

GOSHEN SCOUT RESERVATION

LEADER'S GUIDE

Summer 2026



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WELCOME TO GOSHEN!

Dear Scouts, Scout Leaders, and Parents,

Welcome to the Goshen Scout Reservation and thank you for choosing us for your unit's summer camp experience this year! Seated on the steps of the George Washington & Jefferson National Forest in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, the Goshen Scout Reservation is proud to have been a part of the scouting experience since 1967. Our mission is to provide you with a memorable scouting experience, whether you are joining us at Goshen for the first time, or for the tenth time.

This summer, we are looking forward to National Capital Area Council's investment of \$1 Million into our camp property and programs. This initial investment and commitment strengthens our future and will continue to improve your camper experience. With new program equipment, facilities and infrastructure upgrades, and expanded outreach, we're excited to continue sharing the magic of Goshen with more Scouts and Units.

This guide will provide you with important information you will need in planning and preparing for your upcoming summer camp experience and should be reviewed by your unit's registration contact and leadership. Although this guide will share all general Goshen Scout Reservation material, please note that each of the 5 summer camps at Goshen also has their own supplemental guides with camp and program specific information. We continually update and add new information on our website and encourage you to visit our "Latest News" page at www.gotogoshen.org for information on merit badge schedules, program specifics, campership availability, pre-camp webinars, and much more.

Thank you for all you do for the scouting community throughout the year, and we cannot wait to welcome you to the Goshen Scout Reservation.

Yours in Scouting,



Elisabeth Warren, *Goshen Scout Reservation Director*

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WHAT IS GOSHEN SCOUT RESERVATION?

Operated by Scouting America National Capital Area Council, the Goshen Scout Reservation is home to five Nationally Accredited summer camps; Olmsted, Marriott, Olmsted, Ross, and Lenhok'sin High Adventure. Each of the camps offers specialized programs and advancement opportunities, as well as different dining methods.

CUB SCOUT OPPORTUNITIES

CAMP ROSS – www.gotogoshen.org/ross



Camp Ross is a weeklong resident camping programs for rising Webelos and rising Arrow of Light Scouts! With the goal to give scouts “a great week and an introduction to scouting,” Camp Ross serves as a steppingstone into the Scouts BSA program and future scouting experiences. Camp Ross offers camping for 300 and supports programs in nature, outdoor skills, crafts, shooting sports, and aquatics (including a water trampoline!). Units at Camp Ross enjoy meals from the Dining Hall and participate in camp songs and celebrations with the staff.

SCOUTS BSA OPPORTUNITIES

CAMP OLMSTED – www.gotogoshen.org/olmsted



Camp Olmsted is a center for STEM, hosting the “Tech Center” with programs including robotics, animation, and design. Olmsted also offers a wide variety of programs in aquatics, ecology, outdoor skills, range and target activities, and crafts. Units at Olmsted enjoy meals prepared in the Forster Dining Hall and take part in a dynamic “dining hall program.” Camp Olmsted offers camping for 400 and is the largest camp at the Goshen Scout Reservation.

CAMP BOWMAN – www.gotogoshen.org/bowman



Units who attend Camp Bowman will take part in the Patrol Cooking program, creating the opportunity for Scouts to apply their new and developing scout skills. By working together to cook each meal and care for the campsite, Camp Bowman units see growth in scout independence and teamwork. Camp Bowman offers camping for 300, and includes program areas for outdoor skills, range and target activities, aquatics, crafts, and more.

CAMP MARRIOTT – www.gotogoshen.org/marriott



With a focus on vocational and trade skills, Camp Marriott offers a large variety of merit badge programs in areas including aquatics, ecology, outdoor skills, range and target activities, and eagle advancement. With an emphasis on vocational and trade skills, “The Guild” hosts classes in metal working, welding, automotive maintenance. Camp Marriott offers camping for 300 and offers patrol cooking and “heater stack” dining methods. The use

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of the patrol method in dining options promotes active team building and teaches scouts effective group communication and time management, all while learning how to cook! Camp Marriott is also home to GSR's Provisional Camping program for individual scouts.

HIGH ADVENTURE OPPORTUNITIES

LENHOK'SIN HIGH ADVENTURE – www.gotogoshen.org/lenhoksin



Lenhok'sin High Adventure offers backpacking and canoeing trek programs for units and older scouts. Based on a "plan your own adventure" structure, Lenhok'sin's customizable Backpacking Trek and 61-mile James River Canoe Trek serve as a preparation opportunity for units who may be aspiring to attend a National High Adventure Base, such as Philmont or Northern Tier, in the future. Lenhok'sin backpacking units also take part in other high adventure activities including caving, black powder rifle shooting, blacksmithing, stand-up paddle boarding, and more!

Want to learn more about Goshen Scout Reservation?

Website: www.gotogoshen.org

Facebook: Goshen Scout Reservation

Instagram: @goshenscoutreservation

YouTube: Goshen Scout Reservation



QUICK REFERENCES

SUMMER 2026 CAMP DATES

Week 1	June 21 – June 27
Week 2	June 28 – July 4
Week 3	July 5 – July 11
Week 4	July 12 – July 18
Week 5 (Camps Olmsted & Ross Only)	July 19 – July 25
Week 6 (Camp Ross Only)	July 26 – August 1

IMPORTANT DATES

September 6	Registration Opens—Unit Deposit Phase
November 15	Unit Deposit Phase Ends. Camper Deposit Phase Opens
February 1	Campership Deadline
February 15	Camper Deposit Phase Ends. Full Registration Opens
March 31 at 7:00 pm	Merit Badge Registration Opens
April 15 at 11:59 pm	Early Bird Registration Deadline

*Stay tuned for informational webinar dates and opportunities!

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Camp Ross	camp.ross@gotogoshen.org	-
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WE'RE ALL INCLUSIVE!

In keeping with our commitment to deliver a high-quality camp experience for Scouts and Leaders attending summer camp at the Goshen Scout Reservation, and in response to feedback from the Scouting Community, Goshen Scout Reservation operates on an **“ALL-INCLUSIVE”** fee structure.

An “All-Inclusive” fee structure means that there are no hidden or additional costs for your Scouts or leaders to attend a GSR Summer Camp beyond the camp registration fee! Previous additional costs for items and programs such as Basketry kits, leather crafts, shotgun ammunition, and the ATV program are now included!

Goshen Scout Reservation camps are priced on a tiered structure, based on the needs and requirements of the program level they support; Cub Scout: Camp Ross, Scouts BSA: Olmsted, Marriott, Bowman, High Adventure: Lenhok’sin High Adventure.

The Cost of Camp for Summer 2026 at the Goshen Scout Reservation is:

	Cub Scout (Ross)	Scouts BSA (Olmsted, Bowman, Marriott)	Lenhok’sin High Adventure
Youth Early Bird	\$540	\$580	\$645
Youth Regular	\$570	\$610	\$675
Adult Early Bird	\$280	\$310	\$340
Adult Regular	\$320	\$350	\$380

Scouts who are crossing over from Arrow of Light to Scouts BSA will receive the Early Bird Discount, no matter when they register! We want to ensure that the time of their crossover ceremony does not deter an incoming Scouts BSA member from attending camp with their new Troop.

Unit Registration Fee

The initial unit reservation for a GSR summer camp is made through a one time non-refundable \$200 “unit registration fee.” Units who are sending multiple groups to GSR Camps will only need to make pay one unit registration fee (e.g., a Unit sends one group to a Scouts BSA Camp and one group to Lenhok’sin High Adventure). Please contact us for more information if you are considering sending multiple groups to GSR.

Camper Deposits

Knowing that this price structure represents a change, we are also moving forward with a deposit structure for youth campers. This method has been used to help support Unit Camping Coordinators in making camp accessible and approachable to all families. A deposit represents a commitment, and one we value greatly. In return, our team is best able to be prepared for your arrival and to focus on service. This \$100 camper deposit will lock in your spot at camp until full payment can be made and allow Scouts BSA youth to register for merit badges and activities earlier. Camper deposits will be counted towards the total youth cost of camp.

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Free Adults

Units attending Goshen Scout Reservation are permitted free adult leaders based on the number of youth attending. The more youth who attend with your Unit, the more free adults you receive!

1 – 10 Youth: 1 Free Adult 11 – 20 Youth: 2 Free Adults 21 – 30 Youth: 3 Free Adults
And so on...

Transportation Fare

Transportation to the Goshen Scout Reservation via bus will continue to be provided to Units. Tickets will be available for an **additional cost** beginning May 1.

Important Dates

Date	Event
July 1	Unit Registration Phase opens.
December 15	Camper Deposit Phase opens.
February 1	Campership applications due. Accepted afterward as
February 15	Camper Deposits due.
March 31	Merit Badge Sign Ups open at 7:00 pm.
April 15	Early Bird period ends.
May 1	Bus Transportation registration opens.
June 1	Final payments requested by June 1 st to best plan and prepare for your attendance at camp. Accepted a minimum of

PLANNING FOR SUMMER 2026

Below is a recommended timeline for your unit as you begin planning for the best summer camp experience for your scouts. This timeline highlights key dates and reminders to keep on your calendar.

SOMETIME IN THE FALL

- Identify your unit registration contact / Registration Contact
- Registration deposit at time of reservation
- Begin determining your summer camp leadership team

SIX MONTHS BEFORE CAMP (DECEMBER)

- Review GSR Leader's Guide and Camp specific material (Camp Leader's Guides, Program Guides, etc.)
- Determine financial needs and plans for unit and individuals

FIVE MONTHS BEFORE CAMP (FEBRUARY)

- Submit any Campership applications at www.gotogoshen.org/camperships by February 1.
- Camper deposits due February 15.
- Obtain Merit Badge preferences for scouts—Registration opens March 31 at 7:00 pm.
- Remind parents about the Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B, and C) and NCAC Health Advisory (physician's signature needed for Part C)

THREE MONTHS BEFORE CAMP (MARCH)

- Merit Badge registration opens March 31 at 7:00 pm
- Confirm commitments of Scouts and adults attending camp
- Contact incoming and crossing-over youth about your unit's summer camp plans (reminder: Arrow of Light Scouts crossing over into Scouts BSA will receive the Early Bird discount!)
- Remind parents about the Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B, and C) and NCAC Health Advisory
- Begin transportation planning. Did you know Goshen Scout Reservation provides bus transportation opportunities?

ONE TO TWO MONTHS BEFORE CAMP (APRIL AND MAY)

- Early Bird Deadline: April 15 at 11:59 pm—registration fee increases
- Check on status of Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record for all Scouts and adults

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- Confirm transportation arrangements—Bus Tickets go on sale May 1
- Bowman and Marriott Units: Determine your Camp Patrol breakdowns (don't forget adults!)
- Lenhok'sin Units: Submit your Pre-Camp Survey—due early May
- Host a Pre-Camp Parent's Meeting
- Identify and update food allergies and dietary restrictions for each participant on your unit registration

TWO WEEKS BEFORE CAMP

- Make roster adjustments and finalize as necessary
- Print out a copy of your Unit Roster w/ Scouting America ID Numbers to verify current registration. This will also be reviewed upon your arrival at camp.
- Collect all Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Records and NCAC Health Advisory (two copies recommended)
- Review packing list with Scouts and prepare unit equipment
- Review Merit Badge selection and schedules with Scouts
- Bowman and Marriott Units: Keep an eye out for camp communication regarding Patrol breakdowns
- Lenhok'sin Units: Keep an eye out for camp communication regarding Crew Trek Itineraries

ONE WEEK BEFORE CAMP

- Gather all required documents, print out any paperwork, and know where it is
- Finalize all roster, schedules, and financial balances

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PAPERWORK TO BRING WITH YOU TO CAMP

- o Unit roster reflecting current Scouting America registration of youth and adults attendees (see “Adult Leadership Requirements” section for more details)
- o Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR), Parts A, B, and C for all attendees (two copies recommended).
 - o Please note that Part C of the AHMR requires a physician signature and must be valid at the time of your attendance at camp.
 - o Part C of the AHMR is required for all participants (youth and adult) regardless of duration of stay at the Goshen Scout Reservation.
- o Scouting America Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist for all participants
- o Completed Pre-Camp Swim Check Form (not required, Scouts BSA and High Adventure only)
- o Release Waiver for ATV Participants (Scouts BSA Only, pre-registration required)
- o If attending Lenhok’sin High Adventure:
 - o CPR Certification for one crew member
 - o Wilderness First Aid Certification for one crew member
 - o Weather Hazards Training Certification for one crew member
 - o Safe Swim Defense Certification for one crew member
 - o Safety Afloat for one crew member (River Trek Only)
 - o Paddle Craft Safety Certification for one adult leader (River Trek only)

REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION RESERVATION

Goshen Scout Reservation uses the online registration system “Blackpug” for all camping registrations. All registrations must be completed using this online system at www.gotogoshen.org/registration.

When making a summer camp reservation, the unit will make a deposit (cost of one scout) to hold your unit’s space at camp. Once you have registered and paid for one youth, then you have officially reserved your Unit’s week at camp.

UNIT REGISTRATION CONTACT

Only one person, the unit registration contact, should manage the registration, enter information, and make payments on behalf of the unit. The unit registration contact will serve as the registration contact. We have found that fewer mistakes and issues arise when there is one primary person (the unit registration contact) responsible for all registration activities.

The unit registration contact may be any adult associated with your unit and does not necessarily have to attend camp with your unit. Parents should contact their unit registration contact to register their youth for camp. Parents should not be registering their youth individually.

REGISTRATION LOG-IN

Online registrations are made using your provided email address; no username or password required. Once you have completed your initial unit registration, you will be able to access your account with the email address you provided during the initial registration.

REGISTERING SCOUTS

Once you have paid the unit deposit and reserved your spot at camp (see above “Registration Reservation,”) you are able to add additional campers to your roster when you are ready to pay for them. Please note that registering attendees is similar to an online shopping cart, and that you will be unable to “check out” if there are unpaid campers in the cart.

Additional attendees can be added as youth and adults fully committed to attending summer camp with your unit. The registrar will receive an email that gives further details after the first deposit payment has been made.

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SPLITTING ADULTS

We know that it can sometimes be difficult for adult leaders and parents to be able to commit a full week of

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their time to attend summer camp with their Unit. Our split week opportunity allows adults to split their camp registration with another adult from their unit (for example one adult spends Sunday—Wednesday at camp, and the second adult spends Wednesday—Saturday.) If adults are splitting a week at camp, do not include extra adults in your registration. Instead, please indicate the first adult's full name in the "First Name" box of the registration, and the second adult's name in the "Last Name" box.

PAID IN FULL

Each participant must be paid in full to be considered registered for the Goshen Scout Reservation. If a participant has not fully paid the camping fees, then they are not officially registered, or "booked."

FEE SETTLEMENT

On one of your first days at camp, a designated adult leader from your unit will meet with a Goshen Scout Reservation Camp Director or designee to complete a "Unit Reconciliation Statement." This serves to verify your unit's total attendance and settle your camp account by paying any balance that is due. Please bring a blank check or credit card to camp to pay any outstanding fees due.

NCAC CAMP REFUND POLICY

If the unit cancels, the unit deposit is non-refundable.

If an individual cancels, a replacement scout may be found, the cost may be saved as credit for the unit, OR a refund may be requested. The camper deposit is transferable to another camper, but is otherwise non-refundable and forfeited with cancellation. Camper transfers must be to the same camper level (youth to youth, adult/den chief to adult/den chief).

REFUND REQUESTS

- **On or before May 15th**: A refund or a unit registration credit of 90% of registration costs will be granted for any reason by request through our Refund Request online form. Only requests from unit leaders will be honored (parents, please work through your unit leadership to receive a refund).
- **Between May 16th and July 31st**: A maximum refund or unit registration credit of 50% of registration costs will be granted for any reason by request through our Refund Request online form or via the At Camp Reconciliation meeting with your Camp Director during your week at camp. Only requests from unit leaders will be honored (parents, please work through your unit leadership to receive a refund).
 - *Please note that refund requests for Medical Reasons, Bereavement, and Job Transfer will result in approvals of 80%.*
- **After July 31st**: No further refunds or rollover unit registration credits can be requested.

All unit registration credits are valid only for the 2026 and 2027 Summer Camp seasons and will expire on August 31, 2026.

All refund requests will be subject to final review before refunds are issued. Units can request their refunds be returned to a) the original online payment method where possible (if not possible, a paper check will be

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issued to the unit) or b) to their Unit Council Account at NCAC for recharter and membership fees. All refund transactions will be completed prior to September 30th.

CAMPER FINANCIAL AID

Camperships are financial aid for Scouts who need assistance to attend camp and are available by application. Working together with parents and other partners, we aim that no youth will be denied the experience of summer camp due to financial hardship. There are limited funds available for camperships.

All Campership requests for Goshen Scout Reservation are due by February 1st. The Campership Committee will converse and make award designations. Applications received after this date will be reviewed and accepted on a rolling basis as funds are available. If you plan on applying for a campership for a youth, please DO NOT pay the full amount right away. Voucher codes will be sent out after Camperships are awarded.

To apply for a campership, please visit www.gotogoshen.org/camperships.

BOY TROOPS, GIRL TROOPS, AND FAMILY TROOPS & PACKS

A Family Pack or Troop is a Scouting unit that serves both eligible boys and girls within a single chartered unit, operating as one unit with one program, while following all Safeguarding Youth and Barriers to Abuse requirements.

A linked Troop consists of two separate Scouts BSA troops (one serving boys, one serving girls) that share the same chartered organization and same troop committee but remain as separate units with their own youth leadership and program execution.

Goshen Scout Reservation supports all unit designation types. As it relates to registered to attend summer camp, a family unit may register to attend camp as one unit and need only submit one registration. As linked units are two separate units, despite some shared resources, linked units must complete two separate registrations to attend camp.

Appropriate adult leadership must be provided as described in the Guide to Safe Scouting per your unit's designation type. To learn more, please visit the webpages below:

- Guide to Safe Scouting: Youth Protection and Adult Leadership: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/>
- Youth Protections and Barriers to Abuse FAQ: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/yp-faqs/>

PRE-CAMP PLANNING

SUMMER CAMP PACKING LIST

Packing lists for Cub Scout (Camp Ross), Scouts BSA (Olmsted, Bowman, and Marriott) and High Adventure (Lenhok'sin High Adventure) experiences are available at <https://www.gotogoshen.org/information/forms-downloads/>. Each camp type has a packing list that is designed for the Scout program attending the camp. These packing lists include personal gear, unit gear, and equipment provided by Goshen Scout Reservation.

CAMPSITE SET-UP

All campsites at the Goshen Scout Reservation have canvas tents set up on wooden platforms and are located conveniently next to a latrine with potable, running water for drinking and handwashing. Each tent is furnished with two folding cots. Within each of these sites are two or more “patrol sites” or “sub sites.” Patrol and sub sites at the Goshen Scout Reservation are typically set up for 8-person patrols or dens, but are flexible to allow for different sizes, if need be.

Goshen Scout Reservation camps will have a canvas “dining fly” in each campsite. Patrol cooking camps (Camp Bowman and Marriott) will have a dining fly in each patrol site (subsite within the larger campsite).

Please be advised that smaller units may be assigned to a camp site with another unit, however, there will be suitable space for privacy for each unit. Each campsite also has at least one picnic table and a designated fire pit.

Adult camping areas are separate from youth camping areas. Adults may be required to share a tent with other adults. The Unit Leader area in each site will consist of at least two tents for adult leaders. Additional tents will be provided based on your unit's provided registration numbers.

SWIM CHECKS

Swim checks at the Goshen Scout Reservation occur once you arrive at camp. For Scouts BSA Camps (Bowman, Marriott, and Olmsted), swim checks will occur as a part of the first day check-in process. For Webelos Camps (Ross), swim checks will occur during your first program block at the Aquatics Area. Swim checks scheduling for Lenhok'sin High Adventure Crews will vary depending on your trek itinerary but typically take place upon arrival at the Aquatics outpost.

Swim Checks are only necessary for those planning to take part in water-based activities.

Camps Bowman, Marriott, Olmsted, and Lenhok'sin High Adventure allow pre-camp swim checks to be submitted. Pre-camp swim checks are only valid if conducted by approved certified instructors, as listed on the GSR Pre-Camp Swim Check Form. Pre-camp swim checks must be submitted to the Goshen camp you are attending using the “GSR Pre-Camp Swim Check Form,” available under the “Forms and Downloads” section of each camp webpage and at www.gotogoshen.org/information/forms-downloads.

Please note that Camp Ross does NOT accept pre-camp swim checks.

PRE-CAMP PLANNING

INDIVIDUAL CAMP LEADER'S GUIDES

Each camp at the Goshen Scout Reservation has its own supplemental Leader's Guide. We encourage you to review these guides, as they hold information specific to the camp that you are attending that is additional to what is covered in this guide. Individual Camp Leader's Guides can be found at www.gotogoshen.org/information/forms-downloads/.

PRE-CAMP PARENT MEETING

In the spring, we highly recommend hosting a Pre-Camp Parents meeting with the parents of the scouts who will be attending camp with your unit. This will allow you to review the camp program, camp physical examination requirements, transportation arrangements, uniform requirements, and packing list. Many Unit Leaders choose to put together a guide tailored to their unit's particular requirements based on this guide and other materials found on the Goshen Scout Reservation website (www.gotogoshen.org).

"SHAKE DOWN" CAMPOUT

If your unit is attending a patrol cooking camp at the Goshen Scout Reservation (Camp Bowman or Camp Marriott), your unit may want to consider having a practice "shake down" campout in either April or May. Scouts should camp in the same patrols they will be in while at camp. Use menus similar to those you would cook either over a wood fire or propane stove. Literature on this process is available at your local Scout Shop and will provide sample menus. This will help your Scouts, particularly new Scouts who have not participated in patrol cooking before, and those who have limited camping, fire building, and cooking experience in preparing for a week of patrol cooking.

For units attending a dining hall camp (Camp Olmsted or Camp Ross), a practice "shake down" campout is still very useful in ensuring that all Scouts have the necessary equipment needed for their week at camp, and that all unnecessary equipment is left at home. This should be done no later than two weeks before your unit's week at camp. A timely inspection allows for everyone to have time to add, subtract, or substitute their camp equipment.

Lenhok'sin High Adventure crews should have a more involved shake down process in the months leading up to their trek. This includes hikes that increase in distance and duration and backpack weight training for backpacking units, and paddling trips increasing in distance and duration and river navigation for canoeing units. More guidelines are detailed in the Lenhok'sin High Adventure specific Leader's Guide available at www.gotogoshen.org/lenhoksin.

Menus and dining descriptions for each camp (patrol cooking, heater stack, and dining hall) are available on the Goshen Scout Reservation website at www.gotogoshen.org/food.

MERIT BADGE SIGN-UPS AND PREREQUISITES

MERIT BADGE SIGN-UPS

Merit Badge Sign-ups for campers attending Camp Bowman, Camp Marriott, and Camp Olmsted will take place on March 31, at 7:00 pm on “Blackpug” through your unit’s registration.

Please visit the “How to: Merit Badge & Activity Sign Ups” blog post <https://www.gotogoshen.org/general/how-to-merit-badge-activity-sign-ups/> for a detailed walk through for how to sign up for Merit Badges at the Scouts BSA/Venturing Camps.

Although we encourage one person—the unit registration contact—to be solely responsible for unit and individual participant registration, a parent portal is available for Merit Badge sign-ups. Please visit the blog post mentioned above for more information on how to access this option.

In the weeks leading up to Merit Badge Sign Ups, have each of your scouts review your camp’s Program Schedule and merit badge offerings and create a personal schedule for themselves. Program Schedules can be found on the individual camp webpages and at www.gotogoshen.org/information/forms-downloads/. Merit Badge class descriptions and prerequisites requirements can be found in the “Scouts BSA Program Guide and Prerequisites” at the same locations. More information can be found under the “Merit Badge Prerequisites” section on the lower section of this page.

MERIT BADGE PREREQUISITES

Some Merit Badges have requirements which cannot (or should not) be completed at camp. These requirements may be completed before or after camp. In order to complete these badges at camp, the scout must show evidence of completion of the prerequisites.

The Goshen Scout Reservation “Scouts BSA Program Guide and Prerequisites” provides descriptions for each Merit Badge class and prerequisite requirements. Please compare your individual camp’s Program Schedules for Merit Badge offerings. The Prerequisite Guide and Program Schedules can be found on the individual camp webpages and at <https://www.gotogoshen.org/information/forms-downloads/>.

OPEN PROGRAM

Programs listed as “Part of Open Program” do not have online sign-ups. For these activities, scouts can participate by showing up to the program area during the designated Open Program time.

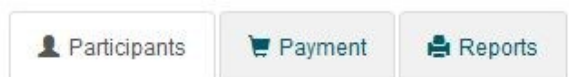
CAMP ROSS AND LENHOK’SIN HIGH ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

Webelos activities at Camp Ross and High Adventure activities at Lenhok’sin High Adventure do not require advance online sign ups through the registration system. Lenhok’sin High Adventure activity sign-ups are requested through the “Pre-Camp Survey” found in the Lenhok’sin Downloads section. Camp Ross uses a Program Request form, due during the first half of your week at camp. Please see the Leader Guide in the Camp Ross Downloads section for more information.

ACCESSING MERIT BADGE & ADVANCEMENT RECORDS

HOW TO ACCESS MERIT BADGE AND ADVANCEMENT RECORDS AFTER CAMP

Need a copy of your Scouts' Merit Badge and advancement records from this summer? It's all on your camp registration! Goshen Scout Reservation utilizes Blackpug (our camp registration system) to digitally track merit badge and advancement records while you are at Camp. All Merit Badge and advancement records are accessible under the "reports" tab of your registration.



On the reports screen, you'll find a number of helpful reports. **Unit Advancement Detail** is a general overview, which has a summary of all requirements completed and the date of completion with one page per Scout.

Unit Advancement Detail

Scoutmaster report showing the Advancement requirement grid (includes merit badges, Scout rank, and any other class that includes requirements)

If you would like to print your own **Blue Cards**, you can do so, either on plain white paper, blue card stock, or the official Blue Cards you buy from your Scout Shop. The cards will print complete with requirements completed and Merit Badge Counselor information. For completed Merit Badges, it will also include a system supplied

Blue Cards - Plain Paper

Blue Cards printed to plain 8.5 x 11 paper.

Blue Cards - BSA Card Stock

Blue Cards printed to BSA Blue Card stock (SKU 34124).

Instructions:

- Print using the envelope setting (Monarch 3.875 x 7.5 in).
- Be sure "Fit to Page" is not selected when printing or printed information will not line up correctly in blue card fields!
- Print a test page first to ensure correct settings and paper entry.

Blue Cards - Merit Badge College

One-page Blue Card commonly used at Merit Badge Colleges.

ACCESSING MERIT BADGE & ADVANCEMENT RECORDS

Need to put your Scouts into your Troops advancement tracking system? The software we use creates reports for both **Scoutbook** and **Troopmaster**.

Scoutbook Export

This report exports merit badge data in Scoutbook format using Scoutbook's "**advancement.csv**" template.

Chrome Users - an extension is available that allows direct import of this data into Scoutbook. This extension can be obtained here: [Feature Assistant Extension for Scoutbook](#). A Scoutbook forum post on this topic is here: [Feature Assistant Extension](#)

Firefox Users - a similar extension for Firefox can be obtained here: [Feature Assistant - Scoutbook](#)

Troopmaster Export

This report exports merit badge data in Troopmaster format.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

SCOUTING AMERICA PERSONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD

Every Scout and Adult Leader must submit a completed Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B, and C) upon arrival at the Goshen Scout Reservation. Scouting America Form #680-001, is the only medical form accepted by Scouting America for summer camps. A medical examination by a doctor within the 12-month period prior to arriving at camp is required for all campers, regardless of age, for Part C. Part C is required for all attendees, regardless of duration of stay at the Goshen Scout Reservation.

Leaders should provide a copy of the medical form to each youth and adult planning to come to camp as soon as possible so they can schedule their physicals and obtain properly completed documents.

The Annual Health and Medical Record and NCAC Health Advisory Risk Factors forms can be found at www.gotogoshen.org/health.

Before you leave for camp, make sure that all medical forms have been completed and signed by a physician and parent/guardian. Any person arriving at camp without a properly completed medical form will be restricted to the unit site until transportation to the nearest doctor to have a physical at their own expense has been completed, or until a completed form is sent electronically to camp.

Please place all medical forms in an envelope, noted with your Unit Number and District name, and bring them with you to camp. *Please do not mail your medical forms to the Council office!*

Medical forms will be returned to unit leadership before you depart camp on your final morning. It is advisable to keep copies of all health forms for future events. If your unit departs before receiving the medical form, our staff are instructed to destroy the forms, so as to not allow personal information to escape.

MEDICATIONS

Any person taking prescription medication must bring the medication to camp in the original prescription container. A lock box will be provided to each unit to store their prescription medications in their site. Units wishing to store their prescriptions in the first aid room at camp may do so by talking to the First Aid staff member upon arrival. A locked medical refrigerator is also available in the first aid room.

C-PAP MACHINES

Any person who requires a C-PAP machine must bring their own equipment, including a rechargeable battery to camp. The Goshen Scout Reservation does not have powered campsites and is unable to provide batteries and extension cords to participants. Daily charging areas are available in the camp Leader's Lounge, Admin Building, and select program areas. Please speak with your camp administrative staff with any questions.

ADULT LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED LEADERSHIP

At any time, each unit must have at least two adults over the age of 21 who are registered members of Scouting America. If there are female youth members with your unit, one of these registered leaders must be female. While not required, one of these leaders would preferably be your unit's year-round leader or assistant leader. Unit leaders are responsible for the good behavior and practices of their scouts at all times and are expected to be available to assist their Scouts and Camp Staff in assuring the best camping experience possible.

SCOUTING AMERICA REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS — SCOUTS BSA & HIGH ADVENTURE CAMPS

All adults, ages 18+, staying overnight must be currently registered as an adult volunteer or an adult program participant in Scouting America. Registration as a Merit Badge Counselor position does not meet this requirement. Please refer to the Guide to Safe Scouting for a list of approved adult registration fee required positions.

While there is no required adult to youth ratio for Scouts BSA troops and Venturing Crews, however we recommend a ratio of one adult to every ten youth, not including the minimum of two Adult Leaders to satisfy the requirements above.

SCOUTING AMERICA REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS — CAMP ROSS

We require a 1:4 adult to Webelos/AOLs with a minimum of 2 adults per unit. To give all Webelos & AOLs the best program, please avoid a direct 1:1 adult to youth ratio. Adults splitting the week are welcome!

At least of these two adults must be registered leaders, as described above. All other adults, if they are parent/guardians attending with their child, are not required to register as leaders, but must be accompanied by a registered leader any time they are with youth members other than their own child. Phoenix Nest adults must be registered leaders.

At least one leader (we recommend more) must be BALOO trained.

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All adult leaders should expect to assist the Camp Staff in providing a safe, fun experience for the Scouts. Leaders are expected to:

- Be responsible for maintaining unit safety and discipline at all times. This includes safe travel to and from camp and unit and camper behavior while at camp.
- Be responsible for coordinating all unit and individual activities to ensure maximum benefit to participants.
- Be aware of each youth's personal goals and objectives in order to promote Scouting's advancement program. For the Scouts BSA Merit Badge program, please refer to the Merit Badge Schedule and Prerequisite Guide (available at www.gotogoshen.org).
- Participate in camp activities on a daily basis. This should include program area visits, attendance at roundtables, designated meetings and conferences, and collection of progress reports on each youth's activities.
- Be prepared to help and assist others, specifically other camping units and staff personnel, as needed. Assistance should be given in a spirit of mutual cooperation and support, but not at the expense of one's own unit.
- Monitor and evaluate unit and individual progress in camp and to provide counseling, guidance, and encouragement.
- Review the daily schedule of unit activities with fellow leaders before departure for camp. The process should include review by experienced leaders who may not be participating in the current trip but have been to the Goshen Scout Reservation before. There are many experienced Scouters in your District/Council who can assist you.
- Be sure that each Adult Leader at camp completes and turns in the camp evaluations. These forms are the primary means of evaluating the program and staff and are used by Camp Leadership to determine camp performance. In addition, they are studied in great detail by the NCAC Camping and Outdoor Program Committee each year.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

SCOUTING AMERICA - YOUTH PROTECTION

Preventing child abuse is a critical objective of Scouting America, and the safety of our youth and adults is always of the utmost importance. The assistance of every adult is essential to success. All adults are required to be current members of Scouting America and hold a valid Youth Protection Training certification.

Please use the Scouting.org website (www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection) and your Youth Protection Training as a reference. Anyone who has questions on how these policies and procedures apply in a summer camp environment should consult with the Camp Director or Reservation Director.

MANDATORY REPORTING

All Scouting America registered volunteers, parents, and leaders attending the Goshen Scout Reservation, and all other people over the age of 18 are mandatory reporters. If you suspect that a Scout in camp is a victim, report this to the Camp Director immediately. The Camp Director will then involve the Reservation Director and Scout Executive, per National Scouting America policy. Virginia law requires that all childcare providers, including Scout Leaders, must report any incidents of child abuse and suspected child abuse to Child Protective Services. The Virginia State Child Abuse and Neglect hotline in Virginia is 1-800-552-7096, and if you are out of state is 804-786-8536. All discussions, both at camp and over the hotline, will be kept confidential.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

While exceedingly rare, when a criminal act has been committed, the following procedures apply:

1. The immediate health and safety of both parties must be secured. Please ensure that the parties are separated to stop further actions.
2. Immediately notify the Camp Director of the incident.
3. Upon report, the Camp Director will respond accordingly, working with the Reservation Director and the reporting individuals to contact law enforcement when deemed necessary. Camp leadership has been trained on specific procedures when dealing with offenses of a criminal nature.

CAMP POLICIES

THE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION STATEMENT OF SCOUTING AMERICA

Scouting America promotes a culture where each youth, volunteer, and employee feels a sense of belonging and builds communities where every person feels respected and valued. Leading by example and encouraging each other to live by the values expressed by the Scout Oath and Scout Law, we welcome families of all backgrounds to help prepare young people to serve as successful members and leaders of our nation's increasingly diverse communities.

A NOTE ON LANGUAGE

This guide uses several terms interchangeably. The terms, "adult," "leader," "advisor," and "Scoutmaster," describe any attending adult over the age of eighteen participating in the programs of the Goshen Scout Reservation. The terms, "youth," "youth participants," "Scouts," and "Venturers," describe any youth participant in any Goshen Scout Reservation program. Please note that Venturing participants over the age of eighteen are adults for purposes of Youth Protection policies, though they may still participate in the Venturing awards, and advancement program.

YOUTH PROTECTION

All participating adults, eighteen or older, must have current Scouting America Youth Protection Training, as verified by their units. This training is required for adults to be registered in any program of Scouting America. Venturing participants over the age of eighteen must also complete Youth Protection Training. Youth Protection Training documentation can be obtained from individual my.Scouting profiles or from the local council.

HAZING, INITIATIONS, DISCIPLINE

Any form of hazing, initiation, ridicule, or inappropriate teasing is prohibited and will not be allowed in any circumstance. Any disciplinary action must be constructive and must meet the standards of the Youth Protection policies of Scouting America. Involvement in any of the aforementioned activities may result in removal from the Goshen Scout Reservation property.

HARASSMENT

The Goshen Scout Reservation and Scouting America prohibit language or behavior that belittles or puts down others, unwelcome advances, racial slurs, chastisement for religious or other beliefs, or any other actions or comments that are derogatory of people. **Participants who do not meet these expectations may be asked to leave.**

A WORD ABOUT CONDUCT...

The Scout Oath and Law serve as the standards for all interactions between participants (youth and adult) and staff members. The Goshen Scout Reservation and Scouting America serve individuals from diverse backgrounds, and it is important that each group respects each other. Any behavior that belittles, harasses, or makes another individual uncomfortable is not acceptable. Remember, a Scout is kind!

The current edition of the Scouter Code of Conduct is available at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/bsa-scouters-code-of-conduct/>.

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Each unit should develop procedures to mitigate and address inappropriate/unacceptable behavior. Expectations and consequences should be set with all Scouts, parents/guardians, and adult participants during unit pre-trip planning; expectations should align with the Scout Oath and Law and the policies of the Scouting America, and consequences should be understood and acknowledged.

Unit advisors are responsible for their participants during the entire stay at the Goshen Scout Reservation. If a participant (youth or adult) is removed from the Goshen Scout Reservation property or program in which they are participating, they will be responsible for traveling home at their own expense. An adult advisor is required to provide supervision and assist with transportation arrangements in the event that a youth participant is removed from participation.

WILDLIFE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Approximately 4,000 scouts, leaders, and staff camp each summer at the five camps within the Goshen Scout Reservation. The large property is home to a vast amount of wildlife that poses a potential risk to all campers. These procedures are in place to minimize the risk to campers and staff as well as protect the wildlife of Goshen Scout Reservation.

- No wild animals are to be handled or captured. This includes mice, snakes, turtles, raccoons, and all other species. The only exception to this rule is camp staff with explicit permission from their Camp Director to handle or capture wildlife for use in an Ecology or Nature based educational program.
- All campers should respect the wildlife at Goshen Scout Reservation. Intruding upon, disturbing, scaring, yelling, feeding, or throwing objects at any wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- All campsites must be kept free of litter to prevent the intrusion of animals such as bears, foxes, raccoons, and mice. All trash should be taken to the dumpster on a nightly (or more frequent) basis.
- All spiders are to be left alone and campers should be informed of the distinguishing characteristics of venomous ones. Issues with venomous spiders should be reported to camp staff leadership.
- All snakes are to be considered venomous and not approached. Location of venomous snakes should be noted and your Camp Director should be notified immediately.
- In the event of a large animal or predator being seen, the Camp Director is to be notified so proper authorities can relocate that animal.
- In the event of an injury caused by wildlife, the Camp First Aider and Camp Director should be notified so that proper medical treatment can be given and the animal relocated.
- In the event of an injured animal being found, your Camp Director should be notified so that trained and qualified individuals can be called to assist the animal. Only Reservation Ranger Staff and Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Officials will attempt to handle or treat any injured wildlife at Goshen Scout Reservation

Goshen Scout Reservation is home to many black bears. Proper preparation is needed to ensure that encounters with these bears are unremarkable. Please refer to the VA Dept. of Wildlife Resources webpage here for more information: <https://dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/bear/living-with-black-bears/#:~:text=If%20you%20see%20a%20bear,bear%20to%20leave%20your%20property.>

CAMP POLICIES

RESTRICTED ITEMS

It is against Scouting America and Goshen Scout Reservation policy for any individuals to possess any of the following items while on camp property:

- Personal Firearms or Ammunition
- Illegal Drugs
- Alcoholic Beverages
- Fireworks

If any of these items are found in the possession of any camper, either adult or youth, those involved will be dismissed from camp and law enforcement officials contacted if necessary.

Hunting arrows and bows are not permitted in camp. However, a special exception may be granted to Scouts working to earn the archery merit badge to bring their personal bows. These bows must be turned in to the camp Shooting Sports Director for storage when not in use. Requests should be sent to camp leadership before June 1st.

CHEMICAL FUELS

The use of chemical fuels in lanterns and stoves is acceptable under the following conditions:

1. A knowledgeable adult must provide supervision over the storage, transport, and usage of the fuel and equipment.
2. Unit Leaders will teach Scouts the safe and proper handling and usage of fuel, stoves, and lanterns. Webelos Scouts do not handle liquid fuel, stoves, or lanterns.
3. The storage of liquid fuels must be in a safe and secure location approved by the Camp Director.
4. BY LAW, NO pressurized L.P. gas cylinders and NO liquid fuels (e.g., Coleman, MSR White Gas) may be transported to camp on the bus.

CAMP SIGN-IN AND OUT LOG

Anyone—youth or adult—leaving camp must check out at the individual camp office and check in again upon return. Youth are not permitted to leave without direct adult or staff supervision. The camp sign in/out book must be signed. A youth is not to leave for home without their Adult Leader first notifying the Camp Director and the youth's parents/guardians. Anyone arriving after the opening day of camp should proceed directly to the Camp Administrative office of their specific camp to check in.

OFF LIMIT AREAS

For your safety, various areas of the Goshen Scout Reservation are considered OFF LIMITS. These include the area above the upstream bridge (located between Camp Ross and Camp Baird), the Lake Merriweather Dam, the Spillway and adjoining embankments, and all Staff Residence Sites and Staff Cabins. Other restrictions include:

- While on the lake, people using boats or canoes should stay away from any floating logs near the dam spillway.

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- Short-cutting through other camps and campsites is not allowed unless hiking on the existing trails with the permission of your Camp Director.
- All campers should be at their unit's site by 9:30 pm each evening unless engaged in an established late-night program.
- Fishing is not permitted at any Camp Aquatics Waterfront, from the Lake Merriweather Dam or its embankments (both sides), or the upstream bridge (located between Camp Ross and Camp Baird).

SMOKING AND TOBACCO POLICIES

Smoking is only allowed for adults over the age of 21. This smoking policy includes the use of electronic cigarettes or other smokeless tobacco products. You may smoke in designated areas only, and not in sight of Scouts. Each camp has one or two designated smoking areas. Smoking is not allowed in any campsites, camp buildings or structures, including tents. Cigarette butts are to be collected and disposed of properly.

SUMMER CAMP CLOTHING POLICY

General Guidelines: Each unit should have a clothing policy that meets the needs of their members in consultation with their charter partner and within the framework of Scouting America's clothing policy guidelines. Policies should reflect Scouting America's statement and commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

We recommend that swimwear be comfortable, functional, and appropriate for the specific aquatics activity. As always, we remind everyone that Scouting's Barriers to Abuse state, "Appropriate attire is required for all activities." Please see the above section for guidance on establishing your unit's clothing policy.

At the Goshen Scout Reservation, we have the following additional requirements:

- Clothing depicting or advocating violence, criminal activity, use of alcohol or drugs, pornography, or hate speech will not be allowed.
- Closed-toe shoes should be worn at all times. Shower shoes may be worn in the shower only and water shoes should be worn for aquatics activities outside of the swimming area.
- For participants in the ATV Program:
 - Long sleeve shirts
 - Pants that cover the shins
 - Boots that cover the ankles
 - Water Bottle
 - Bandana (recommended)
 - Gloves, goggles, and helmets (provided by Goshen Scout Reservation)

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While at Camp:

While at camp you may note that your unit's clothing policy may differ from those of another unit and there may be situations where these differences may be questioned by youth participants or adult volunteers. The individual unit leadership, in accordance with the unit's clothing policy, will be the ultimate body to determine whether the relevant policies are being followed by all their unit members, both youth and adult. Should you have concern regarding another individual's dress, please contact their unit leader directly or your Camp Director.

PETS

Pets are not permitted in Camp or on the Goshen Scout Reservation property. If a member of your unit requires a registered service animals, they will be permitted to attend.

CAMP SERVICES

SITE GUIDES

Every Unit will be assigned a Site Guide upon arriving at camp. Your Site Guide will serve as your main point of contact for general questions and issues while at camp. On the day of arrival, your Site Guide will show you to your site, assist your unit throughout the check-in process, lead a full camp tour, and provide answers to any questions you may have on the first day.

Site Guides will continue to visit your unit throughout the week to check in and assist with any needs, concerns, or suggestions your unit may have. The Site Guide will assist in scheduling activities for your unit and act as a liaison with the Camp Commissioner and Facilities Team, who conduct a daily visitation of your campsite to ensure campsite safety and cleanliness. If you need something in your campsite, your Site Guide is ready and willing to help!

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Our Reservation Chaplain is ready to assist you and your unit in any need!

Each camp at the Goshen Scout Reservation offers an interfaith service for all participants. Please see your camp's supplemental schedule for information on service time and location.

The Goshen Scout Reservation participates in the "Duty to God" program each summer. The Duty to God "Higher Than Eagles" requirement booklet is available for no cost at the Camp Trading Post and/or Administration Building. Those who successfully complete the program may purchase this year's patch at the trading post.

Main requirements for the Duty to God program include attending a religious service while at camp, lead a prayer at one meal, and participate in short daily devotionals.

FIRST AID / MEDICAL TREATMENT

Each Goshen Scout Reservation camp has a trained First Aider available 24-hours a day in the camp First Aid Room, located in the Administration Building. The First Aid room can provide basic first aid treatment including minor cuts and abrasions, dehydration, sunburn, and minor aches and pains. If First Aid is needed while at camp, please proceed to the First Aid room so that the First Aider can properly assess the situation and utilize proper procedures to continue care.

More serious medical issues will be forwarded to the Goshen Scout Reservation Health Lodge at Camp Post (GSR Headquarters). This facility is staffed by the Reservation Health Lodge Director, who is a certified emergency health specialist. The Goshen Scout Reservation has arrangements with the Carilion Rockbridge Community Hospital in Lexington, VA for all emergency situations. It is important that you visit the First Aid room at your camp prior to departing for the Health Lodge, as certain cases may be better handled by mobilizing emergency services to your location rather than moving the patient to the secondary location.

Campers should to notify camp staff in the event of an emergency, as we do have staffed EMTs and medical services at camp that are able to provide many of the same services as local EMS. However, in the event of a serious life-threatening emergency, campers should dial 911 immediately, and then notify camp leadership. Adult leadership should be prepared to travel to the hospital with the patient (may be by self-transport). Transportation back to camp can be arranged through the camp administration team, if needed.

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If a member of your unit requires medical treatment to the extent that the patient is admitted to the GSR Health Lodge or needs treatment at an outside facility, the GSR Medical Staff will notify the Unit Leader. Either the Health Lodge Director or Unit Leader will be responsible for notifying the patient's parents (determined during admission conversation).

Emergencies:

Carilion Rockbridge Community Hospital
(540) 458—3300
1 Health Circle, Lexington, VA 24450

Non– Emergencies:

VelocityCare
(540) 462—3950
110 Houston St. Suite D, Lexington, VA 24450

24 HOUR ASSISTANCE

If problems arise during the night that you cannot handle alone, proceed to the First Aid Room in the Camp Administration Building, where a staff member will be present to assist. The Staff Member on Duty (CQ) will assist or will contact someone who can. At night, the CQ on duty may be asleep. Do not hesitate to wake them up—that is why they are there.

CAMP PHONES

If there is an emergency at home, parents and/or family members should call the Camp Office phone number at the camp that the Scout is attending. Summertime camp phone numbers are listed at www.gotogoshen.org/information/contact-us/.

Parents may contact Unit Leadership but should be advised that it may take an hour or more to return phone calls due to the unit's program schedule. Scouts will be allowed to call home at adult leadership discretion; however, it is strongly recommended that Scouts only be allowed to call home in case of emergency. Two Adult Leaders must accompany a Scout when making an emergency call (youth protection requirement).

Cell phone service is available at the Goshen Scout Reservation for those with Verizon Wireless service. Please note that other cell service providers have little or no service in the Goshen, VA area. We recognize that each unit has different beliefs and policies on cell phone use at camp. We encourage Adult Leaders to strictly monitor any phone usage by Scouts who may bring them.

VALUABLES AND LOST & FOUND

The Goshen Scout Reservation camps are not responsible for personal items or their loss. All valuables such as money, cameras, watches, etc. should be carefully secured and labeled. Many Unit Leaders find it useful to bring along a container that can be locked for the storage of their camper's valuables. If a Scout reports a lost item, the Scout should check with Lost and Found at the Camp Administration Office to see if the item has been found. It is recommended that all items brought to camp be labeled with the Scout's name and unit number.

At the end of the summer, any items of significant value are brought to the Marriott Scout Service Center in Bethesda, MD and held for a short time before being donated to charity or being disposed of.

CAMP SERVICES

MAIL SERVICES

Mail is delivered to the Administration Building in your camp each day. To ensure mail is received at the Goshen Scout Reservation before the unit leaves at the end of the week, we suggest all mail and packages be sent out no later than Monday of the week in camp. Mail can often be delayed through the postal services, as the Goshen Scout Reservation is in a remote area of the state.

Outgoing mail is picked up daily from the Goshen camps. Outgoing mail should be placed in the mailbox at the Camp Administration Building by 12:00 pm each day. Outgoing mail sent “home” should be mailed no later than Tuesday to arrive at its destination before the camper returns home, however, outgoing mail can be sent any day of the week, with the exception of Sunday.

Any Adult Leader may pick up incoming mail from the Camp Administrative Building before 4:00 pm daily.

Mail should be addressed as follows:

Camper Name, Unit #
Camp Attending (e.g., Bowman, Marriott, Olmsted, Ross, Lenhok’sin)
Goshen Scout Reservation
340 Millard Burke Memorial Highway
Goshen, VA 24439

SHOWERS AND FACILITIES

All Goshen Scout Reservation facilities are Family Scouting friendly and are open to families, female and male youth, and adult members. Camps Bowman, Marriott, Olmsted, and Ross at the Goshen Scout Reservation are equipped with shower houses with private locking rooms and changing areas, as well as flushable toilets (for staff and adult use only). The Lenhok’sin High Adventure Shower House is also equipped with individual shower stalls with a changing area.

Per National Scouting America Youth Protection Policy, adults must ensure youth member privacy. The Goshen Scout Reservation requires that unit leadership accompany youth to the shower house area to help ensure that safety and privacy are being observed by other youth. Scouts and Leaders should never shower together. The only exception to this rule is for youth requiring medical accommodation. If this is the case, please consult the Camp Director to determine necessary shower accommodation.

Please note that the Goshen Scout Reservation camps may have a shower schedule in place for separate camper and staff shower times. Scouts and Leaders should adhere to the showering schedule (if applicable) as set by the Camp Director.

LEADER’S LOUNGE

Each Goshen Scout Reservation camp has a Leaders’ Lounge for Adult Leader and Staff use. The Leader’s Lounge is used for meetings and fellowship gatherings and is open from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. The Leader’s Lounge is closed during mealtimes.

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The Leader's Lounge is equipped with a water fountain, coffee pot, and Wi-Fi. Wireless Internet is available but limited. The Goshen Scout Reservation wireless system is provided by a network of Wi-Fi hot spots that have limited bandwidth. We ask that everyone show courtesy and share what limited bandwidth is available and refrain from using streaming sites and video calling sites such as YouTube, Skype, Netflix, Hulu, etc. These sites severely impact the ability for others on our network to have adequate internet access.

TRADING POST

Each camp at the Goshen Scout Reservation has a trading post that sells a wide range of goods and supplies including Goshen branded apparel and merchandise, outdoor / camping gear and equipment, merit badge and handicraft supplies, ice cream, cold beverages (including slushies!), and snacks. The trading post is open every morning and afternoon, as well as select evenings throughout the week. We encourage Scouts to bring around \$100 of spending money with them for souvenirs and snacks.

Camp Post (GSR Headquarters) also has a full-service Trading Post with souvenirs, uniform parts, and snack items. It is a good "stop by" on your way to and from the swimming hole!

RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

Each Goshen Scout Reservation Camp offers a once a week Interfaith service hosted by our Reservation Chaplain. These services are Scout led and we encourage all to participate. Our Reservation Chaplain is currently partnering with NCAC's various religious committees and chartered organizations to offer Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish services. Our Chaplain and Health Lodge Team are also available at all hours to provide counseling services for you and your Scouts. If you would like more information on religious services at GSR, please contact Sarah Laurance at sarah.laurance@gotogoshen.org.

SERVICE PROJECTS

During your week at Goshen, there will be plenty of opportunities to perform a service project in camp! These projects range from small projects such as refurbishing a sign to large projects such as rebuilding a bridge or painting a building. Available service projects are posted on each camp's webpage prior to the start of camp and can be coordinated with the Camp Director. Although some service project supplies will be provided (such as tools), units may be encouraged to donate materials.

ADULT LEADER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

In collaboration with the NCAC Training Committee and volunteers, the Goshen Scout Reservation offers a series of Adult Leader trainings including IOLS, Scoutmaster Specific Trainings, and American Red Cross CPR & AED. A training schedule will be made available closer to the beginning of the summer season. Please note that training opportunities each week may vary and are based on volunteer trainer availability. Once finalized, specific training opportunities will be posted on www.gotogoshen.org, and registration managed through your unit's Blackpug registration.

CAMP AWARDS

Goshen Scout Reservation offers many opportunities earn additional Unit and individual awards during your time at camp! Learn more about specific requirements at www.gotogoshen.org/information/forms-downloads/.

CAMP ADVENTURE AWARD, Available at all Goshen Scout Reservation Camps

Each Unit in Camp has the opportunity to bring home the “Camp Adventure Award.” The Camp Adventure Award reflects a Unit’s commitment to participating in Camp programs and opportunities and involvement as a member of the Camp community. A unique ribbon will be presented to these units who have gone the extra mile to participate in the overall camp program.

DUTY TO GOD AWARD, Available at all Goshen Scout Reservation Camps

The Goshen Scout Reservation Duty to God Award, created by Rev. Msgr. John Brady in 2007, offers daily meditations centered on the Scout Oath and Law. Scouts must participate in daily meditations, attend an religious service at camp, and lead grace before one meal to earn this award.

ADULT LEADER CHALLENGE, Available at all Camps Olmsted, Bowman, Marriott, and Ross

The Goshen Scout Reservation “Adult Leader Challenge” is designed for leaders to experience the programs that the Goshen Scout Reservation has to offer by taking part in activities and trainings during their week at Camp, as well as Badge recognizes the tremendous contribution adult leaders make in the Scouting Program. Completion of this award will be accepted on a Scout’s Honor Basis

MILE SWIM AWARD, Available at Camps Olmsted, Bowman, and Marriott

Introduced in 1961, the Mile Swim Award encourages swimming skills and recognizes Scouts who swim one mile or more. Camps Olmsted, Bowman, and Marriott host a Mile Swim Event each week to support Scouts searching to complete this advanced swimming challenge. *Pre-registration required during Merit Badge sign-ups.*

DIAMOND W AWARD, Available at Camp Ross

The Diamond “W” Award is presented to Units who maintain a clean and safe campsite and participate in daily life at Camp Ross! Earning the Diamond “W” Award is a part of the greater “Camp Adventure Award.”

LENHOK’SIN HIGH ADVENTURE AWARDS, Available at Lenhok’sin High Adventure

Lenhok’sin High Adventure has several opportunities to earn Unit awards while on your trek, including the Trailblazer Award, River Trek Award, Wilderness Award, Big Butt Award, Moore Four Peaks Award, and 50 Miler Award. Learn more at www.gotogoshen.org/lenhoksin.

FOOD SERVICES

Each of the camps at the Goshen Scout Reservation utilizes different dining and food preparation methods. Please see the descriptions below for the Goshen camp your unit is attending.

Food menus can be found on our website at www.gotogoshen.org/food.

DINING HALL CAMPS — CAMP OLMSTED & CAMP ROSS

Experienced, professional chefs prepare wholesome food, which provides a well-balanced diet for all Scouts and Leaders. Meals are served with the goal of ensuring everyone is well fed with minimal waste. Units assemble in a designated area prior to each meal and enter the dining hall at the direction of the dining hall stewards. Tables will be assigned to units during the opening day tour. It is most important that all units visit the dining hall on their camp tour to receive this information and to understand how meals are administered.

Our dining hall camps utilize a “Family Method” of food service. This is very similar to how you would eat at home, with bowls of food being passed around your table with everybody serving themselves a share. As you enter the dining hall for each meal, you proceed directly to your assigned table where all of your food will be ready and waiting for you. Dining Hall procedures including meal structure and clean-up will be reviewed at your first dinner on check-in day.

PATROL COOKING CAMPS — CAMP BOWMAN AND CAMP MARRIOTT

Patrol Cooking allows your unit to prepare all its own meals at your unit site. Scouts pick up food from the commissary before each meal. All raw meats (such as ground beef) will be pre-cooked; however, they will need to be heated up. The commissary will supply food based on the numbers in each patrol in your unit. Adult Leaders should be assigned to eat with patrols based on these numbers but not exceed the maximum of ten people per patrol for meals.

Camp staff, such as your site guide, will eat with the patrols at different times during the week. Dinner on the evening of arrival and breakfast on the morning of departure are prepared by the camp staff and served at the Camp Commissary Building.

Lunch will not require cooking. However, they do require preparation and clean-up work. The first meal prepared by patrols is breakfast on Monday.

Adult Leaders are asked to pay close attention to the thoroughness of food preparation and cleanup. The health of your campers and the entire camp is dependent upon the supervision given by unit leadership in this most important area of camp living. Food handlers must wash their hands prior to starting any meals. Training on safe food handling practices will be provided to all upon arrival in camp.

HEATER STACK METHOD — CAMP MARRIOTT

This concept is similar to the dining hall service but with a patrol cooking aspect. The campers enjoy eating in the outdoors at their campsite. No cooking or major cleaning is required. All Scouts and leaders must provide their own personal utensils, plates, and drinking cups. Units pick-up prepared food from the commissary building for all meals.

FOOD SERVICES

TIN FOIL DINNER NIGHT

One evening during the week at Camps Bowman, Marriott, Olmsted, and Ross, all Leaders and Scouts will be given the ingredients for a foil dinner to cook in their sites over an open campfire. Wood for this meal should be collected early and kept dry. Please note that charcoal is not provided but is available for purchase at the Trading Post. Many units choose to bring charcoal from home. For more details, see the official Scouts BSA Handbook concerning preparation of aluminum foil meals. Give it a try on a campout before you come to camp!

LENHOK'SIN HIGH ADVENTURE TREK MENU

Units participating in a Lenhok'sin High Adventure backpacking or canoeing trek will receive pre-packed 'trail' food upon their arrival at camp. More information on the Lenhok'sin menu and food expectations can be found on the Lenhok'sin website at www.gotogoshen.org/lenhoksin.

FOOD ALLERGIES / DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Food allergies and dietary restrictions must be indicated as part of your unit registration. Please indicate dietary needs under each participant's information on the online registration system.

The Goshen Scout Reservation Food Service and Camp Staff will do our best to accommodate for all food allergies and dietary restrictions but cannot be held accountable for the management of these allergies. Notice of severe dietary restrictions should be shared with your Camp's Administrative Team at least 3 weeks prior to your Scout's arrival at camp.

We take great strides to ensure that all campers are able to have healthy and wholesome meals throughout the week. The best way to ensure this is by planning ahead of time. Parents and Unit Leadership should work together to ensure that each Scout's dietary needs are updated in the registration system. Accommodations at camp can also include storage space for food in a refrigerator or dry storage area if requested. Equipment such as microwaves and stoves will be available for reheating by request.

TRANSPORTATION

ADDRESS

Goshen Scout Reservation
340 Millard Burke Memorial Highway
Goshen, Virginia 24439

We suggest that Units utilizing GPS services on their way to Goshen use the address above. Google Maps is reported to be the most accurate; we have worked with this service to ensure that the directions are accurate and highlight the best route. Other GPS services will also work with the address above.

RECOMMENDED ROUTE — FROM DC AREA

- 66 West to 81 South
- 81 South to Exit 225
- Merge right onto Hwy 262
- After about 5 miles take the exit on the right for Hwy 254 West (it comes up a little fast)
- Turn right onto 254/42 towards Goshen.
- Stay straight for about 20 miles and then take a left on to Rt. 39
- After about 3-4 miles take a left on to Hwy 601
- After about a ¼ mile you will see the big Goshen Scout Reservation sign on the right!

CHECK-IN AND DEPARTURE

Please refer to the camp specific Leader's Guide of the camp your unit is attending for guidance on check-in and departure guidance and procedures.

TRAVEL VIA BUS

The Goshen Scout Reservation offers the option for units to use commercial bus transportation. Units may choose between two pick up locations—Fairfax, VA and Largo, MD, however, units with at least 45 attendees have the opportunity to request their own bus pickup location.

Units taking the bus are expected to provide at least one adult to ride on the bus with their campers. In accordance with youth protection guidelines, if female Scouts are riding the bus, at least one adult must be female. Provisional campers are the exception and are not expected to provide an adult on the bus.

Tickets for bus transportation will go on sale May 1, through the online summer camp registration system.

Please see our webpage of transportation at www.gotogoshen.org/information/transportation/ for details concerning bus transportation.

TRAVEL VIA PERSONAL VEHICLE & OTHER MEANS

Units choosing to supply their own transportation are asked that drivers please observe the following regulations:

TRANSPORTATION

Please refer to each individual camp's Leader's Guide for specifications on arrival times. Early arrivals will be restricted to the parking lot until the camp staff has readied the campsites. Adult drivers are welcome to stay for supper. All Scouts should be in camp no later than 4:00 pm. (3:00 p.m. for Camp Olmsted).

Check-in when you arrive occurs at the Camp you are attending. Please use the map on the following page to navigate from the main Goshen Scout Reservation entrance to your camp.

Drivers are requested to arrive at their specific camp and discharge all passengers and their equipment in the camp parking lot. If the unit has a trailer, it will be allowed to unload and leave the trailer at the campsite, if space allows. You will then be instructed on where to park by camp staff. Please note, there may be some instances where you may not be able to access your vehicle every day (satellite parking). Please plan accordingly.

Campsites have limited access for private cars and trucks due to camp access road conditions. Please plan and pack accordingly. Parking at camps is limited. Carpooling is helpful and appreciated.

When driving on reservation, please abide by posted speed limits of 20 mph on the Beltway and 10 mph in camps. At the end of the week, drivers should plan to pick up Scouts by 8:00 a.m. in the camp parking lot.

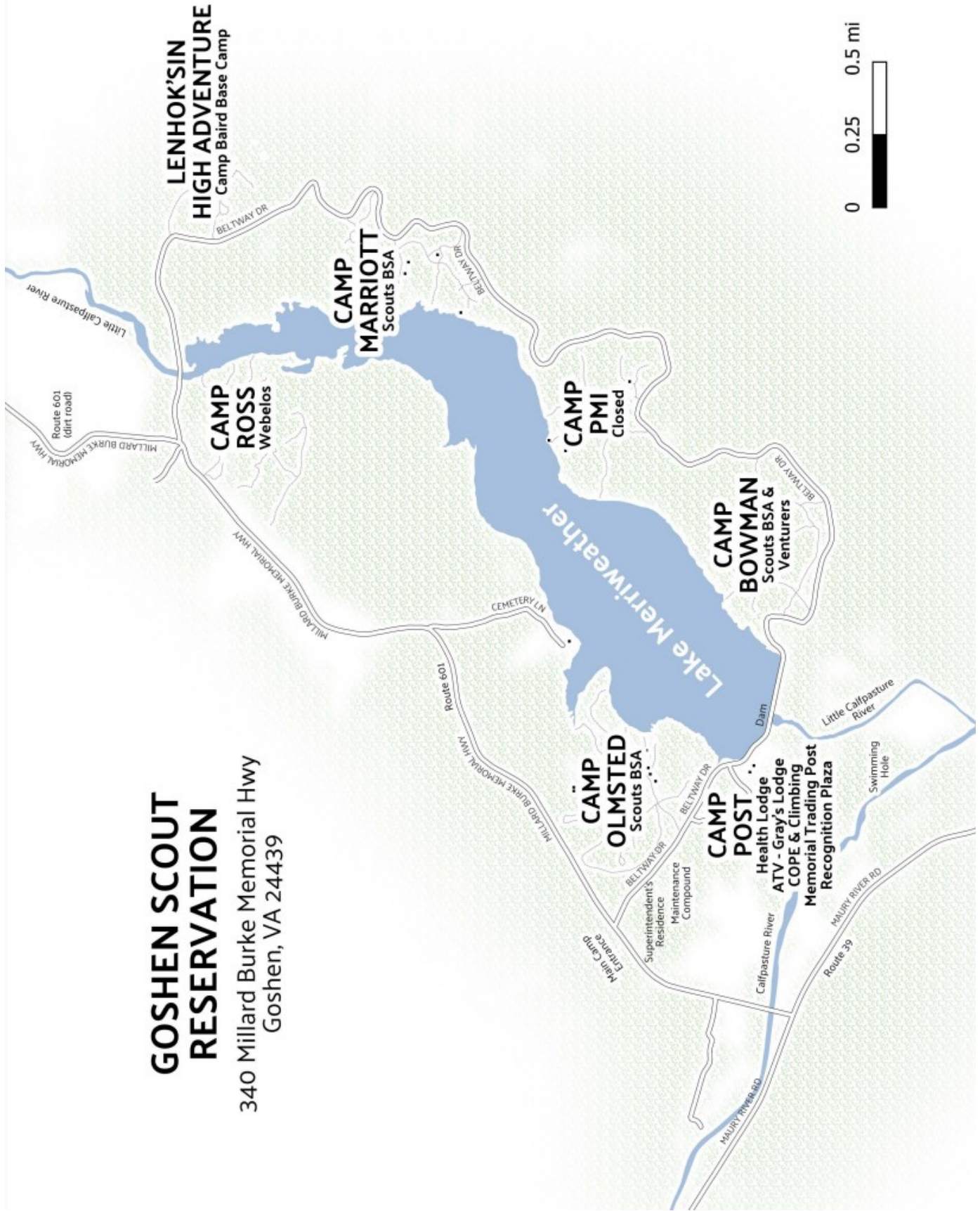
PARKING

All vehicles must be parked in the camp parking lot. Please try your best to consolidate and bring as few vehicles to camp as possible. If campsite unloading or loading is required due to special needs, please have an Adult Leader coordinate with the Camp Director.

GOSHEN SCOUT RESERVATION MAP

GOSHEN SCOUT RESERVATION

340 Millard Burke Memorial Hwy
Goshen, VA 24439



OFF SEASON CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES

GOSHEN FAMILY CAMP

Twice a year, the Goshen Scouting communities comes together for a weekend of family fun and adventure. Taking place on Memorial and Labor Day Weekends, Goshen Family Camp offers activities for all ages, including swimming and boating, rock climbing, a Giant Swing, Arts and Crafts (tie dye, leatherworking, painting, etc.), Shooting Sports (archery, BBs, rifle, and shotgun), and field games.

Learn more and find the latest information about Goshen Family Camp at www.gotogoshen.org/familycamp.

GOSHEN VOLUNTEER SERVICE WEEKENDS

Join other Goshen volunteers and lovers for a weekend of service at the Goshen Scout Reservation. Open to all members of the scouting community, units, families, and volunteers are invited to the Goshen Scout Reservation to assist in camp beautification. Past projects have included painting buildings, tent platform repair, picnic table building, sign routing and painting, and structure building.

Learn more about Goshen Volunteer Work Weekends at www.gotogoshen.org/vww.

OFF SEASON CAMPING RENTALS

Want to bring your Scouting unit to Goshen to go camping over the weekend? The Goshen Scout Reservation is open to unit camping during the non-summer months. Indoor accommodations in Gray's Lodge sleep 20—25. Tent camping includes access to latrines (all year) and the shower house (seasonal dependent). Typically, water is shut off for the winter from mid-October to late April, however, water is available on site.

Learn more at www.gotogoshen.org/information/off-season-camping. To make an off season reservation ,contact Reservation Director, Elisabeth Warren, at elisabeth.warren@scouting.org.