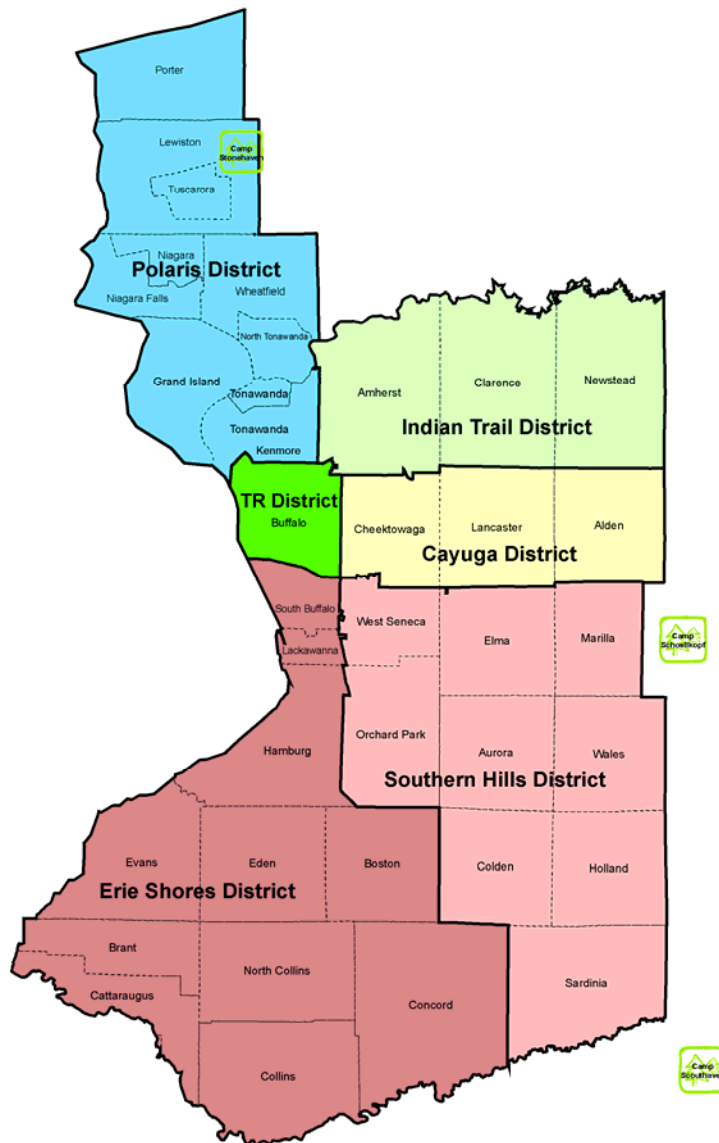


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- **Introduction:**

One of the objectives of the Order of the Arrow is to take on the responsibility of promoting camping to scouts and to their units. Every member of the Order of the Arrow participates in this objective by performing certain tasks. Some of these tasks are accomplished individually within their units, (by supporting campouts and providing leadership); while other tasks are accomplished through membership on committees, (organizing Council/District campouts and/or programs). The teamwork exhibited by the committee members and the influence of the committee's leadership help these committees to reach their goals.

In the Order of the Arrow, many lodges have agreed to help Council Camping Committees by providing literature and visual aides about camping, while others have produced booklets on the topic. Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge #159 is proud to present to you this 2009-2010 "Where To Go Camping" booklet, (or a "Go To Guide), containing a lot of camping-related information in a "relatively" few number of pages.

Thank you to all who helped create/update this publication. Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge #159 hopes that this guide will provide the necessary information to our Lodge units, enabling them to elevate their outdoor program for current Scouts and Scouts yet to come. From all the members of Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge 159, have an excellent camping experience!

Yours in Scouting,

Dale Shick ("Where to Go Camping" Advisor)  
Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge #159

- **Order of the Arrow FACTS:**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

1. To recognize those scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their lives.
2. To develop and maintain camping traditions and customs.
3. To promote Scout camping.
4. To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness, into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

**History:** The Order of the Arrow (OA) was founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the Boy Scouts program in 1934. In 1948, the OA, recognized as the BSA's national brotherhood of honor campers, became an official part of the national program of the Boy Scouts of America.

**Membership:** The Order has more than 183,000 located in lodges affiliated with 300 local BSA Councils.

**Eligibility:** To become a member, a young man must be a registered Boy Scout and hold the rank of First Class. He also must have experienced a minimum of 15 days and nights of tent camping (including one long-term camp). Scouts are elected to the Order by their fellow Troop members, following approval by the Scoutmaster. Adults must meet the same camping requirement that the boys must meet and must be approved by the Scoutmaster.

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**Induction:** The Induction Ceremony, called the Ordeal is conducted at a Scout Camp, and is the first step toward full membership. During the Ordeal, candidates maintain complete silence, receive scant food, work on camp improvement projects and are required to sleep alone under the stars, apart from other candidates.

**Brotherhood Member:** After 10 months of service, a member may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony, which places further emphasis on the ideals of Scouting and the Order. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the OA.

**Vigil Honor:** After at least two years as a Brotherhood member, and with the approval of the National Order of the Arrow Committee, a scout may be recognized with the Vigil Honor, for outstanding service to scouting, their Lodge, and their community.

**Lodges:** The local Order of the Arrow Lodge is granted a charter from the National Council, BSA, which is applied for by the local Council. By fulfilling its purpose, the OA lodge helps the local Council provide a quality Boy Scout program.

**Sections:** An Order of the Arrow Section consists of 8 to 12 local Lodges. Once every year, representatives of Lodges in the Section come together for a Conclave. Every year, all of the Section Chiefs meet and plan the Order of the Arrow program on a National level.

**Region Chief:** The Region Chief is the youth leader of the Region elected by the Section Chiefs for a one-year term of office. The election is held at the National meeting along with the election for the National Chief and the National Vice-Chief.

**National Chief:** These Arrowmen are selected by all the Section Chiefs who form the National Committee. They serve on the National Order of the Arrow Committee and provide youth opinion on the National OA policy. They serve a one-year term.

**National Conference:** Every two (2) years, the Order of the Arrow holds the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) where Arrowmen from all over the country gather to learn various aspects of the Order of the Arrow program.

- **2009-2010 Lodge 159 Officers and Advisors:**

<u>Supreme Chief of the Fire:</u>	Patrick Coviello	<u>Lodge Staff Advisor:</u>	James Binz
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**Lodge Troop Representative** Advisor: vacant

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**Lodge Training** Advisor: Roberta Wojinski

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**Lodge Election** Advisor: Larry Jones

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**Lodge Activities** Advisor: vacant

**Section Conclave** Coord: vacant  
**Section Conclave** Advisor: Jamie Prowse

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## 1. Outdoor Code:

**As an American, I will do my best to –**

**Be Clean in my outdoor manners-** I will treat the outdoors as a heritage to be improved for our enjoyment. I will keep my trash and garbage out of America's waters, fields, and roadways.

**Be Careful with Fire-** I will treat public and private property with respect. I will remember that use of the outdoors is a privilege that is lost by abuse.

**Be considerate in the outdoors and Be Conservation-Minded:** I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, waters, forest, minerals, energy, grasslands, and wildlife; and I will urge others to do the same. I will use sportsmanlike methods in all my outdoor activities.

## 2. Safety First:

On the highway, walk single file on the left side, facing oncoming traffic. Leader in front, assistant or senior patrol leader brings up the rear. Keep the column together, NO stragglers. At night, tie a white cloth to EACH hiker's right leg. Those at each end of the column should carry a light. Keep night hiking to an absolute minimum. HITCHHIKING IS OUT!! Dress for the season, especially if the season is winter. Favor sturdy, well-fitted hiking shoes and dry socks in any season. On the trail, keep the group together. Call a rest every now and then and no matter how thirsty you are, don't drink any water unless you know that it is safe.

## 3. First Aid for Hypothermia:

Remember that the skills that can save a life, or treat a serious injury, are not found in a kit. They are in the head of an experienced first-aider. Always take one or more along on a trip. A challenge for any first-aider is the condition known as hypothermia. In especially cold, wet, or windy weather, keep an eye out for any scout or leader who seems unusually chilled with symptoms such as continual shivering, loss of coordination, and exhaustion. These are the danger signs that he may be slipping toward hypothermia, a state in which the body's inner core temperature begins to decrease. The danger is extreme, and immediate treatment is a must. Early detection is critical, since a person may become hypothermic in a matter of minutes and can die in less than two hours, if unattended.

Immediate treatment is:

- Prevent further heat loss by moving victim to the best shelter available.
- Replace wet clothing with dry garments.
- Insulate the victim from the ground and wind.
- Keep the victim warm. Place the victim in a sleeping bag that has been pre-warmed by another person. Provide warmth through direct skin-to-skin contact by the victim in a sleeping bag with another person, and both stripped to the shorts.

Adult leaders should know the symptoms of hypothermia, as well as the correct treatment procedures, and continually observe campers on the trail and in or on the water for early diagnosis of this dangerous condition.

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### 4. Safe Swim Defense:

You, as a leader, should understand that you must be very safety conscious anytime you hold an event around water. Some boys are non-swimmers and others who think of themselves as swimmers, can't really swim very far.

To help you organize your safety measures on water outings, the BSA has developed a safe swim defense. In essence, it is a plan to prepare you for any emergency and thus make it unlikely that an emergency will arise. It should be used on any water outing except where there is already qualified supervision.

#### • Essential Defenses:

1. **Qualified Supervision-** Have a responsible adult supervise all swimming. He must be qualified in water-safety training or use assistants so qualified. Preferably, have more than one adult qualified to supervise. Be sure that everyone involved in supervision thoroughly understands the Safe Swim Defense and commits himself, or herself, to it.
2. **Physical Fitness-** Require evidence of fitness for swimming activity with a complete health history from a physician, parent, or legal guardian. Adjust all supervision, discipline and protection to anticipate any potential risks associated with individual health conditions. The unit leader should require an examination by a physician.
3. **Safe Area-** Have lifeguards and swimmers systematically examine the bottom of the swim area to determine varying depths, deep holes, rocks, and stumps. Mark off the area for three groups: NO more than 3 ½ feet for non-swimmers, from shallow water to just over the head for beginners, deep water NOT over 12 feet for swimmers. Enclose area with buoy lines and place floats to mark the boundaries.
4. **Lookout-** Station a Lookout on the shore where he can see and hear everything in all areas. He may be the adult in charge of the swim and may give buddy signals.
5. **Lifeguards-** Designate two adults as lifeguards who are capable swimmers. Station them ashore, equipped with lifeline. In an emergency, one carries out the line and the other feeds it out from the shore, and then pulls his partner and the boy being assisted. In addition, if a boat is available, man it with two capable swimmers, one rowing and the other equipped with a 10-foot pole or an extra oar. Provide one guard for every ten boys.
6. **Ability Groups-** Divide the boys into three ability groups: non-swimmers are learners who have not passed a swimming test. Beginners must pass this test: jump feet first into water over their heads, surface, level off, swim 25 feet, turn sharply without support, and swim back to the starting point. Swimmers must pass this test: Swim 75 yards in a strong manner with one of the following strokes- side, breast, trudgeon, or crawl; continue swimming another 25 yards on the back with a restful stroke and then rest by floating for a minute.  
**Buddy Plan-** Pair every boy with another boy in his ability group. Buddies check in or out of the swim area together. Check all boys in the water about every 10 minutes. The adult in charge signals for a buddy check with a single blast from a whistle. He waits 10 seconds while the buddies join, raise hands, and remain still and silent. Guards check all areas, count the pairs of hands and compare the total with the number known to be in the water. Signal two blasts to resume. At the end of the swim, make a final buddy check.
7. **Discipline-** Be sure that all boys agree that swimming is allowed only with proper supervision and use of the complete safe swim defense. Advise their parents of the policy. When boys know the reason for the rules, they will be more likely to follow.

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### 5. Safety Afloat:

Safety afloat is related to using watercraft in the same way that the safe swim defense plan applies to swimming. By enforcing these nine measures, most watercraft accidents can be prevented.

1. **Qualified Supervision-** A responsible adult must supervise all activities afloat and must be experienced and qualified in water safety, and in particular, skills related to the watercraft being used, or use assistants so qualified. One adult supervisor for every 10 people, (with a minimum of two adults for any group). All adults must complete Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense training, and at least one of the adults must be certified in CPR basic life support.
2. **Physical Fitness-** All persons must present evidence of fitness with a complete health history from a parent, guardian, or physician. Adjust all supervision, discipline, and protection to anticipate any potential risks associated with individual health conditions. In the event of any significant health conditions, an examination by a physician should be required.
3. **Swimming Ability-** A participant, who is not classified as a swimmer, may ride as a passenger in a rowboat or motorboat with an adult "swimmer." In all other watercrafts, a person must pass the swimmer test to participate.
4. **Personal Flotation Equipment-** US Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices (PFD's) shall be worn properly by all engaged in activity on the open water. The only exception would be for persons classified as swimmers in closely supervised situations when the trained adult in charge has determined the conditions are such that personal flotation equipment may be safely stowed in the craft within easy reach of the occupants.
5. **Buddy System-** All activities afloat require the use of the buddy system. Not only does every individual have a buddy, but also every watercraft should have a buddy boat when on the water.
6. **Skill Proficiency-** All participants in unit afloat activities must be trained and experienced in watercraft handling skills, safety, and emergency procedures. For white water, all participants must complete special training by an aquatics instructor. Powerboat operators must be able to meet the requirements for the Motor boating merit badge. A minimum of three hours of training and supervised practice is required for all other non-powered watercrafts.
7. **Planning-** Obtain current maps and information about the waterway to be traveled. Know exactly where the unit will put in and pull out and what course will be followed. Travel time should be estimated generously. Review float plan with others who have traveled the course recently.

**Local Rules-** Determine which state and local regulations are applicable and follow them. Get written permission to use or cross private property.

**Notification-** File the float plan with parents of participants and a member of the troop committee. Also, file a float plan with the local council service center when traveling on running water. Check in with all those notified upon your return.

**Weather-** Check the weather forecast just before setting out and keep an alert eye. Bring all craft ashore when rough weather threatens.

**Contingencies-** Planning must identify possible emergencies and other circumstances that may force a change in plans. Appropriate alternative plans must be developed for each.



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8. **Equipment-** All equipment must be appropriate for the craft, water conditions and the participants, and must be in good repair. Spare equipment or repair materials must be carried. All equipment must meet state and federal regulations.
9. **Discipline-** All participants should know, understand, and, respect the rules and procedures for a safe activity afloat. Rules for safety do not interfere with fun when they are fairly applied.

### 6. No Flames in Tents:

There is no such thing as a fireproof tent. Tents burn. Repeat: Tents burn. Follow these rules:

- Only flashlights and electric lanterns are permitted in tents. "No flames in tents" is a rule that must be followed and enforced.
- Liquid fuel stoves, heaters, lanterns, lighted candles, matches, or other flame sources should never be used in or near tents.
- Do not pitch tents near open flames.
- Do not use flammable chemicals near tents ex: charcoal lighter, spray cans of paint, bug killer and repellent.
- Be careful when using electricity and lighting in tents.
- Always extinguish cooking fires and campfires properly. - Obey all fire laws, ordinances, and regulations.

It is recommended that you stencil "NO FLAMES IN TENTS" on the flaps of your unit's tents.

### 7. Low Impact Camping:

"Let no one say, and say it to your shame, that all was beauty until you came."

Minimizing the impact of campers on a campsite is called low-impact camping. It is a kind of preventative first aid for the land itself, and the waters, woods, and trails it supports. Protecting our camping areas is no longer just a nice gesture- It is an absolute must. The Boy Scouts of America recommends the following wilderness policy:

All privately and publicly owned backcountry land and designated wilderness are included in the term "Wilderness Area" in policy. The Outdoor Code of the Boy Scouts of America applies to outdoor behavior generally, but for treks into wilderness areas, minimum impact camping methods must be used. Within the outdoor program of the Boy Scouts of America, there are many different camping skill levels. Camping practices that are appropriate for day outings, long term Scout camp, or short-term unit camping, do not apply to wilderness areas. Wherever they go, Scouts and explorers need to adopt attitudes and patterns of behavior that respect the rights of others including future generations, to enjoy the outdoors.

In wilderness areas, it is crucial to minimize our impact on particularly fragile ecosystems such as mountains, lakes, streams, deserts, and seashores. Since our impact varies from one season to the next, it becomes important for us to adjust to these changing conditions as well, to avoid damaging the environment.

The Boy Scouts of America emphasizes these practices for all troops and posts planning to use Wilderness Areas:

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- Contact the landowner or land-managing agency (Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, State, Private, etc.) well in advance of the outing to learn the regulations of the area to obtain required permits and current maps.
- Obtain a tour permit (available through Council Scout Service Centers). Meet all conditions specified and carry it on the trip.
- Limit the size of the group generally to no more than 8 to 11 persons, including at least two adult leaders. Do not exceed group size established for some wilderness areas. Organize groups to function independently by having each plan a trip with different itinerary, serve its own food, provide own transportation to trailhead, secure individual permits and camp in a separate and distinct group.
- Match the ruggedness of high adventure to the skills, physical ability and maturity of those taking part. Save treks that are more rugged for older scouts. Participate in training for adult leaders on low-impact camping or be proficient and experienced in the leadership and skills required for treks into the wilderness areas.
- Conduct pre-trip planning for your group that stresses proper wilderness behavior, rules, and skills for all conditions that may be encountered.
- Use backpacking stoves, particularly where fuel supply is limited or open fires are restricted. Supervision by adults knowledgeable in the use of the stove must be provided. If a fire is necessary, keep it as small as possible and use established fire-lays where available, if in a safe area. After use, erase all signs of your fires.
- Emphasize the need for minimizing impact on the land through proper camping practices and preserving the solitude and quietness of remote areas. Camp at low-use areas—avoid popular sites that show signs of heavy use.
- Leave all pets, radios, and electronic devices at home.
- Use biodegradable or plastic food containers. Carry out unburnable trash of your own and of others from your site.
- Dig shallow holes for latrines and locate them at least 200 feet from any source of natural water. Cover the latrines completely before leaving.
- Wash clothes, dishes, and bodies at least 200 feet from any source of natural water.
- Select equipment of muted colors, which blend with natural surroundings.
- Look at and photograph; never pick and collect. • Follow trail switchback and stay on established trails.
- Treat all wildlife with respect.

### • **GUIDELINES FOR SAFELY USING CHEMICAL STOVES AND LANTERNS:**

1. Use compressed or liquid gas stoves and lanterns only with knowledgeable adult supervision, and in scout facilities only where and when permitted.
2. Operate and maintain chemical stoves and lanterns according to manufacturer's instructions.
3. Under adult supervision, store fuel in appropriate containers. Keep all chemical fuel containers away from hot stoves and campfires, and store in temperatures below 100°F.
4. Let hot stoves and lanterns cool down before changing cylinders of compressed gasses or refilling bottles of liquid gas.
5. Refill liquid gas stoves and lanterns a safe distance from flames including other stoves, campfires, and personal smoking substances. A commercial camp stove fuel

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should be used for safety and performance. Pour through a funnel. Recap both the device and the fuel container before lighting.

6. Never fuel a stove or lantern inside a cabin or tent; always do it outdoors. Don't operate a stove or lantern in an unventilated structure. Make sure there are at least two ventilated openings, one high and one low to provide oxygen and exhaust for lethal gases.
7. Place the stove on a level surface.
8. Using a soap solution, periodically check fittings on compressed gas stoves and on pressurized liquid gas stoves for leakage before lighting.
9. When lighting a stove, keep fuel bottles and extra canisters well away. Don't 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 and hands to one side of the burner. Then, immediately, turn the flame down.
10. Do not leave a lighted stove or lantern unattended.
11. Do not overload the stovetop with extra heavy pots or large frying pans. If pots larger than 2 quarts are necessary, set up a separate grill with legs to hold the pot and place the stove under the grill.
12. Bring empty fuel containers home for disposal. Do not place in or near fires. Empty fuel containers will explode if heated.

### 8. GREATER NIAGARA FRONTIER COUNCIL-380:

#### • COUNCIL-OWNED CAMPING PROPERTIES

Any information on costs and available dates can be obtained from the Greater Niagara Frontier Council's Camping Department. Please call (716) 891-4073.

#### A) Schoellkopf Scout Reservation:

Location: Cowlesville, New York

Address: 1373 Burroughs Road, Cowlesville, New York 14037

Phone: (716) 591-1171

Activities: Hiking and Nature Trails, Fishing, Boating, and Cope (in season and with prior approval)

#### **Directions:**

#### **Directions from North:**

At the junction of Route 20 and Route 77 in Darien Center, take Route 77 south. Follow Route 77 for approximately 5 and 1.2 miles to the junction of Route 77 and Route 354.

Turn right on to Route 354 (west) and travel approximately 2 miles to the junction of Route 354 and Burrough Road. Turn left on to Burrough Road (south).

Travel on Burrough Road for approximately 3 miles to the junction of Burrough Road and Schoellkopf Road.

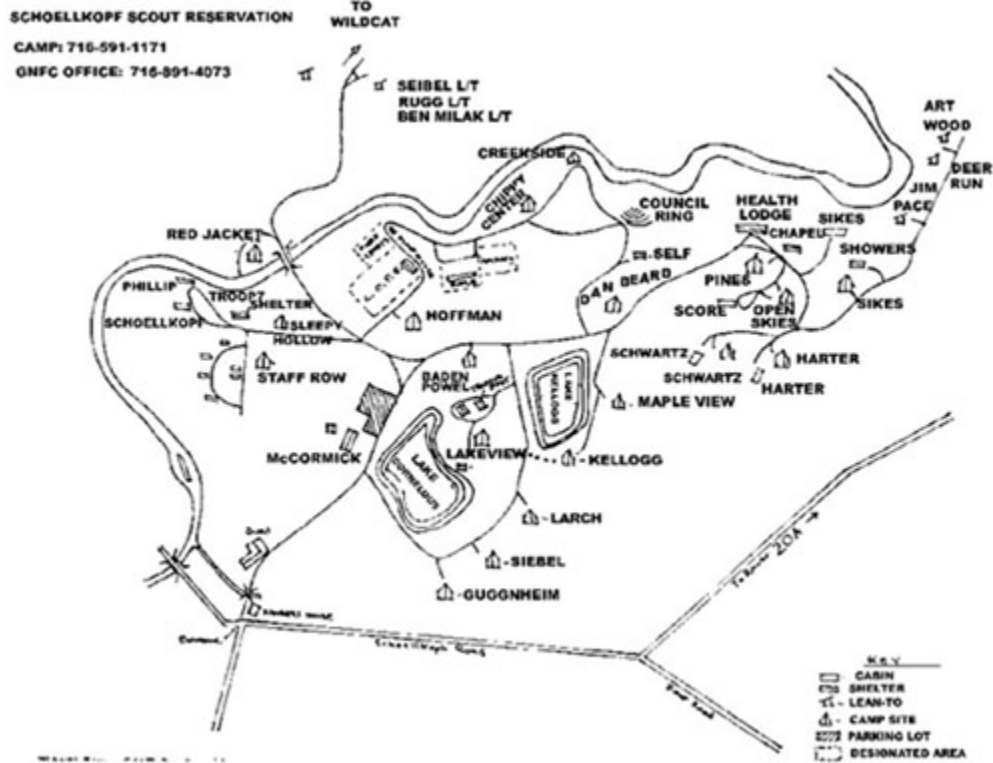
Turn left on to Schoellkopf Road and follow the road in to the camp.

#### **Directions from the South:**

At the junction of Route 20A and Route 77, take Route 20A west.

Turn right on to Camp Schoellkopf Road and follow the road in to the camp.

## MAP OF SCHOELLKOPF SCOUT RESERVATION



Camp Schoellkopf has a license to operate a youth camp issued by New York State. The camp is inspected periodically, by the New York State Health Department, and meets or exceeds all of their requirements. Additionally, Camp Schoellkopf is an accredited camp through the National Council Boy Scouts of America. To be an accredited camp, Camp Schoellkopf must meet a long list of very strict quality standards, which encompass everything from long range planning to staff qualifications and training. This inspection occurs annually. Copies of our most recent New York State Health Department and National BSA inspections are available upon request by contacting the Council Service Center.

Schoellkopf Scout Reservation is located about 30 miles east of Buffalo, NY in Wyoming County near the village of Cowlesville, New York on Burroughs Road. It encompasses more than 600 acres of rolling hills and trees and two beautiful lakes. The camp is operated for the benefit of all registered Scouts and Scouters without regard to race, creed, or national origin.

Our philosophy can best be stated as “To continue to deliver the Scouting Promise to every camper that attends our facilities.”

Because you cannot take the outing out of Scouting, our aim is to keep “outing” strong in every Scout. The outdoor program is one of Scouting’s most appealing features, and a week at

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Schoellkopf Scout Reservation is a top-notch experience. No young man ever forgets the fond memories and experiences of summer camp and they will not forget their week with us.

For general camp use during summer camp, Camp Schoellkopf provides two shower facilities, a dining tent, First Aid building staffed 24 hours a day by certified medical personnel, supervised boating and swimming lakes, shooting, archery, and shotgun ranges, a nature building, craft lodge, scout craft area, high adventure course (Project C.O.P.E.), trading post, and much more. For troop use, Camp Schoellkopf provides each unit with a campsite, which contains two-man tents on wooden platforms, bunks, picnic tables, bulletin board, flagpole, equipment lock box, campfire area, washstand and latrine, and site maintenance and fire fighting equipment. Troops are strongly encouraged to bring their own dining flies, cooking equipment, lanterns/stoves, woodsman tools, "rainy day" program equipment, and other items, which will make their stay at camp more enjoyable for their Scouts.

For Information pertaining to short term camping available cabins/lean-tos, cabin capacity, cost of rental, tent camping policy and availability of Camperships, please refer to the Appendix Section of this document.

### **B) Camp Scouthaven:**

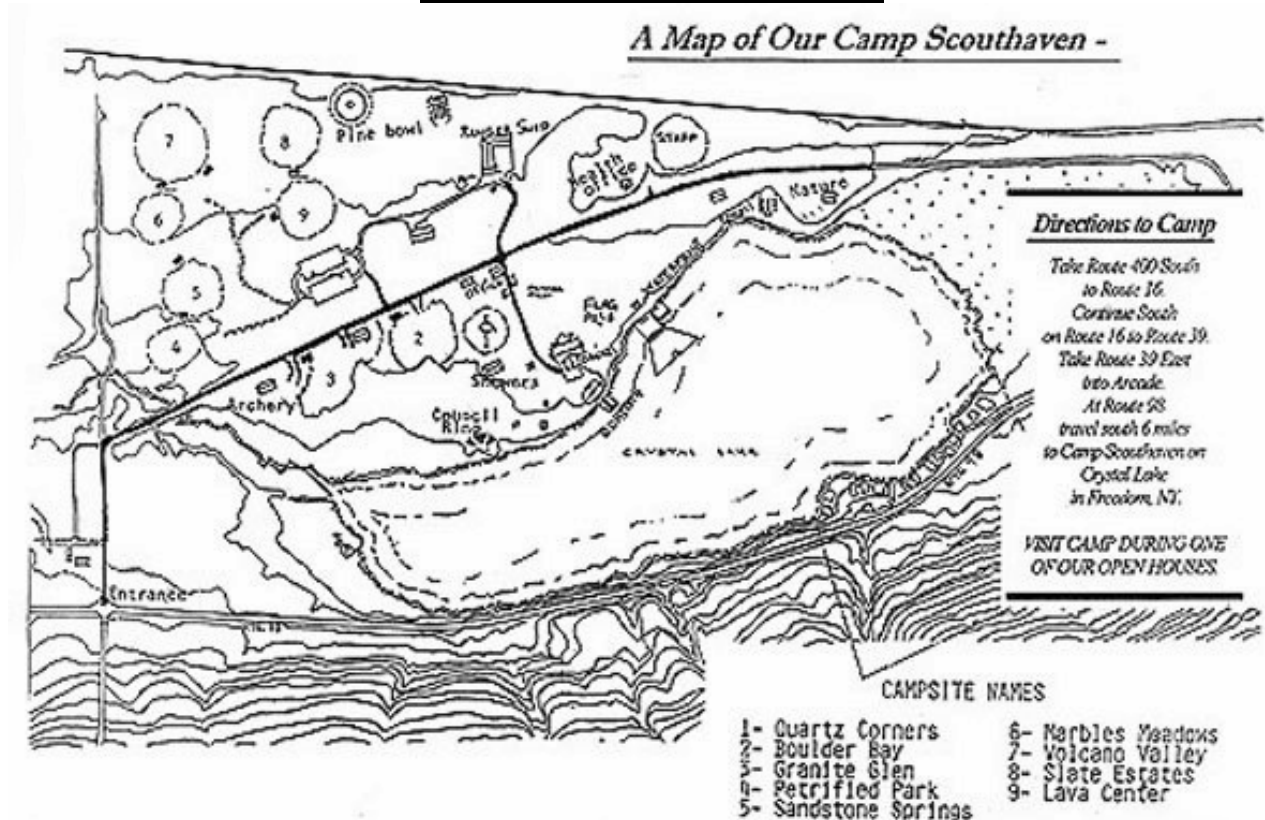
Location: Near Arcade, New York on Route 98

Address: 10784 Route 98, Freedom, New York 14065

Phone: (716) 492-4429

Activities: Hiking and Nature Trails, Fishing and Boating.

### **MAP OF CAMP SCOUTHAVEN**



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Camp Scouthaven is the perfect environment for introducing Cub Scouts to the challenges of Scouting and the Outdoors. Spanning the entire north shore of Crystal Lake, Scouthaven is located on Route 98 near Freedom, New York. Most of the campground's 732 acres are flat and open. The main camp provides better areas for Cub Scout activities than the rugged hilly terrain camps for older boys. The lake is small and calm, so even beginners can safely learn to swim and navigate rowboats, canoes, and fun-yaks.

The marshy eastern section of the camp is home to a wide variety of fish and wildlife. A boardwalk crosses the marshy area so campers can explore the heart of the swamp without endangering its natural inhabitants. Here, face to face with nature, Scouts learn to respect and preserve its wonders, cultivating a love of the outdoors that will last a lifetime. The new Camp Scouthaven facilities enable Scouts to experience the challenge of winter camping too.

All buildings are fully accessible to disabled youth; the camp will be a magnet that attracts a widely diverse population of scouting members from all over the Niagara Frontier. The new central shower facilities support family camping and full participation of female Scout leaders. Camp fees are kept at a level that is affordable to most local families with "camperships" available to GNFC Scouts only, provide to ensure that all youth have an equal opportunity for participation.

Some activities and areas at Camp Scouthaven during Cub Scout Resident camp are:

- Trading post, basketball courts, volleyball courts, archery area, nature center, swimming area, boating, fishing, and a newly renovated dining hall.
- There are nine campsites from which to choose.
- Cub Scout adventure weekends
- Family weekends
- Lad and Dad weekends
- Also, there is a Cub Scout and Webelos resident camp with multiple sessions to choose from

For Information pertaining to short term camping, available cabins/lean-tos, cabin capacity, cost of rental, tent camping policy and availability of Camperships, please refer to the Appendix Section of this document.

### **C) Camp Stonehaven:**

Location: Albright Road, off Town Line Road

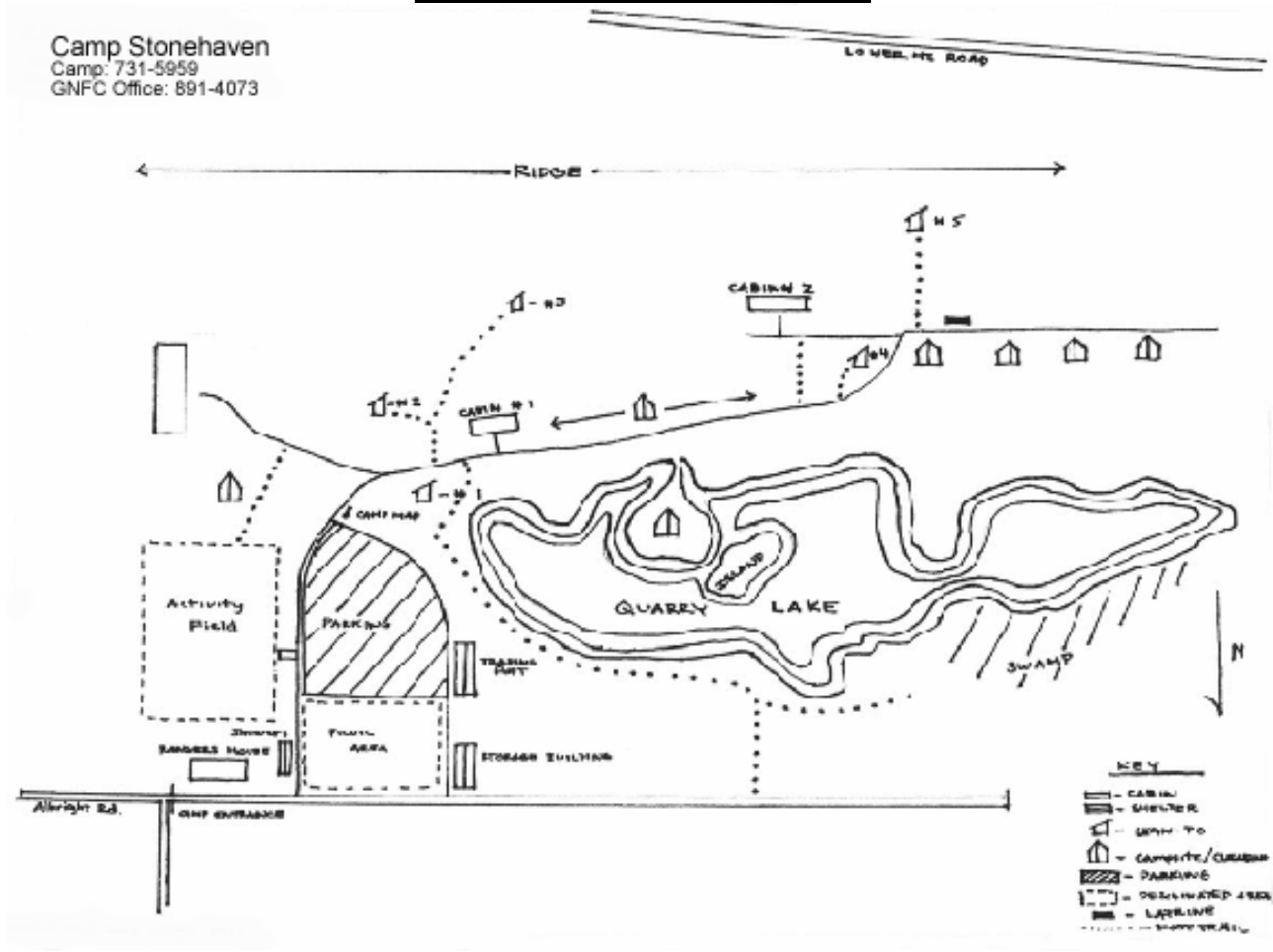
Address: 4670 Albright Road, Ransomville, NY 14131

Phone: (716) 731-5959

**Activities:** Hiking and Nature Trails, Fishing, and Trading Post.

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### MAP OF CAMP STONEHAVEN



Camp "Stone Haven" as it was originally called (later the camp name was combined to the now familiar Camp Stonehaven); was purchased in 1946 by the Niagara Frontier Council. The sixty-five acre site, located just below the escarpment near Pekin, NY was designed for year round use for weekend and short camping trips. Camp Stonehaven replaced Camp Moss, which ceased to be used for scout use in 1942 due to the fact it became inadequate in area and facilities to accommodate the council needs. Stonehaven was still being used as a weekend and short-term camp when the Niagara Frontier Council (NFC) merged with the Buffalo Area Council (BAC) in 1967. The Greater Niagara Frontier Council (GNFC) has continued to use Stonehaven for this same purpose - weekend troop camping, hosting District camporees and OA Chapter Ordeal/Brotherhood service/induction weekends. The camp was also used for Cub Scout Day Camps in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Stonehaven currently has three spacious cabins, five lean-to shelters, and numerous campsites surrounding a large rock quarry. The land, located just below Bonds Lake Park near the Tuscarora Indian Reservation, is largely undeveloped and has several interesting rock formations and other historical sites such as "Frankenstein's Castle."

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### 9. Upstate New York (Area NE-3) Council Information

1	<b>Twin Rivers #364</b>	253 Washington Ave.
	Albany, NY 12205-5504	(518) 869-6436
	Council Web Site:	<a href="http://bsa.siiigroup.com/">http://bsa.siiigroup.com/</a>
	<b>OA Lodge:</b> Kittan Lodge #364 <b>NE-2A</b>	<a href="http://www.kittanlodge.org/">http://www.kittanlodge.org/</a>
	<b>Twin Rivers Council Camp Grounds</b>	
	<b>Camp Boyhaven</b>	<a href="http://www.campboyhaven.org/">http://www.campboyhaven.org/</a>
	<b>Rotary Scout Reservation</b>	<a href="http://www.rsrbsa.org/">http://www.rsrbsa.org/</a>
	<b>Camp Wakpominee</b>	<a href="http://www.wakpominee.org/camp/">http://www.wakpominee.org/camp/</a>
	<b>Woodworth Lake Scout Reservation</b>	<b>No Web Site Information currently available</b> - (518)-725-6221; 333 Woodworth Lake Road, Gloversville, NY 12078
	<b>Camp Bedford</b>	<b>No Web Site Information currently available</b> - (518)-483-2019; Route 30 Duane Stage Road Malone, NY 12953

2	<b>Cayuga County #366</b>	<b>Now a part of Hiawatha Seaway Council</b>
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3	<b>Baden Powell #368</b>	1250 NYS Rte 12
	Binghamton, NY 13901	(607) 648-7888
	Council Web Site:	<a href="http://www.bpcouncil.org/openrosters/view_ho_mepage.asp?orgkey=2289">http://www.bpcouncil.org/openrosters/view_ho_mepage.asp?orgkey=2289</a>
	<b>OA Lodge:</b> O-Tah-Na-Gon Lodge #172 <b>NE-3A</b>	<a href="http://www.otahnagon.org/">http://www.otahnagon.org/</a>
	<b>Baden Powell Council Camp Grounds</b>	
	<b>Additional Camping information available at:</b>	<a href="http://snebsa.tripod.com/ny-bpc.htm">http://snebsa.tripod.com/ny-bpc.htm</a>
	<b>Camp Barton</b>	<b>No Web Site Information currently available</b> - (607)-387-9250; 9640 Frontenac Road, Trumansburg, NY 14886
	<b>Camp Tuscarora</b>	<b>No Web Site Information currently available</b> - (607) 467-2721; 205 Summit Lake Road, Windsor, NY 13865

4	<b>Hiawatha Seaway #373</b>	113 Twin Oaks Dr.
	Syracuse, NY 13204-2380	(315) 463-0201
	Council Web Site:	<a href="http://www.cnyscouts.org/">http://www.cnyscouts.org/</a>
	<b>OA Lodge:</b> Lowanne Nimat Lodge #219 <b>NE-3A</b>	<a href="http://www.cnyscouts.org/oa/">http://www.cnyscouts.org/oa/</a>
	<b>Hiawatha Seaway Council Camp Grounds</b>	
	<b>Sabatis Scout Reservation</b>	<a href="http://www.cnyscouts.org/">http://www.cnyscouts.org/</a>
	<b>Camp Portaferry</b>	<a href="http://www.cnyscouts.org/">http://www.cnyscouts.org/</a>
	<b>ASC Trek Camp</b>	<a href="http://www.cnyscouts.org/">http://www.cnyscouts.org/</a>



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5	<b>Five Rivers #375</b>	3300 Chambers Rd. Suite 5190 Scout Shop CSC is in Elmira
	Horseheads, NY 14845-5190	(607) 796-0699
	Council Web Site:	<a href="http://www.fiverivers.org/main_page.asp">http://www.fiverivers.org/main_page.asp</a>
	OA Lodge: Tkaen Dod Lodge #30 <b>NE-3A</b>	<a href="http://tkaendod.fiverivers.org/tkaendod/index.asp">http://tkaendod.fiverivers.org/tkaendod/index.asp</a>
	<b>Five Rivers Council Camp Grounds</b>	
	<b>Camp Brule</b>	<a href="http://www.fiverivers.org/camping/brule.asp">http://www.fiverivers.org/camping/brule.asp</a>
	<b>Camp Gorton</b>	<a href="http://www.fiverivers.org/camping/gorton.asp">http://www.fiverivers.org/camping/gorton.asp</a>
6	<b>Iroquois Trail #376</b>	45 Liberty St. Suite 2
	Batavia, NY 14020	(585) 343-0307
	Council Web Site:	<a href="http://www.itcbsa.org/">http://www.itcbsa.org/</a>
	OA Lodge: Ashokwahta Lodge # 339 <b>NE-3A</b>	<a href="#">Lodge Website</a>
	<b>Iroquois Trail Council Camp Grounds</b>	
	<b>Camp Dittmer</b>	<a href="#">Camp Dittmer</a>
	<b>Camp Sam Wood</b>	<a href="#">Camp Sam Wood</a>
7	<b>Greater Niagara Frontier #380</b>	2860 Genesee Street
	Buffalo, NY 14225	(716) 891-4073
	Council Web Site:	<a href="http://www.wnyscouting.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=1977">http://www.wnyscouting.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=1977</a>
	OA Lodge: Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge #159 <b>NE-3A</b>	<a href="http://www.oalodge159.org">http://www.oalodge159.org</a>
	<b>Greater Niagara Frontier Council Camp Grounds</b>	
	<b>Camp Scouthaven</b>	<a href="#">Camp Scouthaven</a>
	<b>Camp Stonehaven</b>	<a href="#">Camp Stonehaven</a>
8	<b>Schoellkopf Scout Reservation</b>	<a href="#">Schoellkopf Scout Reservation</a>
	<b>Allegheny Highlands #382</b>	PO Box 261 50 Hough Hill Road
	Falconer, NY 14733	(716) 665-2697
	Council Web Site:	<a href="http://www.alleghenyhighlands.org/">http://www.alleghenyhighlands.org/</a>
	OA Lodge: Ho-Nan-Ne-Ho-Ont Lodge #165 <b>NE-4A</b>	<a href="http://oalodge165.alleghenyhighlands.org/Links.htm">http://oalodge165.alleghenyhighlands.org/Links.htm</a>
	<b>Allegheny Highlands Council Camp Grounds</b>	
	<b>Camp Merz</b>	<a href="http://www.campmerz.org/">http://www.campmerz.org/</a>
9	<b>Elk Lick Scout Reserve</b>	<a href="http://www.elklick.org/">http://www.elklick.org/</a>
	<b>Finger Lakes #391</b>	<b>Merged with Otetiana Council which changed it's name to Seneca Waterways</b>

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10	<b>Otschodela #393</b>	6134 State Hwy 23
	Oneonta, NY 13820	607-432-6491
	Council Web Site:	<a href="http://www.otschodela.org/">http://www.otschodela.org/</a>
	<b>OA Lodge:</b> Onterorus Lodge #402 <b>NE-3A</b>	<a href="http://www.onteroraus.org/">http://www.onteroraus.org/</a>
	<b>Otschodela Council Camp Grounds</b>	
	<b>Henderson Scout Reservation</b>	<a href="http://www.otschodela.org/boyscoutcamp/hendersonscoutreservation.htm">http://www.otschodela.org/boyscoutcamp/hendersonscoutreservation.htm</a>

11	<b>Seneca Waterways #397 Formerly Otetiana #397</b>	474 East Avenue
	Rochester, NY 14607-1992	(716) 244-4210
	Council Web Site:	<a href="http://www.otetiana.org/">http://www.otetiana.org/</a>
	<b>OA Lodge:</b> Ty-Ohni Lodge #95 <b>NE-3A</b>	<a href="http://www.otetiana.org/oa/index.php">http://www.otetiana.org/oa/index.php</a>
	<b>Seneca Waterways Council Camp Grounds</b>	
	<b>J. Warren Cutler Scout Reservation</b>	<a href="http://www.otetiana.org/cutler/">http://www.otetiana.org/cutler/</a>
	<b>Massawepie Scout Reservation</b> (Includes "Adirondack High Adventure Base")	<a href="http://www.otetiana.org/camping/avail_msc.php">http://www.otetiana.org/camping/avail_msc.php</a>

12	<b>Revolutionary Trails #400</b>	1401 Genesee Street
	Utica, NY 13501	(315) 735-4437
	Council Web Site:	<a href="http://www.rtcbsa.org/">http://www.rtcbsa.org/</a>
	<b>OA Lodge:</b> Ga-Hon-Ga Lodge #34 <b>NE-3A</b>	None
	<b>Revolutionary Trails Council Camp Grounds</b>	
	<b>Camp Russell</b>	<a href="http://www.rtcbsa.org/Camp_Russell.cfm">http://www.rtcbsa.org/Camp_Russell.cfm</a>
	<b>Cedarlands Scout Reservation</b>	<a href="http://www.rtcbsa.org/Cedarlands.cfm">http://www.rtcbsa.org/Cedarlands.cfm</a>
	<b>Camp Kingsley</b>	<a href="http://www.rtcbsa.org/Camp_Kingsley.cfm">http://www.rtcbsa.org/Camp_Kingsley.cfm</a>

13	<b>Rip Van Winkle #405</b>	75 Pine St.
	Kingston, NY 12401	(845) 339-0846
	Council Web Site:	<a href="http://www.rvwbsa.org/">http://www.rvwbsa.org/</a>
	<b>OA Lodge:</b> Half Moon Lodge # 28 <b>NE-7B</b>	<a href="http://www.halfmoonlodge28.org/">http://www.halfmoonlodge28.org/</a>
	<b>Rip Van Winkle Council Camp Grounds</b>	
	<b>Camp Tri-Mount</b>	<a href="http://www.camptrimount.org/">http://www.camptrimount.org/</a>

14	<b>French Creek #532</b>	1815 Robinson Rd. West
	Erie, PA 16509-4905	(814) 868-5571
	Council Web Site:	<a href="http://www.frenchcreek-bsa.org/">http://www.frenchcreek-bsa.org/</a>

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	<b>OA Lodge:</b> Lang-Un-Dow-I Lodge #46 <b>NE-4A</b>	<a href="http://langundowi.org/">http://langundowi.org/</a>
	<b>French Creek Council Camp Grounds</b>	
	<b>Custaloga Town Scout Reservation</b>	<a href="http://mysite.verizon.net/resyth29/id1.html">http://mysite.verizon.net/resyth29/id1.html</a>
15	<b>Chief Cornplanter #538</b>	316 Fourth Ave.
	Warren, PA 16365-2320	(814) 723-6700
	Council Web Site:	<a href="http://www.cccbsa.com/base.html">http://www.cccbsa.com/base.html</a>
	<b>OA Lodge:</b> Gyantwachia Lodge #255 <b>NE-4A</b>	<a href="http://www.cccbsa.com/gwan255.html">http://www.cccbsa.com/gwan255.html</a>
	<b>Chief Cornplanter Council Camp Grounds</b>	
	<b>Camp Olmsted</b>	<a href="http://www.cccbsa.com/olmsted/index.html">http://www.cccbsa.com/olmsted/index.html</a>

### Northeast Region Map

#### 10. High Adventure

Remember when you were younger and your father or grandfather told you what it was like when they were your age? Did they have more challenges and adventures than what is available to you now? In your troop and explorer unit, you have found some new horizons on which you test your stamina. The first of these may have been relatively tame, but you learned your basic skills and you found out about working with others in your patrol or crew.

Now think of your hardest hike, your coldest campout, or your toughest canoe trip. Think of how you felt when you finally got home...exhausted, excited, and extraordinary. Now suppose there were places where you could go, to top that hike, that campout, or that canoe trip. Think of places that will take everything out of you but give it all back and more. There are such places; they are the BSA high-adventure bases.

The program's opportunities provide a unique and challenging experience. They present an opportunity, to both youth and adults, to leave the everyday routine behind and take a fresh look at themselves and how they work with others.

#### • Florida Sea Base:

In 1975, a handful of volunteers from Miami, Florida and Atlanta, Georgia got together to develop a high adventure program using the waters in and around the Florida Keys as their foundation. They asked the then Camp Director of the South Florida Council, Sam Wampler, to coordinate trips to Freeport in the Bahamas. Sam, using his station wagon and a warehouse, operated this program until 1979. The committee, unable to find a director for this ever-growing program, convinced Sam to become the first Director of the "Florida Gateway." Under Sam's leadership, the National Council received a \$1.3 million grant from the Fleischmann Foundation. Following some extensive research, the Old Tollgate Motel and Marina was purchased. That original 6.3 acres became the beginning of what now is known as the Florida Sea Base.

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Since that original gift, there have been several other grants and purchases, which have allowed the base to grow. From 1990 to the present, the growth has been dramatic with the addition of a third dorm, a conference center, conference housing, and a new maintenance building. The original restaurant was given a major facelift to create one of the finest kitchens in the Keys. A new chapel has been created and a 45-foot Corinthian catamaran has been purchased. In short, the Florida Sea Base has come of age. What was once a rundown motel, a real eyesore of the community, is now a beautiful facility serving thousands of young people.

The Florida Sea Base is the only facility of its kind in the world and is a jewel in the crown of Scouting's finest programs.

### **Program Features**

#### **BAHAMAS ADVENTURE**

Fly directly to the Bahamas! The Sea Base is offering an exciting adventure based in Marsh Harbour on Great Abaco Island. Your crew can snorkel the beautiful, pristine reefs surrounding Marsh Harbour, wade ashore on the many small cays (pronounced keys) in the area, learn of their unique history, and fish for the gamefish, which are abundant in the Abaco Islands. You'll board traditional Bahamas sailing vessels designed to take you to such exotic places as Green Turtle Cay, Hopetown, and Little Harbour. There's plenty of time for fishing, snorkeling, and swimming. Steady breezes, the protection of the barrier islands and the reef surrounding Abaco Sound, provide perfect sailing getaways.

#### **OUT ISLAND ADVENTURE**

You will live as Robinson Crusoe on the Out Island Adventure which combines camping on a remote 100-acre island, snorkeling on pristine coral reefs, trolling for sport fish, kayaking through red mangroves, and exploring the flora and fauna of Big Munson Island. You will wade ashore on Big Munson Island carrying all the food, water, and equipment used during your adventure in a rugged camping setting. Venture out to appreciate this unique environment. This is a true high-adventure program...one that combines physical challenge, with excitement and adventure. If your crew has strong camping skills and enjoys rugged camping, then the Out Island program is for you.

#### **CORAL REEF SAILING**

A 40 to 50-foot sailing yacht will become your home for a week. It has a large, self-contained galley and dining area where you will prepare wholesome meals from the fresh or canned foods supplied by the Sea Base, supplemented by fresh catches from trolling while underway. Your captain will instruct you in navigation, fishing and sailing, and will remain on board for the entire trip. You choose your own float plan to historical Key West. This trip offers one-of-a-kind snorkeling and abundant fishing.

#### **SEA EXPLORING**

Designed for larger groups (either a council contingent or a larger troop), offering your crew the opportunity to experience a sailing adventure of yesteryear. The vessel is an 83-foot, gaff-rigged topsail schooner, fully equipped and prepared to provide an unforgettable adventure snorkeling the beautiful Keys' reefs, fishing, and hands-on sailing. For a hands-on sailing adventure voyage, one that is exciting, ruggedly challenging, and excellent for larger groups, pack your sea bag for the Sea Exploring program.

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## SCUBA CERTIFICATION

Discover the excitement of SCUBA diving in the warm, tropical waters surrounding the Florida Keys. Crews are trained by professional instructors, in our specially designed dive tanks. Approximately five open water dives are conducted on reefs just off shore from the Sea Base. Explicit health concerns require a special medical enrollment in this program. Please contact the Sea Base in advance for details. Crew members must be 14 years of age, before their date of arrival.

## SCUBA ADVENTURE

Come dive the coral reefs and wrecks of the Florida Keys. Designed for certified divers, this program offers nine dives (weather permitting). Explore the only living coral reef system in the USA, diving sites like Alligator or Tennessee Reef, exploring uncharted dive sites, up and down the Keys, or adding to Sea Base's own artificial reef. Your dive itinerary features a night dive, a deep dive (to 60 feet), marine life studies, and other underwater adventures. All food, lodging, and equipment is included. You must be a certified diver to participate in this adventure, and crew members must be 14 years of age by date of attendance. Explicit health concerns require a special medical acceptance in this program.

## General Requirements

You must be a registered scout or explorer. The minimum age to participate in long-term National High Adventure Programs at the Florida Sea Base is 13 years of age. SCUBA certification and adventure programs have a requirement of 14 years of age. Physicals are required, and you must be able to swim 100 yards, and stay afloat for 1 minute. The participants in the SCUBA adventure program must be a certified diver. Nationally recognized certification agencies by the BSA are: PADI, NAUI, SSI, NASDS, and YMCA.

## Leadership

Every crew must have two-deep leadership. Two registered adult leaders, one of whom must be 21 years or older. A crew leader must be elected by members of the crew, to maintain the scouting method-youth leader development. The Sea Base will provide your crew with a staff program mate to help you throughout your adventure. Co-ed posts are required to provide both male and female adult leadership at all times

For more information, or for reservations, write or call

Florida National High Adventure Sea Base

P.O. Box 858

Islamorada, FL 33036

(305) 664-4173

Or online at: [www.bsaseabase.org/](http://www.bsaseabase.org/)

## • Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico:

Philmont is large, comprising 137,493 acres or about 215 square miles of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rockies. Thirty-two staffed camps, and fifty unstaffed camps, are operated by the ranch. Philmont has high mountains, (which dominate rough terrain), with an elevation ranging from 6,500 to 12,441 feet. Since Philmont's first camping season in 1939, more than 650,000 scouts, explorers, and their leaders have participated in the rugged challenge of its backpacking program. Philmont's camping season is from mid-June to

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late August. Scouts and explorers must be in top physical condition, at least 14 years of age by January first, of the year in which they attend; (or have completed the eighth grade), and be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Organized into crews of 7-12, including at least two adult leaders, participants hike Philmont's mountains for ten full days, spending nights at various backcountry camps. At staffed camps, crews can participate in a variety of programs presented by Philmont backcountry staff. Among these programs are horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, rock climbing, 30.06 rifle shooting, archaeology, mountain biking, and interpretive programs such as homesteading and mountain man rendezvous.

In addition to regular expeditions, Philmont offers several special programs. These include:

- “Cavalcades”, (expeditions on horseback).
- “Mountain Men and Women”, (a provisional 6-day experience for family members of Training Center participants).
- “Rayado Treks”, (an extended expedition for scouts and explorers who have attained a high degree of backpacking skill and who are at least 15 years or ninth grade graduates, and not yet 21); and ...
- “Trail Crew”, (a 28-day combination trail building and expedition experience).

### **Program features:**

**Rock Climbing:** This fascinating and challenging sport is a favorite of Philmont campers. You'll scale a steep pitch and rappel down a sheer cliff, all under the supervision of Philmont's experienced climbers.

**Logging:** Spartree (pole) climbing and competition in exciting logging events such as: crosscut sawing, log rolling, and a log toss will all challenge your crew.

**Black Powder:** You will use powder, patch, ball ramrod and cap to actually load and shoot a .50 caliber muzzle-loading rifle.

**Gold Mining and Panning:** Since gold is still found in Philmont, you will have a chance to tour a mine tunnel, pan for gold, and learn of the colorful past of determined miners. Incidentally, any gold you find is yours to keep.

**Western Lore:** Philmont is an operating cattle ranch. You'll have a chance to go on a horse ride along exhilarating mountain trails. You can also try your hand at branding and roping.

**Fur Trapping:** See traps used to catch beaver, muskrat, raccoon, and even bear. Learn how these animals were skinned and their hides tanned.

**Burro Packing and Racing:** Whether you have an opportunity to use a burro to carry some of your gear for a day, or catch, pack, and race one, burros are an experience not to be missed.

**Cavalcade:** Another great way to see Philmont is on a cavalcade, an unforgettable 8-hour horseback ride over some of the ranch's most scenic trails. Each cavalcade learns how to care, feed, and saddle his own mount, plus learns how to throw diamond hitches on the crews pack horses. Cavalcaders participate in many of the same programs at staffed camps as regular expeditions.

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In addition, you may have the opportunity to search for prehistoric artifacts of the American Indians, build an adobe house, use a blacksmithing forge, fly fish, shoot a 30.06 rifle, participate in a conservation and ecology awareness program or learn the life of the Jicarilla Apache Indians. All of this and more awaits you at Philmont.

### **General Requirements:**

**Expeditions:** Any older scout, Varsity scout, or explorer. Participants must be 13 years old by January first, of the year they attend. Crews are composed of 4 to 12 campers and leaders.

**Cavalcades:** Specially designed for chartered troops, teams, and posts. Participants must be 13 years old by January first, of the year they attend.

### **Leadership Requirements:**

Expeditions and Cavalcades: Each crew must have adult leadership at least 21 years of age or older. If your group is co-educational, you must furnish co-ed leadership 21 years of age or older. Recognizing the importance of adult leadership, however, a majority of the participants must be youth members. Adult women are only permitted on the trail if they are a member of a co-ed crew.

For more information, or for reservations, write or call:

Philmont Scout Ranch

Route 1, Box 35

Cimarron, NM 87714

(505) 376-2281

Or online at: [www.Phillmont.com](http://www.Phillmont.com)

### **• Northern Tier, National High Adventure:**

What's in a name? What some of us refer to as Sommers Canoe Base, the Ely Base, the Canoe Base, or just the Base, is a place that has undergone several official name changes through the years. It began in 1923 with canoe trips organized by the Hibbing, Minnesota Council, and was called the Region X Canoe Trails. This was later changed to the Region X Wilderness Canoe Trips. In the early days, there were no permanent structures, and Winton was the launch point. In the winter of 1941-1942, an impressive log lodge was built as a base of operations. Soon after, it became the permanent base of operations and was named the Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base; taking the name of a great scout who was the first Chairman of Region X. Mr. Sommers was an avid Base supporter, canoe trip organizer, and participant. The name stuck until 1972 when BSA consolidated regions and the Base became part of the National High Adventure Program. The name was then changed to the Charles L. Sommers National High Adventure Base, BSA. Over almost 75 years, the Base has had several names, but canoe trips and the wilderness experience have remained largely unchanged.

Tens of thousands of scouts have been outfitted at the Base to travel by canoe through canoe country, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW), Ontario's Quetico Provincial Park, and points beyond. The BWCAW and Quetico together form a roadless area of about half a million acres with deep glacial lakes and densely forested cover. There are no resorts or cabins, and aircrafts and motorboats are restricted. A wilderness canoe trip in this area is not just a fishing trip or a laid-back vacation. It may have elements of both, but a canoe trip is much more. By any

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measure, it is an intense experience that involves learning to care for one's self and fellow crew members. Just as the voyageurs, who traveled through this area in the 1700's, modern day voyageurs are physically challenged as they travel through the woods by paddle and portage. Typical treks may cover 50 to 150 miles and take 6 to 10 days. The canoe base offers the best and latest in lightweight, high-tech equipment and a nourishing diet that has been field-tested and refined over seven decades. With each crew is a highly skilled technician/ instructor, called an "Interpreter." Sometimes called "Charlie Guides," these people can make the difference between a wilderness ordeal and an exciting and wonderfully memorable experience.

Generally, the only way in and out of this area is by paddle and portage. Canoe trip preparation is essential. Choices of food and trail gear are very important, and while in the woods, there is little room for lapses in good judgment. Old-timers may remember the words for preparation by Cliff Hanson, Base Director for 14 years in the late fifties through the early seventies. On their first night at the Base, he told voyageurs-to-be, "You're going to be wet, you're going to be cold, you're going to have more bugs biting you than you thought ever existed...and about the third night out, you're going to wish your mother was along to tuck you in between clean sheets...and that goes for you advisors, too!" As people know who have been adequately prepared, a wilderness canoe trip can also be an opportunity for high adventure, a load of fun, great fishing, and tremendous personal growth. For many of us as scouts, advisors, and guides, our lives have been fundamentally transformed by the experience.

For more information, or for reservations, write or call:

Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs

P.O. Box 509

Ely, MN 55731

(218) 365-4811

Or online at: [www.ntier.org](http://www.ntier.org)



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**GREATER NIAGARA FRONTIER COUNCIL BIRCHBARK EXPEDITIONS**



Dear Scouts, Venturers, Leaders and Parents,

It is with great pleasure that we present a challenging high adventure program for Venturers and Older Scouts. BIRCHBARK EXPEDITIONS is a fully guided, seven-day canoe trip, steeped in the rich Age of Exploration history of our area. The voyages take place in Algonquin Provincial Park, which offers some of the best canoe tripping in Canada.

Our logo is an adaptation of The Howl of the Weather, painted by the world famous artist and sculptor Frederic Remington.

In it a family of Chippewa Indians paddling home braves a storm on the St. Lawrence River. Everyone who canoes "has been in the picture," has battled La Vielle (the voyageurs called her Old Lady Wind), and has come away with a renewed respect for the forces of nature. We use it with the gracious approval of the Frederic Remington Art Museum.

The Greater Niagara Frontier Council, BSA, has developed a program specifically designed to bring teenagers to the northwoods, and to bring adventure to teenagers. In the process nature will give us an ideal opportunity to help mold them in to men and women - strong, confident, and resourceful - who can work towards a goal with their peers, and who can become good stewards of our natural environment.

As a Scoutmaster myself, and as a parent of teenage children, I know how important good, wholesome, challenging programs are for our young men and women. If I could, I would help every Scout and Venturer become a Voyageur!

Pierre de Rosa, Voyageur de La Salle  
Director, **BIRCHBARK EXPEDITIONS**

Visit our website -

<http://www.wnyscouting.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=17417&orgkey=1977>

**2010 SEASON  
INVITATION TO ADVENTURE**

- FULLY GUIDED CANOE TRIPS INTO THE  
CANADIAN NORTHWOODS

- ADVANCED 14-DAY EXPEDITIONS  
Offered on a Select Basis. Call Council for Details

**Eligibility**

Age 13 by start of your trip. First Class Scout; BSA  
Blue Swimmer Test (Swim 100 Yards)

**Cost: \$400 per participant**

(based on 7 paying participants minimum per crew.  
Crews provide their own transportation)  
Price is slightly higher if you have fewer than 7 in  
crew

**2010 Crew Reservations**

Seasons have filled as far as nine months in  
advance. On-time reservations will hold your spot.

**Schedule for 7-Day Algonquin Trips**

Day 1 (Saturday)

**Ste. Marie Among the Huron, Midland, Ontario**  
Day-long tour of Ontario's first French and Huron  
Settlement. Optional side trips to Wye Marsh,  
Martyr's Shrine. (Crews provide optional trips)

Day 2 (Sunday)

**Birchbark Expeditions Base, Algonquin Park,**  
Church service. Water Shakedown, paddle  
instruction. Optional side trips to Algonquin Natural  
Museum, Logging Museum, and the Portage Store.  
(Crews provide optional trips).

Days 3,4,5,6,7 (Monday through Friday)

**Northwoods Canoe Trip**  
In the Algonquin Interior

Day 7 (Friday)

**Birchbark Expeditions Base Camp**  
Closing campfire, awards.

Day 8 (Saturday)

**Travel home** to the United States.

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### ALL INCLUSIVE TRIP PACKAGE

We have intentionally designed the fees so that almost everything is included in the participant fee. Other than transportation and two lunches, there are no major add-on costs.

#### Participant Fee Includes:

Guide. A Friendly, Personable, Experienced, Veteran Birchbark Expeditions Guide

#### Equipment

- 17 foot lightweight Old Town tripping canoes
- Paddles, Life Jackets
- Tents-lightweight, with mosquito netting
- Gas Stoves with fuel, cook kits, dining fly
- Canoe Packs for personal and crew gear, and food
- Water purification tablets

#### Food

Lightweight, easy to prepare tripping meals

#### Park Fees

All park vehicle fees, adult and youth camping fees, interior canoe trip fees. Guide Fees are also included.

#### Ste. Marie Among the Hurons

Admission fees, all meals, accommodations.

#### Each Crew is responsible for the following costs:

Travel to and from Ste. Marie and Algonquin Park. Sunday Lunch en-route from Ste. Marie to Algonquin. Saturday Lunch coming home from Algonquin. Spending money for souvenirs, and extra maps. Fishing licenses for those who wish to fish.

### SPECIAL BONUS FOR OUT-OF-COUNCIL CREWS! PRE-TRIP TOUR OF NIAGARA FALLS

Why not come a day early for a tour of Niagara Falls!

**What to do.** Day 1 of the trip starts on Saturday. You may wish to come a day early to Niagara Falls. That will break up your travel time, and give you some time to tour spectacular Niagara Falls. You could also plan a side trip to historic Old Fort Niagara, which commanded the entrance to the Niagara River Portage, the major supply route to the Ohio Valley, Fort Duquesne and the Mississippi River.

**Niagara Falls State Park Master Pass** At \$27.50 (2007 price) the Master Pass provides admission to the Niagara Falls tour trolley, the Viewmobile; the Visitor Center movie; the world class Maid of the Mist boat ride, and the awe inspiring Cave of the Winds – an excellent value. It would take a whole day to do all that! Or, you can visit the attractions individually.

**Accommodations.** For crews coming from outside the Western New York Area, the Greater Niagara Frontier Council offers accommodations in cabins at Camp Stonehaven, which is just 12 miles from world famous Niagara Falls. Call the Council Office for rental information. Tent sites are also available.

**Meals.** There are many reasonably priced restaurants and supermarkets in Niagara Falls.

**Costs.** The pre-trip tour day of Niagara Falls is an optional bonus day designed for our out-of-council units. The costs are not included in the basic trip package, because not all crews will take advantage of the touring day. However, we believe you will find the cost and value of this day to be very attractive.

### TRAVEL TIMES AND DISTANCES

Distance (miles) between Niagara Falls, NY and...

Rochester, NY.....	90 miles (1½ hours)
Erie, PA.....	125 miles ( 2 hours)
Frederick, MD.....	400 miles ( 8 hours)
Washington, DC...	500 miles (10 hours)
Richmond, VA.....	625 miles (12 hours)
New York, NY.....	400 miles ( 8 hours)
Midland, Ontario...	150 miles ( 3 hours)
Algonquin Park....	300 miles ( 6 hours)
Mattice, Ontario...	620 miles (12 hours)
Moosonee, Ontario	820 mi (10-day paddle from Mattice)



## BIRCHBARK EXPEDITIONS BASE CAMP

On Sunday, crews arrive at our Base Camp, situated in the Whitefish Lake campground, conveniently located on Highway 60 between the Canoe Lake Portage Store and the Algonquin Visitor Center. Many crews visit the magnificent Visitor Center on Sunday, where the cafeteria offers good meals. The lake provides an ideal sheltered location to hold our pre-trip canoe training. Our opening and closing campfires are held here. And on Sunday at Base Camp you will meet your Guide, who will stay with your crew.

## YOUR CANOE TRIP IN ALGONQUIN

On Monday crews leave the Birchbark Expeditions Base Camp for five days of canoeing in the interior. Motor boats are banned beyond the first access lakes, so within a day you will be in a remote wilderness section of the park. There are literally hundreds of lakes in Algonquin, and dozens of canoe routes. We will custom design a trip to your crew's desires and experience levels. Get ready for unsurpassed canoe tripping!

Our Guides are specially trained to help you become an expert canoe tripper, the hallmark of which is the "one-trip portage". Through the use of careful packing technique, and specialty lightweight equipment, most crews traverse the often rugged portages in one trip.

Park regulations limit group size in the interior campsites to nine people per site, in order to limit wear and tear on the ecosystem. Larger crews can paddle together, but must camp in separate sites.

## ALGONQUIN PROVINCIAL PARK

Algonquin Provincial Park is the oldest and most famous provincial park in Ontario and one of the largest in Canada. It is three hundred miles – six hours – from the Niagara Falls USA/Canada border, and encompasses an amazing variety of landscapes and landforms. Situated on the ancient Canadian Shield, Algonquin stretches across 7,725 square kilometers of wild and beautiful lakes and forests, bogs and rivers, cliffs and beaches – a canoeist's paradise. The vast interior is only accessible by canoe and portage, and is populated by beaver, moose, bear, wolves and loons.

One of the Park's official brochures sums up the canoe tripper's experience, "Hear the call of a loon echoing from the rocky lakeshores, gaze at the sunset silhouetting a solitary pine, and watch a beaver forging a rippling wedge across a glassy pond. A fish splashes, a moose raises its massive head to stare at passing paddlers, and high above a windy cliff, a croaking raven surveys a landscape of lakes, forests, streams and bogs from horizon to horizon. At nightfall, two canoeists look up from their flickering campfire and drink in the wild music of wolves wafting over the ancient hills. This is Algonquin Provincial Park."

## 7-DAY TRIP RECAP

Day 1 (Saturday) starts with Lunch at Ste. Marie Among the Hurons. You will be immersed into the 17th Century struggle for the continent. All meals are provided in the Ste. Marie restaurant.

Day 2 (Sunday) crews travel to Birchbark Expeditions Base Camp, at Whitefish Lake in Algonquin Park. On the way in, crews can stop in Huntsville for last minute items, visit one of several canoe and equipment outfitters to "get in the mood", and lunch at the Algonquin Visitor Center (because of the different travel schedules among the crews, this lunch is on your own).

Days 3 thru 7 (Monday thru Friday) crews are tripping through the Algonquin Interior. All meals are provided.

Day 7 (Friday) crews have closing campfire at Base Camp, and receive their Birchbark Expeditions patches.

Day 8 (Saturday) crews head home.



## SAINTE MARIE AMONG THE HURONS A BRIEF HISTORY

The year was 1639. It had been 24 years since the explorer Samuel de Champlain first reached Georgian Bay, opening the continent to the fur trade. Quebec had been established; however the interior of the continent still had no permanent French settlement.

That year Sainte-Marie was founded by French Jesuits in the land of the Wendat, or Huron people. The mission was designed as a retreat for missionaries and a refuge for Christian Hurons. It also stood as an example of French culture in the isolated heart of New France. The Hurons shared their knowledge with the European newcomers and the little mission struggled to become self sufficient.

During its ten-year existence, Sainte-Marie was the only European community in what is now Ontario. It was the site of Ontario's first hospital and first European style farm. By 1649 Sainte-Marie housed 66 Frenchmen, one-fifth of the population of New France at the time. Constructed by French helpers and craftsmen, Sainte-Marie was built using stone and timbers from the surrounding countryside. Some items, like candles, books, and small amounts of iron came from Quebec by canoe, a hazardous four week journey. The addition of cattle, chickens, pigs and gardens made the isolated mission virtually self-sufficient, even though it was 800 miles inland from Quebec.

The Hurons had no resistance to the European diseases brought to their land by the newcomers. Measles, smallpox and influenza killed many. The situation was compounded by the rekindling of traditional rivalries between the Hurons and the Iroquois of what is now New York State. The contest for dominance over the lucrative Georgian Bay – Ottawa River fur trade route further fueled the life and-death struggle



In 1649 Fathers Jean de Brebeuf and Gabriel Lalemant, along with hundreds of Hurons were captured and killed. As neighboring Huron villages were destroyed by the fierce Iroquois, the Jesuits prepared to leave their mission home. In June 1649 they packed their most precious possessions (including the relics of the slain Fathers Brebeuf and Lalemant) and set out by canoe for Christian Island, burning Sainte-Marie to the ground lest it fall into the hands of the Iroquois enemy.

Traveling by canoe to Christian Island they established Sainte-Marie II. After a winter of terrible hardship and starvation there, the Jesuits decided to abandon their mission. Accompanied by a few hundred Christian Hurons, they returned to Quebec in 1650. The wilderness claimed the ruins of Sainte-Marie among the Hurons. And the once strong Huron people were obliterated from their ancient homeland by the twin terrors of disease and Iroquois ferocity.

Today Sainte-Marie is reconstructed on its original site. Costumed interpreters tell the story of two cultures in collision, revealed through archaeological findings and the writings of the 17th century Jesuits themselves. Eight Frenchmen who died between 1642 and 1649 have been recognized as saints, and Martyr's Shrine, across the highway from Sainte-Marie, is dedicated to these Canadian martyrs.

For more information, go to:  
<http://www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca/english/index.htm>

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## 2010 BIRCHBARK EXPEDITIONS CREW / TROOP APPLICATION 7-DAY ALGONQUIN TRIPS

Please fill out this application completely and return it to the Greater Niagara Frontier Council office with a **\$400 non-refundable deposit**. This deposit will be added to the total fee. ***THE SEASON FILLS UP QUICKLY!***

CREW/TROOP # _____	LEADER IN CHARGE _____
DISTRICT _____	ADDRESS _____
COUNCIL _____	CITY, STATE _____
	PHONE _____
NUMBER OF CREW(S) @ \$400 Deposit/Crew _____	E-MAIL _____
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>Cost: \$400 per participant (youth and adult) for 7 or 8 Maximum number: 8 per crew \$3,200 / crew based on 8 participants (\$400 each) \$2,800 / crew based on 7 participants (\$400 each) \$2,500 / crew based on 6 participants (\$425 each) \$2,400 / crew based on 5 participants (\$480 each)</p></div>

### FEE PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Algonquin Park limits the "Interior" group size to 9 per campsite. Your unit can bring up to 8 adult and youth participants (your Guide makes 9). To accommodate smaller troops and crews, the price increases per person. Your troop or crew pays for the number of crew members you actually bring (not including the Guide). This gives some buffer for last minute changes in size. The crew deposit is non-refundable in the event of a crew cancellation, but the deposit IS applicable to your total crew fee.

**JAMES BAY EXPEDITION -**  
Missinaibi and Moose Rivers  
Mattice to Moosonee

Journey to James Bay featured in the May 2007 issue of *SCOUTING MAGAZINE*.

### 200-Mile Northern River Expedition For Experienced Trippers

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Birchbark Expeditions offers advanced wilderness trips for experienced Units such as this 2006 trip to remote James Bay.

Moose Factory, at Moosonee, was founded in 1673 as one of the first Hudson Bay Company trading posts. The Missinaibi-Moose River canoe route was once an important fur trade route connecting James Bay to Lake Superior. Furs worth fortunes were paddled and portaged from inland posts over this express route to Hudson Bay and European markets.

### 11. Hiking Trails:

#### *Trail Requirements*

1. Write for the Trail information well in advance.
2. Units traveling 500 miles or less are to file a local tour permit. If traveling more than 500 miles away, a National Tour Permit must be filed (Be sure to allow enough time).
3. Each group must be registered with the trail committee before hiking the trail.
4. The proper uniform and conduct will be displayed at all times while on the trail.
5. Any required waiver forms must be filed with the unit/group leader.

#### *Hiking Safety*

1. Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic, or if it is possible, stay clear of roads at all times.
2. Each unit or group should carry a first aid kit with them during the entire hike.
3. Follow all trail markers and signs along the route.
4. Units should hike the trail as a group.
5. Parent permission forms should be filled out by the parents before going on the hike

#### *Conduct*

Hikers must maintain a high standard of conduct, courtesy, and consideration towards the public and private property through which these trails pass. Acts of vandalism along the trails could result in the trails' closure in the future. Keep the trail route clean and help to maintain the beauty and good relations with property owners. Remember that there are others who hope to have the same experience that you enjoyed.

### 12. American Historic Trails:

The "American Historic Trails" are a group of trails, which are operated from the Washington D.C. area; relating to places of national historic interest. A few of the Trails are listed below and all are BSA approved and offer patches, medals, or trail certificates for individuals who complete all of the trail requirements.

- **The Benjamin Franklin Historic Trail** – (4.5- 5.3 miles long).  
Route goes through Philadelphia's historical areas.
- **The Lincoln Pilgrimage** – (7.5-11.5 miles long).  
This trail covers the greater Washington D.C. area.

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- **The Philadelphia Bicentennial Trail of Freedom** – (5.0-7.5 miles long).  
Route goes through Philadelphia's Historical Districts.
- **The Colonial Annapolis Historic Trail** - (7.0-14.5 miles long).  
Route goes through Annapolis, MD.
- **The National Capitol Trail of Freedom** – (6.5-9.5 miles long).  
Route goes through Washington D.C. area.
- **The Presidents' Trail** – (11.0-18.0 miles long)  
Route goes through Washington D.C. area.
- **Old Town Alexandria Tour** - (8.0 miles long)  
Route goes through the town of Alexandria, VA.
- **The Manassas National Battlefield Historic Trail** – (12.75 and 17.75 miles long).  
The routes go through the Manassas National Battlefield Park.

For specific information on these trails, or additional trails, write to:

American Historic Trails  
P.O. Box  
810 Washington D.C., 20044

### 13. Trails run by Scout Councils and OA Lodges:

#### New York

- **Council Trails Heritage Program** – (15.0 miles long).  
Write to: Seneca Waterways Council, 474 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14607
- **Portage Trail** – (10.0 miles long).  
Write to Allegheny Highlands Council, 50 Hough Hill Road, Falconer, NY 14456

#### Pennsylvania

- **Valley Forge Trail**  
This trail runs through the park. Write to Cradle of Liberty Council, 22nd & Winter St., Philadelphia, PA 19103
- **Washington Crossing Historical Trail**  
For information, write to: Bucks County Council, 1 Scout Way, Doylestown, PA 18901

#### Ohio

- **Johnny Appleseed Trail** – (20.9 miles long).  
This trail is in two segments. Write to Heart of Ohio Council, 625A State Route 250 East, Ashland, OH 44805

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### New Jersey

- **Jockey Hollow Trail** – (17.5 miles long).  
Write to Patriots Path Council, 1170 Route 22, West Mountainside, NJ 07092

### Delaware

- **Delaware Caesar Rodney Historical Trail** – (11 miles long).  
Write to Del Mar VA Council, 8th and Washington St., Wilmington, DE 19801

### Maryland

- **Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Historic Trail** – (184.5 miles long).  
Write to Maryland Historic Trails, P.O. Box 411 Glen Burnie, Maryland 21001








# **APPENDIX SECTION**

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## APPENDIX A:


### BSA CAMPING RESOURCES ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB (WWW)

<b>A) BSA RELATED (Permits, Awards and Forms):</b>			
	<b>Form Name</b>	<b>Hot Link</b>	<b>Web Address (in case hot link does not work, just "Copy" the text below and "Paste" it into the Address portion of your web browser)</b>
1	National Tour Permit	PDF Version  - print on legal (8.5 x 14) size paper	<a href="http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/4419.pdf">http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/4419.pdf</a>
2	Local Tour Permit	PDF Version  - print on legal (8.5 x 14) size paper	<a href="http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34426.pdf">http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34426.pdf</a>
3	Historic Trails Award/50-Miler Award	Historic Trails Program/50-Miler Award 	<a href="http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34408.pdf">http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34408.pdf</a>
4	BSA National Forms	<a href="http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/forms.aspx">BSA National Forms</a>	<a href="http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/forms.aspx">http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/forms.aspx</a>
5	Activity Consent Form and Approval by Parents or Legal Guardian	<a href="http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/19-673.pdf">Activity Consent Form and Approval by Parents or Legal Guardian</a>	<a href="http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/19-673.pdf">http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/19-673.pdf</a>

<b>B) HEALTH RELATED:</b>			
1	Annual Health and Medical Form (replaces Class 1, 2, and 3 health forms).	<a href="http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf">Prints on 8.5 x 11 paper</a> 	<a href="http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf">http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf</a>
2	Annual Health and Medical Form (replaces Class 1, 2, and 3 health forms).	<a href="http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Spread.pdf">Prints on 11 x 17 paper</a> 	<a href="http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Spread.pdf">http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Spread.p df</a>

<b>C) Camping Related Literature</b>			
1	Guide to Safe	For reading <a href="http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety">on-line</a>	<a href="http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety">http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety</a>

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	Scouting	— this version is divided into chapters and includes a search engine.	<a href="/GSS/toc.aspx">/GSS/toc.aspx</a>
2	Guide to Safe Scouting	For reading <a href="#">off-line</a>  — the entire publication is presented in a single interface to facilitate print-out.	<a href="http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416.pdf">http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416.pdf</a>

**Please report any non-functioning web links to either and/or both person(s) below:**

1	Dale Shick	<a href="#">WTGC Advisor</a>	scouter591@yahoo.com
2	Rick Hanes	<a href="#">Communications Advisor</a>	rickh43@rochester.rr.com

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## Cabin Capacities & Rental Fees for all GNFC Camps 9/09 - 9/10

<b>SCHOELLKOPF</b>				
<b>Cabin/Lean-to</b>	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Fees per Week End</b>	<b>Non Scout Fees</b>
Phillip (Lower)	8	S,W,E	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	\$ 96.00
Schoellkopf (Upper)	12	S,W,E,C	<b>\$ 72.00</b>	\$ 144.00
Schwartz	14	S,W	<b>\$ 70.00</b>	\$ 140.00
Score	16	S,W,E	<b>\$ 96.00</b>	\$ 192.00
Self	12	S,W,E	<b>\$ 72.00</b>	\$ 144.00
Sikes	18	S,W,E,C	<b>\$ 108.00</b>	\$ 216.00
Toulmin	16	S,W,E	<b>\$ 96.00</b>	\$ 192.00
<b>Lean-To's</b>				
Art Wood (Flats)	12	W	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	\$ 96.00
Jim Pace (Flats)	12	W	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	\$ 96.00
Ben Milak (Northwoods)	12	W	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	\$ 96.00
Seibel (Northwoods)	12	W	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	\$ 96.00
Sciera (Meyer Village)	12	W	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	\$ 96.00
Stranski (Meyer Village)	12	W	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	\$ 96.00
Faso (Meyer Village)	12	W	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	\$ 96.00
Troop 7 Shelter	20	S,W,E	<b>\$ 96.00</b>	\$ 192.00

<b>SCOUTHAVEN</b>				
<b>Cabin/Lean-to</b>	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Fees per Week End</b>	<b>Non Scout Fees</b>
Holman Cabin	20	S,W,E	<b>\$ 120.00</b>	\$ 240.00
Loegler 1	20	C,S,W,E	<b>\$ 120.00</b>	\$ 240.00
Loegler 2	20	C,S,W,E	<b>\$ 120.00</b>	\$ 240.00
Craft Lodge	20	S,W,E	<b>\$ 120.00</b>	\$ 24.00
Safari Lodge	30	C,S,W,E	<b>\$ 180.00</b>	\$ 360.00
<b>Lean-To's</b>				
#1 Eagle	12	W	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	\$ 96.00
#2 Whitetail	12	W	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	\$ 96.00
#3 Dziedzic	12	W	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	\$ 96.00
Moose	10	W	<b>\$ 40.00</b>	\$ 80.00
Boss	12	W	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	\$ 96.00

<b>STONEHAVEN</b>				
<b>Cabin/Lean-to</b>	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Fees per Week End</b>	<b>Non Scout Fees</b>
Cabin #1	24	S,W,E	<b>\$ 144.00</b>	\$ 288.00
Cabin #2	24	S,W,E	<b>\$ 144.00</b>	\$ 288.00
Leader's Lodge	28	S,W,E	<b>\$ 168.00</b>	\$ 336.00
Niagara Cabin	30	C,S,W,E	<b>\$ 180.00</b>	\$ 360.00
Stone Lean-To	6	<b>Fireplace Outside</b>	<b>\$ 24.00</b>	\$ 48.00
TROOP 107 SHELTER	8	W	<b>\$ 30.00</b>	\$ 60.00

**Code: S=Cooking Stove; W=Wood Heating Stove; E=Electricity; C=Co-Ed Ready**  
**Firewood fee: \$50 per 1/2 facecord**

**Tent Camping fee \$2.00 per person minimum 2 adults, five people**  
**Day use only fee \$2.00 per person per day.**

# Ho-De-No-Sau-Nee Lodge 159 "Where-to-go-Camping" Booklet

Greater Niagara Frontier Council, BSA (716) 891-4073

Camping Department

## GNFC Camps Procedures, Rules, Regulations

### **Short Term Camping Reservation Procedures for Troops, Packs, Crews, and all Non-Scout Groups**

Cabin reservations will be accepted by mail only prior to September 15<sup>th</sup> of each year and must be postmarked no earlier than August 15<sup>th</sup>. Beginning September 15<sup>th</sup> walk in and phone reservations will be accepted at the Council Service Center during normal business hours.

#### **No reservations will be accepted without the total rental fee(s).**

Each unit may initially request only 1 weekend overnight trip, with 3 choices for each request prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> of the current camping year (September through June).

After October 1<sup>st</sup>, unlimited reservations may be made with payment in full for any opening on a first come first served basis.

The total reservation fee for the requested facility must accompany the weekend camping application. If a unit cancels 4 weeks prior to the scheduled weekend, 50% of the fees paid will be refunded to the unit upon receipt of a written request. If a unit cancels with less than 4 weeks notice, the fee is nonrefundable unless the facility is rented to another unit. If the camp is closed due to severe weather, an emergency, or power failure etc. refunds will be issued or the fees transferred to another weekend, space permitting. The Assistant Council Executive makes the final decision on any camp closing or camping related refund.

A camping permit will be issued only after the full fee is paid. Fees may be deducted from the unit account if there are sufficient funds in the account, and the Leader has proper authorization to use the account.

Firewood is available for purchase and must be ordered and paid for prior to your arrival at camp. Wood will be sold by the ½ face cord at a price to be determined and posted before each camping season.

All out of council units must present evidence of sickness and accident insurance at the time they make their reservations and upon their arrival at camp. Non-Scout groups must present evidence of current liability and accident insurance in the amount of \$1 million dollars for the time period they are using council facilities or their reservation will be cancelled and no refund will be provided.

All damage done to Council facilities will be billed directly to the unit or group renting the facilities. Examples include broken windows, graffiti, or vandalism of any type.

All units must comply with BSA and Council regulations regarding Youth Protection, Two Deep Leadership and Standards for Privacy while using Council facilities. Any failure to do so will result in the unit being asked to leave the facility immediately and having the matter referred to Council Leadership for review.

### **Short Term Tent Camping Policy**

For all registered Scout Units a \$2.00 fee per person, at each camp for Tent Camping is required with a minimum of 5 people attending. A tent camping season permit is no longer required.

### **Lean-To Policy**

Any Unit using a Lean-to on Council Property must use an approved flame resistant tarp to cover the front opening when needed. The Greater Frontier Council provides flame resistant tarps for our lean-tos. Units renting the lean-to will be responsible for any damage to the tarp and its mounting hardware

### **Camp Rules & Regulations:**

**A roster of all attending participants must be presented to the Camp Ranger upon arrival at Camp.**

All units must comply with BSA and Council regulations regarding Youth protection, Two Deep Leadership and Standards for Privacy while using Council facilities. Any failure to do so will result in the unit being asked to leave the facility immediately and having the matter referred to GNFC management for review.

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- No parking except in designated areas. (Ex. Parking lots) Transportation to and from the camp is the responsibility of each Scout's parent and should be coordinated through the unit. Drivers must be at least 21 years old and hold a valid driver's license. Vehicles must be registered, insured, and inspected. **No one is allowed to ride on trailers or in the back of pickup trucks (whether or not it has a cap).** Drivers who break this rule will be asked to leave camp immediately. Unit leaders who knowingly allow this to happen will risk having their unit dismissed from camp. Safety first! All personal vehicles and drivers are subject to the terms as stated on the local tour permit application.
- No pets are allowed in camps.
- **Use** drinking water only from approved sources.
- Inside & Outside of buildings, as well as mattresses and bunks, **must** be thoroughly cleaned before checking out.
- All cans, bottles, refuse and garbage must be taken to the dumpster if available. There is **no** curbside pickup. Please check with the Camp Ranger to determine what disposal facilities are available while you are in camp. If disposal facilities are not available, you will be required to remove your refuse when you checkout.
- Use only approved latrines.
- Hacking of trees, defacing of buildings or damaging of equipment **will not** be tolerated. A fee **will be** assessed for damage of lost equipment.
- No standing trees will be cut.
- Fires may be kindled only in fireplaces, stoves or open places specifically designated by the Ranger.
- **All** open fires must be attended at all times and extinguished before leaving.
- Water is not to be used to extinguish wood stoves or fireplaces.
- Sledding is **prohibited** at camp Stonehaven.
- Sledding is permitted at Scouthaven and Schoellkopf only in designated areas and with Ranger's permission.

### Medication:

All medicines must be in their original containers and have original labels. All medications must be reported to the leader in charge and held in the possession by the parent/guardian of the youth.

### Alcohol and illegal drugs:

Alcohol and illegal drugs are **prohibited** on any Scout outing and at any Boy Scouts of America camp. Anyone caught in possession will be removed from camp and the matter will be referred to Council Management for review.

### Tobacco:

Tobacco products and smoking are **prohibited** on any Scout outing or campout. Since Scout camp is hardly the place for a boy to learn to smoke. All adults are required not to smoke in front of the boys.

### Emergencies:

When an emergency presents itself, the following steps should be followed:

- Stay calm.
- Take all steps to ensure that the further injury or potential injurious situations have been dealt with.
- Report the emergency to the Camp Ranger or his designate.
- Give a very clear and calm report - who, what, where, when, how, etc.
- Follow all Injury and Blood Born Pathogen Guidelines outlined in this manual.

### Camp Courtesies:

- There should be a small supply of wood at your camp when you arrive and you should leave a small supply when you depart.
- A Scout should leave the camp in better shape than you received it.
- Outdoor fires must be extinguished before checking out.
- Stoves and refrigerators should be cleaned before leaving.
- Fireplaces and woodstoves should be allowed to burn down. Do not use water to extinguish fires in stoves or fireplaces.

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### **Cub Scout Short Term Camping**

#### **Supervision:**

Wolfs & Bears – every Cub Scout attending a short-term campout **must** be accompanied by at least one parent/guardian. Adult family members are responsible for all children in their own family at all times.

Webelos Dens (4th and 5th graders) – every Webelos Scout attending a short-term campout **should** be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Adult family members or a designated adult are responsible for all children in their supervision.

#### **Leadership:**

Leadership **must** be two deep with one adult of at least 21 years of age. One of these leaders **must** have completed trained in Youth Protection, Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), and liquid Fuels trained if the unit is planning to use liquid fuels or propane during this outing.

#### **Location:**

Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts may not camp overnight except at Council camps or a location approved by the GNFC that meet the following requirements.

- Prior inspection by GNFC personnel
- An approved source of fresh water
- Proper rest room and sanitation facilities
- Safe site location (ex. State Park)

Any Cub Scout camping done after October 30<sup>th</sup> and before April 1<sup>st</sup> must be done indoors in a heated cabin or dormitory building. Lean-tos are not considered appropriate facilities during this time period

#### **Sleeping quarters:**

Male and female are **required** to have separate tents or sleeping facilities separated by a securable door. If housing other than tents is used, separate facilities **must** be provided for males and females. Married couples may share the same quarters **if** appropriate facilities are available. When staying in a tent, no youth will stay in the tent of an adult other than his parent/guardian.

**No Cub Scout or Webelos Scout shall sleep on an upper level of a bunk bed. They must sleep on the lower bunk.**

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
fax 891-4008 [www.wnyscouting.org](http://www.wnyscouting.org)

## **2009 – 2010 SHORT TERM CAMPING RESERVATION APPLICATION**

**Beginning August 15, 2009** - Short term camping reservations will be accepted by **mail only** from August 15, 2009 to September 15, 2009 and **must** be postmarked no earlier than **August 15th**. Each Unit may initially request **only 1 camp-out** with 3 choices per request. Payment in full is due with each request. No faxed in or walk-in forms will be considered during this time.

**Beginning September 16th**, mailed, faxed, or hand delivered reservations will be accepted at the Council Service Center during normal business hours.

**After October 1st**, on a first come first served basis, unlimited reservations are accepted based on availability and with full payment.

Leaders may check for availability on the GNFC website [www.wnyscouting.org](http://www.wnyscouting.org), or by calling the Camping Dept. at (716) 891– 4073. Reservations must be made in writing with payment attached. No reservations by phone will be accepted.

*If your Boy Scout Troop or Cub Scout Pack attended Summer Resident Camp at Camp Scouthaven or Camp Schoellkopf in 2009, your unit will qualify for a 10% discount on all Cabin / Lean-To Rentals through May 2010.*

1. **The total reservation fee for the cabin/lean-to is due with the Weekend Camping Application. A camping permit is issued only after the full fee is paid.** Fees may be paid with check, cash, credit card, or charged to a GNFC unit account.
2. **Cancellation Policy:** If a Unit cancels 4 weeks prior to the campout, 50% of the fee is refundable. If a Unit cancels with less than 4 weeks notice, the fee is non-refundable unless the cabin/lean-to is rented to another unit. If we close the camp(s) due to emergencies, weather, power failures etc., refunds will be issued or fees can be transferred to another weekend. The Camp and Properties Manager makes the final decision on camp closings.
3. **Day Events/fishing:** For those units who wish to use the facility for a day hike or fishing there will be a \$2.00/person fee.
4. **Firewood** (seasonal) is \$50.00 per load. **Firewood must be ordered and paid for prior to your arrival at camp. Units are no longer permitted to bring their own firewood.**
5. **All out-of council units** must present evidence of sickness and accident insurance. Non-BSA groups must present evidence of one million dollar liability and accident insurance for a permit to be issued.
6. **All damage** done to council facilities will be billed directly to the unit or group renting the facilities. Examples include broken windows, graffiti, or vandalism of any type.
7. **Short Term Tent Camping:** For registered BSA Units, a \$2.00 per person fee is required. A minimum of 5 people (2 adults) is also required.
8. All Units must comply with BSA and Council regulations regarding Youth Protection, Two Deep Leadership and Standards for Privacy while using Council facilities. Any failure to do so will result in the unit being asked to leave the facility immediately and having the matter referred to respective GNFC Committees for review.

**Camp Schoellkopf and Camp Scouthaven are open for weekend camping September 2009 – May 15, 2010 with the exception of National Holidays, during Hunting Season and Special Council Events.**

**Camp Stonehaven is open for weekend camping year round with the exception of National Holidays and special Council Events.**

\*\*\*\*\* GNFC Camps are closed on the following dates: \*\*\*\*\*

Labor Day:	September 4- 7, 2009.
SSR & Scouthaven Hunting Season:	Nov. 21 - Dec. 13, 2009
December Holidays:	Dec. 21 - Jan. 4, 2010
Easter:	April 1 – 5, 2010
Memorial Day:	May 28 – 31, 2010



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## Weekend Camping Application – All Council Camps Complete ALL sections and send with full payment to hold reservation. One Camp Reservation per Sheet

Pack / Troop / Crew / Other \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ of Town \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_

*All out of Council and non Scout Applications MUST send Proof of Insurance along with this Request*

<u>WEEKEND CAMP</u>	<u>Camp Name</u>	<u>Date(s) Requested</u>	<u>Cabin, Lean-to OR Tenting</u>	<u>Approximate # of Campers</u>
Request				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice				

We attended a GNFC Resident Summer camp \_\_\_\_\_  
dates \_\_\_\_\_

PACK BALOO TRAINED REPRESENTATIVE NAME (required for Pack overnights) \_\_\_\_\_

WEBELO OWL TRAINED REPRESENTATIVE NAME (required for Webelos overnights) \_\_\_\_\_

**ARRIVE AT CAMP NO EARLIER than 4:00 PM FRIDAY/DEPART NO LATER than 12.00 PM SUNDAY.**

Campout Arrival: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Campout Departure: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

### **PLEASE PRINT (2 DEEP LEADERSHIP MANDATORY)**

Unit Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Protection Date \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Protection Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*mandatory mandatory*

### **PAYMENT OPTIONS - DUE WITH THIS APPLICATION**

Reservation Fee Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OR Charge Unit Acct: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Wood ½ Face \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Charge my: \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Motor Vehicle Checklist

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, state \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's license no. \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal date \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance company \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of liability coverage \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other drivers of same vehicle (this trip only) and driver's license numbers:

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Make of vehicle \_\_\_\_\_

Model year \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Auto license no. \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Basic Safety Check***

1. Seat belts for every passenger? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Tire tread okay? \_\_\_\_\_ Spare? \_\_\_\_\_  
Jack? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Brakes okay? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Windshield wipers operate? \_\_\_\_\_  
Fluid in reservoir? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Current inspection sticker? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Headlights and turn signals operating?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Rearview mirrors? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Exhaust system okay? \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Additional Safety Check***

1. Flares for emergencies? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Fire extinguisher? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Flashlight? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Tow chain or rope? \_\_\_\_\_
5. First-aid kit? \_\_\_\_\_

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## INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT

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I understand that participation in the \_\_\_\_\_ offered through the  
(Activity)

\_\_\_\_\_ Council, Boy Scouts of America, involves a certain degree of risk. I have

carefully considered the risk involved and have given \_\_\_\_\_, my (son/daughter),  
(Name)

my consent to participate in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Activity) (Dates)

This form must have both parent/guardian signature(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Please print.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Please print.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

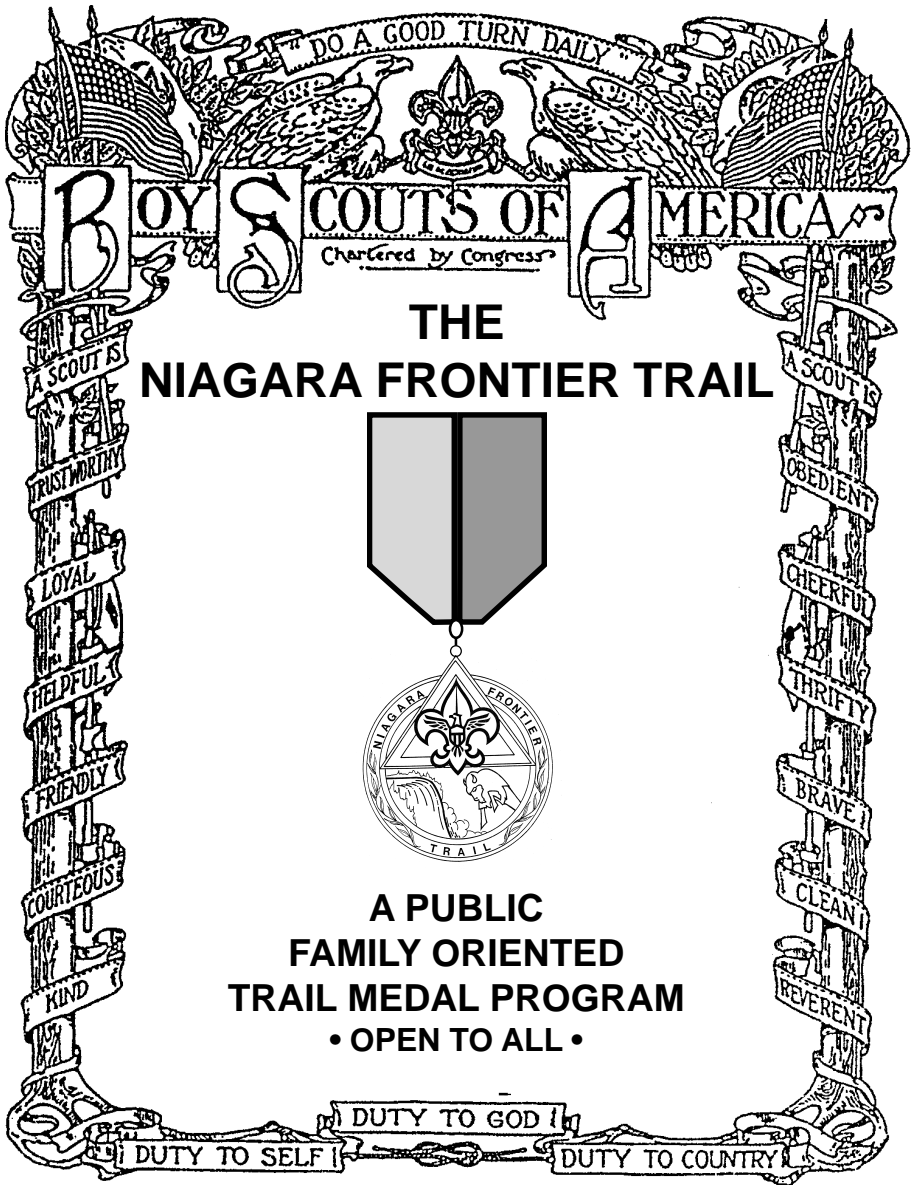
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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Telephone number(s) (area code included) \_\_\_\_\_

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# The Niagara Frontier Family Trail Program



**Welcome to Western New York  
and the Niagara Frontier !**



The Niagara Frontier is one of the most historically significant areas in the United States. Few regions can claim as much impact on our early development as a nation: The Iroquois Confederacy; military fortresses and battlegrounds; the development of hydro-electric power; gateway for the mass movement of settlers and goods across the Great Lakes and Mid-West heartland of America; home to immigrants and refugees from all lands; and, the awesome natural wonder of Niagara Falls, are just a few of the unique heritage-treasures that should be known and appreciated by people of all ages.

The Greater Niagara Frontier Council, Boy Scouts of America, established and maintains the “Niagara Frontier Trail” as an opportunity for families of Scouts, and non-Scouts alike, to discover the rich heritage of the Niagara Frontier. Through this program, the Council also has an incomparable opportunity to further its work in providing educational support to young people, and fostering family unity.

The Niagara Frontier Family Trail is a unique program, centered around a two day experience that includes a 30 mile motor tour of many of the historical highlights of the area, with specific activities along the way and follow-up projects afterward. Upon completion, each participant — Scout or not, young or old — is eligible to receive the trail medal. This program can be completed at any time during the year, however, it is strongly urged that it be attempted between April 1st and October 31st, as some of the sites maintain seasonal closing periods.

The “Trail” begins at *Old Fort Niagara National Historic Landmark* (Youngstown) and proceeds to the *New York Power Vista* (Lewiston), then the *Niagara Reservation State Park* and the mighty Falls of Niagara (Niagara Falls). Continuing on, the other sites are: the *Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society Museum* (Buffalo); the *Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site* (Buffalo); *Forest Lawn Cemetery* (Buffalo), which is the burial site of President Millard Fillmore, famed

Seneca orator “Red Jacket,” US Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, and “Pony Express” partner William D. Fargo; and concludes at the *Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park* (Buffalo). Numerous side-trip options abound including: the *National Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima* (Lewiston); the *Aquarium of Niagara* (Niagara Falls); and, in Buffalo, the *Albright-Knox Art Gallery*, the *Buffalo Museum of Science*, and Frank Lloyd Wright’s *Darwin D. Martin House*.

An important part of the Trail program is its “Hunt for Knowledge.” At each stop on the tour, you must look for answers to certain questions — listed in the Trail Booklet — which deal specifically with each site. Good touring, good learning, and, Good Luck! The list of specific requirements follows.

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**\*Please note:** While this program contains the name “Family Trail,” and was developed to help encourage family unity, it is open to anyone and any group interested in participating. It is a recognized reality of life, today, that “family” takes many forms. The important thing in all of this is that you undertake and experience the journey together.

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## Trail Medal Requirements:

**1 . Read this pamphlet thoroughly.** Sit down as a family and plan your Historic Trail, including any side-trips you may want to take. Designate responsibilities to everyone, such as:

- Making advance reservations    •Navigating and map reading
- Driving and paying tolls    •Asking questions or directions
- Taking pictures or collecting postcards and brochures

**2 . Visit all seven “required” sites on the trail and answer all the questions listed in this booklet for each location.** Everyone must be neat and courteous at all times. Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniform while on the Trail.

**Pre and post-visit research is strongly encouraged !!!**

**3 . Complete any two of the family projects listed below:**

- a. Make a family album of your trip, using either photographs you have taken, or postcards and brochures (or a combination) of the places you visited.
- b. Construct a diorama of the Niagara River, showing Lake Erie, the Falls, the Niagara Gorge, and Lake Ontario. Show it at school or group meeting.

- c. Write “thank you” notes to all those who helped you along the Trail.
- d. Take a side-trip and visit another point of interest that was not one of the required seven.
- e. Put together a presentation, and show it at school, Scout, or other group meeting.

**4 . Complete and sign the certification form in the back of this pamphlet (if you are under 18 years of age have parent, guardian or leader sign it) and mail to:**

Greater Niagara Frontier Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
2860-Genesee Street  
Buffalo, NY 14225-3131

*\*A correct “Answer Key” will be sent with your medals so that you can double-check your answers.*

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For additional assistance in planning your “Family Adventure,” and more information on the many experiences the Niagara Frontier has to offer, you may wish to contact:

•Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau•  
617-Main Street, Suite 200  
Buffalo, NY 14203-1496  
Phone: (716)852-0511 or (800)BUFFALO or (888)2BUFFNY  
www.buffalocvb.org    info@buffalocvb.org

• New York State Travel Information (official) •  
Phone: (800)CALL-NYS

*PLEASE NOTE: The phrase “Buffalo Niagara” originated as a marketing device and strategy, put into use by commercial entities in Buffalo and Erie County, to capitalize on the name-recognition that goes with “Niagara Falls.” Though there is a regional sound to it all, the reality is that the primary aim of most enterprises using the “Buffalo Niagara” monicker is to boost tourism, convention bookings, and other economic interests in the City of Buffalo and Erie County, not to further similar efforts in the City of Niagara Falls and Niagara County. The tourism and convention folks in Buffalo are very nice and quite helpful with providing information on the world-class attractions of that city; however, detailed information on attractions to the north are best obtained directly from those sites.*

**NOTE:** The ongoing fiscal situation of the New York State and Federal governments has greatly effected funding assistance to many public and private locales. Verify operating information directly with each site when planning your visit.

## Required Sites (7 in all) :

### 1. **Old Fort Niagara National Historic Landmark**

Fort Niagara State Park

(PO Box 169)

Youngstown, NY 14174-0169

Phone: (716)745-7611 Fax: (716)745-9141

[www.oldfortniagara.org](http://www.oldfortniagara.org)    [ofn@oldfortniagara.org](mailto:ofn@oldfortniagara.org)

Old Fort Niagara is one of the most significant historic sites in North America and the Great Lakes Region. Situated on the shore of Lake Ontario at the mouth of the Niagara River, the permanent fortress was begun and garrisoned by France in 1726 (after two failed attempts in the 17th-century), lost to Great Britain (1759-1796) during the French & Indian War, turned-over to the United States (1796-1813) under terms of “Jay’s Treaty,” re-taken by Britain (1813-1815) during the War of 1812, and returned to the United States (1815-Present) in accordance with provisions of the Treaty of Ghent. Following the Civil War era, the Fort was modernized and vastly expanded beyond the “old” walls of the original. The expanded post, or “new” Fort Niagara was an active Army base until June of 1963.

In the 1920’s, the Old Fort Niagara Association was formed to save and restore the “old” Fort (which was still being used for living quarters, and storage) as a museum. With the help of Federal and local citizens, school children, Scouts, and Army officials, the goal was achieved. Today, Old Fort Niagara is a Registered National Historic Landmark, owned by the State of New York, and operated by the Old Fort Niagara Association under license from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. Six original 18th-century buildings stand within its wall. The “French Castle” was the first permanent structure on the site (1726) and is the oldest original building in the Great Lakes area. The Fort is a center for a multitude of colorful “living history” events, and houses a significant archaeological collection, research & conservation facility. The grounds of New Fort Niagara were converted into a State Park when the United States Army decommissioned the base in 1963.

- Location: Inside Fort Niagara State Park, Youngstown, N.Y.
- Open: Daily (9:00 a.m.), except New Year’s, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Closing time varies by season.



•Admission: Yes; various rates. Contact Fort office for current structure. Group and AAA discounts are available. Scout group overnights, and other educational programs, are available by prior arrangement. Please note that entry to the Fort is through the NEW Visitor Center, which opened in 2006.

•Parking Fee (seasonal): Check with Fort office for current policy, which is governed by the State Parks Department.

**Questions to be answered:**

1. What major lakes are connected by the Niagara River, and why was the location of Fort Niagara and its control so critical to France and Great Britain?

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2. What is the oldest building at Fort Niagara?

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3. Prior to the construction of Fort Niagara, the French made two other attempts to garrison the site. What were these forts named; when were they built; when were they abandoned? What famous French explorer built the first of these forts?

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4. What fort was Niagara's main adversary during the War of 1812?

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5. Why do the two British-built "Redoubts" have chinese-style roofs?

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6. What does the Rush-Bagot Memorial commemorate?

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7. In which Native American nation's territory was Fort Niagara built, and of what powerful confederacy are they a member?

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## 2. Niagara Power Project — Power Vista

Power Vista & Visitors Center  
New York Power Authority  
5777 Lewiston Road  
Lewiston, NY 14092-2121  
Phone: (716)286-6661  
[www.nypa.gov/vc/niagara.htm](http://www.nypa.gov/vc/niagara.htm)

One of the earth's greatest natural wonders, Niagara Falls, is also one of the world's largest electric power producers. Since colonial days, man has harnessed the waters of the Niagara River to aid him in his daily labors. The ways in which that energy has been developed, and how it is being used today, are described in the exhibits of the New York Power Vista.

The Vista is located 350 feet above the Niagara River Gorge, crowning the New York Power Authority's Niagara Power Project generators. It is part of the total complex of intakes, underground water conduits, reservoir, holding bay, and turbines which are integral to the production of the hydro-electric power. In addition, the view of the magnificent gorge is unsurpassed from the outer deck.

- The Power Vista goes through regular renovations which can affect its opening to the public. Check with their office to confirm current visitor status (as regards possible Homeland Security closings), public hours, admission fees (if any), and parking.

- The complex is located directly next to the campus of Niagara University (founded, 1856; present location, 1857), home of the renowned Castellani Art Museum. University phone: (716)285-1212. Castellani Art Museum: (716)286-8200.

### Questions to be answered:

1. What body of water directly supplies the Niagara Power Project? Where does water first enter the system?

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2. In general, how is hydro-electricity generated at Niagara?

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3. Who was the first person to tap the river for commercial purposes?  

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4. In what year was hydro-electric power first produced on the Niagara River?  

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5. How large is the Niagara Power Project Reservoir in size (acres) and volume (gallons)?  

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6. The Hydro-Canada counterpart to the Niagara Power Project (located directly across the River) was named in honor of whom?  

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### **3. Niagara Reservation State Park~ Niagara Falls**

NY State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation  
Niagara Regional Office, PO Box 1132

Niagara Falls, NY 14303-0132

Phones: Office (716)278-1770/278-1796 Fax: (716)278-1744

[www.nysparks.com](http://www.nysparks.com) (Search: Niagara Falls State Park)

[www.niagarafallsstatepark.com](http://www.niagarafallsstatepark.com) (commercial site)

Established in 1885, Niagara Reservation State Park is the oldest STATE park in the nation. In addition to the United States' portion of the "Great Cataracts," it includes Prospect Point, Goat Island (with Terrapin Point), Luna Island, Bridal Veil Falls, and The Three Sisters Islands. The seasonally operated *Maid of the Mist Boat Tour*, *Cave of the Winds*, people-mover system, and *Orin Lehman Visitors' Center-Festival Theater* are all accessed here (the *Niagara Gorge Discovery Center* can be accessed via the people-mover system from here as well). The Falls can be viewed free-of-charge, but parking fees exist, as do fees for the *Maid of the Mist*, *Cave of the Winds*, *Festival Theater*, *Niagara Gorge Discovery Center*, and the people-mover.

•The New York State Park "Passport to the Falls" offers a good savings if you are going to visit ALL of the included attractions AND (highly recommended) use the "people-mover" system. The Pass also includes admission to the *Aquarium of Niagara*. Please call the Park Office for current rates.

•Parking in any of the three State owned lots (1 at Prospect Point, and 2 on Goat Island) is expensive, by local standards, but the most practical if spending the day (fee good for same-day re-entry). The one to aim for first is the Prospect Point Lot, directly south of the Rainbow Bridge and accessed from the mainland; next is the large lot on the west end of Goat Island (at Terrapin Point); absolute last resort (it's a very long hike) is the small lot at the east end of Goat Island. Municipal parking (City owned) is equally expensive (the open-air lot between Third Street and Rainbow Boulevard, although somewhat farther away, is preferable to the municipal ramp attached to the Rainbow Center; avoid both after dark). **AVOID PRIVATE PARKING LOTS and the SENECA NIAGARA CASINO RAMP.**

•Ongoing renovations near the Rainbow Bridge, in the Park, and on City streets, will impact parking and movement to some degree. Be prepared for potential seasonal delays.

### Questions to be answered:

1. Who was Father Louis Hennepin, and why is he important to the history of Niagara Falls?

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2. How did Goat Island get its name? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What is the name of the group of 3 islands clustered off the south side of Goat Island, and who were they named after?

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4. "Niagara Falls" is actually composed of two primary cata-racts — the "American Falls" and the "Horseshoe Falls" — plus the small "Bridal Veil Falls." Is the "Horseshoe Falls" in United States or Canadian territory? \_\_\_\_\_

5. In what year were the American and Bridal Veil Falls "turned off" by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers so that they could be examined, and stabilization options evaluated? How did they accomplish this feat? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. The rate of water flow over Niagara Falls is greater during daytime hours than at night. Why is this? \_\_\_\_\_
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#### **4. Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society**

25 Nottingham Court

Buffalo, NY 14216

Phones: (716)873-9644 Fax: (716)873-8754

[www.bechs.org](http://www.bechs.org)

The Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society is one of the oldest regional organizations of its type in the country. Founded in 1862, its first president was Millard Fillmore, 13th President of the United States.

The building which now houses the Society, and serves as a museum-research center, was built of white Vermont marble and designed to be used as the “New York State Building” for the 1901 Pan-American Exposition. This National Historic Landmark was the only building specifically designed to remain after the Expo, and is the primary repository for: more than 80,000 artifacts documenting the area’s cultural heritage; 20,000 books; 200,000 photographs; and, 2000 manuscripts.

- The Museum is open daily, except Monday. It is also closed New Year’s Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Check with their office for times and admission costs, and any potential seasonal changes.

- The Museum is near the world famous Albright-Knox Art Gallery ([www.albrightknox.org](http://www.albrightknox.org)), whose permanent collection includes works by Picasso, Van Gogh, Matisse, Derain, Monet, and Renoir. Although intended (hoped for in planning) to serve first as the Fine Arts Pavilion of the 1901 Pan-American Exposition, the “Albright Art Gallery” was not completed until 1905, well after the Expo.

#### **Questions to be answered:**

1. In what year was the original Erie Canal completed, and what was the relationship of Buffalo, New York, to it? Name the first boat to transverse the Canal; when, and from where, did it depart. Also, by what derogatory “nick-name” was the Canal known by its detractors, and why? \_\_\_\_\_
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2. Why was the Erie Canal so important to the history of the United States, as well as the State of New York? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. By what “regal” sounding title is the City of Buffalo known? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. In what building at the 1901 Pan-American Exposition was President William McKinley shot? \_\_\_\_\_
5. During what armed conflict was Buffalo attacked and burned by British forces? \_\_\_\_\_
6. When was the original “Buffalo Lighthouse” built? \_\_\_\_\_
7. The east-coast based whaling industry of the 19th and early 20th centuries advertised heavily, for sailors, in Buffalo as well as Boston and New York City. Why those cities, in general, and Buffalo in particular? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 5. Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site

(Wilcox Mansion)  
641-Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14202  
Phones: (716)884-0095  
[www.nps.gov/thri](http://www.nps.gov/thri)

**NOTE:** This site was closed to the public for renovations in 2008. Scheduled re-opening is mid-June, 2009. Call to verify actual hours and admissions.

Following the assassination of President William McKinley, in Buffalo, at the 1901 Pan-American Exposition, Theodore Roosevelt was inaugurated as our nation’s 26th President in the library of the Wilcox Mansion (an historic home in its own rights at the time). The building is the only National Park Service location in Western New York, and one of just five inaugural sites located outside of Washington, D.C. For the record, Theodore Roosevelt was, and remains, the youngest President of the United States at the time of his inauguration.

Featured attractions include: guided tours of the house; permanent and changing exhibits; architectural walking tours; period gardens; and, numerous special events throughout the year. Extensive renovations and exhibit expansion has been completed.

“Teddy” Roosevelt was a good friend of Scouting in its early years, and was the first and only Chief Scout Citizen. His oldest son, Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., served on the National Board of the Boy Scouts of America for many years and was a strong advocate for the program until his death five weeks after World War II’s “D-Day” operations in 1944. Father (Col.) and son (Brig. Gen.) both are recipients of the United States Medal of Honor.

• Open daily, except, New Year’s Eve and Day, Easter, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Day. Check with their office for hours of operation, admission fees, and local parking information.

### **Questions to be answered:**

1. On what date was President McKinley shot? Who was the assassin, and why did he do it; what was the killer’s ultimate fate? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. On what date did President McKinley die and Vice-President Theodore Roosevelt take the oath of office as President? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What was the name of the house in which President McKinley died, and where was it located? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. During President McKinley’s first term of office, he appointed Theodore Roosevelt to what federal position? How long did he hold this post, and why did he resign it? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. At the time of his election in 1900 as Vice-President (for McKinley’s second term), what political office did Roosevelt hold? Who did McKinley and Roosevelt defeat in that election? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Teddy Roosevelt was, himself, the victim of an assassination attempt while running for President on the Progressive (or “Bull Moose”) Party line in the 1912 election. Just before he was to make a speech, in Milwaukee, he was shot; a glasses case in his pocket deflected the bullet and probably saved his life. Even with the bullet in his chest, Roosevelt insisted on making the speech; he recovered in about two weeks. What was the date of the attempt; who was the would-be assassin and his occupation; what was the shooter’s fate? \_\_\_\_\_
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7. The Roosevelt Inaugural Site is also known as the “Wilcox Mansion.” Who was Wilcox, and why was the inauguration held there? \_\_\_\_\_
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8. What were the “Buffalo Barracks,” and what was their relationship to the location of the Wilcox Mansion? \_\_\_\_\_
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9. In what year was the mansion officially acquired by the National Park Service to care for as the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site? \_\_\_\_\_

## **6. Forest Lawn Cemetery (Buffalo)**

1411 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14209  
Phones: (716)885-1600  
www.forest-lawn.com

**NOTE:**  
New Required Trail Site  
for 2009

Designed by Buffalo, NY, lawyer Charles E. Clarke, who purchased the land in 1849, this incredible 269-acre cemetery contains some of the finest examples of funerary art and architecture in the United States, including the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Blue-Sky Mausoleum™. Frederick Law Olmsted, who was one of the designers of New York City's Central Park, as well as the Niagara Reservation State Park in Niagara Falls, has been incorrectly identified in some publications (including a few local "official" tourism guides) as the architect of the site.



Following the opening of the Erie Canal and Buffalo's place as the western terminus of the new inland waterway, the city grew substantially, and by 1849 its port had become the busiest grain-transfer site in the world. As the population increased accordingly, Clarke realized the need for a cemetery of sufficient size to serve the needs of the booming population. His design concepts were inspired by the *Père-Lachaise* Cemetery in Paris, France, which was established by Napoleon-I in 1804, and named after Père (Father) François de la Chaise (1624-1709), confessor to King Louis XIV.

First and foremost, Forest Lawn is a final resting place for the departed, ranging from ordinary folk to former President of the United States Millard Fillmore (who was interred there in 1874). More than that, it includes outstanding examples of public and private sculpture and monument architecture, balancing works of art with nature. It is one of the finest spots in the north-east to observe the migration of birds, with nearly 250 types having been sighted. More than 10,000 trees adorn the grounds, representing 200 different species and varieties.

### **Questions to be answered:**

1. Whose remains were the first interred at Forest Lawn, and in what year did the funeral take place?  

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2. The statue of famed Seneca orator Red Jacket depicts him wearing the large oval-shaped Peace Medal awarded to him by what United States President?  

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3. What bell, which won the Gold Medal at the Paris Exposition of 1867, is tolled electronically for each funeral procession entering the cemetery?  

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4. What founder of the United States Weather Service and first commander of the U.S. Army Signal Corps is interred in the 1857 Walden-Myer Mausoleum in Section X of Forest Lawn?  

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5. When (year) did architect Frank Lloyd Wright design his "Blue-Sky Mausoleum™," and when (year) was it built?  

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6. What Native American interred at Forest Lawn, while a military adjutant to United States Army General Ulysses S. Grant, scribed the formal surrender document signed by Confederate General Robert E. Lee at Appomatox, Virginia, in 1865, that effectively ended the American Civil War?  

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7. What beloved African-American U.S. Congresswoman called Buffalo "Home" for a number of years, and is interred there at Forest Lawn Cemetery? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What Czarist-Russia Prince rests in peace at Forest Lawn?  

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## **7. Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park**

1 Naval Park Cove  
Buffalo, NY 14202  
Phone: (716)847-1773

[www.buffalonaivalpark.org](http://www.buffalonaivalpark.org)   [info@buffalonaivalpark.org](mailto:info@buffalonaivalpark.org)  
(at the foot of Pearl and Main Streets, across from HSBC Arena)

**\*Parking for this site is heavily impacted by ongoing construction. It is strongly advised that you contact the Naval Park Office, before you visit, to verify current the situation, then follow their recommendation. Also, municipal signage to the site is confusing.**

Located on the Buffalo waterfront, the Naval & Military Park is the largest inland facility of its kind in the United States. All branches of the Armed Forces are represented in the exhibits. Visitors have the opportunity to tour the decks and hulls of the Guided Missile Cruiser *USS Little Rock* (CL-92/CLG-4), the battle scarred Destroyer *USS The Sullivans* (DD-537), and the WW-II era Submarine *USS Croaker* (SS-246/SSK-246). Also on site is Motor Torpedo Boat *PTF-17*, as well as planes, a tank, and more. Overnight encampments are available for youth groups, such as Scouts, on board the *Little Rock*.

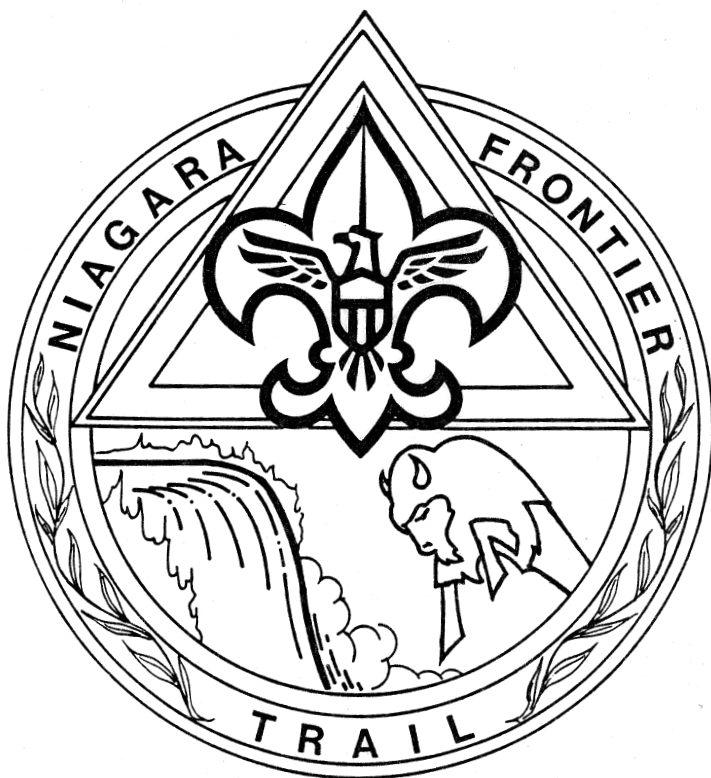
•The site is open to the public on a seasonal basis: daily, from April through October; weekends, in November. Check to confirm hours and admission fees, as well as parking information.

**Questions to be answered:**

1. What kind of airplane (manufacturer and type) is “Snooks 2nd,” and who was its pilot? \_\_\_\_\_
2. When was the *USS Little Rock* (CLG-4) decommissioned, and what was her approximate compliment of crewmen?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What are the names of the five Sullivan brothers for whom the *USS The Sullivans* (DD-537) is named? On what ship did they serve during World War II? \_\_\_\_\_
4. In what two combat theaters of World War II did “Motor Torpedo Boats” (PT Boats) prove invaluable to U.S. and allied forces, and wreak havoc on enemy targets?  
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5. In what operational areas did *USS Croaker* serve under its initial designation (SS-246), and after conversion (SSK-246)?  
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6. The nuclear-powered submarine *USS Buffalo* (SSN-715) – which was named after the City of Buffalo, New York – is designated as what “class” and “type” of vessel? What was the date of its “christening” and launch? \_\_\_\_\_
7. In whose memory is the Museum Building named? Also, a permanent exhibit gallery on board the *Little Rock* showcases uniforms and memorabilia from which allied (WW-II) group — many of whose veterans settled in, and around, Buffalo? \_\_\_\_\_



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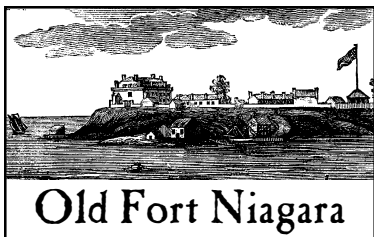
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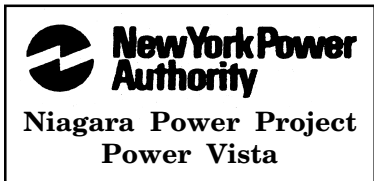
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