

CAMP TREXLER FAQ

Welcome to the Camp Trexler FAQ. Here is a list of the most pertinent information as well as frequently asked questions by Scouts, Leaders, Campers, and Adults, answered by our Staff/Management Team. ***This is an ever evolving document - we'll be constantly updating this with more information as needed.***

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SIGNING UP FOR CAMP

How do I Sign Up for Camp? How Much Does Camp Cost?

Head here to [this site](#), and click "Sign Up". All registration information as set by Minsi Trails Council can be found here.

Can I Sign Up even if my Troop is going to another Camp?

Absolutely! Head to the registration page, or reach out to our Council to register as a "Provisional Camper".

PRE-CAMP

I've signed up for Camp, what now?

Once you've signed up for Camp, make sure to stay tuned to your email for more information from Minsi Trails Council. You can also Sign Up your scout/scouts for Merit Badges, peruse the Leaders Guide, and take a look at our [Files page](#) for more information. Pre-Camp Leaders Meetings will be held, and information on those are in your Leaders Guide.

How do I Sign Up my Scouts for Merit Badges and do I have to?

Merit Badge Signup will ONLY be available for badges that require pre-registration. This signup process is normally available in March. Some badges such as Welding, and Metalworking need to be pre-registered for your scouts to be able to take. The signup process helps you keep your scouts organized, and it helps us determine how numbers will look for specific badges. Take a look at our Merit Badge Guide for a full list of badges that must be pre-registered. We also have a physical "Signup" List that you can have your scouts fill out for your and their personal records!

When are new badges and a list of all badges offered, announced?

Typically this list is available towards the end of winter. Once we check the yearly badge changes as listed by BSA National, we release our list of badges offered for the upcoming season.

How much money should I send with my scout to camp?

While that's entirely up to you, keep in mind some badges require extra fees. Badges such as welding, metalworking, leatherworking, basketry, OFC, Space Exploration, have kits that accompany them. Whitewater, and Blue Mountain Outdoor Adventures also require extra purchase. Take a look at our [Files page](#) for more information on badge pricing. We also have a fully stocked trading post that houses a snack area, as well as yearly camp gear such as shirts, hoodies, and other cool things that your scouts will definitely want to bring home with them!

DURING CAMP

When is Check-In?

On Sunday of your Week of Camp, we'll begin the Check-In process at 1pm. Troops who have trailers may drop them off in their site prior to 12:00 P.M For a full list of the Check-In Procedure, check our Leaders Guide found on our [Files page](#).

What is "The Buttress"?

The Buttress is located on our Parade Field! It's the iconic giant stone structure located between our office and dining hall. It's where we'll meet each day for Colors, both morning, and evening colors.

Should we attend the Opening and Closing Campfires?

Absolutely! At 8:45 on Sunday and Friday you'll definitely want to attend the Campfires here at Camp. It sets the tone for the rest of the week! As a leader, you'll also get a cool patch for attending the opening Campfire. Typically, the opening Campfire is themed with our yearly camp theme, offering new and fun songs/skits/jokes/things for you to watch based on the summer's theme. The closing Campfire, put on by you and your scouts, is where you'll see all the classic scouting songs/skits!

When do we wear our Uniforms?

We only require FULL Class A Field Uniforms at Dinner/Evening Colors. Some special occasions also require your uniform such as arrival, and OA Call-Out.

Can I visit my Scout?

Definitely! Just come check in at the office, and make sure you speak to your scout's troop leadership prior to the visit.

What is "Trexler Rangers"?

Trexler Rangers is held on Wednesday afternoon during your week of Camp. It's a teamwork building experience throughout the woods past our lake. Scouts will crawl through mud trenches, help each other over obstacles, trek through streams, over walls, and come together as a team to get very, very muddy. All of Camp is welcome to join in, as there is limited program on Wednesday.

Is there a First Year Camper Program?

Yes! We run a Program here at Camp called "Operation First Class", or "OFC". In this program, First Year Campers will work on a TON of requirements throughout the week that will take them from working on requirements in Scout, through First Class. [Take a look here](#) for a full rundown of how the program works!

A scout is reverent, what kind of services are offered during the week?

We hold a Chapel service on Wednesday, but each day, we hold a "Vespers". Vespers is a great time to relax, unwind, and listen to a story from one of our Commissioners/Leaders who sign up to speak.

What is there available for Leaders to do at Camp?

We've got a ton of things for our leaders to do here at Camp, [take a look!](#)

Is there a program for older scouts who are interested in more adventurous activities?

Yes! Our Older Scout Program has been growing steadily, and offers some of the coolest experiences of the past few summers! Check out the full schedule of Older Scout Opportunities [here!](#)

We lost an item, do you have a Lost and Found?

If you've lost an item, we keep a lost and found at the Camp office during Camp, please reach out to us in the off season if you're still missing an item, and we'll do our best to assist.

AFTER CAMP

We're missing a Blue Card, who should I reach out to?

If you're missing a blue card, we'll be happy to check our records and mail you out a new one, please [reach out to us here.](#)

OFF SEASON

We're looking to rent a site/cabin for off season camping, where can I go to register my troop for a site/cabin?

If you're looking for off season rental opportunities, [check here.](#)

Do you hold off season events?

This site/Camp Program is mainly for the summer. From time to time we hold events, though, primarily, any off season events are typically run by local districts, or by Minsi Trails Council. Our Camp's Venture Crew, Crew 1928 is also very active in the off season, and frequently holds events.

What is "Beaver Day - Invitational Weekend"?

Beaver Day is an off season event that we hold to get Camp ready to go for the Summer! We offer a free weekend of Camping to any troop willing to come up and help us get camp in tip-top shape. We also hold some programming and activities for the troops assisting, come on out! Information/dates are available in the Leaders Guide, or on Minsi Trails Council's website.

Keep checking back for more updates/additions to this document!

-Camp Trexler Management Team