

CAMP KAROONDINHA • SUSQUEHANNA COUNCIL

2026 SUMMER RESIDENT CAMP PLANNING GUIDE



PLANNING YOUR ADVENTURE

PLANNING CHECKLIST

- Read the entire Planning Guide: Review information on unit leadership, health forms, and medications.
- Recruit a minimum of two leaders for camp. Two leaders must be at least 21 years of age and both must be registered members of Scouting America.
- Register your unit when registration opens on November 1, 2025, and pay the \$100 deposit per Scout before January 31, 2026.

NOVEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY

- Get Scouts excited for camp! Show photos or videos of previous summers at meetings. Invite Scouts to share their favorite part of camp with younger Scouts. Invite former and current staff members to visit your unit to talk about camp.

FEBRUARY - MARCH

- Host a parent's information night to inform parents about summer camp opportunities and required information including completed health forms, packing list, adults who will be at camp, and camp address and phone numbers.
- **March 9, 2026:** Camperships are due to the Susquehanna Council office.

APRIL

- Attend pre-camp leaders meeting (location TBD; a Zoom session will be available).
- **April 30, 2026:** Last day to pay-in-full for resident camp for the Loyalty Discount OR Discounted Rate. (Note: Arrow of Light crossovers and new Scouts registered in the spring of 2026 have until May 31, 2026 to receive the Discount Rate.)

MAY

- **May 3, 2026:** Online merit badge registration opens at 7:00 PM
 - Scouts must be paid in full in order to register for merit badges.
 - Encourage Scouts to begin working on the Be Prepared requirements for merit badges.
- **May 15, 2026:** Online apparel store closes. May 31: Deadline for units to submit regular fee payments.

2 WEEKS BEFORE CAMP

- Confirm your unit has adequate leadership
- Ensure parents have information on departure time, return time, and telephone numbers for emergencies.
- Each Scout and leader have filled out a proper health history/physical exam form (Parts A, B, and C)
- Notify camp of any dietary restrictions.
- Transportation arrangements completed.
- All Scouts are officially registered with your unit.
- Double check each Scouts rank (Cub Scouts) or merit badge schedule (Scouts BSA).

THE DAY YOU LEAVE

- Unit equipment packed
- Bring a copy of unit roster, medical forms for each Scout and adult attending camp (regardless of length of stay), and hold harmless agreement for Range & Target Activities.

- Bring any partials or merit badge pre-requisites that have been completed.

HOW TO REGISTER

Pre-registration is the process of signing Scouts up for camp. This process will begin November 1, 2025. A \$100 deposit per Scout is required when registering (by January 31, 2026 to receive the loyalty rate). Scouts who register by January 31 and the deposit and are paid-in-full by April 30, 2026 will pay the Loyalty Rate. **Scouts who did NOT pay the \$100 registration fee by January 31 but pay in full by April 30 will pay the Early Bird Rate.** Registrations paid after April 30 will be charged the Regular Rate. The final deadline to register and pay for camp is May 31, 2026.

2026 RESIDENT CAMP SEASON

Week 1	June 27 – 30, 2026	Cub Scouts (Tiger, Wolf, Bear) Session #1
	June 30 – July 3, 2026	Cub Scouts (Tiger, Wolf, Bear) Session #2
	June 27 – July 3, 2026	Webelos/Arrow of Light Session #1
Week 2	July 5 – 11, 2026	Scouts BSA Session #1
Week 3	July 12 – 18, 2026	Scouts BSA Session #2

RESIDENT CAMP PROGRAM FEES

Please note that our ALL-INCLUSIVE camp fee includes the cost of all program materials. That means that we do not charge extra for program kits or ammunition. The discount fee applies when paid in full by April 30, 2026. *Note:* Arrow of Light crossovers and new Scouts registered in the spring of 2026 have until May 31, 2026 to receive the Early Bird Rate.

REGISTRATION TYPE	LOYALTY DISCOUNT \$100 deposit must be received by January 31, 2026 and paid-in-full by April 30, 2026)	Early Bird RATE (paid-in-full by April 30, 2026)	REGULAR RATE (paid-in-full after April 30, 2026)
Cub Scout Youth (Tiger/Wolf/Bear)*	\$265	\$280	\$320
Cub Scout Youth (Webelos/AOL)	\$395	\$415	\$465
Scouts BSA Youth	\$520	\$540	\$590
Cub Scout Adult (Tiger/Wolf/Bear)	\$125		
Cub Scout Adult (Webelos/AOL)	\$165		
Scouts BSA Leader	\$180		
Partial Week Leader	To be determined		
Second Week Scout (Scouts BSA only)	—	\$495	\$545

*Cub Scouts (Tiger/Wolf/Bear) who will need to attend the full week with an older Webelos/AOL sibling AND their parent should register as a Webelos/AOL. All applicable discounts (Loyalty Discount or Discount Rate) will apply and age-appropriate programming will be provided all week.

All fees are due by May 31, 2026. **No payments will be accepted on-site.**

Camp fees are non-refundable except in cases of participant medical reasons. A doctor's note is required to request a refund and \$100 will be retained. If there is a Scout not already on the reservations that can take the place of the canceled Scout, then fees are allowed to be transferred.

For more information on the official Susquehanna Council refund policy, please visit: <https://susquehannascouting.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/32/2022/12/Policy-Cancellation-and-Refund-v13b-2022-Update-1-Appvd.pdf>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/CAMPERSHIPS

We believe that every Scout should have the opportunity to attend summer camp! The Susquehanna Council provides partial, need-based camperships to ensure that all youth in the Susquehanna Council have the opportunity to attend resident camp.

The campership application is designed to be completed by the Scout's family and is available at <https://susquehannascouting.org/camping/>. Please submit applications no later than March 9, 2026 so that the campership committee can review all applications and provide timely award information to families and units prior to the payment deadline.

FUNDRAISING

Scouts are encouraged to “earn their own way” to camp by participating in various fundraisers throughout the year. Units are encouraged to help the Scouts by participating in fundraising opportunities (such as popcorn or candy bar sales) to help defray the cost of camp for their members. To help with this, the Susquehanna Council offers options to units and families who are looking to raise money for camp, such as Popcorn, Candy Bars, and First Aid Kits and Fire Blankets. Speak to your District Executive for more information.

ADULT/DAILY LEADER RATES

Adult daily leaders are those who will be in attendance for less than the full week of camp. Two part-time leaders cannot split a full leader spot on the registration. Every leader attending must be listed on the registration as either a full week of daily rate adult. This helps us to ensure the safety of all participants by validating registration status. All leaders must submit a completed Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) form, including Part C, even if the leader is staying less than 72 hours. Furthermore, all leaders staying overnight must be registered with Scouting America (see *Cub Scouts Programs – Overnight Exception* or page 13).

PROVISIONAL SCOUTS

A Scout who is unable to come to camp with their own unit, or who wishes to come to camp for a second week without their unit, is welcome to attend as a provisional camper. Typically, provisional campers are placed with carefully selected existing units and function as a member of that unit for the week. In some cases, a larger number of provisional campers will be formed into a separate unit, with qualified leadership provided by the camp staff. The fee for a provisional camper is the same as the regular camp fee. A camper who returns for an additional week of camp as a provisional Scout would benefit from the second week discounted rate.

SECOND WEEK DISCOUNT RATE

Are you a Scouts BSA Scout and can't get enough camp? We have great news for you! A Scout is eligible for a \$50 discount to attend a second week at Camp Karoondinha if he or she has already paid for one week of resident camp at Camp K in the same year.

TALENT RELEASE

Numerous pictures and/or videos are taken throughout the week at Camp Karoondinha; therefore, we require Scout families to agree with a talent release. The Talent Release is a portion of the Annual Health and Medical Record. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to a member of the Camp Karoondinha Administrative Team or Susquehanna Council Executive Staff.

REFUND POLICY

SUSQUEHANNA COUNCIL REFUND POLICY

Months before resident camp opens, extensive planning, purchasing, and staff contractual agreements are all set in place, among other things. Due to these types of commitments, it is not practical to give full refunds. Therefore:

- The Council will refund prepaid program fees, less an administrative fee of 10% of all prepaid program fees, if the notice of cancellation or withdrawal is received in writing at the Susquehanna Council Service Center in a timeframe more than 30 days before the first day of the camp week the Scout is registered to attend.
- The Council will refund all prepaid program fees, less a fee of \$100.00, if the notice of cancellation or withdrawal is received in writing at the Susquehanna Council Service Center within the timeframe of 30 days or less before the first day of the camp week the participant is registered to attend and more than 7 days before the participant's scheduled first day at camp.
- The Council will not refund any of the prepaid program fees if notice of cancellation or withdrawal is received at the Susquehanna Council Service Center within a timeframe of 7 days or less before the first day of the week the participant is registered to attend. In select cases, a refund will be considered (see explanation of the possible cases below).
- Prepaid purchases (such as hats, shirts, etc.) are non-refundable but will be made available to the individual.
- All event or activity fees collected on-site are non-refundable

Refunds will be considered for the following possible cases only (NO EXCEPTIONS):

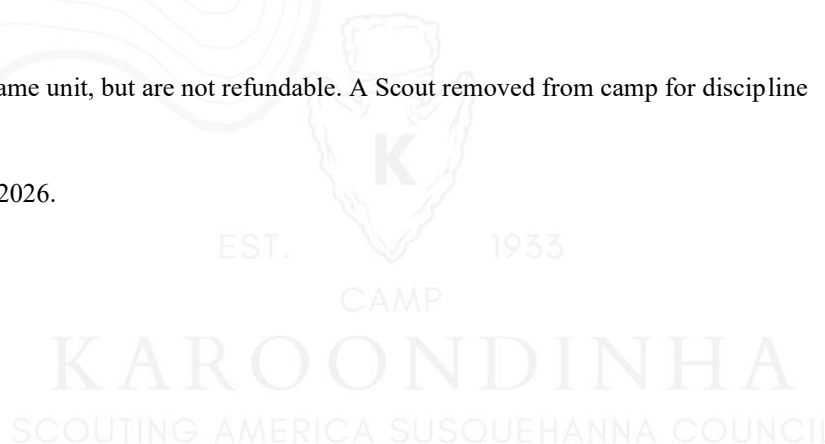
- **SUMMER SCHOOL:** Documentation from the school must be provided with the request in writing, and **MUST** be submitted no later than July 1, 2026. Scouts should be encouraged to attend camp in a later week, if able.
- **MEDICAL:** Documentation from the Physician must be provided with the request in writing, and **MUST** be submitted at least one week prior to the Scout's scheduled arrival at camp.
- **DEATH IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY:** A letter with the refund request from the parent/guardian.

NON-QUALIFYING REFUND REQUESTS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: Sports (of all kinds), vacation, homesickness, failure to show, Scout changes their mind, travel events, etc.

All requests must be in writing and include supporting documentation. Refund checks are to be made payable to the unit that the Scouts is registered in.

Leader fees are transferable to another leader in the same unit, but are not refundable. A Scout removed from camp for discipline reasons forfeits all fees.

All refund checks will be issued after September 15, 2026.



CHECK-IN

When arriving at Camp Karoondinha, you will be greeted by a staff member at our front gate. If you decide to arrive earlier than your assigned check-in time, you will receive directions to proceed to your campsite with your trailer where you can begin to get settled. The intent of arriving prior to initial check-in is to provide your unit with a more flexible timetable on Saturday/Tuesday (for Cub Scouts) or Sunday (for Scouts BSA) with more time to get settled into your campsite.

To allow for a smooth check-in process, your unit should arrive no later than your assigned check-in time and report to the Welcome Center to start your check-in process. If there are circumstances that require a later arrival time, please communicate that need to our camp administration by emailing susq.camp.k@gmail.com.

If you are new to Camp Karoondinha, you will meet your staff guide at the Welcome Center who will lead the unit through the camp check-in process. This will include medical checks, a tour of camp, a dining hall orientation, and a swimming ability check. *This option is also available to returning units if requested.*

If you are a returning unit to Camp Karoondinha, following initial check-in at the Welcome Center, you will receive instructions for the remainder of the self-guided check-in process including the locations and order of each stop.

Units who wish to complete their swim tests prior to camp with a qualified lifeguard may do so with the permission of the Aquatics Director by emailing susq.camp.k@gmail.com. This can save time at check-in by only needing to provide proof of Scouts' swimming ability to the Aquatics staff through the [Swim Classification Record](#). Our aquatics staff retains the right to require a retest at their discretion.

CUBS CHECK-IN	
8:30 AM	Parking Lot Open
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Check-in/Camp Tours
12:20 PM	Report to Parade Field
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Siesta
2:00 PM	First PM Program
3:30 PM	Second PM Program
5:00 PM	Unit Free Time
5:45 PM	Evening Flags
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	Safe Swim Defense
7:45 PM	Opening Campfire
10:00 PM	TAPS/Lights Out

SCOUTS BSA SUNDAY CHECK-IN	
12:30 PM	Parking Lot Opens
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Check-in/Camp Tours
4:15 PM	Range Safety Briefing
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Grab & Go Dinner
6:15 PM	Leader's Meeting*
7:15 PM	Evening Flags
7:30 PM	Safe Swim Defense
7:45 PM	Opening Campfire
10:30 PM	TAPS/Lights Out

*Be sure to have at least one adult leader and the SPL in attendance

CHECKOUT

A hot breakfast will be served on the last day (Tuesday for Cub Scouts Session #1, Friday for Cub Scouts Session #2 and Webelos/AOL, and Saturday for Scouts BSA) in the dining hall. Scouts staying for a second week of camp (Scouts BSA only) will not be permitted to stay over the weekend because Camp Karoondinha will not be able to provide supervision. Please make sure the Scout is picked up on Saturday and returned on Sunday.

CHECKOUT SCHEDULE	
Before/After Breakfast	Check-out at the Health Lodge. Pick-up AHMR forms and medications.
7:45 AM	Morning Flags
8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	A staff guide will meet you at your campsite to complete a campsite checkout
After Campsite Checkout	Checkout at the Camp Office. Pick up blue cards and partials and turn in any remaining evaluations.



2026 THEME: WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

Get ready to unleash your wild side! This summer, Cub Scouts will swing into action for an unforgettable expedition in "Welcome to the Jungle" — a thrilling adventure packed with discovery, challenge, and fun around every vine-covered corner.

Scouts will be grouped into daring “animal patrols” and set off on wild jungle-themed missions that test their survival instincts, teamwork, and communication skills. From tangled trails to hidden temples and mysterious relics, Camp Karoondinha will transform into a lush, untamed world full of unexpected challenges and roaring good fun!

While navigating this jungle journey, Scouts will build critical life skills like leadership, problem-solving, and perseverance. The friendships they form under the canopy of adventure will last far beyond the campfire.

OUR PROGRAM DESIGN

Cub Scouting is most impactful at the den level, where youth engage in adventures with peers of the same age and rank. At camp, we organize Cub Scouts into dens based on their upcoming school year rank. For example, if a Scout has just finished 2nd grade and earned their Wolf rank, they’ll register as a Bear for summer camp. Be sure to list the Cub Scout’s *upcoming* rank when registering!

THE JUNGLE AWAITS

This year’s jungle theme immerses Scouts in a wild world where they must band together to complete themed missions, discover hidden secrets, and explore the unknown. From decoding ancient maps to navigating jungle trails, each day brings a new challenge. Prepare for monkeys, vines, and surprises around every bend — who knows what lies deep in the heart of the jungle?

CUB SCOUT ADVANCEMENT

Even in the wild, there's room to grow! Scouts will have chances to earn requirements for a variety of rank adventures, including the *Summertime Fun* Adventure, *Swimming and Boating* electives, and the exciting *Range and Target Sports* Adventures (Archery, BB Gun, and Slingshot). Many of these are exclusive to resident camp, so don’t miss your chance to swing into action and advance! A full list of covered adventures and requirements will be provided to unit leaders at camp.

The jungle is calling... are you ready to answer?



SCOUTS BSA PROGRAM & MERIT BADGES

From campfires to canoes, merit badges are the heart of the adventure. Our 2026 badge lineup will feature many Scout favorites and new challenges to test your skills and spark your curiosity. Stay tuned for the full list, but start getting excited now for a summer filled with discovery!

REGISTERING FOR MERIT BADGES (SCOUTS BSA)

Camp Karoondinha and the Susquehanna Council utilizes an on-line system to schedule and document the advancement of each Scout while at camp. Merit badges are chosen, prior to camp, through the same Scouting Event reservation site (BlackPug). The full 2026 Merit Badge Schedule will be released in late January/early February. Unit camp coordinators will have access to the Scouting Event registration site to register for merit badges and activities beginning on a specific date and time in early May. These dates/times will be communicated electronically with the camp coordinator. Parents can also directly register their Scout for merit badges using the Parent Portal if elected by your unit.

This guide does not contain any information regarding merit badge schedules. Please check the merit badge schedule on the Susquehanna Council website for what will be offered this summer: <https://susquehannascouting.org/camping/camp-karoondinha/resident-camp/>

TREK TO PHILMONT (SCOUTS BSA)

Are you a Scout aged 14 or older with dreams of hiking at Philmont? Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime with the new Trek to Philmont program at Camp Karoondinha! This week-long experience is designed to prepare you for a future trek to Philmont.

Scouts attending the 2027 Council Contingent to Philmont should register for Week 1 of Scouts BSA Summer Camp to learn and experience all the ins and outs of a Philmont Trek. From cooking, hiking, backpacking, campsite preparation, and other skills used at Philmont, Scouts will use the week to build their experience and prepare for Philmont. Scouts will camp provisionally, staying with the Philmont Trek crew, even if their unit is in camp at the same time. A portion this camp fee will be applied to the Susquehanna Council Philmont fees.

Susquehanna Council is looking to expand this opportunity to Scouts participating in a Philmont Trek with their own unit or another unit or council. Scouts not on the Susquehanna Council Trek who want to participate in the Trek to Philmont program should contact Susquehanna Council to be added to an interest list. If there is enough interest, Susquehanna Council will open a second week of the Trek to Philmont program.

Full details will be available in the 2026 Camp Karoondinha Scouts BSA Leader's Guide and on the Susquehanna Council website.

TRAIL-TO-EAGLE (SCOUTS BSA)

Trail-to-Eagle is the place to be for new Scouts and first-year campers. It provides many activities for new campers and Scouts to learn the skills to complete requirements for the Scout ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class. Trail-to-Eagle is located at Scoutcraft. Scouts can check the Trail-to-Eagle area of the 2026 Program Schedule for the schedule of rank requirements that will be covered that day and see what they may need to take for advancement. Scouts will complete a select number of rank requirements.

It is recommended that each unit send at least one leader to Trail-to-Eagle so that you will know what skills each Scout was able to demonstrate. Scout leaders are always welcome to observe the area and assist the staff. Trail-to-Eagle provides a meaningful learning experience throughout the camp week for Scouts seeking advancement. In addition to Trail-to-Eagle programs, new Scouts are encouraged to sign up for additional merit badges and participate in open activities.

ORDER OF THE ARROW (SCOUTS BSA)

Camp Karoondinha has an excellent Order of the Arrow program. OA members (many of whom serve on camp staff) are responsible for all OA ceremonies, elections, and promotions. If your Scouts are members of a dance or ceremonial team, they are invited to talk to the Order of the Arrow Quartermaster (OAQM) about joining in the ceremonies while they are in camp.

We welcome Scouts and Scouters from other lodges to participate in our Order of the Arrow programing.

Wednesday dinner is OA Sash Night. On Wednesday evening, the Order of the Arrow will conduct a “call-out” ceremony for all Scouts in camp. All newly elected OA candidates will be called out, and candidates who have recently been called out may be recognized at the ceremony.

AQUATICS

The Aquatics area is one of the most popular areas in camp. It features many activities, and Scouts can earn achievements/several merit badges here. Shoes that can get wet are encouraged for Scouts wishing to use any boating equipment for achievements/merit badges or for fun.

RANGE ACTIVITIES

At Camp Karoondinha, Scouts can work toward Archery, Rifle Shooting, and Shotgun Shooting merit badges. But the fun doesn’t stop there, open range times are available throughout the week for additional practice, even if a Scout isn't enrolled in a merit badge class.

OPEN RANGE SCHEDULE (RIFLE & ARCHERY)

The ranges will be open from 11:40 AM – 12:10 PM and 4:40 PM – 5:10 PM Monday – Thursday for open shoots. *Note: Priority will be given to Scouts working on merit badges and aiming to complete qualifying scores.*

SPECIAL SHOOTING EVENTS

Muzzleloader will take place during evening program.

CUB SCOUT SHOOTING ACTIVITIES

Cub Scouts can enjoy Archery, BB Guns, and Slingshots. Reminder that these opportunities are available only at district or council-approved events.

STEM

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program encourages Scouts to further their interests and passion through the different disciplines in STEM. This area offers a variety of STEM-related achievements/merit badges for Scouts. With so many things to choose from, it’s no wonder this program area is one of Camp Karoondinha’s most popular program areas.

ECOLOGY

At Ecology, Scouts explore and learn about the diverse environment at Camp Karoondinha and beyond. They also learn about their place in the environment and the environment's place in their lives. Our hands-on approach allows Scouts to earn nature-related merit badges while experiencing nature outside of the classroom.

Ecology provides many opportunities for Scouts to engage with our natural surroundings and discover a love of the outdoors. There is so much to learn outside that also helps to meet achievements/merit badge requirements. Scouts can visit Ecology in their free time to learn about the plants, trees, and animals found right here at Camp Karoondinha. Staff stand ready to share additional knowledge and provide insightful and applicable facts to the Scouts and inquisitive leaders!

OUTDOOR SKILLS (SCOUTCRAFT)

Outdoor skills are a key component of a well-rounded Scout. The Outdoor Skills area is a great place for Scouts of all ages to learn and strengthen skills such as knot-tying, pioneering, camping, wilderness survival and outdoor cooking. Many first-year Scouts earn merit badges in this area.

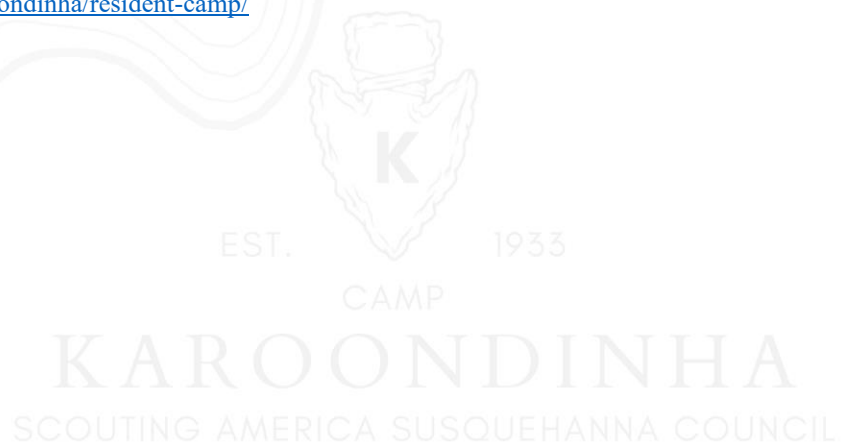
Like most areas in camp, Outdoor Skills offers many opportunities for adult leaders to help Scouts with their achievements/merit badges.

HANDICRAFT

Handicraft badges are a good start for many first-year Scouts. They benefit from learning the pride and satisfaction that come with making something with your hands. New Scouts always find success in this area; we recommend encouraging them to pick at least one handicraft activity. Open program time provides Scouts with time to finish their own project or merit badge requirements before leaving camp. We also welcome adults to participate and assist at any time.

EVENING PROGRAMMING

Each area will provide an evening program offered daily during the week. From field sports to aquatics, Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in a fun themed activity that rotates between each area. Find out more by viewing our Program Schedule at <https://susquehannascouting.org/camping/camp-karoondinha/resident-camp/>



CAMP STAFF

One of the ultimate Scouting experiences: Summer Resident Camp Staff. Open to young men and women age 15 and over, resident camp staff is where bonds are made that last a lifetime. Staff members are paid to share their knowledge, skills, and years of Scouting experience with a new generation. Staff positions are available for older youth and adults in every program and support area. For more information, contact the Camp Director at susq.camp.k@gmail.com.



CIT PROGRAM

The Camp Karoondinha Counselor-In-Training program is for Scouts, Venturers, and/or Sea Scouts who are ready to take the next step in leadership by learning how to counsel other Scouts in a fun, outdoor environment. Participants must be 14 years old before the start of camp and Scouts must have earned at least First Class rank (if enrolled in the Scouts BSA program).

The CIT program allows half the day for the Scout's own advancement and half the day for training, observing, and developing instructional techniques under careful guidance. CITs are exposed to as many program areas as possible, and some camp support areas as well. Each CIT is paired with a staff member mentor who will serve as a guide and resource throughout the experience. CITs are encouraged to stay with their unit when the unit is in camp so that their leadership is available to the unit while at summer camp.

ADULT LEADERS

Ensuring a safe and welcoming experience for all youth at camp is our number one responsibility. To ensure the safety of all guests at camp, units are expected to work with the camp administration to ensure compliance with all Scouting America Youth Protection Policies.

All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered in an adult fee required position as listed or as an adult program participant. Limited exception below for Cub Scouts overnight Programs.

Cub Scouts Programs – Overnight Exception:

Cub Scout parents or legal guardians taking part in an overnight Cub Scouts program with their own child or legal ward are not required to register as leaders. All adults must review the “How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide” that can be found in the front of each Cub Scouts Handbook. In addition, the parent or legal guardian must be accompanied by a registered leader at any time they are with youth members other than their own child/ward. All other overnight adults must be currently registered in an adult fee required position.

Scouting America’s Barriers to Abuse are designed to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all participants. Please review the Barriers to Abuse below as they relate to the resident camp environment. For the complete, current national guide to Youth Protection and adult leadership visit www.scouting.org.

Adult Supervision

- Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings.
- A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth.
- All adults accompanying a Scouting unit overnight must be registered as leaders.
- One-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited both inside and outside of Scouting.
 - In situations requiring a personal conference, the meeting is to be conducted with the knowledge and in view of other adults and/or youth.
 - Private online communications (texting, phone calls, chat, IM, etc.) must include another registered leader or parent.
 - Communication by way of social media (Facebook, Snapchat, etc.) must include another registered leader or parent.
- Discipline must be constructive.
 - Discipline must reflect Scouting values.
 - Corporal punishment is never permitted.
 - Disciplinary activities involving isolation, humiliation, or ridicule are also prohibited.

Responsibility

- Adult leaders and youth members share the responsibility for the safety of all participants in the program, including adherence to Youth Protection and health and safety policies.
 - Adult leaders are responsible for monitoring behavior and intervening when necessary.
 - Physical violence, sexual activity, emotional abuse, spiritual abuse, unauthorized weapons, hazing, discrimination, harassment, initiation rites, bullying, cyberbullying, theft, verbal insults, drugs, alcohol, and pornography have no place in the Scouting program and may result in revocation of membership.

Adult Registration Requirements

All adults (age 18+) accompanying Scouts to resident camp must:

- Have current certification in Scouting America Safeguarding Youth training, and
- Have all three PA Act 15 Clearances (dated within the last five years)
- Be registered with Scouting America prior to camp.

This applies to any adults (age 18+) who are staying overnight and any adults who may not be staying overnight but are considered part of the unit's supervision ratio.

The policies above do not apply to short term visitors, such as a parent attending family campfire or the OA Call-Out Ceremony.

PA ACT 15 CLEARANCES

In 2014, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania enacted 23 pieces of legislation, changing how Pennsylvania responds to child abuse. These changes significantly impacted the reporting, investigation, assessment, prosecution and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases. This legislation has had a direct impact on the paid employees and volunteers of the Scouting America, and requires that prospective employees and volunteers obtain criminal background checks and child abuse clearances. Further, this legislation also specifies that all volunteers and employees are now "mandatory reporters" of child abuse.

Any adult volunteer who is registered in the Scouting America and/or is spending time at resident camp as a leader for their unit must submit copies of their Pennsylvania Clearances to the Susquehanna Council prior to, or immediately upon arrival to camp.

This does not apply to family night guests.

The following are required for attending camp:

- Report of Criminal History from the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), cost – free, takes 10-15 minutes:
<https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>
- Child Abuse History Clearance from the Department of Human Services, cost – free, takes 20-30 minutes:
www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home
- Fingerprint based FBI criminal history clearance submitted through the Department of Human Services (see exception below), approximate cost – \$23.25, takes 5-10 minutes online and 10-15 minutes at the fingerprinting location:
www.identogo.com/locations/pennsylvania
 - Enter Service Code 1KG6ZJ
- Volunteers who have resided in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania continuously for the past 10 years can submit a Disclosure Statement for Volunteers in lieu of the fingerprint-based FBI Clearance. You can download it at
<https://susquehannascouting.org/camping/>



ENJOYING YOUR STAY AT CAMP K

Accommodations: Each campsite is equipped with 2-person platform wall tents with cots. Some sites also feature a small number of 4-person Adirondack lean-tos. Each site features a latrine with running water, picnic tables, dining flies, a flagpole, and a bulletin board. Select sites also have electrical access for those with medical needs, and we will do our best to accommodate those requests.

Youth Protection: Units are required to follow all Scouting America Youth Protection Policies, including separate accommodations for unmarried males and females and youth accommodations that do not place together Scouts of different genders or those more than two years apart in age. No youth may stay in a tent or Adirondack lean-to with an adult, other than a Cub Scout with his or her parent or guardian.

Commissioner Service: A valuable resource for any unit at camp is the friendly Commissioner. Camp K's Commissioners are veteran Scouters who are there to assist your unit and to help you take full advantage of all that Camp K has to offer. Commissioners will also conduct a daily campsite visitation and keep score for the Clean Sweep Award to be presented at the closing campfire.

Stoves and Lanterns: Liquid fuel stoves and lanterns may only be used by adults in a safe manner. Propane stoves may be used in open areas. Liquid fuel **MUST** be stored in approved containers and kept in appropriate storage areas. **No open flames in tents!**

Cell Phones: While the camp does not prohibit the use of cell phones by Scouts, we do support units that adopt such a policy while at camp. The use of cell phones and other electronic devices can distract a Scout from the numerous outdoor programs available at camp. The use of cell phones by Scouts may also encourage homesickness and allows a Scout to circumvent the responsible unit and camp leadership when upset or in need of assistance.

CAMP SERVICES

Showers: Camp K offers two shower houses for your convenience. These shower houses include individual lockable room facilities for showers and for flush toilet restrooms.

Laundry: A washer and dryer are available for use in a room off the side of the Dining Hall.

Trading Post: The Apple Trading Post is the spot to purchase snacks, souvenirs, and camp apparel. Also available are toiletries and other items that may have been left at home.

Quartermaster: The Quartermaster maintains a supply of equipment available to be checked out for cooking, cutting wood, and camp improvement projects. Also available are toilet paper and latrine cleaning supplies.

Lost and Found: The camp lost and found is located in the Trading Post.

Health Lodge: Qualified medical staffing is provided by Camp K. All injuries and illnesses in camp must be reported to the medical officer. Failure to do so may invalidate insurance claims. A doctor is on-call and emergency medical care is provided by West End Ambulance and Evangelical Hospital in Lewisburg.

Religious Services: An interfaith "Scouts' Own" chapel service is conducted on Sunday evening (Cub Scouts) or Tuesday evening (Scouts BSA) after dinner. No other program in camp is offered at that time.

WIFI: Free wireless internet service is available for use by Adult Leaders and staff in the Dining Hall and extended to the Trading Post. The password may be obtained from the camp administration and is not to be shared with campers to avoid overtaxing the system.

Unit Photos: Unit photos are taken at the beginning of each week at camp. Every Scouts and Leader will have the opportunity to purchase a printed 8" x 10" photo for \$10.

Mail Delivery: USPS mail deliveries are received Monday through Saturday. Mail will be delivered to Scouts and leaders during meal times or delivered to the unit leader to disperse to Scouts at their convenience.

FOOD SERVICE

FOGARTY DINING HALL

Camp Karoondinha is pleased to provide a high-quality dining experience at the Fogarty Dining Hall. Dining Hall meals provide a range of tasty and nutritious options. A breakfast or salad bar is available at each meal as well as alternative/ additional meal options.

Camp Karoondinha strives to meet the needs of all its participants. In this spirit, we ask that any specific dietary needs are identified prior to participation in camp.

A Field Uniform shirt (sometimes called a “Class A”) is the appropriate dress for breakfast and dinner in the dining hall. Program activities at meals will be led by the dining hall steward and staff.

DINING HALL MEAL TIMES

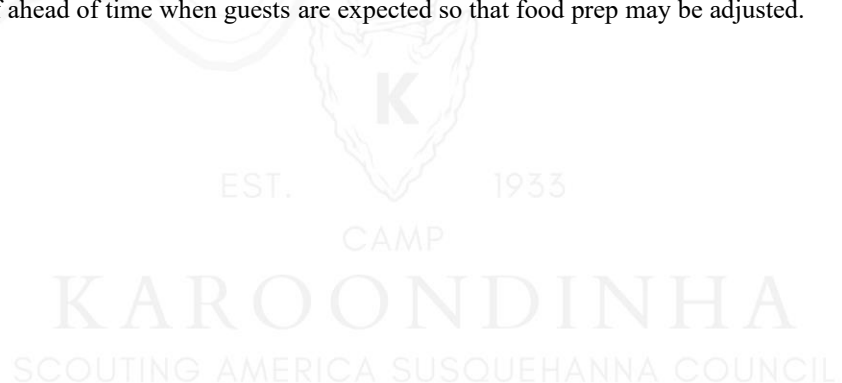
Breakfast	8:00 AM
Lunch	12:30 PM
Dinner	6:00 PM

COOKING IN THE CAMPSITE

Many units will choose to prepare some meals in their campsite throughout the week. Camp K is supportive of this opportunity for your unit to learn and grow together. If this is something that your unit wishes to do, please be sure to plan accordingly to bring the supplies you may need, including appropriate containers to properly store perishable and non-perishable items. Camp K does not provide any food items to units for preparation in their campsites. Units must comply with the council’s Policy on Meals During Resident Camp.

VISITOR MEALS

All visitors are required to sign in at the Camp Office upon arrival to camp. Visitors who wish to join the Scouts for a meal in the Dining Hall may purchase a meal ticket at the Trading Post if space is available in the dining hall. When possible, unit leaders are encouraged to advise the Camp Director or head chef ahead of time when guests are expected so that food prep may be adjusted.



HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION

The health and safety of all visitors to Camp Karoondinha is always a top priority. The camp is staffed with a health officer on-site at all times. To ensure the best quality of care for all Scouts, leaders, and visitors, all illnesses and injuries must be brought to the attention of the Health Officer as soon as detected. If further medical attention is warranted, emergency care will be provided by the West End Ambulance Company and Evangelical Community Hospital. All medical information provided to Camp Karoondinha will be guarded with respect to the privacy of the individual.

SCOUTING AMERICA HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORDS

All campers and adult leaders are required to provide a completed copy of Scouting America Health and Medical Record (latest version available at www.scouting.org). Part C, which requires a record of a physical exam within the last year, is required of all campers and adults. Per the PA Health Department requirements, a complete record of immunization dates must be provided on or with the medical form. A notation of “up to date” is not acceptable. No buddy tag may be provided without immunization dates, so failure to complete this information will lead to a Scout’s delayed participation in aquatic activities, including the swim check.

MEDICATIONS IN CAMP

All Scouts bringing medication to camp must have the medications section of the Annual Health and Medical Form filled out by their parents or guardians prior to arrival at camp. When they check in with the Health Officer, any specific storage requirements for medications will need to be disclosed. A locked refrigerator is available if needed. All medication must be in its original container with the original label. There should be no hand written changes to labels. All medication must be current, expired medication will not be released to Scouts. All medication must be stored and dispensed through the Health Officer or the Scout’s unit leader; the only exceptions are Epi-pens, inhalers, and other life-dependent emergency medicine. The Health Officer will identify and coordinate with the unit leader the medications to be stored and dispensed through the unit. Use of non-prescription and/or over the counter medication should also be disclosed to the Health Officer. Camp is not the appropriate time to stop taking prescribed medications.

The Health Officer is not expected to make individual visits to ensure that each Scouts is taking their medication. It is the unit leader’s responsibility to ensure that Scouts are taking medications. Our medical staff does not administer medication, they only identify and store selected medications. It is the Scouts responsibility to administer proper doses at the proper time. There will be no injections given by the Camp Karoondinha Staff.

MEDICAL RE-CHECK

In order to help expedite the medical re-check process as much as possible upon arrival to camp, please follow these guidelines:

- Unit leader collects and reviews all participant medical forms several weeks before camp.
- Ensure that all forms are complete, including immunization dates, parent’s signature, and physician’s signature confirming completion of physical exam within one year.
- Do NOT bring medical forms to camp in a binder with plastic sleeves. Keep all forms loose.
- Upon arriving at camp, make sure that all medical forms and medications are brought with you to medical re-check.

TICKS

Each year we hear more and more about the ever-increasing tick population. Lyme disease is at an all-time high in Pennsylvania. To protect yourself, insect and tick repellant are highly recommended, and will also help prevent diseases from mosquitoes and other insects. However, repellants are not totally foolproof, especially against ticks. Wearing long pants, long sleeved shirts and hats while in tick infested areas cuts down on the risk of bites. If a tick is found attached to the body, report it to the Health Officer who will remove it and preserve it in case a Lyme disease rash develops.

NEW TO CAMP KAROONDINHA?

If you are new to Camp Karoondinha, please let us know! Attending a new camp can sometimes be overwhelming. We are more than willing to schedule time with you and/or your unit to help you plan for camp.

- If you have a special need or want to do something spectacular, tell us about it and we will give it our best shot.
- A printable camp map is available online at <https://susquehannascouting.org/camping/camp-karoondinha/resident-camp/> under General Resources or page 21 of this guide.
- Uniforms are encouraged for chapel service, campfires, morning/evening flag ceremonies, and morning/evening meals, as well as our Order of the Arrow Call-Out ceremony (Scouts BSA only).
- Merit badges are not the only things going on at Camp Karoondinha. We encourage units to try new adventures and activities, and to allow Scouts time to participate in open program activities!
- Camp Karoondinha has a diverse program offering. This means that there are more activities and programs than a Scout can possibly complete in a single summer. It is encouraged to have your Scouts review the merit badge and activity schedule, evening program schedule, and open program schedule in order to plan out an amazing week at camp.

TRADITIONS AT CAMP K

If you are a new leader within your unit or a unit visiting our camp for the first time, we hope that you find this list of camp traditions helpful! Some of these traditions may be ones that you've seen at other camps, or they may be ones that you are seeing here for the first time. However, these traditions are what we've come to love about Camp Karoondinha.

As a unit who is visiting us for the first time, or if you are a unit who has visited other camps across Pennsylvania and America, your feedback is of the utmost importance! If you see something that we do differently here at Camp Karoondinha that you haven't seen at other camps before, please let us know so that we may add it to the list for future years.

CAMP KAROONDINHA

- Karoondinha was the Native American name for Penns Creek.
- Many affectionately refer to the camp as "Camp K" for short.

DINING HALL

- Field Uniform shirts (or "Class A's") are worn during breakfast and dinner.
- Please do not wear hats in the Dining Hall. This includes official Scouting America hats.
- When praying over meals, we place our hands on our heads for prayer. (This keeps little hands from playing with silverware on the tables during prayer.)
- Song time will sometimes happen before meals on the parade field or in the dining hall after meals, depending on the weather.
- From time-to-time meetings will be announced during meals:
 - "At the tree" refers to the red oak in front of the dining hall.
 - "At the rock" refers to the large rock along the lake's bank.

PARADE FIELD

- Field Uniform shirts (sometimes called Class A's) are worn for morning and evening flag ceremonies.
- While flags are being flown (between breakfast and dinner), we ask that you DO NOT walk across the parade field.
- During morning, afternoon, and evening assembly, staff will greet campers with a resounding "Good morning," "Good afternoon," or "Good evening." Campers return the same greeting back to the staff.

THUNDERBIRD

- We ask that as you enter our campfire area, Thunderbird, you remain solemn and quiet.
- For those that may be physically challenged, you may choose to enter through the main road to Thunderbird and rejoin your unit after they walk the path of the Scout Law. The hill entering Thunderbird from the path is steep.
- We end each campfire with the Camp K song and Scout Vespers.
- As you leave Thunderbird, we ask that you exit as quietly as possible.

OTHER

- During Chapel service, a collection is taken for the World Friendship Fund.
- On Wednesdays, Order of the Arrow (OA) members are encouraged to wear OA shirts. During evening flags and dinner on Wednesday, OA members are asked to wear their sashes.
- On Wednesday nights during Scouts BSA weeks, our OA Call-Out Ceremony is held. OA members attending camp are encouraged to participate in the ceremony, and visitors are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket to sit on as there are no benches. Out-of-council units are invited to attend and watch the ceremony.

CAMP K MEAL PRAYER

Mighty Scoutmaster,
Make our bodies strong,
Our minds sharp,
And our hearts open.
Bless this food and the hands that prepared it.
Bless this day and the time we have together.
And bless Karoondinha, our home forever.
Amen.

PHILMONT GRACE

For food, for raiment,
For life, for opportunity,
For friendship and fellowship,
We thank thee, O Lord.
Amen

SUMMIT GRACE

For this time and this place,
For your goodness and grace,
For each friend we embrace,
We thank thee, O Lord.
Amen

SEA BASE GRACE

Bless the creatures of the sea,
Bless this person I call me,
Bless the Keys you made so grand,
Bless the sun that warms the land,
Bless the fellowship that we feel,
As we gather for this meal.
Amen.

CAMP K SONG

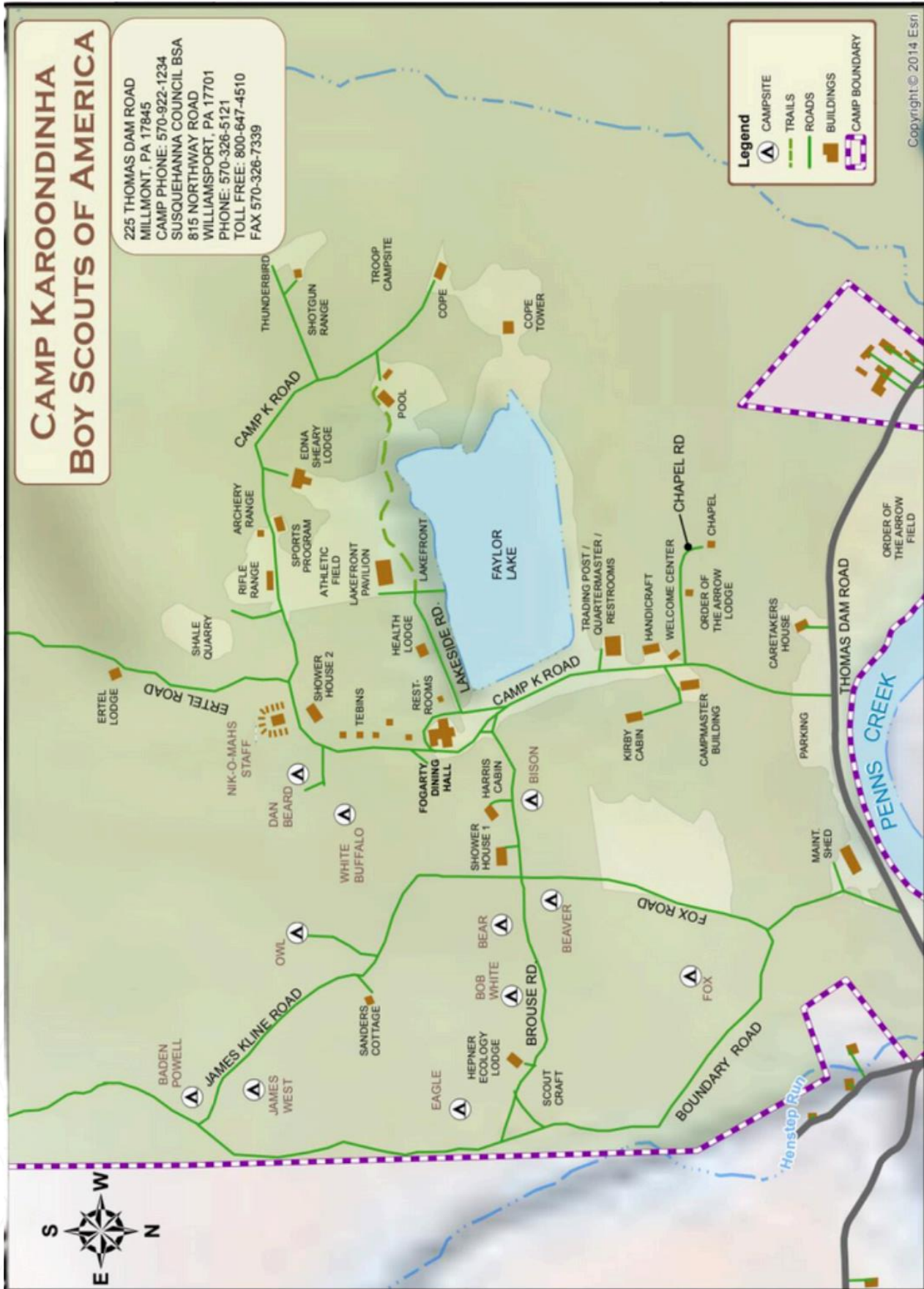
Down along a stream called Penns Creek,
There's a place for me.
Camp Karoondinha, I love thee,
Pledge my loyalty.
To the Scout Oath and the Scout Law,
True I'll always be.
Camp Karoondinha, I love thee,
Pledge my loyalty.

SCOUT VESPERS

Softly falls the light of day,
While our campfire fades away.
Silently each Scout should ask,
"Have I done my daily task?
Have I kept my honor bright,
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?
Have I done and have I dared,
Everything to be prepared?"

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & GUESTS

(A handy one-page guide to reproduce locally and distribute to parents.)

Parents and Guests: All visitors MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE UPON ARRIVAL AT CAMP. Parents and guest are welcome, especially at check-in time, at Monday night's campfire (for Cub Scouts), at Wednesday's OA Call-Out Ceremony (for Scouts BSA), and closing ceremony.

For the safety of all Scouts and visitors, pets are not permitted in camp, whether leashed or not. Vehicles must remain in the parking lot.

Parent and Guest Meals: Visitors are welcome to stay for meals if space and adequate food is available. Meal tickets for visitors are required and should be purchased at the Trading Post prior to meals.

Camperships: Limited camperships are available for those Scouts who need financial assistance to attend at Camp K. Campership applications are available online at www.susquehannabsa.org and in person at the Williamsport Service Center. Please submit campership applications as soon as possible, but no later than March 9, 2026.

Mail: Incoming mail will be given out from the office to unit leaders for distribution to the Scouts. Scouts enjoy receiving mail from home. To help reduce homesickness, it is important for parents to refrain from comments such as "We miss you very much," "it's lonely without you," etc. This is especially true for our first-year campers. Mail to camp should be sent at least three days in advance to ensure that it arrives while the Scouts is still at camp.

The camp's mailing address:

Scout's Name, Unit #, Campsite Name
Camp Karoondinha
225 Thomas Dam Road
Millmont, PA 17845

Camp is in session from June 18, 2026 to July 22, 2026.

The camp phone number is: (570) 922-1234.

The Camp Director's email is: susq.camp.k@gmail.com

All phone messages will be forwarded to the unit leader. Emergency messages will be delivered immediately. Please indicate clearly that a message is an emergency.

Parking: All personal vehicles must be parked in the main parking lot. Vehicles may not be kept at the campsite unless approved by the Camp Director. Only camp service vehicles are permitted beyond the parking lot without permission. Handicap access passes are available at the Camp Office.

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