

CAMPING CORNER

Boy Scout Leaders

Have you reserved your site yet for summer camp at Merz or Elk Lick? That's key to do now, with well over half of the campsites taken. Go to the summer camp link on our webpage: www.alleghenyhighlands.org and get your site reservation form, fill it out and send it in. You can also do it online! Just click on the online registration link, and you'll make short work of this important step.

Remember: the early bird gets their favorite site and week!

Cub Scout Leaders

Now is the time to pick your week at camp and line up leaders and parents to put in for vacation. On our council webpage's summer camp link there is a punch list designed to help you get ready. Make sure you reach out to your District Executive to schedule your camp promotion show this fall, which is a key part of getting discounts for all your cubs coming to camp. We're talking about hundreds of dollars in savings just for listening to Wayne & Todd! Now is the time to plan, and these guys can answer all your questions. Let us help you enjoy the great outdoors with your boys and parents to make the 100th anniversary of scouting the best year, and summer of scouting ever!

Looking For Staff

Both our TWO great camps are looking for your best older scouts and adults for our camp staffs. It's always good to see a familiar face and we want your scouts and leaders to see or know someone on staff. Scheduling can be flexible around your troops schedule. Scouts that are on staff have opportunity to work on merit badges all summer while they are at camp. If you are a teacher, or have your summers off and are looking for a rewarding opportunity You can find applications on the council Web page or you can contact either camp director Joe DeBiso Joe@campmerz.com or Wayne Schuver mufasa.151@netzero.net. You or your scouts can call the service center for an application to be mailed to them if you don't have email or access to the web. Thank you and we'll see you around the campfire!

Properties Committees

How do we keep making our camps better for our scouts? We have a committee at each camp that works closely with our Rangers and the Service Center to make sure that we all work off the same list, which we create together. These two dedicated groups of scouters meet regularly to keep things nice for you and your boys. We are always in need of help and materials to get our projects done. Tom Kelly and Josh Mason at Merz, and Warren Semmel, Tommy Palz, and Mike Shaffer at Elk Lick welcome your enthusiasm and love of these great camps. Just drop in, love to have you!

Here is the schedule for the winter:

February 11, Thursday, Elk Lick Properties Mtg., 7PM, Orlos Lodge

February 16, Tuesday, Merz Properties Mtg., 7PM, Dawson Lodge

March 11, Thursday, Elk Lick Properties Mtg., 7PM, Orlos Lodge

March 16, Tuesday, Merz Properties Mtg., 7PM, Dawson Lodge

April 8, Thursday, Elk Lick Properties Mtg., 7PM, Orlos Lodge

April 20, Tuesday, Merz Properties Mtg., 7PM, Dawson Lodge



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Camp Projects

Camp Merz is 77 years old, and Elk Lick Scout Reserve is 62 years old. Every year they need some TLC, and our Rangers and the Properties Committees work very hard trying to keep up with our camp's maintenance. Below please see a partial list of things we are trying to take care for the upcoming summer, among many other things. We hope that your Pack, Troop, Crew, or Post will take one of these things off our list. Please call Josh for Camp Merz, 716.753.7194, or Mike for Elk Lick, 814.465.9991 for more information. Please leave a message and how to get back to of you. Thank you for helping. Do a good deed daily!

Some Merz Projects

1. Clear new trails from East Hill to new latrine to rifle range
2. Enlarge Meade campsite
3. Clean out creek in camp
4. Build water hydrant frames and grates in each campsite
5. Paint inside of cabins
6. Repaint front sign lettering
7. Power wash Dawson Lodge deck
8. Enlarge Apache campsite
9. Rebuild new walking bridges on trails to Brennan Chapel and Evergreen campsite
10. Treat all tent platforms with water sealer
11. Plant pine trees on front entrance to replace wall outside staff site.
12. Widen trail from cabins to Scoutcraft area.

Some Elk Lick Projects

1. Replace ballasts and bulbs in lights in Hanna Lodge (all supplies needed)
2. Build Insulated covers for all Barrel valve boxes on new water lines (Six)
3. Dig dry hydrant up in front of Hanna Lodge and replace with new.
4. Repair broken glass block on outside of Hanna Lodge (2)(need mortar)
5. Repair sink drain inside of Hanna lodge (some supplies on hand)
6. Landscape and plant perennial flowers at Chapel Area
7. Paint all of camp signs (site, direction to sites)
8. Dress up fire pits in campfire circle rebuild and mortar in place.(need mortar)
9. Install hard wired smoke alarms and Exit signs in all lodges
10. Repair tent pallets in sites
11. Repair dinning hall table (strengthen legs)
12. Strip Orlos tile floors (Need stripper and machine)
13. Clear run off ditches in camp (need front end loader)

