

FEMALE BSA SCOUT SUMMIT

April 17-19, 2026

Camp Minsi, Pocono Summit, PA

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/502-FemaleSummit2026>

Registration Closes at 12:00 pm on Friday, April 3, 2026 or when 200 participants have been registered, whichever comes first.

The Minsi Female Summit brings together Female Scouts BSA members, Rising Arrow of Light Scouts, and adult leaders from across the region for a weekend focused on outdoor skills, leadership development, and community. Designed to support Scouts at every stage of their journey and the adults who mentor them, the Summit offers a balanced program that blends hands-on learning, personal growth, and meaningful connection in a welcoming, youth-led environment.

The morning Scout program is organized into two tracks to ensure age and experience appropriate learning.

The **Basic Track**, ideal for newer Scouts and Rising AOLs, focuses on foundational outdoor skills and confidence-building. Participants will work on fire building (Firem'n Chit), knife safety (Totin' Chip), basic first aid, and knots while experiencing the patrol method and the Scouts BSA program in action.

The **Advanced Track** is designed for experienced Scouts, generally those with two or more years in the program, who are ready to move beyond skill acquisition and into leadership application. In addition to advanced outdoor topics such as scenario-based wilderness first aid, this track emphasizes leadership development and real-world readiness. Sessions explore how older Scouts plan meetings and campouts for others, mentor younger Scouts, and navigate common challenges such as managing anxiety, handling conflict within patrols, and making thoughtful decisions under pressure. The goal of the Advanced Track is to help Scouts transition from participants to confident leaders and role models within their troops.

In the afternoon, all Scouts come together for shared activities that emphasize fun, creativity, and collaboration. Offerings may include a merit badge opportunity (such as Salesmanship or an alternate to be announced), range and target sports, blacksmithing, and fun athletic games like volleyball or gaga ball. These activities provide opportunities to connect across troops and enjoy the broader Summit experience.

The Summit includes dedicated adult leader training sessions running in parallel with Scout programming. Adult offerings include foundational Scouts BSA leadership training; **Promote the Adventure**, focused on engaging and retaining older youth through high-adventure programming; **Mental Health First Aid** training for recognizing and responding to youth mental health concerns; and a session on **supporting Scouts with special needs** through inclusive, practical leadership strategies. Each session equips leaders with tools they can implement immediately to strengthen their unit's culture and program.

Scouting for Moms 101 invites all mothers (registered or not) to join us for lunch and an afternoon introduction to the Scouts BSA program, where they'll learn what Scouting is all about, experience basic outdoor skills firsthand, and see how they can support and engage in their Scout's journey.

Saturday lunch will be provided in the dining hall and will feature an **Open House**, allowing Scouts and adults to explore additional Scouting pathways and opportunities:

 **National Jamboree 2026** |  **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)** |  **Order of the Arrow (OA)**
 **Venturing** |  **Sea Scouts** |  **Working on staff at Camp Minsi** |  **Wood Badge 2027**

At its core, the Minsi Female Summit is about connection, connecting Scouts to skills, leadership, and each other; connecting adults to resources and shared experience; and connecting families to the many pathways Scouting offers. Together, we celebrate the growth, leadership, and future of female Scouts across our council and others.

Welcome to the Minsi Trails Female Summit

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Registration

All participants must be registered to attend the Camporee. This includes Scouts BSA, Venturers, and adult leaders. The deadline for registration is 12:00pm on Friday, April 3, 2026. **No onsite registrations will be permitted.**

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The online registration form will ask for the names of the scouts that your unit is bringing as well their placement into basic track or advanced track for the morning sessions. It is our recommendation that scouts not yet First Class follow the basic track and those First Class and above take the advanced track. Scouts will be assigned into random groups for morning rotations to maximize networking across units and councils.

The camporee organizer will verify the leaders are registered with Scouting America and their YPT/SYT training is up to date using my.scouting.org. All adults must be current with their Youth Protection training to attend the camporee. To be considered current, the adult MUST have completed their Youth Protection/Safeguarding Youth training on or after April 19, 2024.

Please contact the event organizers at femalesummit@minsitrails.org if you are interested in helping to run a station or your unit run a station.

If you need to change anything after registration closes, please contact the event organizer prior to 5 pm on Thursday, April 16, 2026, so we can update assignments accordingly.

Forms

You must have a copy of your unit roster with you at the time of check in at camporee.

Your unit leadership must have in their possession a completed Scouting America Health Form (Parts A and B) for every youth and adult attending the camporee for any amount of time. This form can be found at:

<https://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/media/forms.aspx>

NOTE: Part C of the Health Form is NOT required as camporee does not exceed 72 hours

It is the responsibility of each Troop leader to maintain control of the medical forms for each of their Scouts participating, and to provide Camporee Staff with quick access in case of an emergency. If the Troop leader must leave the grounds for any reason, they need to transfer control of the medical forms to another Troop leader.

Part A of the medical form includes the Scouting America Talent Release Agreement. If any participant elects not to sign the Talent Release Agreement, please bring this to the attention of the Camporee Staff when you check-in. If there are any medical conditions or considerations for any of your Scouts, please bring these to the Health Officer's attention at check-in as well.

Youth Protection/Safeguarding Youth Training Requirements

All adults must be current with their Youth Protection/Safeguarding Youth training to attend the camporee. To be considered current, the adult **MUST** have completed their Youth Protection/Safeguarding Youth training on or after April 19, 2024.

Arrow of Light Scouts

Arrow of Light Scouts may participate at a Scouts BSA “camporee” during the day and/or overnight with their Arrow of Light Den/Patrol, provided the den/patrol is under the supervision of two deep leadership from their Arrow of Light den/patrol or pack. The Arrow of Light Scout’s parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may attend with the Arrow of Light den/patrol and their child, either alongside the two-deep leadership or as part of it if they are registered with the Pack.

An adult that is coming as part of Troop cannot also function as one of the two leaders required for the Arrow of Light den/patrol or pack. One of the leaders from the Arrow of Light Scout’s den/patrol or pack that is in attendance must be BALOO trained.

If you have additional questions on how an Arrow of Light Scout can participate, please contact John Yackabonis at John.Yackabonis@scouting.org.

Cost

Cost shown are per person.

	In-Council	Out of Council
Scouts BSA or Venturers	No Charge	\$15.00
Adult Leaders	No Charge	\$15.00
Camporee Staff	No Charge	No Charge

Registration/payment is done online found at: <https://scoutingevent.com/502-FemaleSummit2026> Please contact the event organizers at femalesummit@minsitrails.org if you are interested in helping to run a station or your unit run a station.

If payment has not been made through the registration page, the Council office must receive it by 5pm on Thursday, April 16, 2026. We are not set up to accept payments onsite.

Black Pug

Black Pug is used to manage all registrations and payments for the camporee. You can register and pay by going to: <https://scoutingevent.com/502-FemaleSummit2026>

Registration Note: Each troop/crew should create one registration only for this camporee. Please do not create multiple registrations for the same troop/crew. If you need to add, remove, or update patrols, participants, or other details, simply return to your troop/crew’s existing registration and make the necessary changes there. This helps ensure accurate records and allows space for all troops/crews, since registration will close once the maximum of 200 participants has been reached.

Check-In on Friday

Check in is at the Ad-Pad pavilion next to the main parking lot. Campsite assignments will be distributed at check-in and will be determined by the number of campers in each Troop.

Parking will be at a premium, so it will be more important than ever to rideshare and economize travel to include as few vehicles as possible. Please be Kind and Courteous to our Staff as they do their best to facilitate a fun event for you and our Scouts.

To prevent congestion on the narrow road to the sites, each Troop will be permitted to take vehicles back to their assigned site to unload gear. After the gear is unloaded, it is requested that all vehicles be returned to the main parking lot, however, one vehicle/trailer may remain. There is a limited amount of space to neatly park your Troop trailer within your designated campsite boundaries. If your trailer cannot completely fit within your designated campsite boundaries it will need to be parked in the main parking lot.

There is no parking behind the dining hall.

If your unit is unable to arrive at Camp Minsi during the check-in time, please contact the event organizer prior to the start of the camporee to make other arrangements.

If there are any special requests, such as sharing a campsite with another unit, early arrival, etc., please contact the event organizer prior to the close of registration with the request.

Camp Communication

In order to improve communication during this event, we will utilize BAND for notification of changes to schedules/events or other important announcements.

Link: <https://band.us/n/a4a5b0v3s84bW>

Scan QR Code to Join!



Planned Late Arrivals/Saturday Morning Arrivals

Please contact the event organizer at femalesummit@minsitrails.org prior to the close of registration to coordinate any planned late arrivals/Saturday morning arrivals.

Setting Up Your Campsite

Be prepared with tents and rain shelters. These are general guidelines for setting up your campsite.

- Do not block the access road with vehicles or gear.
- Patrols/Troops setup camp.
- Set up dining fly first – put gear under it to protect from weather.
- Set up tents – then move personal gear into tents. Lay out sleeping gear.
- Set up cooking and eating areas, secure water, and fuel supply.
- All fires must be in established fire rings: Any additional restrictions on the use of campfires will be communicated at check-in and during the SPL/SM meeting on Friday night.

The summer camp tents and cots will not be on the platforms. You can put a tent on these platforms to avoid the rocks.

In the event the camp's water needs to be turned off prior to the camporee, water can be obtained from a spigot at the maintenance shed near the entrance to camp.

Health Officer

Donna Rex-Frantz is the health officer for the camporee. The Health Lodge will be staffed throughout the event.

Incident Reporting

Incident reporting strengthens Scouting America's safety culture, benefiting everyone involved. It raises awareness of potential risks, prompting swift preventive actions. Additionally, it drives improvement by highlighting systematic issues and refining policies for higher-risk activities. This cycle of awareness and enhancement ensures a safer and better scouting experience for all.

Timely, clear, concise, and complete incident reports allow for an appropriate response and an opportunity for analysis while promoting continuous improvement of our programs.

Scouting America defines three categories of incidents: incident/general liability, membership infraction/youth protection, and near miss.

A "near miss incident" refers to a situation in which an event or series of events occurs that could have resulted in an accident, injury, property damage, or other negative outcome, but due to fortunate circumstances or timely intervention, no actual harm or damage occurs. Near misses with clear lessons learned can bring to light opportunities to improve safety performance or program practices.

The Scouting America's website on incident reporting provides this example as to what is a "near miss incident." Imagine riding your bike down a hill and almost hitting a big rock. You quickly stop and steer away, avoiding a crash. That's a near miss incident – you almost had an accident, but you stayed safe by acting fast.

A "incident/general liability incident" is an allegation of bodily injury, illness, or property damage.

A "membership infraction/youth protection incident" is an incident that relates to behavior that puts a Scout's safety at risk, such as youth protection violations, allegations of abuse, self-harm, etc.; or one that calls into question a registered leader or youth member's continued registration with Scouting America.

Forms to report incidents are available at the camporee HQ and all incidents must be turned into Brian Dungan at the Council office within 24 hours of the incident. The camporee HQ staff will collect all the forms and forward them onto Brian Dungan for processing.

Interfaith Service and Other Services

A Scout's Own / Interfaith Service will be held in the Camp Chapel (weather permitting). This service is intended to be reflective and inclusive, welcoming Scouts and leaders of all faith traditions, spiritual practices, and personal beliefs. If your troop has a Scout or Chaplain Aide interested in assisting with the service, please inform the Camporee staff during the Saturday evening Senior Patrol Leader meeting.

Scouts and leaders are encouraged to attend the Scout's Own Service as an opportunity for reflection and community.

No additional faith-specific religious services will be offered during the weekend. Scouts and leaders who wish to observe services aligned with their own traditions are encouraged to make arrangements independently; there are several churches, synagogues, temples, and other houses of worship in the Pocono area. If leaving camp to attend a service, please remember to check out and check back in at the ad-pad and follow all Youth Protection policies.

Check-Out

All units are asked to follow the "Leave No Trace" camping guidelines.

Please fill out the Camporee Evaluation form you will be provided on-site. We would like to have your feedback on the Camporee and how we can make it better for you and your Scouts. Your feedback is important to us, so we can evaluate and make improvements. There is no need to check out with anyone on the Camporee Staff prior to leaving camp on Sunday morning. If your Troop is leaving early, please inform someone at the Camporee HQ prior to departure.

Post-Event Survey

Please take a moment to scan the QR code below and complete to provide us valuable feedback following the event.



Event Information

A Scoutmaster/Advisor and Senior Patrol Leader will meet at 9:00 pm, Friday night at the Dining Hall. At that time, Saturday information will be distributed. Scouts will be divided into random groups based on their track selection. The random selection is to encourage a mixture of units and councils to maximize networking and growth. The full troop should gather at the Parade Field by 8:00 am, Saturday morning for the Opening Ceremony. We will break by assigned colors to our first stations.

There will be a scheduled break for lunch between 12:30pm and 1:30 pm. Lunch will be provided at the dining hall for all participants. Afternoon stations will start promptly at 2:00 pm.

Coffee will be available for the leaders at the Camporee HQ – Dining Hall).

The Rules

This Camporee will be great fun and a memorable adventure for all who attend. Your Camporee Staff wants this to be a SAFE activity without injury or mishap. To plan for that goal, we have established a few Commonsense Rules that will make the Camporee more enjoyable for all.

Leadership: At least two registered adult leaders must be present on camp property during the Camporee. The Camporee Committee wants to remind all adults that this Camporee is for the Scouts to enjoy. Please use the Patrol Method at all times.

Scout Oath & Law: The Scout Oath and Law are expected to be practiced by all attending the Camporee.

Cell Phone Policy: To maximize connection, learning, and leadership growth, Scouts are expected to keep cell phones stored away during program sessions. We encourage participants to be fully present and engaged in the experience

Campsites: Campsites are assigned based on the number of Scouts that are registered. Based on the projected number of registrations, troops will be assigned one or more patrol sites within the summer camp troop campsites.

Food: It is each Troop's responsibility to provide all meals and snacks for themselves. Each Troop is responsible for the cleanliness of their campsite and for packing away their own trash after the event.

Food Storage: Each Troop is responsible for supplying their own secure food storage containers.

Water: If the camp water is turned on, water is located at each site. Water is also available at the maintenance shed. Plan on bringing a water jug to carry your water from where the water will be located.

Fires: Fires will be allowed in the campsite only in established fire pits. Fuel stoves and lanterns are allowed.

Fireworks: Fireworks are not allowed.

Restroom Facilities: If the camp water is turned on, flush toilets are located at each site. If the water is turned off, there are open pit latrines located throughout the Camp and at each campsite. Scouts should help keep them clean. (Bring extra toilet paper)

Shoes: No open-toed shoes or crocs/crocs like shoes are permitted in camp.

Buddy System: All Scouts must use the buddy system throughout the camporee. **A Scout should have a designated buddy and remain with that buddy at all times**, whether traveling between stations, participating in events, or moving about camp. Buddies look out for each other, help ensure everyone's safety, and immediately report any concerns to an adult leader or event staff.

More information on the buddy system and how it should be used by going to the *Guide for Safe Scouting*:

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/>

Lantern & Stoves: Scouting America Policy on fuels will apply. Only adults will refill all lanterns and stoves. Fuel must be stored away from fires and the cooking area and absolutely **NO LANTERNS OR FLAMES IN TENTS**.

Parking: All vehicles will be expected to park in the designated parking lot. **NO VEHICLES WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE CAMPING AREA DURING CAMPOREE WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION**. Special Needs will be taken care of on an individual basis.

Clean Up: Each unit's adult leaders will be responsible for ensuring that their campsite is clean prior to leaving. All trash must either be placed in the two full metal dumpsters on the right side behind the dining hall or leave with your Unit. The dumpsters by the dining hall on the left side are for cardboard only. Leave No Trace! Please notify the registrar if your unit will be leaving early.

Directions to Camp

Camp Minsi is located at 106 Camp Minsi Rd, Pocono Summit, PA 18346. Please go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/CampMinsiDirections> or scan the QR code below to get customized directions via Google Maps.



Schedule of Events

Friday, April 17, 2026

Time Start	Time End	Description	Location
6:00 PM	8:30 PM	Units Arrive & Check-In	Ad-Pad Pavillion
9:00 PM	9:30 PM	SPL & SM Meeting	Dining Hall
11:00 PM		Taps & Lights Out	Campsite

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Time Start	Time End	Description	Location
8:00 AM	8:15 AM	Opening & Colors	Parade Field
Begin AM Program Rotations			
8:30 AM	9:15 AM	Session 1	See Map
9:30 AM	10:15 AM	Session 2	
10:30 AM	11:15 AM	Session 3	
11:30 AM	12:15 PM	Session 4	
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch & Open House	Dining Hall
Begin PM Open Program			
1:30 PM	5:00 PM	Scouting for Moms 101	Dining Hall
		Athletic Games	Athletic Field
		Blacksmithing	TBD
		Merit Badge	Econ
		CPR Certificaiton	Health Lodge
		Rifle & Archery	Range
5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Dinner	In Campsites
7:00 PM	7:30 PM	SPL Meeting	Dining Hall
8:45 PM		Gather for Campfire	Parade Field
9:00 PM	9:30 PM	Campfire	Campfire Ring
11:00 PM		Taps & Lights Out	Campsite

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Time Start	Time End	Description	Location
8:00 AM	8:30 AM	Scout's Own Service	Chapel
8:30 AM	11:00 AM	Pack & Depart	

Events - Scouts

Basic Track

The Basic Skills Track focuses on building real outdoor confidence through hands-on practice in fire building, tool safety, camping skills, fitness, and first aid. Designed for Scouts strengthening their foundation, this track develops the competence and self-reliance needed to thrive in the outdoors while naturally advancing toward early rank milestones.

Requirements Covered:

- **Firem'n Chit**
- **Totin' Chip**
- **Tenderfoot:** 3a, 3b, 3c; 4a, 4b, 4c
- **Second Class:** 2a, 2b, 2c; 2f, 2g; 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e

Advanced Track - Scouts

This track empowers Scouts to grow as confident leaders, resilient individuals, and capable outdoor adventurers. Through sessions on mentoring and NYLT-style leadership, managing anxiety and building mental resilience, developing wilderness first aid awareness, and designing high-energy troop outings, participants gain practical skills they can immediately apply in their troop and beyond. Each session is designed to strengthen confidence, ownership, and readiness for bigger adventures..

- **Scout to Mentor** (Intro to NYLT) – Learn how to move from participant to leader by mentoring younger Scouts and strengthening your influence within the troop.
- **Managing Anxiety** – Build resilience and learn practical tools to manage stress and take charge of your mental well-being.
- **Advanced Wilderness First Aid** (Intro) – Explore the core principles of Wilderness First Aid and learn what to do when emergencies happen miles from help.
- **Design the Adventure** – Gain practical tools to plan exciting outings that spark enthusiasm, boost attendance, and keep your troop engaged long after rank requirements are earned.

Adult Training

The Summit offers dedicated adult leader sessions focused on strengthening troop engagement, inclusion, and youth support. Leaders will explore strategies to re-energize older Scouts through high-adventure programming, gain practical tools for supporting Scouts with special needs while preserving the patrol method, and learn Mental Health First Aid principles to confidently respond to anxiety, stress, and crisis situations in a Scouting environment. Each session provides practical tools leaders can immediately apply in their units.

Adult Sessions Include:

- **Promote the Adventure** – Strategies to re-engage 14+ Scouts through high-adventure pathways, Venture patrol revitalization, and meaningful programming that keeps older youth involved.
- **Special Needs Scouts** – Practical tools and communication strategies to support Scouts with diverse needs while maintaining a strong youth-led outdoor program.
- **Mental Health First Aid** – Learn to recognize warning signs, respond appropriately, and support youth experiencing mental health challenges while maintaining safety and Youth Protection standards.

Scouting for Moms 101

Scouting for Moms 101 is a welcoming, hands-on introduction to the Scouts BSA program designed to build understanding and confidence. Join us for lunch and explore how Scouting works, learn foundational outdoor skills, and see firsthand what your Scout experiences on campouts and adventures.

Session Highlights:

- **Intro to Scouts BSA** – What is Scouting? How does the program work?
- **Tenting & Packing** – How to set up a tent and what to bring for a successful campout.
- **Cooking Basics** – Using a propane stove, simple meal planning, and live demonstrations.
- **Basic Skills** – Knots, fire building, knife safety, and core outdoor fundamentals.
- **What's Next?** – How to stay involved, register, support your Scout, and confidently join the adventure.

Afternoon Adventure - All

The afternoon session offers a dynamic mix of hands-on skill development, certification opportunities, and open recreation. Scouts can test their aim in **rifle and archery range activities**, enjoy open athletic games, explore traditional blacksmithing through the Voyager program, work on the **Salesmanship Merit Badge**, earn **Advanced First Aid & CPR certification** (CPR requires pre-registration and an additional fee), or relax and unwind with open fishing. This flexible block allows participants to choose their adventure while building skills, confidence, and camaraderie.

Campfire Program

Each troop will need to provide the name of a skit/song they will do at the campfire on Saturday night. Please bring to Saturday's 7pm SPL Meeting.

Skits/songs should not include any of the following:

- Embarrassing, insulting, or demeaning skits
- Violence/Suicide skits
- Toilet humor
 - references to
 - bodily functions
 - underwear
 - toilet paper
- Water Skits
- Drugs/Alcohol/Drunkness
- Sexual Innuendo
- Real life medical conditions
- Cross Gender Impersonation
- Inside Joke

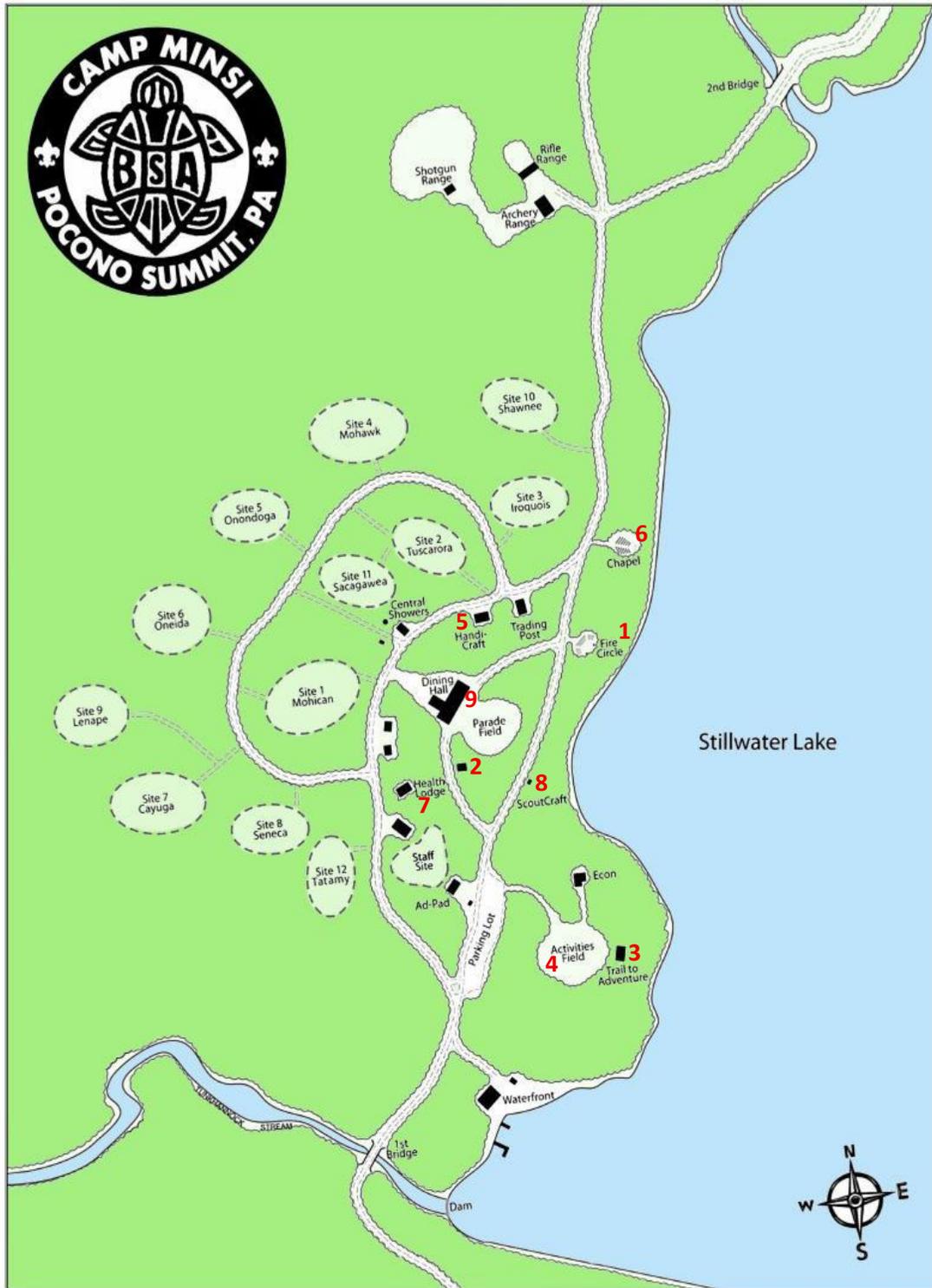
Minsi Council Upcoming Events:

April 24-26, 2026 – MTC Spring Camporee, Camp Minsi: <https://scoutingevent.com/502-lvsa26springcamporee>

October 16-18, 2026 — MTC Fall Camporee, Camp Minsi: <https://scoutingevent.com/502-2026mtcfallcamporee>

February xx, 2027 – MTC Klondike Derby, Camp Minsi:

Morning Station Map

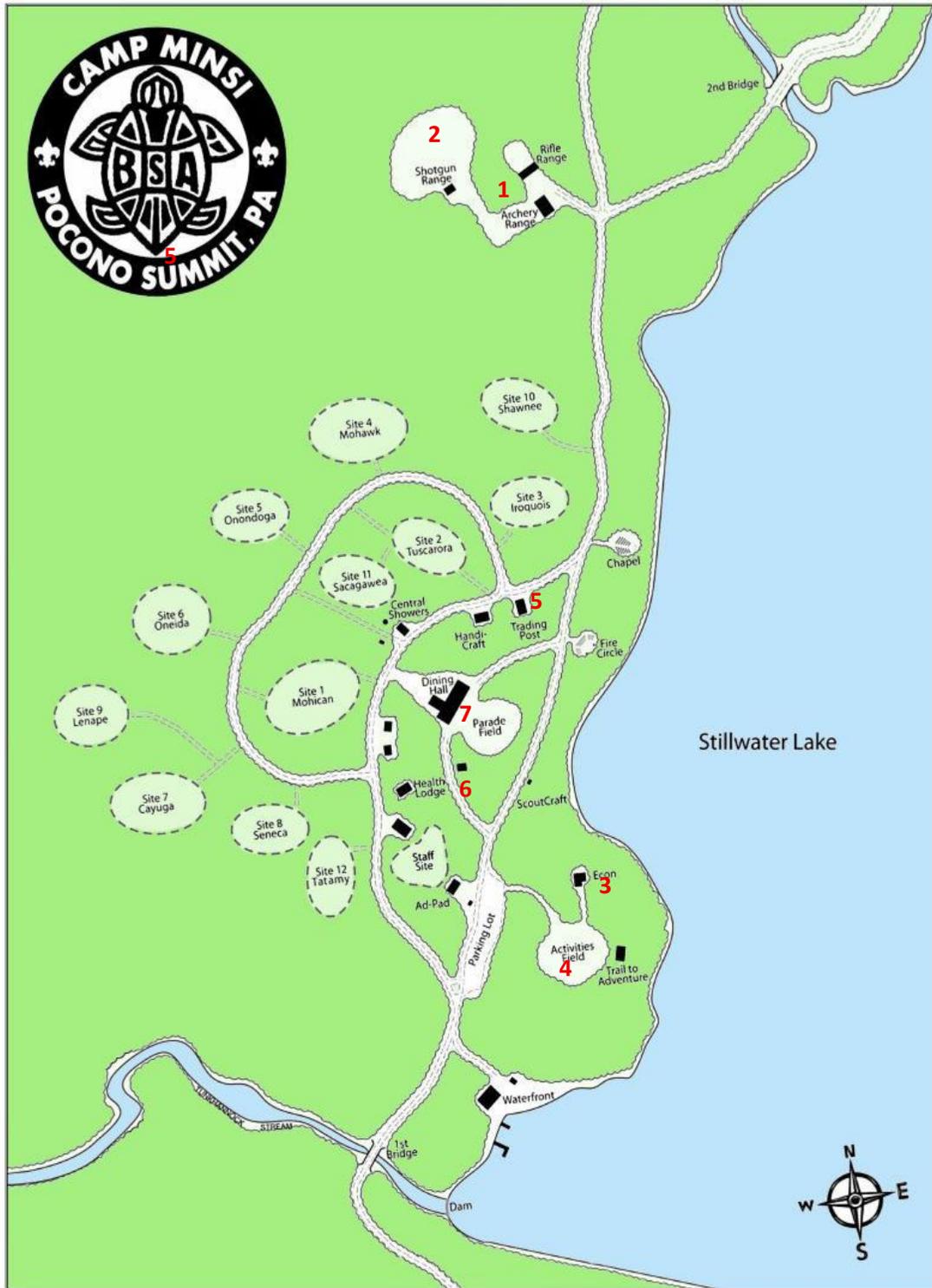


- 1 — Firem'n Chit
- 2 — First Aid
- 3 — Knots

- 4 — Totin' Chip
- 5 — Scout to Mentor
- 6 — Managing Anxiety

- 7 — Wilderness First Aid
- 8 — Design the Adventure
- 9 — Adult Sessions

Afternoon Station Map



1 — Archery & Rifle

4 — Athletic Games

7 — Scouting for Moms

2 (TBD) — Blacksmith
3 — Salesmanship MB

5 — Gaga Ball
6 — CPR

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