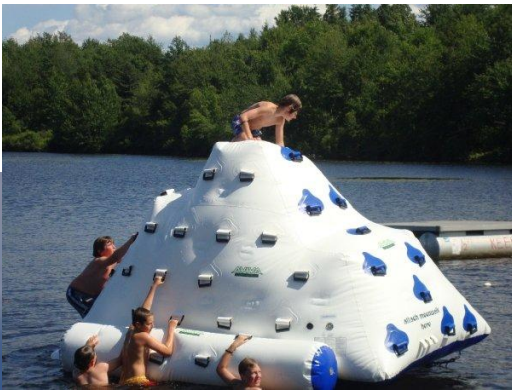




Summer Camp 2010

Camp Minsi BSA



Leader's Guide

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS

This summer Camp Minsi is ready to take summer camp to a whole new level! The 100th Anniversary of Scouting deserves an outstanding celebration and Camp Minsi is prepared to show your unit a summer camp experience that you will never forget.

At Camp Minsi, we pride ourselves on our knowledgeable, enthusiastic, and energetic staff. All of our program area directors are experienced camp staff members and are truly dedicated to the summer camp program. Here at Camp Minsi the scouts come first. Our staff is ready to guide you on the experience of a lifetime. Whether it be sailing a boat, shooting a shotgun, or even hiking through muck over your head, the Camp Minsi Staff does it all!

This summer the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its 100th Anniversary. We are currently forming a program that highlights this momentous occasion including events such as : Olympic Themed Troop Competition, the implementation of the “Silver Turtle” (our 5-year award program), an expansion of our waterfront program, and so much more! A detailed Program Guide will be available by the end of January 2010. This guide will include: merit badge schedules, program schedules, evening activities, and awards. This guide allows us to guarantee an accurate description of our full program months before the summer camp season begins.

This Leaders Guide is your first resource to answer your summer camp questions. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us. We are always open to new suggestions and ideas. For more information check out our website : www.campminsi.com. On behalf of the entire 2010 Camp Minsi Staff, we thank you for choosing our camp. We look forward to seeing you for the best camp experience you can imagine!

Yours in Scouting,

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Beaver Day: Saturday May 8, 2010

Beaver weekend is a unique opportunity for service, fellowship, recreation, and of course camping! Take the opportunity to bring your unit in order to check out the camp and its facilities, meet the staff, participate in some programs, and give back to this beautiful camp through friendly service.

This event is completely free! The camp will provide your unit with a site, tents, and cots. All your unit needs to do is provide your own food and any additional equipment you feel you may need. Lunch on Saturday will be provided by Crew 940 for all who are participating in the weekend. In addition to the volunteer work, scouts will have the opportunity to take advantage of several open program areas on Saturday afternoon to meet staff and get a feel for the camp experience.

If preferred, your unit can come up and actually camp in the site that you will be staying in for your week at summer camp, and you're free to make any improvements and preparations to your site. The staff will also be open to suggestions about what we can do to improve the campsite as a whole.

If your unit decides not to make a weekend out of it, you are invited to come up for the day on Saturday to participate in some of the fellowship events, service projects, and other festivities, including a bonfire on Saturday night.

If interested, please register your troop as soon as possible. The deadline to register for the weekend is the first week in April. More information is available at www.campminsi.org or www.minsitrails.com/



Directions to Camp

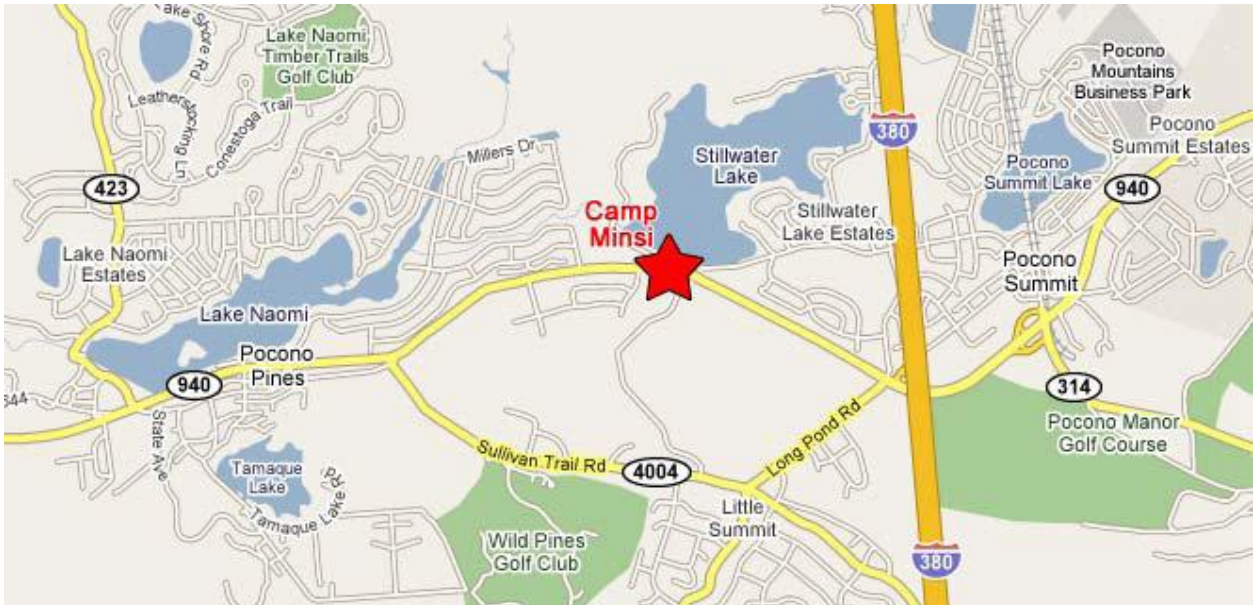
Camp Minsi is located on Route 940 in Pocono Summit, PA

From PA Interstate 80:

Follow Interstate 80 East or West onto the Exit for route 380 North. Take Exit 3. At the stop sign on top of the ramp, turn left. Follow route 940 West 1.1 Miles. Camp entrance is on the right across from the police Station.

From PA Route 476 NE Ext.

Follow the NE Extension of the PA Turnpike to Exit 95 (White Haven). Follow route 940 East approximately 20 miles. Camp entrance is on the left across from the police station.



BEFORE CAMP:

Camping Desk; Attn: Jane Chase
Minsi Trails Council BSA
PO Box 20624
Lehigh Valley, PA 18002
610-465-8568
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DURING CAMP

Camp Minsi
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Pocono Summit, PA 18346
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CAMP FEES/PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Fees for All Units:

FULL FEE

1st week: \$315
2nd Week: \$240

DISCOUNTED FEE

1st Week: \$285

2010 RESIDENT CAMP PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

January 31st, 2010: \$100 site fee paid and camper estimate due
March 15th, 2010: \$100 deposit due for each scout (no refund)
June 19th, 2010: Final balance for all scouts and leaders due

FOR THE DISCOUNTED FEE:

- Pay your \$100 to reserve a campsite
- Correctly follow the camp payment schedule
- Site preference is honored if you have 90% capacity of site
- After June 19th, scouts will be charged the full amount of \$315, with the exception of new crossovers.

Note: Full fee will be assessed if you do not meet requirements.

Leader fees:

1-20 Boys	2 Free: 3 rd , \$20.00 per day
21-30 Boys	3 Free: 4 th , \$20.00 per day
31-40 Boys	4 Free: 5 th , \$20.00 per day

SECOND YEAR WEBELOS AND NEW SCOUTS:

For Webelos and new scouts who join on or after February 1st, their camp fee will be assessed at the discounted fee of \$285. To be eligible for the discount, their names must be submitted at the Leaders Meeting.

PRE-CAMP LEADERS' MEETING

We will be holding one large camp leaders meeting on **Saturday, June 19, 2010. The meeting will be held at Camp Minsi in the Dining Hall starting at 12:00 PM.** A complimentary lunch will be served during this meeting. This allows us to ensure that all leaders have the correct information regarding their week at Camp Minsi. Also, this meeting gives leaders the chance to hear suggestions and questions from other scoutmasters and assistant scoutmasters. Please do your best to attend this meeting, or have a representative attend for your unit, because important information will be discussed. Please make a list of any questions you have regarding camp, so that we can answer them at the meeting in a timely manner. If you are not going to be able to make it on this date please contact the Camp Director, so that she can answer any questions and distribute information through email. You are invited to come to camp as early as 10:00 AM to take a look around camp if you are eager to see any program areas and facilities. You are also invited to remain after the meeting for an optional tour of the camp. Jane Chase will be there to take final camp payments if you wish to make them rather than mailing them in to council.



GENERAL NOTES FOR SCOUTMASTERS AND LEADERS

****The following includes important policies and procedures, which camp leaders need to be familiar with prior to arriving at camp. Feel free to direct any questions to the Camp Director or Commissioner.****

ALCOHOL, DRUGS, FIREWORKS

These items are prohibited in camp. There is a zero-tolerance policy regarding these items. Breaking this rule could result in the entire unit being sent home. Offenders will be turned over to the local authorities.

BIKES IN CAMP

This summer, Camp Minsi is allowing the use of mountain bikes in camp. This will allow scouts to get to program areas faster and also gives them an opportunity to cycle through our challenging trails in the backwoods. Camp Minsi is not responsible for damage to bikes. Helmets **MUST** be worn at all times.

CELL PHONES

Scouts should be encouraged to leave these at home. These devices take away from the true summer camp experience. They can promote homesickness and often lead to other problems. Staff members will not tolerate the use of cell phones by campers unless they are being used for an emergency. Scoutmasters are asked to use the scoutmaster lounge or go to a private place if a cell phone needs to be used for work or other important reasons. Camp Minsi will not be responsible for the loss or damage of an electronic device. We ask your assistance to uphold this policy.

COLORS AND RETREAT

Colors are held each morning at 7:45 AM and retreat is held every evening at 5:45 PM in the parade field. All scouts and leaders are **REQUIRED** to attend on time in **FULL UNIFORM**. (See Uniform Policy for details)

COMMISSIONER SERVICE

A camp school certified commissioner is designated to serve the needs of your unit throughout the day at Camp Minsi. The commissioner is there to assist you and is also a program resource for your unit. Your commissioner will visit you once each day to inspect your campsite and check to see how things are going. He or she is your greatest resource in camp in most cases.

CONDUCT IN CAMP

The Scout oath and law are expected to be followed throughout your entire visit to camp. Conduct unbecoming of a scout or leader could result in that person or persons being sent home. The camp director's discretion will be used in these cases.

DAMAGE TO CAMP PROPERTY

In case of damage, notify the commissioner as soon as possible. If it is minor and can be repaired it could save your unit money at Check out. Units are expected to pay for any damages during their stay.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Scouts should be encouraged to leave these at home. These devices take away from the summer camp experience. Staff reserves the right to confiscate any devices they feel are unauthorized and do not promote the camping experience. Camp Minsi will not be held responsible for any loss or damage to any electronic device. We ask your assistance in upholding this policy.

EMERGENCY SIGNALS

When you hear a siren from inside camp, assemble your troop in a fast, but safe manner at the parade field and take a head count. The SPL is to report attendance and receive further instructions. Stay at the parade field until the Camp Director says otherwise. Note: If the dining hall area is unsafe, you will assemble at the fire circle.

FAMILY NIGHT PICNIC

Camp Minsi holds family night on Sunday evening. Moms, Dads, and all other family members are invited to our old fashioned Chicken Barbeque Picnic. Cost is \$9.00 per person, and children 6 and under are \$3.00 each. Reservations should be made at the leaders meeting. Payment on the day of the picnic can be made in the trading post.

FIRST AID

In the event of an injury, scouts need to report to their camp leader, or the camp health officer, whichever is more expedient. Camp leaders are also encouraged to have all first aid administered by the health officer.

HOMESICKNESS

It is very likely at camp for many campers, mainly first years, to develop a bout of homesickness. The best cure for this ailment is to keep the scout busy, so they don't think about home as much. Also, keep them away from cell phones, and only allow them to use pay phones with supervision of an adult. If you have a serious problem with a homesick child, the Minsi staff would be more than willing to help out. Feel free to contact the Health Officer.

HOME-MADE ICE CREAM

Camp Minsi has a number of hand crank ice cream makers. If your unit would like to reserve one or more of these machines, please schedule it at the Camp Office or Kitchen. We provide the Ice, rock salt, ingredients, bowls, and spoons. This makes a great unit activity during one of the evenings during the week. There is a fee of \$8.00 per gallon for supplies.

INSURANCE

Accident and sickness insurance cover all units that are registered with the Minsi Trails Council. Out of council units must be able to show their unit's or council's policy for both accident and sickness insurance. If your unit does not have insurance, you must secure it prior to your unit's arrival at camp.

INTRUDERS

Any person within the boundaries of a Minsi Trails Council Camp, who is not authorized, or has not properly signed in at the Camp Office, will be considered an intruder. Intruders are identified as someone who may pose a potential threat to our campers. The Camp Minsi Staff has been trained to handle this situation, and the Local Authorities will deal with all intruders to the full extent of the law. Please report any suspected intruders to the camp director.

LIGHTS OUT

10:00 P.M. is considered “Lights out” at Camp Minsi. Since scouts need rest in order to perform to their safest and fullest abilities each day in camp, we ask that the leaders enforce this. The only exception to this rule is if scouts in a troop are taking part in a late night program and as long as they stay quiet and courteous to others.

LOST AND FOUND

Each summer, scouts leave items at camp, which are usually either given away or thrown out. Scouts are urged to mark all of their belongings with their name and troop number. The lost and found is located in the Camp Office. Also, a scout is Trustworthy, so please turn in all items that you may find in a timely manner. Valuables will be kept in a safe place, and others will be placed in a lost and found box. Waterfront also has a lost and found containing items left at the waterfront only.

LOST BATHER

If the waterfront director and his or her staff suspect a lost bather, an emergency signal will be sounded in camp. Please follow the instructions that will be given to you at the beginning of the week. If you are at the waterfront, gather under the pavilion with other members of your troop so that a staff member can take attendance, and escort you to the parade field for further instructions. The waterfront staff has been trained previous to camp concerning a lost bather.

LOST CAMPER

If the camp staff suspects, or is informed of a lost camper, an emergency signal will be sounded. Upon signal, follow the instructions you will be given during the first day of camp.

MEETINGS FOR CAMP LEADERS DURING CAMP

On the evening that your unit arrives in camp, there will be a review meeting for all Adult Leaders. Daily meetings will also be held every morning to inform leaders of activities and events in camp, as well as any changes. One morning during camp, leaders will meet with the Council Executive for a “Weekly Review” session. Camp leaders are urged to attend these meetings, because your opinions and suggestions are important to us.

MAIL

Mail is delivered on a daily basis. All incoming mail will be delivered to the Scoutmaster at lunch each day. Outgoing mail should be placed in the mailbox on the porch of the Office building prior to 9:30 AM each day.

MESSAGES

During the day and evenings, the office receives a number of calls for campers and leaders. Phone messages will be placed in the unit’s mailbox at the camp office. Emergency messages will be hand delivered in a timely and professional manner.

OVERNIGHT STAYS

Visitors who will be staying overnight at the invitation of their unit and the approval of the Camp Director must sign in at the Camp Office. The cost of their stay is just for meals. Visitors must have a currently signed medical form approved by the camp Health Officer if they wish to participate in camp activities.

PARKING AND VEHICLE USE

Camp policy does not allow parking within the camp’s main areas or campsites. This is in compliance with the BSA National Policy. Special consideration may be given to persons with disabilities. Prior approval will avoid problems for when you arrive at camp. All vehicles must be parked in the camp parking lots. Only those vehicles authorized by the Camp Director will be permitted in camp. The same restrictions apply to family night parking.

PATROL COOKING

Units have the option to cook their own meals in their site. The quartermaster can supply you with the necessary equipment. The kitchen will supply food. Inform the dining hall on Sunday if you plan to patrol cook at any point during the week.

PETS

Pets may pose a safety hazard to some campers. Therefore, in keeping with BSA policy, no pets are allowed in camp—which includes extended stay or daily visits.

QUARTERMASTER

If needed, items are available at the quartermaster located behind Handicraft. Units may sign out equipment, but must have it returned and approved before final check-out on Saturday.

SERVICE PROJECTS

We ask that each day, all units try to do a good turn by contributing some kind of service to camp whether it be picking up trash, or rebuilding trails, anything helps to improve our beautiful camp. Service projects are requirements for certain awards in camp.

SITE INSPECTIONS

Everyday, a commissioner will come around to inspect your campsite. These inspections assure troop health and safety. If there is something broken, or that needs to be corrected, it is your job to report it to the commissioners. One unit each day will be recognized for the highest score during inspections.

SITE SECURITY

A unit's campsite is quite literally their home for a week. Please remind scouts that it is not right to enter another campsite without permission, unless they are invited. All persons should ask permission before entering another campsite. Any persons violating this standard will be reported to the camp director and reprimanded.

SMOKING

Pennsylvania State Law and the BSA have designated camp as a smoke free environment. Parents of any youth scouts caught smoking will be contacted. Adults are not allowed to smoke in the main camp area. The designated location for adult smokers is out of camp past 1st bridge.

STORMS AND LIGHTNING

Leaders are encouraged to check the weather each morning in the camp office in order to inform their units of what they should expect that day. Whenever a severe storm occurs, everyone in camp should immediately move into the dining hall, or the nearest suitable shelter. If you are in protected program areas, just stay where you are. Program area directors will take attendance and report to the Camp Director to inform leaders of their unit's whereabouts. If you are caught in the open, assume a position that keeps you closest to the ground, and get to cover if possible. Do not seek shelter under trees. The Camp Director may request the camp to move into the dining hall if he or she expects bad weather.

STOVES AND LANTERNS

Stoves and lanterns are allowed in camp. However, they are only to be operated by the unit's leaders. Lanterns may not be inside of any tents under any circumstance. Fuel may not be stored in the campsite. The Ranger has a storage facility for liquid fuel and propane.

TELEPHONE

The phone number to reach the camp office over the summer for any reason is (570)839-9108. Since the use of cell phones is frowned upon, we do offer a pay phone which is located on the front of the dining hall. Scouts must be accompanied by an adult when using the phone. If needed, a fax machine is also available in the camp office.

TRADING POST

Camp has a newly renovated trading post. We have all of the items that scouts need for summer camp, as well as many extras including t-shirts, sweatshirts, merit badge books, camp gadgets, and program supplies. Of course we are fully stocked with candy and other snacks that you may want to purchase throughout the week. Gift items are also available for family and friends. It is recommended that scouts bring between \$20 and \$50 for camp projects, gifts, scouting items, and other memorabilia. Families are also encouraged to visit the trading post when they are in camp.

TRASH

The Kitchen will provide trash bags for all units staying in camp, and can be obtained from the Dining Hall Steward. We would like to ensure that units keep their campsites free from all litter, and that all filled trash bags be placed in the sites garbage can, or in the dumpster behind the dining hall. While walking around camp on trails, please observe the leave no trace guidelines and pick up any trash you see, because it will make the camp a much cleaner place if everyone does their part.

TROOP PICTURES

Troop pictures will be taken Sunday afternoon during check-in. You have the option of purchasing 5x7 or 8x10 color prints.

The cost:

5x7: 1- \$9.00	8x10: 1- \$12.00
2-4 \$7.00	2-4 \$10.00
5+ \$5.00	5+ \$8.00

(Subject to change without notice). A cash or check payment can be paid in full by the adult leader in charge. The pictures will be processed and available in the trading post sometime during the week.

TWO-DEEP LEADERSHIP

Every unit will need two-deep leadership. If necessary, we can help you by teaming you with another unit in camp. We will need to know in advance at the leaders meeting if this will be a problem. In an emergency when a leader is pulled from camp for an extended period, a staff member will be assigned to the unit. This is a courtesy and should not be abused. Another unit may have a real need. Our camp staff is dedicated to assisting you and making your stay as comfortable as possible.

UNIFORM AND ATTIRE

The field uniform, or “Class A,” and appropriate activity uniform (Class B) are the expected attire for scout functions. Troops should make sure that their scouts attending camp have most, if not all of the Class A uniform for camp. We also suggest that the campers have at least a similar scout related t-shirt to wear each day as a class B. The field uniform is **REQUIRED** at retreat, dinner, vespers, and other formal programs. If your unit is not properly dressed for these functions please try to enforce the uniform policy. We do understand that the Boy Scout uniforms have turned over to a new style, so this year we will still accept components from the old uniforms. We understand that uniforms are expensive and that not all families can afford the full set. Please note that the full uniform is not a prerequisite for camp, but is encouraged. A uniform exchange program through your unit may be a way for some scouts to have uniform components.

VISITORS IN CAMP

All visitors are welcome in camp as long as they have been invited by a unit and have been approved by the Units Leader. All visitors must sign in at the camp office; otherwise they will be considered an intruder. Families are encouraged to come on Sundays for the family picnic and activities, on Wednesdays for the OA callout, and on Saturdays for the closing ceremonies. If scouts need to check out early for any reason, they must have a signed permission slip from a parent or guardian and verification from their camp leader. Scouts may not sign out alone; therefore they must be accompanied by an adult. If a scout is leaving with someone other than a parent, they must have a signed permission slip from their parents. If visitors plan on staying for any meals, the visitors need to purchase a meal ticket at the camp office before going to the dining hall. Costs are as follows:

Breakfast: \$5.00

Lunch: \$7.00

Dinner: \$8.00

The Law of the Camp

The Scout Oath and Law is the rule of the camp. Conduct unbecoming a Scout or Leader could result, in that person or persons being sent home.

YOUTH PROTECTION:

The following policies have been adopted by the Boy Scouts of America to provide security for the youth in our program. They also serve to protect adult leadership from situations in which they are vulnerable to allegations of abuse.

NO SECRET ORGANIZATIONS:

The Boy Scouts of America does not recognize secret organizations. All Scouting programs are open to parents and leaders. Camp will uphold this policy.

TWO-DEEP LEADERSHIP:

There must be one leader at least 21 years of age and another at least 18 years of age. This is the minimum requirement for all unit trips and outings. Also an itinerary, program plan, and roster are required.

PROPER CLOTHING:

Proper clothing for program activities is required. Shirts, closed toe shoes, and shorts/pants/swimsuits are to be worn at all times.

NO ONE-ON-ONE CONTACT:

One-on-one contact between a youth and an adult member is not permitted. In any situations that require a personal conference, it should be conducted in view of others.

CONSTRUCTIVE DISCIPLINE:

Discipline in Scouting should be constructive, (supportive) reflecting Scouting's Values. Corporal punishment and physical and /or mental hazing is prohibited and has no place in Scouting activities. Leaders must monitor and guide the leadership techniques used by Junior Leaders and see that Boy Scouts of America policies are followed.

RESPECT FOR PRIVACY:

Leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations, such as changing clothes or taking showers at camp.

SEPARATE ACCOMMODATIONS:

When in camp, no youth is to share or sleep in the same tent with an adult or member of the camp Staff. The exception to this would be his own parent or guardian.

BUDDY SYSTEM:

Scouts are required to use the "Buddy System" at any and all Scout camps. Leaders please assist in the enforcement of this policy. The following explanation should help Leaders unfamiliar with this policy: No youth is permitted to be alone within our Scout camps. He must at all times be in the company of a peer, a "Buddy." This person cannot be an adult. A "buddy" should be another youth of relative age. Youth or adults violating this policy will be escorted to the Camp Office where the issue will be addressed.

Health Services

MEDICAL FORMS:

All Scouts and Leaders must have a current medical. Scouts and Leaders under 40 need a physical (Class III) every three years with an attested review annually. **The New official BSA Annual Health and Medical Record form is REQUIRED for all scouts and leaders attending Camp Minsi this summer.** You can find the new form at www.campminsi.org

MEDICATIONS:

All Medications must be checked in with the camp Health Officer. The Health Officer will dispense only legal medications. Legal medications are medicines in their original container, label affixed, doctors name, patients name, date and name of medication contained therein. If there has been a dosage change, it must be so noted by your doctor.

A weekly pill dispenser box will be permitted only if your pharmacist provides printed information as to its contents. Unmarked dispensers will not be permitted!

A medication sheet is located at the end of this Leader Guide. Please copy this sheet and fill it out for each Scout taking medication. Present your completed forms to the Health Officer during check-in.

MEDICAL SERVICES:

Camp has a well-equipped Health Lodge staffed with a resident Nurse or EMT. Many of the senior Staff is certified in advanced levels of first aid procedures. Also, all Staff has current CPR certification. A non-resident doctor, dentist and ambulance service is on call. Three hospital facilities are close to the camp, should additional medical attention be required.

Note: If the camp Health Officer determines that a Scout or Scouter needs to be confined to bed or require close medical attention, that person will be sent home for that care.

Check-In Procedures

CHECK-IN PROCEDURE:

Units will be assigned times at the Two-Week Pre-Camp Meeting to arrive at camp. A tentative schedule is listed below. Check-In times will begin at 1:00 PM. PLEASE arrive at your assigned time as any deviation disrupts the Check-In process that is provided. Upon arrival, a Site Guide will meet your unit in the Parking Lot. From there, your unit will begin Check-In and the camp tour. Your unit's Camp Leader will report to the Camp Office, register for the week, and pay any outstanding fees.

If a Scout arrives after his unit has left the Parking Lot area with the Site Guide, he should report with parent or guardian to the Camp Office, (left of the main parking lot). There he will be given instruction as to where to find his unit. Transportation of personal and troop equipment to the campsites will be provided. Personal vehicles are not permitted beyond the Parking Lot without permission of the Camp Director.

TENTATIVE CHECK IN SCHEDULE:

- Sites 1 and 10: 1:00 PM
- Sites 2 and 9: 1:20 PM
- Sites 3 and 8: 1:40 PM
- Sites 4 and 7: 2:00 PM
- Sites 5 and 6: 2:20 PM

MEDICAL FORMS:

Scouts and Scouters must present their completed and signed medical forms to the Health Officer before taking the swim test or participating in camp activities. You are permitted to stay in camp for up to, but not in excess of, 24 hours without your physical. Arrangements can be made to either receive a FAX of your physical or, if necessary, to see a local MD. You will be responsible for any and all doctor fees. Unit Camp Leaders should have all medical forms, along with the complete roster, in hand when they arrive at camp.

DRESS:

Scouts are to wear a swimsuit under their Field Uniform. Each unit will check in, and be escorted to the health lodge for medical check in and buddy tags. Next, they will go to their dining hall orientation and get group pictures. After that, the troop will report to waterfront for swim tests. Site guides will give your unit more detailed instruction.

CAMP LEADER:

Special medical information and Unit Analysis forms need to be turned in at the Two-Week Pre-Camp Meeting or mailed to the Scout Service Center two weeks prior to your unit's arrival at camp. Please be sure that all other forms sent to you prior to camp are filled out and with you.

SUNDAY EVENING EVENTS:

Retreat and Vespers will be at 5:45 PM at the Parade Field. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM. Any and all family members are invited to join us for our Sunday Family Night Picnic and then join us for the evening campfire. The cost of dinner is \$9.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children six and under. Tickets need to be purchased at Sunday Check-in at the Trading Post. After dinner, unit Camp Leaders and SPL's will be invited to an informational meeting with the Camp Director, Program Director and Commissioner. The week's events and any changes in the schedule will be discussed. Scouts will go for a tour of camp and merit badge orientation at this time.

8:45 PM Sunday evening, units will gather at the Parade Field. From there, the Staff will take your unit to the opening campfire. All campfire programs during the week are mandatory.

CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

Units should be packed and ready to Check-Out before 10:00 AM on Saturday. If it is necessary for a unit to leave early on Saturday (before 10:00 AM) please see the Camp Director by Thursday afternoon. Scouts, their gear, and all troop equipment will need to be out of the site prior to final inspection. Locate all items that you have checked out from the Quartermaster Crew or Commissioner during the week. These will need to be returned. More information on specific Check-Out procedures will be distributed while at camp.

Before departing, Scoutmasters should:

- Return Check-Out form to the Camp Office.
- Pay outstanding fees, if any.
- Pay for any damages that occurred during their stay.
- Pick up Blue Cards and mail at the Camp Office.
- Pick up Troop Pictures at the Trading Post.
- Make Reservations for next year, if they have not done so already.

Note: Unit Camp Leaders are responsible for all Scouts until they have secured transportation home. The unit Camp Leader should be the last to leave camp.

The Scoutmaster at Camp

BEFORE CAMP:

- Read this Leader Guide thoroughly.
- Meet with your Troop to familiarize them with the camp, its programs and policies.
- Meet with your Scouts. Know their desires for advancement, their interests in program, guide them to make the right decisions for the best time at camp.
- Fill in all paper work and mail it to the Scout Service Center at least two weeks prior to your arrival. Or, bring it to the Two-Week Pre-Camp Meeting.
- Keep track of each Scout's payments for camp.
- Make sure each Scout's medical form is current, properly filled out and meets all standards listed in this manual. **DON'T FORGET THEM!**
- Review Check-In and Check-Out Procedures with your Scouts.
- Hold a parent's information night to update them on summer camp.

OPENING DAY:

- Check in at the time assigned to your unit at the Two-Week Pre-Camp Meeting.
- Make sure all Scouts are wearing swim suits under their Field Uniforms.
- Leaders should have in hand: medical forms, unit rosters, Family Night Picnic numbers, Troop Picture numbers, and be able to handle the settling of any fees that are due.
- Be prepared for a tour of camp, swim checks, and Troop Pictures.
- Review with Scouts emergency procedures and post a unit fireguard chart.
- Become familiar with the camp, your campsite, and equipment.
- Ask your Site Guide any questions about camp that you may have
- Attend Retreat and Vespers at 5:45 and dinner at 6:00.
- Leaders and SPL's attend informational meeting at 7:15 while the rest of the troop attends the tour of camp and merit badge orientation.
- Everyone lines up for campfire in Parade Field in parade formation following leader's meeting/tour of camp/merit badge orientation.

The Senior Patrol Leader at Camp

The Senior Patrol Leader, the Scoutmaster's right hand man, is the key boy leader in the Troop. Listed below are some of the Senior Patrol Leaders duties at summer camp.

BEFORE CAMP:

- Attend the Two-Week Pre-Camp Meeting with your unit's Camp Leader to learn about the camp programs and policies. This meeting will be a great asset to finalizing your troop's summer camp plan.
- During the spring, meet with the junior leaders in the Troop in order to complete a program plan for your Troop's stay at camp.
- Review the programs offered and determine which ones your troop will participate in.
- Send in all required information to camp at least two weeks before your unit arrives. You may bring forms to the Two-Week Pre-Camp Meeting. Proper prior planning can determine the success of your stay at camp.

DURING CAMP:

- Meet with the Program Director for daily SPL meetings which will be announced at camp.
- Be responsible for the Troop's bulletin board. Be sure that entries are made daily on the fire guard chart. See that the Troop's program schedule is posted.
- Make sure Scouts follow the Waiter's schedule.
- Make daily announcements about upcoming programs.
- If a problem develops with program, campsite, safety, cleanliness or youth to youth disagreement you are responsible to deal with them yourself, and the junior leadership with the guidance of your Scoutmaster. Last option: See the Camp Director.
- Be sure that Scouts, through their patrol leaders, observe the times for Taps and Reveille. As a leader, you know the importance of sleep in camp. Also you need to respect your neighboring units. Senior Patrol Leader Meetings will be conducted during the week as announced.

2010 Summer Camp Program

This year, Camp Minsi will be issuing a separate Program Guide by the end of January 2010. This guide will outline the entire summer camp program, including : program schedule, merit badge schedule, evening programs, additional programs, and an explanation of how Camp Minsi is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Scouting. We feel this Program Guide will allow us to provide a detailed and accurate guide to our 2010 Summer Camp Program.

Check www.campminsi.org for updates on the 2010 program, especially for the merit badge schedule which will be available by December 31, 2009.

Please feel free to contact Program Director, Mike Wiencek, at CampMinsiPD@yahoo.com with any suggestions, concerns, or questions.



HIGH ADVENTURE CANOE TREK



The canoe trek is a program that is a brand new addition to Camp Minsi's program. This is a program that is designed for older scouts that may not be interested in the typical summer camp experience. Instead, they will have the opportunity to canoe for 5 days, through beautiful valleys from upstate New York, into the rolling Appalachian mountains of Pennsylvania.

Scouts that are signed up for the program will arrive at camp on Sunday with their units, and go through all of the check in processes. They will attend campfire on Sunday night, then wake up Monday morning and drive to the boat launch in New York. From there, they will canoe for 5 days into East Stroudsburg. Along the way they will have the opportunity to stop at many scenic and historic sites, and learn new skills about the environment around them. They will cook their own meals, and operate as a patrol.

After their trek is over on Friday, they will return to camp in the afternoon, and attend the closing campfire on Friday night where they will be recognized. They will certainly bring back some great stories about their canoe adventure to share with the rest of the unit. If any scouts show interest, please sign up as quickly as possible, there are only 10 spots available each week!



Canoe Trek is being offered:
Week 1: June 27 – July 3
Week 3: July 11 – July 17
Week 5: July 25 – July 31

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

There is always room for improvement, especially at camp. If you or any members of your unit have any suggestions that you would like us to know about, please feel free to contact the camp director or program director.

Visit www.campminsi.org for more information!



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By the shores of old Stillwater, with its azure blue. Lies a camp of friendly Boy Scouts, cheerful, brave, and true. Sing her glories, live her ideals, hold her memories dear. Give a cheer that all may hear it; hail, all hail Minsi.

Far away from care and turmoil, of the busy town. In a brotherhood of scouting, we will there be found. Sing her glories, live her ideals, hold her memories dear. Give a cheer that all may hear it; hail, all hail Minsi.