



## Camping and Outdoor Program Year Round Adventures



**“When do we  
go camping?”**



**“When do I  
go outdoors?”**



**These are the number one concerns of the new and experienced Scout and an important consideration when planning your unit program year. Look inside for an overview of the camping and outdoor programs the Laurel Highlands Council has to offer.**



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## The Hidden Values of Scout Camping

*The Benefits Every Parent Should Know*

Picture this:

- Youth jumping into a cool lake on a hot summer day
- An archery bow stretched tight and aimed at a bull's-eye
- Hikers on a brush-laden trail stopping to admire a spider forming its web in a tree
- Patrols challenging each other to a friendly canoe race
- Scouts cooking over a campfire



These are the images of Scouts at summer camp. However camp provides much more than just outdoor adventure. Hidden within the camp adventure lie the true benefits of a youth's week at camp. Harris Interactive of New York designed a study on the impact of summer camp in the lives of Scouts, Scout leaders, and parents of Scouts. The researchers concluded that within the typical Scout summer camp stay, boys are in an environment that comprehensively provides them with critical elements of healthy youth development.



Camps are removed from the hustle and bustle world of mass information, media, and technology. This type of "protected environment" provides a significant opportunity for growth among young men. Time seems to take on a different meaning when the day is not filled with television, radio, video games, and visits to malls. This is the starting place for change.

At camp, youth have time to consider and reflect on their place in life. Strong personal values and character are shaped as Scouts are encouraged to take a part in decisions that impact others, contemplate their relationship with God, reflect on personal values, and participate in patriotic activities regarding American citizenship.

At camp, Scouts gain a positive sense of self-worth and usefulness through serving others. Majorities of youth serve their peers at camp through helping clean up campsites, helping clean up after meals, and serving food.



Scout camp is a place where caring and nurturing relationships are developed and deepened. According to the study, most Scouts made a new friend or became better friends with someone while at camp. In this environment, friendships don't stop at the peer level. Adult leaders develop respect and trust among Scouts as they mentor skills and share knowledge. Also, many youth mention that they talk with an adult leader for advice during camp.

Youth seldom consider "school learning" to be exciting. Learning at Scout camp is a different story! Summer camp is an outdoor classroom in which Scouts test themselves. They test their skills, as well as their courage to try new things.



Scouts are productive and creative at camp. Youth are motivated by the concept of mastery. It is the basis for what has driven the extreme popularity of video games. When coupled with learning useful life skills, this need results in truly productive outcomes.



Camps are structured to encourage youth to spend time working and playing socially in ways that may seldom happen outside of camp. Majorities of Scouts collaborate with other youth on accomplishments, participate in group decision making and activities, and help resolve interpersonal conflicts.

Parents see the difference Scout camp makes. A clear majority of parents of Scouts who attend camp say the camp experience resulted in a positive change in their sons. They agree their sons have fun, are safe, and learn and test new skills. Moreover, a clear majority of parents say their son learned personal responsibility while at camp.

For these reasons and more, almost all parents (96 percent) would recommend camp to others. Make sure your Scout does not miss the opportunities of Scout summer camp. The "hidden value" of Scout camp will benefit your son for a lifetime!



### **More Information and Study Details**

Visit us on the web at [www.heritagereservation.org/study](http://www.heritagereservation.org/study) or scan the QR code with your smart phone.





**Camp Independence**  
*Cub Scout Resident Camp, Farmington PA*

Camp Independence is the perfect way to get your Cub Scouts and Webelos outside and having a one of a kind adventure! Independence offers a great summer resident camping program that no day camp can offer! By allowing our unique annual theme to take complete control we deliver a program allowing challenge,



creativity, adventure and learning. We provide many advancement opportunities that take advantage of our beautiful outdoor settings. We offer a variety of sessions from three to five days from mid June to mid August.

Camp Independence continues its mission to improve your experience at our world class camping facility. Through superior programming, in-depth theme experiences, comfort oriented wilderness camping facilities and competent, experienced and



enthused staff we plan to provide you and your son with the best camping experience. It will be a highlight of your Cub Scout journey. Join us for the summer season at Camp Independence and enjoy an experience like no other.

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|----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Action archery | Canoeing       | Leatherwork      | Swimming           |
| Archery        | Carving        | Leave No Trace   | Theme activities   |
| Astronomy      | Climbing       | Nature           | Webelos pins       |
| BB Gun         | Crafts         | Outdoor cooking  | Whittling Chip     |
| Beltloops      | First Aid      | Outposts         | FUN, FUN, FUN      |
| Bouldering     | Fishing        | Rock Throwing    | And even more!     |
| BMX biking     | Geology        | Rowing           | For a complete     |
| Camp games     | Hiking         | Service projects | list of activities |
| Campfires      | Huck Finn raft | Slingshots       | visit the website. |
| Camping        | Kayaking       | Sponge war       |                    |



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## Day Camp

*Cub Scout Day Camps, throughout the council*

Cub Scout Day Camps are adventurous times for Cub Scouts and Webelos. It is a full or half week of fun, program, activities and adventure at a location close to home.

Day Camp is an introductory outdoor program for Cub Scout and Webelos with little camping experience. Our summer theme, a prequel to the



next Camp Independence theme allows us to create and deliver a program allowing challenge, creativity, adventure and learning. Most Day Camps are three or five day sessions offered across the council from mid June to July. There are also several weekend programs in the spring and fall.



Thirteen Day Camps will be conducted in June and July throughout the Laurel Highlands Council. Check online for exact dates and locations. Scouts and units can attend any camp that they choose provided they have adult leadership. They are also welcome to attend more than one day camp.



If you are not ready for the resident stay at Camp Independence or are looking for a second summer activity, Day Camp is for you!

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| Archery     | Songs            |
| Arts        | Special guests   |
| BB Gun      | Sports           |
| Camp games  | Team activities  |
| Crafts      | Theme activities |
| Hiking      |                  |
| Leatherwork | FUN, FUN, FUN    |
| Nature      | And even more!   |



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# Camp Liberty and Camp Freedom

Boy Scout Resident Camps, Farmington, PA



Host to Camp Liberty and Camp Freedom, Heritage Reservation and its 2000 acres of unspoiled woodland is the ultimate laboratory for the experience of Scout summer camping. With its 270-acre lake and six miles of shoreline, Heritage Reservation calls all Scouts for an unmatched summer of fun and adventure.



A fully trained and prepared staff is on hand in each of the camps to deliver a wide variety of programs in Aquatics, Braddock's Brigade (first year camper), Ecology Conservation, Field Sports, Handicraft, Scoutcraft and Trail to Eagle. Challenging merit badges and high adventure activities for the older Scouts are supported through a partnership with Eagle Base.

Offering more than 150 merit badge and activity classes in each of the camps, there is a program for each Scout, young and old, Camp Liberty and Camp Freedom.



Archeology  
Archery  
Art  
Astronomy  
Basketry  
Bird Study  
Boardsailing  
BSA Lifeguard  
Camping

Campfires  
Canoeing  
Caving  
Cinematography  
Cit in the Nation  
Climbing  
Cooking  
Day Trek  
Ecology

Electricity  
Emergency Prep  
Energy  
Fingerprinting  
First Aid  
Fish & Wildlife  
Fishing  
Fly Fishing  
Forestry

Geocaching  
Geology  
Hiking  
Home Repairs  
Indian Lore  
Insect Study  
Kayaking  
Leatherwork  
Leave No Trace



### More Information and Availability

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Food service is not the primary focus of Camp Liberty or Camp Freedom. However, it is what makes them different from each other.

Is the patrol method a principle part of your troop? Then Camp Liberty is our Boy Scout resident camp for you. Camp Liberty is our only patrol cooking

camp and allows troops to live the patrol method the whole week. Scouts prepare their own meals as patrols in the campsite with ingredients and cooking equipment provided by camp and distributed from the commissary. After eating, the patrol is responsible for cleaning dishes and waste removal.



If you are looking for a dining hall camp to support your summer experience, Camp Freedom is your destination. A 450-seat dining hall serving family style meals takes care of all your culinary needs. Scouts serve as table waiters but all the cooking and cleaning is taken



care of by our staff. Family style dining is a great way to help Scouts learn how to share and gives Scouts and leaders a great opportunity to catch up on the daily activities.



Lifesaving  
Mammal Study  
Motorboating  
Mountain biking  
Nature  
Oceanography  
Orienteering  
Outdoor Skills  
Paddle & paddle

Photography  
Pioneering  
Plumbing  
Project COPE  
Public Speaking  
Pulp & Paper  
Rappelling  
Rifle Shooting  
Rock climbing

Rowing  
Sailing  
Sculpture  
Service projects  
Shotgun  
Snorkeling  
Sporting clays  
Swimming  
Trail biking

Watersports  
Weather  
Whitewater rafts  
Woodcarving  
And even more!  
For a complete list of activities visit the website.



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## Camp Seph Mack

Boy Scout & Cub Scout Resident Camp, Penn Run, PA

Camp Seph Mack seeks to deliver the promise of outdoor adventure to all Scouts and Scouters through a fun, rustic, and aesthetically pleasing facility that is rich in history. Camp Seph Mack is located on Yellow Creek Lake near Penn Run, PA and encompasses approximately 200 acres within the boundaries of Yellow Creek State Park and lies along the north shore with almost 4,000 feet of lake frontage.



Boy Scout advancement programs are available throughout the camping season in our Aquatics, Ecology, Handicraft, Scoutcraft and Shooting Sports areas. Additionally, we offer Sprint Troop, a specialized program for Scouts working on Tenderfoot through First Class ranks. Brownsea is designed to support Star and Life Scouts on the trail to Eagle.

For Cub Scouts we offer one session in late July to introduce Cub Scouts to resident camping. Cub Scout activities including Archery, BB Gun and Swimming will keep you busy all week.

A 180-seat dining hall serving family style meals takes care of all your culinary needs.



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|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Archery          | Emergency Prep | Mammal Study   | Sailing            |
| Basketry         | Fingerprinting | Motorboating   | Swimming           |
| Camping          | Fire Safety    | Nature         | Weather            |
| Canoeing         | First Aid      | Photography    | Woodcarving        |
| Cinematography   | Fishing        | Pioneering     | And even more!     |
| Cit in the World | Geocaching     | Plant Science  | For a complete     |
| Climbing         | Indian Lore    | Project COPE   | list of activities |
| Conservation     | Leatherwork    | Rifle Shooting | visit the website. |
| Ecology          | Lifesaving     | Rowing         |                    |



### More Information and Availability

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## Advancement Camp

*Boy Scout Specialty Camp, New Florence PA*

The merit badge program is one of Scouting's most important character building tools. It allows youth to explore more than 125 career fields and skills, helping them acquire the kind of self confidence that comes from setting and achieving goals.



Advancement Camp provides opportunities for Boy Scouts to spend an additional week at resident camp, earning as many as six specialized merit badges each week. Staffing is provided by volunteers who are experts in their field from business communities across the council.

- Learn from local experts in the merit badge fields.
- Scouts will have the opportunity to learn and participate in exciting field trips.
- Take part in the ideal patrol and troop experience.
- Bring a buddy or come by yourself.
- Make new friends with Scouts who share your interests.



Scouts are placed in a provisional patrol and troop, elect their own leadership and may earn up to six merit badges in one week.

Located just north of historic Ligonier, PA, Camp Twin Echo offers the accommodations of a modern camping facility with the allure of a place steeped in tradition.



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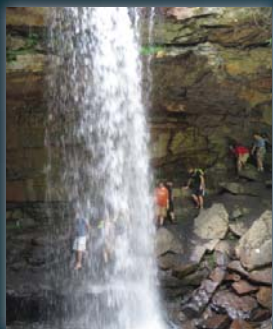




## Eagle Base

*High Adventure Base, Farmington, PA*

If you are ready to experience true high adventure, then Eagle Base is for you! These unique treks are available for Scouts (age 13 and older) and Venturers. Your entire patrol, Troop or Crew can participate together or sign up on your own to participate with others.

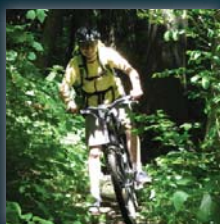


Perfect for the novice and experienced high adventure camper, our program is a base camp experience with a choice of highlight activities run by professional partner vendors and our trained staff during the day as well as evening programs. Campers are introduced to many high adventure activities, trail cooking, wilderness camping and trail equipment.

All treks will be led by experienced Trek Guides meeting Boy Scouts of America and Pennsylvania trek leader guidelines. All program gear needed for the treks is provided. Bring your personal belongings, a great attitude and be ready for the experience of a lifetime.

Black powder  
Campfire Canoeing  
Caving/rappelling  
Challenge course  
Climbing  
Fishing

Fly fishing  
GPS Navigation  
Hiking  
Kayaking  
Mountain biking  
Mountain boards



Rock climbing  
Paddle and paddle  
Pistol shooting  
Pontoon fishing  
Shotgun shooting  
Sporting clays  
Sunset kayak  
Swimming

Trail biking  
Trail Cooking  
Whitewater rafts  
Water skiing  
Zip line

Visit the website for activity descriptions.



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## Winter Weekends

Winter Program for all ages, Farmington, PA

Come and enjoy the unparalleled beauty of the Laurel Highlands this winter at Heritage Reservation.

Four Cub Scout weekends offer parent and son teams the chance to experience cross-country skiing, broomball, sledding, snow shoeing and more. Cub Scouts and their families are also invited to the Nemaocolin Woodlands Ski and Snowboard Days throughout January and February.

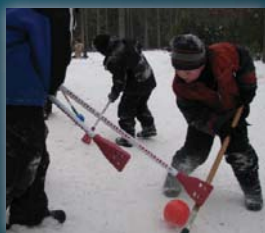
Heritage Reservation now offers a Boy Scout Winter Weekend. Patrols, Troops or parent and son teams are welcome to come and enjoy a variety of winter sports. Members of the Order of the Arrow also have the opportunity to attend Order of the Arrow Winterfest and all Boy Scouts and their families are invited to the Nemaocolin Ski and Snowboard Days.



Venturers are invited to come and kick back at the Venturing Getaway Weekend. Spend a weekend at Heritage Reservation with world-class skiing just down the road at Nemaocolin Woodlands. Venturers and their families are also welcomed to Nemaocolin Woodlands Ski and Snowboard Days.

### Program Features

Each weekend includes a variety of winter activities, including: sledding, broomball, giant slingshots, skating, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, campfires and a scavenger Hunt.



### Meals and Housing

The package includes lodging Friday and Saturday night, Friday snack, all meals on Saturday, breakfast Sunday, plus use of camp equipment. Participants stay at the Eagle Base Conference Center, each home includes bunk beds, heat, bathrooms and showers.



### More Information and Availability

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## Camp Staff

### Sharing the Adventure

Are you tired of doing the same old routine? Laurel Highlands Council operates camps at Heritage Reservation including Cub Scout, Boy Scout, high adventure and winter programs, as well as a Boy Scout program at Camp Seph Mack? Each of these offers opportunities for a variety of camp staff jobs for teens and adults, both male and female.



### Why apply for a Camp Staff job?

Here are a few of the countless reasons that are frequently expressed:

- Be considered for jobs of greater responsibility
- Receive letters of recommendation for other pursuits
- Spend time in the great outdoors where nature prevails
- Serve others (the most noble and fulfilling pursuit of all)
- Live in an environment based on the Scout Oath and Law
- Learn how to lead others and to apply leadership skills
- Give something back for the opportunities you have received
- Have the advice, counsel and support of senior staff who are dedicated to helping you succeed
- Be part of an effective team
- Have meaningful spiritual experiences
- Earn the satisfaction of doing a job well
- Cooperate with others to get things done
- Undertake meaningful challenges
- Be paid and receive food and lodging in return for challenge and fun
- Make lots of new friends in your area, other states and even other countries
- Acquire experiential education (learning by doing) and skills that will last a lifetime
- Work with youth and adults of all ages



### Camp Staff Referral

We are looking for the “Best of the Best” to help form our camp staffs. Think about the youth and adults you know and those that stand out as leaders. Recommend them as potential camp staff members. For each NEW staff member we will award a \$100 Gift Card to our Trading Posts to the first person who nominated the selected individual.



## **Positions and Compensation**

Positions and salaries are based on age and the number of years of experience you possess in camp staff or similar environment. All camp staff receive a bunk in a cabin or tent, meals during camp operation as well as two evenings and one day off each week.



**Administration:** Manages all operations of our camps including coaching and training the staff. Positions include camp director, program director and camp commissioner. Minimum age is 21 years and salaries begin between \$290 to \$410 per week, depending on level of responsibility.

**Area Director:** Camp staff who supervise and oversee a camp program or service area. They are responsible for coaching their staff and ensuring a quality experience for our campers. Minimum age is 18 or 21 depending on position and level of responsibility. Salaries begin at \$200 and \$290 respectively.



**Program and Support Staff:** Camp staff who work with an area director to provide specific service or program. Minimum age is 15 or 18 depending on position and level of responsibility. Salaries begin at \$160 and \$180 per week respectively.

**Counselor in Training (CIT):** It is an intensive four week training program, with all CITs given the opportunity to work at each of the Cub Scout and Boy Scout camps. CITs will work in a different camp and program area each week and will take part in staff training sessions. There is no pay, however there is no charge for food, board or training while in the program. CITs that successfully complete the program receive a free week of high adventure at Eagle Base.



### **More Information or to Apply**

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## Facility and Program Rentals

*Nine camps throughout the council*

### Camp Anawanna

One hour away from Flag Plaza, this camp offers some weekend cabins and another great place for tent camping. Fish in the pond while you enjoy a nice facility for your weekend unit event.



### Camp Anderson

Located just north of Tyrone, in Bald Eagle, Camp Anderson serves as a local retreat for units, as well as an excellent training facility.

### Camp Baker

One hour north of Pittsburgh, this jewel is a perfect place for a quiet weekend. Close to Raccoon Park, this facility offers great tent camping, two lean-to sites and stream fishing. A perfect place for a Pack or Troop picnic.



### Camp Guyasuta

A little bit of the country in the city. Located in Pittsburgh, 15 minutes east of Flag Plaza, this 129-acre facility is the place for a day and overnight events. Several cabins are available for rental, as well as a lean-to site. A perfect place for a special Pack meeting or a Troop ceremony. Camp Guyasuta is a great place for picnics, Courts of Honor, a pool in summer season for BSA swim tests prior to camp and a convenient place to camp if you want to visit the city for a day.

### Camp Joseph

Located on top of Allegheny Mountain, just west of Bedford, Camp Joseph has two primitive campsites as well as drinking water. The camp is located near historical sites and along the Forbes Road Trail, stretching from Fort Bedford to Fort Ligonier.



## Heritage Reservation

Located 90 minutes south of Pittsburgh, this premier camping facility has many activities that can enhance a unit program and is just a fun place to be on the weekend. Troops can do wilderness camping in the Valley Forge site. Cub Packs can stay in the Cub Camping area at Independence as well as the Potomac Homes. Cross-country skis and ice skates are available for a small rental fee. For the older Scouts, there is snow skiing, caving, white water rafting, sporting clays and horseback riding near the camp. These are services provided by an outside vendor for a fee.



## Putt's Camp

Putt's Camp is located on Raystown Lake and is a primitive camping area operated with the cooperation of the Army Corps of Engineers.

## Camp Seph Mack

Located on Yellow Creek Lake near Penn Run, Camp Seph Mack encompasses approximately 200 acres within Yellow Creek State Park. Camp Seph Mack is used as a summer resident camp, as well as hosting a variety of programs for all ages, including Day Camp, weekend camps, and training for both youths and adults.



## Camp Twin Echo

Just 90 minutes from Pittsburgh, near Ligonier, this is another perfect place for Troop weekend camping. There are cabins for rent to meet your off-season program needs. Camp Twin Echo is a popular place for camping which is also close to skiing in the winter.



## More Information and Availability

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## **Eagle Base Conference Center** *Heritage Reservation, Farmington, PA*

Located on a 2,000 acre tract in the Pennsylvania Laurel Highlands, you just won't find a better meeting value for the money than the Eagle Base Conference Center. Groups can meet in a relaxed, invigorating atmosphere, with nature and serenity at the doorstep.

Youth groups, school environmental camps, non-profit organizations, along with numerous religious, educational, and health-related groups are among the many that frequently enjoy our outstanding facilities and reasonable rates. The center features:

- Lake Courage , covering 270 acres, is the recreational focus of the property and provides ample opportunity for boating and fishing
- Recreation opportunities include hiking trails, basketball, volleyball and tennis
- Lodging for up to 200 persons
- Numerous breakout options
- Wholesome family-style meals for up to 160 or any special catering requests



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## **McGinnis Education Center** *Camp Guyasuta, Sharpsburg, PA*

McGinnis Education Center is tucked on 175 secluded acres along Guyasuta Run, minutes from downtown Pittsburgh. Because of its easy access and comfortable atmosphere, the facility has been embraced by corporate, religious, educational and non-profit organizations of all types. The center features:

- Rohr Family Challenge Center, low and high course elements to promote cooperation among team members
- The Liken Trail, along Guyasuta Run abundant with flora and fauna, a perfect outdoor laboratory
- Lodging for up to 120 persons
- Conference room for up to 150 persons with two breakout rooms
- Wholesome family-style meals or any special catering requests



### **More Information and Availability**

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