


Camp Conestoga 2023



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Dear Scout Leaders:

When you bring your units to Camp Conestoga you expect a great program delivered by the standards of the Boy Scouts of America. You want a knowledgeable staff that not only will teach the BSA standards but practice the 12 points of the Scout Law in front of your Scouts. Our staff will strive to teach as many outdoor skills as they can through the merit badges we offer, so the youth can use them along their Scouting Trail. I truly believe “what we learn today, we teach tomorrow”.

We are no exception to the “what we learn today, we teach tomorrow”. I strive to take the input that your Units give us at the end of your week to better the camp each year. So, with the input you have provided, we have added some changes and tweaked the Pathfinder program, Evening Program, and added a few New Merit Badges to camp for 2023! I hope you notice the changes and continue to provide great feedback as we keep growing the camp year to year!

Since I first got involved with the Boy Scouts of America as an adult, I have been pulled into the wonder and adventure it has been offering for decades. I have taken as many classes as I can to ensure I can teach the values of scouting to those young people we lead today. I am excited to lead our great staff on this summer’s journey to help you and your youth make great and long-lasting memories.

Since 1949 Camp Conestoga has been allowing our staffs to help create those memories. Unit leaders have been bringing their units to create memories and those memories help the youth and leaders keep the Units growing and coming back each year.

I pledge to ensure the staff gives you and your youth the attention and care you all deserve and to have a fun filled outdoor learning experience.

See you at camp,

Paul A. Rock

Camp Conestoga Camp Director

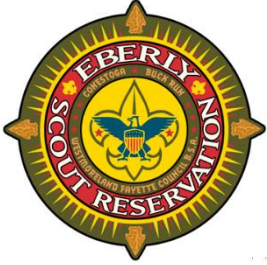
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The Eberly Scout Reservation

The Eberly Scout Reservation is located midway between Donegal and Somerset off Route 31, one and a half miles south of Bakersville Pennsylvania in the beautiful Laurel Hill State Park. The Reservation has two camps, Camp Conestoga, and Camp Buck Run. These Scout camps have been appraised as two of the best in the country. Camp Conestoga has been in operation for 74 years and Camp Buck Run has been in operation for 75 years. Both camps are certified annually by the Boy Scouts of America to ensure that they meet the most stringent standards and are nothing less than the very best. Camps Conestoga and Buck Run receive an "A" rating each year.



All Scouts in attendance will be in the very best of hands during their stay. A National Camp School Certified Director supervises each area. Each Staff Member participates in a weeklong training program to properly prepare them for their tasks. A resident Health Officer is also on site 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Nothing has been overlooked! We have made sure that your Scouts will have a **SAFE** and **FUN** experience during their stay with us.

Civil Rights Statement

The Westmoreland-Fayette Council is a non-profit organization and an equal opportunity employer. In keeping with the policies of the Boy Scouts of America, the rules for acceptance and participation in the camp program are the same for everyone without regard to race, sex, creed, color, national origin, or physical disability.

Any Scout or Leader that will be attending camp that requires any additional assistance should notify the Camp Director at least 2 weeks before their scheduled arrival date. This includes any Scout or Leader that may have any special diet restrictions or requirements.

On behalf of the Westmoreland-Fayette Council,

Welcome to Camp Conestoga!



About this Leader's Guide/How to Prepare for Camp

Scouters who have been camp leaders at Camp Conestoga many years have contributed to the content of this book. They have, through their experience, found what works and what doesn't work. This Leader's Guide is designed to help you. It is geared to inform not only the leader who is sure their unit is coming to Camp Conestoga, but also for the prospective Troop.



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In here, you'll find clear descriptions of what Camp Conestoga has to offer in Merit Badge programs, High Adventure activities, Patrol and Troop competition as well as special features. As the camp leader, you can make your job easier if you start to prepare for camp in a systematic manner as soon as you receive this Leader's Guide. First, read this guide from cover to cover to become familiar with the camp program and the mechanics of taking a troop to camp. Also be sure to share this guide with your assistants so they will understand the camp program and be better able to provide leadership as well. Feel free to copy any part of this book and distribute them to Scouts and parents to help your planning.

This Leader's Guide is a guidebook of sorts, in that it collects hundreds of facts and data into a handy reference form. We hope that you will find this Leader's Guide complete. But if some question is not answered, please feel free to contact the Council Service Center of the Westmoreland Fayette Council of the Boy Scouts of America at 724-837-1630 Extension 306. We look forward to your arrival at Camp Conestoga!

2023 Session Dates

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| Week 1 | June 18 th – June 24 th |
| Week 2 | June 25 th – July 1 st |
| Week 3 | July 9 th – July 15 th |
| Week 4 | July 16 th – July 22 nd |
| Week 5 | July 23 rd – July 29 th |



Camp Conestoga Fee Structure- 2023

Please note that there have been changes to the fee structure for the 2023 season. The cost of a week of camp has been raised to include better program materials, competitive camp staff salaries, and overall camp improvements.

Reservation Fee – ALL SCOUTS

\$50.00 PER SCOUT – Due in the Council Service Center by *March 3rd, 2023*.

The troop will receive the discounted fee to be paid in full by **May 5th, 2023**, for the number of Scouts that the Troop has paid \$50 for by this date. Exception will be New Scouts / Arrow of Light-Scouts moving to the Troop; they will receive the discounted price until **May 5th**, this fee is necessary to hold the troop campsite and is credited toward the remaining balance. This fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE** but is transferable to a New Scout added to the Camp Roster.

Camp Fees—Early Bird Fees

\$400.00 PER SCOUT, PER WEEK, IF PAID IN FULL *BY MAY 5th, 2023*.

Camp Fees – Regular Camp Fees

\$420.00 PER SCOUT, PER WEEK, IF PAID IN FULL *AFTER MAY 5th, 2023*.

(NOTE: This does not count New Scouts / AOL Cross Overs)

Site Reservation Fee

\$25.00 per troop, this fee reserves the campsite, and may be rolled over from each attending year.

Second Week of Camp Fee

\$365.00 PER SCOUT, PER WEEK OF CAMP.

Camp Fees—Units Cooking in their Campsite, **(Units PROVIDE THEIR OWN FOOD!)**

\$70.00 price reduction per scout by prior arrangements. The fee is **\$330.00 PER SCOUT** for these Troops.

Leaders 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 Adults

Beyond 32 Scouts the ration stays the same.

17 - 24 Scouts = 3 Free Adult

One More Free Adult at 33, 41, 49, 57, 65, & etc.

25 – 32 Scouts = 4 Free Adults

*****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 will receive a 10% discount on the second (and subsequent) Scout camp fees at Buck Run.

NOTE: Fees will be assessed on the Day of CAMP CHECK-IN at Camp Conestoga to ensure you meet the requirements.

A COMPLETED TROOP ROSTER INCLUDING INFORMATION FOR ALL YOUTH AND ADULTS ATTENDING CAMP IS REQUIRED WHEN MAKING DEPOSITS ON MARCH 3rd, 2023. FINAL PAYMENTS ARE DUE ON MAY 5th, 2023, AND WHEN YOUR TROOP CHECKS IN AT CAMP.

Camp Conestoga Refund Policy

Refund requests will only be considered if submitted by regular mail sent to:

*Camp Director
Westmoreland Fayette Council
2 Garden Center Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601*

Request form can be found on page 69 of this guide!

1. Any required deposits shall be NON-REFUNDABLE.
2. Refund of fees, outside of a deposit, will be processed on a sliding scale according to the following guidelines:
 - Request received 30 or more days before the event – you will receive 100% of the total event fee, less the NON-REFUNDABLE deposit.
 - Request received 14 – 29 days before the event – you will receive 50% of the total event fee, less the NON-REFUNDABLE deposit.
 - Request 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Approved refunds will be processed within thirty (30) days of their receipt and all deposit will be made to the Unit. The unit will be responsible for the disbursement of those fees to the correct family. In Council Units, fees will be deposited into the Units account at the Council Service Center.
6. If an activity is cancelled or postponed by our council and the participant cannot attend on the alternate date, a refund request of the full fee will need to be submitted to process the refund.
7. Recognizing that we are here to “help other people at all times,” regardless of the policies set out above, full or partial refunds may be granted for special hardship cases. Special hardship cases may include personal illness or family emergencies. Special hardship case refunds will be promptly considered and granted or denied by the Camp's Staff Advisor or Camp Director.

Policy effective 01/01/2021

Campership Information

The purpose of the campership program is to assist Scouts who have a financial need and have demonstrated fiscal inability to attend council sponsored camping opportunities. Please refer to the Campership Application in the Camp Forms section of this Leader's Guide for more information. (*Camperships are awarded to in Council Units Only!*)

Camperships are available for Eagle Camp-July 23-29, 2023. (Separate form is required!)

1. AVAILABILITY & REVIEW PROCEDURES

- A. Campership applications will be reviewed by the campership committee. The Reservation or Camp Director shall be given power of approval beginning the first day of Staff training week.
- B. Camperships shall be available for all RESIDENT CAMPS.
- C. Camperships will be considered on a need basis.
- D. All campership applications must be received no later than April 3rd, 2023.
- E. You will be required to submit a copy of your 2022 Federal Tax Return or most recent with your application.

2. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- A. Applications shall be available on the Council Website. An application can be found in the Camp Forms section of this guide.
- B. Unit leaders are responsible for completing the “unit information” section and distributing applications to families with a perceived need.
- C. Parents or Guardians are responsible for the remainder of the application and for its submission.
- D. Incomplete applications cannot be considered.