

Summer Camp 2023



The Hero's Journey

Hear ye, hear ye! In honor of Camp Merz's 90th birthday, The Allegheny Highlands Council proudly presents the 2023 Hero's Journey tournament and games! You are invited to join us for camp wide challenges and tests of preparedness in each of our program areas, as well as side quests and merry making. We'll see you this summer when you hear the call of The Hero's Journey!



Allegheny Highlands Council Boy Scouts of America Cub Scout Summer Camp Programs 2023

A summer camp experience for cub scouts is both the culmination of a year-round program, and a motivator for both the boy and parents to continue with cub scouting through the next year. Every Pack should make plans now to deliver on our promise of an outdoor program. It's important to identify and make parents aware of the person who will coordinate the Pack's camping plans.

When a Scout and their family join cub scouting, they are joining an organization that values the fun and excitement of experiencing the outdoors. Each Cub Scout Pack needs to provide its Scouts with fun, safe, and positive outdoor experiences. This may be a cub scout's first organized overnight outdoor activity.

Camp Merz offers a variety of opportunities to fulfill a parents and Scouts' need for fun, excitement and adventure. They provide a natural setting to be a part of the magic of scouting in the great outdoors. We have outlined the different programs in this booklet. Our camps programs are rank (age) appropriate for your Scouts. If you should have any questions about any of our Cub Scout camping opportunities, or would like to have someone visit your Pack to make a presentation, please call the Scout Service Center at 716-665-2697.

Leaders, use your resources to help at camp!

Did you know you do not have to be a leader in the Pack to come to camp? Any interested adult can act as a leader at camp. **You don't have to come every day**, you can make arrangements with other leaders/parents in your Pack to split up the schedule so there is always leadership for your Scouts. But we're sure you'll want to stay all week. Camping is a great way to spend quality time with your son. You don't need to know anything about camping. Our staff will have programs all day and most evenings for you and your cub scouts to enjoy. Think of it as a vacation in the woods that you don't have to plan! Want to be a kid again? Come to camp just for the adventure!



What will we do at camp?

We offer handicrafts, nature, archery, BB guns, field sports, boating, fishing, and swimming. Cub Scouts can only earn requirements for the Arrow of Light for archery and BB guns while at camp.

Webelos resident camps will also offer special programs designed for Webelos to learn team building and scouting skills to help prepare them to become boy scouts. While at camp, Webelos will fulfill many of the Webelos outdoor requirements and electives. When a boy spends time at camp they will get as much program as they would get attending 62 den meetings. That's right, 62!!

Accommodations

Each campsite has tents on platforms with metal spring cots. We will do our best to provide mattresses for leaders, but we cannot guarantee that there will be enough. We DO NOT provide mattresses for Scouts, it's recommended to bring cardboard or a foam pad. **Each site also has at least one picnic table and one pavilion.** Each site has a latrine building and running water. **We cannot guarantee all leaders will get individual tents or mattresses.**

Cub Family Parent /Pal Weekend

Parent & Pal Family Camp is an ideal camping experience at Camp Merz for cub scouts of any age and a parent or guardian. Parent / Pal camp is an overnight camping experience involving many Cub Scout *families*.

Our council provides all of the elements of the outdoor experience of summer camp, such as a trained staff, meals, tents, and program.

This program gives the cub and his family, the opportunity to experience quality time with the Cub Scout camping program as a backdrop. The program schedule is loose so that parent and cub teams can pick and choose the program areas they wish to visit.

The camp fee is \$140 per couple or \$125 with discount, if paid in full by June 1st.

Additional family members can attend for \$75 per person

Schedule

Aug 5 - 6 Family Camp at Camp Merz

Cub / Webelos Adventure Camp

Our Council operates a fully accredited resident camp at Camp Merz, located on Chautauqua Lake near Mayville, NY

Cub / Webelos Camp allow Scouts to experience the outdoors in a fun and safe environment. Scouts get to participate in many different areas of adventure, such as swimming, boating, archery, BB gun, crafts, and sports which include soccer and volleyball and much more. Scouts work on age appropriate programs run by trained staff. They stay in tents and sleep on cots, and have nutritious meals provided in the dining hall during their stay.

Camp Merz is \$275, \$255 with all discounts
Adult fee is \$100. One free for every 10 Scouts.

Schedule

July 7-9 (Fri-Sun) Cub / Webelos adventure

Things to remember for ALL camping programs...

Parent and Pal: Check-in is 10:00am

Camp Merz: Check-in is 10am.

Here is what the cubs should bring:

- ☐ Health Forms (Mandatory)
- ☐ Water shoes (Mandatory)
- ☐ Swimsuit
- ☐ Towel
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Extra clothes
- ☐ Extra shoes
- ☐ Bug Spray
- ☐ Sun Screen
- ☐ Sleeping bag & Pillow
- ☐ Rain gear
- ☐ Flashlight

Note: Apache, Evergreen, Howard, Jubilee, Mead, Rupert and Yahn have power in site for your medical needs. Please be sure to bring you own extension cords when using in site power.

About our Camp Staff...

Our resident camp staff members go through a rigorous training program prior to the start of camp. Many of our area directors, all of our program directors and camp directors attend National BSA Camp School. Our camp management teams have been working hard to make 2023 our best camping season yet. Our camp has at least one Health Officer who is a trained EMT or RN and is in camp at all times to tend to any medical needs that may arise. The safety of your Scout is our number one priority at camp.

Hey Leaders... Special Needs??

We stand ready to help you during your stay. When you attend the pre-camp leader's meeting, let us know about your Scouts attending and how we can best serve you. Whether it's dietary, or your unit's program time, or special needs of particular Scouts, we will do our best to accommodate you. Send in your special needs applicatoin no later than July 1.

Incentives and Discounts

* **Campership Application** due April 30th, into the Scout Service Center *(Allegheny Highlands Council Members only)*

DON'T BE LATE, FUNDS ARE LIMITED

* \$20 discount per Scout if pack pays by June 1.
(Allegheny Highlands Council Units only)

***TOTAL DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE IS \$20 OTHER THAN CAMPERSHIPS.**



Pre Camp Leaders Meeting and Parent Orientation

There will be a pre-camp leaders meetings & parent orientation on **Thursday, May 4th at 6:30pm & Saturday, May 6th at 10am** to give **leaders and parents** a chance to find out more information about our camp programs, take a tour of the camp and review important information to make your stay at camp a comfortable and enjoyable experience. **It is VERY important that a representative from your pack attends one of these meetings.**

Medical Forms

Scouts and adults attending camp **MUST** have forms signed by a physician. Please note that you **MUST** include date and year for all immunizations. If a scout will be taking any over the counter or prescription medications, the Medication Permission Form must be used. And remember you must use the NEW BSA Medical Form.



Note: By attending camp you are authorizing the Allegheny Highlands Council the right to use your image in any photographs or videos taken at camp for

Forms Section

Personal Forms

- BSA Personal Health and Medical Record. **DO NOT MAIL TO COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER.**
- Medication Permission Form – For use by all members attending summer camp with medications. Bring to camp, **DO NOT MAIL TO COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER.**
- Sun Screen & Insect repellent Form. **DO NOT MAIL TO COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER.** This form must be turned in to your unit leader with payment.
- Financial Need Campership Application – For use by members of the Allegheny Highlands Council who are in need of financial assistance to attend summer camp at Camp Merz. Mail to Scout Service Center by April 30th.

Reserve a site / Register www.campmerz.org

