

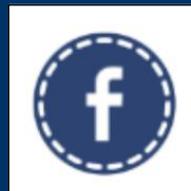


# CAMP KAROONDINHA SUSQUEHANNA COUNCIL, BSA



# 2024 SUMMER PLANNING GUIDE

<https://susquehannabsa.org/camping/>



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# WELCOME

Welcome to Camp Karoondinha, a 400-acre wilderness adventure area in Central Pennsylvania. Camp K is owned and operated by the Susquehanna Council, BSA, and offers four weeks of summer resident camp programs for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts.

The experienced staff members at Camp Karoondinha are trained to provide the most exciting, high quality outdoor program for Scouts. Highlights include:

- ▶ Archery
- ▶ Boating on Faylor Lake
- ▶ Ecology and Conservation
- ▶ Handicraft
- ▶ Scoutcraft Skills and Wilderness Survival
- ▶ Shotgun and Rifle Shooting (BB Shooting for Cub Scouts)
- ▶ STEM Programming
- ▶ Swimming

This guide is offered to provide the basic information you need to help your resident camp experience. A complete leader’s guide for Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA will be published late winter/early spring with final details and information. For additional resources, and for all the latest information on Camp Karoondinha, please visit our website at [www.susquehannabsa.org/camping](http://www.susquehannabsa.org/camping).

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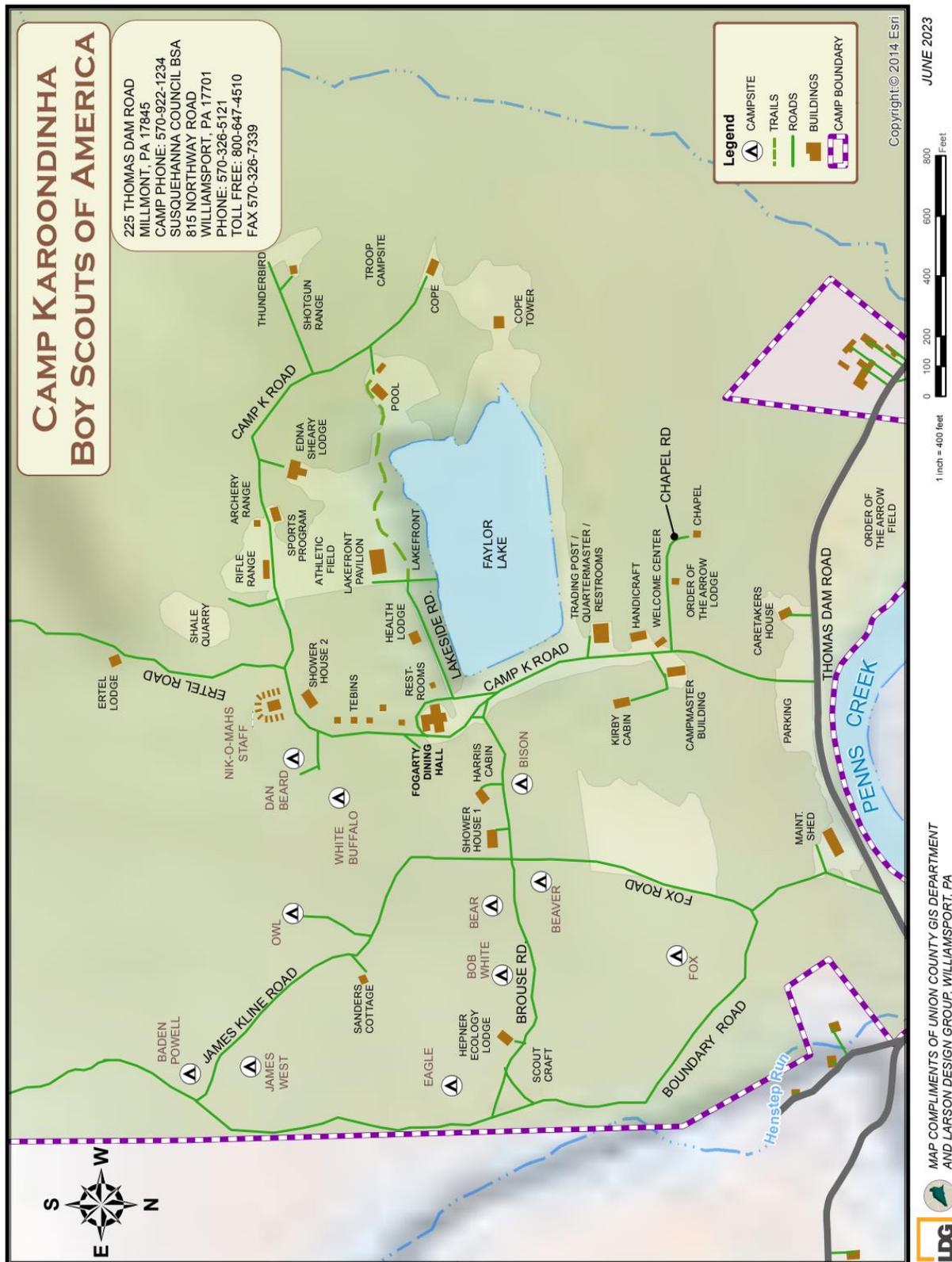
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Camp Karoondinha is a  
Nationally Accredited Boy Scout  
Resident Camp located in  
Millmont, PA and operated by the  
Susquehanna Council, Boy Scouts  
of America.



# CAMP MAP



# RESIDENT CAMP DATES & FEES

## 2024 Resident Camp Season

<b>Week 1</b>	June 22-24, 2024	Cub Scouts Resident Camp Session #1
	June 22-27, 2024	Webelos/Arrow of Light Resident Camp Session #1
<b>Week 2</b>	June 29 – July 1, 2024	Cub Scouts Resident Camp Session #2
	June 29 – July 4, 2024	Webelos/Arrow of Light Resident Camp Session #2
<b>Week 3</b>	July 7-13, 2024	Scouts BSA Resident Camp Session #1
<b>Week 4</b>	July 14-20, 2024	Scouts BSA Resident Camp Session #2

## Resident Camp Program Fees

Please note that our ALL-INCLUSIVE camp fee includes the cost of all program materials. That means that we do not charge extra for program kits or ammunition. The discount fee applies when paid in full by April 30th.

**Note:** Arrow of Light crossovers and new Scouts registered in the spring of 2024 have until May 31st to receive the discount rate.

	DISCOUNT FEE (by April 30th)	REGULAR FEE (after April 30th)
Cub Scouts Session (Sat – Mon)	\$245	\$295
Webelos/Arrow of Light Session (Sat – Thurs)	\$365	\$415
Scouts BSA/Venturer/Sea Scouts	\$485	\$535

## Sibling Discount

For families with more than one youth registering to attend Cub Scouts and/or Scouts BSA resident camp in the same summer, the full camp fee is applicable to one of the youths in the family and a reduction of \$50 to the camp fee will be applied for each additional youth in the same family that registers for camp.

## Provisional Camping

A Scout who is unable to go to camp with their own unit, 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 carefully selected existing units and function as a member of that unit for the week. In some cases, a larger number of provisional campers will be formed into a separate unit, with qualified leadership provided by the camp staff. The fee for a provisional camper is the same as the regular camp fee, though a camper who returns for an additional week of camp as a provisional Scout would benefit from the second week discounted rate.

## Second Week Discounted Rate

Are you a Scouts BSA Scout and can't get enough camp? We have great news for you! A Scout is eligible for a reduced second week fee of \$365 at Camp Karoondinha if he or she has already paid for one week of resident camp at Camp K in the same year.

## Adult Fees

It is the policy of the BSA that a minimum of two registered adult leaders provide supervision for each unit and that there be at least one adult for every eight Scouts. All leaders must be registered as an adult with the Boy Scouts of America.

To encourage the attendance of adult leaders at camp and to keep the costs as low as possible for the Scouts, adult leaders are not charged a camp fee but are charged a portion of the cost for meals at the rates listed below:

- ▶ Cub Scouts Leaders \$100
- ▶ Webelos/Arrow of Light Leaders \$135
- ▶ Scouts BSA/Venturing/Sea Scouts Leaders \$150
- ▶ Leader Daily Rate \$38/day

## Camperships

The Susquehanna Council provides partial, need-based camperships to ensure that all youth have the opportunity to attend resident camp.

The campership application is designed to be completed by the Scout's family and is available at [www.susquehannabsa.org/camping](http://www.susquehannabsa.org/camping). Please submit applications no later than March 11, 2024 so that the campership committee can review all applications and provide timely award information to families and units prior to the payment deadline.

## Fundraising

Scouts are encouraged to “earn their own way” to camp by participating in various fundraisers throughout the year. Units are encouraged to help the Scouts by participating in fundraising opportunities (such as popcorn sales) to help defray the cost of camp for their members. To help with this, the Susquehanna Council offers options to units and families who are looking to raise money for camp. Speak to your District Executive for more information.



# RESIDENT CAMP REGISTRATION

## Resident Camp Planning Timeline

**LATE FALL:** Start talking up resident camp, informing families, and recruiting leadership!

**December 4th:** “Go-live” date for 2024 Resident Camp Registration.

**DATE TBD:** Pre-camp leaders meeting in Milton.

**March 11th:** Deadline for payment of \$75 camper deposit to qualify for the Discount Fee (current, registered Scouts only. New Scouts registering after March 11, 2024 have 30 days after registration to pay the \$75 deposit to qualify for the Discount Fee).

Campership application deadline for Susquehanna Council units.

**April 30th:** Balance of camper payments due for the discount fee. Scouts not fully paid by this date lose the benefit of the discount fee (with the exception for Arrow of Light crossovers and new Scouts).

**SPRING:** Conduct a pre-camp troop meeting for Scouts and parents to review program options, provide information about resident camp and answer questions.

- ▶ Senior camp staff members may be available to visit to help promote camp and answer questions. Contact the Camp Director ([susq.camp.k@gmail.com](mailto:susq.camp.k@gmail.com)) to arrange a visit.
- ▶ The program schedule & all medical forms should be given to Scouts ahead of time so they can review them before the meeting. Set a deadline before camp for the collection of medical forms. Encourage Scouts to complete all Prerequisite and Be Prepared requirements.

**MAY 31st:** Deadline for units to submit regular fee payments.

**JUNE 1st:** Deadline for units to submit BSA registration, Youth Protection Training, PA Act 15 Clearances, and other background check information for any leaders who may accompany the unit to camp.

## Council Service Center Information

Year-Round Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Regular Scouts Shop Hours: September 5, 2023 through June 23, 2024  
Monday – Thursday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
Wednesday 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Summer Scouts Shop Hours: June 24, 2024 through September 2, 2024  
Monday – Thursday 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM



# 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 BSA Youth Protection Policies.

Effective September 1, 2023, two registered adult leaders at least 21 years of age are required at all Scouting activities, including all meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader at least 21 years of age in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader at least 21 years must be present for any activity involving female youth or female adult program participants. Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided.

All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered in an adult fee required position as listed or as an adult program participant. Limited exception below for Cub Scouts overnight Programs.

### *Cub Scouts Programs – Overnight Exception:*

*Cub Scout parents or legal guardians taking part in an overnight Cub Scouts program with their own child or legal ward are not required to register as leaders. All adults must review the “How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide” that can be found in the front of each Cub Scouts Handbook. In addition, the parent or legal guardian must be accompanied by a registered leader at any time they are with youth members other than their own child/ward. All other overnight adults must be currently registered in an adult fee required position.*

## Adult Registration Requirements

**All adults (age 18+)** accompanying Scouts to resident camp must:

- ▶ Have current certification in BSA Youth Protection training, and
- ▶ Have all three PA Act 15 Clearances (dated within the last five years)

This applies to any adults (age 18+) who are staying overnight and any adults who may not be staying overnight but are considered part of the unit’s supervision ratio.

**All adults (18+)** accompanying Scouts to resident camp for more than 72 hours total must:

- ▶ Have current certification in BSA Youth Protection training, and
- ▶ Have all three PA Act 15 Clearances (dated within the last five years), and
- ▶ Be registered with the Boy Scouts of America prior to camp.

The 72 total hours requirement is cumulative for the week of camp and does not reset if the adult leaves camp for a brief period.

The policies above do not apply to short term visitors, such as a parent attending family campfire or the OA Call-Out Ceremony.

## PA Act 15 Clearances

In 2014, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania enacted 23 pieces of legislation, changing how Pennsylvania responds to child abuse. These changes significantly impacted the reporting, investigation, assessment, prosecution and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases. This legislation has had a direct impact on the paid employees and volunteers of the Boy Scouts of America, and requires that prospective employees and volunteers obtain criminal background checks and child abuse clearances. Further, this legislation also specifies that all volunteers and employees are now "mandatory reporters" of child abuse.

Any adult volunteer who is registered in the Boy Scouts of America and/or is spending time at resident camp as a leader for their unit must submit copies of their Pennsylvania Clearances to the Susquehanna Council prior to, or immediately upon arrival to camp.

This does not apply to family night guests.

The following are required for attending camp:

- ▶ Report of Criminal History from the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), cost – free, takes 10-15 minutes: <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>
- ▶ Child Abuse History Clearance from the Department of Human Services, cost – free, takes 20-30 minutes: [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home)
- ▶ Fingerprint based FBI criminal history clearance submitted through the Department of Human Services, approximate cost – \$23.25, takes 5-10 minutes online and 10-15 minutes at the fingerprinting location: [www.identogo.com/locations/pennsylvania](http://www.identogo.com/locations/pennsylvania)
  - Enter Service Code 1KG6ZJ

Volunteers who have resided in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania continuously for the past 10 years can submit a Disclosure Statement for Volunteers in lieu of the fingerprint-based FBI Clearance. You can download it at [Susquehanna Council Forms - Susquehanna Council \(susquehannabsa.org\)](http://Susquehanna Council Forms - Susquehanna Council (susquehannabsa.org))



## BSA'S BARRIERS TO ABUSE

The BSA's 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 resident camp environment. For the complete, current national guide to Youth Protection and adult leadership visit [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org).

### Adult Supervision

- ▶ 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 accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered as leaders. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.
- ▶ 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 (Facebook, Snapchat, etc.) 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

- ▶ 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.

### Accommodations

- ▶ Tenting
  - 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.
  - Spouses may share tents.

- ▶ Restrooms
  - Adults and youth must respect each other’s privacy, especially in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp. The camp provides two shower houses with individual, 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.
- ▶ The BSA 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.
  - 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, the BSA 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.

**1-844-726-8871**

# REFUND POLICY

## Susquehanna Council Refund Policy

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

Therefore:

- ▶ The Council will refund prepaid program fees, less an administrative fee of 10% of all prepaid program fees, if the notice of cancellation or withdrawal is received in writing at the Susquehanna Council Service Center in a timeframe more than 30 days before the first day of the camp week the Scout is registered to attend.
- ▶ The Council will refund all prepaid program fees, less a fee of \$75.00, if the notice of cancellation or withdrawal is received in writing at the Susquehanna Council Service Center within the timeframe of 30 days or less before the first day of the camp week the participant is registered to attend and more than 7 days before the participant's scheduled first day at camp.
- ▶ The Council will not refund any of the prepaid program fees if notice of cancellation or withdrawal is received at the Susquehanna Council Service Center within a timeframe of 7 days or less before the first day of the week the participant is registered to attend. In select cases, a refund will be considered (see explanation of the cases below).
- ▶ Prepaid purchases (such as hats, shirts, etc.) are non-refundable but will be made available to the individual.
- ▶ All event or activity fees collected on-site are non-refundable

Refunds will be considered for the following cases only (NO EXCEPTIONS):

**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 week, if able.

**MEDICAL:** Documentation from the Physician must be provided with the request in writing, and **MUST** be submitted at least one week prior to the Scout's scheduled arrival at camp.

**DEATH IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY:** A letter with the refund request from the parent/guardian.

**NON-QUALIFYING REFUND REQUESTS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:** Sports (of all kinds), vacation, homesickness, failure to show, Scout changes their mind, travel events, etc.

All requests must be in writing and include supporting documentation. Refund checks are to be made payable to the unit that the Scouts is registered in.

Leader fees are transferable to another leader in the same unit, but are not refundable.

A Scout removed from camp for discipline reasons forfeits all fees.

All refund checks will be issued after September 15th.

# CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP

## Friday PM Check-In (Optional) - NO ARRIVALS AFTER 8:00 PM

5:30 PM Packs may begin gathering in Parking Lot

- ▶ **Please do not arrive before 5:30 PM**
- ▶ Packs remain in parking lot until escorted by Staff Guide

6:00 PM Camp Opens and Check-In Begins

- ▶ Staff Guide greets Pack in Parking Lot
- ▶ Pack has their Unit Photo taken at the Camp K sign
- ▶ Pack reports to Welcome Center for check-in
- ▶ Pack reports to Handicraft Pavilion with Health Forms and medications for Medical Re-Check
- ▶ Camp Tours and Swim Tests will be conducted on Saturday morning
- ▶ Staff Guide escorts Pack to their campsite

SCHEDULES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FOR CAMP WEEK

## Saturday AM Check-In

8:00 AM Packs may begin gathering in Parking Lot

- ▶ **Please do not arrive before 8:00 AM**
- ▶ Packs remain in parking lot until escorted by Staff Guide

9:00 AM Camp Opens and Check-In Begins

- ▶ Staff Guide greets Pack in Parking Lot
- ▶ Pack has their Unit Photo taken at the Camp K sign
- ▶ Pack reports to Welcome Center for check-in
- ▶ Pack reports to Handicraft Pavilion with Health Forms and medications for Medical Re-Check
- ▶ Staff Guide will lead Pack on a camp tour including dining hall procedures and swim tests
- ▶ Staff Guide escorts Pack to their campsite

12:15 PM Waiters Report to Dining Hall to set up for Lunch

12:20 PM Retreat at Parade Field

12:30 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Siesta

1:50 PM Assemble at Parade Field - Introduce Den Chiefs, who will accompany the Dens (i.e. Tigers, Wolves, etc.) to program areas for the duration of camp.

2:00 PM Follow Afternoon Program Schedule

## Cubs Check-Out (Monday) – IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CAMPFIRE

## Webelos/Arrow of Light Check-Out (Thursday)

7:45 AM Flag Raising at Parade Field

8:00 AM Grab-and-Go Breakfast

9:00 AM Closing Campsite Inspections & Camp Dismissal



## 2024 THEME: SHIPWRECKED!

Set sail on an unforgettable adventure at Camp Karoondinha! Scouts will navigate uncharted waters, solve exciting challenges, and discover hidden treasures. They'll learn essential skills like teamwork, leadership, and outdoor survival, all while having fun. Our camp theme adds a unique twist to the Scouting experience, making it even more enticing for young voyagers. Through STEM, crafts, and outdoor activities, Scouts will create lasting memories and friendships.



### Our Program Design

Cub Scouting is best enjoyed at the den level, where Scouts can participate in activities with others that are their own age and rank. Because of this, we divide the Cub Scouts into different dens based on their rank. When registering, **please make sure your Scout's rank is indicated on the form as the rank that they will be going into during the upcoming school year.** For example, a 2nd grader just earned their Wolf rank and would be going into 3rd grade next year would register for camp as a Bear.

### Shipwrecked! Theme

Our staff is geared up and excited to transform Camp K into a magical, mystical deserted island (or at least we hope it's deserted). Scouts (and adults) are encouraged to come to resident camp with their best nautical folklore and sea shanties to share so that they can be prepared as we navigate the waters of Camp K.

### Cub Scout Advancement

Cub Scouts will have the opportunity to earn advancements while at camp this summer! In addition to covering requirements for various rank adventures, Scouts have the opportunity to earn requirements towards their rank appropriate Summertime Fun Adventure and the rank appropriate Range and Target Sports elective Adventures for Archery, BB Gun, and Slingshot. Resident camp is one of the limited opportunities for Cub Scouts to earn these Adventures, so you won't want to miss out! A list of all advancements covered will be provided to each unit at camp.



Sample Cub Scout Schedule

Camp K Cub Scout - Week 1

	Pool	Lakefront	Den Time / Free Period	Crafts (Handicraft)	Nature (Kirby)	Scout Skills (Harris)	BB Guns (Range)	Archery (Range)
7:45	<b>Morning Flags</b>							
8:00-8:30	<b>Breakfast</b>							
9:00-9:40	Den 1	Den 2	Den 3	Den 4	Den 5	Den 6	Den 7	Den 8
9:50-10:30	Den 8	Den 1	Den 2	Den 3	Den 4	Den 5	Den 6	Den 7
10:40-11:20	Den 7	Den 8	Den 1	Den 2	Den 3	Den 4	Den 5	Den 6
11:30-12:10	Den 6	Den 7	Den 8	Den 1	Den 2	Den 3	Den 4	Den 5
12:30	<b>Lunch</b>							
1:00-2:00	<b>Siesta</b>							
2:00-2:40	Den 5	Den 6	Den 7	Den 8	Den 1	Den 2	Den 3	Den 4
2:50-3:30	Den 4	Den 5	Den 6	Den 7	Den 8	Den 1	Den 2	Den 3
3:40-4:20	Den 3	Den 4	Den 5	Den 6	Den 7	Den 8	Den 1	Den 2
4:30-5:10	Den 2	Den 3	Den 4	Den 5	Den 6	Den 7	Den 8	Den 1
5:45	<b>Evening Flags</b>							
6:00	<b>Dinner</b>							
7:00	<b>Evening Program</b>							

\*\* If you hear the camp siren/alarm sound at any point during the week, please report immediately to the Parade Field in front of the Dining Hall \*\*

Den 1	All Tigers	Den 5	Bears of Packs
Den 2	Wolves of Packs	Den 6	Web/AOL of Packs
Den 3	Wolves of Packs	Den 7	Web/AOL of Packs
Den 4	Bears of Packs	Den 8	Web/AOL of Packs

# SCOUTS BSA RESIDENT CAMP

## Sunday Check-In

- 12:30 PM Units may begin gathering in Parking Lot
- ▶ **Please do not arrive before 12:30 PM**
  - ▶ Units remain in parking lot until escorted by Staff Guide
- 1:00 PM Camp Opens and Check-In Begins
- ▶ Staff Guide greets unit in Parking Lot
  - ▶ Unit has their Unit Photo taken at the Camp K sign
  - ▶ Unit reports to Welcome Center for check-in
  - ▶ Unit reports to Handicraft Pavilion with Health Forms and medications for Medical Re-Check
  - ▶ Staff Guide will lead unit on a camp tour including dining hall procedures and swim tests
  - ▶ Staff Guide escorts unit to their campsite
- 4:30 PM Shooting Sports Safety Orientation (Scouts Only)
- 5:00 PM Grab-and-Go Dinner Starts
- 6:30 PM Grab-and-Go Dinner Ends
- 6:15 PM Leader's Meeting
- 7:00 PM Flags - Parade Field
- 7:15 PM All Campers report to Pool for Safe Swim Defense
- 7:30 PM Opening Campfire at Thunderbird

## General Daily Program Schedule

7:00 AM	Reveille	
7:45 AM	Flag Raising	Parade Field
8:00 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	AM Class Session(s)	Program Areas
12:15 PM	Assemble	Parade Field
12:30 PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
1:15 PM	Siesta	Campsite
2:00 - 5:00 PM	PM Class Session(s)	Program Areas
5:00 PM	Troop Time	Campsite
5:45 PM	Flag Lowering	Parade Field
6:00 PM	Dinner	Dining Hall
7:30 PM	Twilight Program(s)*	
10:30 PM	TAPS	

\*Twilight programs will vary by day: Tentative Plan includes Opening Campfire, Program Specific Activities, Chapel, OA Call-Out Ceremony, and Closing Campfire. A more detailed schedule will be provided in the Leader's Guide.

## Saturday Check-Out

- 7:45 AM Flag Raising at Parade Field
- 8:00 AM Grab-and-Go Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Closing Campsite Inspections & Camp Dismissed



# ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

Resident camp is in the process of planning to offer about 45 merit badge opportunities, including several Eagle-required badges. Additionally, we offer a number of non-merit badge BSA award programs and BSA program-specific training courses. The following merit badges, awards, and trainings are projected to be offered at camp. Opportunities specifically geared towards older youth are listed in bold.

## AQUATICS

**BSA Lifeguard**  
BSA Mile Swim Award  
**BSA Stand Up Paddleboarding**  
Canoeing MB  
Kayaking MB  
**Lifesaving MB**  
Rowing MB  
Safe Swim Defense Training  
**Small Boat Sailing MB**  
Swimming MB

## C.O.P.E./CLIMBING

**Climbing MB**

## ECOLOGY

Archaeology MB  
Bird Study MB  
Fish & Wildlife Management MB  
**Environmental Science MB**  
Nature MB  
Reptile & Amphibian Study MB  
Soil & Water Conservation MB

## OTHER

**Horsemanship MB**

## HANDICRAFT

Art MB  
Basketry MB  
Game Design MB  
Leatherwork MB  
Movie Making MB  
Photography MB  
Pottery MB  
Sculpture MB  
Wood Carving MB

## HEALTH & SAFETY

**Emergency Preparedness MB**  
First Aid MB  
**Search & Rescue MB**

## KICKSTART PROGRAM

**Citizenship in the World MB**  
**Personal Fitness MB**  
**Personal Management MB**

**Note:** Kickstart Program is available for Scouts on the path to Eagle. These MBs will not be offered in full, but provide a “kickstart” by completing selected requirements for the badges.

## RANGE & TARGET SPORTS

**Advanced Archery**  
Archery MB  
**Muzzleloader**  
Rifle Shooting MB  
Shotgun Shooting MB

## SCOUTCRAFT

Camping MB  
Fishing MB  
Fly Fishing MB  
Knotmaster Program  
Orienteering MB  
**Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award**  
**Pioneering MB**  
Signs, Signals, and Codes MB  
**Wilderness Survival MB**

## STEM

Animation MB  
Composite Materials MB  
Drafting MB  
Electricity MB  
Electronics MB  
**Model Design & Building MB**  
**Programming MB**  
**Robotics MB**

## TRAIL TO EAGLE

The Trail to Eagle program is designed for Scouts who are relatively new to the Scouts BSA program and have not yet completed many of the rank requirements for Tenderfoot through First Class. Each interested Scouts should sign up for either the week-long morning session or the afternoon session.

## COMING SUMMER 2024

We are in the beginning planning stages of introducing a Trades program and an Older Scouts program. More details on these programs will be announced in the Scouts BSA Leader’s Guide.

**NOTE:** Block scheduling will be used this summer at camp. Special merit badge options will be offered on Fridays.

## SPOTLIGHT ON ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

One of the biggest things that the volunteers and staff of Camp Karoondinha focus on each year is the improvement of optional features at camp. Our camp is constantly evolving and updating to ensure that we are meeting the needs of today's Scouts and their families. This year we are offering approximately 18 additional opportunities. Check out some highlights of different activities you have to look forward this year!

### Advanced Archery

Are you a top-notch archer? Find out this summer at the archery range. Advanced Archery allows you to use your archery skills to practice on new and more challenging targets. This is a way for Scouts to move to the next level with their archery skills.

### BSA Climb on Safely

Hang out for a while and learn how to climb safely with the Camp K COPE Team. The BSA Climb on Safely program shows Scouts how to climb in a safe and fun way while building confidence and experience level.

### BSA Lifeguard

BSA Lifeguard is a very rigorous program and requires a full-time commitment, but completion of the program will yield a certificate for employment as a lifeguard. It is required that Scouts considering this program be at least 15 years old. It is recommended that the Scouts hold most of the badges offered at the waterfront. Scouts taking the BSA Lifeguard program must bring long pants and a long-sleeved shirt for clothes inflation.



### BSA Mile Swim Award

Test your swimming skills by going the extra mile with the Mile Swim. This challenging event will test and enhance your swimming skills. Make it a goal for camp this summer. The BSA Mile Swim is held each week during Scouts BSA Camp.

### BSA Safe Swim Defense

Camp K offers Safe Swim Defense training at the start of each camp session. This will help you have a fun time on the water while being safe and responsible. Safe Swim Defense is designed to alert swimmers of potential dangers to look out for when on the water. Safe Swim Defense is held on arrival day before opening campfire.

### BSA Stand Up Paddleboard Award

Did you ever want to walk on Lake Faylor? BSA Paddleboarding is the next best thing. The BSA Stand Up Paddleboarding award introduces Scouts to the basics of stand up paddleboarding (SUP) on calm water, including skills, equipment, self-rescue, and safety precautions. This award also encourages Scouts to develop paddling skills that promote fitness and safe aquatics recreation.



## Camp Honor Unit Award

During your units stay at camp, your unit will be given the opportunity to complete a list of tasks throughout the week. This form will be included in the 2024 Leader's Guide. As part of this form, units are asked to volunteer to clean bathrooms or a shower house at least once during the week, participates in an inter-unit activity, and initiate a campsite improvement project such as trail maintenance or a conservation project.

## Cardboard Boat Regatta

Can you design and build a boat from cardboard and duct tape that will outlast and outpace the competition? Put your skills to the test at the Cardboard Boat Regatta. Official rules will be communicated in the 2024 Leader's Guide. There will be many awards handed out for this event, including boat speed, boat design, and a few other specialty awards. Guaranteed fun for all!

## Clean Sweep Award

A Scout is Clean and Helpful. We ask that each unit help keep Camp Karoondinha clean by keeping their campsite clean. Duties may include fire duties, trash pickup, checking tent flaps, cleaning the campsite latrine, etc. The SPL will verify that all duties have been performed in a timely and correct manner. Mid-morning, the Camp Commissioner will make their rounds to verify units are living up to the ideals of the Scout Law. At the end of the week, the top three campsites will be presented with the Clean Sweep Award.

## C.O.P.E. (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experiences) – Will confirm in 2024 Leader's Guide

Open to Scouts at least 14 years of age, COPE challenges young men and women 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 you are looking for in youth leaders, but you don't have to tell them that. All that they need to know is that they are going to have one of the most exciting and rewarding experiences of their lives, all while standing thirty feet in the air!

## Ironman Competition

An old camp favorite is returning in 2024! Units will compete in strength, agility, and quickness challenges. More information will be available in the 2024 Scouts BSA Leader's Guide.

## Knotmaster Program

New program for 2024! Specific details of the Knotmaster Program will be provided in the 2024 Scouts BSA Leader's Guide. The purpose of the Knotmaster Program is to encourage Scouts to learn the uses, classifications and, of course, how to tie knots commonly used in Scouting. This program is designed to be a multi-year program, one that Scouts will want to return to camp for year after year!

## Muzzleloader

Camp Karoondinha is proud to offer this UNIQUE older Scouts program to Scouts who have earned or are at least 14 years old and are taking one of the shooting merit badges. Scouts learn about muzzleloading rifles, their history, and safe shooting techniques. Adult leaders may also join this class, space permitting, by seeing the Range & Target Sports Area Director before the evening program.

## Older Scout Program

Few factors are as important to the continued success of a unit as the active participation of older Scouts. 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 this time, we are in the planning phase what programs to offer our older Scouts, but are hoping to include hiking, cycling, climbing, horseback riding, and boating on Penns Creek. Look for more information to come in the 2024 Scouts BSA Leader’s Guide!



## Open Program Periods

Every program area has open time scheduled. This time can be used by Scouts to supplement their instructional time or participate in additional programming. Each program area will have activities available throughout the week. These activities will be announced daily.

## Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award

Have you ever wondered what it was like to live like Paul Bunyan in the American Frontier? The Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award will be offered this year at the Scoutcraft Area! Think of it like an Advanced Totin’ Chip program. Participants will get hands-on experience learning how to use various woods tools and will spend time working on a conservation project at camp. Participants must arrive to camp having earned the Totin’ Chip and should bring a long sleeve shirt and pants (such as work jeans and shoes).



## Polar Bear Swim

Attention early risers! The Polar Bear swim is held in each camp, beginning with calisthenics followed by a quick dip in the pool. Be sure to bring a towel and warm clothes for after the swim. It’s not called Polar Bear for nothing! We hope to see you there.

## Twilight Program Events

Although a list of prospective activities is not yet completed, some examples looking to be included are: evening swims, sports competitions, open merit badge time, open ranges, and SPL led activities. These times will run from 7pm to 9pm. Details on twilight activities will be announced daily.

## CIT Program

The Camp Karoondinha Counselor-In-Training program is for Scouts, venturers, and/or sea Scouts who are ready to take the next step in leadership by learning how to counsel other Scouts in a fun, outdoor environment. Participants must be 14 years old before the start of camp and Scouts must have earned at least First Class rank (if enrolled in the Scouts BSA program).

The 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 a staff member mentor who will serve as a guide and resource throughout the experience. CITs are encouraged to stay with their unit when the unit is in camp so that their leadership is available to the unit while at summer camp.

## Staff

One of the ultimate Scouting experiences: Summer Resident Camp Staff. Open to young men and women age 15 and over, resident camp staff is where bonds are made that last a lifetime. Staff members are paid to share their knowledge, skills, and years of Scouting experience with a new generation. Staff positions are available for older youth and adults in every program and support area. For more information, contact the Camp Director at [susq.camp.k@gmail.com](mailto:susq.camp.k@gmail.com).



## FEATURES FOR UNIT LEADERS

### FREE COFFEE!!!

It is no secret that caffeine keeps our unit leaders going during their week-long stay at camp! For your convenience, coffee and tea are available every morning beginning at 7:00 AM and throughout the day in the dining hall. Stop by and fill up your cup to keep up with those Scouts all day long!

### Unit Leader Meetings

Daily, there will be a meeting for unit leaders directly following breakfast. At least one leader from every unit is asked to attend an informal meeting with the Camp Director, Program Director, and Commissioner. This is where leaders get to share their views on the camp and program. This meeting will take place at the Lakefront Pavilion.

### Unit Leader Cookoff

This is a competition between all unit leaders during Scouts BSA sessions. We want to see how creative you can be! All ingredients will be supplied by the person doing the cooking. Unit leaders are asked to have their dishes prepared by 8:00 PM on Thursday Night. The location of the event will be announced at camp. Judging will be based upon originality, presentation, and overall taste.

### Unit Leader Achievement Award

The Camp Karoondinha Unit Leader Achievement Award, a.k.a. Scoutmaster Merit Badge, recognizes the tremendous contribution adult leaders make to the camp and the Scouts in attendance. To qualify for the award, an adult leader will complete a variety of tasks during their week-long stay at camp. These tasks may include things like general upkeep around camp, assisting in program areas and/or the kitchen, and more!

### Unit Leader Shoot

If shooting skills are your strong point, then this is for you. The day(s) and time(s) will be announced by the Range & Target Sports Area Director at camp. Come out and show off your skills to your fellow unit leaders.

### Unit Leader Ironman Competition

Your athleticism need not match that of your Scouts, or even your own in your glory days! A twist on the Scout Ironman Competition will be sure to have you laughing and having a good time.

### Unit Leader Trainings

Look for a survey mid-winter looking for input for leader trainings you may want to see offered at camp this summer!



# ENJOYING YOUR STAY AT CAMP K

## The Campsite

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Each campsite is equipped with 2-person platform wall tents with cots. Some sites also feature a small number of 4-person Adirondack lean-tos. Each site features a latrine with running water, picnic tables, dining flies, a flagpole, and a bulletin board. Select sites also have electrical access for those with medical needs, and we will do our best to accommodate those requests.

**YOUTH PROTECTION:** Units are required to follow all BSA Youth Protection Policies, including separate accommodations for unmarried males and females and youth accommodations that do not place together Scouts of different genders or those more than two years apart in age. No youth may stay in a tent or Adirondack lean-to with an adult other than his or her parent or guardian.

**TRASH:** For your convenience, Camp K offers regular trash pick-up at each campsite. Please place trash outside the site along the road in the provided trash barrel and our staff will pick it up for you.

**COMMISSIONER SERVICE:** A valuable resource for any unit at camp is the friendly Commissioner. Camp K's Commissioners are veteran Scouters who are there to assist your unit and to help you take full advantage of all that Camp K has to offer. Commissioners will also conduct a daily campsite visitation and keep score for the Clean Sweep Award (during Scouts BSA weeks), to be presented at the closing campfire.

**STOVES AND LANTERNS:** Liquid fuel stoves and lanterns may only be used by adults in a safe manner. Propane stoves may be used in open areas. Liquid fuel **MUST** be stored in approved containers and kept in appropriate storage areas. Remember, no open flames in tents!

**PERSONAL VEHICLES:** Personal vehicles may not be used on camp roads beyond the parking lot without permission from the Camp Director or his designee. All drivers must be licensed and 21 years of age or older. For safety reasons, and to prevent wear and tear, vehicles are not permitted in campsites at any time. Authorized vehicles and trailers **MUST** be kept in the driveway outside of the campsite. Each Pack is permitted one trailer **OR** vehicle (if the unit doesn't have a trailer) to be parked outside of their campsite as a way to secure food and other smellables. The posted speed limit of 10 MPH with 4-way flashers must be followed, and 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 such a policy while at camp. The use of cell phones and other electronic devices can distract a Scout from the numerous outdoor programs 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.



## Camp Services

**SHOWERS:** Camp K offers two shower houses for your convenience. These shower houses include individual lockable room facilities for showers and for flush toilet restrooms

**LAUNDRY:** A washer and dryer are available for use in a room off the side of the Dining Hall.

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

**QUARTERMASTER:** The Quartermaster maintains a supply of equipment available to be checked out for cooking, cutting wood, and camp improvement projects. Also available are toilet paper and latrine cleaning supplies. The Quartermaster is staffed by the Trading Post staff and is available and open any time the store is open. For after-hours assistance, please see the staff in the Camp Office.

**LOST AND FOUND:** The camp lost and found is located in the Trading Post.

**HEALTH LODGE:** Qualified medical staffing is provided by Camp K. All injuries and illnesses in camp must be reported to the medical officer. Failure to do so may invalidate insurance claims. A doctor is on-call and emergency medical care is provided by West End Ambulance and Evangelical Hospital in Lewisburg.

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES:** An interfaith “Scouts’ Own” chapel service is conducted on Sunday evening (Cub Scouts) or Tuesday evening (Scouts BSA) after dinner. No other program in camp is offered at that time.

**WIFI:** Free wireless internet service is available in the Dining Hall and extended to the Trading Post for use by Adult Leaders and staff. The password may be obtained from the camp administration and is not to be shared with campers to avoid overtaxing the system.

**UNIT PHOTOS:** Unit photos are taken at the beginning of each week at camp. Every Scouts and Leader will have the opportunity to purchase a printed 8” x 10” photo for \$10.



**MAIL DELIVERY:** USPS mail deliveries are received Monday through Saturday. Mail will be delivered to Scouts and leaders during meal times or delivered to the unit leader to disperse to Scouts at their convenience.

# FOOD SERVICE

## Fogarty Dining Hall

Camp Karoondinha is pleased to provide a high-quality dining experience at the Fogarty Dining Hall. Dining Hall meals are served family style and the menu provides a range of tasty and nutritious options. A breakfast or salad bar is available at each meal as well as alternative/ additional meal options.

Camp Karoondinha strives to meet the needs of all its participants. In this spirit, we ask that any specific dietary needs are identified prior to participation in camp. To notify the food-service staff of any specific dietary need, especially those that are necessary medically or required because of religious views, please follow these directions.

- ▶ Navigate to <https://forms.gle/sJqMC328ShZ6Xkb47>
- ▶ Complete the linked form, in its entirety, and submit it.

A Field Uniform shirt (sometimes called a “Class A”) is the appropriate dress for breakfast and dinner in the dining hall. Program activities at meals will be led by the dining hall steward and staff.

## Dining Hall Meal Times

Breakfast	8:00 AM
Lunch	12:30 PM
Dinner	6:00 PM

## Cooking in the Campsite

Many units will choose to prepare some meals in their campsite throughout the week. Camp K is supportive of this opportunity for your unit to learn and grow together. If this is something that your unit wishes to do, please be sure to plan accordingly to bring the supplies you may need, including appropriate containers to properly store perishable and non-perishable items. Camp K does not provide any food items to units for preparation in their campsites. Units must comply with the council’s [Policy on Meals During Resident Camp](#).

## Visitor Meals

All visitors are required to sign in at the Camp Office upon arrival to camp. Visitors who wish to join the Scouts for a meal in the Dining Hall may purchase a meal ticket at the Trading Post if space is available in the dining hall. When possible, unit leaders are encouraged to advise the Camp Director or head chef in ahead of time when guests are expected so that food prep may be adjusted.



## Visitor Meal Prices

Breakfast	\$14.00
Lunch	\$16.00
Dinner	\$18.00

## HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION

The health and safety of all visitors to Camp Karoondinha is always a top priority. The camp is staffed with a medical officer on-site at all times. To ensure the best quality of care for all Scouts, leaders, and visitors, all illnesses and injuries must be brought to the attention of the Health Officer as soon as detected. If further medical attention is warranted, emergency care will be provided by the West End Ambulance Company and Evangelical Community Hospital.

### Privacy of Medical Information

All medical information provided to Camp Karoondinha will be guarded with respect to the privacy of the individual. All medical documents are locked in the Health Lodge for the Health Officer's reference and returned directly to the unit leader at the end of the week. Relevant medical information will be shared with responsible staff only when necessary and in conjunction with the parent's wishes.

### BSA Health and Medical Records

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](http://www.scouting.org)). Part C, which requires a record of a physical exam within the last year, is required of all campers and most adults as follows:

The following groups are required to complete all three parts (A, B, and C) of the form:

- ▶ All youth campers (under 18 years of age), regardless of length of stay
- ▶ All adults (18+) accompanying the unit for a total of 72 hours or more (hours need not be consecutive)
- ▶ Any adults (18+), regardless of length of stay, who want to receive a buddy tag to use the waterfront, or who want to use the climbing tower or high ropes course.

Adult leaders staying for fewer than 72 hours who do not intend to use the waterfront, climbing tower, or high ropes course are not required to submit Part C of the form (record of physical exam). However, all Adult Leaders accompanying a unit are required to provide at least Parts A & B of the BSA Health and Medical Record. This form, which may be completed by the participant, includes a health history and emergency contact information.

Per the PA Health Department requirements, a complete record of immunization dates must be provided on or with the medical form. 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.

### Medications in Camp

All Scouts bringing medication to camp must have the medications section of the Annual Health and Medical Form filled out by their parents or guardians prior to arrival at camp. When they check in with the Health Officer, any specific storage requirements for medications will need to be disclosed. A locked refrigerator is available if needed. All medication must be in its original container with the original label. There should be no hand written changes to labels. All medication must be current, expired medication will not be released to Scouts. All medication must be stored and dispensed through the Health Officer or the Scout's unit leader; the only exceptions are Epi-pens, inhalers, and other life-dependent emergency medicine. The Health Officer will identify and coordinate with the unit leader the medications to be stored and dispensed through the unit. Use of

non-prescription and/or over the counter medication should also be disclosed to the Health Officer. Camp is not the appropriate time to stop taking prescribed medications.

The Health Officer is not expected to make individual visits to ensure that each Scouts is taking their medication. It is the unit leader's responsibility to ensure that Scouts are taking medications. Our medical staff does not administer medication, they only identify and store selected medications. It is the Scouts responsibility to administer proper doses at the proper time. There will be no injections given by the Camp Karoondinha Camp Staff.

## Medical Re-check

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

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Do NOT bring medical forms to camp in a binder with plastic sleeves. Keep all forms loose.
- ▶ Upon arriving at camp, make sure that all medical forms and medications are brought with you to medical re-check.
- ▶ Gather Scouts away from the pavilion to allow for private medical conversations.
- ▶ Line up Scouts in alphabetical order with medical form and medications (if any) in hand.
- ▶ As each Scouts is called forward, prepare the next to move up.

## Ticks

Each year we hear more and more about the ever-increasing tick population. Lyme disease is at an all-time high in Pennsylvania. To protect yourself, insect and tick repellent are highly recommended, and will also help prevent diseases from mosquitoes and other insects. However, repellents are not totally foolproof, especially against ticks. Wearing long pants, long sleeved shirts and hats while in tick infested areas cuts down on the risk of bites. Educate your campers about ticks, and have them check themselves on a regular basis, especially after walking through tick habitats. If a tick is found, report it to the Health Officer who will remove it and preserve it in case a Lyme disease rash develops.

## Susquehanna Council Accident/Insurance Policy

The Susquehanna 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 K and the Susquehanna Council are not responsible for pre-existing health conditions and any related prescriptions. Scouts and Scouters are expected to follow their primary care provider's or pharmacist's directions printed on any medicine container.



## TRADITIONS AT CAMP K

Based on the feedback of unit leaders during meetings and on our 2023 resident camp surveys, we are pleased to add this section on traditions at Camp Karoondinha. If you are a new leader within your unit or a unit visiting our camp for the first time, we hope that you find this list of camp traditions helpful! Some of these traditions may be ones that you've seen at other camps, or they may be ones that you are seeing here for the first time. However, these traditions are what we've come to love about Camp Karoondinha.

As a unit who is visiting us for the first time, or if you are a unit who has visited other camps across Pennsylvania and America, your feedback is of the utmost importance! If you see something that we do differently here at Camp Karoondinha that you haven't seen at other camps before, please let us know so that we may add it to the list for future years.

### Camp Karoondinha

- ▶ Karoondinha was the Native American name for Penns Creek.
- ▶ Many affectionately refer to the camp as "Camp K" for short.

### Dining Hall

- ▶ Field Uniform shirts (or "Class A's") are worn during breakfast and dinner.
- ▶ Please do not wear hats in the Dining Hall. This includes official BSA hats.
- ▶ When praying over meals, we place our hands on our heads for prayer. (This keeps little hands from playing with silverware on the tables during prayer.)
- ▶ Song time will sometimes happen before meals on the parade field or in the dining hall after meals, depending on the weather.
- ▶ From time-to-time meetings will be announced during meals:
  - "At the tree" refers to the red oak in front of the dining hall.
  - "At the rock" refers to the large rock along the lake's bank.

#### Camp K Meal Prayer

Mighty Scoutmaster,  
Make our bodies strong,  
Our minds sharp,  
And our hearts open.

Bless this food and the hands that prepared it.  
Bless this day and the time we have together.  
And bless Karoondinha, our home forever.

Amen.



## Parade Field

- ▶ Field Uniform shirts (sometimes called Class A's) are worn for morning and evening flag ceremonies.
- ▶ While flags are being flown (between breakfast and dinner), we ask that you DO NOT walk across the parade field.
- ▶ During morning, afternoon, and evening assembly, staff will greet campers with a resounding “Good morning,” “Good afternoon,” or “Good evening.” Campers return the same greeting back to the staff.

## Thunderbird

- ▶ We ask that as you enter our campfire area, Thunderbird, you remain solemn and quiet.
- ▶ For those that may be physically challenged, you may choose to enter through the main road to Thunderbird and rejoin your unit after they walk the path of the Scout Law. The hill entering Thunderbird from the path is steep.
- ▶ We end each campfire with the Camp K song and Scout Vespers.
- ▶ As you leave Thunderbird, we ask that you exit as quietly as possible.

### Camp K Song

Down along a stream called Penns Creek,  
There's a place for me.  
Camp Karoondinha, I love thee,  
Pledge my loyalty.  
To the Scout Oath and the Scout Law,  
True I'll always be.  
Camp Karoondinha, I love thee,  
Pledge my loyalty.

### Scout Vespers

Softly falls the light of day,  
While our campfire fades away.  
Silently each Scout should ask,  
“Have I done my daily task?  
Have I kept my honor bright,  
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?  
Have I done and have I dared,  
Everything to be prepared?”



## Other

- ▶ During Chapel service, a collection is taken for the World Friendship Fund.
- ▶ On Wednesdays, Order of the Arrow (OA) members are encouraged to wear OA shirts. During evening flags and dinner on Wednesday, OA members are asked to wear their sashes.
- ▶ On Wednesday nights during Scouts BSA weeks, our OA Call-Out Ceremony is held. OA members attending camp are encouraged to participate in the ceremony, and visitors are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket to sit on as there are no benches. Out-of-council units are invited to attend and watch the ceremony.

# GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

There are two rules in camp: The Scouts Oath and the Scouts Law. For further clarity, 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 warranted.

**DAMAGE TO CAMP PROPERTY:** All participants are asked to respect the camp property and equipment. Damage to camp property negatively affects program and causes fees to increase. All damage caused by neglect or willful intent will be billed to the unit responsible. Inspections of campsites will be conducted upon arrival and departure.

**DRESS CODE:** The wear of appropriate clothing is required at all times in camp. Appropriate clothing must always present a modest appearance. The normal attire in camp is a shirt (short or long sleeve); shorts, skorts, or pants; and footwear.

## At a Glance: Camp K Dress Code

- ▶ Appropriate attire is an aspect of youth protection.
- ▶ Policy on dress standards during resident camp:
  - Appropriate clothing must present a modest appearance. The normal attire in camp is a:
    - Shirt:
      - All shirts must be at least waist length.
      - Scouts are encouraged to wear their Scouting t-shirts.
      - Shirts that exhibit slogans or products that are against Scouting principles are not allowed in camp.
      - The wear of tank tops and sleeveless shirts are not allowed in camp except during aquatic activities.
    - Shorts, Skorts, Pants
    - Footwear:
      - Closed-toe shoes (such as boots, sneakers or closed toe sandals) are the required footwear in camp except at aquatic activities.
      - Open-toe shoes (such as sandals, flip-flops or crocs) are only permitted in the shower houses and pool areas. Open-toe shoes are not permitted at the lakefront.
    - Uniforms:
      - It is recommended that all attending resident camp have and properly wear a Scout shirt while in camp for morning flag, breakfast, evening flag, dinner, camp-wide campfires, and chapel service.
    - Swimwear:
      - For males, swim trunks or board shorts are appropriate.
      - For females, tankinis or one-piece swimsuits with modest coverage are appropriate. Bikinis and monokinis are not allowed.
      - The wear of swimsuits around camp, except during participation in aquatic activities, is not allowed. It is permissible to wear swimsuits between the unit's campsite and aquatic activities, but a shirt must also be worn.

Visit our website for the full policy on dress standards: [Susquehanna Council's Dress Code Policy](#)

**FIREARMS:** 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 should be used at all times around open flames, including matches, campfires, lanterns, and cook stoves. No open flames are permitted in tents. Liquid fuel must be stored in approved containers and kept secure. 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 unit leader. When possible, we suggest written permission for dismissal be collected ahead of camp using the form provided available at [www.susquehannabsa.org](http://www.susquehannabsa.org) and held by the unit leader until needed.

**NO PETS:** For the safety of our campers and staff, pets are not permitted in camp. A midweek visit from a beloved pet may also contribute to homesickness among our younger campers. Please notify parents and visitors of this policy.

**QUIET TIME:** Leaders should verify that everyone is in the campsite nightly by 10:00 PM. Please be courteous to other units 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, climbing tower, and shooting sports ranges. These perimeters are established for everyone's safety and no one (adult or youth) may cross these boundaries at any time except at established gates with the permission of the 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 trucks.

**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.

**SMOKING:** Campers are NOT permitted to smoke at camp. Adults must not smoke or use vaping devices around Scouts. A smoking area is provided for adults in the parking lot.

# SUGGESTED CAMP PACKING LIST

## Necessary Items

- ▶ Completed Personal Health and Medical Record, including parent and physician signatures and accurate immunization dates
- ▶ Medication, if needed, with original label (prescription meds must have Scout's name printed on the label)
- ▶ Inhaler or bee-sting kit, if needed
- ▶ Water bottle
- ▶ Sleeping bag or blankets and pillow
- ▶ Handbook for Scout's program (reminder that Cub Scouts will need the handbook for the rank that they will be headed into in Fall 2024)
- ▶ Scouts Uniform
- ▶ Underwear for full week of camp
- ▶ Socks for full week of camp
- ▶ Sneakers (closed-toe shoes must be worn at all times for safety)
- ▶ Hiking Boots (closed-toe shoes must be worn at all times for safety)
- ▶ Shorts and T-Shirts
- ▶ Pajamas
- ▶ Sweater, Sweatshirt, Windbreaker and/or Jacket
- ▶ Raincoat or Poncho
- ▶ Swimsuit/Swim Trunks and Towel
- ▶ Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, mirror, soap, shampoo, deodorant)
- ▶ Washcloth and hand towel
- ▶ Flashlight & spare batteries
- ▶ Kleenex or handkerchief
- ▶ Insect Repellent
- ▶ Wallet & money for Trading Post purchases (Trading Post does not hold accounts)
- ▶ Tent (ONLY for Arrow of Light Scouts participating in Outpost)

## Optional

- ▶ Fishing pole
- ▶ Camera
- ▶ Sunglasses and Sunscreen
- ▶ Watch or alarm clock
- ▶ Musical instrument
- ▶ Reading material



## Recommended for Scouts BSA Outpost Camping (Wilderness Survival MB)

- ▶ Internal or external frame backpack
- ▶ Plastic ground cloth
- ▶ Compass
- ▶ Pocket knife and valid Totin' Chip Card
- ▶ Matches in waterproof container
- ▶ Personal first-aid kit

# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & GUESTS

(A handy one-page guide to reproduce locally and distribute to parents.)

**PARENTS AND GUESTS:** All visitors **MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE UPON ARRIVAL AT CAMP.** Parents and guest are welcome, especially at check-in time, at Monday night’s campfire (for Cub Scouts), at Wednesday’s OA Call-Out Ceremony (for Scouts BSA), and closing ceremony. For the safety of all Scouts and visitors, pets are not permitted in camp, whether leashed or not. Vehicles must remain in the parking lot.

**PARENT AND GUEST MEALS:** Visitors are welcome to stay for meals if space and adequate food is available. The cost for breakfast is \$14.00, lunch is \$16.00, or dinner at camp is \$18.00. These charges help cover our food cost, and help to keep the price of summer camp low for Scouts. Meal tickets for visitors are required and should be purchased at the Trading Post prior to meals. You may purchase an all-day meal pass for \$38.00.

**CAMPERSHIPS:** Limited camperships are available for those Scouts who need financial assistance to attend at Camp K. Campership applications are available online at [www.susquehannabsa.org](http://www.susquehannabsa.org) and in person at the Williamsport Service Center. Please submit campership applications as soon as possible, but no later than March 11, 2024.

**MAIL:** Incoming mail will be given out from the office to unit leaders for distribution to the Scouts. Scouts enjoy receiving mail from home. To help reduce homesickness, it is important for parents to refrain from comments such as “We miss you very much,” “it’s lonely without you,” etc. This is especially true for our first-year campers. Mail to camp should be sent at least three days in advance to ensure that it arrives while the Scouts is still at camp.

The camp’s mailing address:  
Scout’s Name  
Unit #, Campsite Name  
Camp Karoondinha  
225 Thomas Dam Road  
Millmont, PA 17845



Camp is in session from June 13, 2024 to July 24, 2024.  
The camp phone number is: (570) 922-1234.  
The Camp Director’s email is: [susq.camp.k@gmail.com](mailto:susq.camp.k@gmail.com)

All phone messages will be forwarded to the unit leader. Emergency messages will be delivered immediately. Please indicate clearly that a message is an emergency.

**PARKING:** All personal vehicles must be parked in the main parking lot. Vehicles may not be kept at the campsite unless approved by the Camp Director. Only camp service vehicles are permitted beyond the parking lot without permission. Handicap access passes are available at the Camp Office.