

A close-up photograph of a campfire with three marshmallows on sticks being roasted. The fire is bright orange and yellow, with some smoke rising. The marshmallows are white and slightly puffed. The background is dark and out of focus, showing some dry sticks and leaves.

**Smoke Signals**  
**Camp Conestoga**

2025 Edition



# Camp Conestoga

- 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 STEAMcraft area, a scoutcraft area and, 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 be able to download a copy of the Leader's Guide from our Council Website, ([wfbsa.org](http://wfbsa.org)). 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 during the Sunday evening Leader's Meeting.

# ***New & Returning MBs for 2025***

- **Returning: Textiles, Plumbing, Photography, Oceanography, & Geocaching**



**NEW MERIT BADGE  
FOR 2025!**



**INVENTING**



# Camp Conestoga

## Merit Badges

- All Scouts should consult their Scoutmaster about their Merit Badge selections!
- 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 2025 Camp Leader's Guide and be able to provide adequate proof!
- Archery | Art | Astronomy | Automotive Maintenance | Archaeology | Aviation | Basketry | Bird and Insect Study | Camping | Chemistry | Climbing | COPE | Cooking | Disability Awareness | Emergency Preparedness | Engineering | Exploration | Farming Mechanics | Fishing | Fish and Wildlife | First Aid | Fly Fishing | Forestry | Geocaching | Geology | Game Design | Home repairs | Inventing | Kayaking | Law | Leatherwork | Lifesaving | Model Design and Building | Nuclear Science | Oceanography | Orienteering and Geocaching | Photography | Pioneering | Paddleboard | Public Speaking | Reptile and Amphibian | Rifle | Rowing | Search and Rescue | Sculpture | Signs, Signals, and Codes | Small Boat Sailing | Space Exploration | Swimming | Textiles | Welding | Wilderness Survival

# Important Information & Dates

**2025**

If your Unit did not reserve a space, the unit needs to complete a 2025 Campsite Reservation form and pay a \$25.00 site fee.

**7 Mar. 2025**

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.

**2 May 2025**

Final Camp fees are due.

**27 Jan. 2025**

Please join us for the "ESR Camp Kickoffs" where we will kick-off the 2025 camping season.

**7 Apr. 2025**

Campership applications are due.

# **Pathfinder Program**

Scouts participating in the Pathfinder Program will have a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in a variety of foundational scout skills, spanning from Scout Rank all the way to First Class. This program is designed to help scouts build confidence and proficiency in essential skills, such as knot tying, basic navigation, first aid, outdoor survival techniques, and more. In addition to these technical skills, scouts will also have the chance to develop leadership abilities, teamwork, and problem-solving skills, all while navigating camp and participating in real-world scenarios.

The Pathfinder Program follows a morning-only schedule, which allows scouts the flexibility to choose from a wide range of merit badges in the afternoon based on their interests. This structured time encourages scouts to take responsibility for their own learning, pursue personal goals, and further enhance their scouting knowledge. In the mornings, scouts will be divided into 3-4 patrols, fostering a collaborative environment where they will work closely together. As a team, they will engage in hands-on learning, solve challenges, and embrace the patrol method—an essential component of scouting that promotes leadership, communication, and camaraderie. By the end of the program, scouts will have not only honed their individual skills but also deepened their connection to the scouting community.



# **Project C.O.P.E.**



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 Parent / Visitor 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 – 6:55 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 \$7.00 per parents / visitor, (Campers are Free). 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 be unable to park in or close to the campsite. All parents / visitors should be prepared to walk from the designated parking lots and make sure the items being brought to camp are easily transported.



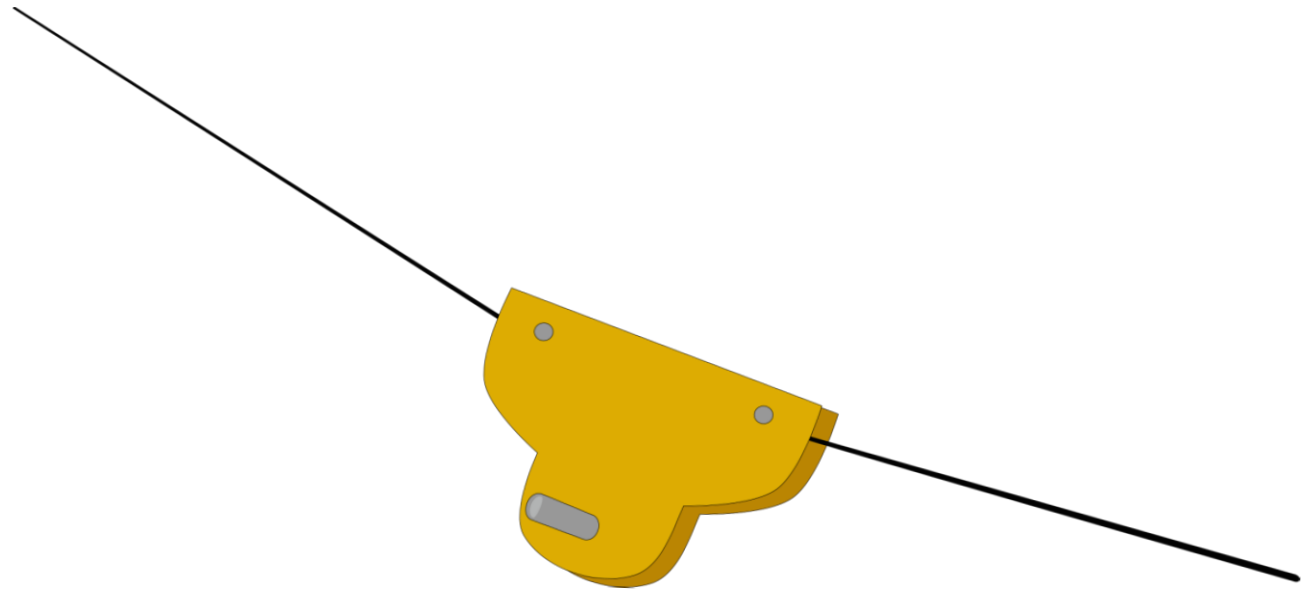


# Visitor Night- Open

## 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](http://www.wfbsa.org)). If under 18, the waiver MUST be signed by participant's parent or guardian.
- ✓ All participants must purchase a ticket at the COPE Tower (\$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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The troop will receive the discounted fee to be paid in full by MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, or date arranged by Camp Director as needed. This fee is necessary to hold the troop campsite and is credited toward the remaining balance. The fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE but is transferable to a NEW Scout added to the roster**, (see the refund policy for more information about transferability).

Early Bird Camp Fees – \$420.00 PER SCOUT, PER WEEK, IF PAID IN FULL BY MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

Regular Camp Fees – \$440.00 PER SCOUT, PER WEEK, IF PAID IN FULL AFTER MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

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

Second Week of Camp Fee: \$385.00 PER SCOUT, PER WEEK OF CAMP.

Camp Fees – Units Cooking in their Campsite \$75.00 price reduction per Scout by prior arrangements. The fee is: \$345.00 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, (Cooking in site: \$150.00 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 \$385. 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 / MAKING FINAL PAYMENTS ON MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 / AND WHEN YOUR TROOP CHECKS IN AT CAMP.**

# Camp Conestoga | Checklist | What to Bring

**Do NOT Bring**

- Fireworks | Ammunition | Pets | Sheath Knives | Alcoholic Beverages
- Electronic Games | Kerosene or Gas Lanterns

**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 Scout's 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 the NEW completed medical form, (A, B, & C MUST BE COMPLETED), which is available on the Council's Website. 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.

<p><b>Clothing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Scout Uniform</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Extra T-Shirts</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Extra Shorts/Pants</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Extra Socks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Extra Underwear</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Boots/Sturdy Shoes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Jacket/Sweatshirt</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Raincoat/ Poncho</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Swim Trunks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Scout Hat</li> </ul> <p><b>Personal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Shower/Personal Toiletries</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush/Toothpaste</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Shower Shoes</li> </ul>	<p><b>Supplies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pocketknife</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Extra Batteries/Bulb</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Canteen</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Footlocker</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Eating Utensils</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Compass</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit</li> </ul> <p><b>Bedding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag/Blankets</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pillow</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ground cloth</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Large sheet of cardboard to cushion cote springs</li> </ul>	<p><b>Miscellaneous</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Paper &amp; Pencils</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rope</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Matches</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hiking Stave</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fire Starters</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Survival Kit</li> </ul>
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# EAGLE CAMP | CAMP CONESTOGA

JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>-AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2025

TOTAL -FEE: \$420.00 - First week at Camp Conestoga

\$385.00 - Second week at Camp Conestoga

Registration Fee: \$50.00 due upon registration

Balance must be paid by May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, or dated arranged by Camp Director

REGISTRATION: Limited to First Class, Star and Life Scouts who

previously attended 2025 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, Family Life, 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

2025 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 in 2025. 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 2025 - \$420.00
- 2nd week at Camp Conestoga in 2025 - \$385.00

## Provisional Camp/ Eagle Camp Registration Form

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to register for EAGLE CAMP- July 27-August 2, 2025

OR

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

\_\_\_\_\_ June 22 - 28

\_\_\_\_\_ July 6 – 12

\_\_\_\_\_ July 13 - 19

\_\_\_\_\_ July 20 - 26

\_\_\_\_\_ July 27 – August 2

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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, unless approved by the Camp Director or Camp Advisor.

Mail to:

Westmoreland-Fayette Council

c/o Camp Conestoga

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 had been a Scoutmaster for over 40 years active in Scouting and had 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 \$3,000 is awarded to Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA 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.

In 2021 we added a Campership Program to help Scouts attend Eagle Camp to earn those Required Badges needed!

### AVAILABILITY & REVIEW PROCEDURES

- Campership applications will be reviewed by the campership committee. The Reservation/Camp Director/Camp Advisor shall be given power of approval beginning the first day of Staff training week.
- Camperships shall be available for all RESIDENT CAMPS, including EAGLE CAMP.
- Camperships will be considered on a first come, first served basis.
- All campership applications must be received no later than April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### 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

August 10-15, 2025

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 Westmorland 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 \$225.00 and includes food, printed materials, t-shirt, hat, lanyard, patch, program supplies, and a quality enthusiastic, trained staff.

- For Information;
  - Visit: [www.wfbsa.org](http://www.wfbsa.org)
  - Email:
    - Camp Buck Run at [campbuckrun@gmail.com](mailto:campbuckrun@gmail.com)
    - Camp Conestoga at [campconestoga@gmail.com](mailto:campconestoga@gmail.com)
  - Call: Paul Rock @ 724-837-1630 Ext. 306