

# Allegheny Highlands Council

## Boy Scouts of America

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## Boy Scout Summer Camp 2012 Leaders Guide

50 Hough Hill Rd., PO Box 0261, Falconer, New York, 14733-0261

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[www.alleghenyhighlands.org](http://www.alleghenyhighlands.org)

# SUMMER CAMP WITH US – THE PLACE TO BE!

The Allegheny Highlands Council operates two distinctly different summer camps. At Camp Merz we have Chautauqua Lake as a backdrop, where campers can enjoy swimming, sailing, kayaking, and water-skiing just to mention some of the aquatic activities available. We also have the scenic views along the Portage Trail, as well as many other attractions around the Chautauqua Region. Also at Camp Merz we offer skeet shooting in addition to 22's and black powder on our modern range.

At Elk Lick Scout Reserve, we have over 900 acres of beautiful wooded property, where scouts can enjoy nature at its best. We also have a 5 story climbing and rappelling tower for scouts to learn and experience the basics of rock climbing. Elk Lick becomes a jumping off point for 7 different outposts, to include an older scout program of mountain biking and mountain boarding. With beautiful mountainous trails all throughout the property, Elk Lick has great opportunities for a true wilderness outpost experience.

Both camps have long-standing scouting traditions, and are staffed with well-trained, enthusiastic scouters. Their main focus is a great experience for you and your boys.

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***Camp Address:***

Elk Lick Scout Reserve  
2420 Bordell Rd.  
Smethport PA 16749

***Phone:*** (814) 465.9991

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***Camp Address:***

Camp Merz  
5297 West Lake Rd.  
Mayville NY 14757

***Phone:*** (716) 224.4025



## Camp Fee: \$290.00

(INCENTIVES)

- Receive \$20 discount if camp fees are paid in full by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Receive a \$10 discount if camp fees are paid in full by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- There is an additional \$10 discount per scout for Units that recharter on time.  
**(Allegheny Highlands Council Troops)**

## Twice as Nice for only \$180

Any scout attending our camps for a second week with or without adult leadership can attend for a this special low price. WOW!!!

## Can't Attend with your Troop? That's OK!

**Provisional camping** is a program for those scouts who would like to attend camp regardless if their own Troop is attending or not. These scouts will either form a provisional troop and a provisional scoutmaster and assistant will be assigned to them or be assigned to another troop that has adequate leadership. If the scouts are returning for an extra week at the **"Twice as Nice Price"** from either of our two great camps they will be provisional their second week. That's right, a scout may attend one week with his troop at one camp and then attend our other camp for half price as a provisional camper. This is a great way to try out both of our great camps!



individual activities to make your week an adventure you will not soon forget. You will have options like troop swims, patrol shoots, patrol vs. patrol competitions, like the Elk Lick Challenge. Various hikes and treks will be offered along with in camp and out of camp outposts. You may want to take advantage of our beautiful surrounding on an individual basis with your buddy through activities like twilight fishing, walking our nature trails or watching the wildlife around camp. Early bird programs will be offered on a daily basis for those who like to rise and shine early.

## Pre Camp Leaders Meeting and Parent Orientation

There will be pre-camp leaders meeting on **May 3rd** and **May 12th** at both camps to give leaders a chance to get up to date information about camp programs, look at schedules, and review important information to make your stay at camp a more comfortable and enjoyable experience. If your unit does not send a representative to this meeting, you may miss out on valuable information.

### **RESIDENT CAMP LEADERSHIP**

The preferred method of camping in the BSA is that the individual Boy Scout Troop camp under its own leadership. It is BSA policy that 2 adults must attend on every Troop activity. The Allegheny Highlands Council does not charge for the first leader, additional free leaders are based on 1:8 adults to youth ratio (see chart on adult leader camp application). Additional leaders are welcome to attend at a cost of \$80 for the week; those additional leaders who will only be at camp for a portion of the week are asked to pay for their meals: \$5 breakfast, \$6 lunch, and \$7 for supper. (Leadership may rotate during the week.) At least one of the two adults attending with the Boy Scouts must be a registered member of the BSA. All adults attending camp are required to complete the BSA's *Youth Protection Training* program, which is offered at both camps.

## What Will Scouts Do at Camp?

In addition to working on Merit Badges, our camps offer a wide variety of troop, patrol and

# How to Register for Camp:

*All the necessary forms are in this packet.*

1. Determine when the Troop will be going to camp. Once this has been done, complete the Hold A Space Form and send it with a \$50 site deposit to: **Allegheny Highlands Council, PO Box 261, Falconer NY 14733-0261**; your cancelled check is your receipt. Allegheny Highlands Council Units can charge their unit account. For units that do not meet the minimum or exceed the maximum capacities of the site, the camp reserves the right to move you to a different site and/or ask you to share a site with another troop.
2. Complete a Troop registration form and a Troop roster. Send those in to the council service center with a single check for payment. Boy Scouts cannot register individually unless they are camping provisionally. Once your roster and payment are received you will receive a confirmation by email.
3. For scouts who would like to attend camp an additional week as a provisional there is a **"twice is nice"** discount for the second week.
4. At **both camps**: have all your leaders and scouts fill out the appropriate medical form and **bring to camp for check in.**
5. If more applications or medical forms are needed you may duplicate or download additional forms that will be available on our web pages at [www.alleghenyhighlands.org](http://www.alleghenyhighlands.org), [www.campmerz.org](http://www.campmerz.org) or request more forms to be mailed to you.

## **PROVISIONAL CAMPING**

Provisional camping is a program for those scouts who would like to attend camp without adult leadership. Scouts will either be assigned a unit to camp with or will make up a provisional unit with the camp providing the adults. For an extra week at the **"Twice as Nice"** price those scouts who attend without leadership will be considered provisional.

## **Camping Contacts**

Allegheny Highlands Council  
PO Box 261  
Falconer, NY 14733-0261  
Phone: 716-665-2697  
Fax: 716-665-5212  
Email: [servicecenter@alleghenyhighlands.org](mailto:servicecenter@alleghenyhighlands.org)  
Web: [www.alleghenyhighlands.org](http://www.alleghenyhighlands.org)

## Medical Forms

**Personal Health and Medical Record** must be turned in at camp. Sections A, B and C must be completed by all Scouts and adults attending camp. *This form **MUST** be signed by a parent and a physician **ANNUALLY**.* The new BSA policy requires an ANNUAL physical for all Scouts and Adults attending camp.

**Medication Permission Form** must be completed for all scouts attending camp and signed by the parent and physician. This includes all prescription and over the counter medications to be used while at camp.

**DO NOT MAIL THESE FORMS. THEY MUST BE TURNED IN AT CAMP DIRECTLY TO THE HEALTH OFFICER!**

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE / CAMPERSHIPS**

Our council raises funds annually, through local sources to help scouts attend summer camp. A limited amount of financial assistance is available for all Scouts registered in the Allegheny Highlands Council, based on financial need. It is expected that both the Scout's family and his Troop will contribute toward his camp fee. The Council only grants partial camperships in order to help as many youth as possible.

If applying for campership assistance, please send your Campership Application (that is enclosed) by May 1<sup>st</sup> to the council service center **Allegheny Highlands Council, PO Box 261, Falconer, NY 14733-0261**. The balance of payments can be made with cash, Visa, or MasterCard. All applicants are reviewed by our committee the first week in May and leaders and applicants are notified by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Refund Policy:** *All Camp Fees are refundable and are subject to a \$25.00 handling fee per scout. A written request providing a legitimate reason must be received by the Scout Service Center no later than September 1, 2012. Refunds will only be made to the person who paid the fees. Legitimate reasons include summer school, medical excuse, or death in the family.*

# Things to know about Elk Lick Scout Reserve

## Pre-Camp Meetings

Pre-camp meetings are held on May 3rd at 7pm and May 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at camp. It is VERY important that a representative of your troop attend one of these meetings. Program materials, schedules, etc will be distributed.

## Check In / Out

Check in time is 2:00 PM on Sunday. Early arrival is possible if arrangements are made in advance. Check out is after the closing meal on Friday. Troops may stay over Friday night at no charge. Breakfast consisting of Cereal, milk and fruit can be provided for a nominal fee if arranged in advance.

## Accommodations

Campsites are large and can accommodate numerous troops. Some central areas may share accommodations. Each campsite has tents on platforms with metal spring cots. We will do our best to provide mattresses for leaders, but we cannot guarantee that there will be enough. We do not provide mattresses for Scouts. Each troop will be assigned a picnic table and a dining fly. Each site also has a latrine building and running water. There are central shower facilities at the center of camp and at the pool house.

## Additional Fees

Some programs require the scouts to purchase additional materials or tickets from our trading post. Shotgun, Leather Working, Basketry, Woodcarving Merit Badges, and Older Scout Program are some of the classes that require additional materials. Details will be given at the pre-camp meetings.

## In-site Cooking

Your troop will be expected to prepare one dinner in your site. Please be prepared with the proper cooking utensils, etc. Staff members will join you at these meals to assist.

## Merit Badge pre-requisites and partials

If a scout has done pre-requisites, they must show proof. If they do not have proof, then they will get a partial.



## Leader Programs

Each week leaders will be asked if they wish to teach a Merit Badge that they specialize in. This gives each week of camp a very unique experience. If it is one we already offer we ask for your expertise. If it is not a merit badge we offer we will work a schedule out that is convenient to you. If you would like to do a camp project, please let the ranger know upon your check in or in advance if possible so we can be sure to have any materials you may need ready.

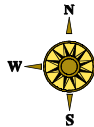
## Join us in 2012...

As We Solve A Great Mystery In Our Camp!  
Let's spice it up a bit!



## FEATURES AT ELK LICK SCOUT RESERVE:

### **POLARIS PROGRAM (First Year Camper Program)**

 specially designed for the first year camper. During the course of the week, the Scout will have the opportunity to complete nearly all of the outdoor requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class. The Polaris program is scheduled to allow scouts to work on one or two merit badges also. Scouts should have records of previous requirements accomplished when coming to camp.



### **Older Scout Adventure!**

This program starts the week with Extreme Mountain boarding, then whitewater rafting the lower Youghiogheny River and whitewater Merit Badge. On

Thursday we break out the Extreme Mountain bikes and head out on our own Jeep Jamboree trails and then a special feast only for our older scouts with time to reflect upon their week. This adventure will lead to both on and off camp experiences. There will be an additional fee of **\$50.00** for this program. **Limited spaces available each week and Canoeing merit badge is required.**

**OUTPOSTS** allow Scouts to take an overnight or daylong excursion to remote areas of the camp property or even off camp property! Some are required for Merit Badges. Outposts are open to every Scout. These outposts are the highlight of the week at camp providing some of the most exciting experiences that a boy could dream. Outposts will be on Thursday nights for 1) Wilderness Survival, 2) Backpacking & Hiking 3) Cycling 4) Climbing 5) Canoeing merit badges, and 6) Polaris 7) Archery outpost where scouts will get a chance to shoot on a 3D Field Course 8) Night Owls, an Ecology outpost to experience the outdoors from our nocturnal friends prospective. Scouts taking these merit badges will get preference but any scout or scouter is welcome to participate.

**BLACK POWDER SHOOTING AT ELK LICK SCOUT RESERVE** is an exciting experience. A puff of smoke and the loud crack of a black powder rifle stir thoughts of adventure in the outdoors of days gone by. Shotgun shooting is also available for a **\$10.00** fee.

### **ROCK CLIMBING/RAPPELLING**



Scouts will face the challenge of our 5-story climbing/rappelling tower as they climb one side and rappel down the other! After having adequate training they are able to move on to the rock faces right on the camp

property.



## Merit Badges Offered

### Aquatics

Rowing  
Canoeing  
Swimming\*  
Lifesaving\*  
Snorkeling

### Nature Ecology

Environmental Science  
Nature\*  
Geology  
Forestry  
Mammal Study  
Reptile & Amphibian Study\*  
Astronomy  
Fishing  
Fish and Wildlife Management  
Soil and Water Conservation  
Weather  
Bird Study\*  
Insect Study\*  
Plant Science  
**Shooting Sports**  
Archery  
Rifle Shooting  
Shotgun Shooting \*

### Scoutcraft

Cooking  
Camping\*  
Hiking\*  
Orienteering\*  
Pioneering  
Wilderness Survival\*  
Backpacking\*  
Geocaching

### Other

Communications\*  
Computers  
Climbing  
Cycling\*  
Electricity  
Emergency Preparedness\*  
First Aid\*  
Indian Lore  
Public Speaking  
Safety\*  
Salesmanship  
**Handicraft**  
Basketry  
Leatherwork  
Woodcarving  
Art

\* Indicates Merit Badges with prerequisites

## PROGRAM FEATURES AT CAMP MERZ



### **NIMAWANACHEN (First Year Camper Program)** specifically designed for the first year camper.

During the course of the week, the Scout will have the opportunity to complete nearly all of the outdoor requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class. The NIMAWANACHEN participants will sign up for morning or afternoon sessions allowing them a half-day to work on merit badges.

**SHOOTING SPORTS COMPLEX** designed to allow Scouts and Scouters the opportunity to shoot 22's, shotguns and black powder all at one great location. Our BB range will be open for 11 year olds only during scheduled times. There will be an additional fee of **\$10.00** for Shotgun shooting.

**OUTPOST CAMPS** allow Scouts to take an overnight excursion to remote areas of the camp property or even off camp property! Some are required for Merit Badges and they are all fun and open to every Scout. These outposts are the highlight of the week at camp providing some of the most exciting experiences that a boy could dream of. Outposts will be for Wilderness Survival and Camping merit badges, Nimawanachen participants, Aquatics, and Older Scout Program. Aquatics outpost has a minimum age of 14 and the Older Scout outpost is for the scouts in the older scout program 15 years of age or older.

### **OLDER SCOUT PROGRAM**

Biking; Hiking; Swimming; Kayaking; Rappelling; Sound like fun! Come try out our program if you are a scout 15 years or older. This program is an all day event running from 9am to 4:50pm each day. There is an additional \$40 fee for this program. For more info check out [www.campmerz.org](http://www.campmerz.org).



### **SAILING, WATER SKIING AND**

**MOTORBOATING** allows scouts to utilize the beautiful Chautauqua Lake to gain experience and learn a great summertime activity. There will be an additional **\$30.00 fee** per Scout taking motor boating or water skiing merit badges, due to the increase in fuel costs; because of availability each class is limited to 6 scouts each.

## Merit Badges Offered/Programs

### Aquatics

*BSA Lifeguard*  
Canoeing  
Fishing  
*Kayaking BSA Award*  
Lifesaving  
Motor boating  
*Mile Swim Award*  
Rowing  
Small-Boat Sailing  
*Snorkeling BSA Award*  
Swimming  
Watersports

### Scoutcraft

Camping  
Cooking  
Emergency Prep  
First Aid  
Geocaching  
Orienteering  
Personal Fitness  
Pioneering  
Wilderness Survival

### Field Activities

*Older Scout Program*  
*OSP Climbing*  
*OSP Golf*

### Nature

Astronomy  
Energy  
Environmental Science  
Forestry  
Geology  
Insect Study  
Mammal Study  
Nature  
Oceanography  
Plant Science  
Space Exploration  
Reptile and Amphibian  
Weather

### Handicrafts

Architecture  
Art  
Basketry  
Inventing  
Leatherwork  
Photography  
Pulp and Paper  
Wood Carving

### Technology

Citizenship Community  
Citizenship Nation  
Citizenship World  
Communications  
Computers  
Electricity  
Electronics  
Public Speaking

### Shooting Sports

Archery  
Rifle Shooting  
Shotgun Shooting

### Nimawanachen

*First Year Camper*  
*Leave No Trace*  
*Paul Bunyan*

Italic = BSA or Camp Award, not Merit Badges

**[Pre-requisites can be found at www.campmerz.org](http://www.campmerz.org)**

***CLOSED TOE WATER SHOES ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL AQUATICS RELATED ACTIVITIES!!!***

# Things to know about Camp Merz

## Pre-Camp Meetings

Pre-camp meetings are held on **May 3rd at 6:30pm** and **May 12<sup>h</sup> at 10am at camp**. It is VERY important that a representative of your troop attend one of these meetings. Program materials, schedules, etc will be distributed.

## Check In / Out

Check in time is 2pm on Sunday. Early arrival is possible if arrangements are made in advance. **Check out is after the closing campfire on Friday.** Troops may stay over Friday night at no charge. Breakfast consisting of Cereal, milk and fruit can be provided for a nominal fee if arranged in advance.

## Accommodations

Each campsite has tents on platforms with metal spring cots. We will do our best to provide mattresses for leaders, but we cannot guarantee that there will be enough. **We do not provide mattresses for Scouts.** Each site also has one picnic table and one pavilion. Each site also has a latrine building and running water. There are youth shower facilities at the Public Shower House and the Waterfront Building. Adult showers are located in the Dawson Training Center along with a leaders lounge.

## Additional Fees

Some programs require the scouts to purchase additional materials or tickets. Water Skiing, Motor boating, Shotgun, Space Exploration, Leather Working, Basketry, Electronics, Archery and Chemistry are some of the classes that require additional materials. Details will be given at the pre-camp meetings.

## In-site Cooking

Your troop will be preparing one dinner and one lunch in your site. Please be prepared with the proper cooking utensils, etc. Staff members will join you at these meals to assist. There will also be a dessert competition so come prepared with your choice of dessert.

## Merit Badge pre-requisites and partials

If a scout has done pre-requisites, they must show proof of what they have done. If they do not have proof, then they will get a partial. Please bring the projects or papers if available, also a note from the Scout Master is acceptable.



## Age & Rank Restrictions

We have set age and rank limitations for various classes and programs. We base these limitations on state regulations, the scout's safety, and size restrictions. We cannot make exceptions to these limits.

## Leader Programs

Camp Merz provides a variety of leader activities during the week such as training, the Scoutmaster Merit Badge, and Staff vs. Leader events. Leaders are also encouraged to help teach classes and do camp projects. If you would like to do a camp project, please contact us in advance if possible so we can be sure to have any materials you may need.



**Join us for a week of fun, learning and adventure!!**

DUTY  
TO SELF

DUTY TO GOD  
AND COUNTRY

DUTY  
TO OTHERS

## Key Dates to Remember

Mark your calendars with the following dates:

- ✓ April 1st – –Early Bird – have all fees paid in full and receive a \$20 discount on your summer camp fee.
- ✓ May 1<sup>st</sup> – Campership Application deadline. Applies to youth members of the Allegheny Highlands Council only.
- ✓ The Pre-camp Leaders Meetings are scheduled for May 3rd and May 12<sup>th</sup> at both camps.
- ✓ June 1<sup>st</sup> –Early Bird – have all fees paid in full and receive a \$10 discount on your summer camp fee.

HELPFUL • FRIENDLY

TRUSTWORTHY • LOYAL

COURTEOUS • KIND

OBEDIENT • CHEERFUL

THRIFTY • BRAVE



CLEAN • REVERENT



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## How to sign up for camp

### Site Reservations

Site reservations must be made by completing a hold-a-space form. This form must be filled out completely and sent to the council office or turned in while you are at camp.

### Payment and registration

Registering your troop for camp has gotten a lot easier! Just complete a Troop registration form and a Troop roster. Send those in to the council service center with a single check for payment. **Boy Scouts cannot register individually** unless they are camping provisionally or Twice as Nice. Once your roster and payment are received you will receive a confirmation by email.

### Boy Scouts



All Boy Scouts should sign up as a troop. Boy Scouts who are not camping with their unit must register by completing a Provisional Scout Application form and send it along with payment to the council office. Scouts using the Twice as Nice program would also use the provisional camper form. Once your roster and payment are received you will receive your user name/password for online merit badge pre-registration by email.

### Older Boy Scout Adventure



If any of your scouts are participating in the Older Scout Adventure at camp, please place and X in the OSP box on the troop roster. Also adjust the amount due to reflect the additional cost. Be sure to total the form and check it over before sending.

**Any forms sent in with incomplete information will be returned possibly causing your unit to miss out on valuable discounts or possibly lose your site altogether.**

## Forms Section

- **BSA Personal Health and Medical Record Parts A, B and C** **MUST** be completed by anyone attending summer camp. Bring to camp, **DO NOT MAIL TO SCOUT SERVICE CENTER.**
- **Medication Permission Form** – For use by all members attending summer camp with prescription or over the counter medication. Bring to camp, **DO NOT MAIL TO SCOUT SERVICE CENTER.**
- **Financial Need Campership Application** – For use by members of the Allegheny Highlands Council who are in need of financial assistance to attend camp at Camp Merz or Elk Lick Scout Reserve. Mail to Scout Service Center by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **2012 Hold A Space form** – Form used to make campsite reservations and must be sent with a site deposit.
- **2012 Troop Registration Form** – Form used by all troops to attend summer camp. Must be sent to the Scout Service Center for registration and payment.
- **2012 Troop Roster** - Must be sent to the Scout Service Center for registration.