

PATRIOTS' PATH COUNCIL CAMPING POLICIES



PATRIOTS' PATH CAMPS



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Welcome to Camp!

Thank you for choosing a Patriots' Path Council camp for your upcoming adventure. Our goal is to provide outstanding facilities, safe environments, and memorable programs for every Scout.

To help us achieve this, we ask for your partnership in following the camping policies and procedures outlined in this guide. For additional information, or to request extra copies, please check in with the Reservation Director or Camp Ambassador when you arrive. We also encourage you to share these policies with all leaders attending your activity.

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you enjoy the great outdoors.

Yours in Scouting,

Frank Caccavale

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PPC Camping Committee Chair

Our Vision Statement

Patriots' Path Council will be the leading youth service organization in the communities we serve by demonstrating and teaching the core values contained in the Scout Oath and Law, to every eligible youth and their families. Toward that end, Patriots' Path Council will support its units to consistently grow their membership by providing the best possible training, programs, and outdoor adventures.

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 Camp Ambassador/Reservation Director for help. If they are unavailable, please dial 9-1-1. Our Camp Ambassador/s 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

Matt CastleMan, Reservation Director Cell: 973-222-8026

Summer Only - Camp Somers – 973-347-2240

Summer Only - Camp Wheeler – 973-347-9498

Winnebago Scout Reservation

102 Timberbrook Road

Rockaway, NJ 07866

Camp Office - 973-983-9075

Emergencies – 9-1-1

Curt Haak, Reservation Director Cell: 518-321-4356

Patriots' Path Council –Office

1 Saddle Road

Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927

973-765-9322

David Kopsa, Director of Camping & Properties ext. 223

Bridget Capen, Camping Director ext. 222

Contact Numbers – Non-Emergency

Site Reservations (summer and year-round)

- Bridget Capen- Council Office – 973-765-9322 ext. 222 – Bridget.Capen@scouting.org

PPC Adventures: Weekend/Weekday Programs at Mount Allamuchy and Winnebago

Low COPE, High COPE, Climbing, ATVs, Ziplines, and Range & Target Activities

- Michael Loughman- 973-765-9322 ext. 226 – Michael.Loughman@scouting.org

Incident Reports

- Jason Dugan- Council Office – 973-765-9322 ext. 251 – Jason.Dugan@scouting.org

Policies for Short-Term Camping

- Check in with the Camp Ambassador/Reservation Director
 - Check in from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Friday, after 8:00 a.m. Saturday.
 - Turn in your unit roster – MANDATORY.
 - Receive a fire permit.
- Check-Out
 - Check out with the Camp Ambassador/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 Camp Ambassador/Reservation Director
 - Complete your online camp evaluation form.
 - 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*).
- A minimum of two registered, adult leaders must always be present during your attendance at our camps.
- Items units are prohibited from bringing to camp
 - Snowmobiles
 - Motorcycles
 - Generators - Reservation Director will determine use.
 - Pets
 - Fireworks
 - Firearms
 - Bows and arrows
 - Chainsaws
 - Sheath knives
 - Hunting
 - Heaters – kerosene, electric and propane heaters are prohibited in our camps.
 - Tobacco/Vape -Use of tobacco products is prohibited.
 - Alcohol - Scouting America prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and operated by Scouting 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 is not allowed in cabins or buildings. For further instructions, refer to the *Chemical Fuel Policy*.
- Gambling is not permitted.
- 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 for anyone 16 years of age or older.
- Cabin capacity limits are strictly enforced. Bring tents if you exceed the limits. Cabin and site capacities can be found at ppcscouting.org/camping/.
- Groups can cook on open wood, charcoal fires, propane, or liquid fuel (kerosene, Coleman, white gas, etc.) stoves. For further instruction, refer to the *Chemical 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 a wood stove or indoor fireplaces.

- All propane lanterns within the camp area MUST be in a fixed location. Propane lanterns should not be carried at any time when lit.
- Only pre-existing fire rings or campfire areas may be used. No fire may be left unattended at any time. All fires must be completely out before the last adult leader in the site retires for the night. Fires must be extinguished, and wood piles must be replenished before you leave.
- Use of hot-plates, propane lanterns, and portable cook stoves are not allowed in cabins or buildings.
- Check with the Camp Ambassador/Reservation Director on ice conditions, fire danger, etc. The camp's Reservation Director is responsible for determining current conditions. All ice is off limits unless notified by the Camp Ambassador/Reservation Director. (For specifics on ice conditions see *Ice Safety Policy*).
- If you leave camp, please let us know your route and estimated return time. Check back in.
- Do not trespass on private land.
- Each group will assume responsibility for any accident or injury to group members or the equipment of their group. Inform the Camp Ambassador/Reservation Director in case of accident or injury. Notify the Camp Ambassador/Reservation Director if you call 911. File an incident report.
- Please use designated latrines only. No dumping garbage into latrine pits. Please ensure that the lids are down when finished.
- 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.
- Respect the privacy of the Reservation Director's residence.
- Scout behavior does not permit the throwing of rocks.
- Throwing of debris, logs, etc. in the lake is prohibited.

Ice Safety Policy for Short Term Camping

- Scouts may only go onto the lake with permission of the Reservation Director.
- No Scout at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation 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 (Searing Point) at Winnebago Scout Reservation.
- Scouts must stay in specified areas while on the ice and stay off all docks. Specified areas are set by the Reservation Director.
- Scouts are only allowed onto the ice when an adult is present and on the ice with Scouts.
- Scouts may only go onto the ice during daylight hours.
- Scouts must always have a buddy with them.
- Absolutely NO VEHICLES or structures of any kind allowed on the ice.
- No fires are to be built on the ice.
- If you are ice fishing, all NJ laws apply. We encourage a catch and release policy.
- Report any injuries of any kind to the Camp Ambassador/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

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 1st to November 1st – 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 Scout Reservation and Winnebago Scout Reservation. 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 on the balls of your feet with your heels touching, 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/her. 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.
- 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 Scouting 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 and Handling of 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. 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 gases. 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 the 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 the stove under the grill.
- Liquid fuels and or pressurized gas cylinders are not to be stored or used inside cabins or non-designated buildings.
- 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 a fire.
- Make sure you use a good amount of 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 the wood stove door closed unless adding wood.
- Make sure that the air intakes are open all the way for a few minutes prior to opening the 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 the 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 the damper or intake air vents all the way, this will fill the cabin with smoke and cause fire to cool, creating unnecessary buildup of creosote in the stovepipe.

Moving Equipment

The Patriots' Path Council will not allow the moving of camp cots, picnic tables and platforms from their original location. 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 into the facilities being rented or use pre-set facilities.

Recycling and Garbage

Due to environmental regulations and rising costs, we must mandate that all units recycle plastic, bimetal and aluminum cans and glass. Dumpsters are labeled recycling or trash; please use them correctly. Garbage must be collected and brought to the dumpsters.

Religious Services

A Scout is Reverent. There are many houses of worship within a short ride of our camps. Both camps have chapel areas; please see the Camp Ambassador to schedule use.

Vehicle Policy

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**

This speed limit is a MAXIMUM. In many situations (weather, people and other vehicles) a slower speed would be appropriate

Definitions

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

Short-term Camping

- All 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 unit 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 for 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 unit 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.

Vehicle Usage Waivers

- A temporary waiver may be considered for health or other reasons, at the discretion of the Camp Ambassador/Reservation Director, for short-term camping periods.
- A permanent waiver may be considered for health or other reasons, at the discretion of the Director of Camping and Properties for longer periods (i.e. summer camp).
- For both temporary and permanent waivers, both the request and the permission must be emailed to David.Kopsa@Scouting.org.
- 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 unit 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 unit gear and adult leaders' gear to the campsites both at the beginning and the end of the camping period.
- A Health Officer-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 authorized by the Camp Ambassador/Reservation Director and then will be allowed on camp roads for the work needed to complete the project.
- All other vehicles will be parked in the designated parking areas in all camps.

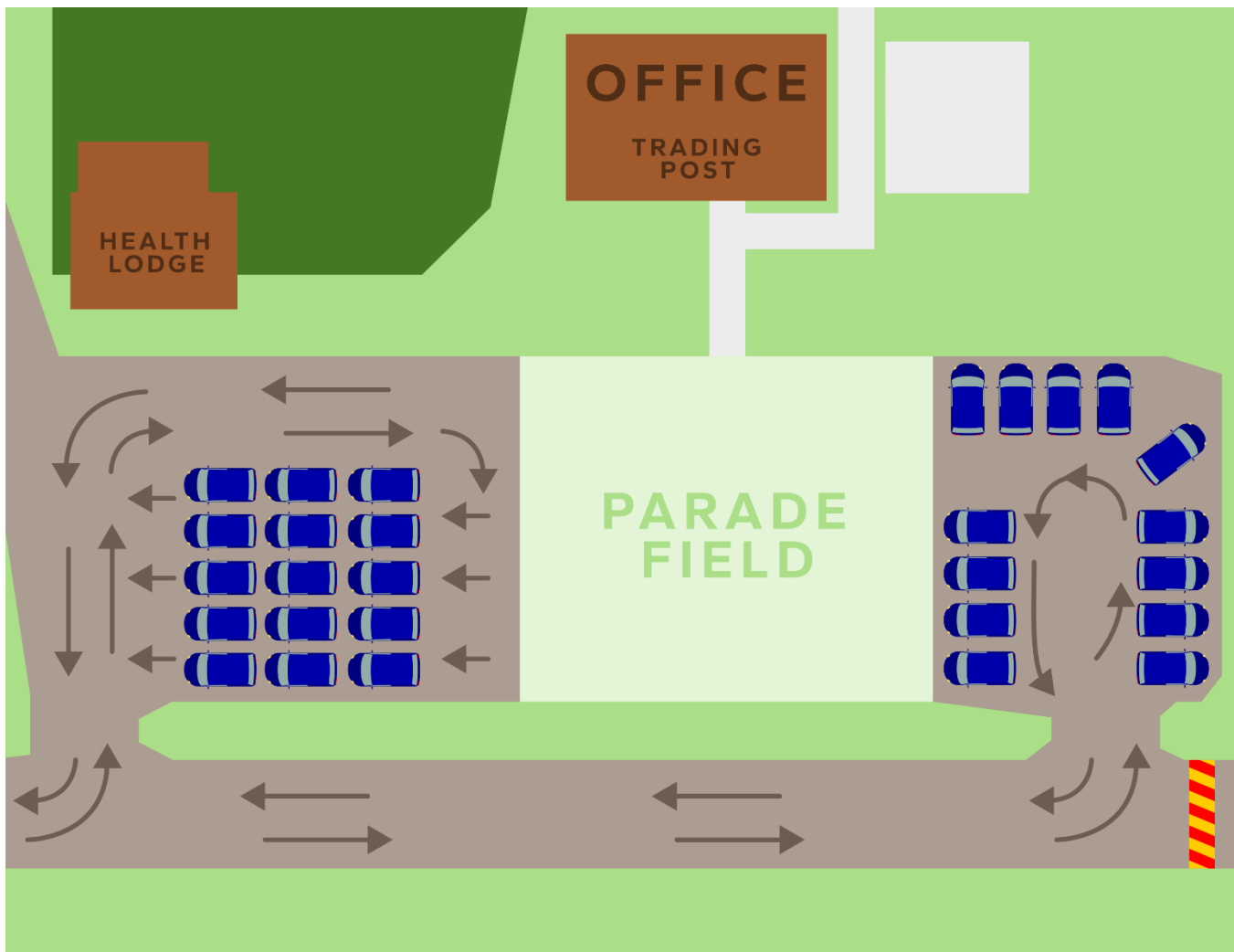
Trailers

- 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.

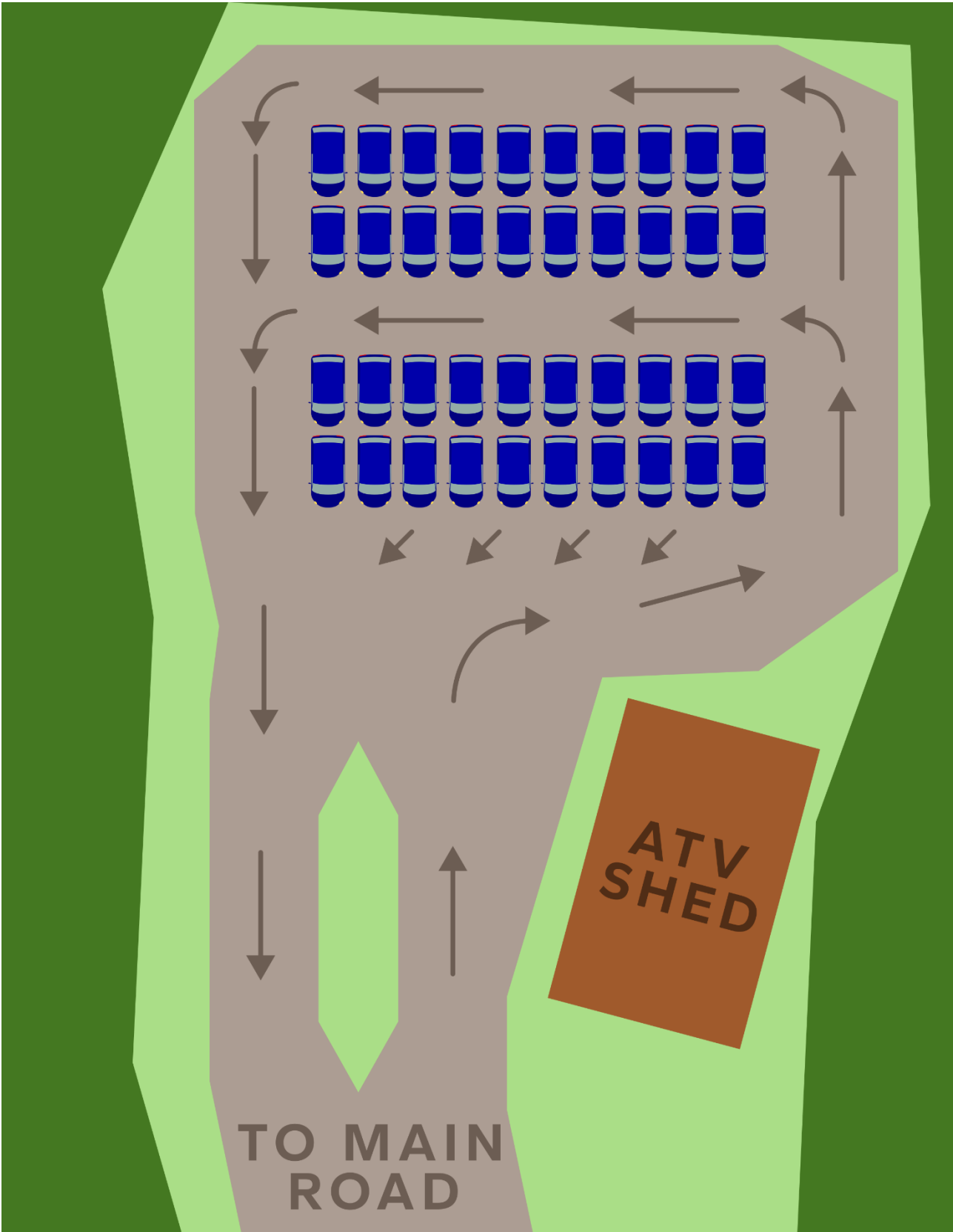
Enforcement

- Camp Ambassador/Reservation Director will notify the unit or activity leader of any infractions of the vehicle policy. The Reservation Director will notify the Director of Camping & Properties and Deputy Scout Executive after the weekend. 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.

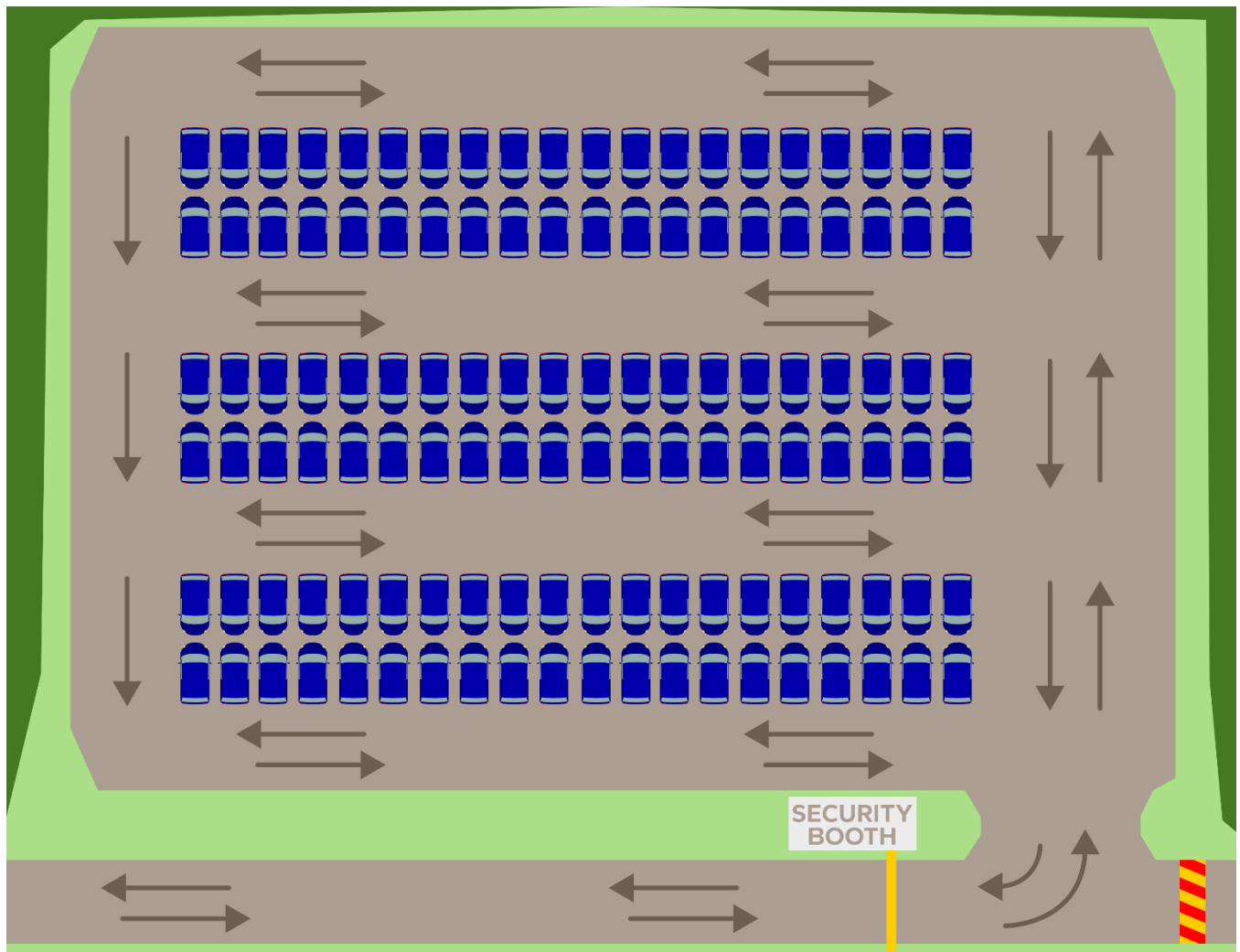
Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation Parking



Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation Continued



Winnebago Scout Reservation Parking Map



Scouting America's Safeguarding Youth Policies

Scouting America believes that its top priority is to protect the safety of children. Scouting America has developed "*Scouting's Barriers to Abuse*" 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 adult leaders, youth members, and staff are required to comply with current Scouting America Safeguarding Youth policies as outlined in the current training.

Training is available by visiting www.my.scouting.org and selecting Safeguarding Youth Training. Reference material is available in the *Guide to Safe Scouting*.

Guide to Safe Scouting Information

Scouting America's *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 [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) or by visiting www.Scouting.org and searching for "Guide to Safe Scouting".

Camping Guidelines

Scouting 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.

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.)
- Blank incident report forms are found at the following links
[General Incident Report](#)
[Youth Protection/Membership Infraction Incident Report](#)

The following guidelines are to be used when reporting an incident.

- Any questions regarding filing of, procedures, etc. should be directed to **Jason Dugan**. (Contact information can be found under the contact information section of this document.)
- 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 (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts and Explorers) and all registered adult committee members, district and council 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 the council office promptly). Non-Scouts and non-Scouters as guests who are being encouraged to become registered members or leaders are also covered but are not allowed to stay overnight. 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 Jason Dugan at 973-765-9322 x251, with any insurance problems or questions.

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 collect 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

The short-term camping season for the Patriots' Path Council will start the first full weekend after Labor Day in September. The 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 Bridget Capen at the council office, 973-765-9322 x222, Bridget.Capen@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
- President's Day
- 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.

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/358/Home>

A code is required for district and council activities. Please contact Bridget Capen in the camping department to acquire the code. 973-765-9322 ext. 222 or Bridget.Capen@scouting.org

Fees

For a complete list of current prices for camp rentals go to:

[Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation Fee Information](#)

[Winnebago Scout Reservation Fee Information](#)

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:

- 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.
- Questions? Contact Bridget Capen 973-765-9322 x222 or Bridget.Capen@Scouting.org.

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 unit leaders together and develop great 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 youth 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 Mike Loughman at 973-765-9322 x226 or Michael.Loughman@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!

To reserve climbing, or check availability, contact Mike Loughman at 973-765-9322 x226 or Michael.Loughman@scouting.org.

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 Winter Lodge, Trading Post, and Dining Hall. Key locations at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation include Camp Office, Eagle's Landing, and STEM Trailer. As internet access speeds are limited at both locations, content filters are in place to block file downloads and inappropriate content.

Please see Camp Ambassador/Reservation Director for access codes.

Use of Range and Target Activities 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. Private ammunition and firearms are not permitted. Please contact the following for arrangements: Mike Loughman at 973-765-9322 x226 or Michael.Loughman@scouting.org.

Sites/Capacities/Facility Overview

Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation

973-347-3266

For a complete price list - visit our online camp reservation system

<https://campreservation.com/358/Home>

Site/Facility/Program
Camp Wheeler - \$1,500
Camp Somers - \$1,500

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 Camp Ambassador/Reservation Director to check out a GPS unit.

Throughout our camps, and the surrounding lands, there are many hiking trails. Some of the trails are listed above. Camp Ambassador/Reservation Director has more information for you.

For more information on hikes go to: <https://ppcscouting.org/programs/trails/>

Winnebago Scout Reservation
973-983-9075

For a complete price list - visit our online camp reservation system

<https://campreservation.com/358/Home>

Site/Facility/Program
All of Winnebago North - \$1,500
All of Winnebago South - \$1,500
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
For more information on trails go to: https://ppcscouting.org/programs/trails/

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