

ALLEGHENY HIGHLANDS COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



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DEAR SCOUTMASTER,

2009

The Allegheny Highlands Council is blessed with two very different camps, and if you've been around for a while, you know we are really keeping our promise to make them better for the boys every single year. And this upcoming year is no different.

We will offer six sessions of camping for boy scouts. The season opens with four weeks at Camp Merz on Chautauqua Lake in Mayville, New York, and ends with two weeks at Elk Lick Scout Reserve in the Allegheny Mountains near Smethport, Pennsylvania. This makes for possibilities of weeks to choose from, and also allows plenty time for your scouts to attend a second week with our twice as nice program at a great price.

Our facilities continue to improve. Camp Merz installed some new waterlines last year, among many other projects, and will complete the job this spring to have them all done by the time camp opens. We will also be improving our cabins, which are used as program areas. We are really excited about our new five story climbing tower at Elk Lick which is up and going, and we will have a new Nature area to brag about! Our list of more improvements is continuous, and we are working hard to make your stay with us a positive experience. You know that when you stay at an Allegheny Highlands camp, there's something new every year, and that's Scout's honor!

Most important is program. Isn't that what it's all about? You betcha. We have always listened to your ideas and continue tweaking to make things better all the way around. And our older scout programs give your senior boys the best of all worlds.

Enclosed in this packet is the necessary information and forms to sign up your Troop for 2009 at either camp. Don't delay to reserve your favorite site for your best week as soon as possible. They do go quick. Also, take advantage of early specials and discounts. Enclosed is a staff application if any of your leaders or older scouts are interested in being part of our team.

We are preparing for you as you read this booklet. We look forward to the opportunity to serve you and your scouts with an outstanding camp season in 2009. Put our council webpage, www.alleghenyhighlands.org, in your favorites. It is updated regularly, and this booklet, along with other support materials including a bunch of camp stuff will be at your fingertips in the convenience of your home.

Have questions? Special requests? Call us, fax us, email us...whatever works for you. We are at your service, as always, and want you to be a happy camper!

See you 'round the campfire,

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