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Special Camp Edition **2021 Camp Conestoga**

Prepared. For Life.

Camp Conestoga offers Scouts a great environment to work on merit badges that you need to achieve the Eagle Rank. With a crystal clear swimming pool, a 6-acre lake, a handicraft building, ecology and conservation area, a scoutcraft area and modern rifle and shotgun ranges, you will have the opportunity to earn merit badges that are not easily earned at home.

The badges listed below are offered weekly at Camp Conestoga. Most badges can be completed during your stay, but some require the completion of pre-requisite requirements. These pre-requisites must be completed before you come to camp for you to earn the merit badge while at camp. Some merit badges also require an additional cost for program supplies. All merit badge pre-requisites and costs will be listed in the Camp Leader's Guide. All Scoutmasters will receive a copy of the Leader's Guide at the Camp Kickoff. Additional merit badges may be offered depending on the abilities of the camp staff and the participation of camp leaders. You will be notified of all additional merit badges being offered at camp at Sunday evening Leader's Meeting.

Camp is proud to add
TWO NEW AREAS for 2021!
*Heritage and Performing Arts
*STEMcraft

All Scouts should consult their Scoutmaster about their Merit Badge selections and choose at least 3.

Shotgun Shooting and Welding Merit Badges are limited to Scouts 14 years of age and older.

Scouts should come prepared to learn and have all Merit Badge pre-requisites completed as listed in the 2021 Camp Leader's Guide.

Camp Conestoga Merit Badge Listing

American Heritage | Archery | Art | Archeology | Athletics | Astronomy | Automotive Repair | Aviation | Basketry | Bird Study | Camping | Canoeing | Chemistry | Climbing | Cooking | Disability Awareness | Electricity | Emergency Preparedness | Environmental Science | First-Aid | Fishing | Fish & Wildlife Management | Fly Fishing | Forestry | Game Design | Geocaching | Geology | Insect Study | Kayaking | Law | Leatherwork | Lifesaving | Journalism | Mammal Study | Metal Working | Moviemaking | Model Building & Design | Nature | Nuclear Science | Orienteering | Personal Fitness | Photography | Pottery | Plant Science | Plumbing | Public Speaking | Radio | Reptile & Amphibian Study | Rifle | Robotics | Rowing | Safety | Search & Rescue | Shotgun | Signs, Signals & Codes | Small Boat Sailing | Soil & Water Conservation | Space Exploration | Sports Swimming | Theatre | Weather | Welding | Wilderness Survival

(Badge offerings may change to fit current Health Guidelines)**

Important Information & Dates

If your Unit did not reserve a space, the unit needs to complete a 2021 Campsite Reservation form and pay a \$25.00 site fee.

- January 25, 2021 - Please join us for the "State of the Council" where we will kickoff the 2021 camping season.
- March 5, 2021 - Deposits for Camp are due. You must submit all forms and deposits for the session you would like to have. The available space for each session will be on a first come first serve basis.
- April 5, 2021 - Campership applications are due.
- May 7, 2021 - Final Camp fees are due.

The PATHFINDER Program

Scouts participating in the Pathfinder Program will have the opportunity to explore and engage in nearly every program area in camp. This program will allow scouts to engage as a group with Handicraft, Nature, Aquatics, Outdoor Skills, and Shooting Sports. The program lasts all six summits of the day and leaders are highly encouraged to keep their scouts in the program for the full day. Scouts will be divided into 4 patrols and 2 patrols will follow one schedule and the other 2 follow a different schedule while accomplishing the same objectives.

During the program scouts will be working on both basic scout skills and merit badges. Scouts will have the opportunity to fulfill most cooking, knot tying, lashing, first aid, and nature requirements included in the Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First-Class requirements.

Additionally, scouts will have the ability to earn the Leatherworking, First Aid, and Swimming merit badge.



Project C.O.P.E. Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience

Project COPE is a specialty program designed for Scouts age 14 and up and who have achieved the First Class rank. The COPE program helps Scouts build confidence and a positive attitude towards life's challenges through themed activities and initiative games. Scouts are put to the test as they work together in teams

to complete the various elements in Camp Conestoga's low elements COPE course. All Scouts in the COPE program will have the opportunity to conquer Camp Conestoga's 50 ft. climbing and rappelling tower and experience the 550-foot zip-line!

Due to the time intensive nature of the program, all Scouts participating in this program will have limited Merit Badge choices. The COPE program also requires fair weather since the tower and low-elements course cannot be safely completed in the rain.

Camp Conestoga Parents/Visitors Night

Parents/Visitors Night for the Scouts BSA Resident camp will be held every WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

COME JOIN US AND SHARE SOME OF THE CAMP EXPERIENCE WITH YOUR SCOUT!

Schedule of Events

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Dinner (Cafeteria Style)
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Zipline Open for Visitors
7:05 p.m. Units Report to upper Field for Parade of Flags
7:15 p.m. Flag Ceremony-OA Calling out Ceremony at the lower parade field, (below pool).
8:00 p.m. Campfire (Troop Participation)

Traditionally, parents bring picnic type foods or desserts for the troop, parents and guests to eat in the campsite. However, dinner will be available in the dining hall for a fee of \$5.00 per person. All Scoutmasters must inform us of any family having dinner in the camp's dining hall and the number of people attending. The dinner fee may be paid at the door.

Parents/visitors bringing items to camp may not park in or close to the campsite. All parents/visitors should be prepared to walk from the main parking lot and make sure the items being brought to camp are easily transported.

Please note that Family Night and the influx of outside visitors may be restricted as a result of any mandated government, park, or BSA restrictions.



Visitor Night

Open Zip Line

During the summer, visitors will be able to use the Zip Line on Family Night. The participant requirements are as follows:

- All participants must be at least 14 years old.
- All participants must have a signed and completed waiver (obtainable from www.wfbsa.org). If under 18, the waiver MUST be signed by participant's parent or guardian.
- All participants must purchase a ticket from Trading Post (\$5.00). Arrangements to participate in this activity can be made through an adult leader that is staying at camp.
- The Wednesday Night Zip Line is open from 5:30pm to 6:55pm. Please be prompt because all activities will cease at 7pm for Evening Colors and the OA Calling Out Ceremony.

Reservation Fee – ALL SCOUTS

\$50.00 PER SCOUT – Due in the Council Service Center by MARCH 5, 2021.

The troop will receive the discounted fee to be paid in full by May 7, 2021 for only the number of Scouts that the Troop has paid \$50 for by this date. Exception will be AOL/Webelo Scouts moving to the troop; they will receive the discounted price until May 7th. This fee is necessary to hold the troop campsite and is credited toward the remaining balance. The fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE but is transferable**, (see the refund policy for more information about transferability).

Early Bird Camp Fees – \$385.00 PER SCOUT, PER WEEK, IF PAID IN FULL BY MAY 7, 2021.

Regular Camp Fees – \$405.00 PER SCOUT, PER WEEK, IF PAID IN FULL AFTER MAY 7, 2021.

Troop Fee: \$25.00 per troop, this fee reserves the campsite, and may be rolled over from year to year.

Second Week of Camp Fee: \$350.00 PER SCOUT, PER WEEK OF CAMP.

Camp Fees – Units Cooking in their Campsite \$70.00 price reduction per Scout by prior arrangements. The fee is \$315.00 PER SCOUT.

Leader Fees: The First 2 leaders for every unit are free. Beyond the initial 2 leaders, a ratio of 1 leader to every 8 scouts will allow an additional leader to attend camp at no charge. Units bringing more than 2 leaders that do not meet the 1 to 8 ratio will be charged \$220.00 per additional leader.

01 – 16 Scouts = 2 Free Leaders Beyond 32 Scouts the ratio stays the same.

17 – 24 Scouts = 3 Free Leaders

25 – 32 Scouts = 4 Free Leaders, One more free adult at 33, 41, 49, 57, 65, and etc.

Family Discount: Fee for second (and subsequent) Scouts attending Camp Conestoga there will be a \$35 per Scout discount. The fee is \$350. Families with Scouts attending both Conestoga and Buck Run, the Cub Scout receives the 10% discount on the second (and subsequent) Scout camp fees.

REMINDER: A COMPLETED TROOP ROSTER WITH ALL YOUTH AND ADULT LEADERS ATTENDING IS REQUIRED WHEN MAKING DEPOSITS ON MARCH 5, 2021 / MAKING FINAL PAYMENTS ON MAY 7, 2021 / AND WHEN YOUR TROOP CHECKS IN AT CAMP.



Camp Conestoga | Check List | What to Bring

Please mark ALL equipment and clothing with your name and unit number

Clothing

- ☐ Scout Uniform
- ☐ Extra T-Shirts
- ☐ Extra Shorts/Pants
- ☐ Extra Socks
- ☐ Extra Underwear
- ☐ Boots/Sturdy Shoes
- ☐ Jacket/Sweatshirt
- ☐ Raincoat/ Poncho
- ☐ Swim Trunks
- ☐ Scout Hat

Personal

- ☐ Shower/Personal Toiletries
- ☐ Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- ☐ Shower Shoes

Do NOT Bring

*Fireworks / Ammunition / Pets / Sheath Knives / Alcoholic Beverages
Electronic Games / Kerosene or Gas Lanterns*

Supplies

- ☐ Pocket Knife
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Extra Batteries/Bulb
- ☐ Canteen
- ☐ Footlocker
- ☐ Eating Utensils
- ☐ Insect Repellent
- ☐ Compass

Bedding

- ☐ Sleeping Bag/Blankets
- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Ground cloth
- ☐ Large sheet of cardboard to cushion springs

Miscellaneous

- ☐ Paper & Pencils
- ☐ Rope
- ☐ Matches
- ☐ Hiking Stave
- ☐ Fire Starters
- ☐ Scout Handbook
- ☐ Survival Kit
- ☐ Camera (if desired)



Housing

All scouts and leaders will be staying in BSA issued wide-wall canvas tents on wooden platforms. (2 Campers per Tent) There is a pavilion, picnic tables, fire circle and bulletin board located at each campsite. Running water and bathhouses are located near each campsite. Your campsite will be your home while you are at camp. You are expected to keep it clean.

Camp Conestoga Contact Information

The camp telephone is available for business and emergency use only. All parents wishing to contact a camper should call 814-445-2018. A message will be delivered to the scout. Camp telephone is available for scouts/leaders to use in emergencies.

There is a camp mailbox that is checked each day and mail will be delivered to troop mailbox in camp office. All campers can also send mail as well. Parents should send stamps and envelopes for their scouts to mail letters home. Parents sending mail should do so as early as one week prior to ensure it arrives on time for their week.

All incoming mail should be addressed as follows:

Camper's Name
Troop #/Campsite
Camp Conestoga
255 Conestoga Camp Road
Somerset, PA 15501

Health Lodge

Our modern, state of the art Health Lodge is staffed by qualified, fully licensed personnel 24 hours a day in order to provide immediate first aid and to administer prescriptions and medications to campers and leaders.

All medications are required to be checked in and kept in the health lodge. Parents should send the medications and instructions with their scout. The scout then visits the Health Lodge as needed to take their medication.

It is the scout's responsibility to see that he takes his medications as prescribed.

Medical Forms and Special Accommodations

BSA requirements state that all campers, youth and adults, bring with them a copy of a completed medical form which is available at the Council Service Center. This form must be completed annually and signed by a licensed physician.

- Bring **only a COPY** of your completed medical form.
- All special accommodations such as diet restrictions should be brought to the attention of the camp director at least 2 weeks before your scheduled arrival date.

Eagle Camp | Camp Conestoga

July 25-31, 2021

TOTAL -FEE: \$385.00 - First week at Camp Conestoga
\$350.00 - Second week at Camp Conestoga
Registration Fee: \$50.00 due upon registration
Balance must be paid by May 7, 2021

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: May 7, 2021

REGISTRATION: Limited to First Class, Star and Life Scouts who previously attended 2020 Summer Camp at Conestoga or a previous Unit long term experience at another council camp.

PROGRAM: Merit badges offered: Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Personal Management, and Family Life. (Scouts must sign up to take at least two, but no more than four of these badges.)

Scouts are required to prepare for camp by initiating the time requirement sections of any merit badges before camp to avoid the partial completion of the badges.

During their stay at Eagle Camp, the Scouts will be going on a variety of field trips that are specifically designed to meet the requirements of those badges offered. The scouts shall be required to attend specific program sessions designed for the Eagle Camp. Further program information of the Eagle Camp shall be forwarded to the individual campers following registration.

Provisional Camp 2021 Season at Camp Conestoga

Do you think one week of camp is exciting? Is your troop camping somewhere else this summer? Will you be on vacation during your troop's week at camp? If this is the case, then don't miss out on the True Scouting Experience 2021. Join us at provisional camp for your chance to experience all the Camp Conestoga has to offer. The camp will provide adult leadership for provisional camp - all that's missing is you!

Provisional Camp Fee:

- 1st week at Camp Conestoga in 2021 - \$385.00
- 2nd week at Camp Conestoga in 2021 - \$350.00

Specialty Camp Registration Form

I would like to register for EAGLE CAMP-July 25-31, 2021

I would like to register for PROVISIONAL CAMP for this week:

June 20-26 June 27-July 3 July 11-17
July 18-24 July 25 - 31 August 1-7

Scout Name _____ Unit _____ District _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Scout Birthdate _____ Parent Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Scoutmaster Approval (Eagle Camp only) _____

Registration fee (\$50.00) enclosed for each Specialty Camp. Specialty Camp Balance must be paid before May 7, 2021.

Mail to:

Westmoreland-Fayette Council
2 Garden Center Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601

Refund Policy (Updated 01/01/2021)

- Deposit fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.
- For events where you register as a unit, registrations are transferrable within the same unit to a Scout or adult leader not currently registered for the activity.
- Refund of fees, outside of a deposit, will be processed on a sliding scale according to the following guidelines:
 - Requests received 30 or more days before the event – you will receive 100% of the total event fee, less the NON-REFUNDABLE deposit.
 - Requests received 14 – 29 days before the event – you will receive 50% of the total event fee, less the NON-REFUNDABLE deposit.
 - Requests received less than 14 days before the day of the event – you will receive 25% of the total event fee, less the NON-REFUNDABLE deposit.
- In the event of a documented medical reason (doctor's note required), a death in the family, a natural disaster, or a declared emergency – refund request must be submitted within fourteen (14) days following the end of the applicable activity.

To review the full updated refund policy of the Westmoreland-Fayette Council, please visit our camping pages at www.wfbsa.org

Order of The Arrow Unit Elections Information for 2021

Attention Scouters! Unit elections for the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's national honor society, are right around the corner. This is an important year for Wagion Lodge #6, the OA lodge of the Westmoreland-Fayette Council, as it will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. As a result of the ongoing pandemic, the National Order of the Arrow has decided to temporarily alter the requirements to be eligible for induction into the Order of the Arrow. For further details about these requirements, please visit <https://oa-bsa.org/article/oa-temporary-camping-requirement-changes>.

If you have any questions about the Order of the Arrow or Wagion Lodge #6, reach out to your Troop's Order of the Arrow Representative or any of current lodge members. Be on the lookout for more information about the OA and any further information about Elections in your Unit. See You at Camp!

- Matt Dalton
Unit Elections Chairman



WOOD BADGE

Take Your Unit to the Next Level



Course Information N4-512-21

Westmoreland-Fayette Council, BSA

Weekend 1

August 20-22

Beginning FRIDAY at 7:30 am,
ending SUNDAY by 5:00 pm

Weekend 2

September 25-26

Beginning SATURDAY at 7:30
am, ending SUNDAY by 5:00 pm

**Both weekends will be held at
Camp Conestoga**

639 Buck Run Road, Somerset Pa 15501

All sessions must be attended

Cost: \$280.00

Early Bird cost of **\$265** if paid in full by **June 1, 2021**. A deposit of \$80 is required to secure your spot

Register at: wfbsa.org/woodbadge

Additional information can also be found at this link

Questions?: Contact Course Director

Keith Kifer- 724-454-1272 kifer1954@gmail.com

Limited space available- register today!

Charles (Charlie) A. Yarris Campership Fund

In July of 2013 the Campership Fund of the Westmoreland Council was named in honor of Charles (Charlie) A. Yarris longtime Scoutmaster of Troop 608, chartered to the Third Presbyterian Church of Uniontown. Charlie has been Scoutmaster for over 40 years and continues to be active in Scouting and has camped with his Troop at Camp Conestoga every summer during that time. Charlie has always done his best to make sure his Scouts come to Camp no matter what their financial circumstances. That's what the Campership Fund is all about! Annually over \$4,000 is awarded to Cub Scouts and Scouts who qualify for assistance. We actively seek donations to help the Council to continue to offer this assistance to our Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA and their families! Contact the Council Service Center to make a financial contribution to the Campership Fund.

The Campership Program is designed to aid, but not support, Scouts who would not be able to attend camp without financial assistance -- remembering that A SCOUT IS THRIFTY and WORKS to pay his own way and helps others.

Campership Information

AVAILABILITY & REVIEW PROCEDURES

- Campership applications will be reviewed by the campership committee. The Reservation Director shall be given power of approval beginning the first day of Staff training week.
- Camperships shall be available for all RESIDENT CAMPS.
- Camperships will be considered on a first come, first served basis.
- All campership applications must be received no later than April 5, 2021.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- Applications are available on council website. Unit leaders are responsible for completing the "unit information" section and distributing applications to families with a perceived need.
- Parents or Guardians are responsible for the remainder of the application and for its submission.
- Incomplete applications will be denied.



Westmoreland-Fayette Council National Youth Leadership Training Course

Final Dates Will Be Announced at the Council Camp Kickoff

Eberly Scout Reservation. The course takes place within Eberly Scout Reservation in Somerset County and aims at teaching scouts the skills they need to hold a leadership position in the troop. Organized into patrols, scouts cook, eat, and attend hands-on learning sessions with other scouts from across the Westmoreland Fayette Council.

Attendance at the course is limited to those scouts who meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 14 years of age
- Be recommended by the scoutmaster of your troop
- Be at least first class
- Be enthusiastic about learning new skills
- Be proficient in scout skills (such as knots, first aid, cooking etc.)

NYLT integrates the best modern leadership theory with the traditional strengths of the Scouting experience. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussion, and audio-visual support. NYLT participants engage in a unified approach to leadership that gives skill and confidence to lead well.

*Cost of the course is \$215.00 and includes food, printed materials, t-shirt, hat, lanyard, patch, program supplies, and a quality enthusiastic, trained staff.

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Greensburg, PA 15601
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Greensburg, PA
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