

ALLEGHENY HIGHLANDS COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



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Dear Scoutmaster,

2007

The Allegheny Highlands Council is proud of our two summer camps. We are extremely excited about the upcoming summer for many reasons.

First, we now offer eight sessions of camping for boy scouts. The season opens with five weeks at Camp Merz on Chautauqua Lake in Mayville, New York, adding a week; and ends with three weeks at Elk Lick Scout Reserve in the Allegheny mountains near Smethport, Pennsylvania. This opens up more possibilities of weeks to choose from, and also allows more time for your scouts to attend a second week with our twice as nice program at a great price.

Second, our facilities continue to improve. Camp Merz will be building a new instruction area behind our shooting sports complex, allowing us to handle more scouts at the range. Our waterfront at Camp Merz is improving with a totally refurbished aquatic center, and we added a floating trampoline, catapult and slide, affectionately named the "Blob" by the scouts. It's a blast! We also plan to have completed for summer of '07 our first year camper area, complete with a new pavilion and four new adirondack shelters. The shower house has been expanded and totally redone. The roads at Camp Merz were totally redone also this year, and Elk Lick roads have been improved also. Every building in camp, as well as latrines, got a fresh coat of paint, and that has been done at Merz and Elk Lick as well. Also at Elk Lick, we have just put on some new roofs, bought a new Kubota 60" cut mower, and we now offer mountain-boarding as a program feature! We have also cleared a new area for a new climbing tower that will be built as soon as funding happens, which we hope to be soon! Our list of more improvements is ambitious, and we are working hard to make your stay with us a positive experience. Expect more good things as we move forward!

Third, and most important, program. Isn't that what it's all about? You bet. We are listening to your recommendations and tweaking every year to make it better all around. And our older scout programs give your boys the best of all worlds.

Enclosed in this packet is the necessary information and forms to sign up your Troop for 2007 at either camp. Don't delay to reserve your favorite site for your best week as soon as possible. Also, take advantage of early specials and discounts. Also, 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 2007. Don't hesitate to call, fax, or email us at the addresses below. Also, put our council webpage, [www.alleghenyhighlands.org](http://www.alleghenyhighlands.org), in your favorites. It is updated regularly, and this booklet, along with other support materials will be at your fingertips in the convenience of your home. We now have camp pictures on the site, which you and your scouts can look at to see all the great things at our camps. Have questions? Special requests? Call us, fax us, email us....whatever works for you. We are at your service, and want you to be a happy camper!

Thank you, and best scouting wishes,

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