

CAMP



Your First and Last Day!

CONESTOGA

Sunday Schedule of Events

Check-in	Unit's Scheduled Time Window
Camp Leader Check-in-Camp Office	
Med. Check- Health Office	
Shooting Sports Orientation- Rifle Range	
Dining Hall Orientation- Robinson Dining Hall	
Chaplain Meeting- Gazebo outside Robinson Dining Hall	
Swim Tests- Cook Pool	
Camp Site Set-up- Campsites	
Dinner (HILL) - 5:45 pm, (VALLEY) – 6:00 pm, & (GROVE) – 6:15 pm	
Camp Wide Colors-	6:50 pm
Leader's and SPL's Meeting/ Camp Wide Tours	7:10 pm
<i>Senior Patrol Leader's Meeting immediately following, (30 minutes on average).</i>	
Opening Campfire	9:00 pm

Arrival at Camp

Troops are to check in at their scheduled time window on Sunday (**Area / Site Check-in Time Windows: HILL between 12 pm – 1 pm, VALLEY between 1 pm – 2 pm, & GROVE between 2 pm – 3 pm.**) Once your whole unit has arrived follow the following procedure.

****NOTE: You may go straight to your Camp Site, unload, then check-in as a whole Unit at the Office/Health Lodge!**

Check-in Procedures

1. **Camp leaders report to the Administration Building (no sooner than your scheduled time window!)**
Make sure that the camp leader has a completed roster when checking in. The camp leader should also turn all early departure forms at this time.
2. Report **as a unit** with medical forms and all medication (including over the counter) to the Health Lodge. NO BUDDY TAGS WILL BE ISSUED without a Health Form.
3. After Medical Check-In, proceed to the Rifle Range with your Assigned Tour Guide.
4. After Shooting Sports Orientation proceed to the Dining Hall.
5. After the Dining Hall, report to the Gazebo for the Chaplain Meeting.
6. When the Chaplain Meeting is complete, report to the pool for the swim test.
7. Return to your campsite and finish any set-up for your campsite.

Troop Financials

During Troop check-in on Sunday all Troops owing a balance for camper fees must submit payment in full to the Camp Director at this time. All Troops should take the necessary steps to complete payment at check-in. (Please have any or all receipts in the event of a discrepancy)

Arrival at Your Campsite

When you arrive in your campsite, the S.P.L. and a designated adult leader will need to review the condition of your camp equipment. If any equipment is severely damaged or you find a shortage of something, please notify the camp office immediately. You should inventory equipment indicating the condition. **You should review your findings with the Site / Area Commissioner during their first daily visit.** Remember you are responsible for the campsite and equipment while your unit is in camp. Tents, flies, and platforms should be in reasonably good condition. Inspect them for tears, holes, etc. If equipment needs minor repairs, camp staff will service it. Unserviceable equipment will be replaced, or alternatives provided. If tents are down for any reason, campers are asked to help put them back up. Remember, if equipment must be changed, be patient, everyone will be serviced by the end of the day. Also, remember, the equipment is expensive, TAKE CARE OF IT. Your unit will be charged for damage. If a Scout damages any camp equipment, the Troop is responsible to reimburse the camp for the entire cost.

NOTE: Please be sure your commissioner is aware of any equipment damage as soon as possible. He will be the one who determines what damage your unit may have caused at check-out on Saturday morning. Your unit is responsible for all equipment in the campsites including extra tents etc.

Physical Arrangements

Campsites are equipped with a certain number of tents and platforms based upon the number Scouts times 2 per tent. This number is determined when you pay your final camp fees. If you add it to your camp roster after the May deadline it is a good idea to notify the Camp Director as soon as any changes are made, so that we can properly prepare for your arrival. Due to the attendance of certain weeks, we can NOT always guarantee that all leaders will have their own tent. It is also NOT possible for us to promise an extra tent on your site to be used for supplies. If upon arrival at your campsite you find an inadequate number of tents or cots, please notify the camp office immediately. But we must remember to be patient, we will get you the correct amount of equipment as soon as possible DO NOT take matters into your own hands and try to obtain the equipment yourselves.

Troop Meeting

Your Troop should plan a Troop meeting shortly after arrival. At this meeting, you can assign duties, finalize preparation for merit badge sign-up, review camp policies, and plan your schedule for evening activities, flag ceremonies and shower house cleaning.

Camp Tour

ALL SCOUTS will go on a camp tour Sunday evening after dinner. This will give each Scout the opportunity to see where each area is located, meet the counselors, and learn about the merit badges in that area. During the camp tour, the program areas will be open for Scouts to see what is offered in each area. **AFTER DINNER AND COLORS HAS ENDED, ALL TROOPS SHOULD REMAIN ON THE PARADE FIELD, A STAFF GUIDE WILL MEET THEM FOR THEIR CAMP TOUR.**

Sunday Evening Leaders and SPL Meeting

On Sunday, you will attend a meeting that will bring you up to date on things that are happening during your week at camp. You will find out about any changes or new opportunities at camp and get to meet the Camp Staff. All leaders should attend this meeting. It will be held immediately following the evening flag ceremony in the center room of Rohrbacher Lodge. During the leaders' meeting all Scouts will be participating in a camp tour. Leaders should come prepared to this meeting with any last-minute questions they might have about either the camp program or management staff.

Senior Patrol Leader's Meeting

On Sunday after Campfire all Senior Patrol Leaders will attend the Leader's Meeting at 7:10 pm, then stay after for approximately 30 minutes to discuss and review Camp Conestoga's housekeeping procedures with the Camp's Commissioner.

As the youth leader of your Troop, you are in a unique position to make your Troop's stay at camp more productive and enjoyable. Prior planning on your part and the utilization of your patrol leaders can improve your stay at camp.



Some of the items that will be discussed at the Sunday Senior Patrol Leader's Meeting are as follows:

1. **Flag ceremony schedule:** Troops will be given a chance to sign up for the flag ceremonies at camp. Pick your top choices for mornings or evenings you would like to lead. Spots fill up fast. Parent's night requires a six-man color guard. Other ceremonies require four.
2. **Questions about the camp?** If you haven't had your questions answered previously, have them ready to ask.
3. **A shower house-cleaning schedule will be announced.** Have your duty roster handy so that you can record your day and time.

*The Camp Commissioner will also review the Camp Adventure and True Scout Campsite awards at this time.
(*Note: these awards may change as needed!)*

Campsite Inspections & Camp Adventure Award

Each campsite will be inspected once a day by the Camp Commissioner. A "Class A Campsite" can also help the troop in earning the "Camp Adventure Award".

Each unit in camp has the opportunity to bring home the "Camp Adventure Award". This unique award will be presented to elite units who have gone the extra mile to participate in the overall program.

(These awards may be changed or retitled without notice by the Camp's administration)

Parking Procedures

It is important that all arriving Scouts and Leaders remain in the parking lots on Sunday until their scheduled arrival time. PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE ROADWAYS. This prevents other vehicles from passing safely. All vehicles WITHOUT a handicapped pass must be parked in either the Hill parking lot or the Grove parking lot by Sunday at 5:00 PM.

Handicapped passes are available at the camp office.

Driving in Camp

All vehicles must remain parked in either the Hill parking lot or the Grove parking lot during your stay at camp. If a leader must unload something during the week, they may do so, but the vehicle must return to one of the two lots as soon as the task is complete. When driving in camp all drivers must abide with all State Laws and must possess a valid driver's license. Please use caution when driving in camp. OUR ROADS ARE DIRT AND CONTAIN POTHOLES.

Driving on Sunday/Saturday

Sunday and Saturday are the only day vehicles will be permitted on the campsites. When traveling to the campsites, do so with caution. Upon arriving at the campsite DO NOT drive into the campsite, please unload your vehicles from the road. Once the vehicle has been unloaded, please return it to one of the appropriate parking areas.

Parking

Vehicles belonging to leaders and visitors must be parked in designated parking areas. Roads through campsite and program areas are restricted to service vehicles only. This is a National Camping standard set forth by the Boy Scouts of America, and the Pennsylvania State Park System. Any individual (Scout, Leader or Parent) that is in need of a handicapped parking permit should report to the Camp Office in Rohrbacher Lodge to receive their parking permit.

THE SPEED LIMIT IN CAMP IS 10 MPH

Swimming Requirements

Qualified BSA Lifeguards and a Camp School Trained Aquatics Director run the Camp Conestoga pool and lake. All aquatic activities will require adherence to the Safe Swim Defense Plan, Safety Afloat, and the Buddy System. All Scouts and adults must complete a swim check and will be classified as Swimmer, Beginner, Learner, according to the following criteria:

SWIMMER (Red, White, & Blue)

Jump into the water over your head. Level off and swim 100 yards, ¼ of this using the elementary backstroke. Stay in the water and float on your back in a resting position with as little motion as possible for one minute.

BEGINNER (Red & White)

Some swimming abilities, able to jump into the water over their head & swim 30 feet with a turn midway.

LEARNER (White)

Cannot meet the above requirements.

Saturday Check Out Procedures

1. There will be no flag ceremony on Saturday morning.
2. Breakfast will run from **7:00 – 8:00 am**. Breakfast will be optional. There is no need to send waiters to the dining hall. You should come as a unit between 7 - 8AM. No units will be served after 8AM. It is self-serve and “A Scout is Clean”!
3. **ON SATURDAY, HAVE YOUR UNIT’S TRANSPORTATION ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 9:00 AM, SO THAT YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WAIT IN THE PARKING LOT. ALL TROOPS MUST BE OUT OF THEIR CAMPSITE NO LATER THEN 10:00 AM. (THE GATES MAY BE COSED AND LOCKED AT 10:00AM)**
4. All Scouts must pick up their medication at the Health Lodge before leaving. Medication not picked up will be discarded.
5. When your Troop is ready to depart, they must send a representative to one of the following areas. A Staff member will then inspect your campsite.
 - a. **Hill Campsites – Pathfinder Pavilion**
 - b. **Valley Campsites – Scoutcraft Pavilion**
 - c. **Grove Campsites – Nature Pavilion**
6. Troops not participating in the check-out procedure could be billed for any damaged items not reported.

YOUR UNIT LEADER MUST CHECK OUT AT THE CAMP OFFICE BEFORE LEAVING CAMP!

ALL UNITS MUST TURN A 2024 ROLL OVER FORM BY 10:00 AM ON THE DAY OF YOUR CHECK-OUT IN ORDER TO RESERVE YOUR RESERVATION FOR 2024. IF NO FORM IS TURNED IN YOU WILL FORFEIT YOUR CAMPSITE AND WEEK.

Driving on Saturday

Sunday and Saturday are the only day vehicles will be permitted in the campsites. When traveling to the campsites, do so with caution. Upon arriving at the campsite DO NOT drive into the campsite, please load your vehicles from the roadway. Once the vehicle has been loaded, please return it to one of the appropriate parking areas. Please take caution when traveling on our roadways.

Thanks for joining us! Have a safe trip home.