

CHIEF CORNPLANTER COUNCIL, BSA

CAMP OLMSTED JULY 11-17, 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Get ready for an unforgettable week at Camp Olmsted! Adventure, skill-building, and fun await your Scout—from merit badges and high-adventure challenges to outdoor living and new friendships. This guide will help you and your Scout prepare for a safe, exciting, and memorable summer. For questions, contact your Scoutmaster or the Betts Scout Service Center at (814) 723-6700.

Scoutmaster Opportunity!

Want an exclusive, behind-the-scenes look at Camp Olmsted? Our beloved Camp Ranger, Mike Crone, is offering personal tours for Scoutmasters and other troop leaders! With years of experience and an encyclopedic knowledge of the camp, Mike will show you the facilities, programs, and even the hidden gems that make Olmsted special.

This is a unique chance to see camp through the eyes of someone who knows it better than anyone—Mike loves giving these tours and invites you to call him directly at 814-688-8833 to schedule your visit. Don't miss out!



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CAMP OLMSTED



Tucked along the sparkling Kinzua Reservoir in the Allegheny National Forest, Camp Olmsted is more than just a summer camp—it's a place where adventure, discovery, and lifelong memories come together. With nearly 500 acres of woodlands and 31 miles of waterfront, Scouts step into a world of possibility.

From the rush of waterskiing, sailing, kayaking, and motorboating to the challenge of swimming, lifesaving, and ACR Lifeguard training, our waterfront is second to none. Beyond the water, Scouts test their aim with rifle, shotgun, trap shooting, and archery, unleash their creativity in the Handicraft lodge, or feel the sparks fly at our one-of-a-kind blacksmith forge.

Scoutcraft is woven into the heart of camp life—wilderness survival, pioneering, outdoor cooking, and camping skills build confidence and independence. First-year Scouts grow together through the Cornplanter Braves program, while seasoned campers take on high-adventure challenges like climbing, rappelling, and extended treks on the reservoir.

And now, a new frontier awaits—our Technology Center, where Scouts explore STEM-based merit badges, dive into innovation, and see how creativity and technology can shape their future.

At Camp Olmsted, every day holds a new adventure, every challenge sparks growth, and every Scout finds a place to belong. This summer, join us where tradition meets innovation—and discover just how high the journey can take you.

CAMPING FACILITIES

Life at Camp Olmsted is all about the outdoor experience. Scouts stay in classic two-person canvas wall tents (or troop-supplied tents), bringing along their own cot or sleeping pad for comfort. Each campsite includes its own latrine and washstand, while central hot-water showers ensure everyone can clean up after a full day of adventure. Simple, comfortable, and set in the beauty of the forest—our facilities keep the focus on the fun of camping.

TRADING POST

The Trading Post is the heart of camp between adventures—a place where Scouts and visitors can pick up snacks and cold drinks, grab a camp t-shirt or patch, or explore Scouting gear, craft kits, and keepsakes. Stocked with essentials and souvenirs alike, it's the perfect stop to recharge or take home a piece of Camp Olmsted.

CAMP STAFF

The spirit of Camp Olmsted comes alive through its outstanding staff. Our camp and area directors are all graduates of Scouting America's National Camp School, and every team member is carefully chosen for their skills, maturity, and character. Friendly, knowledgeable, and committed, the Olmsted staff are role models who make every Scout's camp experience safe, meaningful, and unforgettable.

MERIT BADGES AT CAMP

Camp Olmsted is the perfect place for Scouts to climb the advancement trail while earning merit badges in an exciting, hands-on setting. Before arriving, Scouts should talk with their Scoutmaster about which badges they'd like to pursue and complete any prerequisites with a registered Merit Badge Counselor. This preparation ensures more time for learning, exploring, and success at camp.

Each summer, Olmsted offers a wide variety of merit badges spanning aquatics, outdoor skills, the arts, STEM, and more. Scouts can challenge themselves, discover new interests, and take meaningful steps forward in their Scouting journey. Merit badge offerings for this year include:

AQUATICS

Canoeing/Kayaking
Lifesaving
Paddle Boarding
Rowing
Small Boat Sailing
Swimming
Water Sports
Lifeguard ARC*
Mile Swim*
Polar Bear Swim*
(*not a Merit Badge)

SCOUTCRAFT

Geocaching
Orienteering
Pioneering
Wilderness Survival
Signs, Signals, & Codes

HANDICRAFT

Art
Basketry
Indian Lore
Leatherworking
Textiles

FIELD SPORTS

Archery
Rifle Shooting
Shotgun Shooting

OTHER

Climbing
Electricity
Plumbing
Welding
Automotive Maintenance
Farm Mechanics
Scouting Heritage

NATURE

Environmental Science
Reptile & Amphibian Study
Soil & Water Conservation

HEALTH & SAFETY

First Aid
Emergency Preparedness

METALWORK

Blacksmithing

TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Aviation
Radio
Digital Technology
Robotics
Fingerprinting
(Additional merit badges coming soon!)

Merit Badge offerings subject to change



WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

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
- Rain gear
- Extra shoes or sneakers
- Sweater or jacket
- Swimming suit
- Toilet articles: towels, soap, toothbrush, etc.
- 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

DO NOT BRING

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

UNIFORMS

At Camp Olmsted, the official camp uniform is the BSA Class A Field Uniform, proudly worn for retreat, evening meals, and campfires. For the rest of the day's adventures, Scouts can stay comfortable and active in Scout t-shirts and shorts—perfect for hiking, climbing, and all the fun that summer camp brings.



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

FEES & DEADLINES

\$380 per Scout if the Troop pays in full by May 9
\$430 per Scout if paid after May 9
Out-of-Council Scouts add \$25 each
Merit badge request forms due by May 9
\$50 deposit per camper due by April 11
No campers accepted after June 3
Fees subject to change by the council's Executive Board
For every 5 Scouts, one adult leader attends free; other leaders \$50 each

HOW TO REGISTER

Check with your Scoutmaster to learn when your troop will attend. Complete the registration form and submit it with the correct fee to your Scoutmaster before the deadline. Help your Scout plan for any remaining balance so they're ready for a summer of adventure.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

All Scouts and Leaders must have a current Annual Health and Medical Record. Parents/guardians complete Parts A and B; Part C is completed by a licensed Physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician Assistant. Forms are available through Scoutmasters or at www.corplanterbsa.org.

Medical screenings occur during check-in. All medications—prescription and over-the-counter—must be checked in with the Health Officer with written authorization.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Camp Olmsted's health lodge is staffed 24/7 by a qualified medical officer, with a non-resident physician on call. We maintain an agreement with Warren General Hospital for additional care. Scouts showing serious illness will be sent home; parents are notified immediately.

All campers are covered under the Chief Cornplanter Council's Secondary Health and Accident Policy (does not cover pre-existing conditions). Camp Olmsted is licensed by Pennsylvania and accredited by the BSA, meeting NCAP standards for facilities, equipment, staff, and programs.

To minimize disruptions, parents should only call Scouts in extreme emergencies. Messages will be delivered, and return calls arranged. Emergency phone: (814) 757-8021

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Troop leaders are responsible for bringing Scouts to camp between 9:00 and 11:00 AM on Saturday—please be prompt, but do not arrive early. Scouts check in with their troop and are assigned to their campsite.

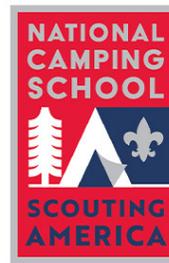
At the end of the week, troop leaders coordinate with parents for pick-up on Friday evening. Scouts may only check out with their parents; verbal permission for others will not be accepted. Please plan pick-up in advance. No refunds will be issued for early departures.



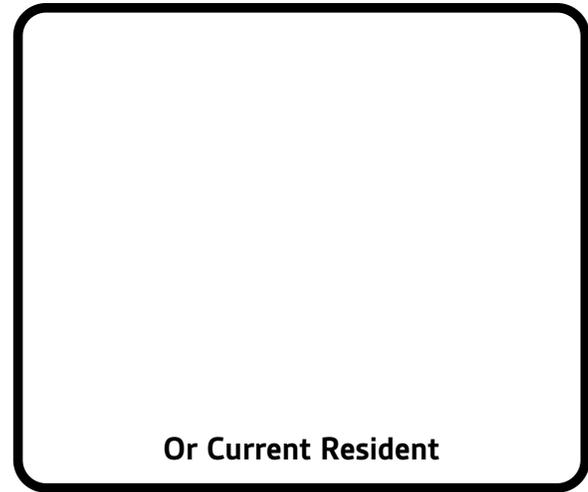
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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Camp Olmsted welcomes all Scouts and participants regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, contact:

USDA Director, Office of Civil Rights
Room 325-W, Whitten Building
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250-9410
Phone: 202-720-5964 (voice & TDD)

The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

COUNCIL RESIDENT CAMP REFUND POLICY

Camping fees are refundable only if written notice is received at the Council Service Center at least two (2) weeks before the start of camp. Emergency cancellations (less than two weeks) due to death, illness, or severe injury will be reviewed case by case. No refund requests will be considered once camp has begun.

Camper fees may be transferred to another Scout within the same unit. A 25% administrative fee will be deducted from all refund requests. Refunds are issued only to the individual who 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

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