanup. Establish a safe place for stoves to be fueled and used, and have them ready to light before the cooks need them
Cooking	Assemble ingredients and follow recipes to prepare and serve meals. Have wash water heating on the stove before serving meals.
Cleanup	Set out wash and rinse water, oversee the washing of group cooking gear, stow pots and utensils and dispose of garbage. {For more on washing dishes in camp see the Boy Scout Handbook.}
Food Storage	Maintain a bear line or other food storage system to protect provisions from animals and weather. Secure all food.



THE CAMPFIRE PROGRAM PLANNER

How to use this sheet: Be sure that every feature of this campfire program upholds Scouting's highest traditions. 1. In a campfire planning meeting, fill in the top of the "Campfire Program" sheet (over).

2. On the "Campfire Program Planner" (below) list all units and individuals who will participate in the program.
3. Write down the name, description, and type of song, stunt, or story they have planned.
4. The master-of-the-campfire organizes songs, stunts, and stories in a good sequence considering timing, variety, smoothness, and showmanship.
5. The master-of-the-campfire makes out the campfire program sheet (over).
6. Copies of the program are given to all participants.

Cheer Planner	Spot

Song Planner	Spot

Campfire Program Planner			
Group or Individual	Description	Type	Spot
Opening	Main event		
Closing			
Headliner			
Cheerleader			



14. Facility Recommendation Form

Name of Location _____

Person of Contact _____ Phone: _____

Website _____

Email Address (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Please briefly describe your camping facility (include number of campsites, campsite size, drinking water source, attractions, facility size, available amenities and any special features)

Please check any of the following that are at your facility:

Tent Camping

Activity Field

Fire Rings

Pavilion(s)

Pool

Lake (boating or canoeing)

Lake (swimming)

Restroom Facilities

Thank you,

Amangamek-Wipit Lodge, Scouts BSA

Please return to Marriott Scout Service Center -- 9190 Rockville Pike Bethesda, MD, 20814

Or email to camping@wipit470.org



15. Feedback Form

Dear Reader,

In order to serve you better as an Order of the Arrow lodge and producer of this guide, we are requesting your input into future editions of this publication. Please take a moment to provide the following information so that we may create an improved "WTGC" guide in the future.

THIS FORM CAN BE FILLED OUT ELECTRONICALLY AT tinyurl.com/wipitcamping-feedback

Where did you first hear about the Where to Go Camping Guide?

Has the WTGC guide been useful to your unit How so?

Is there any additional information that you would like to see included in the guide?

Are there any reference materials that you would be willing to provide in regard to improving the WTGC guide?

Thank you,

Amangamek-Wipit Lodge #470

Camp Promotions/High Adventure Committee

Please return to: camping@wipit470.org



16. References

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Boy Scouts of America Website – scouting.org

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17. About the Order of the Arrow

For 105 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long-term resident camping, developing leaders, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich, support, and help to extend Scouting to America's youth.

Mission

The mission of the Order of the Arrow is to fulfill its purpose as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.

Purpose

As Scouting's National Honor Society, our purpose is to:

- Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.
- Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.
- Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.
- Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

History

The Order of the Arrow was founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the Scouting program in 1934. In 1948 the OA, recognized as the BSA's national brotherhood of honor campers, became an official part of the Boy Scouts of America. In 1998, the Order of the Arrow became recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society when it expanded its reach beyond camping to include a greater focus on leadership development, membership extension,



adventurous programming, and broader service to Scouting and the community. Today, its service, activities,



adventures, and training for youth and adults, are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich, support, and help extend Scouting to America's youth.

Membership

The OA has over 171,000 members in lodges affiliated with more than 290 local BSA councils.

Eligibility

As of February 1, 2019, unit elections are permitted in Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout units. The Order of the Arrow membership requirements are as follows:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Have experienced 15 nights of Scout camping while registered with a troop, crew, or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement; the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.
- At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21, and hold one of the following ranks corresponding to the type unit in which they are being considered for election: Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery Award, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher, and following approval by the Scoutmaster, Crew Adviser or Sea Scout Skipper, be elected by the youth members of their unit.
- Adults (age 21 or older) who meet the camping requirements may be selected following nomination to and approval by the lodge adult selection committee.

Ordeal Membership

The induction ceremony, called the Ordeal, is the first step toward full membership in the Order. During the experience, candidates maintain silence, receive small amounts of food, work on camp improvement projects, and sleep apart from other campers. The entire experience is designed to teach significant values. All candidates for membership must complete the Ordeal.

Brotherhood Membership

After 6 months of service as an Ordeal member and fulfilling certain requirements, a member may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony, which places further emphasis on the ideals of Scouting and the Order. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the Order.

Vigil Honor

After two years of exceptional service as a Brotherhood member, and with the approval of the national Order of the Arrow committee, a Scout or Scouter may be recognized with the Vigil Honor for their distinguished contributions to their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout camp. This honor is bestowed by special selection and is limited to one person for every 50 members registered with the lodge each year.

Lodges

An Order of the Arrow lodge is granted a charter from the National Council, BSA, upon annual application by the lodge's local council. Only one lodge charter is granted per council. The OA lodge helps the local council provide a quality Scouting program through recognition of Scouting spirit and performance, youth leadership development, adventurous programming, financial support, and enhanced membership tenure.

Sections

An Order of the Arrow section consists of lodges within a geographic area of the region. Annually, representatives of lodges in the section come together for a conclave to share in fellowship, skills, and training. In addition, the section creates a monitoring/mentoring relationship with its lodges, provides leadership development opportunities, fosters understanding and adherence to national OA policies and procedures, and coordinates OA administrative and program functions. A section is led by three elected youth officers - the section chief, vice chief, and secretary - who are advised by an adult section adviser and a professional section staff adviser.



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