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Special Camp Edition 2022 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, an 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
SEVEN NEW BADGES for 2022!
American Cultures, Electronics,
Engineering, Exploration, Graphic Arts,
Programming, and Public Health!

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

Shotgun Shooting, Welding, and Stain
Glass 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 2022 Camp
Leader's Guide.

Camp Conestoga Merit Badge Listing

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

Important Information & Dates

If your Unit did not reserve a space, the unit needs to complete a 2022 Campsite Reservation form and pay a \$25.00 site fee.

- January 24, 2022 - Please join us for the "State of the Council" where we will kickoff the 2022 camping season.
- March 4, 2022 - 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 4, 2022 - Campership applications are due.
- May 6, 2022 - 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 participate as a group at Handicraft, Nature, Aquatics, Scoutcraft, and STEMcraft area. The program will last all six summits for each 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 each patrol will follow a different schedule throughout the day accomplishing the same objectives given by the program.

During the pathfinder program, scouts will have the opportunity to fulfill basic requirements on knot tying, lashings, and outdoor skills included in the Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First-Class rank. Additionally, scouts will have the ability to earn Art, Mammal Study, and Swimming or Personal Fitness merit badge. The program will also allow the scouts to choose one of the following merit badges offered during sixth summit only; Sculpture, Sports/Athletics, Search and Rescue, Space Exploration or Chess. Please keep aware there is cost associated for Sculpture and Space Exploration.



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

- Project COPE is a specialty program designed for Scouts aged 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.



Visitor Night Open Zipline

During the summer, visitors will be able to use the Zipline 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 Zipline is open from 5:30 - 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 4th, 2022.

The troop will receive the discounted fee to be paid in full by May 6th, 2022, 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 6th, 2022**. 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 – \$390.00 PER SCOUT, PER WEEK, IF PAID IN FULL BY MAY 6, 2022.

Regular Camp Fees – \$410.00 PER SCOUT, PER WEEK, IF PAID IN FULL AFTER MAY 6, 2022.

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: \$355. 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 \$320.00 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 \$355. 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 4, 2022 / MAKING FINAL PAYMENTS ON MAY 6, 2022 / AND WHEN YOUR TROOP CHECKS IN AT CAMP.

Eberly Scout Reservation Refund Policy

- Any required deposits shall be NON-REFUNDABLE.
- Refund of fees, outside of a deposit, will be processed on a sliding scale according to specified guidelines
- 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.
- 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.

For complete details on the Council Refund Policy, please visit www.wfbsa.org/camping

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
- ☐ First Aid Kit

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 to provide Immediate or Emergency first aid to campers and leaders.

NOTE: Prescriptions or medications WILL ONLY be Administered between 7 am and 10 pm daily!

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 they take their 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, (A,B, & C MUST BE COMPLETED), 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 24-30, 2022

TOTAL -FEE: \$390.00 - First week at Camp Conestoga
\$355.00 - Second week at Camp Conestoga
Registration Fee: \$50.00 due upon registration
Balance must be paid by May 6, 2022

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: May 6, 2022

REGISTRATION: Limited to First Class, Star and Life Scouts who previously attended 2021 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, Citizenship in Society, Communications, and Personal Management. 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 2022 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 2022 - \$390.00
- 2nd week at Camp Conestoga in 2022 - \$355.00

In 2022, Scouts in need will have an opportunity to apply for an Eagle Camp Campership. Details and applications can be found at www.wfbsa.org/camping

Specialty Camp Registration Form

I would like to register for **EAGLE CAMP - July 24-30, 2022**

OR

I would like to register for **PROVISIONAL CAMP** during these dates:

June 19-25 June 26-July 2 July 10-16
July 17-23 July 24-30 July 31-August 6

Scout Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Unit _____ District _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Scoutmaster Approval (Eagle Camp only) _____

Registration fee (\$50.00) enclosed. Balance must be paid before May 6th, 2022, unless approved by the Camp Director.

Mail to:

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

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 \$2,000 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 4, 2022.

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.
- **NEW** for 2022 – Campership available for Eagle Camp-July 24-30, 2022.



Returning to Camp in 2022!!!!
Daily Adult Leader Training!!

For more information and details, please see the Leader's Guide

CAMP CONESTOGA

Scuba Camp

Westmoreland Fayette Council BSA

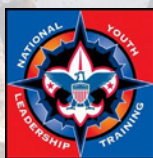


JULY 3-9, 2022

SCUBA Camp 2022

For more information visit

WFCBSA.org



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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