

# C.O.P.E. at Goose Pond

## “PROJECT C.O.P.E.”

**Spend a weekend like no other at Goose Pond Scout Reservation experiencing the dynamic rush of C.O.P.E.!**

**Leadership ~ Trust ~ Self Esteem ~ Problem Solving  
~ Team Work ~ Decision Making ~ Communications**

Our fully-accredited and award-winning COPE course consists of initiative activities, low course elements, high course events, and a 50 foot climbing & rappelling tower. Adult leaders and youth who are 13 years or over from Scouts BSA Troops, Explorer Posts & Venture Crews can participate in this incredible experience. COPE programming is structured to allow your Unit to camp, while being immersed in a full program of COPE activities. Special 1-day or half-day programs are also available by prior arrangement.

**A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due upon making your reservation.** All BSA camping and leadership standards apply.

### COPE Fees:

**\$320.00 per program**

**Deposit of \$100 required for reservation**

**Fees include up to 8 participants - \$25 for each additional participant**



**Each COPE participant MUST have a current completed BSA medical form upon arrival at camp, must be at least 13 years old, and must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.**

**Leaders need to have secured written permission from parents for all youth participants.**

Upon receiving your COPE application, your contact information will be sent to the COPE Director in charge of your weekend. The Director will then contact your group leader to answer questions, review the weekend programming and help you plan an awesome COPE event that best suits your Unit.

## **Project COPE Reservations**

An open site camping reservation at Seneca campsite is included with your COPE reservation and fees, however, cabin reservations are an additional charge and must be made separately at the Council Service Center.

Call the Scout Service Center at **570-207-1227 Ext 234** to make your C.O.P.E. reservation or ask C.O.P.E. program questions.



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2022-2023 CAMP RULES, POLICIES, & INFO — to be posted during your stay

Unit Leader must sign and accept these guidelines on C.O.P.E. application.

- LEADERSHIP: At least 2 responsible adults, 21 years old, will be in charge of the Unit at all times. Leadership arrangements must conform to the National Youth Protection policy standards.
FIREARMS, BOWS AND FIREWORKS OF ANY KIND ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
HUNTING & FISHING: Fishing is permitted from BSA property only, but prohibited in swimming and dock areas. All PA state fishing laws are applicable. Personal boats / motors are not allowed without permission. Hunting or disturbing wildlife in any way is prohibited. All camp facilities close during major hunting seasons
ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL DRUGS; DOGS/PETS: These items are strictly prohibited. Violators will be asked to leave and/or prosecuted.
FUELS: The use of liquid or chemical fuels must follow BSA Safety guidelines outlined in Guide to Safe Scouting. Equipment and fuel should be handled by adults. Bulk fuel should be stored in locked vehicles and kept in original containers. Space heaters are prohibited.
FACILITIES: The established sleeping capacity of buildings is not to be exceeded. All buildings, furnishings and equipment will be left in as good or better condition than received. Bunks, furniture, picnic tables, etc. are to be returned to locations if moved. No alterations are allowed to any buildings or grounds. Donations of equipment or furniture are not allowed without permission.
FIRES: Absolutely no new fire rings may be built anywhere. Fines will be assessed for clean up and removal of new fire areas. Fires may be built in established rings only at reasonable heights/sizes. Chainsaws are not allowed in camp. BSA fire safety and Totin' Chip rules must be followed.
FIREWOOD: Cut and split firewood is available for purchase from the Camp Ranger for a nominal fee (by the crate, or larger quantities). Contact the Ranger in advance; subject to availability. Firewood may not be brought into camp from anywhere outside the state of Pennsylvania.
HAY / STRAW: During the winter, hay or straw may be used in open-site camping as insulation, however it must be completely removed or incinerated upon your departure. Fines will be assessed for clean up and removal of hay/straw that is left in the campsite.
TRASH: In an effort to be conservation-minded, all trash should be hauled out of camp for disposal by the Unit. Recycling is encouraged. Your Unit may leave trash at the camp dumpster for a fee of \$5 per bag.
TREES & PLANTS: No standing timber, plants or small trees (dead or alive) may be disturbed. There is a fine of \$100 or \$10 per inch in diameter, whichever is greater, for every tree damaged or removed without permission.
SMOKING: Smoking and tobacco use is prohibited within the view of youth. Only adults may smoke. Smoking should be kept to minimums while on BSA property. No smoking in/near buildings. Please dispose of butts properly.
WATER: During the winter months, drinking water may be obtained at the Ranger's House at Aachela, or at the Pump House at Goose Pond. Units may also bring their own water.
SAFE SWIM & SAFETY AFLOAT: These rules apply to all swimming and boating activities.
VEHICLES, ETC: All vehicles must be parked in approved camp parking areas. No ATV's, snowmobiles, motorbikes, etc. are allowed. Bicycles are allowed with permission on established roads or trails only.
KITCHEN USE: For an additional fee and security deposit, the kitchen at Aachela is available for rental and use by Unit adults when also renting the Dining Hall. Cooking utensils, pots, cleaning supplies, etc are not provided. Running water is seasonal only. The Dining Hall at Goose Pond is not available for rental by Units.
TRADING POST: The Trading Post may be open by request for patches, shirts and other souvenirs and sundries.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Fire, Medical, or Other Serious Emergency: 911
Camp Ranger, Bill Ditchey: 570-335-0283 (cell)
Council Service Center: 570-207-1227 or emergency 570-357-6928

Table with 2 columns: Restricted\* or Caution Areas\*\* - Camp Aachela and Restricted\* or Caution Areas\*\* - Goose Pond. Lists specific areas like High Cliffs, Rifle Range, and Archery Range.

Restricted Areas\* are places you are not allowed to be - either dangerous or just don't belong there. Caution Areas\*\* are those where you just need to be using some intelligent caution when in those areas and probably should be there only when participating in some program related activity.

# 2022-2023 C.O.P.E. APPLICATION

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<input type="checkbox"/> Crew	Unit No. _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Troop	_____

Council \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Program Selection \_\_\_\_\_

Leader's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Deposit \$100.00** *Due at the time of registration. Balance due is payable at camp.*

**Arrival Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Arrival Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Departure Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*The time of completion of the course varies with individual group size and activity structure.*

# of Leaders participating \_\_\_\_\_ # Leaders camping \_\_\_\_\_

# of Youth participating \_\_\_\_\_ # Youth camping \_\_\_\_\_

*Our Unit agrees and accepts to abide by the rules set forth by the Boy Scouts of America, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council and the Council COPE Committee/Staff.*

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*Unit Leader Signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date*

