



CAMP WAKPOMINEE

2025 SUMMER CAMP PLANNING GUIDE

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WELCOME!

It has been a long five years since Camp Wakpominee had Summer Camp Residency. The Camp Wakpominee Alumni Association and all our volunteers are planning and working hard to provide our Scouts with the best possible experience that our camp can offer. We sincerely welcome you and your Scouts to join us this summer at the "Greatest Place on Earth."

Dan Krueger

President, Camp Wakpominee Alumni Association

Welcome to Camp Wakpominee, a Scouting America Nationally Accredited 1,000 acre wilderness adventure area in the NY Adirondack Mountains! Camp Wakpominee is owned and operated by the Twin Rivers Council and offers numerous camping opportunities to Cub Scouts, Scout BSA Units along with school and community groups in Upstate NY.

Highlights of our camp include:

- Range and Target Activities
- Sailing, kayaking, canoeing, and stand-up paddleboard
- COPE high ropes course
- ATV riding experiences
- Wilderness survival and Scoutcraft skills
- Mountain Biking experience
- Pioneer First Year Camper program
- Handicrafts, Community Safety, and Trades programs
- Ecology and Conservation

This guide is offered to provide the basic information you need to help plan your summer camp experience. For additional resources and for all the latest information on Camp Wakpominee, please visit our website at:

www.campwakpominee.org

We look forward to seeing you at camp this summer!

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SUMMER CAMP DATES AND FEES

Camp Wakpominee 2025 Summer Season

Week 1	July 21-25, 2025	Cub Scout Day Camp
Week 2	July 27-August 2, 2025	Scouts BSA Resident Camp

Scouts BSA Resident Camp Fees 2025

Please note that our ALL INCLUSIVE camp fee includes the cost of all program materials. Camp payments are due by May 1st. After that a \$50 late fee is applied.

Note: Arrow of Light (Webelos) crossovers and new Scouts have until June 15th to pay the regular fee without penalty.

Regular Fee:	\$600	(Deposit of \$100 due March 15; Balance paid in full by May 1)
Late Fee:	\$650	(Balance Paid after May 1)

SIBLING DISCOUNT

The Twin Rivers Council offers a sibling discount for families sending multiple campers to Scouts BSA camp. Each sibling after the first camper, is discounted \$50. The sibling discount will be applied by council staff after the Scouts are registered. To activate the discount, please email the [camp director](#) after the Scouts are registered, but before their balance is fully paid.

PROVISIONAL CAMPING

A Scout who is unable to go to camp with their own troop, or who wishes to go to camp for a second week without their unit, is welcome to attend as a provisional camper. Typically, provisional campers are placed with a carefully selected existing troop and function as a member of that troop for the week. The fee for a provisional camper is the same as the regular camp fee, though a camper who returns for an additional week as a provisional would benefit from the Second Week Discount rate.

SECOND WEEK DISCOUNTED FEE

A Scout is eligible for a reduced second week fee of \$400 at either Camp Wakpominee or Rotary Scout Reservation if they have already paid for one week of resident camp in Twin Rivers Council in the same season.

ADULT FEES

It is the policy of Scouting America that a minimum of two adult leaders (21 or older) provide supervision for each unit and that there be at least one adult for every eight Scouts. The cost for adult leaders is discounted to cover basic requirements. Multiple adults attending over the course of the week can be used in combination to satisfy this requirement. Any adults spending less than a full week at camp will pay a pro-rated fee for the days they stay. Please refer to the chart below to determine the applicable Adult Fee for each adult in your unit.

Full Week Regular Fee:	Sunday-Saturday	\$150
Part Time Adult Fee:	Sunday	\$10
	Weekday	\$25
	Saturday	\$10

TRC ADULT TRAINING INCENTIVE

To increase the amount of fully trained Twin Rivers Council unit leaders as well as reduce costs for Twin Rivers Council units to attend summer camp at either Rotary Scout Reservation or Camp Wapominee in 2025, the Council Board of Directors has approved the following policy:

Any Twin Rivers Council unit that has at least 70% of its unit leaders trained per Scouting America's records in advance of 2025 summer camp will receive a \$150 credit to apply to its unit's cost for:

- ▷ Scouts BSA resident camp (Wapominee or Rotary), or
- ▷ Cub Scout resident camp (Rotary), or
- ▷ Cub Scout day camp (Rotary or Wapominee)

Furthermore,

- ▷ If the unit is at least 80% trained, its summer camp credit becomes \$300
- ▷ If the unit is at least 90% trained, its summer camp credit becomes \$450
- ▷ If the unit is 100% trained, the summer camp credit becomes \$600

This credit is not available to non-Twin Rivers Council units. the credit is not transferrable to units attending summer camp out-of-council. If the earned credit is not used for 2025 summer camp at Rotary Scout Reservation or Camp Wapominee, it expires.



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration Process

- ▶ All summer camp payments are to be made to the unit's online ScoutingEvent account via Black Pug.
 - ▷ Please add participants to update the unit account that was created when the troop's initial deposit was paid. **Do not** create a new, duplicate camp registration through the council calendar.
- ▶ **A \$100 deposit for each Scout attending camp is due by March 15**, with the full balance to be paid by May 1st.
- ▶ Camp fees for Arrow of Light (Webelos) crossovers and new Scouts can be paid without penalty until June 15th.
- ▶ When registering individual Scouts, the following information will be required:
 - ▷ Scout's first and last name
 - ▷ Complete date of birth
 - ▷ Gender
 - ▷ BSA registration number
 - ▷ Parent / Guardian email
 - ▷ Parent / Guardian phone number
- ▶ Members of Girl troops and Boy troops may not be registered in the same troop account for camp. When registering girl and boy members of linked troops, separate troop accounts must be created for each unit and separate adult leadership must be provided by each unit.
 - ▷ For example, a Scout who is member of Troop 2100G may not be registered for camp as a member of Troop 2100B, or vice versa. If there are Scouts from 2100G and 2100B attending camp, a separate camp registration must be created for each unit.

Black Pug

All camp registrations are processed through the Black Pug registration system

- ▶ To place a unit deposit or create a **new** camp registration, visit www.trcscouting.org/calendar, follow the link to the camp registration and select the week you would like to attend.
- ▶ To update an **existing** registration by adding Scouts or adults, or submitting payments, the unit contact should sign into their Black Pug account. Select the troop number from the "activity" drop down menu, then select the camp registration, followed by "view registration".
- ▶ The unit contact who created the registration may share access to the account with other key leaders (e.g., Scoutmaster or Treasurer) by sharing their Black Pug account email address and registration number for the camp registration.
 - ▷ Select "Lookup" from the Black Pug menu to enter this information and gain full access to the account. This info should not be shared with parents, or other leaders who do not have direct responsibility for unit registrations, as it provides full account access.
- ▶ Units may choose to activate the Parent Portal if they want to give parents access to make payments and select merit badges for their specific child.
- ▶ For Black Pug tutorial videos, please visit www.campwakpominee.org/resources.

Camperships

The Twin Rivers Council provides partial need-based camperships to ensure that all youth have the opportunity to attend summer camp. Troops are encouraged to participate in fundraising opportunities (such as popcorn sales) to help defray the cost of camp for their members, as well as seek financial assistance from their charter organizations.

The online campership application is designed to be completed by the Scout's family and is available at www.campwakupominee.org. Please submit applications by April 1 so that the campership committee can review all applications and provide timely award information to families and units prior to the final payment deadline.

Summer Camp Planning Timeline

March 15: Deadline for payment of \$100 camper deposits.

April 1: Campership applications deadline.

May 1: Balance of camper payments due. Accounts not fully paid by May 1st subject to \$50 late fee.

June 1: Deadline for units to submit Scouts America registration, YPT, and background check data for all adults.

June 15: Registration deadline for new Scouts and Arrow of Light (Webelos) Crossovers.



YOUTH PROTECTION PROTOCOLS

National YPT Guidelines

Ensuring a safe and welcoming experience for all youth at camp is our number one responsibility. To ensure the safety of all guests at camp, units are expected to work with the camp administration to ensure compliance with all Scouting America Youth Protection Policies.

Adult Registration Requirements

All adults and adult program participants (age 18+) accompanying Scouts to resident camp must:

1. Be **registered with Scouting America, as a leader of the troop they are supporting**, prior to attending camp, including completion of the criminal background check.
2. Have current certification in **Youth Protection Training**.
3. Be cleared **prior** to camp by the **New York State Sex Offender Registry**.

The policies above do not apply to short term visitors, such as a parent attending the family night BBQ (pricing listed on page 15).

Non-Twin Rivers Council units are required to provide confirmation of items 1 and 2, above, at Sunday check-in for all adult participants. Adult registration and YPT status can be printed from my.scouting.org or Scoutbook.

Scouting America Adult Supervision Policies

Please note the following important updates to Scouting America's adult supervision guidelines:

- ▶ All adults 18+ must be registered with Scouting America as a leader of the unit they are accompanying to camp.
- ▶ Every unit must independently meet the two-deep leadership guidelines.
 - ▷ No "piggybacking" leadership between two small units unable to provide a second adult.
- ▶ Each unit in a B/G linked troop must independently meet the adult supervision requirements.
 - ▷ The B and G troop must each have at least 2 adults registered to that unit (min 2B/2G). Adult leaders may be cross-registered to both the B and G units.
 - ▷ The G troop must have at least one registered female adult (over the age of 21).

NYS DCJS Sex Offender Registry Review

The camp administration will submit the names of all adults to the NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services for Sex Offender Registry review prior to camp. This is done at no cost to the units or adults, but the units need to provide the required information to the camp prior to June 1st.

In anticipation of last-minute changes in plans, units are encouraged to supply the names of any adults who might come to camp, even if they are not currently planning to stay. These adults may not be able to be cleared upon their arrival at camp, and if they are not cleared, they will not be allowed to stay.

Prior to June 1st all units must submit the names of all potential adults in camp to the camp director.

The following information must be provided for each adult:

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| ▶ First and Last Name (legal name) | ▶ Date completed Youth Protection Training |
| ▶ Complete Date of Birth (mm/dd/year) | ▶ Scouting America Registration Status |

Scouting America's Barriers to Abuse

The Barriers to Abuse are designed to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all participants. Please review the Barriers to Abuse below as they relate to the summer resident camp environment. For the complete, current national guide please visit www.scouting.org

Adult Registration Requirements

- ▶ Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings.
- ▶ A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth.
- ▶ All adults staying overnight in conjunction with a Scouting activity must be currently registered as an adult volunteer of an adult program participant. Adult volunteers must register in the position(s) they are serving in. Registration as a merit badge counselor does not meet this requirement.
- ▶ One-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited both inside and outside of Scouting.
 - ▷ In situations requiring a personal conference, the meeting is to be conducted with the knowledge and in view of other adults and/or youth.
 - ▷ Private online communications (texting, phone calls, chat, IM, etc.) must include another registered leader or parent.
 - ▷ Communication by way of social media must include another registered leader or parent.
- ▶ Discipline must be constructive.
 - ▷ Discipline must reflect Scouting's values.
 - ▷ Corporal punishment is never permitted.
 - ▷ Disciplinary activities involving isolation, humiliation, or ridicule are also prohibited.

Responsibility

- ▶ Leaders must ensure that all participants in Scouting activities abide by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
- ▶ Adult leaders and youth members share the responsibility for the safety of all participants in the program, including adherence to Youth Protection and Health and Safety policies.
 - ▷ Adult leaders are responsible for monitoring behavior and intervening when necessary.
 - ▷ Physical violence, sexual activity, emotional abuse, spiritual abuse, unauthorized weapons, hazing, discrimination, harassment, initiation rites, bullying, cyberbullying, theft, verbal insults, drugs, alcohol, and pornography have no place in the Scouting program and may result in revocation of membership.
- ▶ All leaders are required to adhere to the Scouter Code of Conduct.



Accommodations

► Tenting

- ▷ Separate tenting or lean-to assignments must be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth. Tents are provided and select sites have lean-tos.
- ▷ Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age.
- ▷ In Cub Scouting, parents and guardians may share a tent with their family.
- ▷ In all other programs, youth and adults tent separately.
- ▷ Spouses may share a tent.

► Restrooms

- ▷ Adults and youth must respect each other's privacy, especially in situation such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp. The camp provides two different shower houses with 17 youth and 5 adult lockable stalls. These individual showers may be used by any gender or age at any time.
- ▷ Adult leaders should closely monitor these areas but only enter as needed for youth protection or Health and Safety reasons.

Program Requirements

- The buddy system must be used at all times around camp.
- The use of smartphones, cameras, mirrors, drones, etc., in places or situations where privacy is expected is prohibited.
- All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents and leaders.
- Scouting America does not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program.
- Hazing and initiations are prohibited and have no part during any Scouting activity.
- All forms of bullying and harassment including verbal, physical, and cyberbullying are prohibited.
- Inappropriate public displays of affection are prohibited.
- Sexual activity is prohibited.
- Appropriate attire is required for all activities.

Reporting Requirements

- Adult leaders and youth members have a responsibility to recognize, respond to and report Youth Protection violations and abuse.
- Youth Protection Policy Violations
 - ▷ Serious Youth Protection policy violations or behaviors that put a youth's safety at risk must be reported to the Scout Executive (greg.voyzey@scouting.org).
 - ▷ Online reporting is also available at [Incident Reporting](#).
- Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse
 - ▷ All persons participating in Scouting programs are mandated reporters of child abuse.
 - ▷ Reports must be made to local law enforcement and child protective services. State law may require additional reporting.
 - ▷ This reporting duty cannot be delegated to any other person.
 - ▷ Reporting to the Scout Executive or Scouts First Helpline ensures that follow-up can occur for the safety of our youth. Scout Executives and Scouts First coordinate follow-up actions.
- Scouts First Helpline
 - ▷ As part of its "Scouts First" approach to the protection and safety of youth, Scouting America has established a 24-hour helpline to receive reports of known or suspected abuse or behavior that might put a youth at risk. 1-844-SCOUTS1 (1-844-726-8871)
 - ▷ If immediate assistance is needed in the handling of a sexual abuse allegation, contact Scouts First Helpline (1-844-SCOUTS1).
 - ▷ If someone is at immediate risk of harm, always call 911.

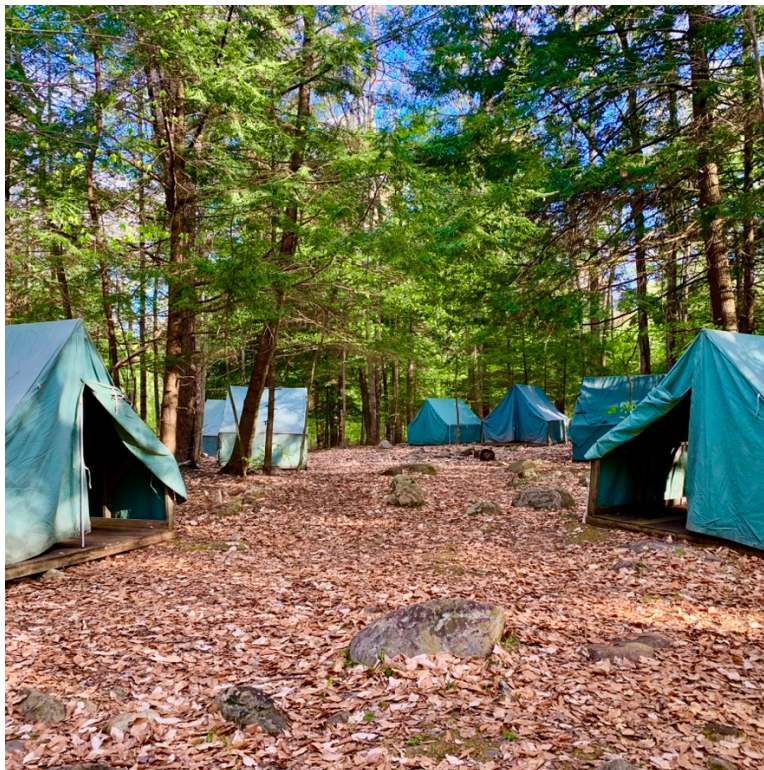
Supporting Transgender & Non-Binary Youth

The Twin Rivers Council welcomes all Scouts to camp and is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all participants.

The National Council of Scouting America has issued the following national guidelines for supporting transgender youth at camp:

- ▶ Transgender youth may tent with another Scout of their gender identity. Tenting and accommodations for transgender youth must meet Scouting's Barriers to Abuse. This includes:
 - ▶ Separate tenting arrangements must be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth
 - ▷ Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age.
 - ▷ In Cub Scouting, parents and guardians may share a tent with their family.
 - ▷ In all other programs, youth and adults tent separately.
- ▶ If a transgender youth and their parents/guardians identify another youth the Scout wants to tent with, the parents/guardians of both youths must provide their permission in writing. If multiple youth are sharing the accommodation/cabin, written permission from all youth's parents must be obtained in writing.
- ▶ A female leader is not required on outings where a transgender youth who identifies as male is participating.

At summer camp, tent and lean-to assignments are determined within the troop. Therefore, for the purposes of implementing this policy at camp, unit leaders are expected to obtain the written parent permission when applicable.



REFUND POLICY

Twin Rivers Council Refund Policy

Months before camp opens, extensive planning, purchases, and contractual agreements are all set in place, among other things. Due to these types of commitments, it is not practical to give full refunds.

Event fees are non-refundable except as permitted by this policy. No refunds will be allowed after 30 days following the event date. Any refund request shall be in writing and filed with the Twin Rivers Council Service Center within 30 days of the event establishing the following:

- ▶ The registered participant at the time of the event had an illness or medical condition which prevented participation. The refund request shall be supported by a statement signed by a doctor or qualified health care professional
- ▶ The death of a parent, grandparent, brother, sister, or household member. The Council will consider other tragedies which may affect the participant on a case-by-case basis.
- ▶ The Scout was required to attend summer school. Documentation from the school must be provided with the request in writing, and must be submitted no later than July 1st. Scouts should be encouraged to attend camp in a later session that will not conflict with school, if possible.

All requests for refunds must be in writing and made within 30 days of the event.

Only an employee of the Council, serving as staff adviser for the event, may authorize a refund for a Council sponsored event. The amount of any refund shall be equal to the money paid to the Council, minus any deposit and money sent by the Council to another agency or company to cover the cost of the registered participant. Any money that has been sent to another agency or company is considered issued and not refundable. Checks will be issued after September 15th.



CAMP OPENING & CLOSING SCHEDULE

Sunday

- 12:30 PM Units may begin gathering in the Parking Lot
- ▶ Please do not arrive before 12:30 PM
 - ▶ Troops remain in parking lot until escorted to campsite by their Staff Guide
- 1:00 PM Camp Opens and Check-In Begins
- ▶ Troops must arrive prior to 2:00 PM
 - ▶ Staff Guide greets troop in the Parking Lot
 - ▶ Scoutmaster will turn the unit roster in to the Office during Medical Check-In
 - ▶ Scouts and leaders are led to the campsite by the Staff Guide
 - ▶ Health Forms should be carried to the campsite (not the Office) unless provided to the medical officer during Medical Pre-Check
 - ▶ SPL, Staff Guide, and adult leader inspect campsite
 - ▶ Scouts begin settling in and pack a bag with everything they need for the afternoon including swimsuit, towel, and water bottle.
 - ▶ Guide escorts the unit to a designated location for Medical Check-In
 - ▶ Camp Health & Safety Tour begins with Staff Guide, Scouts, and leaders including waterfront for swim checks and Dining Hall for Orientation.
- 2:00 PM Check-In Closes
- 5:00 PM Staff Guide returns with Scouts and leaders to Campsite to change into their Scouting America Field Uniforms ("Class A").
- 5:30 PM Waiter Call. Staff Guide, Scouts, and leaders muster at Office Parade Field
- 5:45 PM Evening Flag Ceremony and Welcome
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 7:30 PM Opening Campfire at the Council Ring
- 9:00 PM Scoutmaster and SPL Meeting in George Frost Center
- ▶ Troops will sign up for a time to take pictures. Pictures will be on Monday during siesta, and 4:00 - 5:45.
- 9:45 PM Call to Quarters
- 10:00 PM Lights out and Taps

Saturday

- 7:15 AM Reveille
- 7:40 AM Waiter Call
- 7:50 AM Morning Flag Ceremony at Office Parade Field
- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Units return to campsite and await Staff Guide
- ▶ SPL, Staff Guide, and leader perform Closing Campsite Inspection
 - ▶ Scoutmaster or other leader retrieve medications and medical forms from Health Office
 - ▶ Camp Dismissed

Camp Health & Safety Tour

On Sunday afternoon, all Scouts in camp will be guided on a tour of Camp Wakpominee by our Staff Guides. This tour is mandated for all Scouts by the New York State Department of Health. Each member of your troop, along with at least 2 adult leaders, will visit all program areas in camp and stop at the waterfront for swim checks. Scouts will be returned to the campsite before dinner.

Any portion of the tour not completed in the afternoon will be finished after dinner. Adult leaders must accompany the Scouts on the tour to help provide supervision and support good behavior.



ENJOYING YOUR STAY AT WAKPOMINEE

The Campsite

ACCOMMODATIONS: Each campsite is equipped with either 2-person platform wall tents with cots or 4-person lean-tos. Each of our five lean-to sites is equipped with two, 2-person, platform wall tents to allow lodging flexibility for Youth Protection compliant arrangements.

Each site features:

- ▶ A latrine with running water and electric lights
- ▶ Two picnic tables
- ▶ A 12' x 20' pavilion
- ▶ A fire ring with bench seating
- ▶ A flagpole
- ▶ A bulletin board
- ▶ A "bear" box
- ▶ A trash receptacle
- ▶ Fire tending tools
- ▶ Built-in bunks with mattresses (lean-to accommodations only)

TRASH: For your convenience, Camp Wakpominee offers trash pick-up at each campsite, Monday through Friday. Please place trash outside the site along the road before dinner each evening.

COMMISSIONER SERVICE: A valuable resource for any unit at camp is your customer service representative, the friendly Commissioner! Each campsite is provided a commissioner who acts as a liaison to camp administration and as a personal customer service representative to your unit for the duration of your stay.

Camp Wakpominee's Commissioners are veteran Scouters who are there to assist your troop and to help you take full advantage of all that the camp has to offer. Commissioners provide a conduit for any information or feedback your unit would like to provide to the Camp. If there are any issues, damages, malfunctions, or substandard conditions, please report them as soon as recognized/discovered to your campsite's assigned Commissioner. Commissioners are happy to assist and ensure a prompt response and/or correction to any reported issues.

Commissioners will also conduct a daily campsite visitation. The unit that earns the top score each day will have the honor of providing the color guard for the following day's Flag Ceremonies.

STOVES AND LANTERNS: Propane stoves may be used in open areas with adult supervision. Propane must be stored in approved containers and kept in appropriate storage areas (e.g., bear boxes, patrol boxes, or troop trailer). Tents and lean-tos are NOT appropriate storage areas. No combustibles are allowed in sleeping accommodations at any time.

No fuel driven heat or light sources are allowed inside tents or lean-tos. Only battery powered light sources are allowed in tents and lean-tos.

PERSONAL VEHICLES: One personal vehicle, per unit, at a time will be permitted in camp during the check-in process. These personal vehicles will display a temporary vehicle pass on their dashboard. The temporary vehicle pass will be provided by, and returned to, the staff guide assigned to the unit. After check-in, all personal vehicles must be returned to the parking lot(s).

After check-in, personal vehicles must remain in the parking lot unless given explicit, written, permission from the camp director or ranger. All drivers must be licensed and 21 years of age or older. Unit trailers and, if authorized, personal vehicles must be kept in the driveway outside of the campsite but parked in such a way that all roads remain passable for camp and emergency vehicles.

The posted speed limit of 10 MPH must be followed. At no time are riders permitted in the cargo areas of trucks and SUVs, or on attached trailers.

CELL PHONES: While the camp does not prohibit the use of cell phones by Scouts, we do support units that adopt a policy to minimize use while at camp. The use of cell phones and other electronic devices can distract a Scout from the numerous outdoor program available at camp. The use of cell phones by Scouts may also encourage homesickness and allows a Scout to circumvent the responsible unit and camp leadership when upset or in need of assistance.

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Camp Services

SHOWERS: Hot showers are available in main camp and in both the North and South ends of Camp Wakpominee.

- ▶ North End Shower House: Seven individual showers, featuring outside access to the individual facilities.
- ▶ South End Shower House: 14 individual shower stalls, featuring common interior access to the stalls, and one separate handicap shower stall with outside access.

LAUNDRY: A washer and dryer are available for use in the Quartermaster building. See the Office Manager for access.



TRADING POST: The Trading Post is the spot to purchase snacks, souvenirs, and camp apparel. Also available are toiletries, stationary, and replacements for other items that may have been left at home.

QUARTERMASTER: The Quartermaster maintains a supply of equipment available to be checked out for cutting wood and camp improvement projects. The Quartermaster is staffed by the Office Manager and is available during office hours. If after-hours needs arise, staff will be available at the office as well.

LOST AND FOUND: The camp "Lost and Found" is in the camp office.

HEALTH LODGE: Qualified medical staffing is always provided by an on-site certified/licensed medical provider (Paramedic, RN, MD, LPN, etc.). All injuries and illnesses in camp, however minor, must be reported to the medical officer. Failure to do so may invalidate insurance claims. Camp medical staff has an on-line medical control physician and outside services may be furnished by Fort Ann EMS (ALS), WellNow Urgent Care of Queensbury (11.9 miles), and Glens Falls Hospital in Glens Falls (12.8 miles).

RELIGIOUS SERVICES: A non-denominational "Scouts' Own" chapel service is conducted at 5:15 PM

on Friday afternoon. No other program in camp is offered at that time.

TROOP PHOTOS: Troop photos will be taken on Tuesday at scheduled times by unit before dinner. Every Scout and leader will have the opportunity to purchase a printed 8" x 10" photo. Photos will be delivered before the end of your week at camp. **2025 Troop Photo Price: \$10.00**

MAIL DELIVERY: USPS mail deliveries are received Monday through Saturday. Each campsite has a mailbox in the camp office that should be checked on a daily basis by an adult leader for mail and messages. Please address all mail in the example to the right.

MERIT BADGE BOOKS: Camp Wakpominee loans merit badge books to Scouts free of charge as part of a lending library, located in the Camp Office. Scouts may sign out books with the Office Manager.

Sample Letter to Camp

The Does
123 Main St.
Albany, NY 12203



Camp Wakpominee
Unit #, Scout Name
185 Sly Pond Road
Fort Ann, NY, 12827

FOOD SERVICE

Camp Wapominee's Gelder Dining Hall

Camp Wapominee is pleased to provide a high-quality dining experience prepared by experienced cooks. Dining Hall meals are served family-style, and the menu provides a range of tasty, healthy, and nutritious options.

Accommodations can be made for those with special dietary needs. Please complete the online [Food Allergy & Dietary Restrictions Form](#) at least 2 weeks prior to arriving at camp and review the restrictions with staff during the Medical Check-In process.

A complete Scouting America approved Field Uniform ("Class A") is the appropriate attire for dinner in the dining hall.

Program activities at meals will be led by the dining hall steward and other staff.



DINING HALL MEAL TIMES

Breakfast	8:00 AM
Lunch	12:15 PM
Dinner	6:00 PM

Patrol Cooking

Camp Wapominee encourages all troops to prepare some meals in their campsite. A unit or patrol, with proper adult supervision in site, may opt to cook out using our commissary service. The food service staff will, with proper notice, prepare ingredients for meals that will be available for pick up at the times listed below. Each troop will be provided a menu of meal options to choose from for patrol cooking.

We encourage you to discuss with your Scouts which meals would be most appropriate for them to cook in site, taking into consideration factors such as experience and time. Please notify your unit's assigned commissioner at least 24 hours prior to in-site meals if cooking/preparation materials (e.g., pots, pans, and utensils) need to be borrowed.

PATROL COOKING PICK-UP TIMES (AT GELDER DINING HALL)

Breakfast	7:15 AM
Lunch	11:45 PM
Dinner	5:15 PM

Visitor Meals

All visitors are required to sign in at the camp office upon arrival at camp. Visitors who wish to join the Scouts for a meal (either in the Dining Hall or campsite) may purchase a meal ticket at that time. When possible, unit leaders are asked to advise the camp director or head chef ahead of time when guests are expected so that food prep may be adjusted.

VISITOR MEAL PRICES

Breakfast	\$10.00
Lunch	\$10.00
Dinner	\$15.00

FAMILY NIGHT BBQ PRICES

Adult (11 and up)	\$15.00
Child (10 and under)	\$10.00
<u>Purchase BBQ tickets online in advance.</u>	

HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION

The health and safety of all visitors to Camp Wakpominee is always our top priority. The camp medical office (Health Lodge) is always staffed by an on-site certified/licensed medical provider (Paramedic, RN, MD, LPN, etc.) during resident camp. To ensure the best quality of care for all Scouts, leaders, and visitors, all injuries and illnesses in camp, however minor, must be reported to the medical officer. Failure to do so may invalidate insurance claims.

Camp medical staff has an on-line medical control physician and outside services may be furnished by Fort Ann EMS (ALS), WellNow Urgent Care of Queensbury (11.9 miles), and Glens Falls Hospital in Glens Falls (12.8 miles).

Privacy of Medical Information

All medical information provided to Camp Wakpominee will be guarded with respect to the privacy of the individual. All medical documents are locked in the Health Lodge for the medical officer's reference. Relevant medical information will be shared with responsible staff only when necessary and in conjunction with the parent's wishes.

Camp Wakpominee does not keep participant health forms beyond that individual's time at camp. All troop health forms are returned to the Scoutmaster at the end of the week. Any health form not retrieved by the Scoutmaster, Scout, or other designated responsible adult leader, will be destroyed after the unit's departure. If a Scout attends a second week at a Twin Rivers Council run resident camp, they must retrieve their form from the Scoutmaster and bring it back to camp with them.

Scouting America Health and Medical Record

All campers and adult leaders are required to provide a completed copy of the BSA Health and Medical Record (latest version available at www.scouting.org). **Part C, which requires a record of a physical exam within the last year, is required of all campers and adults attending Scouts BSA resident camp for more than 72 hours.**

Per NYS Health Department requirements, a complete record of immunization dates must be provided on or with the medical form for anyone requiring Part C. A notation of "up to date" is not acceptable. No buddy tag may be provided without immunization dates so failure to complete this information will lead to a Scout's delayed participation in aquatic activities, including the swim check.

Any questions about this or any other camp health related subjects should be emailed to:

health@wakpominee.org

Medications in Camp

The camp is not allowed to legally provide over-the-counter (OTC) medications.

Scouts must bring with them any medications that they may require during their stay, including OTC meds. All medications, prescription and OTC, *must be stored in their original container* (loose medications in zip-lock bags are **NOT** permitted). Prescribed medication must include a label assigned by name to the Scout. Prescription medications may not be prescribed in the name of another individual, including a parent or sibling.

All medicine will be held in locked storage in the Health Lodge in a bag labeled with the Scout's name and unit number.

Scouts may hold on to prescribed inhalers, EpiPens, and other emergency medications as approved by the medical officer (based on physicians' orders for the Scout). These medications should always stay with the Scout.

Each Scout bringing medication to camp (prescription or OTC) must complete the Medications section on page B2 of the health form, indicating the dosage that the Scout is to take and specific instructions regarding the frequency of medication. This section must be signed by both the parent/guardian of the Scout as well as the Scout's physician. Additionally, pursuant to NYS Department of Health regulation, parents must authorize the use of vitamins, ointments, aloe's, sunscreen, and bug spray by their Scout while at camp; these items must be listed in section B2 of the health form.

The health officer will discuss each Scout's medication schedule with him or her during check in. Generally, medications are provided to Scouts during one of seven medication windows (or a combination of those times). If medication schedules do not align with the normal medication windows, specific arrangements will be made for the Scout.

HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION

MEDICATION WINDOWS

7:55 AM	Before Breakfast
8:50 AM	After Breakfast
12:10 PM	Before Lunch
1:05 PM	After Lunch
5:55 PM	Before Dinner
6:50 PM	After Dinner
9:45 PM	Before Bed

Please be advised that all medications must be self-administered by the Scout under observation by the health officer. The health officer is not permitted to distribute or prescribe medication of any kind. It is the responsibility of the Scout, with the assistance of his unit leader, to obtain their medications at the appropriate time. A written record will be kept. Please note, Scouts must follow YPT standards including being accompanied by an appropriate buddy when traveling to and from the Health Lodge.

Adults may keep their own personal medications with them in their sites, excluding controlled substances, however the health officer is obliged to provide secure and, if necessary, refrigerated storage for all adult medications.

If alternative storage and dispensing of medication is necessary, please consult with the health officer during the check-in process for accommodation.

Sunday Medical Check-In

In order to help expedite the medical re-check process as much as possible upon arrival to camp, please follow these steps:

- ▶ Unit leader collects and reviews all participant medical forms several weeks before camp.
- ▶ **Ensure that all forms are complete, including immunization dates, parent's signature, and physician's signature confirming completion of physical exam within one year.** (Email health@wakpominee.org with questions.)
- ▶ Do NOT bring medical forms to camp in a binder with plastic sleeves. Keep all forms loose.
- ▶ Upon arrival, do not send medical forms to the office with Scoutmaster during unit check-in. Carry forms directly to the campsite with the Scouts.
- ▶ Upon arriving in campsite, direct Scouts to gather any medications they brought with them. This includes vitamins, OTC, and prescription.
- ▶ Proceed with Staff Guide to the health officer for Medical Check-In.
- ▶ As each Scout is called forward, prepare the next to move up.
- ▶ Remind the Scouts to hold onto the buddy tags they receive until they reach the waterfront.
- ▶ Swim check time will be assigned during check-in.

Twin Rivers Council Accident/Insurance Policy

The Twin Rivers Council, BSA carries a limited accident/sickness policy on all Scouts while in camp. It is the responsibility of unit leaders to process all charges for medical expenses through the unit's insurance policy.

Camp Wakpominee and the Twin Rivers Council is not responsible for pre-existing health conditions and any related prescriptions. Scouts and Scouters are expected to follow their doctor's or pharmacist's directions printed on any medicine container.



GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS

As members of the Scouting community, registered in Scouting America, all persons in camp are expected to follow the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the Outdoor Code. Further, we offer these additional guidelines.

ALCOHOL & ILLEGAL DRUGS: Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs of any kind are not allowed in camp under any circumstances. Offenders will be removed from camp immediately. Police will be notified as necessary.

TOBACCO PRODUCTS: Camp attendees are NOT permitted to smoke, vape, or use tobacco products while at camp. Adults may discuss with the Camp Director or Camp Ranger for the nearest available accommodations.

DAMAGE TO CAMP PROPERTY: Camp Wapominee's goal is to provide a clean, safe, and functional environment for all participants and guests. To further that goal all participants are asked to respect camp property and equipment. Any damage or malfunction, however minor, to camp property and equipment must be reported as soon as discovered. This will ensure a prompt and timely response/repair so that the issue will not negatively affect your unit's stay. Remember, prompt notification of issues will result in prompt correction.

Reports may be made to your unit's staff guide or the commissioner assigned to your campsite. For your convenience, inspections of campsites will be conducted upon arrival and departure by your unit's assigned Staff Guide and daily visitations will be conducted by your campsite's assigned commissioners. Commissioners may take reports of any issues/damage, regardless of where it was discovered (i.e., inside or outside the campsite).

Damage to camp property negatively affects the program and causes future fees to increase. All damage caused by neglect or willful intent will be billed to the unit responsible. This includes defacement of property and graffiti.

FIREARMS AND BOWS: Personal firearms and related equipment, including rifles, handguns, and ammunition, are not permitted in camp. Personal archery equipment may not be used for merit badge work and is not permitted at camp. The camp will provide all equipment necessary to safely participate in shooting sports programs under qualified supervision.

FIRE PREVENTION: Care must always be used around open flames, including matches, campfires, lanterns, and cook stoves. Daily fire weather conditions will be monitored by the Camp Ranger. Conditions which prohibit the use of campfires, if they arise, will be announced to units during Breakfast.

No open flames are permitted in tents or lean-tos. Propane must be stored in approved containers and kept in appropriate storage areas (e.g., bear boxes, patrol boxes, or troop trailer). Tents and lean-tos are NOT appropriate storage areas. No combustibles are allowed in sleeping accommodations at any time. Camp stoves must be elevated on a stand, table, or picnic table.

CAMPFIRES MUST:

- ▶ Be both fully contained and only within the campfire rings established and provided in each campsite.
- ▶ Be tended at all times.
- ▶ Be accompanied by a water filled 5 gallon bucket.
- ▶ Be kept to a safe and reasonable height (no bonfires).
- ▶ Be completely extinguished each night prior to the last adult going to sleep.

All Scouts and leaders should become familiar with the camp's fire safety plan. Make sure to complete your unit's campsite fireguard chart each day.

LEAVING CAMP: Anyone entering or leaving camp must sign in and out at the camp office. Scouts will be released only with permission from parents and the Scoutmaster. When possible, we suggest written permission for dismissal be collected ahead of camp using the form provided available at www.campwapominee.org and held by the Scoutmaster until needed.

NO PETS: Pets are not permitted in camp. This includes BBQ night and drop-off/pick up. Please notify parents and visitors.

QUIET TIME: Leaders should verify that everyone is in the campsite nightly by 9:45 PM, with lights out by 10:00 PM. Please be courteous to other troops in your area and keep evening noise levels down. Notify the camp administration immediately if anyone is unaccounted for.

PROGRAM AREA BOUNDARIES: Several program areas are marked with perimeter boundaries, including the waterfront, COPE, and shooting sports ranges. These perimeters are established for everyone's safety. No one (adult or youth, including staff) may cross these boundaries at any time except at established gates with the permission of the responsible staff.

RIDERS IN VEHICLES: All passengers in vehicles must be in seats. Passengers may not be transported in or on trailers or in the beds of pickup trucks. All riders must adhere to Youth Protection standards.

SECURITY OF BELONGINGS: The camp and council are not responsible for the security of personal belongings brought to camp. Campers should be reminded that tents do not provide secure storage and exposure to the elements may also damage belongings.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Camp Wakpominee 2025 Draft Program Schedule																
	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	1:00	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30		
Archery	Archery MB			Archery MB			Lunch/Siesta	Archery MB			Archery MB					
ATV	ATV			ATV												
Community Safety*	Health Care Profess		Emergency Prep		Fire Safety			First Aid		Traffic Safety						
COPE				Traffic Safety		Safety		Search and Rescue								
Handicraft	Art		Woodcarving		Art			Photography				Open Craft				
	Basketry		Sculpture		Basketry			Woodcarving		Indian Lore						
	Sculpture		Indian Lore		Leatherwork			Basketry		Art						
	Textile				Textile			Sculpture		Leatherwork						
Mountain Biking	Mountain Biking															
Nature	Environmental Science		Sustainability					Sustainability				Weather				
	Reptile & Amphibian		Geology		Chemistry											
	Exploration		Astronomy													
	Fishing		Fishing		Fish & Wildlife			Fish & Wildlife		Fishing						
	Plant Science		Forestry		Plant Science											
Pioneer Program	Pioneer Program including Swimming							Lunch/Siesta	Camping							
Scoutcraft	Camping			Orienteering					Pioneering			Wilderness Survival				
Shooting Sports	Rifle Shooting				Rifle Shooting				Rifle Shooting		Rifle Qualifying Open Shoot for M					
	Shotgun MB				Shotgun MB				Shotgun MB		Shotgun Qualifying Open Shoot M					
Trades	Home Repair			Woodworking					Plumbing		Painting		Open program & Outlaw Derby			
				Electricity					Engineering							
Waterfront	Lifeguard								Lifeguard (cont.)			Open Swim				
	Pioneer Program - Swimming			Pioneer Program - Swimming					Swimming							
	Lifesaving								Lifesaving							
	Kayaking		Snorkeling		Kayaking				Kayaking		Snorkeling					
	Swim Lessons								Swim Lessons		Mile Swim					
	Rowing		Stand-up Paddleboard		Stand up Paddleboard						Stand up Paddleboard					
	Canoeing				Canoeing				Canoeing							
									Small Boat Sailing							
	American Red Cross Lifeguard								American Red Cross Lifeguard							
* Community Safety will be offering Fingerprinting in one session on Thursday after dinner																

Merit Badge Registration

All registration for merit badges and other programs is completed through Black Pug. Scouts must be fully paid before their program may be selected.

For a video tutorial on the online merit badge selection process, please visit <https://campwakpominee.org/resources/>.

Each troop may decide whether or not to activate the Parent Portal to allow families to directly select merit badges and other programs. If the troop chooses to take advantage of this option the camp contact needs to turn on this feature via the Additional Actions tab above their unit roster.

The merit badge selection process will open on June 4, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Merit Badge Record Keeping

The camp staff will record all merit badge and program records in Black Pug.

As they are entered, all advancement records will be available to the units in real time through their Black Pug camp registration:

- ▶ From the unit roster page, select the "Reports" tab.
- ▶ Select either "Unit Advancement Summary" or "Unit Advancement Detail" to view a current report of Scout advancement.
- ▶ These records permanently remain in the unit account and are accessible at any time after camp by the troop camp contact.

Following camp, Wapominee will upload the merit badge records to Scoutbook. In order to ensure correct transmission of this data to Scoutbook, each Scout's first and last name and Scout ID must match their records in Scoutbook.

There are a few limitations to this transmission, which are caused by limitations in the Scoutbook import tool. We are unable to change these limitations to the BSA-provided technology:

- ▶ Only merit badge completions will be uploaded.
- ▶ Partial merit badges will not be uploaded.
- ▶ Non-merit badge awards will not be uploaded. This includes rank advancement requirements or Scouting America awards such as Snorkeling BSA, American Red Cross Lifeguard, and BSA Mile Swim Award.
- ▶ **Records of partials and non-merit badge awards that cannot be uploaded to Scoutbook by the camp will still remain accessible to the unit in their Black Pug registration as described above (Unit Advancement Summary or Unit Advancement Detail)**

Other Black Pug Resources

Units are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the many reporting resources available through the "Reports" tab in the troop Black Pug registration. These reports can be very useful for Troop Treasurers, Scoutmasters, and other key unit leaders preparing for and leading a successful camp experience. The following easy-to-download reports are available :

- ▶ Unit Roster
- ▶ Payment Allocations (shows individual payment status)
- ▶ Attendee Payment Detail (shows payment detail per attendee)
- ▶ Class Schedule (shows each Scout's class schedule on a separate page)
- ▶ Council Program Status (shows camperships awarded by participant, if applicable)
- ▶ Scout Summary (Scoutmaster report: Which classes are my Scouts taking?)
- ▶ Period Summary (Scoutmaster report: Where do my Scouts need to be now? - schedule by hour)
- ▶ Unit Advancement Detail
- ▶ Unit Advancement Summary
- ▶ Blue Cards - Plain Paper (for units that may want to print traditional blue cards from records)
- ▶ Blue Cards - BSA Card Stock 3-up (printable on BSA-sold blue card template)
- ▶ Blue Cards - BSA Card Stock (printable on BSA-sold blue card template)
- ▶ Scoutbook Export (Units may upload records to Scoutbook, but the camp will do this)
- ▶ Troopmaster Export (Units may upload records to Troopmaster)
- ▶ Class Schedule Check Sheet (Scouts may use to indicate class selections for unit leaders)
- ▶ Class Schedule Check Sheet 2 (Scouts may use to indicate class selections for unit leaders)



PIONEER PROGRAM

Trail to First Class

The Pioneer Program is designed for Scouts who have just entered the program and who are working toward the rank of First Class. The program centers around the outdoor requirements needed to advance to a Scout's next rank. Each interested Scout should sign up for either the weeklong morning session or afternoon session.

Skills Practiced in Pioneer Program



- ▶ Knot Tying
- ▶ Use of Camp Tools
- ▶ Hiking
- ▶ Tree and Plant Identification
- ▶ Flag Ceremonies
- ▶ Aquatics Skills
- ▶ Fire Building
- ▶ Compass Skills
- ▶ Activities may vary from based upon needs of the Scouts

Benefits of Participating in Pioneer Program

- ▶ Young Scouts are given a structured program to adjust to life at camp.
- ▶ Scouts are instructed in small groups, according to rank.
- ▶ Hands on instruction is provided with low camper-to-staff ratios.
- ▶ Camp is the classroom: Activities are conducted at the waterfront, along trails, and in other areas.
- ▶ The Pioneer Program area is centrally located in the heart of the camp to make it easier for new Scouts to find.
- ▶ Scouts have the opportunity to earn **Mammal Study and Nature** merit badge within the program.
- ▶ Scouts who are swimmers when they come to camp can earn **Swimming** Merit Badge
- ▶ Scouts who are not yet swimmers will take swim lessons as a fun way to advance in swimming. Many leave camp as swimmers.
- ▶ Half of the Scout's day remains available for additional merit badge work or open programming.
- ▶ All participants are awarded the unique Wakpominee Pioneer Program patch (shown above)
- ▶ Scouts will practice skills at Pioneer Program, but ultimately it remains the Scoutmaster's right to sign off on completion. A record of all skills completed will be given to each unit at the end of the week.



ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

Camp Wapominee is pleased to offer over 40 merit badges, including several Eagle-required badges. Additionally we offer a number of non-merit badge Scouting America award programs, Scouting America program-specific training courses and other fun programs. The following merit badges, awards, and training are offered at camp. (Eagle-required badges listed in **bold**).

Awards, Trainings, and Other Programs

Course Name

ATV Program
 American Red Cross Lifeguard
 Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (C.O.P.E)
 DEC Hunter Education
 Leave No Trace Awareness Workshop
 Mile Swim
 Mountain Biking
 Navigator Award
 Pioneer Program (1st Year Camper Program)
 Snorkeling
 Stand-Up Paddleboard
 Swim Lessons

Program Area

ATV
 Aquatics (Waterfront)
 C.O.P.E
 Range and Target
 Ecology and Conservation (Nature)
 Aquatics (Waterfront)
 Mountain Biking
 Aquatics (Waterfront)
 Pioneer Program
 Aquatics (Waterfront)
 Aquatics (Waterfront)
 Aquatics (Waterfront)



Merit Badges

Aquatics (Waterfront)

Canoeing

Kayaking

Lifesaving

Rowing

Small Boat Sailing

Swimming

Archery

Archery

Community Safety

Emergency Preparedness

Fingerprinting

Fire Safety

First Aid

Health Care Professions

Safety

Search and Rescue

Traffic Safety

Ecology and Conservation (Nature)

Astronomy

Chemistry

Environmental Science

Exploration

Fish & Wildlife

Fishing

Forestry

Geology

Mammal Studies

Nature

Plant Science

Reptile & Amphibian Study

Weather

Handicraft

Art

Basketry

Indian Lore

Leatherwork

Painting

Photography

Sculpture

Textile

Woodcarving

Mountain Biking

Cycling

Scoutcraft

Camping

Geocaching

Orienteering

Pioneering

Wilderness Survival

Range & Target

Rifle Shooting

Shotgun Shooting

Trades

Electricity

Engineering

Home Repair

Painting

Plumbing

Woodworking

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Few factors are as important to the continued success of a troop or crew as the active participation of older youth. These are the veteran Scouts who have “been there, done that” and offer a wealth of experience to guide recent crossovers and serve as an inspiration to younger Scouts.

In order to maintain the interest of these older Scouts, however, the program must offer something for them as well. At Camp Wapominee we offer a number of opportunities for experienced Scouts looking for that extra challenge. Most of our older youth programs are open to adults as well!

Aquatics

American Red Cross Lifeguard

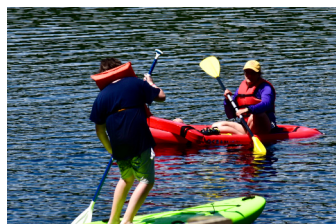
Scouting America has discontinued the Scouting America Lifeguard Certification program as of December 31, 2024. As a replacement, Scouting America has expanded its partnership with American Red Cross, allowing Camp Wapominee to continue to provide a comprehensive lifeguard certification program.

We are pleased to be offering the complete American Red Cross Lifeguard Program this summer. The program is very rigorous, requiring a full-time commitment. Completion of the program will yield a certificate recognized by numerous entities, including New York State, for employment as a lifeguard. Participants must be at least 15 years old.



It is recommended that interested Scouts hold most of the badges offered by the Camp Wapominee Aquatics program prior to beginning the American Red Cross Lifeguard program.

Scouts taking the BSA Lifeguard program must bring long pants and a long-sleeved shirt for clothes inflation.



Canoeing, Kayaking, Sailing, and Stand Up Paddleboarding

There's no better way to spend a warm summer day than on the water. At Camp Wapominee you have your choice of maritime options.

- Explore Sly Pond as you cruise the water on your choice of canoe, kayak, sailboat, or stand up paddleboard.
- Earn merit badges in Canoeing, Kayaking, or Small Boat Sailing.
- Learn to paddleboard and earn the BSA Stand Up Paddleboard Award.

Open Boating opportunities are also available throughout the week for Scouts and leaders.

Mile Swim

Do you think you have what it takes? Do you want a challenge? You have the opportunity to work throughout the week on perfecting your stroke and endurance so you can join the elite club of Mile Swimmers!



Snorkeling

Grab a mask and some fins, it is time to see Sly Pond like you've never seen it before! See what treasures lay at the bottom of Camp Wapominee's man made pond!

Swim Lessons

What's better than coming to camp as a non-swimmer and leaving at the end of the week a swimmer? That's life changing stuff. The Aquatics staff will meet campers where they are while campers have fun working through the swimming rank requirements on their way to becoming a swimmer.



Twin Rivers Council Navigator Award

For those who just can't get enough of the Aquatics program in their life, we have just the thing for you: the [Twin Rivers Council Navigator Award](#). This award is a recognition for those who have taken on every challenge the Aquatics program can throw at them.

Requirements include the completion of Aquatics based merit badges and awards, as well as the demonstration of swimming and boating skills.

Scouts may earn special Starfish pins by taking their experience to the next level.



COPE

The Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (COPE) Open to Scouts at least 13 years of age, COPE challenges participants mentally and physically. Guided by the philosophy of "Challenge By Choice," each participant is encouraged to push themselves beyond their own expectations. Working as a team, the Scouts will have a chance to develop the communication, leadership, and decision making skills needed by youth leaders. All you need to know is that they are going to have one of the most exciting and rewarding experiences of their lives... while standing thirty feet in the air!



Community Safety

No program area in camp better reflects the Scout motto of "Be Prepared" than the Community Safety program. Earn the Health Care Professions and the Emergency Preparedness merit badges from one of the country's top disaster epidemiologists. Earn Fire Safety, First Aid, Safety, Search and Rescue, and Traffic Safety from seasoned professionals in these fields.

Guest appearances will blow you away!

Handicraft

It's time to get creative. The Handicraft area is perfect for those Scouts, young and old, who want to express their creativity and build treasured memories. Each of the Handicraft merit badges (Art, Basketry, Indian Lore, Leatherwork, Photography, Sculpture, Textile, and Woodcarving) teaches Scouts the safe practices and basic skills needed to create camp projects they can be proud of.

Scouts that choose to take Leatherwork merit badge are encouraged to bring a leather item they enjoy to learn proper cleaning and condition. This can be a belt, shoes, boots, a baseball glove, or anything else made of real leather. Those taking Textile merit badge are encouraged to bring a 100% cotton tee shirt to learn dying techniques. We will provide resources for scouts that choose not to bring something, but we want to offer the opportunity for scouts to truly personalized experience.

All materials needed to complete the merit badge requirements are provided as part of the all-inclusive camp fee. Each Scout may keep his or her finished basket, knife pouch, neckerchief slide or other project to take home. The Handicraft lodge will also offer an art gallery on Wednesday and Friday evenings to display works from the various merit badges. Scouts, leaders, and family members are all encouraged to attend!

Additional project kits may be purchased in the Trading Post by adult leaders or Scouts who have already completed their merit badge but want to create an additional project.

Drop by handicraft every afternoon from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM to get your crafts on!

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Mountain Biking

The Camp Wapominee Mountain Bike Program is open to scouts and scouters, age 13 and up. If you have a mountain bike and helmet, you may bring them. The Mountain Bike Director will make the call on whether you may use them in the program. We build bike handling skills throughout the week as we tour the camp property, then on Friday we will spend the morning riding the wonderful trails at the Gurney Lane park, just 10 minutes away.

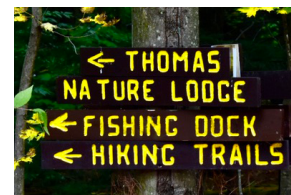
You will never ride the same again!



Nature

The fishing at camp Wapominee is off the hook! Learn all about it and get in touch with the amazing natural environment at camp with any of these incredible merit badges: Astronomy; Chemistry; Environmental Science; Exploration; Fish & Wildlife; Fishing; Forestry; Geology; Plant Science; Reptile & Amphibian; Sustainability; and Weather.

In addition to our fantastic array of merit badges, we plan on offering fishing from rowboats (in collaboration with Waterfront), a guided nature scavenger hunt, and Leave No Trace 101 training.



Range and Target

Archery

The Archery program at Wapominee is popular with Scouts of all ages. We offer Archery merit badge, as well as daily open shoots. Evening open shoots frequently offer fun targets such as balloons or creative targets.

There is no minimum age for an Archery merit badge. Additional shooting time during the daily open shoots may be required to meet the scoring standards necessary to qualify for the badge.

Please note that personal bows or mechanical releases may not be brought to camp.

Take Aim, Draw your bow, and let it Fly!



Rifle and Shotgun

The Shooting Sports program teaches Scouts marksmanship and the safe handling of firearms, under the careful supervision of a director trained and certified by BSA and the National Rifle Association.

Rifle Shooting and Shotgun Shooting merit badges are both offered at Wakpominee, and there are open shoots each afternoon and evening for anyone who wishes to participate. Time permitting, there may also be opportunities for Scouts to attempt to qualify for the NRA Rifle Marksmanship program.

By New York State law, a Scout must be at least 12 years old to fire a rifle or shotgun.

Personal firearms are not permitted at camp.

Due to the difficulty many smaller youth have handling a shotgun, we require that Scouts be at least 13 years old and physically and mentally mature before attempting Shotgun Shooting merit badge.

Participants in Rifle and Shotgun Shooting merit badges may need to attend additional open shoots in order to meet the scoring qualifications.

Unit Leaders are encouraged to join us for open shoot and special adult-only open shoot opportunities.



New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) Hunter Education

The Hunter Education Program teaches future hunters how to be safe, responsible, and ethical. After successful completion of a hunter education course or a trapper education course, students will receive a certificate of qualification necessary for purchasing a first-time hunting license.

Camp Wakpominee is offering this course for those Scouts or Scouters participating in shooting sports.

Scoutcraft

It's time to hone your outdoor skills. I might just change your life. The heart of Scouting is the outdoor experience. The Scoutcraft area at Wakpominee offers merit badges that appeal to Scouts of all ages. All are hands-on, and all will build skills to last a lifetime.

For those taking Camping and Wilderness Survival, the highlight of the week is the Thursday night outpost hike and campout. Led by the Scoutcraft staff, participants will hike to the outer limits of the property before setting up camp for the night. Those taking Wilderness Survival have the added challenge of building their shelters entirely from natural elements.

Trades

We are excited to bring a Trades program to Scouts this year. Whether or not you follow a career in the trade, this program will help make you a more self-reliant, capable person. Scouts can earn merit badges and gain skills in: Electricity, Plumbing, Home Repairs, Engineering, Painting, and Woodworking. The program is staffed with highly experienced professionals from the respective industries.



CIT PROGRAM

The Wakpominnee Counselor-In-Training program is for Scouts and Venturers who are ready to take the next step in leadership, by learning how to mentor other Scouts in a fun, outdoor environment. Participants must be 15 years old before the start of camp and Scouts must be at least First Class rank. (Rank requirement does not apply to registered Venturers.) CIT program allows half the day for the Scout's own advancement and half the day for training, observing, and developing instructional techniques under careful guidance. CITs are exposed to as many program areas as possible, and some camp support areas as well. Each CIT is paired with an experienced staff member mentor who will serve as a guide and resource throughout the experience. Upon completion of their program, the CIT may be asked to stay on as an intern for the rest of the summer. The cost to participate in the CIT program is the same as one week of camp. Best of all, CITs and interns are able to continue to earn merit badges and enjoy the camp program during the half day each day that they are not working. CITs are encouraged to stay with their troop when the unit is in camp, so that their leadership is available to the unit while at summer camp. CIT candidates are encouraged to apply online.

STAFF

This year you will notice that the staff is..Let's say mature. We have an all-star all-volunteer cast of long time Wakpominnee Alumni and professionals in their industry. Collectively the staff brings over 1,700 years of experience to the program.



