



Camp Conestoga Merit Badge Program

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 complete with sail boats, a handicraft building, 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 in order 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 2012 Camp Leaders Guide. All Scoutmasters will receive a copy of the Leaders Guide at the Camp Rally. 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 upon your arrival.

- ALL SCOUTS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR SCOUTMASTER ABOUT THEIR MERIT BADGE SELECTIONS. SHOTGUN SHOOTING MERIT BADGE IS LIMITED TO SCOUTS 13 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.
- SCOUTS SHOULD CHOOSE AT LEAST 3 MERIT BADGES.
- SCOUTS SHOULD COME PREPARED TO LEARN AND HAVE ALL MERIT BADGE PREREQUISITES COMPLETED AS LISTED IN THE 2012 CAMP LEADERS GUIDE.

Camp Conestoga Merit Badge Listing

Archery	First-Aid	Reptile & Amphibian Study
Art	Fish & Wildlife Management	Rifle
Athletics	Fly Fishing	Rowing
Astronomy	Forestry	Scouting Heritage
Basketry	Geology	Sculpture
Bird Study	Leather Work	Shotgun Shooting
Camping	Life Saving	Small Boat Sailing
Canoeing	Mammal Study	Soil & Water Conservation
Climbing	Nature	Space Exploration
Communications	Oceanography	Sports
Cooking	Orienteering	Swimming
Emergency Preparedness	Personal Fitness	Weather
Environmental Science	Photography	Wilderness Survival
Fishing	Pioneering	Wood Carving
Fire Safety	Pottery	Woodworking

In addition to Merit Badges, Camp Conestoga offers several age-specific programs.

For New Scouts-
The PATHFINDER Program

For Scouts 13 & older-
Project C.O.P.E.


For Scouts 14 & older-
Eagle Camp

PLUS- Provisional Camp ~ Keep reading to find out more!

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The PATHFINDER Program

The **PATHFINDER PROGRAM** capitalizes on all the aspects that Camp Conestoga has to offer a young Scout in a fun, high-spirited atmosphere. This program is designed for Scouts who are the rank of Scout or Tenderfoot so they can achieve the outdoor requirements for First Class during their stay at camp. All Pathfinder participants will spend the week strengthening their outdoor skills, practicing first-aid, lashing, orienteering and swimming. All Scouts will also participate in a 5-mile hike.

All Scouts will have a great well-rounded learning experience while getting the chance to become acquainted with Camp Conestoga and the Boy Scout summer camping experience. The Pathfinder Program operates all morning. The Pathfinder swim is right after lunch. Scouts then have the opportunity to attend regularly scheduled merit badge sessions.

Philmont 2013 Troop Contingent



Our Reservation at Philmont has been confirmed!

We have been granted a contingent of 48 participants or 4 crews for Philmont in 2013. Our arrival date at Philmont will be June 16, 2013 and we will depart Philmont on June 28, 2012. Travel dates and itinerary will be planned by participating troops. Contact your Troop Leader to see if your Troop would like to experience Philmont!

Philmont is 137,493 acres of challenging Scout adventure set in among the mountains and mesas of Northeastern New Mexico. Philmont's mountain terrain ranges in elevation from 6,660 feet at headquarters to 12, 441 at the top of Mt. Baldy. Wildlife is abundant on Philmont's forested mountains and grassy plains.

Explore the Philmont high-country on a 12-day backpacking expedition. Experience the thrill of climbing mountains over two miles high. Learn technical rock climbing, archaeological excavation techniques, and black-smithing. Relive the by-gone days of the Old West as you ride a Western saddle horse, learn the ways of the mountain man, pack burros and pan for gold in a clear mountain stream. Discover the wonder of Scouting's paradise as over 650,000 Scouts and leaders have since 1939.

A Scout must be 14 by January 1 or completed 8th grade prior to participation. A crew is 7 -12 people including 2 leaders.

The Westmoreland-Fayette Council will be sending a Troop contingent to Philmont in 2013. Because of the tremendous demand for Philmont expeditions local troops will not be able to get reservation. Troops may register as a part of the 48 spaces in the Council Troop Contingent we have for 2013. Contact Jack Waite at the Council Service Center 724-837-1630.

To All Scouts, Venturers and Leaders, Get ready!

The 2013 National Scout Jamboree is coming and it isn't your father's jamboree. We're talking serious high adventure, people! There's Whitewater rafting, zip-lining, rappelling, mountain biking, hiking, and more. With 50,000 of your closest friends at the brand new Summit Bechtel Reserve in the wilds of West Virginia.

Cost: \$1,200 for all Scout, Venturers and Adult Leaders.



Project COPE

Back by popular demand for 2012, **Project C.O.P.E.** (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) has returned to Camp Conestoga to once again offer Scouts the chance to experience one of Scouting's high adventure programs. Project C.O.P.E. is designed for Scouts age 13 and up (by June 1st 2012) and who have completed the rank of First Class, to build confidence and positive attitudes towards life's challenges. The Scouts accomplish these goals through activities such as TRUST FALLS, INITIATIVE GAMES, and COMPLETING CAMP CONESTOGA'S LOW ELEMENTS C.O.P.E. COURSE. NOTE: C.O.P.E. is scheduled to run for the entire afternoon, so the Merit Badge opportunities for those Scouts will be limited to those held in the morning.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING TO ATTEND THE 2013 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

Overview:

The only place where you can apply to attend the 2013 National Scout Jamboree is at the home of the Summit on the

Web: www.summitbechtelreserve.org.

Payment schedule:

Reservation fee (due at time of application)

Reservation Fee	\$200.00
By January 31, 2012	\$200.00
By March 31, 2012	\$200.00
By May 31, 2012	\$200.00
By July 31, 2012	\$200.00
By September 30, 2012	\$200.00

MEDICAL FORMS AND SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

BSA requirements state that all Campers youth and adults bring with them a copy of completed medical form no. 680-001 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.

HEALTH LODGE

Our modern state of the art Health Lodge is staffed by qualified fully licensed personnel 24 hours a day in order to provide immediate First Aid and to administer prescriptions and medications to campers and leaders.

All medications are required to be checked-in and kept in the Health Lodge. Parents should send the medications and instructions with their son. The Scout then visits the Health Lodge as needed to take their medication. All medication left at camp after your Troop has checked out will be DISCARDED.

It is the Scout's responsibility to see that he takes his medication as prescribed.



CAMP CONESTOGA CONTACT INFORMATION

A 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. It is a good idea for parents wishing to hear from their campers to send them with a pre-paid phone card.

There is a camp mail box that is checked each day and mail will be delivered at one of the daily meals. All campers can also send mail as well; postcards and stamps will be available for purchase in our Trading Post. Parents sending mail should do so early in the week to ensure its arrival.

All incoming mail should be addressed as follows:

Camper's Name
Troop # / Campsite
Camp Conestoga
255 Conestoga Camp Road
Somerset, PA 15501

HOUSING:

All Scouts and Leaders will be staying in Boy Scout issue wide wall canvas tents on wooden platforms. There are 2 metal cots per tent. It is necessary for all campers to bring cardboard or some type of padding to separate their sleeping bags from the metal springs.

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.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

Please mark ALL equipment and clothing with your name and unit number.
Raincoat or poncho
Sleeping bag or blankets
Pocket knife
Flashlight
Extra batteries & bulb
Canteen
Rope
Matches
Fire Starters
Eating utensils
Scout Handbook
Scout Uniform
Extra t-shirts
Extra socks

Extra shorts
Toothbrush/toothpaste
Shower/Personal toiletries
Boots or sturdy shoes
Extra underwear
Jacket or sweatshirts
Paper and pencils
Footlocker
Ground cloth
Hiking stove
Swim trunks
Pillow
Insect repellent
Scout hat
Survival kit
Compass

DO NOT BRING!

Fireworks
Ammunition
Pets
Sheath knives
Radios, tape players
Alcoholic Beverages
Electronic games, equipment
Comic books
Playing cards
Video games
Cigarettes
Kerosene or gas lanterns
Cell phone

2012 Camp Conestoga Merit Badge Schedule

AREA	9AM	10AM	11AM	1:30PM	2:30PM	3:30PM	4:30PM
POOL	Swimming	Swimming	Open Swim	Instructional Swim	Swimming	Swimming	Open Swim
POOL	Life Saving	Cub Swimming	Open Swim	Pathfinder Swim	Unit Leader Training	Unit Leader Training	Open Swim
POOL	Mile Swim	Cub Swimming	Open Swim	Snorkeling	Lifesaving	Snorkeling	Open Swim
LAKE	Canoing	Canoing	Cub Boating	Small Boat Sailing	Small Boat Sailing	Small Boat Sailing	Small Boat Sailing
LAKE	Rowing	Rowing	Open Boating	Canoing	Canoing	Rowing	Rowing
FITNESS	Personal Fitness	Sports	Athletics	Personal Fitness	Sports	Athletics	Personal Fitness
WOODCRAFT	Environmental Science	Environmental Science	Nature	Weather	Oceanography	Environmental Science	Environmental Science
WOODCRAFT	Reptile & Amphibian	Space Exploration	Mammal Study	Forestry	Space Exploration	Mammal Study	Nature
WOODCRAFT	Soil & Water	Fish & Wildlife Mgt.	Geology	Astronomy	Geology	Fish & Wildlife Mgt.	Soil & Water
CAMP/CRAFT	Pioneering	Pioneering	Orienteering	Fly Fishing	Orienteering	Pioneering	Pioneering
CAMP/CRAFT	Wilderness Survival	Wilderness Survival	Emergency Preparedness	Fire Safety	Cooking	Wilderness Survival	Wilderness Survival
CAMP/CRAFT	Camping	Fishing	Cooking	Camping	Fishing	Emergency Preparedness	Leave No Trace
HANDICRAFT	Pottery	Art	Photography	Pottery	Art	Sculpture	Pottery
HANDICRAFT	Leatherwork	Basketry	Woodcarving	Leatherwork	Woodcarving	Basketry	Leatherwork
SHOOTING RANGE	Rifle Shooting	Rifle Shooting	Open Rifle		Shotgun Shooting	Shotgun Shooting	Open Shotgun
ARCHERY SHOOTING	Archery	Archery	Open Archery		Archery	Archery	Open Archery
COPE	Climbing	Climbing				COPE	
PATHFINDER	Pathfinder Program	Pathfinder Program		Instructional Swim	OA Interviews	First Aid	First Aid
OFFICE	Eagle Mentoring	Scouting Heritage	SPL Training	Adult Training		Wood Working	

Additional Opportunities

Listed below are other opportunities for Boy Scouts and Leaders to improve their skills during their stay at Camp Conestoga. These awards are **NOT MERIT BADGES**, but do require additional work. All camp leaders should check the daily newsletter for the specific starting times and locations of each activity.

Firem'n Chit- This program will instruct Scouts how to properly build and safely care for fire. All Scouts completing this program will receive a Firem'n Chit certification card. **Note: ONLY PART OF THE PATHFINDER PROGRAM**

Totin' Chip- The Totin' Chip program will demonstrate proper handling, care, and use of the knife, saw, and ax to all Scouts who participate. Scouts will also learn about respecting the outdoors and subscribing to the Outdoor Code. All Scouts participating in this program will receive a Totin' Chip card. **Note: ONLY PART OF THE PATHFINDER PROGRAM**

Mile Swim- This program is open to Scouts and Leaders. Both Scouts and Leaders will spend the week training each morning before breakfast. All participants must attend each morning in order to be eligible to do the mile. All Scouts and Leaders who want to participate in the program must be a red, white, and blue swimmer. All campers who successfully complete the mile swim will receive a certification card.

BSA Swimming and Water Rescue- BSA Swimming and Water Rescue instructs adult leaders on the safety aspects involved in swimming and boating activities. BSA Swimming and Water Rescue is offered weekly. Leaders should refer to the daily newsletter and meal-time announcements for scheduled times. Those completing this program will receive a certification card.

Climb On Safely- The Climb On Safely program teaches adult leaders the safety fundamentals in planning BSA sponsored climbing/rappelling activities. Climb on Safely is a one-time session offered weekly. Leaders should refer to the daily newsletter and meal-time announcements for scheduled times. Those completing this program will receive a certification card.

Paddle Craft Safety- Paddle Craft Safety instructs adult leaders on the safety aspects involved in paddle craft activities. Leaders should refer to the daily newsletter and meal-time announcements for scheduled times. Those completing this program will receive a certification card.



Provisional Camp 2012 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 2012. Join us at provisional camp for your chance to experience all that Camp Conestoga has to offer. The camp will provide adult leadership for provisional camp- all that's missing is you!

Provisional Camp Fees: 1st week at Camp Conestoga in 2012 - \$295.00.
2nd week at Camp Conestoga in 2012 - \$260.00

Registration form can be found in this newsletter.

CAMPERSHIP GUIDELINES - CAMP CONESTOGA

The Campership Program is designed to aid, but not support, Scouts who would not be able to attend camp without financial assistance.

Campership applications are available at the Council Service Center. All parts of the application must be completed and turned in by April 9, 2012 in order to be eligible for a Campership. Incomplete applications will not be processed.



CAMP CONESTOGA PARENTS/VISITORS NIGHT

Parents/Visitors Night for the Boy Scout resident camp will be held every WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

COME JOIN US AND SHARE SOME OF THE CAMP EXPERIENCE WITH YOUR SON!!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4:30-6:00pm Dinner (Cafeteria Style)
- 6:00pm Triathlon
- 7:15pm Parade of FlagsOA Calling
- Out Ceremony.....Campfire-Troop Participation**

It has been traditional for parents to bring picnic type foods or desserts and for the troop, parents, and guests to eat in the campsite; however, dinner will be available in the dining hall. The fee for dinner is \$5.00 per person. Let your Scoutmaster know if you will be having dinner in the camp dining hall and the number of people attending. You may pay at the door.

FOR ALL PARENTS/VISITORS BRINGING ITEMS TO CAMP YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARK IN OR CLOSE TO THE CAMPSITE. ALL PARENTS/VISITORS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO WALK AND TO MAKE SURE THE ITEMS BEING BROUGHT TO CAMP ARE EASILY TRANSPORTED.

2012 Fee Structure

Camp Conestoga Fee Structure-

- **Reservation Fee- All Scouts**
 - \$50.00 PER BOY due to the Council Service Center by **March 9, 2012.**
 - **The troop will receive the discounted fee to be paid in full by May 11, 2012 for only the number of Scouts that the Troop has paid for \$50 by this date. Exception will be Webelos Scouts moving to the troop; they will receive the discounted price until May 11th.** This fee is necessary to hold troop campsite and is credited toward the remaining balance. The fee is **NON- REFUNDABLE**, but is transferable.
- **Camp Fees - Westmoreland Fayette Council, Scouts**
 - \$295.00 PER BOY, PER WEEK, IF PAID IN FULL BY MAY 11, 2012.
 - \$315.00 PER BOY, PER WEEK, IF PAID IN FULL AFTER MAY 11, 2012.
- **Camp Fees - Out of Council Scouts**
 - \$315.00 PER BOY, PER WEEK, IF PAID IN FULL BY MAY 11, 2012.
 - \$335.00 PER BOY, PER WEEK, IF PAID IN FULL AFTER MAY 11, 2012.
- **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**
 - \$260.00 PER BOY, PER WEEK OF CAMP
- **Camp Fees - Units Cooking in their Campsite**
 - \$65.00 price reduction per Scout by prior arrangements. The fee is \$230.00 PER BOY for Council Troops and \$250.00 for Out of Council Troops.
- **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 \$200.00, per additional leader.
 - 01-16 Scouts = 2 Free Adults
 - 17 -24 Scouts = 3 Free Adults
 - 25 - 32 Scouts = 4 Free Adults
 - One more free adult at 33, 41, 49, 57, 65, etc.
- **Family Discount**
 - Fee for second (and subsequent) Scouts attending Camp Conestoga there will be a \$40 per Scout discount. The fee is \$255 for Council Troops and \$275 for Out of Council Troops. Families with Scouts attending both Conestoga and Buck Run will receive a 15% discount on the second (and subsequent) Scout Camp Fees.

Eagle Camp

July 1 - July 7, 2012 - Camp Conestoga

Total Fee: \$260.00

Registration Fee: \$50.00 due upon registration. Balance of \$210.00 must be paid by May 11, 2012.

Deadline for Registration: May 11, 2012

Registration: Limited to First Class, Star and Life Scouts who previously attended 2012 Summer Camp at Conestoga or a previous 2012 unit long term experience at another council camp.

Program: Merit Badges offered: Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Personal Management, and Family Life. (Scouts must sign up to take at least two, but not more than four of these badges.) 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 for the Eagle Camp shall be forwarded to the individual campers following registration.

Provisional Camp/ Eagle Camp Registration Form

_____ I would like to register for EAGLE CAMP- July 1-7, 2012

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

- _____ June 17-23 _____ June 24-30 _____ July 1-7
- _____ July 8-14 _____ July 15-21 _____ July 22-28

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 11, 2012.

Mail to: Westmoreland-Fayette Council, 2 Garden Center Drive, Greensburg, Pa 15601

Camp Conestoga Refund Policy

1. Deposit Fees are NON – REFUNDABLE.
2. Any fees paid over and above the non – refundable deposits may be refunded **ONLY** under the following conditions.
 - The youth is approved for a campership after the payment is received.
 - The youth can not attend camp due to a physician’s recommendation concerning illness, or injury. Cancellation is required at least 48 hours prior to his Troop’s arrival at camp. Notification must be made to the Camp Director either by mail or phone.
 - The youth cannot attend camp due to a family emergency involving accidents or death in the family. Cancellation is required at least 48 hours prior to his Troop’s arrival at camp. Notification must be made to the Camp Director either by mail or phone.
 - After the cancellation occurs, ALL REFUND REQUESTS must be submitted in writing to the Council Service Center within 30 days FROM THE SCHEDULED DATE OF ARRIVAL. All refund requests received later then 30 days will be denied.
 - ALL REFUNDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE UNIT.