

Camp Conestoga 2025 Leader's Guide

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Dear Scout Leaders,

Greetings from Camp Conestoga! We are thrilled to welcome your units to our camp, where we are dedicated to providing an exceptional Scouting experience that upholds the high standards set by Scouting America. Our team of experienced and passionate staff members is fully committed to fostering the principles of the Scout Law in all interactions, ensuring that your Scouts not only learn valuable skills but also grow as individuals.

At Camp Conestoga, we recognize the vital role that outdoor skills play in a Scout's journey, and our staff is eager to help facilitate their development through the merit badge programs we offer. Our goal is simple: to provide your Scouts with practical, hands-on experiences that they can carry with them on their Scouting Trail, helping them become better leaders, more confident individuals, and lifelong learners.

We believe in the guiding motto: *"What we learn today, we teach tomorrow."* This is a core principle of our camp, and it drives us to encourage your Scouts to share their knowledge and experiences with others. By fostering a culture of teaching and learning, we aim to build an environment where each Scout is empowered to grow, lead, and contribute to the success of their fellow Scouts.

Thank you for choosing Camp Conestoga for your unit's summer adventure. We are eager to work together to create a fun, memorable, and meaningful experience for your Scouts. If you have any questions or need further information before your arrival, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Yours in Scouting,
Paul Rock
Camp Conestoga Camp Director
Proud Parent of Two Eagle Scouts!

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The **Eberly Scout Reservation** is in the scenic Laurel Hill State Park, nestled between Donegal and Somerset, Pennsylvania, just south of Bakersville. This reservation is home to two highly regarded Boy Scout camps: **Camp Conestoga** and **Camp Buck Run**. Both camps have a long-standing history, with **Camp Conestoga** operating for 76 years and **Camp Buck Run** for 77 years. They are known for their exceptional quality, consistently earning an “A” rating every year from Scouting America after thorough certifications. These camps are dedicated to offering the highest standard of Scouting experience.

At the Eberly Scout Reservation, every Scout is in excellent hands. The camp is supervised by a **National Camp School Certified Camp Director**, with a **National Camp School Certified Program Director** overseeing each activity area. Additionally, all camp staff undergo rigorous training for over a week to ensure they are fully prepared for their roles. A **Resident Health Officer** is on-site 24/7, ensuring the safety and well-being of all attendees. The emphasis is on providing a **SAFE** and **FUN** environment for Scouts, with meticulous attention to every detail.

Civil Rights Statement

The **Westmoreland-Fayette Council** operates as a non-profit and is an **equal opportunity employer**, fully aligning with the principles of Scouting America. The camp program is open to all, with no discrimination based on race, sex, creed, color, national origin, or physical disability.

For any Scouts or Leaders requiring special accommodations, such as dietary restrictions or other needs, the **Camp Director** should be notified at least **2 weeks prior** to the scheduled arrival. The reservation is committed to ensuring that everyone can participate fully and safely.

The **Eberly Scout Reservation** offers a beautiful and secure environment for Scouts to experience their activities and adventures, with the assurance of safety and high-quality programs.

***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 it to Scouts and parents to help with 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 questions are not answered, please feel free to contact the Council Service Center of the Westmoreland Fayette Council of Scouting America at 724-837-1630 Extension 306. We look forward to your arrival at Camp Conestoga!

2025 Session Dates

Week 1	June 22 nd – June 28 th
Week 2	July 6 th – July 12 th
Week 3	July 13 th – July 19 th
Week 4	July 20 st – July 26 th
Week 5	July 27 th – August 2 nd



Camp Conestoga Fee Structure- 2025

Please note that there have been changes to the fee structure for the 2025 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 7th, 2025*.

The troop will receive the discounted fee to be paid in full by **May 2nd, 2025**, 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 2nd** or arranged by **Camp Director**, 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

\$420.00 PER SCOUT, PER WEEK, IF PAID IN FULL *BY May 2nd, 2025*.

Camp Fees – Regular Camp Fees

\$440.00 PER SCOUT, PER WEEK, IF PAID IN FULL *AFTER May 2nd, 2025*.

(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 to year.

Second Week of Camp Fee

\$385.00 PER SCOUT, PER WEEK OF CAMP.

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

\$75.00 price reduction per scout by prior arrangements. The fee is **\$345.00 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 \$385.

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.

REMINDER:

A COMPLETED TROOP ROSTER INCLUDING INFORMATION FOR ALL YOUTH AND ADULTS ATTENDING CAMP IS REQUIRED WHEN MAKING DEPOSITS ON March 7th, 2025. FINAL PAYMENTS ARE DUE ON May 2nd, 2025, AND WHEN YOUR TROOP CHECKS IN AT CAMP.

Camp Conestoga Refund Policy

1. Refund requests will only be considered if submitted by regular mail sent to:
Camp Staff Advisor/Camp Director
Westmoreland Fayette Council
2 Garden Center Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601
2. For Resident Camps:
 - a. Any required deposits shall be NON-REFUNDABLE.
 - b. Refund of fees, outside of a deposit, will be processed on a sliding scale according to the following guidelines:
 - i. Request received 30 or more days before the event – you will receive 100% of the total event fee, less the NON-REFUNDABLE deposit.
 - ii. Request received 14 – 29 days before the event – you will receive 50% of the total event fee, less the NON-REFUNDABLE deposit.
 - iii. 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.
 - iv. 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.
 - c. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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 27-August 2, 2025.
(Separate form and requirements will be needed)

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 7th, 2025.
- E. You will be required to submit a copy of your 2024 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.
 - Unit leaders are responsible for completing the “unit information” section and distributing applications to families with a perceived need.
- B. Parents or Guardians are responsible for the remainder of the application and for its submission.
- C. Incomplete applications cannot be considered.