



# CHIEF CORNPLANTER COUNCIL, BSA CAMP OLMSTED JULY 12-18, 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

The material presented in this flyer will help both you and your Scout prepare for a great summer camp week at Camp Olmsted. If you have additional questions, please contact your Scout's Scoutmaster or call the Betts Scout Service Center at (814) 723-6700.

Adventure, activity, and advancement await you as you participate in the outdoor camping programs of the Chief Cornplanter Council, BSA. Read on to find out just what excitement is awaiting you.



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# CAMP OLMSTED



Situated on the picturesque Kinzua Reservoir in the midst of the Allegheny National Forest, Camp Olmsted provides nearly 500 acres of natural woodlands, and offers a 31-mile waterfront where Scouts can waterski, sail, kayak, and go motorboating. In addition, we also offer traditional water activities such as swimming, lifesaving, and BSA Lifeguard training.

Our week-long summer camp also offers a wide range of other merit badge classes and activities to appeal to all Scouts. We have an excellent Handicraft lodge where Scouts can learn leatherwork, Native American crafts, woodcarving, and more! We also offer traditional shooting sports, such as rifle, shotgun, trap shooting, and archery. And we boast one of the only blacksmith forges in our area, where Scouts can try their hand at metalwork. All these experiences – and more – await your Scout at Camp Olmsted.

Scoutcraft skills are a large part of our camping program. Our Scoutcraft area specializes in teaching wilderness survival, camping, cooking, and pioneering skills. Scouts attending camp for the first year have the opportunity to participate in their own designated program with other first-year Scouts. Achieving the rank of First Class is the emphasis of our first year “Cornplanter Braves” program.

Whether this is your Scout’s first year, or he/she is a returning veteran of several summers at Camp Olmsted, everyone will find new and exciting adventures! High adventure opportunities abound at Camp Olmsted, where Scouts can learn to climb and rappel on our climbing tower or spend a few days on the reservoir. The sky is truly the limit for our Scouts at Camp Olmsted!

## **CAMPING FACILITIES**

Each Scout is housed in a two-man canvas wall tent or a troop supplied tent. Cots are not furnished. If desired, each camper may bring his/her own cot and sleeping pad, etc. Latrines with washstands are located in each campsite. Central hot water shower facilities are located in the main camp.

## **TRADING POST**

A well stocked Trading Post is open during scheduled periods throughout each day. The Trading Post offers Scouts and visitors a chance to purchase Scouting literature, craft kits, t-shirts, patches, mugs, snacks, drinks, and much more.

## **CAMP STAFF**

Camp Olmsted has an excellent and qualified staff. The camp directors are all BSA National Camp School graduates. All Staff members have been selected based on maturity, skills, attitude, and character.



# CAMP OLMSTED MERIT BADGES

## MERIT BADGES TYPICALLY OFFERED AT CAMP

Camp Olmsted is a great place to move up the advancement ladder by earning a few Merit Badges. Be sure to check with your Scoutmaster as to the requirements for the Merit Badges you are interested in. Badge requirements and pre-requisite requirements are best to be completed prior to camp with a registered Merit Badge Counselor. Merit badges offerings during camp are listed below:

### AQUATICS

Canoeing  
Kayaking  
Lifesaving  
Rowing  
Small Boat Sailing  
Swimming  
Water Sports  
Lifeguard BSA \*  
Mile Swim\*  
Polar Bear Swim\*  
(\*not a Merit Badge)

### Other

Aviation  
Climbing  
Coin Collecting  
Communication  
Disabilities Awareness  
Electricity  
Plumbing  
Welding

### HEALTH & SAFETY

First Aid  
Emergency Preparedness

### SCOUTCRAFT

Camping  
Cooking  
Fishing  
Geocaching  
Orienteering  
Pioneering  
Wilderness Survival

### HANDICRAFT

Art  
Basketry  
Indian Lore  
Leatherwork  
Woodworking

### NATURE

Astronomy  
Environmental Science  
Bird Study  
Forestry  
Nature/Mammal Study

### METALWORK

Blacksmithing

### FIELD SPORTS

Archery  
Rifle Shooting  
Shotgun Shooting

**Subject to Change**





# WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP OLMSTED CHECKLIST

## REQUIRED ITEMS:

- ☐ COMPLETED B.S.A. PERSONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD
- ☐ Complete Scout summer uniform
- ☐ Comfortable hiking shoes
- ☐ Extra shorts or pants
- ☐ Extra shirts
- ☐ Daily change of underwear & socks
- ☐ Raingear
- ☐ Extra shoes or sneakers
- ☐ Sweater or jacket
- ☐ Swimming suit
- ☐ Toilet articles: towels, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, and comb
- ☐ Flashlight & extra batteries
- ☐ Sleeping bag or blankets
- ☐ Scout Handbook
- ☐ Pack or pack frame
- ☐ Mess gear and eating utensils

## OPTIONAL ITEMS:

- ☐ Cot
- ☐ Laundry bag
- ☐ Money for Trading Post
- ☐ Canteen
- ☐ Insect netting
- ☐ Insect repellent (No Aerosols)
- ☐ Pajamas
- ☐ Fishing tackle/License
- ☐ Compass

**Mark all of your gear with your name and troop number.**

## DO NOT BRING

- \* Firecrackers/fireworks
- \* Large sheath knives
- \* Ammunition
- \* Aerosol cans
- \* Electronics

## UNIFORMS

The official camp uniform of Camp Olmsted is the BSA Class A Field Uniform. It is worn for retreat, evening meals, and campfires. Scout T-shirts and shorts are proper dress for the other times.



# CAMP FEES, REGISTRATION, MEDICAL EXAM, & HEALTH/SAFETY

The fees for Scouts BSA Summer Camp have increased modestly. The fees for 2024 are:

**\$355.00** per scout if a Troop pays in full by **May 3**.

**\$400.00** per scout if Troop pays in full after **May 3**.

Out of Council add **\$25.00** per Scout.

All merit badge request forms must be submitted by **May 10**.

A **\$50.00** deposit will be required for each camper by **April 12**.

**No campers will be accepted after June 3.**

All fees are subject to change by the council's Executive Board.

For every 5 Scouts the unit get one adult leader free. Other leaders are **\$50.00** each.



## HOW TO REGISTER

Check with your scout's Scoutmaster to see when the troop is planning to attend Camp Olmsted. Complete the registration form and submit it to your Scout's Scoutmaster with the correct registration fee prior to the registration deadline. Help your Scout develop a savings plan for the remainder of the camp fee.

## MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

All Scouts and Leaders attending our camp this summer **must** have an "Annual Health and Medical Record". Parts A and B are to be filled out by the parents or guardian and part C must be completed by a Licensed Physicians, Nurse Practitioners or Physician Assistants. Forms will be distributed to all Scoutmasters and/or you can download from [www.corplanterbsa.org](http://www.corplanterbsa.org). Medical screenings will be conducted for everyone during check-in at camp.

All medicines are to be checked in to the Health Officer at check-in. Camp Olmsted requires written verification for the administration of any medications, in addition to the prescription on the container. This same policy applies to over-the-counter medicine.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

Camp Olmsted has a well equipped health lodge with a medical officer on duty 24 hours a day. A non-resident physician is on call at all times, and a written agreement with Warren General Hospital assures that care is available to those Scouts who might need additional attention. Scouts will be sent home if there is any indication of serious illness. In case of an emergency, parents will be notified immediately.

Any Chief Cornplanter Scout or Scouter attending Camp Olmsted will be covered under the Chief Cornplanter Council's SECONDARY Health and Accident Policy. This does not cover medical bills due to sickness or injuries that occurred to your youth before they arrived at camp.

Each year Camp Olmsted is licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and accredited by the Boy Scouts of America. The National Camp Accreditations Standards (NCAP) of the Scout Scouts of America have been established to evaluate facilities, equipment, staff services, and programs. Parents are requested not to telephone their Scout at camp, except in cases of extreme emergency. A message will be delivered and a return call arranged. The emergency telephone number at Camp Olmsted is (814) 757-8021.

## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Troop leaders are responsible for their Scout's arrival at camp between 9:00 and 11:00 AM on Sunday morning. PLEASE be prompt but NOT early. Scouts will be checked-in with their troop and then assigned to their troop site. When the camping period is concluded on Friday evening, Troop Leaders are responsible to make arrangements with parents to pick-up their Scouts at their meeting place.

**Scouts may not check-out or leave camp at any time with anyone but their parents.** Visitors arriving with verbal permission to take Scouts from camp, will not be permitted to do so. Please do not disappoint the Scout by making such arrangements. **No refunds will be made for early check-out.**



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#### **NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY**

Rules for acceptance and participation in the Camp Olmsted program are the same for anyone without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, age, or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write to:

USDA Director, Office of Civil Rights,  
Room 325-W, Whitten Building  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250-9410

or call 202-720-5964 (voice and TDD)

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

#### **COUNCIL RESIDENT CAMP REFUND POLICY**

Camping fees are not refundable, unless written notice is received at the Council Service Center two (2) weeks prior to the start of the camp period. Emergency cancellations (less than two (2) weeks) due to death in the family, illness, or severe injury, etc. will be handled on a case by case review. No refund requests will be considered after the camp period has begun. Camper fees may be transferred to another Scout (camper) within the same unit.

A 25% administrative fee will be deducted from all refund requests. Refunds will be issued only to the individual that made the payment and whose name appears on the receipt.

The address to camp is:

Camp Olmsted, BSA  
3123 Roper Hollow Road  
Russell, PA 16345

**If cancelled because of COVID-19 restrictions, Troops will be entitled to a full refunds.**

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