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MORE ABOUT
COMMUNITY C.O.P.E.?

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Patriots' Path Council Vision

Our hard work on behalf of young people is **recognized** as outstanding.

We are **known** for our values which are defined by the Scout Oath and Law.

Community organizations join in partnership with Scouting because we are **known** as major contributors to the development of future citizens of good character.

Our youth members have become the leaders in their community and now join with the Scouting Alumni who continue to make a difference.

But most of all, kids, and their families, come to us for a great time and for adventures that will be remembered for a lifetime.

The Patriots' Path Council serves youth in Morris, Somerset, Sussex, Union and portions of Middlesex County New Jersey.



**CLIP INTO
ADVENTURE**



Community

C.O.P.E

Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience

Patriots' Path Council, BSA





Project COPE Group Usage Policy at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation

What is Project COPE?

Project COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) is designed for groups interested in developing leadership and team work in a group setting. The Project COPE course is designed to provide maximum adaptability to each group's specific needs and goals. Project COPE consists of a series of obstacles and challenges designed to foster problem solving and teamwork. All activities are "Challenge by Choice." Participants are encouraged by staff and team members, but not forced to participate in the activities. Though each COPE course is unique and each person who experiences it has individual objectives, the Project COPE program emphasizes eight major goals;

- 1. Teamwork:** Teamwork is the key that allows a group to meet a COPE challenge successfully. The COPE experience makes it clear that each individual can accomplish more as a member of team, than going it alone.
- 2. Communication:** Project COPE encourages real learning of critical listening and discussion skills important for any group attempting to accomplish difficult tasks.
- 3. Trust:** Participants completing difficult tasks on a COPE course develop trust in COPE staff members, the safety of the course, team members, and themselves.
- 4. Leadership:** Leadership is given and assumed naturally, and can be expressed in many ways. Team members will have many opportunities to develop and exercise leadership skills.
- 5. Decision Making:** Project COPE requires groups to make decisions by developing one or more solutions to a problem, considering the available resources and alternatives, and evaluating the possible results.
- 6. Problem Solving:** Project COPE challenges groups and individuals to develop solutions to interesting problems. Participants test their solutions and evaluate the results.
- 7. Self Esteem:** Meeting the challenges of a COPE course allows individuals and groups to develop self esteem and encourages them to adopt challenging attainable goals.
- 8. FUN:**

Group Types

Tier 1: Patriot's Path Scouting units. BSA Scouting units chartered in the Patriot's Path Council.

Tier 2: Non-profit Youth Organizations These are youth-serving organizations and typically include the following: - Boy Scout or Girl Scout units (not part of Group 1) - Church Youth groups - School groups (K-12) - other youth organizations (e.g. YMCA, Boys & Girl's clubs, youth sports teams or clubs, etc)

Tier 3: All Other Organizations - Corporate groups - College groups - Any other group not defined by Group 1 or Group 2.

COPE Program Types

Low Course:

Low course activities are focused on developing teamwork, decision-making, and communications through various team-building activities, group initiatives, and problem-solving activities on COPE low course elements. May also include trust exercises if the group is planning to include High course elements as part of the program.

High Course:

High course activities are focused on developing trust, teamwork, self-esteem through activities requiring high-intensity teamwork and communications. High course activities are designed to "push the envelope" and comfort zones for participants through various challenges on high course elements.

Climbing/Rappelling:

Climbing offers worthy opportunities to learn new skills, expand personal boundaries, problem solve, and test yourself. It's hard to top the satisfaction of climbing to the top.

Benefits of participating in a climbing program:
 increased self-esteem
 trust building
 teamwork
 respect for others
 communication
 cooperation
 fun and adventure

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTSIDE GROUPS.

Outside groups (excepting out-of-council BSA groups holding a valid tour permit) may be permitted to use the Project COPE course and equipment only under the following conditions

- a. The outside group must be under the supervision of a Patriot's Path Council qualified Project COPE director,
- b. The outside group must complete a hold-harmless agreement,
- c. The outside group must complete a facility use agreement, and
- d. The outside group must provide a current certificate of liability insurance of at least \$1 million.

Fee Structure for Usage of Project COPE and Climbing Facilities at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation

Patriot's Path Council Scout Groups	Participant Fee	Minimum Group Charge
Full-Day COPE Experience (Lo/Hi)	\$ 20.00	\$ 200.00
Half-Day Low Course	\$ 8.00	\$ 80.00
Half-Day High Course	\$ 15.00	\$ 150.00
Half-Day Climbing	\$ 15.00	\$ 150.00
Full-Day Low Course	\$ 15.00	\$ 150.00
Full-Day High Course	\$ 25.00	\$ 250.00
Full-Day Climbing	\$ 25.00	\$ 250.00
Other Scout and Non-Profit Youth Groups (Grades 5-12)	Participant Fee	Minimum Group Charge
Full-Day COPE Experience (Lo/Hi)	\$ 40.00	\$ 400.00
Half-Day Low Course	\$ 15.00	\$ 150.00
Half-Day High Course	\$ 30.00	\$ 300.00
Half-Day Climbing	\$ 30.00	\$ 300.00
Full-Day Low Course	\$ 30.00	\$ 300.00
Full-Day High Course	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00
Full-Day Climbing	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00
For profits, Corporate, and College Groups, and all other groups not in Tier 1 or 2	Participant Fee	Minimum Group Charge
Full-Day Team Building Experience (Low and High Courses)	\$ 80.00	\$ 800.00
Half-Day Low Course	\$ 30.00	\$ 300.00
Half-Day High Course	\$ 60.00	\$ 600.00
Half-Day Climbing	\$ 60.00	\$ 600.00
Full-Day Low Course	\$ 60.00	\$ 600.00
Full-Day High Course	\$ 100.00	\$ 1000.00
Full Day Climbing	\$ 100.00	\$ 1000.00