Welcome to our Patriots’ Path Council Camps

We hope you enjoy your experience with us.

We constantly strive to provide the best facilities and program for your youth. With that in mind, we ask for your cooperation in adhering to our camping policies.
Emergency Procedure

The Patriots’ Path Council places the greatest importance on the safety of our Scouts, leaders, parents and visitors. Every effort has been taken to create the safest environment possible for all our facilities. The council also understands that accidents do occur. The following emergency procedure is to be implemented at our facilities during the off-season (non summer camp).

In the event of serious injury, illness, lost camp, intruder in camp:

1. Contact the campmaster/reservation director immediately
   - Mount Allamuchy - Keith Dlugosz - 973-765-9322 x 415
     - Camp Somers - 973-347-2240
     - MASR Year Round - 973-347-3266
   - Winnebago - Curt Haak - 973-765-9322 x 412
     - Winnebago Summer & Year Round - 973-983-9075

2. Notification of proper authority (Police/Fire/Ambulance) to help in an emergency situation will be made by the campmaster/reservation director

3. If camp is to be evacuated/mobilized to a safe location, all leaders will be given information by the campmaster/reservation director

4. All leaders will be in charge of their pack/troop/post/crew with campmaster/reservation director assistance

5. If the campmaster/reservation director is unavailable, call 9-1-1 for immediate help, continue to try and contact the campmaster/reservation director after 9-1-1 is called.

6. Notification of reportable incidents:
   - Campmaster/reservation director
   - Assistant Scout Executive, Bob Morris, Work: 973-765-9322 x 223 Cell: 973-713-5627
   - Scout Executive Dennis Kohl will be notified by the above

7. File an incident report with the council office.
Fellow Scouter,

The Patriots’ Path Council camping committee requests your attention and cooperation in supporting and obeying the policies, procedures and practices of the Boy Scouts of America and the Patriots’ Path Council. The reservation directors and campmasters are charged with the responsibility of enforcing the health and safety regulations of the Boy Scouts of America and the State of New Jersey. They are also responsible to see that the general use practices and procedures are followed. Listed within are the policies for our camps.

Each camp has specific policies and procedures that apply to that camp. Check with the reservation director or campmaster at check-in for additional information or copies of these policies. Please share these policies with all leaders and adults attending your activity.

Thank you and enjoy the great outdoors!

Our Vision Statement

The Patriots’ Path Council provides outstanding opportunities to today’s youth from all backgrounds and communities. We are guided by Scouting’s core values as expressed in the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. Our motivated, energetic, and experienced leadership is dedicated to delivering our programs and services, utilizing all of our resources and the latest technologies to best serve our stakeholders. We are committed to remaining financially sound and to serve as trustworthy stewards of the assets entrusted to us.

But most of all, youth members and their families, come to us for a great time and for adventures that will be cherished for a lifetime.
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Contact Information – Camps and Offices

Below are the contact numbers for our camps – in the event of an emergency, make every effort to contact the campmaster/reservation director for help. If they are unavailable, please dial 9-1-1. Our campmasters and reservation directors are trained to handle emergencies, are aware of how to complete any necessary paperwork, and are familiar with the local emergency services available. A full emergency procedure policy is included in this document.

Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation
750 Waterloo Road
Stanhope, NJ 07874
Camp Office - 973-347-3266
Emergencies – 9-1-1
Keith Dlugosz, Properties Director Cell: 201-923-2392

Winnebago Scout Reservation
102 Timberbrook Rd
Rockaway, NJ 07866
Camp Office - 973-983-9075
Emergencies – 9-1-1
Curt Haak, Reservation Director Cell: 518-321-4356

Sabattis Adventure Camp
1745 Sabattis Road
Long Lake, NY 12847
Camp Office – 518-624-3676 (Summer Only)
Emergencies – 9-1-1
Greg Foster, Ranger

Patriots’ Path Council – Office
1 Saddle Road
Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927
973-765-9322
Bob Morris, Assistant Scout Executive x 223
John Dorn, Administrative Assistant, Camping x 238

Contact Numbers – Non Emergency

Tour Plans
Council Office – 973-765-9322 – Linda Mickel x 258 Linda.Mickel@Scouting.org

Site Reservations (summer and year round)
Council Office – 973-765-9322 – John Dorn x 238 John.Dorn@Scouting.org

Weekend/Weekday Programs at Mount Allamuchy
Mount Allamuchy – 973-347-5428 – Tom Stoddard Thomas.Stoddard@Scouting.org

COPE
Mount Allamuchy – 973-347-3266 – Lori Dlugosz Lori.Dlugosz@Scouting.org

Climbing
Mount Allamuchy – 973-347-3266 – Lori Dlugosz Lori.Dlugosz@Scouting.org

Eagle’s Nest at Camp Somers
Mount Allamuchy – 973-765-9322 x 420 – Pat Hawkins

Incident Reports
Council Office – 973-765-9322 Bob Morris x 223 Robert.Morris@Scouting.org
William Markert x 247 William.Markert@Scouting.org

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Policies for Short-Term Camping At Patriots’ Path Council Facilities

- Check in with the campmaster/reservation director
  - Check in from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Friday, after 8 a.m. Saturday
    - Out-of-council units turn in your tour plan
    - Turn in your unit roster - MANDATORY
    - Receive a fire permit
    - Pay damage deposit fee ($50/site, cabin or as noted)

- Check-Out
  - Check out with the campmaster/reservation director
    - Check out is after 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday
        - Firewood piles need to be replenished
        - Facilities will be checked by the campmaster/reservation director
        - Turn in your camp evaluation
        - Receive your damage deposit fee back
        - Cabins and/or tent sites should be left in a clean and neat condition - better than you found it.

- Vehicles are only allowed in designated areas of the camp. (see vehicle policy on page 12)
- Two adult leaders must be present at all times during your attendance at our camps.
- Prohibited Items in Camp
  - Snowmobiles
  - Motorcycles
  - Generators - Reservation director will determine use
  - Pets
  - Fireworks
  - Firearms
  - Bows and arrows
  - Chain saws
  - Sheath knives
  - Hunting
  - Gambling
  - Heaters – Kerosene, electric and propane heaters are prohibited in our camps
  - Tobacco - Use of tobacco products is prohibited in view of Scouts.
  - Alcohol - The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving the participation of youth members. This includes offsite locations before or during the activity.
  - Use of hot-plates or lanterns are not allowed in cabins or buildings. For further instruction, refer to the Liquid Fuel Policy below.

- A first aid kit must be displayed and easily available.
- Fishing is permitted from the shore of our camp lakes. Complete rules are available at check-in. No fishing allowed in the swimming areas. State law requires a fishing license.
- Cabin capacity limits are strictly enforced. Bring tents if you exceed the limits. Cabin and site capacities are listed in the addendum.
- Groups can cook on open wood, charcoal fires, propane, or liquid fuel (kerosene, Coleman, white gas, etc.) stoves. For further instruction, refer to the Liquid Fuel Policy.
- Each group should provide a rake or shovel and fire buckets for their outdoor fire area.
- Please leave the hot embers and ashes in the wood stoves when leaving. DO NOT scatter hot embers or ashes in the woods. Don’t put water in wood stove or indoor fireplaces.
• All propane lanterns within camp area MUST be in a fixed location. Propane lanterns should not be carried at any time when lit.
• There is to be only ONE wood fire per group site. No fire may be left unattended at any time. Only pre-existing fire rings or campfire areas may be used. All fires must be completely out before the last adult leader in the site retires for the night. Fires must be extinguished and woodpiles must be replenished before you leave.
• Check with the campmaster/reservation director on ice conditions, fire danger, etc. The camp reservation director is responsible for determination of current conditions. All ice is off limits unless notified by the campmaster/reservation director. (For specifics on ice conditions see Ice Safety Policy)
• If you leave the main part of camp for a hike, please let us know your route and estimated return time. Check back in.
• Do not trespass on private land without permission from the landowner.
• Each group will assume responsibility for any accident or injury to group members or the equipment of their group. Inform the campmaster/reservation director in case of accident or injury. Notify campmaster/reservation director if you have to call 911 from a cell phone. File an incident report.
• Please use designated latrines only. No dumping of garbage into latrine pits. Please ensure that lids are down.
• Groups shall be liable to repair, replace, or pay for damages to camp property and equipment. This includes carving on walls, tent platforms, trees, tables, etc. Nails or staples are not to be driven into any part of camp buildings unless during an approved maintenance project. Damages will be charged to the unit responsible and will necessitate proper payment or replacement of the damaged item and restriction from council facilities until settlement is made. Labor charge for damages is billed at $40.00 per hour.
• The inter-camp telephones are for emergency use only.
• Respect the privacy of the reservation director’s residence.
• Scout behavior does not permit the throwing of rocks outside of the specific “rock throwing area”
• Throwing of debris, logs, etc. in the lake is prohibited.
Ice Safety Policy for Short Term Camping at a Patriots’ Path Council Facility

- Scouts may only go onto the frozen lake (ice) when the GREEN flag is flying.
- No Scout may go onto the second lake (Camp Wheeler).
- Scouts should enter the ice from the dam at Camp Somers and from either the waterfront or the south end waterfront at Winnebago Scout Reservation.
- Scouts must stay in specified areas while on the ice and stay off all docks. Specified areas are set by campmaster/reservation director.
- Scouts are only allowed onto the ice when an adult is present, and also on the ice with Scouts.
- Scouts may only go onto the ice during daylight hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).
- Scouts must have a buddy with them at all times.
- Absolutely NO VEHICLES or structures of any kind allowed on the ice.
- If you are fishing, all NJ laws apply. We encourage “catch and release” policy.
- Report any injuries of any kind to the campmaster/reservation director.

Off Site Drinking Water Precautions

A constant supply of treated drinking water is essential for any campout. Serious illness can result from drinking untreated water. Protect your health. Boil all questionable water and check the internet for various filters and purification tabs. Thermos jugs, plastic water containers, and canteens are all satisfactory for carrying water. Be sure water is dispensed into each person's own drinking cup.

Water Availability at Patriots’ Path Council Camps

The Patriots’ Path Council camps have tested and certified drinking water available at our camps year round. However, water in the sites is not available all year long. Weather plays a factor in how early/late water in sites is available. The firm dates are May 1 – October 31 – water is available throughout camp – outside of these dates water is only available at the well pumps, of which there are 2-3 at Mount Allamuchy and Winnebago. For specific questions about availability (during especially warm/cold years) contact the camp directly.

Wells and potable water outlets are not to be used as cleaning or washing stations.
Lightning

The summits of mountains, crests of ridges, slopes above timberline, and large meadows are extremely hazardous places to be during lightning storms. If you are caught in such an exposed place, quickly descend to a lower elevation, away from the direction of the approaching storm, and squat down, keeping your head low. A dense forest located in a depression provides the best protection. Avoid taking shelter under isolated trees or trees much taller than adjacent trees. Stay away from water, metal objects, and other substances that will conduct electricity long distances. By squatting with your feet close together, you have minimal contact with the ground, thus reducing danger from ground currents. If the threat of lightning strikes is great, your group should not huddle together but spread out at least 15 feet apart. If one member of your group is jolted, the rest of you can tend to him. Whenever lightning is nearby, take off backpacks with either external or internal metal frames. In tents, stay at least a few inches from metal tent poles.

Lightning Action Plan

Personnel who have responsibility for Scouts or children in out-of-door situations will be vigilant for potential lightning. When a storm is observed moving towards the area, the flash-to-bang method* will be used to determine the proximity of the storm. When it is determined that the storm is within eight miles, all outdoor activities should cease immediately. Personnel participating in outdoor activities should be directed to seek appropriate shelter, preferably inside buildings or vehicles. No one should be allowed to remain in an open field. The all clear to resume outdoor activities may be given when a period of 30 minutes has passed, since by direct observation, the last lightning strike was seen or the sound of thunder heard. Normally, this should require confirmation by two or more observers. A council staff member should inspect and report on conditions at the site of each reported lightning strike as soon as possible after a Lightning Hazards Alert and All-Clear Declaration. * Flash-to-Bang method consists of counting the seconds from seeing the lightning flash to hearing the thunder. Each five seconds translates to approximately one mile.

Lightning Safety Rules

- Stay away from open doors and windows, fireplaces, radiators, stoves, metal pipes, sinks, and plug-in electrical appliances.
- Don’t use hair dryers, electric toothbrushes, or electric razors, telephones; lightning may strike wires outside.
- Don’t take laundry off the clothesline; don’t work on fences, telephone lines, power lines, pipelines, or structural steel fabrications.
- Don’t handle flammable materials in open containers.
- Don’t use metal objects, such as fishing rods and golf clubs. Golfers wearing cleated shoes are particularly good lightning rods.
- Get out of the water and off small boats.
- Stay in the car if you are traveling. Automobiles offer excellent lightning protection.
- When no shelter is available, avoid the highest object in the area. If only isolated trees are nearby, the best protection is to crouch in the open, keeping twice as far away from isolated trees as the trees are high; avoid hilltops, open spaces, wire fences, metal clotheslines, exposed sheds, and any electrically conducted elevated objects.
Chemical Fuels and Equipment
This policy directs Boy Scouts of America members how to safely store, handle, and use chemical fuels and equipment. Safety and environmental awareness concerns have persuaded many campers to move away from traditional outdoor campfires in favor of chemical-fueled equipment used for cooking, heating, and lighting. Be aware that chemical fuels and equipment create very different hazards than traditional wood, charcoal, and other solid fuels; this policy defines how to address those hazards. Before any chemical fuels or chemical-fueled equipment is used, an adult knowledgeable about chemical fuels and equipment, including regulatory requirements, should resolve any hazards not specifically addressed within this policy.

Definitions

Chemical fuels—Liquid, gaseous, or gelled fuels.
Approved chemical-fueled equipment—Commercially manufactured equipment, including stoves, grills, burners, heaters, and lanterns that are designed to be used with chemical fuels.
Prohibited chemical-fueled equipment—Equipment that is handcrafted, homemade, modified, or installed beyond the manufacturer’s stated design limitations or use. Examples include alcohol-burning “can” stoves, smudge pots, improperly installed heaters, and propane burners with their regulators removed.
Recommended chemical fuels—White gas (Coleman fuel); kerosene; liquefied petroleum gas fuels, including propane, butane, and isobutane; vegetable oil fuels; biodiesel fuel; and commercially prepared gelled-alcohol fuel in original containers.
Chemical fuels that are not recommended—Unleaded gasoline; liquid alcohol fuels, including isopropyl alcohol, denatured ethyl alcohol, and ethanol; and other flammable chemicals that are not in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions for chemical-fueled equipment.

Storing, Handling, and Using Chemical Fuels and Equipment

An adult knowledgeable about chemical fuels and equipment should always supervise youth involved in the storage, handling, and use of chemical fuels and equipment.

Operate and maintain chemical-fueled equipment according to the manufacturer’s instructions and in facilities or areas only where and when permitted.

Using liquid fuels for starting any type of fire—including lighting damp wood, charcoal, and ceremonial campfires or displays—is prohibited.

No flames in tents. This includes burning any solid, liquid, gel, or gas fuel—including tents or teepees that feature or support stoves or fires; and any chemical-fueled equipment or catalytic heaters.

Store chemical fuels in their original containers or in containers designed for immediate use. Securely store any spare fuel away from sources of ignition, buildings, and tents.

During transport and storage, properly secure chemical fuel containers in an upright, vertical position.
Guidelines for safely using chemical stoves and lanterns

- Use compressed- or liquid-gas stoves and/or lanterns only with knowledgeable adult supervision and in Scout facilities only where and when permitted.
- Operate and maintain regularly according to manufacturer’s instructions included with the stove or lantern.
- Both gasoline and kerosene shall be kept in well-marked, approved containers (never in a glass container) and stored in a ventilated, locked box at a safe distance (a minimum of 20 feet) from buildings and tents. Keep all chemical fuel containers away from hot stoves and campfires, and store below 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Let hot stoves and lanterns cool before changing cylinders of compressed gas or refilling from bottles of liquid gas.
- Refill liquid gas stoves and lanterns a safe distance from any flames, including other stoves, campfires and personal smoking substances. A commercial camp stove fuel should be used for safety and performance. Pour through a filter funnel. Recap both the device and the fuel container before igniting.
- Never fuel a stove or a lantern inside a cabin; always do this out-of-doors. Do not operate a stove or lantern in an unventilated structure. Provide at least two ventilation openings, one high and one low, to provide oxygen and exhaust for lethal gasses. Never fuel (example: all liquid fuels, charcoal, etc.), ignite, or operate a stove or lantern in a tent.
- Place the stove on a level, secure surface before operating. On snow, place insulated support under stove to prevent melting and tipping.
- Periodically check fittings on compressed-gas stoves and on pressured liquid-gas stoves for leakage, using soap solution before lighting.
- To avoid possible fires, locate gas tanks, stoves, etc., below any tents since heavy leakage of gas will flow downhill the same as water.
- When lighting a stove keep fuel containers and extra canisters well away. Do not hover over the stove when lighting it. Keep your head and body to one side. Open the stove valve quickly for two full turns and light carefully, with head, fingers and hands to the side of the burner. Then adjust down.
- Do not leave a lighted stove or lantern unattended.
- Do not overload the stovetop with extra-heavy pots or large frying pans. If pots over 2 quarts are necessary, set up a separate grill with legs to hold the pots and place stove under grill.
- Bring empty fuel containers home for disposal. Do not place in or near fires. Empty fuel containers will explode if heated and should never be put in fireplaces or with burnable trash.

Wood Stoves

Do’s:
- Make sure dampers are open (Not all stove pipes have one)
- Make sure air intakes are open all the way to start fire
- Make sure you use a good amount of newspaper and small kindling to start an initial fire, the stove pipe needs to get hot fast for the smoke to draw from the stove properly. Once the fire is drawing well, add one to two larger pieces of wood.
• Keep wood stove door closed unless filling with wood.
• Make sure that the air intakes are open all the way for a few minutes prior to opening stove door to add wood. This will allow the chamber to clear of smoke.

Don’ts:
• Don’t place anything that can burn (clothing, bedding, camping equipment, etc.) within 3 feet of stove/stovepipe
• Don’t put the fire out with water, snow or ice. Let the fire die out on its own, partially open the air intake.
• Don’t remove ashes from the stove; this will be done by the camp staff during the week.
• Don’t allow Scouts to play around wood stoves, so as to avoid severe burns.
• Don’t close damper or intake air vents all the way, this will fill the cabin with smoke and cause fire to cool, creating unnecessary build up of creosote in the stovepipe.

Moving equipment
The Patriots’ Path Council will not allow the moving of camp cots, picnic tables and platforms from one end of camp to the other. These are permanent structures of the camps; this equipment is heavy and expensive, and we are without the manpower to move it. The camping committee recommends that participants carry tents and sleeping bags in to the facilities being rented, or use pre-set facilities.

If canvas, cots and platforms are rented, it will be the responsibility of the renter to return/store all equipment under the supervision of the camp reservation director. If this cannot be done, the renters will be billed out at $30.00 per worker hired by the camp reservation director.

Recycling and Garbage
Due to environmental regulations and rising costs, we must mandate that all units recycle plastic, bimetal and aluminum cans and glass. Recycling bins are located next to our dumpsters.

Garbage must be collected and brought to the dumpsters. All garbage is to be placed into the dumpsters loose, un-bagged (this way bears only get to a small amount, and do not spread garbage all over the area).

Religious Services
A Scout is Reverent. There are many houses of worship within a short ride of our camps. Our campmasters can provide more information regarding local services.
Vehicle Policy for Camping at a Patriots’ Path Council Facility

All our camps are designed for rustic camping. The campsites are in the woods and are a 5 to 10 minute walk to the sites. They are designed with Scout camping methods in mind; therefore, the following vehicle policy is established for camping at all our camps.

The posted speed limit in camps, parking lots, council properties, etc. is 15 MPH

Definitions

- Authorized vehicle – a camp owned vehicle, or a vehicle with card identifying unit number and license plate number placed on driver’s side dashboard and must be visible at all times while vehicle is in camp.
- Unauthorized vehicle – all other vehicles.

Short-term camping

- All unauthorized motor vehicles will be parked in the designed parking areas in all camps.
- There will be no vehicles other than authorized vehicles on camp roads.
- Authorized vehicles will transport troop gear and adult leaders’ gear to the campsites both at the beginning and the end of the camping period.
- All pick-up and drop off of Scouts and their equipment will be made from the parking lot.
- If no authorized vehicles are available to transport gear, each unit will be permitted to use one vehicle to transport troop gear and adult leaders’ gear to the campsites both at the beginning and the end of the camping period. This vehicle will return to the designated parking area during the unit’s stay at camp.
- No vehicles past barriers.
- Travel at your own risk.
- Authorized vehicles must utilize camp roads and designated parking areas while in camp.

Waivers

- A temporary waiver may be considered for health or other reasons, at the discretion of the campmaster/reservation director, for short term camping periods.
- A permanent waiver may be considered for health or other reasons, at the discretion of the camp director or the camping/properties director, for longer periods (i.e. summer camp).
- For both temporary and permanent waivers, both the request and the permission must be in writing.
- Travel at your own risk.
- Authorized vehicles must utilize camp roads and designated parking areas while in camp.
South end of Winnebago

- Support staff for district/council training courses can arrive between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Friday night under the direction of the course director and staff advisor or their designees.
- Participants and staff will be permitted to drive to the South End between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. for a Friday course or between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. for a Saturday course.
- Participants and staff will be permitted to drive out of the South End in up to two caravans after the course is over. Each caravan will be led by a member of the course staff. The campmaster/reservation director will be given advance notice of the departure of each caravan.
- All units using South End facilities will be permitted to drive one vehicle to transport troop gear and adult leaders’ gear to the site(s) both at the beginning and the end of the camping period and leave the vehicle at the South End.
- No vehicles past barriers.
- Travel at your own risk.
- Authorized vehicles must utilize camp roads and designated parking areas while in camp.

District/council events

- Support staff for district/council events can arrive between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Friday.
- There will be no vehicles other than authorized vehicles on camp roads.
- Authorized vehicles will transport troop gear and adult leaders’ gear to the campsites both at the beginning and the end of the camping period.
- All pick-up and drop off of Scouts and their equipment will be made from the parking lot.
- If no authorized vehicles or qualified drivers are available to transport gear, each unit will be permitted to use one vehicle to transport troop gear and adult leaders’ gear to the campsites both at the beginning and the end of the camping period.
- An EMT-designated emergency vehicle is for emergency use only.
- No vehicles past barriers.
- Travel at your own risk.
- Authorized vehicles must utilize camp roads and designated parking areas while in camp.

Work vehicles

- Vehicles necessary for work projects in camp will be permitted on camp roads.
- All other vehicles will be parked in the designated parking areas in all camps.

Trailers

- Trailers will be allowed to be towed to sites and left there during unit stay. They will be allowed to be retrieved only at the end of the event or unit trip.

Enforcement

- Campmaster/reservation director will notify unit or activity leader of any infractions of the vehicle policy. The reservation director will notify the assistant Scout executive after the weekend. The situation will be reviewed by the camping committee at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Failure to comply with vehicle policy may lead to unit’s or activity’s inability to access camp by vehicle for up to one year at Patriots’ Path Council camps.

Exemptions

- Any requests for exemptions to this policy must be submitted in writing to the assistant Scout executive at Patriots’ Path Council two weeks prior to activity.
Winnebago Scout Reservation Parking Map

EXIT

Keep Open for Emergency and Camp Vehicles

ENTER
BSA Youth Protection Policies
The Boy Scouts of America believes that its top priority is to protect the safety of children. The BSA has developed “Barriers to Abuse Within Scouting” that creates safer environments for young people involved in Scouting activities. All Scout leaders must comply with these policies. Violations of these policies put Scouts at risk and may result in disciplinary action.

All adults leaders, youth members, and staff, are required to comply with current BSA Youth Protection policies as outlined in the current training.

Training is available by visiting www.MyScouting.org and selecting Youth Protection training. Reference material is available in the Guide to Safe Scouting.

Guide to Safe Scouting Info
The Boy Scouts of America Guide to Safe Scouting is a document from the national office that establishes many of the policies for Scouting. It is also a valuable resource for questions/concerns and clarification.

The Guide to Safe Scouting is updated quarterly and is available online at http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx or by visiting www.Scouting.org and searching for “Guide to Safe Scouting”.

Camping Guidelines
The Boy Scouts of America has established guidelines for its members’ participation in camping activities. This information is available online through the Guide to Safe Scouting. The guide is available using the link above.
Tour Plans

The Boy Scouts of America national office has modified their policy and what are currently known as local and national tour permits will be superseded by what will be called the tour plan. Information about the tour plan is available at http://riskzone.ppbsa.org/tourplan.htm To download an enterable pdf, visit http://riskzone.ppbsa.org/tourplan.pdf Questions about the tour plan can be directed to Linda Mickel at the council office at 973-765-9322 x258.

- It is not necessary to file tour plans for all activities.
- Tour plans are only necessary for:
  - Trips of 500 miles or more one way
  - Trips outside of council borders not to a council-owned property (Sabattis Adventure Camp does not require a tour plan)
  - Trips to any national high-adventure base, national Scout jamboree, National Order of the Arrow Conference, or regionally sponsored event
  - When conducting the following activities OUTSIDE of council or district sponsored events.
    - Aquatics activities (swimming, boating, floating, scuba, etc.)
    - Climbing and rappelling
    - Orientation flights (process a flying plan)
    - Shooting sports
    - Any activities involving motorized vehicles as part of the program (snowmobiles, boating, etc.)

- When not required (based on the above), tour plans will not be approved/returned – you will be notified if you submit a tour plan that is not required.
Incident Reports

- An incident report is to be filed whenever a Scout is ill or injured which results in a shortened stay at camp (ex: going home early, sent for further medical treatment) or whenever an incident occurs that requires documentation for further review (ex: behavior or code of conduct violations, damage to property, etc.) The report is due to the council office within 24 hours of the incident. Questions, please contact the council office at 973-765-9322.

- Blank incident report forms are available on our website, www.ppbsa.org, or at our camping facilities.

- For council/district events, the form is to be turned into any Patriots’ Path Council staff member.

- For unit sponsored camping, the form is to be turned in directly to the council office.

- The following guidelines are to be used when reporting an incident.
  - All incident reports are to be given to the assistant Scout executive for review. Any questions regarding filing of, procedures, etc. will be handled from that office.
  - Incidents regarding injuries are reviewed by the council risk management committee for appropriate action.
  - The council membership standards committee reviews incidents regarding behavior situations for appropriate action.
  - Individuals, other than those who filed the incident report, requesting a copy of the incident report are referred to the unit committee chairman or chartering organization representative.
  - The Patriots’ Path Council does not disseminate this information in order to protect all those concerned.

BSA Accident Insurance Statement

All Patriots’ Path Council registered youth (Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers and Explorers) and all registered adult committee members, district volunteers and unit leaders are covered by the accident insurance. New members and leaders are automatically covered by this policy (please forward their registration application to council office promptly). Non-Scouts and non-Scouters as guests who are being encouraged to become registered members or leaders are also covered. Other guests including siblings are not covered.

The master policy for the accident plan is held by the Patriots’ Path Council and reviewed by the council risk management committee annually. Please contact William Markert at 973-765-9322 x 247, with any insurance problems, questions, or suggestions.
Campmasters

With the exception of summer camp programs, our camps are served by campmasters – volunteers who staff the office, provide weekend programs, serve our campers and ensure the safety and well-being of our visitors. Our campmasters are a valuable resource to expand your camp experience.

For questions, or to volunteer as a campmaster at one of our camps, please contact the appropriate reservation director.

Mount Allamuchy - Keith Dlugosz - 973-765-9322 x 412
Winnebago - Curt Haak - 973-765-9322 x 415

Mandatory Rosters for all Events

Every use of camp (short term and summer camp) must include a roster of Scouts/adults/other participants. This will ensure that we have proper documentation should the need arise (ex.: camp evacuations), and that we are collecting the appropriate camp fees (both facility use and per person charges).

At check-in, copies of the roster will be made (originals will be returned to unit/short term use organizer).

Dates for Opening and Closing

Short term camping season for the Patriots’ Path Council will start the first full weekend after Labor Day in September. Short term camping season will end in mid-June to allow for the preparation of summer camp. This may vary between Winnebago Scout Reservation and Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation – please contact John Dorn at the council office, 973-765-9322 x 238, John.Dorn@Scouting.org for specific dates/needs.

Camps Closed for Holidays

The Patriots’ Path Council camps will be closed in conjunction with the council office. The camps will follow the annual holiday schedule that is posted every year in the council calendar, including:

- New Year’s Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- Good Friday/Easter Weekend
- Memorial Day Weekend
- Labor Day Weekend
- Thanksgiving (Weekend Included)
- Christmas
Summer Camp Operation

While the Patriots’ Path Council summer camps are in operation there will be no other groups allowed to rent the facilities. The summer camp operation must be closed down by the directors and turned back over to the camp reservation director prior to another group renting the camp. An example of this is NYLT/NAYLE or Wood Badge staff entering camp three days prior to the end of summer camp season.

Beaver Day

The Patriots’ Path Council camps will be closed to all outside activities for the council’s annual Beaver Day. This is the annual workday to support our camps and all camping and properties committees will be needed to support this event. The annual workday will normally be scheduled for the third Saturday in April for both the Winnebago and Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservations. Please consider bringing volunteer help to assist with this opportunity to improve your camp. Contact the camp of your choice directly.

Camp Rental for District and Council Activities

The Patriots’ Path Council camps are available for district and council activities. When the camp is rented, all sites/buildings will be available. Reservations are taken online only. Please check the camp availability on our reservation website - https://campreservation.com/crs.php?OrgKey=BSA358

A code is required for district and council activities. Please contact John Dorn in the camping department to acquire the code. 973-765-9322 x 238 or John.Dorn@Scouting.org

Fee Structure

The Patriots’ Path Council Camping Committee will expect that all groups requesting rental of any facility would have to pay the current rental rates as outlined on the current rental reservation form. The fee structure was adopted at the March 2011 camping committee meeting and these fees will remain current unless changes are made and accepted by the camping committee. The exempt groups from this policy are the Order of the Arrow and Training since those groups provide service to the camps and council on a regular basis.

Order of the Arrow – Woapalanne Lodge #43 - No charge for weekends; Training – No charge for weekend activities; Retreats – The fee for religious retreat will be 50% of the cost for a camp.
Refund Policy

The council reserves the right to cancel programs, as attendance or weather requires. If the council cancels a program or closes a camp, the payment/deposit can be transferred to another program/available date or returned as requested. If you decide to cancel your reservation/do not show up and the camp is open, there will be no refund or alternate date offered.

The following refund policies are in place for customer cancellations:

- The request must be in writing.
- If cancelled 30 days prior to camp, a refund of fees paid, minus a 15% administration fee based on the total due, will be issued.
- If cancelled less than 30 days prior to camp, no refunds will be issued.

COPE Overview

CHALLENGING OUTDOOR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE (COPE) is an exciting outdoor program that strives to develop teamwork, communication, trust, self-esteem, problem solving, decision making and fun in a group setting. This is the best opportunity to get troop leaders together and develop great troop teamwork.

Initiative games, low course challenges and high course experiences await all participants. Our course includes a climbing and rappelling tower as well as a zip line and 25 low course events. Participants climb, swing, balance, jump, rappel and think of solutions to a variety of activities. Most participants do much more than they thought they were capable of doing. Unit leaders are encouraged to participate.

Project COPE is an activity that attracts and holds the interest of older boys in Scouting. It offers a set of stimulating activities designed to meet the needs of today's younger people seeking greater challenges to their physical and mental abilities. The underlying goals of a Project COPE course are consistent with the methods of Scouting. Group activities help promote personal growth. Other Scouting methods are inherent in the conducting of the program. COPE provides an opportunity for every participant to achieve success as an individual member of the patrol or team.

To reserve COPE, or check availability, contact Lori Dlugosz at 973-347-3266 or Lori.Dlugosz@Scouting.org.

Climbing Overview

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. Out of some new inner strength before the end of the day, climbers find out just what they can do. Quite often what they can do is more than they ever dreamed possible. Climb at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation! Patriots' Path Council can provide you with a climbing area and climbing equipment. Any unit interested in climbing at Mount Allamuchy must have a trained climbing instructor.
To reserve climbing, or check availability, contact Lori Dlugosz at 973-347-3266 or Lori.Dlugosz@Scouting.org.

For more information contact Larry Borshard at 973-945-0291 or misterLB@optonline.net.

**Internet in Camp**

Winnebago Scout Reservation and Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation are both equipped with wireless internet access year round. Key locations at Winnebago Scout Reservation include, the A Building, Trading Post, and Dining Hall. Key locations at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation include campmaster, Computer Trailer, and the Dining Hall. As internet access speeds are limited at both locations, content filters are in place to block file downloads and inappropriate content.

Please see campmaster/reservation director for access codes.

Sabattis Adventure Camp is also equipped with limited internet but only during the summer season.

**Use Of Shooting Sports Areas**

Mount Allamuchy and Winnebago have .22 cal. single shot rifles, BB guns and archery equipment that may be rented by units or certain council or district activities while weekend camping. The equipment will be checked out by the reservation director. Please contact the following for arrangements:

Mount Allamuchy - Tom Stoddard – 973-347-5428

Winnebago Scout Reservation – Curt Haak – 973-983-9075
## Sites/Capacities/Facility Overview

### Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation

**973-347-3266**

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### Hiking Trails

Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation Geocache course

Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation Historical Site Hike - 2.5 miles, 4.5 miles or 5.5 miles

Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation Challenge Trail - a 3 hour trail to test Scout skills

GPS Units are also available at our camps – see the campmaster/Reservation Director to check out a GPS unit.

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## Winnebago Scout Reservation

**Boys Scouts of America**  
**Patriots’ Path Council**

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### Hiking Trails

**Winnebago Scout Reservation Geocaching course**  
**Winnebago Scout Reservation Heritage Trail**  
**Winnebago Scout Reservation Historical Trail**  
- Eastern Tour – 10 miles  
- Western Tour – 10 miles  
- Northern Tour – 14.5 miles  
- Southern Tour – 17.5 miles  
**Winnebago Cub Scout Historical Trail** – 2 miles  
**Winnebago/Split Rock Reservoir Hike**  
**Split Rock Reservoir** – canoeing/overnight camping on an island - bring your own canoes, or rent them from Winnebago

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