

2026 LEHIGH DISTRICT FIRE SERVICE CAMPOREE



LEADERS' GUIDE

APRIL 24-26, 2026

CAMP MINSI

106 Camp Minsi Road

Pocono Summit, PA 18346

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WELCOME

Welcome to Lehigh District's 2026 Spring Camporee – ***Please carefully read the important information contained within this Participation Guide***, it will assist you in your planning a successful weekend with your Scouts. Be sure your Scouts are well prepared, well equipped, and ready for a great time.

The theme for this year's Spring Camporee is "The American Fire Service". The event will have Scouts and Leaders participate in various aspects of Wildland Firefighting, Structural Firefighting, Safety, Preparedness, and Search and Rescue. Scouts will have an opportunity to complete requirements for the Wildland Fire Management Test Merit Badge, Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge, Fire Safety Merit Badge, Safety Merit Badge, and Search and Rescue Merit Badge. Scouts may earn a partial on the merit badges if prerequisites are not completed or if they do not attend all the stations and participate.

This event is being organized by members of Venturing Crew #77, with help from Venturing Crews and Ships within Minsi Trails Council. Local emergency services units will also be assisting in providing the program.

EVENT COORDINATOR

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EVENT INFORMATION

DATES: Friday April 24th to Sunday April 26th, 2026

LOCATION: Camp Minsi

106 Camp Minsi Road

Pocono Summit, PA 18346

COST: \$30 per Scout and Adult

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration will open Monday March 9, 2026

Deadline to order Lunch Meal Tickets is Monday April 7, 2026 at 11pm

Deadline to order Dinner Meal Tickets is Monday April 20, 2026 at 11pm

Registration deadline to participate is Monday April 20, 2026 at 11pm

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 150 SCOUTS

CHECK-IN

- Units shall check-in between 6pm and 8pm at the Administration Building (Ad Pad) on Friday April 24, 2026.
- Units shall have a complete roster of those that are in camp with contact information.
- Units shall ensure they have a completed Scouting America Medical Form (Parts A, B1, and B2) for each participant and permission slips.

VEHICLE PARKING

- For those units camping in designated Campsites, parking shall be limited to one vehicle and a trailer.
- Vehicles **CAN NOT** block the service road.
- Only authorized vehicles will be permitted to park in the parking lot at the Dining Hall. (Vehicles must have an authorized placard to park there, otherwise may be towed)
- All other vehicles shall park in the main parking lot.



TRADING POST



A Trading Post will be set up for the event at the Dining Hall to help cover costs of the camporee and future events. The Trading Post will be operated by Venturing Crew #77.

Items that will be available at the Trading Post are various snacks, drinks, Glowsticks, patches, and extra T-Shirts (limited supply). There will be other items available on a limited basis. Please visit www.BSACrew77.org for a list of items being sold and prices.

\$\$ Cash, Credit/Debit Cards, Paypal, and Venmo will be accepted \$\$

CAMPOREE T-SHIRT

An Official 2026 Lehigh District Fire Service Camporee T-Shirt will be provided to each Scout and Leader participating as part of registration. Unit Leaders, please be sure to obtain the correct sizes for each person registered. Please register early to ensure shirts.

All participants will be required to wear their shirt on Saturday!!!

Program Operations

GENERAL INFORMATION

Uniforms: Though uniforms are an important part of Scouting, this Camporee is a very active event and the Scouting Field Uniform (Class A) will not be required.

Friday night and Sunday activities will be in Class B uniform (troop shirt is strongly recommended).

For Saturday activities, Scouts and Leaders shall wear the Official 2026 Spring Camporee T-Shirt. Participants should wear long pants, proper footwear (hiking boots are recommended, sneakers are fine; NO OPEN TOED SHOES OR CROCS). Scouts wearing improper footwear will be asked to change or will not be able to participate in activities.

Campsites: Campsites will be assigned on a first come, first served basis, but the size of the unit will also be taken into consideration. Before leaving the campsite Sunday morning, every unit must completely police their area. All trash must be picked up and packed out nothing should be left behind. Dumpsters are available at the Dining Hall and at the Ranger Shop. Troops should strive to leave their campsite and Camp Minsi better than they found it.

First Aid: Each unit should have their own first aid kit and be prepared to treat minor injuries. There will be qualified medical personnel at the Camporee to treat any medical emergencies.

Emergency Procedures: Emergency Procedures will be the same as summer resident camp.

Water: Water is available throughout the grounds. Participants *must* bring individual water bottles for the weekend to take to program areas.

Camping:

Units will provide their own tents and camping equipment.

All food and water for the weekend is the responsibility of your Troop/Crew.

There must be at least two adults in each campsite at night.

No unattended fires.

Adult Responsibilities:

Adult Leaders are responsible for their Scouts.

On-site contact information must be provided for at least two (2) adult leaders that will be on-site.

Adults are asked to bring a lap top, if possible, so Scouts can complete survey for Wildland Fire Management Test Merit Badge on Saturday night/Sunday morning.

Scouts:

Scouts should be prepared for their merit badge classes with books, notebook, pencil/pen, and any supplies/equipment needed.

Scouts should be sure to take water with them to the merit badges.

A responsible scout should be designated as the “Patrol Leader” for each merit badge group from the troop.

Leaders:

Leaders are encouraged to participate with the Scouts in all activities. Help is needed for Camporee Staff and if you would like to help, please visit

www.BSACrew77.org or contact Event Coordinator.



FOOD



Hungry: The 13th Scout Law

FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE SNACK (provided as part of registration)

Will take place during the showing of the movie—popcorn, chips, and pretzels.

SATURDAY NIGHT CRACKER BARREL (provided as part of registration)

Various snack foods will be available.

MEAL TICKETS

Scout Units that do not wish to cook for Saturday Lunch and/or Saturday Dinner, may purchase meal tickets for participants through Venturing Crew #77 on their website, www.BSACrew77.org. More information on the website.

Lunch will be a hoagie and chips for \$6.00 per participant

Dinner is a Spaghetti Dinner for \$10.00 per participant

2026 Spring Camporee Agenda

Friday, April 24th

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| 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Registration at Administration Building (Ad Pad) |
| 8:00pm - 8:30pm | Meeting for Senior Patrol Leaders and Scoutmasters at the Dining Hall |
| 8:30pm – 10:30pm | Movie at the Dining Hall |
| 10:30pm | Taps |

Saturday, April 25th

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| 8:30am | Colors at Buttress |
| 9:00am - 12:00pm | Merit Badge Sessions |
| 12:15pm - 1:15pm | Lunch |
| 1:30pm - 5:30pm | Merit Badge Sessions |
| 5:45pm | Colors at Buttress |
| 6:00pm - 7:45pm | Dinner |
| 8:00pm - 9:30pm | Camp Wide Activity |
| 9:30pm - 11:00pm | Cracker Barrel at Dining Hall & Finalizing Merit Badge Requirements |
| 11:00pm | Taps |

Sunday, April 26th

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| 8:45am | Colors at Buttress (Units need not attend) |
| 9:00am - 10:00am | Clean Up & Finalizing Merit Badge Requirements |
| 10:00am - 10:30am | Colors/Closing Ceremonies |
| 12:00pm | Units must be out of camp |