

Female Summit

April 12th-13th, 2025

Camp Minsi

UNIT PARTICIPATION GUIDE

Calling all female Scouts and rising AOL's ... Come join us at Camp Minsi for a fun-filled adventure. We will be discussing the unique challenges and obstacles that female scouts are facing at round table discussions, build scout skills as well as network with Scouts from many area troops.

Rising AOLs have an opportunity to meet members of the troops they may join, and see them in action!

ScoutsBSA Scouts will see opportunities available to them at lunch time midway and get to network with other Scouts.

Monroe District Pinewood will occur in the afternoon in the Dining Hall - please bring your car if you want to test race!

Welcome to the Female Summit:

Welcome to the Female Summit! This event will be held on April 12th through April 13th, 2025. We hope it will be a helpful and encouraging weekend for female scouts and units. Please carefully read the important information contained within this Unit Participation Guide. Be sure your Scouts are prepared, well equipped, and most of all, ready to have a great time. We are hoping for maximum participation at this summit and encourage your unit to camp Saturday night.

Minsi Female Summit Contacts:

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General Information:

- Dates: April 12th through 13th , 2025
Place: Camp Minsi – The official Camp Map is included and will be given out at registration and will show the specific locations of event stations.
- Camping: Various sites around the camp.
- Cost: \$10 per Scout
 - Units and rising AOL's sign up
 - AOLs are welcome to attend Saturday with their families
 - Register for overnight camping separately - you may need to put up your own canvas or sign up for Tabin camping.
- Please check in at the Dining Hall when you arrive.
- Vehicles must remain on the roads.

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 14, 2025 – Registration Opens for all units and individuals at minsitrails.org
- April 7, 2025 – Registration Closes. Registration may close sooner if we reach 150 Scouts registered.

2025 ScoutsBSA Female Summit - Full-Day Schedule (Saturday & Sunday)

Saturday, April 12, 2025

6:00 AM to 7:45 AM - Registration & Check-in

- Scouts arrive, check in, set up campsites if needed

8:00 AM - Opening Ceremony & Colors

8:30 AM to 12:30 PM - Morning Scout Skills Sessions (Choose Basic or Advanced Track)

- **Basic Track:** Fire building, knots & lashings, knife safety, basic first aid
- **Advanced Track:** Wilderness first aid, backpacking skills, outdoor cooking, Pioneering

(Each session runs for 50 minutes; 4 rotations) with a 10-minute transition time)

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Adult Leaders: Managing Conflict, Anxiety, & Other Challenging Situations

12:30 PM – Lunch & Open House

- **TO BE PROVIDED AT DINING HALL BY EVENT – PICNIC STYLE**
- Open Houses: Local Troops, Sea Scouts, Venture
 - Troops should bring information / displays about their unit and activities

1:30 PM to 4:00 PM – Open Program

Planned activities:

- **Team Competitions** (teams of 4 compete in various activities)
- **Voyager** (Blacksmithing)
- **Range & Target Activities**
- **Minsi Camp Hike** (orienteering)
- **Merit Badge Offering** (Chess or other)
- **Orienteering Challenge** (Scouts navigate using a map & compass)

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM – Adult Leaders: PLCs & Troop/Patrol Culture

4:00 PM - Break & Prep for Dinner

- Patrol-style cooking or a group-prepared meal
- SPL Meeting: Skit & song sign-ups

5:30 PM – Dinner *(at campsite with troop)*

7:00 PM – Meet at Dining Hall for Campfire Program

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- Skits, songs, scout stories, awards, closing thoughts
- SPL/Adult Leader Social

9:00 PM - Return to Campsites & Wind Down

10:00 PM - Taps (Lights Out, Quiet Time in Campsites)

Sunday, April 13, 2025

7:00 AM - Breakfast *(at campsite with troop)* & **Begin Packing Up Camps**

8:30 AM - Scouts' Own Service

- Short non-denominational reflection

9:00 AM - Final Camp Breakdown & Cleanup

10:30 AM - Closing & Departures

General Rules:

- Adult leaders are responsible for their Scouts.
- All Youth Protection Requirements must be followed.
- Adult leaders are to sign-in upon arrival and sign-out upon departure.
- On-site contact information must be provided for at least two adult leaders who will be available on-site.

Troops and families are encouraged to camp Saturday night but may choose to come for Saturday only. Camping is not part of the program. Please register at the Camping area of the Minsi Trails website.

Except for emergency and staff vehicles, absolutely no vehicles will be allowed in the program areas. All vehicles must park in the parking lot.

Important Safety Considerations:

- To avoid congestion, only two vehicles per troop are allowed to transport gear to the campsites. Then move the vehicle back to the parking lot.
- All vehicles, including visitors, must park in the parking lots. All parking along camp roads is prohibited.
- All vehicles arriving on Friday must be moved to a parking lot by 9:30 PM. All Vehicles arriving on Saturday, including visitors, must be moved to a parking lot before 8:00 AM. • There will be no driving by anyone in camp on Saturday during the activities. Only emergency and necessary staff vehicles are permitted. This rule will be strictly enforced.
- Other areas of safety that need to be monitored by Unit Leaders:
- Weather should be monitored by all leaders and aid all youth in seeking shelter from lightning, wind, rain, snow, etc. Follow weather hazards training guidelines.
- Watch for dead limbs over tent sites (snow is heavy).
- Two-deep, registered leadership is required.
- Keep campfires well away from tents.
- There should be no unattended fires. Extinguish fires at night before sleep.
- **Closed toe shoe are required. NO CROCS**
- Axes, knives, or saws must be supervised by experienced adults in designated areas. Chainsaws, if needed, will only be operated by qualified adults. (Annual retraining is required).
- The right is reserved to refuse participation to any Scout who, in the opinion of the Female Summit Committee, is not properly dressed for the prevailing weather. All Unit Leaders – please be aware that this will be checked during Opening and will be strictly enforced! Please be sure that your Scouts are dressed properly for the weather conditions.
- Water: You will need containers to carry water to your campsite.
- Latrine: We have arranged for porta-johns to be placed in various locations around camp for use during the weekend and each campsite has a latrine. Be sure to bring your own toilet paper (in case the portapottys run out).

- Foul Weather Gear: It is not unusual to have rain and mud in April. Pack clothing in plastic bags to prevent dampness.
- Foot Gear: Everyone should come equipped with a pair of rubber boots. Leather shoes are not sufficient to protect your feet over an extended period of time in the rain.

Female Summit 2025 Registration Deadline: April 7, 2025

Female Summit 2025 FINAL ROSTER may be updated online on your registration up until the day before the event. If it changes after April 10, please bring updates with you.