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Notes from 'ROUND THE POND

Our 89th Season... The Best Yet!

Congratulations on reserving a site at Goose Pond for this upcoming summer season. 2008 was another banner year with a high-quality staff, a high-energy program with even more options for advancement and fun, renewed focus on the ideals of Scouting and the patrol method, never a dull moment! 2009 expects more of the same! Plans are well underway for this camping season, recruiting a first-rate staff, planning exciting and innovative programs, and preparing our facilities to be ready for your arrival ... only a few short months from now!

Please make note of the Camp Leader Orientation & Kickoff Celebration meeting on Monday, March 23rd. That will be an important time for us to share with you information about camp, to answer your questions, and to get some ideas and feedback from you, the unit leaders, about what you'd like to see at camp this summer. At Goose Pond, we strongly believe in the patrol method and youth-led units, so please be sure to invite your Senior Patrol Leader to attend with you. The Camp Leader Guide will also be available for pickup that night. Each of you will get a special invitation with all the specifics of the meeting. Hold the date!

In the meantime, if you have any questions as time goes on, please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to camping with you this summer.

In Camping Excellence, Dave, James & Chris, your 2009 GPSR Leadership Team

Goose Pond Leadership Team Announced

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Council is extremely proud to announce our key camp leadership team at Goose Pond. The 2009 summer season will once again be under a very capable and outstanding leadership crew.

Yes, he's back! Returning in his fifth season as Program Director, **James Kania** is always the life and enthusiasm of The Pond. His tireless spirit makes Goose Pond's program the best of the best. James is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow, Army National Guard veteran and has served on staff at Goose Pond in various roles for over 8 years of combined tenure. He earned his Wood Badge beads and is currently a student at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

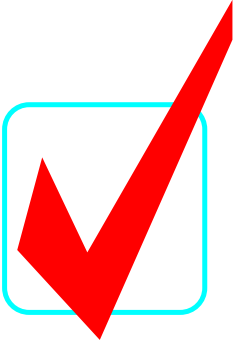
Keeping the wheels of unit service at Goose Pond greased and running as our Camp Commissioner once again is Eagle Scout **Chris O'Day**. Having served on staff for over 4 years, Chris's organizational skills and Scouting dedication make him a key asset to our leadership team. Other familiar faces back at The Pond include 'momma' **Donna Bartron** as our Health Officer and **Joe 'superscout' Livingston** out at Shooting Sports. Also back and again serving as our camp Nature/Ecology area Director is **Chuck 'starman' Fisher**. Everyone is excited about another high-quality program this summer! Many other outstanding staff members, old and new, will be rounding out the '09 team.

Dave Srebro, a full-time member of the Council Staff and well-seasoned Goose Pond veteran will again serve as the Camp Director at Goose Pond this summer. Dave oversees all aspects of our camping programs in Northeastern Pennsylvania in his role as the Council Camping & Program Director. A familiar face at The Pond, Dave brings a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience to The Pond's operations each year. We are very fortunate and pleased to have him at the helm once again.

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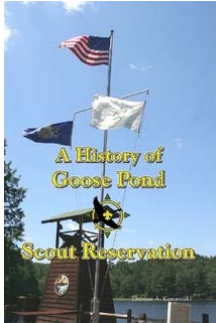


CAMP LEADER ORIENTATION & KICKOFF CELEBRATION

- Wondering about camp procedures?
- Can't wait for a merit badge schedule?
- Already getting lots of questions from campers & parents?

Then get ready to attend our annual Camp Leader Orientation & Kickoff Celebration, slated for **Monday, March 23rd, 6:30 p.m.** Hold the date! Directions and location specifics will be sent to you in a special invitation shortly.

We'll have the updated 2009 Camp Leader Guide and key staff on hand to answer your questions. There will be lots of great food, door prizes, and tons of Scouting fellowship - to kickoff another outstanding summer at Goose Pond



GOOSE POND HISTORY PUBLISHED

The Council Historical Committee is pleased to announce that Thomas Kameron's book, the *"History of Goose Pond Scout Reservation"* has been published. In addition to a complete narrative history of Goose Pond and the camp honor societies, the book is loaded with over 200 archival photos of The Pond dating as far back as the 1920's. In addition, the book is also accompanied by a DVD of vintage film footage of Goose Pond from the 20's, 30's and 40's. The video segments were converted from old 16mm 'home movie' film reels. Books are currently available from the Council Scout Shop. They will be available on-line soon as well as at the Goose Pond Trading Post this summer!

GOOSE POND VIDEO GAME & VIRTUAL TOUR

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Council is pleased to also announce the completion of the Goose Pond Video Game & Virtual Tour *"Goose Pond - A Timeless Adventure"*

Only \$30, all proceeds go toward special projects at Goose Pond. Makes a Great Gift! The disc includes an amazing Goose Pond video game as well as a 3D camp tour and searchable database of season patches, dining hall plaques, and staff group photos. In addition to the disc with the game and 3D camp tour, the case also contains a collectible, special edition, 4-inch patch containing an image of the Goose Pond waterfront (which also happens to be the disc case cover photo)! They are currently available from the Council Scout Shop or the Council website. They will also be available as at the Goose Pond Trading Post this summer! *"This is totally beyond cool, a must have!!"*



EARLY PAYMENT INCENTIVE

Please remind Scouts and parents that there is a \$15 early payment incentive for camp fees paid in full by May 15, 2009! The regular camp fee before May 15 is \$235; after May 15 it is \$250. Remember the first \$50 of each camper fee is not refundable and not transferable. Checks should be made payable to *Northeastern PA Council* and sent to the Council Service Center. Visa, MasterCard Discover, and American Express also accepted. You must include a roster with your payments. See the next page for more details on camp fees for 2009.

Your \$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. There are no additional costs for out-of-council Troops.



CAMPERSHIP ASSISTANCE

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Council Camping Committee, through community and Scouting support, is please to offer campership assistance funding to local Scouts who, for financial reasons, would not otherwise be able to attend summer camp. Applications are available at the Council Service Center or on our website www.nepabsa.org. Completed applications must be received at the Service Center by May 1 for full consideration. Call the Service Center for further information.



2009 CAMP FEES

CAMPER *with troop*

\$235	If paid by May 15th
\$250	If paid after May 15th
\$205	Second week of camp

CAMPER *provisional*

\$250	If paid by May 15th
\$265	If paid after May 15th
\$220	Second week of camp

LEADERS

2 free, plus one free for every 7 additional campers over 14.	
\$80	Additional Leaders

Medical Forms



New Update!

It's Never Too Early...

Unit leaders should now begin reviewing the medical forms of all Troop members planning to attend camp.

Upon arrival at camp, all Scouts and leaders are required to have a *Class 2 Medical Form (#34414)* completed and signed by a physician within the last 36 months. This form should be updated and signed annually by parents. Adults over 40 years of age must have a *Class 3 Medical Form (#34412)* signed by a physician within the last 12 months before camp.

Please note: However, the BSA has launched a **new universal medical form** which will be mandated into use for 2010. If your Scouts or leaders are in need of a physical this year, please encourage them to use the new form! The new blank forms are available from the Council Service Center or may be downloaded from the Council or National web sites.

DO YOU HAVE A POTENTIAL STAFFER IN YOUR TROOP??

If you or the Scouts in your troop are looking for a Scouting adventure that's among the best, look no further. Opportunities to serve on the Goose Pond Staff for the 2009 season are available for nearly all ages! The dates run from June 21st to August 21st and we offer a competitive salary base, one of the best around. A summer spent on camp staff at Goose Pond is one you'll never forget. You will be guaranteed to have the summer of a lifetime. Come join our team! If you are at least 15 or 16 years old and available for the majority of the dates listed above, apply now!



We are also accepting applications for Counselors-In-Training (CITs). The CIT program is a progressive design that allows Scouts to become proficient at teaching and preparing skills and presentations to others. It's often called "the best deal going - 7 weeks of quality training for free!" CIT's can be 14 or 15 years old. We only take 10-12 Scouts into the program each year and the slots will be filled very soon, so act now. A special CIT orientation meeting will be held at the Service Center in April for interested Scouts and parents. Fill out an application and join us at the meeting.

Applications are available at the Service Center, via email request, or on the Council website www.nepabsa.org. If you know a Scout who is at least 14 years old this summer and is looking for a great summer experience, 'Round The Pond is the place to be!

CHANGE THE LIVES OF 1200 BOYS IN 7 WEEKS

IT'S THE SUMMER OF A LIFETIME ... call or email us for an application.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?

Rock Climbing ❖ Rappelling ❖ C.O.P.E. ❖ Fishing ❖ Mountain Biking
 Hiking ❖ Archery ❖ Sailing ❖ GPS Navigation ❖ Snorkeling ❖ Crafts
 Orienteering ❖ Kayaking ❖ Cooking ❖ Rifle Shooting ❖ Boating
 Wilderness Survival ❖ Swimming ❖ Sports ❖ Whitewater Canoeing
 Campfires ❖ Polar Bear ❖ Conservation ❖ Astronomy ❖ Geocaching

All this and More at Goose Pond!

2009 TROOP RESERVATIONS

	1 6/28-7/4	2 7/5-7/11	3 7/12-7/18	4 7/19-7/25	5 7/26-8/1	6 8/2-8/8	7 8/9-8/15
Niagara	232	322	361/366	102/172	17/86	43/55	21
Beaver	157	1	16	433/383	106	285	316
Shawnee	155	154	42/407/57	34	41a	205/65c	339
Iroquois	444	518	122/11	50/8	152	2001	423
Seneca	425	10	302	60		65b	66b
Slocum	73/111	10	147	485b	66a	129/29	175
Capouse	4/281	251	6	61	152	41b/11	255
Delaware	281	183	6	100	152	182	255
Lenape	311	336	85/87	81	265	485a	
Pioneer			160	9269			

CALENDAR

March 23
 Camp Leader Orientation &
 Kickoff Celebration

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 April 24-26 & May 1-3
 Great Medicine NYLT

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 April 4
 Hammer & Saw Day I

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 May 9
 Hammer & Saw Day II

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 May 1
 Campership Assistance
 Applications Due

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 May 15
 Deadline to Receive
 Discounted Camp Fee



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Get Ready for Goose Pond 2009!