

Camp Conestoga 2026 Leader's Guide

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Dear Scout Leaders:

Greetings from the 2026 Conestoga Camp Staff! I am excited to welcome your Units to our Camp! Whether you are new to Conestoga or past alumni, in council or out of council, we are here to help you and your Scouts have an unforgettable camp experience. The Conestoga Camp Staff is committed to providing a safe, engaging, and enriching program that supports the aims of Scouting – character development, citizenship, leadership, and personal fitness. Our staff has been working hard to prepare quality program areas, well-maintained facilities and meaningful activities that challenge Scouts while ensuring they have fun along the way.

It is a proven fact that Scout Camp is an essential part in building valuable skills in each Scout that attends. Your role as Scout Leader is essential to the success of the camp experience. We appreciate your dedication, preparation, and partnership as we work together to create a positive and supportive environment for every Scout. Our staff is eager to help develop those skills through the Merit Badges and programs we offer to provide your Scouts with practical, hands-on experiences that they can take with them on their Scouting Trail. Here at Camp Conestoga, we believe in the guiding motto: “What we learn today, we teach tomorrow.”

Throughout your stay, the camp administration is available to support you and your unit in any way possible. Thank you for choosing Camp Conestoga. We look forward to working with you and sharing a week filled with adventures, learning, and lasting memories. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have.

Yours in Scouting

Richard C. Rogers
Camp Conestoga Camp Director
Eagle Scout and proud father of an Eagle Scout

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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 77 years and **Camp Buck Run** for 78 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 accommodation, 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 for many years have contributed to the content of this book. They have, through their experience, found what works and what does not 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. In here, you will 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!

Session Dates

Week 1	June 21 st – June 27 th
Week 2	July 5 th – July 11 th
Week 3	July 12 th – July 18 th
Week 4	July 19 th – July 25 th
Week 5	July 26 th – August 1 st



Camp Conestoga Fee Structure-

Please note that there have been changes to the fee structure for the 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 6th, 2026*.

The troop will receive the discounted fee to be paid in full by **May 1st, 2026**, 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 1st** 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 1st, 2026*.

Camp Fees – Regular Camp Fees

\$440.00 PER SCOUT, PER WEEK, IF PAID IN FULL *AFTER May 1st, 2026*.

(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!)**

\$70.00 price reduction per scout by prior arrangements. The fee is **\$350.00 PER SCOUT** for these Troops.

Leaders Fees

The First 2 leaders for every unit are free. Beyond the initial two leaders, a ratio of one leader to every eight scouts will allow an additional leader to attend camp at no charge. Units bringing more than two 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 8th, 2026. FINAL PAYMENTS ARE DUE ON May 1st, 2026, 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 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 26-August 1
(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 6th.
- E. You will be required to submit a copy of your 2025 Federal Tax Return or the 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.