

GOOSE POND
SCOUT RESERVATION

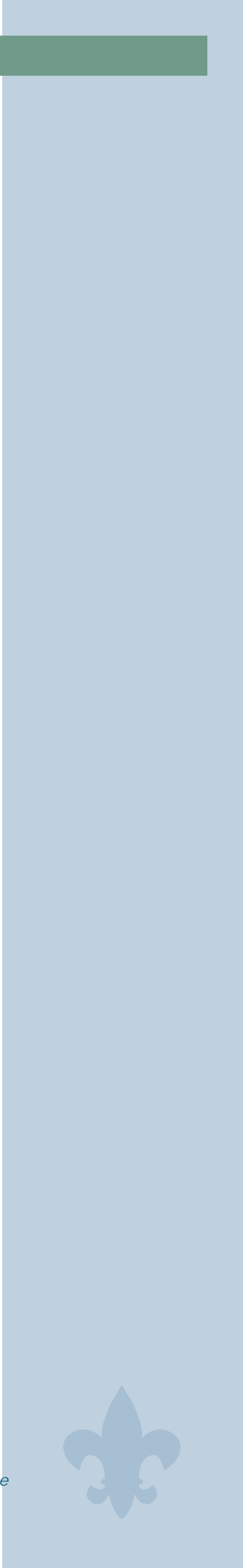
2009 Camp Leaders' Guide



WELCOME HOME!

*A Nationally Accredited
Boy Scout Resident Camp of
The Northeastern Pennsylvania Council*





Mission and Goals

The Boy Scouts of America Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

The Four Star Mission of Goose Pond Scout Reservation

Our mission is to follow and use the Aims & Methods of the BSA to deliver a constant, high quality program while always setting a positive example and doing so with an attitude of customer service at all times.

Scouting: A Program for Everyone

The programs offered by The Northeastern Pennsylvania Council at Goose Pond Scout Reservation are open to all registered Boy Scouts.

Rules for acceptance and participation are the same for everyone, without regard to race, color, age, disability, religion or national origin.

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Council participates in the PA Department of Education's special milk program. The council assures the PDE that all campers are served milk regardless of race, color, religion, disability or national origin. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call 202-720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider.

Camp Administration Summary

Goose Pond Scout Reservation is owned and operated by The Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, Boy Scouts of America.

It is administered by a full-time Camping Director and Ranger trained & certified by The National Camping School of the Boy Scouts of America. The camp is supervised by the Council Executive Board through the Council Camping Committee.

The camp is inspected by the Department of Agriculture, Department of Environmental Protection and is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Each year, Goose Pond Scout Reservation is inspected by the Council Camping Committee and a BSA Regional Camp Visitation Team. It is consistently rated as a Nationally Accredited Camp. Copies of reports are available from The Northeastern Pennsylvania Council Service Center.

Council and Camp Contact Information

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Goose Pond -Scouting at its best...

"...The excellence continues!"

Dear Camp Leader,

We are humbled by the many requests from Troops like yours to make Goose Pond Scout Reservation your summer camp home for 2009. Whether it's your Troop's first summer at The Pond, or your 21st, Welcome! A top-notch staff is being assembled, and we are working hard to provide a Scout camping experience that is unsurpassed.

We always seek to build on the proud Scout camping tradition that has been created during Goose Pond's impressive 89-year history, while adding new opportunities that are more exciting than ever. We always focus on the hallmarks of a quality resident camp experience. We are proud to offer a diverse and active program with something for everyone from the first time camper to the seasoned veteran.

This 2009 Camp Leaders' Guide is a key resource for you. Please read the entire guide, and share it with your other camp leaders, parents, Scouts, and especially your Senior Patrol Leader. Any additional information and any changes will be coming your way in the near future.

In the guide and supplemental forms, you will see a number of program schedules: for advancement, outposts, C.O.P.E., etc. Please use these as aids for your planning, but the final schedule will be determined week-by-week, based on campers' interest and staffing availability. As in the past, pre-registration for programs is mandatory. We are committed to exceeding your troop's expectations, and when we know your programming preferences in advance, we can make arrangements that will offer Scouts the most personal attention from the staff, the highest quality instruction, and the ability for your troop to create the best-possible week at camp.

Please also make note of our camp's policies and procedures. All of these derive from the Scout Oath and Law, our cardinal principles, and they help us ensure that camp operates safely, efficiently and enjoyably for everyone during their stay at The Pond.

Most of all, the entire Goose Pond Staff Team is dedicated to the Aims and Methods of Scouting, delivering a quality program, making a commitment to customer service, and leading through setting the example at all times. That's our promise to you. We look forward to working with you in making summer camp at Goose Pond 2009 an experience of a lifetime!

If you have any questions concerning Goose Pond summer camp, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help! You can always contact the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council Scout Service Center for assistance. Thank you for your dedication to Scouting, and we look forward to seeing you 'Round the Pond this summer!

Yours in Camping Excellence,

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Revisions will be announced in subsequent issues of "Notes from 'Round the Pond."



Unit Camping Opportunities

Goose Pond Scout Reservation is located on 540 pristine acres of woodlands, protected in perpetuity by a conservation easement, at the northern tip of the Pocono Mountains near Lake Wallenpaupack in Paupack Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania.

The Three Types of Scout Camping...

Traditional Camping

Campers are housed in two-man canvas tents on wooden platforms, with a cot and mattress furnished for each camper and leader. All meals are prepared by the food service staff and are served in the camp dining hall. Latrines are provided in each site, and centralized hot shower facilities are available for campers and leaders.

Pioneer Primitive Camping

Troops camp in Pioneer Site and provide their own tents and camping equipment. Meals may be eaten in the dining hall or prepared by the troop at the camping site. Special fee arrangements related to meals can be made with the Camping Director.

Provisional Camping

For Scouts who cannot attend with their troop or wish to attend an additional week, campers are encouraged to make arrangements to stay with another Troop and be listed on their roster. No additional fee is required. Or, the camp leadership can also make arrangements for hosting of provisional campers for an additional \$15 fee. Provisional applications are available on the Council website.

2009 Camp Sessions

Goose Pond will offer seven one-week sessions of Boy Scout Resident Camping in 2009.

Session 1 June 28 to July 4
Session 3 July 12 to July 18
Session 5 July 26 to Aug. 1
Session 7 Aug. 9 to Aug. 15

Session 2 July 5 to July 11
Session 4 July 19 to July 25
Session 6 Aug. 2 to Aug. 8

All camp sessions begin between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm on Sunday and end by 9:30 am the following Saturday. **Troops should not plan to arrive on Saturday or before 1:00 pm on Sunday.**

Individuals or units staying for more than one week should plan to return home between sessions. Requests for special arrangements will be considered and must be made in writing, with advance notice, to the Camp Director.

Reservation Policy

In order to maximize usage of all sites to accommodate growing numbers of troops and campers each week, units will be allowed to indicate three choices of campsite in order of preference. Site assignments will be made based on attendance and campsite capacity. Final placements are made based on May 15 reservations and in some cases, on actual camp attendance.

Tour Permits: Out of Council Units

All out-of-council units must provide a properly completed tour permit on arrival at camp. Please see your local Council Service Center for forms and information.



2009 Camp Fees

Camping Fees

The regular, non-discounted, youth camper fee, per session, is \$250.00. Each camper will receive a 2009 Camp Patch upon checkin.

All fees and transactions should be made at our Scout Service Center. Any checks should be made payable to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council. Mastercard, Visa, American Express and Discover are also accepted. Whenever possible, we prefer all camp fees to be paid prior to attending camp. Early payment incentives and other modifications are shown on the fee schedule below.

Payment Incentives - Paid in full by May 15, 2009

Each Scout whose camp fee is paid in full by May 15, 2009 will receive a \$15.00 discount, reducing the total cost to \$235 per camper. Troops **must** include a roster with payment.

2009 Camping Fee Schedule

The first \$50.00 of the camper fee is a nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit. A nonrefundable \$100 site deposit is required with each unit's reservation.

	Early Payment	Regular	Provisional
Camper	\$235.00	\$250.00	\$265.00
Camper -2nd Week		\$205.00	\$220.00
Additional Leaders		\$ 80.00	

Leaders Fees

Two adult leaders are free for each unit, with one additional free leader for every seven Scouts after fourteen. Fees for additional leaders are \$80 each for the full week or \$18 per day.

Number of Scouts	Free Leaders Allowed
1-20	2
21-27	3
28-34	4
35-41	5

Camperships

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Council believes that all Scouts should be able to attend summer resident camp, regardless of financial situation. Campership funds are available from the Council to assist local Scouts who may have difficulty affording the full camp fee. Applications are available from the Scout Service Center or may be downloaded from the Council website at www.nepabsa.org.

Deadline for Campership Application submissions is May 1.

Refund Policy

The first \$50 of each camper fee is not refundable and not transferable. This deposit is completely **forfeited** if the Scout does not attend camp. Other fees paid prior to camp are **generally** transferable to other new or add-on Scouts in the unit, **but not refundable**. Once the camp week has begun fees are **not** refundable. In cases involving extreme circumstances (doctor's excuse, summer school, etc.), requests for a refund must be made in writing by September 1 to the Council Camping Director for review. Any/all refunds may not be processed until after September 1.

The Unit's \$100 site deposit may be rolled over for a 2010 site reservation, credited toward any camp fees, expended in the camp Trading Post, or refunded to the Unit.

2009 Camp Staff Opportunities

Goose Pond Scout Reservation Camp Staff

We depend on a highly-skilled and dedicated group of Scouts and Scouters to operate Goose Pond each summer. Serving on camp staff is truly the summer of a lifetime.

It's a unique chance to learn to teach, be a leader, work on a team ... and to touch the lives of the 1,200+ Scouts who will pass through the camp's gates this year.

We hope that you will encourage your best Scouts to apply for staff positions, so that we can truly offer a "dream team" to all of the units who attend Goose Pond.

Contact the Scout Service Center at 570-207-1227 or via email at goosepond@nepabsa.org for more information and an application. Applications are also available to download via the Council website www.nepabsa.org. Additional applications are taken throughout the camp season. Names of those interested in a staff position for 2010 may be submitted to the camp office.

Camp Staff Positions

Counselor-In-Training Program (Age 14 or 15)

It's the best deal around! Nine weeks of hands-on training on being a summer camp staffer, plus an intensive leadership and teaching skill program. CIT's also work on merit badges and develop their own leadership skills.

Instructors or Support Staff (Age 15 or 16 and up)

Teach merit badge sessions, lead special programs, work in the kitchen, camp office, trading post.

Senior Staff (Age 18 and up)

Lead an area staff in scoutcraft, aquatics, nature or handicraft; instruct on shooting ranges or high-adventure programs; serve as health officer or cook.

Volunteer Commissioners (Age 18 and up)

Spend one or two weeks as a volunteer on staff. Work with the commissioners on unit service, patrol and troop programming, help out with transportation, teach special badges, and whatever else might be needed that week!



Be Prepared for the Pond

Required Medical Forms & Medication

All campers and adult leaders must have a Class 2 Medical Form (#34414) **or** the 'new' universal Annual Health & Medical Record (#34605) which is an annual health history signed by parents or guardian and supported by a medical evaluation completed within the last 36 months by a licensed physician. Adults age 40 or older must have a Class 3 Medical Form (#34412) **or** the new Annual Health & Medical Record (#34605) which requires current health history supported by a medical evaluation within the past 12 months by a licensed physician. *(Please note that the new universal Annual Health & Medical Record (#34605) will be **required** for all youth and all adults beginning in 2010.)*

The forms will be kept on file at the Health Office and returned to the Unit at the end of the week. Rotating adult leaders must present a medical form upon arrival. Unit leaders are encouraged to collect all forms before camp and check them for completeness. Campers and adults who arrive at camp without a properly-completed medical form will be sent home after 24 hours. **This Medical Form requirement is strictly enforced.**

Parents of Scouts who are required to take medication while at camp should package medication in individual bags clearly marked with the Scout's name and Troop number. All meds must be kept in original bottles. Leaders should consult with parents beforehand on medication needs and have them **complete the "medication to be given" sheet** from the supplemental forms packet. If using the new universal medical form #34605, the included 'medications' section may be used in lieu of the stand-alone medication form. All medication will be collected at the medical check during Sunday check-in and kept and distributed through the Health Officer throughout the week.

Accommodating Special Needs

The staff of Goose Pond is committed to fully including all Scouts in all aspects of the summer camp program. Often, meeting the needs of all campers and leaders, requires minor adaptations of our facilities, staffing, and instructional plans. Special menus, one-on-one instruction, accessible sites, individual counseling and other provisions can be made for Scouts or leaders because of physical disabilities, learning disabilities, medical conditions, particular dietary requirements, religious practices or other special needs. Whenever possible, unit leaders should contact the Camp Director well in advance to outline the specific needs of Scouts and leaders in their troops.

Food Service

Goose Pond employs qualified food service personnel to provide quality food for all campers and leaders. Three meals per day are served in the central dining hall, beginning with Sunday dinner and ending with Saturday breakfast. A licensed dietitian has reviewed the menus for balanced nutrition. If Scouts or leaders have special dietary needs, please contact the Camp Office 2 weeks prior to your arrival. We want your stay to be enjoyable.

Your Troop Annual Preparation Plan

<i>Date</i>	<i>Objective To Be Met</i>
June - April	Reserve a date and campsite with Service Center.
January	Begin planning for & promoting summer camp.
March	Attend pre-camp Leaders' Kickoff meeting.
April-May	Hold a Camp Promotion for your troop:
	- Parents' Meeting, Media Presentation, Dates and Fee Schedule, Distribute medical and other forms
	- Work with your troop to plan program, select merit badges, check prerequisites, etc.
May 15	Payments-in-full due to receive discount.
Two weeks prior to arrival at camp	Paperwork due to Goose Pond, including merit badge pre-registrations and a final troop roster.

Be Prepared for the Pond

Boy Scout Uniforms at Camp

The Official Boy Scout field uniform, informally called 'Class A' consists of the official shirt, belt, shorts/switchbacks and socks. This uniform is worn each day for evening retreat and dinner, as well as for Chapel services. The activity or 'Class B' uniform consisting of Boy Scout shorts/switchbacks and a Boy Scout T-shirt with belt and socks is appropriate at all other times. The content of all clothing and hats should be consistent with the principles of the Boy Scouts of America.

Trading Post

A full-service trading post is operated at camp. It is stocked with Goose Pond custom items, including patches and T-shirts; Official Boy Scouts of America gear and uniform accessories; merit badge pamphlets; stamps; handicraft kits; and an assortment of soda, ice cream and snacks. In addition to cash and checks, major credit cards are also accepted, as well as Gift Cards issued from our Council Scout Shop. Regular business hours are posted at the Trading Post. Generally, the Trading Post is closed during meals, campwide campfires and Chapel services.

Contacting Scouts & Leaders by US Mail

Parents may wish to send mail or packages to their son at Goose Pond. Please realize that sometimes letters may cause homesickness. Excessive letters and packages may become problematic. Mail should be addressed in this manner:

Goose Pond Scout Reservation

Scout's Name, Troop #

1047 Goose Pond Road

Lake Ariel, PA 18436

An outgoing mailbox is provided in camp for use by Scouts and leaders. Postage stamps are available at the Trading Post. United Parcel Service and Fed Ex make regular deliveries.

Phones & Communications

The Camp Business Telephone: 570-689-2561

Please use the camp phone number for business and emergency calls only. The camp clerk will take a message and deliver it to the Scout or leader at the next assembly.

Individuals will be summoned to the phone only in cases of emergency. Goose Pond's fax number is 570-689-7669.

Telephone Access: There is no longer a public/pay phone available in camp. Leaders should see the Camp Director for telephone access if required.

Cell Phones: Troops are encouraged to set their own policies regarding use of cell phones by Scouts. Cell phone access often leads to homesickness and other problems. As a service, Goose Pond will charge cell phones for *adult leaders* at the Camp Office. Cell coverage at Goose Pond varies by service carrier, but is overall, average.

Email Communication: Goose Pond can be emailed directly at goosepond@nepabsa.org. An open Wi-Fi (wireless network) internet connection is maintained at the Administration Building for adult leaders with wireless-capable laptops. Leaders should see the Camp Director for additional computer or internet access.

Boy Scout Equipment Checklist

Personal Equipment

- Complete Boy Scout uniforms
- Order of the Arrow Sash, if a member
- Underwear & socks for at least 6 days
- Scout T-shirts
- Jacket, sweater, sweat-shirt, cap
- Swimming trunks
- Hiking boots, athletic shoes, and old shoes for boating, shower shoes
- Rain gear
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Toilet kit (toothbrush, towels, soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Notebook, pencil, pen
- Scout Handbook, merit badge booklets
- Flashlight with extra batteries and bulb
- Wrist watch and/or alarm clock
- Pocketknife
- Camera, personal first aid kit
- Water Bottle
- Backpack, daypack
- Spending money
- Fishing tackle
- Religious materials
- Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- Sunscreen
- Medical form, prescription medication

Troop and Patrol Equipment

- American & Troop flags
- Lantern
- Patrol flags
- Patrol cook kits
- Woods tools
- Extra rope
- Anti-bacterial Soap (pump bottles)
- First aid kit
- Fieldbook
- Merit badge pamphlets
- Thumbtacks
- Merit badge applications (blue cards)

Things to leave home

Kerosene or gasoline, fireworks/explosives, illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, firearms and ammunition, hunting knives, candles, pets, obscene or otherwise inappropriate materials, radios, bicycles, computer games, aerosol cans, glass containers. (See p.14 for additional information.)

Leadership and Conduct

A Word About You and the Camp Staff

The camp staff is here to assist you, the troop leaders, in making possible a truly great camping experience for your troop. We have employed a highly-skilled, well-rounded staff of Scouters. Their reason for being in camp is to serve you and your troop. They are not strangers to this game of Scouting. True, they have been chosen for their ability or skill in some particular phase of camp operation, but over and above this, they were chosen because they have had an experience as Scouters. They love and believe in this great game, just as you do. Also, like you, they are making personal sacrifices to be part of it. They are human too! They will make mistakes and errors in judgement, as do we all, but they will be honest mistakes. With your help, they will avoid these same mistakes again. Together, you and they can make possible a finer camp experience for your Scouts. Each of you shares this responsibility. In working together for the welfare of your Scouts, you will find a strong bond of friendship.

Please remember one thing as you go into this big adventure of camp: the staff will help, assist, and accommodate you in every way they can, but they will not take over your troop. You are the leader, you are the person your boys know and respect. You give them understanding and leadership, maintain discipline, and you give them the adult direction and counsel needed in camp. Do this, and the boys will look back many years hence and recall with fond memories their association with you in camp.

Troop Leadership

At least two registered adult leaders must be present in camp at all times to provide qualified supervision and guidance to the troop.

~ One adult must be 21 years of age or older. The second adult must be at least 18 years of age or older. ~ All adult leaders must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Additional adult leadership should reflect an awareness of the troop's size, skill level, and special needs.

The registered Troop Scoutmaster should make arrangements for necessary camp leadership. If he is unable to attend for the entire week, he should appoint another adult to serve as Camp Leader. All other adults work under the direction of the Camp Leader.

Troops may make prior arrangements to "share" two-deep adult leadership within a campsite. Please make the camp director aware of these plans in advance.

If troops are going to use "rotating" leaders, i.e. if the same 2 adults will not be present all week, a leadership roster indicating anticipated arrival and departure times must be filed with the camp office at registration. At no time may a troop be left without two-deep leadership in place. Additionally, all adult leaders staying overnight must have a completed, current BSA medical form on file with the Health Lodge and must check in at the Camp Office upon arrival.

The Adult Leader's Role at Camp

Goose Pond exists to deliver the Scouting program in the outdoors. Scouting is at its heart a "game with a purpose," a game which boys play under the leadership of their peers, with the guidance of adults. The role of adults is one of coaches, counselors, mentors, teachers, friends and guides to the youth.

Goose Pond always allows leaders the courtesy of occasionally participating in its programs as much as possible. However, because of growing attendance, our resources are often used to the limits by campers, making certain programs generally unavailable to adults. While free swim and fishing from boats should never be a problem, other specialized, heavily-used or staff-intensive programs such as climbing, shooting sports, biking, sailing, kayaking, etc. may be generally unavailable to leaders. Campers will always have first priority.

Also, adult participation in intertroop competitive events often spoils the fun which patrols have. When "winning" supersedes learning and friendship, Scouting's aims go un-met. As a rule, adult leaders should plan not to participate with the Scouts from their units as if "patrol members." In exchange, the staff will create opportunities for leaders to be actively involved in the fun, more than as spectators and cheerleaders.



Leadership and Conduct

The Scoutmaster at Summer Camp

As Scoutmaster, you have a key role in your troop while at camp. Goose Pond Scout Reservation has a staff that is eager to assist you, execute your program and tend to your unit's needs. Below are some of your duties before and during summer camp.

Before Camp

- Read the Camp Leader Guide and share it with your other adult and youth leaders
- Meet with your troop to familiarize them with the camp, its offerings and policies.
- Meet with each Scout, know his advancement goals, interests in programs, and help him make the right decisions to have the best time at camp. Complete a schedule with each camper.
- Fill in all paperwork and mail it to camp at least two weeks prior to arrival.
- Keep track of each Scout's payment for camp
- Make sure each Scout's medical form is current, properly filled out, and handed in to you.
- Review check-in and check-out procedures with your Scouts and parents. Arrange for an arrival time on Sunday and a pick-up time on Saturday
- Collect orders and payment for troop photos and parents' night barbecue.

During Camp

- Check in at the appropriate time, following the directions of your troop host. At check in have all medical forms, medications, additional fee payments, and orders for troop photos & parents' night barbecue.
- Attend the Sunday Leaders' Meeting and brief Scouts & leaders about camp policies and procedures.
- Assure that your troop complies with the guidelines in this manual and all supplementary information
- Keep track of each Scout's advancement progress, see that they are attending sessions, activities and meals
- Attend Scoutmaster Meetings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Close your camp experience by checking out with your troop host and the camp office.
- Complete an adult leader evaluation form and return it to the camp office before departure.
- Thoroughly check your Troop packet on Friday night for all cards and advancement records.
- Arrange for all Scouts to have appropriate transportation home.

The Senior Patrol Leader at Summer Camp

The Senior Patrol Leader is the key youth leader in the troop and coordinates the work of all the troop's patrol leaders.

Before Camp

- Read the 2009 Camp Leaders' Guide. It is also the Senior Patrol Leader's manual for camp.
- Meet with the Patrol Leaders' Council in the spring in order to plan your troop program and select special camp activities.

During Camp

- Attend the Sunday Leaders' Meeting and brief Scouts on program opportunities and the camp schedule.
- Be responsible for the troop bulletin board: fireguard chart, waiter schedule, troop duty roster.
- Attend daily Senior Patrol Leader's meetings, and make announcements about upcoming camp activities to your troop.
- Coordinate your troop's participation in all camp-wide events.
- Be sure that Scouts in your troop observe Taps and are respectful of other units.
- Maintain the health and cleanliness of your troop campsite, delegating leadership as appropriate. Conduct a brief inspection before your troop Commissioner visits each day.
- Complete a youth leader evaluation form and return it to the camp office before departure.



Emergency Procedures

General Procedures For Troops

In case of any emergency in camp, a siren will sound. All campers (youth and adults), as quickly and safely as possible, report to the LAKE SIDE OF THE DINING HALL. Unit leaders will conduct a roster check (not a head count) as Scouts assemble. A report of your unit's status should be made to the staff member in charge shortly after the roster check. A staff roster check will be accomplished at the parade field. Camp leaders and Scouts will then be instructed for the situation. All remain until an all-clear signal is given.

- **LOST SWIMMER/BOATER** - The Waterfront Director runs lost bather search with camp staff until lost person is found.
- **FIRE** - Staff members assume responsibilities as a fire fighting team under instruction from the Camp Fire Safety Director (the Head Commissioner). The Camp Director determines if additional help is needed to combat the fire. Fire fighting teams will consist of staff members only. Each team is pre-designated by the Camp Director or Camp Fire Safety Director.
- **LOST PERSON** - Report any person whom you suspect to be missing to the camp office. Do not delay in reporting a missing or lost person. Send one leader to the site to stay there should the boy return. The Camp Director and Health Officer will institute established search procedures using camp staff.
- **LIGHTNING, FLOOD, WIND & OTHER SEVERE WEATHER-RELATED EMERGENCIES**
Troops will be instructed as necessary depending on conditions, however, the Dining Hall is available at any time as a shelter should the unit leadership decide that such shelter is necessary. During lightning storms, seek shelter inside a building or in a dense forest located in a depression. Keep away from water, metal objects, isolated trees or trees that are much taller than adjacent trees. If under tarps or tents, stay away from metal poles.
- **SERIOUS HEALTH EMERGENCY** - The Health Officer should be notified immediately. The Health Officer or Camp Director will contact a doctor and alert a hospital, and arrange for transportation if necessary. The Health Officer or Doctor will notify the parents in a proper manner. All health related matters will be recorded in the Camp First Aid Log. REMEMBER TO REPORT ALL INJURIES TO THE HEALTH LODGE.
- **HIGH TEMPERATURE AND/OR HUMIDITY** - In the event of extreme high temperatures and humidity, the Camp Health Officer will consult with the Camp Director and Program Director to determine if strenuous activities such as hiking, sports, etc. will be stopped. Frequent consumption of water must be encouraged by the camp leadership and unit leaders during these times.
- **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPILL** - In the situation where a hazardous material, such as gasoline, kerosene, toxic paints, used medical supplies, etc., have been caused to be spilled, notify the camp Health Officer or Camp Director immediately. The Camp Director or Health Officer will notify local Haz Mat emergency unit, should the situation warrant, immediately. Do not try to remove the spilled material unless so directed by Camp Director or Ranger.

Wildlife & Food In Camp

General Safety Around Animals At Camp

Goose Pond offers a wide range of exciting adventures including the opportunity to observe many types of birds, fish and wildlife. Undoubtedly the opportunity to see a raccoon, turkey, deer, eagle, or a black bear in their natural habitat will provide lifetime memories.

Seeing animals in their natural habitat is always a pleasure, but it is wise to remember that they are the permanent residents of the camp while you are just a visitor. Treat them with respect, give them enough space so they will not feel threatened by your presence, and they will seldom present a threat to your safety. When an animal feels frightened, threatened, or trapped, it may fight for its life by attacking, scratching, or biting. In the event you are injured, seek treatment quickly. A doctor must determine whether rabies treatments will be necessary.

Young wildlife sometimes strays from their parents and appears to be lost or abandoned. In most cases however, the parents know where the youngster is. Taking in an apparently lost or abandoned animal usually does more harm than good. Wild animals are best left in the wild. If the animal is obviously sick or injured, notify the Camp Director or Ranger.

Special Note On Bears

On a regular basis a black bear may wander through camp. Despite the common name, black bear, they are not always black. They may be honey-colored, blond, brown or black. They may have a tan muzzle or a white spot on their chest.

Avoidance of bears, and most wildlife, can be summed up in one word – FOOD. If an animal doesn't find food, it will move on. Most conflicts between people and wildlife, especially bears, are linked to careless handling of food or garbage. Learn to live responsibly with wildlife.

Keeping food, snacks, sweets, beverages and other attractive smellables like trash, food containers and cooking waste in or near campsites is **strictly prohibited** at Goose Pond. Please make plans to have visitors take home extra or leftover food. Be sure all trash and food wastes are taken regularly to the camp dumpsters, located behind the Dining Hall. Supplies of snacks and food that are brought to camp for the course of the week should be stored in a locked vehicle in the camp parking lot and brought into campsites in small quantities that are consumed. Leftovers should be re-stored or discarded. Leaders should make special efforts to educate Scouts about these policies and guidelines. Checking footlockers and other gear regularly is encouraged by leaders.

General Guidelines For Animal Safety

- Keep a clean campsite
- Keep food and smellables out of your tent
- At night lock food and smellables in vehicles
- Never approach or follow wild animals
- Do not feed wild animals
- Don't mistake a passive animal as a sign of safety
- Never tease or attempt to pick up wildlife
- Leave young animals alone, a protective mother is usually nearby
- Notify Camp Ranger or Camp Director of sighting
- Avoid aggressive behavior such as:
 - Direct eye contact, even through a camera
 - Walking directly toward an animal
 - Following an animal that has chosen to leave
 - Circling or standing around an animal



Camp Policies

At Goose Pond Scout Reservation, the Scout Oath and Law are our guiding principles. We expect each leader to provide the guidance within the troop to follow these principles, the policies of Goose Pond Scout Reservation, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council and the Boy Scouts of America.

- **Alcoholic Beverages & Illegal Drugs:** Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are not permitted in Scout Camp. Possession or use on camp property will be cause for removal.
- **Smoking:** Smoking is prohibited except in areas expressly designated by the Camp Director. The goal of this policy is to keep smoking out of the Scouts' view.
- **Hazing:** Initiations or hazing of any type is in violation of the Boy Scouts of America youth protection policy and is cause for removal of Scouts or leaders from camp.
- **Vehicles:** Vehicles are not permitted in campsites. All vehicles must be parked in designated areas.
- **Leaving & Arriving:** All campers and leaders must stop by the Camp Office before leaving to sign-out and complete necessary documentation (see "Release of Minors"). Unit leaders must arrange two-deep coverage before leaving. Anyone arriving at camp after official check-in on Sunday must sign-in and register at the Camp Office.
- **Firearms & Ammunition:** Goose Pond provides all rifles, shotguns, bows, arrows and ammunition at the shooting ranges and discourages personal weapons. However, personal rifles (.22 caliber single shot) and bows (30 pounds or less, not compound) may be brought to camp but must be checked-in at the camp office on arrival. Shotguns or ammunition of any kind are prohibited.
- **Sheath Knives:** Sheath knives are not to be carried by campers or leaders.
- **Fireworks:** Possession or use of fireworks in camp is prohibited and is cause for removal.
- **Fuels:** Flammable liquids are generally prohibited from use in camp. This includes fire-starting liquids and jells. Units planning to use liquid fuel for lanterns and stoves should contact the Camp Director in advance about storage and usage requirements.
- **Campfires:** may not be constructed more than 3ft. high. No new fire rings may be built anywhere. Chainsaws may not be used without permission from the Ranger.
- **Camp Property:** Individuals and units will be charged for repair or replacement of camp property damaged as a result of misuse or neglect.
- **Cutting Trees:** No living or dead trees, including saplings, are to be cut without specific permission of the Camp Director or Ranger. A \$15 per inch diameter, or \$100 penalty, whichever is greater, will be enforced.
- **Personal Items:** All personal gear should be clearly labeled or marked with a waterproof marker. The camp is not responsible for lost or stolen items. We recommend that electronic equipment and other valuables be left at home.
- **Pets:** Dogs and other personal pets are not allowed at camp.
- **Bicycles:** Personal bikes are not allowed at camp unless taking cycling merit badge.
- **Taps:** Campers may not leave their campsite without a unit leader after 10 pm. Lights-out and quiet is at 11 pm. Please be respectful of other units.
- **Restricted Areas:** The shooting ranges, waterfront and C.O.P.E. course are off-limits except during program times when supervised by the staff. Campers and leaders also should not enter or pass through campsites other than their own without permission.
- **First Aid:** All illnesses and injuries must be reported to the Health Officer for treatment and recording. All medications must be checked-in at the Health Office for locked storage and distribution.



Youth Protection at Camp

Goose Pond Scout Reservation and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council adhere to all youth protection guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America.

Summer camp is an important part of the program of the Boy Scouts of America. It is in the camp atmosphere and in the outdoor program that the character building and citizenship purposes of the Scouting program are best taught. It is also at camp that the responsibility for caring for Boy Scouts becomes a 24-hour-a-day duty.

Members of the Boy Scouts of America come from all kinds of backgrounds, and they bring their experiences to camp with them. In meeting your leadership responsibilities, you may be confronted with situations alien to your experience. Child abuse is one such situation, and regardless of your background, you are responsible for the physical and emotional safety of the Scouts in your care. Be a source of strength and help to the Scouts in your camp.

Goose Pond has arrangements with local, on-call Chaplains should the need arise.

Troop Scoutmasters should review youth protection guidelines with all adults who will be serving as leaders in camp.

If a child reports being abused or if you suspect abuse, contact the Camp Director immediately. Do not discuss the matter with other Scouts or leaders.

The following barriers to abuse within Scouting are used at camp to ensure the safety of our youth campers. We expect adult leaders to follow these guidelines at all times:

- **Two deep leadership is required at all times.**
(Please see explanation of troop leadership requirements on page 10)
- **No one-on-one contact:** Personal conferences must take place in plain view of others.
- **Respect of privacy:** Separate shower facilities are provided for youth (under 18) and adults (18 and older). Adults may intrude only as required for health and safety. Separate female showers are provided.
- **Separate accommodations:** Youth Scouts may not share a tent with an adult unless the adult is a parent. Male and female leaders may not share a tent unless they are married.
- **Proper preparation for high-adventure activities:** Activities with elements of risk should only be undertaken with proper equipment, clothing, supervision, and safety measures.
- **No secret organizations are recognized by the Boy Scouts of America.**
All aspects of the Scouting programs are open to observation by parents and leaders.
- **Appropriate attire:** Proper clothing is always required; e.g. skinny-dipping is not appropriate in Scouting.
- **Constructive discipline:** Discipline should be constructive and reflect Scouting's values. Corporal punishment is never permitted.
- **Hazing prohibited:** Physical hazing and initiations of any type are prohibited and may not be included as part of any Scouting activity.
- **Junior leader training and supervision:** Adult leaders must monitor and guide the leadership techniques used by junior leaders to ensure that Boy Scouts of America policies are followed.



Youth Protection at Camp

The following four youth protection policies are National Camp Accreditation standards. Please review them carefully. Your cooperation in keeping our youth safe is greatly appreciated.

Intrusion of Unauthorized Persons

- Periodic review of security concerns of the site. **Leaders should “stop in” at their campsites throughout the day, noting anything out of the ordinary.**

Procedures

1. All visitors must report to the Administration Building to sign-in and sign-out and be identified with a distinctive badge or wristband. This process will be monitored by the Camp Director. Badges/bands must be worn at all times while in camp.
2. If an unauthorized person is suspected, notify the nearest program area. All program areas are equipped with radio or nearby telephone communication to the Camp Office. The Area Director will make contact with the Camp Office and stand by to give or receive further instructions.
3. The Camp Office will notify the Camp Director who will proceed with the Program Director, Business Manager or another adult to question the destination of the individual in question
4. If the person in question flees or contact with the individual is made, “Report of Possible Intrusion” form should be completed as soon as possible.
5. Camp program should continue unless the situation warrants a campwide emergency assembly, which would be signaled by the siren. All Scouters and Scouts report to the Lake-side of the dining hall; troop leaders complete a roster check and report to the staff member in charge. Staff members assemble at the parade field; area directors account for their staff and await further instructions from the Camp Director. All remain until an all clear signal is given.
6. An assessment is made to the severity of the problem and the need to call the State Police. The Scout Executive is notified of the situation.
7. Leaders should train their Scouts in the above procedures. Most importantly is that Scouts do not approach the person in question; rather, they are to find an adult immediately.
8. The Buddy System is enforced at all times.

Verification of No-Shows

If a Scout listed on a troop roster fails to show up at camp, the camp leadership must verify the reason for his absence. Troop leaders must also report for verification any additional names of Scouts not listed on a roster who were supposed to be attending. The camp clerk will telephone each Scout’s home to ensure that his parents or guardian know that their son is not at camp. A “Verification of No-Shows” form will be completed and filed in the camp office.



Youth Protection at Camp

Release of Minors

To a Parent or Legal Guardian

If a parent/legal guardian needs to pick up their child during his week at camp, they and the Scout must go in person to sign-out at the Camp Office using the camp Sign-in/Sign-out sheet and by completing the form *"Verification of Camper Leaving Goose Pond Scout Reservation: Release to Legal Parent or Guardian."* The Camp administration has the right to ask for documentation to prove the identity of the person picking up the minor.

To Persons Other Than the Legal Parent or Guardian

1. If a person other than a legal parent or guardian arrives to pick-up a camper, verification and identification of this individual is required.
2. For any minor to leave camp with a person other than a legal parent or guardian, an authorization form must be completed in advance and be on file in the Camp Office. The form *"Authorization to Release Minors to Persons Other than the Legal Parent or Guardian"* must be completed by the parent, unit leader, and filed with the Camp Director on arrival. Only persons listed on this form may take a minor out of camp.
3. The authorized adult and camper must come together in person to the Camp Office. There the adult will then sign-out the camper using the camp Sign-in/Sign-out sheet and by completing the form *"Verification of Camper Leaving Goose Pond Scout Reservation: Release to Persons other than the Legal Parent or Guardian"* with the clerk.
4. The Camp administration has the right to ask for documentation to prove the identity of the person picking up the minor.
5. Verification forms will be kept in the Camp Office. Leaders will be instructed on this procedure to ensure the safety of our youth.
6. A separate verification form must be filed each time a Scout leaves camp.

A blank form "Authorization to Release Minors to Persons Other than the Legal Parent or Guardian" for reproduction is located in the supplement kit. Please distribute copies as necessary and hand in completed forms at registration. If you have any questions about these policies, please contact the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council Service Center, 570-207-1227.

All Individuals Are Identified

All **campers, leaders, staff and visitors** are identified at all times while in camp by a distinctive badge or wristband. This identification is presented at the time of check-in at the Camp Office and must be on and visible at all times throughout the duration of the camp stay. All visitors and rotating leaders must report to the Administration Building to sign-in and sign-out. Anyone in camp who is not properly identified should be reported immediately to the Camp Office or any staff member. This process is explained to all leaders and campers upon arrival. A service fee may be charged for replacement identification that is lost or destroyed. Please help us to keep everyone at Goose Pond safe by wearing your identification!



Check-In and Check-Out

Sunday Check-In & Arrival

The designated arrival time for units is between 1:00-3:00 pm on the Sunday beginning each session.

Please do not instruct parents to arrive any earlier than 1:00 pm. Scouts will not be admitted into camp until their unit leadership has arrived and the troop officially checks in.

Please instruct all Scouts to arrive at one time, as a unit.

Troops will be checked-in as a single unit, not by individual camper.

Please do not arrive at camp for any reason prior to 1:00 pm on Sunday.

All vehicles should park in the shale lot. Please do not walk or drive into camp until you are met by your staff host. While you are waiting, you should

- Consolidate troop and personal equipment.
One vehicle at a time will be permitted to drive into campsite to unload gear.
- Collect money for troop photographs and parents' night dinners:
(8"x10" photos are \$7 each. Dinners are \$8 adults & \$5 age 10 and under.)
- Collect completed "Release of Minors Authorization" forms
- Have Scouts dress for the troop photograph — 'Class A' uniform or troop shirts
- Promptly at 1:00 pm, a staff host will be in the shale parking lot waiting to meet you upon arrival and guide the troop through the check-in process. After a troop photo, an adult leader will be asked to register at the camp office. He should bring an updated roster, all photograph orders, meal reservations, and any remaining camper fees to the Office at this time. Please collect money from parents in advance.
- The rest of the troop will go to the campsite to unload and change into swimsuits. The Troop will then proceed to medical rechecks, followed by swim tests and a dining hall orientation. Scouts and leaders should bring medical forms and any prescription medication with them at this time. Personal bicycles, rifles and bows must also be taken to the Camp Office.

Saturday Check-Out & Departure

- A continental breakfast will be served at 8:00 am on Saturday.
- The Program Director and Program Staff will be available after breakfast at the Pavilion to answer any program or advancement questions and clear up issues related to merit badges before you leave camp.
- Troops may leave as soon after breakfast as they are able to pack up and clean their site. Your staff host will inspect your campsite. Unit leaders must bring that inspection form to the camp office before departure and meet with the business manager to settle any fees and make next-year's reservations.
- You may pick up medical forms and medications at the Camp Office.
- **Please plan to have departed not later than 10:00 am on Saturday.**
- **Units departing on Friday must notify the Camp Director in advance.**



Reservation Facilities

Good Stewardship

Goose Pond Scout Reservation is a year-round camping facility maintained by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council. The Camp Ranger, Council Camping Committee and volunteer Campmasters work to maintain and improve the facilities. The continued existence and improvement of the Boy Scout summer camp program is dependent on the care of our facilities. Scouts and Leaders must be good stewards of the Goose Pond facilities, equipment and environment so that they may remain for others to enjoy in future years.

Campsite Equipment

Each site is equipped with canvass tents, platforms, cots and mattresses based on the recommended capacity for your site. In addition, sites contain a picnic table, dining fly, bulletin board, water barrel, fire buckets, and a flag pole. In each latrine will be a bucket, broom, hose, toilet brush, toilet paper and a supply of disinfectant. Additional supplies are available from the Quartermaster. Equipment such as flags, rakes and shovels may be signed-out from the Quartermaster and must be returned prior to departure. Unit leaders are responsible for proper use and care of all equipment in your site. Your site will be inspected at the beginning and end of the week. Units will be charged for repair or replacement of property and equipment damaged due to misuse. Please inform the Camp Office of accidental damage as soon as it occurs.

Tent Care

In order to maintain the quality & durability of our tents, please follow these guidelines:

- Loosen tent ropes when it rains.
Canvass shrinks when drying and will tear if the ropes are too tight.
- Do not put clothes hangers over ridge poles; it causes tears and leaks.
Hang a clothesline or improvise a method that will not damage tents.
- Do not put nails in tent poles or platforms.
- Aerosol sprays damage waterproofing and are not permitted in camp.
- Touching the inside of the tent when raining or wet also inactivates the waterproofing.
- No flames of any kind are allowed in tents.
Battery-powered flashlights and lamps should be used.
- Tent platforms may not be moved.

Environmental Statement

The Boy Scouts of America cares about our environment. All Scouts and leaders are charged to protect and nurture our environment, especially when at camp. Help us keep your camp clean by:

1. **Recycling:** Reduce the use of all paper, Styrofoam, and plastic. Reuse containers and recycle aluminum cans. (No glass containers)
2. **Low Impact Camping:**
Be gentle to your campsite. Dispose of trash properly. Stay on established paths. Never build any new fire rings anywhere.
3. **Outdoor Code:**
Respect the wildlife of Goose Pond Scout Reservation.
Follow the Outdoor Code at all times.

The Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to:

- Be clean in my outdoor manners
- Be careful with fire
- Be considerate in the outdoors
- Be conservation minded



Unit Service

The camp staff exists to supplement and support — but not to replace — your troop camping program. We will seek to meet your needs in all areas of programming. A strong working relationship between the staff and the troop leaders is essential.

Goose Pond Scout Reservation employs a highly qualified staff of instructors to present a well-rounded camp program. Merit badge and rank instruction is a key part of the summer resident camp experience. Four advancement sessions are offered each day. From three o'clock to five o'clock each afternoon, program areas are open for Scouts to attend special programs, work on additional requirements, or just enjoy the fun aspects of camp. Campers are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the full camp experience, including hiking, fishing, swimming, boating, shooting sports and fellowship with other Scouts and leaders.

Camp Leader Orientation

On Sunday at 4:45 pm at the Pavilion, all Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders are required to attend an important camp orientation meeting. Information about camp policies and procedures and new program offerings will be presented, and announcements about the Sunday schedule will be made. It is also a chance to meet the key camp staff and leaders from other units. Bring a pen and paper to take notes and any questions that you need answered.

Adult Leader Meetings

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, all adult leaders are invited to meet with the Camp Director, Program Director, Commissioner and occasionally the Council Executive Staff, after lunch under the Pavillion. This is an opportunity to get announcements, and offer feedback/suggestions about how we can better serve you.

Senior Patrol Leader Meetings

Every afternoon at 5:00 pm, Senior Patrol Leaders are invited to meet with the Program Director and Camp Commissioners to receive important information and plan camp-wide activities. These meetings will conclude quickly so Senior Patrol Leaders can return to their unit and share this information as they prepare the troop for evening colors.

Camp Commissioners

The Goose Pond Camp Commissioners are your troop's primary connection to the camp staff and your front-line troubleshooters. A Commissioner will visit your site each day to perform a health, safety and cleanliness check and talk with campers and leaders. Please use the Commissioners as a resource to obtain equipment or supplies; schedule special activities, cookouts or outposts; solve problems or answer any questions about camp.

The commissioners will also be the key staff in charge of the Troop and Patrol programming period. They will work with your troop's Patrol Leaders' Council and the camp staff to facilitate the programs you would like to see. Remember, the camp staff is here to supplement and enhance your troop goals for camp.

BSA Training Opportunities

Goose Pond offers numerous training opportunities over the course of each week for both adult and youth leaders. These supplemental and basic training courses often include: Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Youth Protection, Fast Start, New Leader Essentials, Climb On Safely, and more. A complete schedule of offerings is available when you arrive at camp. Be sure to take advantage of these training opportunities.



Daily Schedule at the Pond

Day	Time	Program
Sunday	1:00-3:00 pm	Unit Arrival & Check-in
	4:45 pm	Camp Leader Orientation - Pavillion
	5:50 pm	Evening Colors
	6:00 pm	Dinner Program
	6:45 pm	Evening Program Promotion & Signup
	8:30 pm	Welcome Campfire Show
	10:00 pm	Taps
	11:00 pm	Lights Out

Day	Time	Program
Weekdays	7:50 am	Morning Colors
	8:00 am	Breakfast
	9:00 am	Session I
	10:00 am	Session II
	11:00 am	Session III
	12:00 pm	Session IV/Lunch A
	1:00 pm	Session V/Lunch B
	2:00 pm	Patrol Programming
	3:00 pm	Open Areas, Special Programs
	5:00 pm	Senior Patrol Leader Meeting
	5:50 pm	Evening Colors
	6:00 pm	Dinner Program
	7:00 pm	Daily Evening Program
	10:00 pm	Taps
11:00 pm	Lights Out	

Day	Time	Program
Saturday	7:50 am	Morning Colors
	8:00 am	Breakfast
	8:30 am	Issues Meeting & Check-out Begins
	10:00 am	Troops Departed

Lunch Schedule

There are two lunch periods, one at 12 noon and a second at 1pm. All Scouts must pre-register for one of the two lunch periods.

Lunch will be served buffet-style, and campers can leave as soon as they are finished eating. There are four opportunities for each Scout to take merit badges as well as ample time for an afternoon siesta. Leaders do not need to sign up for a lunch, but there will be Scoutmaster meetings after lunch at 12:30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Open Area

All of the camp's program areas will be open in the afternoons for informal activities. Open swim & boat at the Waterfront, shooting at the Ranges, climbing at the COPE Course and more all allow Scouts to have some relaxed fun, and campers can use the time to work on projects for merit badges, receive individual help, or make-up requirements missed while on outposts or at COPE.



The Advancement Program

Advancement is the process by which a Scout progresses from rank to rank. Advancement is simply a means to an end, not an end in itself. Everything done to advance and earn ranks, from the day a boy joins until he leaves Scouting, should be designed to help him have an exciting and meaningful experience. The guiding principles of advancement are...

- Personal Growth is the Prime Consideration
- Learning by Doing
- Each Scout Progresses at His Own Rate
- A Badge is a Symbol of what a Scout is Able to do, not Merely a Reward for What he has Done
- Advancement Encourages Scouting Ideals and Values

Education and fun are the basis of the advancement program. A fundamental principle of advancement is the growth a boy achieves as a result of his participation in unit program

Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps to overcome them through the 4-step Boy Scout advancement method...

- The Scout Learns
- The Scout is Tested
- The Scout is Reviewed
- The Scout is Recognized

The Scout plans his advancement and progresses as he overcomes each challenge.

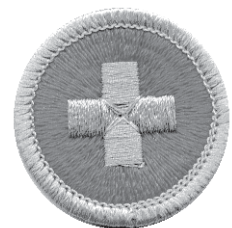
The Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence.

Goose Pond Scout Reservation follows the most current advancement guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America. Badges and awards are earned as a result of a Scout's personal achievement in skills and completion of stated requirements.

A "no more, no less" policy is enforced, with emphasis placed on mastery of skills and knowledge rather than quantity of requirements and badges earned.

Unit leaders are asked to help each Scout plan a camp advancement program which is appropriate for him and which allows sufficient time to participate in the many other aspects of the camp experience.

Goose Pond will use the most current requirements for advancement as listed in the 2009 Boy Scout Requirements Handbook (#33216).



“Pathways” ...The New Scout Program

The process of advancement to First Class teaches the basic Scouting skills which will form the foundation for all other activities. We believe that the New Scout requirements are best completed as part of a Troop's own program.

Therefore, Goose Pond's New Scout program is designed to supplement, but not to replace, the unit program. As such, Units are required to send one leader (or older youth) for every 8 Scouts from the Unit that are registered for Pathways, to assist with the scout skills instruction.

Two New Scout options are offered. Please review each Scout's advancement to determine which program would best meet his needs. **The Goose Pond staff will not sign Scouts' books;** instead, a summary sheet certificate detailing the requirements completed is issued to the unit leader at the end of the week. Scoutmasters are encouraged to take the opportunity after camp to review all skill requirements with the Scouts before signing their handbook.

Pathways

Pathways is an integrated New Scout program which meets from nine o'clock each morning until twelve noon with the Pathways staff to work on requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. Skills and knowledge are taught in content groups, e.g. first aid, nature, knots & lashings, and not by individual rank.

The noon hour is scheduled for lunch; some days the Scouts will cook their own, other days they will eat in the dining hall. During the 1:00pm hour, Scouts may opt to take the "Handicraft Duo" (Basketry + Woodcarving or Leatherwork merit badges) or one of the other badges appropriate for new Scouts scheduled during that hour. The afternoons, 2:00pm-5:00pm, are free for patrol programming and open program activities.

This program is designed for new Scouts who are not yet Tenderfoot and need to work on all, or substantially all, of the New Scout requirements. Tenderfoot and Second Class Scouts are directed to the Drop-In Sessions..

Scouts participating in Pathways should have "Pathways" listed in the 9, 10, and 11 hour columns on the program registrations. They should sign up for the 12:00pm lunch serving.

Rank Programs

First-year campers are directed to the full Pathways program. However, second year campers who still need to complete New Scout through First Class requirements should participate in the "Drop-In Sessions"

Drop-In Sessions

The Pathways staff will be available each afternoon for Scouts to complete Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class requirements also.

Groups of Scouts or individuals who want to complete specific requirements or a large number of requirements should speak with the Pathways Director at the new Scout program meeting on Sunday after dinner, to work out a schedule.



The Patrol Method

At Goose Pond Scout Reservation, the patrol method gives Scouts an experience in group living and participating citizenship. It places a certain amount of responsibility on young shoulders and teaches boys how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to act in small groups where they easily can relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through their elected representatives.

The Patrol Method

The patrol method will again be a main feature at Goose Pond. It is really the one thing that makes Boy Scouting different from all other programs. We believe in Baden Powell's idea that a small group of friends working together to accomplish a challenge, having fun & learning along the way, is the best that Scouting can offer, and the best thing we can do at camp too! Even the staff work as patrols. So get your flags made, practice your yells, 'cause "the patrols are back!"

Honor Unit & "Green Bar" Patrol

The Honor Unit program has been an important part of Goose Pond summer camp for many years. Troops who want to go "above and beyond" the norm in their camp program can earn a special Honor Ribbon and be recognized at the closing campfire as a Goose Pond Scout Reservation Honor Unit.

However, in order for a Troop to be an Honor Unit, all of its patrols have to earn the honor patrol award of "Green Bar Patrol." The award is named for William "Green Bar Bill" Hilcourt, a famous American Scouter and author of the Patrol Leader's Handbook who also visited Goose Pond and signed our dining hall. This is an award for those with lots of patrol spirit. Some requirements will include having a patrol flag and bringing it to colors, giving your patrol yell, participating in patrol programming each day, having at least one patrol meeting at camp, and having everyone in your patrol earn at least one merit badge, or complete the requirements for one rank.

Patrol Programming "At Two O'Clock Today"

Each day, 2:00-3:00 pm is set aside for patrol programming only! All camp program areas will offer special activities designed just for Scouts to participate as a patrol. Your camp commissioner will also be available to help your troop create its own programs. Some possible activities might include:

- Patrol Cooking - "Iron Chef"
- Patrol C.O.P.E.
- "Swamp Romp" hike through the swamp
- Shooting at the ranges, just for you!
- Clay-O-Rama
- Patrol sailing at the waterfront
- Rock On or Camouflage at Nature
- Patrol mountain biking
- Waterfront games: volleyball, greased melon, bowling, etc...
- Backcountry engineering at Scoutcraft

.....and much more to come!

..... or design your own activity!



The Merit Badge Program

For Experienced Scouts

- The merit badge program provides experienced Scouts with the opportunity to gain more skill in things they like to do and gives them a chance to try out new activities.
- Merit badges are part of the self-paced advancement system that allows Scouts to challenge themselves, rather than compete against others.
- Troop leaders should keep Scouts focused on these purposes and discourage competition for numbers of badges earned. Please realize some merit badges cannot be completed in a week at camp.

Please review carefully with each Scout the prerequisites and difficulty rating as listed for each badge. See p.28 for details.

The Leader's Role

In order for each Scout to have a successful advancement experience, we encourage unit leaders to do the following:

1. In May, review each Scout's advancement and help him decide which merit badges he wants to work on at camp. Be sure to review the schedule to avoid conflict in session times.
2. Review all requirements, prerequisites, and difficulty ratings of each merit badge with the Scout. Determine what needs to be completed before going to camp.
3. Troops are required to preregister for merit badges so the staff can be best prepared. It is important to send the preregistration forms to Goose Pond at least **two weeks before** your troop's arrival or use the on-line Merit Badge registry (see p.26). If pre-registration is not received in time, Scouts will have to register at camp and will receive lower priority for limited classes.

Unit leaders must issue a signed merit badge application "blue card" for each badge a Scout is taking. Completed or partial cards will be returned at the end of the week.

Please review with the Scouts in your troop the requirements for each badge they are scheduled to take. Ensure that badges are appropriate for their age, skill level and experience. Notify them of any prerequisite or preparation that should be done before camp.

Please do not encourage Scouts to attempt more than four merit badges during the week.

Due to class limitations, specialized equipment, and in fairness to others, Scouts **may not** sign up again for a merit badge they have already earned.

Regarding Partial

If a Scout wishes to finish a previously attempted, but not completed merit badge, a.k.a. "partial", he should present the partial blue card to the Director of the Program Area where the badge is offered on Sunday or Monday. The Director and Scout together will then schedule what time and work are needed for completion.

Please note, when a Scout presents a partial to a counselor, the work previously completed may or may not be accepted.

Partials from previous years are valid until the Scout turns 18 **and** can satisfy the counselor that he is currently knowledgeable in the subject matter.

Scouts may make appointments with the Program Director to return during successive camp sessions to complete partials earned during their resident week.



Merit Badges to be Offered

This Merit Badge Schedule is published for the 2009 Camp Leaders' Kickoff Meeting, and is subject to minor changes or adjustments. Any changes or updates to badge offerings and other camp activities will be communicated through future editions of *Notes from 'Round the Pond* newsletters.

Unit leaders who wish to offer a merit badge while in camp should contact the Program Director at least one week prior to arrival. See page 29 for more details on leaders offering additional merit badges.

Additional badges may be added as the composition of the camp staff, with their special skills and knowledge, is finalized.

AQUATICS

Canoeing
Lifesaving
Rowing
Small Boat Sailing
Swimming
Whitewater

SCOUTCRAFT

Backpacking
Camping
Cooking
Hiking
Orienteering
Pioneering
Wilderness Survival

SHOOTING SPORTS

Archery
Rifle Shooting
Shotgun Shooting

NATURE-ECOLOGY

Astronomy
Bird Study
Environmental Science
Fishing
Fish & Wildlife Management
Forestry
Fly-Fishing
Geology
Insect Study
Mammal Study
Nature
Reptile & Amphibian Study
Soil & Water Conservation
Space Exploration
Weather

HEALTH & SAFETY

First Aid

ARTS PROGRAM

Bugling
Citizenship in the World
Music

HIGH ADVENTURE/COPE

Climbing
Cycling
Sports

HANDICRAFT

Art
Basketry
Indian Lore
Leatherwork
Photography
Sculpture
Wood Carving

On-Line Program Registration Available

Troops are encouraged to utilize Goose Pond's on-line registration program for Merit Badges, Pathways and other Program sign-ups.

After April 15th, a link will be posted on the Council website to the on-line registry and a unique user ID and Password will be emailed to the main Camp contact leader. One adult leader should be selected to be responsible to coordinate the Scouts' program choices and enter them into the on-line registry.

The site is a 'live' database and changes and additions may be made to your Troop's selections up to 7 days (the previous Sunday) before you arrive at camp. After that, any changes or additions should be emailed directly to goosepond@nepabsa.org.

DRAFT Advancement Schedule

	Aquatics	Scoutcraft	Nature Ecology	Shooting Sports	Handicraft	High Adventure	Arts/Safety
9:00am	Small Boat Sailing Swimming	Camping Wilderness Survival	Fishing Environmental Science Reptile & Amphibian Study	Rifle Shooting Archery	Art Sculpture Photography	Climbing (until 10:50) Sports	
10:00am	Swimming Rowing <i>*Swimming & Water Rescue Training</i>	Camping Pioneering Wilderness Survival	Astronomy Geology Nature Soil & Water Conservation	Rifle Shooting Archery	Indian Lore Handicraft Duo	Climbing (continued)	
11:00am	Lifesaving Canoeing <i>*Paddle Craft Safety Training</i>	Orienteering Cooking (until 12:50pm includes lunch daily)	Forestry Environmental Science Fish & Wildlife Management Space Exploration	Shotgun Shooting	Art Handicraft Duo	Climbing (until 12:50) Cycling	First Aid Citizenship in the World
12:00pm	Whitewater Lifesaving Small Boat Sailing	Camping Cooking (continued)	Environmental Science Weather	Shotgun Shooting	Sculpture	Climbing (continued)	
1:00pm		Backpacking & Hiking	Space Exploration Mammal Study	Archery	Handicraft Duo		First Aid

For use in advancement planning...

- Troops submitting pre-registrations at least two weeks in advance may receive confirmation of their schedule from the commissioner one week prior to arrival. If no confirmation is made, leaders may assume there were no significant problems with your pre-registrations.
- We will make every effort to accommodate Scouts' first choice if pre-registrations are received on time. Additional sessions in the afternoon may be scheduled if interest exceeds capacity during the times listed above.
- Late registrations lose priority for sessions.
- Bugling, Music, Bird Study, Insect Study and Fly-Fishing will be offered by special appointment. See the Program Director for details and be sure to confirm times with the specific instructor on Sunday evening.
- The New Scout Program "Pathways" meets from 9am until 12 noon each day. Participants may select one of the merit badges during the 1pm-hour.
- Campers participating in outposts or Project C.O.P.E. may have conflicts with merit badge sessions. This should not discourage them from signing up for those programs. Staff members are available during open areas each afternoon to work on requirements. Unit leaders should counsel Scouts to create a schedule with manageable balance of advancement sessions, special programs, and time for rest and informal activity.
- Climbing and Cooking merit badge sessions run for **2 hours**.
- * These new trainings in the BSA are for older youth and adults. See p.32 for details.

Prerequisites for Merit Badges

Difficulty rankings are on a scale of 1-5 with 5 the most challenging. Prerequisites are from the 2009 Scout Requirements Handbook.

Area & Badge	Difficulty	Pre-Requisites
Aquatics		
Canoeing	4	Be a swimmer
Lifesaving	5	1a, Swimming MB
Rowing	4	Be a swimmer
Small Boat Sailing	5	Be a swimmer
*Swimming	4	Be a swimmer, 3
Whitewater	5	Be a swimmer, 3 Canoeing MB
Shooting Sports		
*Archery	3	None (fee)
Rifle Shooting	4	None
Shotgun Shooting	5	None (fee)
Nature-Ecology		
Astronomy	4	5b, 6
Bird Study	5	5, 7
Environmental Science	5	None
Fishing	2	Proper gear (license if 16)
Fish & Wildlife Management	3	None
Fly-Fishing	5	Proper gear (license if 16)
Forestry	4	None
Geology	5	None
*Insect Study	5	4, 5a, 7, bring collection
Mammal Study	2	None
Nature	3	None (fishing gear helpful)
Reptile & Amphibian Study	3	8
Soil & Water Conservation	3	None
Space Exploration	4	2, 5 (fee)
Weather	3	None
Special Arts Program		
Bugling	5	6, bring instrument
Citizenship in the World	5	14 yrs old+, 2, 4b, 4c, 7
Music	4	3
Health & Safety		
First Aid	3	2d -bring kit to camp -use p.289 in BS Handbook for expectations of kit contents

Area & Badge	Difficulty	Pre-Requisites
Scoutcraft		
Backpacking	5	10, 11, backpack
Camping	4	9, bring a tent / backpack to camp
Cooking	5	7 -bring parent note
Hiking	5	5, 6, 7
Orienteering	4	None
Pioneering	5	None
Wilderness Survival	4	5 -bring kit to camp

High Adventure/COPE

Climbing	5	sturdy long pants
Cycling	5	8, 9
Sports	3	4, 5

Handicraft

Art	3	4
Basketry	1	None (fee)
*Indian Lore	4	1 (fee)
Leatherwork	2	None (fee)
Photography	3	35mm or digital camera with flash, 2 rolls film/ memory card, (fee)
Wood Carving	2	2a (fee)
Sculpture	3	None

Please Be Aware...

The note "fee" generally means that the Scout may wish to/need to purchase a kit or aid from the camp Trading Post to help him meet certain badge requirements. These items are usually between \$1.00 and \$10.00 each.

The following badges are by special arrangement only. Scouts are expected to be proficient in all required knowledge and skills before arrival at camp and bring with them any needed gear and/or projects: Bugling, Music, Bird Study, Insect Study, Fly-Fishing.

* Please note these starred badges have requirements that were revised or changed as of January 1, 2009. Goose Pond Scout Reservation will require that the new 2009 requirements be met to complete the badge.

More Regarding Merit Badges

Scouts should have or borrow a current copy of the merit badge pamphlet for the badges they are attempting. Furthermore, Scouts should read the pamphlet and be familiar with the content. Generally, a good supply of current pamphlets is available for sale in the camp Trading Post or at the Scout Shop at the Council Service Center. Many are also available through individual Troop or local community libraries.

Regarding “Notes” and Pre-requisite work for Merit Badges:

The practice of unit leaders or parents writing notes regarding a Scout’s completion of merit badge requirements has become a difficult issue for the staff. In some cases, such as the camping requirement for Camping merit badge, certification from a unit leader or knowledgeable adult is appropriate. In most other cases, however, Goose Pond discourages this practice. The merit badge learning process is intended to begin with each Scout meeting with his counselor and outlining the stipulations for completing the merit badge. Any work completed prior to camp should be **brought** to camp and **demonstrated** for the counselor. As with partial cards, each counselor may ask Scouts to show knowledge and skills of the requirements (such as a list of camping trips, or an explanation of how they built their rocket) even if a note from a unit leader is submitted.

The Handicraft Duo:

Basketry will be offered as a combination with either Woodcarving or Leatherwork. Scouts can choose from a combo of either Basketry and Woodcarving, **or** Basketry and Leatherwork. The scheduled sessions will concentrate on the necessary skills, safety, and instruction, and Scouts can work on the associated handicraft projects during the afternoon open period or in their campsites. If Scouts already have one or the other of these merit badges, they can earn the other through individual instruction during afternoon open area. Separate “blue cards” are required for each badge.

Leaders Offering “Extra” or Additional Merit Badges:

In the past, adult Troop leaders who are registered Merit Badge Counselors have been approached by Scouts to instruct badges during the week. This practice has led to a number of questions from parents and leaders concerned as to why and how these badges were being offered under the auspices of Goose Pond Summer Camp.

As a result of these issues, Goose Pond, in concert with the Council Advancement Committee, has established the policy that no special, or additional merit badges be offered to any youth by any Troop leaders or parents at summer camp without the expressed permission of the Camp Director and/or Program Director. This includes individualized instruction.

We do wish to continue to utilize the vast skills and knowledge of our leaders to help instruct and add depth to the established list of Merit Badge offerings at camp. You are some of our best resources! As it has been for many years, we are still happy to allow leaders to instruct badges they are **currently registered as merit badge counselors for** and have special expertise in, to Scouts in camp during open time periods. However this type of instruction is based on permission from the Program Director or Camp Director and should be prearranged.

Merit Badge Applications a.k.a “Blue Cards”:

Blue cards are available in quantity for purchase in the camp Trading Post by Troop Leaders. Remember, the Unit Leader must sign the Scout’s card **before** he may begin the badge. All cards and other advancements are returned to Troop Leaders at the Closing Campfire on Friday. Leaders should review all materials Friday evening and resolve any questions or issues related to advancement with the Program Staff after breakfast on Saturday morning. We can quickly and easily correct errors or discrepancies before you depart. Clarity fades quickly as time goes by.

High-Adventure Programs

Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoors that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with each other. It is here that the skills and learning come alive with purpose. Scouting is packed with adventures, especially for older Scouts.

Merit Badges

Goose Pond seeks to provide exciting and challenging merit badge offerings especially appropriate for older Scouts. Some of these include:

Climbing
Small Boat Sailing
Lifesaving
Whitewater
Backpacking
Citizenship in the World
Hiking
Cycling
Shotgun Shooting

Project C.O.P.E. - Target ages 13-15

The Boy Scouts of America's Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience comprises initiative games, low course challenges, and high ropes elements. Some activities involve group tasks while others involve more individual challenges. Participants can swing on tires, walk on wires, climb and rappel a tower, and take a ride on the zip line.

- Day-Long Introduction to C.O.P.E. - Get a taste of the C.O.P.E. experience, low course and high course, in one day
- Week-Long C.O.P.E. (Every Day 2pm-5pm) - With the same crew, get to experience more of the C.O.P.E. challenges, learn team work and leadership skills, and make some good friends as each crew pushes itself to the limit!
- Patrol "Try Out" C.O.P.E. - Have fun playing some C.O.P.E. games with the guys from the patrols, while working on cooperation, communication, and problem-solving ... the keys to making a patrol run well. Sign up on Sunday night!

Traditional Outpost Treks - Target ages 13-15

A Taste of Adventure! This summer's outpost treks are designed to give experienced campers a taste of the world of High Adventure. While the Voyager Program will offer the chance for older Scouts to take on more extreme outdoor challenges, the traditional outpost treks give campers a chance to try out some new skills and have a lot of fun along the way. Some basic background or experience is necessary like swimming, canoeing or climbing abilities but the staff will guide you through some of the more challenging parts. Campers may sign up for one or more outposts through pre-registration or on Sunday evening after dinner. Don't worry about missing merit badge sessions, the staff will work with you to make up what you missed. Below are some of the exciting opportunities we may offer this summer.

A Day Snorkeling
A Day of Climbing & Rappelling
A Taste of Geocaching
A Trek of Whitewater Canoeing
A Day of Mountain Biking
Plus More...



High-Adventure Programs

Goose Pond Voyagers - Target ages 15-17

Looking for a way to get your sixth and seventh year campers to come to resident camp? Back for a 6th season, by popular demand, Voyager is the Ultimate High Adventure program for older Scouts.

It is a week-long program, both in and out of camp, that allows crews of older campers to organize their own adventures-cafeteria style, learning teamwork, leadership and responsibility along with advanced outdoor skills. On Monday, Voyagers will spend the day at Project C.O.P.E., after which they plan their week's program based on their individual and group goals. There is no set format for Voyager: part of its appeal is that campers get to plan out what they want to do, on their own. Voyagers will complete merit badges during the course of the week, but instruction is through hands-on challenges and real-life obstacles, rather than the traditional hour-long sessions. Originally based on MTV's *Road Rules!*

Goose Pond's most experienced staff will instruct the outdoor skills, and each crew will have its own young adult Voyager Guide, trained in the best practices of adventure education. The camp's Outpost Director and Program Director provide qualified adult supervision and will ensure that each crew's plans adhere to the BSA's safety standards for high adventure programs.

- Voyagers may spend several nights during the week doing outpost camping and will cook many of their meals in the outdoors. Although, most of their day will be spent with the members of their crew,
- Voyagers can return to spend at least part of each day with their home unit.
- Voyager is limited to older Scouts who would meet the minimum age requirements for the Venturing program: at least 15 years old or 14 years old and completed eighth grade.
- Voyager will be offered all seven weeks of camp in the 2009 season, and participants should register and pay as a member of their home unit. There is no additional cost for the Voyager program.

To create the best learning environment, the crew members need to come together from different troops. Crews will be selected based on pre-registration notice which must be submitted to camp at least 2 weeks prior to your arrival. If there is still room in the program after the pre-registered Scouts are slotted, the Voyager Director will select additional participants to fill the crews from the interest or signups at camp on Sunday evening. Each unit may submit up to six applicants. A waiting list will be kept as needed.



Special Programs & Training

Goose Pond offers a host of other programs and opportunities to earn Scouting awards as well as leader supplemental trainings. A small sampling follows, and more will be announced at camp.

Totin' Chip & Firem'n Chit

Instruction held in the afternoons at Scoutcraft. Pocket-certificates will be issued. A new BSA-issue patch for these awards is also available in the Trading Post!

Paul Bunyan Woodsman

Must have qualified for Totin' Chip. Instruction is one hour a day for three afternoons at Scoutcraft. A pocket certificate is issued and a patch is available.

Mile Swim

This award may be earned by Scouts and leaders. Requires a training program and one-mile swim. Scheduled with the aquatics staff. A pocket certificate is issued and a patch is available.

Polar Bear Swim

An early-morning aquatics favorite at The Pond! Wake up the staff (and yourselves!) with some swimming, singing, games and just plain fun before breakfast. A certificate is issued and patch is available.

NEW: Swimming & Water Rescue / Paddle Craft Safety Trainings

These are 2 new trainings offered by the BSA for adults and Scouts age 16 or older. They are designed to fill the gap between Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat and the BSA Lifeguard certification. These encompass standard skill-based training for supervision of Unit swimming or boating activities. It is strongly recommended that adult supervisors of unit swimming or boating activities complete these courses. Sessions are separately held daily at 10:00am and 11:00am, Scouts/adults may sign up for either or both sessions. Additional training time will also need to be spent at the waterfront, by arrangement with the Aquatics Director.

Leave No Trace

This Boy Scouts of America award recognizes work to observe and promote 'outdoor ethics.' At camp, the Nature and Scoutcraft areas will run a joint "Leave No Trace" training program for youth or adults. A patch is also available.

Kayaking, BSA & Snorkeling, BSA

Offered through the Aquatics staff, Kayaking & Snorkeling, BSA introduce these fun activities and teach proper techniques and safety for each. Separately, a pocket card is issued and an emblem is available for each of these awards.

Green Bar Patrol Award

This is an honor award for those patrols with lots of spirit. Some requirements will include having a patrol flag and patrol yell, participating in patrol programming, having at least one patrol meeting at camp, and of course, some advancement.

Camp Honor Unit Award

Meet requirements in advancement, participation, service to the camp to earn distinction as an Camp Honor Unit. Also requires earning the Green Bar Patrol award.

Trek Safely, Climb On Safely, Safety Afloat, Safe Swim Defense, Youth Protection, Fast Start, Scoutmaster's Merit Badge...and more:

These trainings will be offered for adult leaders of the BSA to help plan safe, exciting, challenging and diverse high adventure treks, climbing events, water activities for their unit and complete basic introductory leader trainings.



Visitors, Fellowship & The OA

Evening Program. Each night, a camp-wide program will allow all Scouts and leaders in camp to come together for an exciting activity. They may include: opening & closing campfires, sports competitions, Chapel service, OA Fellowship, Adventure Race, night hikes, stargazing and other late-night activities. Also, consider signing up (during check-in) for an Ice Cream Social...all the fixin's for sundaes for the whole campsite!

Inter-Troop Activities. Troops are encouraged to get together with another unit for crackerbarrels, campfires, or to participate in camp activities.

Leaders' Roundtables & Activities. Several specialty programs will be offered each day specifically for adult leaders. These are designed to help Scouters more effectively operate their troop program and to have some 'leaders-only' fun. So much can be learned by sharing experiences and ideas with leaders from other units and councils. Some of last year's roundtables and activities included: Scoutmasters Merit Badge, Dutch oven cook-off, Fast Start, Safe Swim Defense, Leave-No-Trace, Shooting Sports Challenge, Horseshoes & Lawn Darts, the ever-popular Aqua-Golf, and C.O.P.E.

Troop Cookouts. A great way to build fellowship within your patrols and troop is to cook a meal together in your site. Every troop is strongly encouraged to cook-out a few meals during the week. Your commissioner will help you arrange for food from the kitchen and any gear you may need. Or, bring things from home and cook up a feast!

Troop Outposts. If your troop would like to spend a night camping together away from the main camp, we can arrange a special "in-camp outpost" for you. Troops with campers completing New Scout camping requirements are especially encouraged to plan a patrol overnight. Your commissioner and the Scoutcraft Director can help you make arrangements. If you are interested, please bring tents!

Order of the Arrow. Thursday is Order of the Arrow Day in camp, and Arrowmen are encouraged to wear their sash with the uniform. There will be a number of special OA activities throughout the day and evening, followed by a fellowship crackerbarrel, patch trading, drumming, singing and more for all Order of the Arrow members (and non-members too) from all lodges represented in camp. Our local Order of the Arrow Lodge, Lowwapanew 191, is a central part of successful seasons at Goose Pond. Each year, over two-hundred Arrowman and candidates attend the Spring Ordeal and prepare the camp facilities for summer use. We thank them for their help! The Order was founded in summer camp, and we seek to remember that connection at Goose Pond.

Family Night & Visitors. Wednesday evening is Family Night at Goose Pond, and all visitors are welcome then. The camp will offer a special dinner, or other take-out menu and specialty food items to enjoy back at the Troop campsite. All families and friends are invited to attend. Please use the reservation sheet in the supplemental forms packet to make your Troop's family night food selections. Additionally, the staff will be offering a variety of different programs, activities and demonstrations that evening. Unit leaders are asked to advise visitors about camp procedures, especially regarding parking, pets, food & wildlife, and smoking. Please be responsible for your guests in camp. Staff will hand-stamp all Wednesday night guests as they enter the gates. If visitors come to camp at any time other than Wednesday evening, they must sign-in and sign-out at the Camp Office. Overnight guests must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Visitors staying more than 24 hours must file a medical form in the health office and be listed on the unit's roster. Visitors may not participate in aquatics, shooting sports, C.O.P.E. or other high adventure activities without expressed permission of the Camp Director.

Meals for Visitors & Additional Leaders throughout the course of the week may be purchased at the Camp Office or Trading Post. Please make reservations at least one day in advance, if possible. Cost is \$18.00 per day or separately: Breakfast \$5.50, Lunch \$6.50, Dinner \$7.50. Help us keep our fees low!



A History of Goose Pond

The first summer camp held at Goose Pond was conducted in 1920. This was the second summer camp conducted by the Scranton Council, BSA. The first was at Bidwell's Pond (now Waynewood) in 1919. Originally the camp was named for the current council president. At the time of the establishment of the camp, the council president was Col. L.A. Watres. Prior to 1919, troops conducted their own summer camps at various locations, including Bidwell's Pond, Lake Sheridan, and Gravel Pond. Photos from a troop camp at Bidwell's Pond in 1918 hang in the Administration Building at Goose Pond.

There were 342 boys who attended Camp Watres in 1920 for an average of two weeks each. Camp was conducted from July 3 - August 28, 1920. The Camp Director was the Scout Executive, Donald Gulick (nicknamed "The Chief") and the Assistant Camp Director was Quincy H. Martin, Scoutmaster of Troop 24.

The tents used during this first summer, and many summers after, were large square eight-man military surplus tents with dirt floors. They were arranged in a semicircle in the area that now lies between the waterfront and the administration building. Two two-man tents were placed along the road, away from the rest of camp, for the Camp Director and a guest (usually a dignitary from the council board). A mess tent was located below and to the left of where the dining hall is now. Three people would row across the lake each morning to pick-up fresh milk from the spring where they had deposited it the afternoon before. They also got fresh supplies from a farmer who lived on the far side of the lake. The spring is still located on the far side of the lake near what is now the Scoutcraft area. The foundations from the farmhouse and buildings can still be found along the road that runs along the back of the property.

A trading post was open for only a few minutes after lunch each day. It had a \$0.15 per day limit and sold candy and general supplies. The scouts arrived on Saturday and left the next Saturday. Each day started with a 10-minute exercise period followed by a dip in the lake. After a period of dressing and cleaning the tents, the campers assembled for flag raising and health instruction by the camp doctor. While that was going on, the staff inspected the tents. Evening colors were sounded by a bugler and signaled by a 10-inch long cannon. The scouts would then go through a marching drill contest until there was one winner for the day. The day was filled with various activities such as merit badge and rank advancement work, and camp improvement projects. A point system was developed where Scouts, who volunteered to do things such as night watch, clean the latrine, wood or campfire detail, and boat and shore clean up would receive a point. Campers would also receive a point for passing inspection. After a scout earned a set number of points he received a felt patch to put on his hat. The symbol of these awards was the beaver. The beaver was picked as the camp mascot because of its industriousness. In later years more hat awards were added for things such as swimming around the lake, being a tent leader, and hiking to Dan Beard's camp. The fee for a week of camp was originally \$6.00 per week. During the Great Depression, the price was lowered to \$5.00.

An icehouse was constructed in August 1921. It was used to store ice cut from the pond in the winter and for refrigeration in the summer. The Mohican Tribe of Gimogash accepted the responsibility of filling the icehouse with ice cut from Goose Pond each winter. Also in 1921, the camp name was changed to Camp Weston with the change in Council Presidents. The first campfire area was near the waterfront. The campfires were moved to what is now Niagara campsite. Benches were made and a stone backdrop was built. The backdrop can still be found at the entrance to the campsite. In later years, this area was turned into a campsite because of the need for a larger site. The site was then moved to a clearing near Pioneer campsite.

In October 1921, a 462 acre plot of land, which is the main part of the camp, was purchased by the Scranton Council, under the direction of Donald Gulick, the first Scout Executive of the Scranton Council and first Camp Director for the camp. An arrangement was made with the Scranton Trust Company to pay for the land over a period of time. The deed was transferred to the Council in 1924, after all payments were completed.

A one hundred eighty-five-foot artesian well was drilled in 1921 and a 5,000-gallon storage tank was installed in 1922. Also in 1921, the Mohican Tribe of Gimogash was chartered. It was an older boy fraternity that gave many years of service to the local Troops and to the camp.

The Joseph J. Jermyn Assembly Hall was dedicated on July 3, 1923. It was a gift from Mr. Jermyn. The dedication occurred on Mr. Jermyn's birthday. The Anthracite Bridge Company presented the flagpole on the parade field that same year. A fully equipped pasteurizing plant was presented by Harry Jones in 1924. All the milk used by the camp was processed here for many years. Now it is used as the maintenance equipment storage building. The camp name was changed in 1924 to Camp Dunham after the new Council President.

During the summer of 1926 an additional 8 acres of land was added to the camp, which included the shale pit and cliffs. That summer the name of the camp was changed to Camp Brooks, continuing the tradition of naming the camp after the Council Presidents (John H. Brooks). In 1927 Camp Brooks was one of only ten camps across the country to receive an "A" rating by the National Council. At the same time Joseph J. Jermyn contributed money toward the construction of the administration building.

A History of the Pond

The fellowship club of YMHA prepared Kosher foods for the large number of Jewish Scouts in camp. The YMHA built the one room cabin outside the dining hall for the Kosher Cook in 1927.

The Scranton Council was expanded in 1928 to service units outside the city including the towns of Dunmore and Taylor. The name was changed to the Scranton Area Council.

A totem pole was erected in front of the administration building in 1929. It was a 25-foot pine cut from the camp property and carved by campers. One side pictured the merit badges that were required for Eagle at that time. The other side shows a Gimogash emblem and some varied Native American symbols. The totem pole originally had a large beaver carved on top to symbolize the award system that was in use from the beginning of camp at Goose Pond. The beaver was carved by Arthur Yaggi, former Scoutmaster of Troop 5, Scranton. In later years, the beaver was replaced by a carving of a goose. In the spring of 1993, the remaining part of the pole was moved into the dining hall.

The funds to construct the handicraft building were donated by Mrs. D.W. Mears in 1930, in memory of her brother, Joseph J. Jermyn. The building was equipped with woodworking machines including a lathe, planer, and saw. A car motor powered this equipment, until electricity was brought into the camp. In 1931, the name of the camp was changed from Camp Brooks to Camp Forester because of the change in Council Presidents. Also in 1931, the sundial was added to the parade field. The boathouse (officially named 'Port Gleason'), which was located in the present campfire site, was built in 1932. The building was used as a Sea Explorer base for the first Sea Explorer ship in the Scranton Area council, the "Constitution".

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Y. Moffat gave the area we now call Sunday school hill, where pioneer campsite and the chapel are located, in 1939. This added an additional 42 acres to the camp property.

After the conclusion of the summer of 1943, Donald Gulick handed over the position of Camp Director to Walter E. Mohr, the Assistant Scout Executive.

The Council name was changed from Scranton Area Council to Dan Beard Council in 1947, in memory of Daniel Carter Beard, National Scout Commissioner from 1910 until his death in 1941. He operated a camp only a few miles from Goose Pond.

The walk-in electric refrigerator was installed in 1949 as a gift of Walter L. Schautz, eliminating the need for an icehouse. The foundation of the icehouse can still be seen below the dining hall, near the water. The pump house was also given at that time by W. Kenneth Moffat. Also in 1949, the camp name was again changed to Camp Watres when the new Council President L.H. Watres took office.

The coal archway outside the Administration Building was used as a gateway by the Dan Beard Council's contingent to the National Jamboree in 1950. It was made of local anthracite coal and erected by Loree Colliery of Hudson Coal. In 1950, the shower house was presented by Arthur G. Shautz.

The need for a permanent name for the camp was realized in 1950. The camping committee decided to stop the tradition of naming the camp after the current council president and choose the name Goose Pond Scout Reservation after the name of the lake was selected by a survey of the Scouts in the Council in 1951. The two other names considered by the youth were; Dan Beard Council Camp, and Camp Wa-La-Su-Pi (after the names of the counties in the council Wayne, Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Pike). The lake was called Goose Pond long before there was a Scout camp on it.

The kitchen in the dining hall was enlarged and a kosher kitchen was created with pavilion side of the dining where the storage room is now. The Stewart Dickson Troop Lodge was built by his friends in memory of the Eagle Scout from Troop 65, Temple Israel, Scranton, who lost his life in an auto accident.

The Shapiro-Everly Reception and First Aid Building was built in 1957 through gifts from Abe Shapiro and Spencer Everly. That same year, six 4-man lean-to shelters were built in Tioga campsite. The following year the camp gateway was put up by Leo and James Swartz in memory of their brother Philip Swartz.

In 1959, the Order of the Arrow, Monsey Lodge 543 was founded, replacing the Tribe of Gimogash. Monsey hosted the Area III-D, Pow Wow in 1961 at Goose Pond. The next year the Dan Beard Council merged with the Mid-Valley Council to form the Forest Lakes Council. This caused the two OA Lodges (Lodge 543 from Scranton and Kiminschi Lodge 542 from Peckville) to also merge in 1962 to form Amad'ahi Lodge 542.

Harry Nivert erected the steel flagpole in front of the main gate in 1962. Monsey Lodge Arrow completed a new ceremony site in 1963. In 1964, a 19-acre area of Goose Pond, east of the outlet, was dedicated as a nature sanctuary in honor of Francis H. Coffin. A nonsectarian chapel was built in memory of Eagle Scout Gordon Folk, Troop 65, Temple Israel, Scranton. It was a gift of the Pell Foundation.

A third Area III-D OA Pow Wow was held at Goose Pond in 1970. E. Urner Goodman, the founder of the OA was among the guests. A lean-to shelter was built in Shawnee Campsite in 1979 in memory of George A. Minner, Eagle Scout from Troop 88 Dunmore. The Nature Lodge/Boat House burned down on April 2, 1982.

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In 1986 the rifle range was moved from the site in the shale pit to the far side of the lake. The range was built there in memory of Donald F. Grier, Eagle Scout from Troop 16, Scranton.

A timbering project was conducted in the late 1980's. This resulted in a number of large clearings near where the shotgun range is now. A replanting project followed.

A weeklong Cub Scout Resident camp was first conducted at Goose Pond in 1987. The council ran these camps at GPSR until 1990. Starting in 1991 the council Cub Camp was held at Camp Acahela. In 1989, the road from the service entrance to the dining hall was named Harvey Applegate lane, after one of the volunteer camp rangers. The Forest Lakes Council (Scranton) consolidated with the Penn Mountains Council (Wilkes-Barre) in 1990 to form the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council. That first summer, Boy Scout camp and Cub Scout Resident Camp was conducted in both Goose Pond and Camp Acahela (Penn Mountain's Camp). After that summer, Goose Pond was designated the Boy Scout summer camp and Camp Acahela as the Cub Scout summer camp for the new council.

Lowwapaneu Lodge was formed January 1, 1991, from the merger of the two Order of the Arrow Lodges, in Scranton (Amad'ahi 542) and in Wilkes-Barre (Acahela 223) as a result of the consolidation of the respective councils.

The summer of 1993 brought several improvements to Goose Pond. The dining hall was expanded to accommodate the increased number of Scouts and leaders. Construction was begun on a project C.O.P.E. course. Tioga campsite was converted into a staging area for C.O.P.E.

The year 1994 saw the start of construction of the high course at C.O.P.E. and the start of the climbing/repelling tower. The handicraft building was renovated for troop winter camping in memory of Henry Helcoski.

The camp celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1995 with a celebration and reunion at camp. A capital campaign was conducted in 1996 and 1997. A large portion of the money generated from this campaign was used for improvements at Goose Pond. These included construction, in 1998, of several new latrines, and a new youth shower house.

The tower at the waterfront was removed in May, 1997 because of its deteriorating condition and replaced in June. The new tower was a gift of the Smith family and Troop 16 of Scranton in memory of Brandon Smith, Cub Scout Pack 16. Lowwapaneu Lodge constructed the perimeter trail at camp in May 1997.

The Shapiro-Everly building was remodeled and returned to its original intended use as a health and reception lodge in 1999 with contributions from the Schiller Lodge #345, Free & Accepted Masons. A new campsite, Lenape, was also added. The Order of the Arrow reconstructed the campfire circle arena and dedicated it in memory of William F. McAuliffe Jr. and named it the "Wulihan Campfire Site". Wulihan was Bill McAuliffe's vigil name.

The summer of 2000 brought renovations to the Dining Hall's kitchen and dry storage area, through a gift from Mrs. Miriam Friedman in memory of her husband Milton. Several new pieces of kitchen equipment were also purchased, including a new double-stack convection oven, through contributions from The Schiller Lodge #345, Free and Accepted Masons, Scranton.

A new representation of the original 1920's camp totem pole was created and carved by Troop 160, Clarks Summit United Methodist Church in 2001. The pole was installed in the original location in front of the Administration Building porch in early June and unveiled in a ceremony during the Troop's camp week in July. Like the original pole, a beaver, the original symbol of the camp, was carved to crown the new pole.

Through the Natural Lands Trust, a conservation easement was placed on the majority of Goose Pond's acreage in 2005. This protects the camp property from development and insures that it will remain forever "green."

In 2008, Thomas Kamoski's book, "*A History of Goose Pond Scout Reservation*" was published with a complete narrative history and over 200 archival photos dating as far back as the 1920's. The book is accompanied by a DVD of vintage footage of Goose Pond from the 20's, 30's and 40's. The book with DVD continues to be available from the Goose Pond Trading Post and Council Scout Shop.

The summers of 2002 and 2005 both saw record attendance numbers at camp of over 1200 boys! The 2009 season promises to be another banner year for Goose Pond Scout Reservation. Plans are being made for another great summer camp season with attendance figures expected to achieve record levels again.

Since 1920, many aspects of the daily program and the camp facilities have changed. The one thing that has remained the same for all those years and will continue to remain constant, is the underlying purpose of the camp. That purpose is to act as a tool of Scouting to serve youth. Knowledge of the past is good, because it gives an appreciation of how we got where we are and a tradition to live up to, but a vision for the future is more important. What will you do to affect the future, the youth?

This year, the Council is proud to announce the completion of the Goose Pond Video Game & Virtual Tour "*Goose Pond - A Timeless Adventure*." The disc includes an amazing Goose Pond video game as well as a 3D camp tour and searchable database of patches, dining hall plaques and staff photos. It also comes with a 4-inch collectible patch as the disc case cover. The game & tour are available at the Goose Pond Trading Post and Council Scout Shop! "It's totally beyond cool, a must have." Be sure to pick up your copy this summer before they're gone!

**This narrative is amended from the original text. 2003*

Directions to Goose Pond

From the Southwest: (Scranton, Wilkes Barre, Harrisburg, etc.)

Pick up I-81 North. Then pick up I-380 South in Dunmore. (The 380 junction is a right lane split just past the Drinker Street Exit, #186.) Go about 4 miles on 380 South to the I-84 junction. (This junction is a left lane split about 2 miles past the Elmhurst Exit, #2.) Take I-84 East to Exit #17 (Hamlin-Newfoundland-Rte 191). Turn left onto Route 191 North. Continue with * below.

From the North: (Clarks Summit, Binghamton NY, etc.)

Pick up I-81 South. Then pick up I-380 South in Dunmore. (The 380 junction is a right lane split just past the Throop/Dunmore Exit, #188.) Go about 4 miles on 380 South to the I-84 junction. (This junction is a left lane split about 2 miles past the Elmhurst Exit, #2.) Take I-84 East to Exit #17 (Hamlin-Newfoundland-Rte 191). Turn left onto Route 191 North. Continue with * below.

From the West: (Bloomsburg, Danville, Williamsport, etc.)

Pick up I-80 East. Then pick up I-81 North (The 81 junction is a left lane split 4 miles past the Conyngham Exit, #256.) From this point, follow directions From the Southwest above.

From the Far South: (Allentown, Philadelphia, etc.)

Take the Northeast Extension of the PA Turnpike west/north (known as I-476) to the Wyoming Valley Exit, #37. Pick up I-81 North at this exit and follow directions From the Southwest above.

From the Poconos: (Tobyhanna, Stroudsburg, Delaware Water Gap, Northern NJ, etc.)

(Take I-80 West to I-380 junction if applicable.) Pick up I-380 North and follow it to the junction of I-84. (This junction is a right lane split 4 miles past Exit #20.) Take I-84 East to Exit #17 (Hamlin-Newfoundland-Rte 191). Turn left onto Route 191 North. Continue with * below.

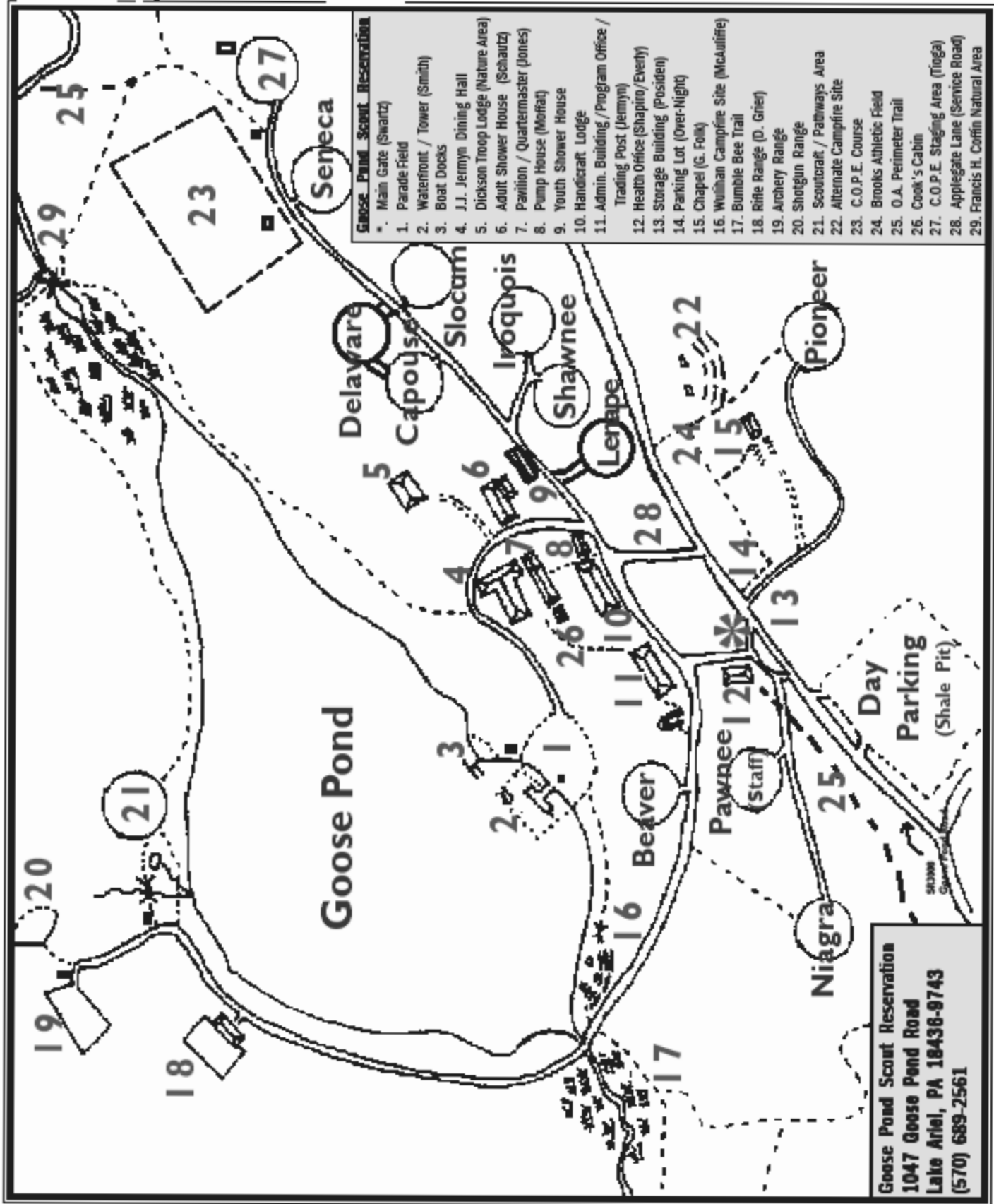
From the East: (Blooming Grove, Lords Valley, Milford, Port Jervis, Hudson Valley NY)

Pick up I-84 West and follow it to PA Exit #17 (Hamlin-Newfoundland-Rte 191). Turn right onto Route 191 North. Continue with * below.

* : Continue on Route 191 North about 6 miles to the junction of Route 590 at Hamlin corners (this is the first traffic light you will encounter). Turn right at this junction onto Route 590 East. Continue on 590 for about 2 miles. At about this 2 mile mark, watch for a small pond on the right and a large pond on the left. Immediately past the small pond, there is road that bears off to the right. This is Goose Pond Road. Also, just prior to this turn off is a green and white road sign. The bottom line on this sign indicates Goose Pond to be to the right 6 miles. Make this right turn and follow this rural road for about 6 miles. Do not turn off this road at all. Just before the camp there is a Y in the road. Keep to the left at this Y. The main gate entrance to camp is just up the road a few hundred yards on the left. About another 120 yards past the main entrance is the service road (Applegate Lane) entrance, also on the left. All vehicles associated with Summer Camp should park in the "Day Parking Lot" (Shale Pit) located on the right, just after the Y as you approach the camp. Watch for staff direction and parking signs.

GPS Information: If you want to plug Goose Pond into your vehicle's GPS navigation system, use: Goose Pond Road in Paupack Township, PA 18438 as the parameters. The intersection nearest to camp is Eskra Road. The street address is 1047. The camp's actual GPS coordinates are: 41.4044 degrees & -75.2728 degrees.

Enjoy your stay at Goose Pond Scout Reservation! We're glad you made it here safely!



- Goose Pond Scout Reservation**
- * Main Gate (Swartz)
 - 1. Parade Field
 - 2. Waterfront / Tower (Smith)
 - 3. Boat Docks
 - 4. J.J. Jermya Dining Hall
 - 5. Dickson Troop Lodge (Nature Area)
 - 6. Adult Shower House (Schultz)
 - 7. Pavilion / Quartermaster (Jones)
 - 8. Pump House (Morfiat)
 - 9. Youth Shower House
 - 10. Handicraft Lodge
 - 11. Admin. Building / Program Office / Trading Post (Jermya)
 - 12. Health Office (Shapiro/Every)
 - 13. Storage Building (Posiden)
 - 14. Parking Lot (Over-Night)
 - 15. Chapel (G. Folk)
 - 16. Wulhan Campfire Site (McAuliffe)
 - 17. Bumble Bee Trail
 - 18. Rifle Range (D. Grier)
 - 19. Archery Range
 - 20. Shotgun Range
 - 21. Scouttrail / Pathways Area
 - 22. Alternate Campfire Site
 - 23. C.O.P.E. Course
 - 24. Brooks Athletic Field
 - 25. O.A. Perimeter Trail
 - 26. Cook's Cabin
 - 27. C.O.P.E. Staging Area (Tioga)
 - 28. Applegate Lane (Service Road)
 - 29. Francis H. Corfin Natural Area

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