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BOY SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP GUIDE

The Mohegan Council, BSA is proud to offer a variety of summer programs at its premier camping facility, Treasure Valley Scout Reservation (TVSR)! This guide is intended for Troop volunteers to help organize and support the camping program within their individual unit. General information as it relates to TVSR as well as specific information for each program offered can be found within this information guide and its supplements.

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Who is a Camp Coordinator?

As part of our effort to unify our registration process for all the summer camps we've created the role of the *Camp Coordinator*. The Camp Coordinator should be a trusted adult that is involved in your unit. This is an ideal role for a member of your unit committee. Having a good reputation among your unit's families and Scouts as well as reliability when it comes to communicating information are important attributes for this critical volunteer.

What is the role of a Camp Coordinator?

The main role of the Camp Coordinator is to act as the contact person between the camp director and the unit. If parents or Scouts have questions about camp, the coordinator will reach out to the directors of the appropriate camp for answers. The coordinator should also plan, with the unit leadership, a promotional presentation with Council representatives. The coordinator is also responsible for collecting and turning in registration forms/fees, medical forms, as well as distributing camp information packets and other information to families. The coordinator should make sure that all families are aware of any available discounts as well as any deadlines. The Camp Coordinator should have an understanding of campership assistance that is available for those who may need help funding their summer camp experience. Once your unit has a designated coordinator please e-mail their information to the appropriate Camp Director.

About Treasure Valley

Treasure Valley Scout Reservation (TVSR) is a camp full of history and pride. We offer:

- a 1,600 acre woodland camp,
- over 70 miles of hiking and biking trails,
- a variety of eco-systems and wildlife habitats,
- a nighttime view of the sky that will inspire the imagination
- a venue for Scout units to practice skills
- a nationally accredited summer camp program, developmentally appropriate for Scouts of all ages including:
 - boating
 - fishing
 - ecology and nature
 - shooting sports
 - and much more

Many thanks go out to the numerous volunteers who take their time to come out to assist with our wonderful programs for our Scouts! Without their help, Council support, committed staff, leaders, parents and incredible campers, the camp would not be a success.

Pre-Camp Beaver Days

Beaver Days are work days where volunteers help us get our camp ready for the summer season. Projects may include: carpentry work, trail maintenance, program area cleaning, etc. If you are interested in volunteering this year please watch our website for details! Tentative dates are as follows:

Saturday, April 25th -Focus is on Cub Scout Day Camp!

Saturday, May 16th

Saturday, June 20th

Overview of our summer programs

Cub Scout Day Camp

Set on the West side of Browning Pond inside Treasure Valley, the Cub Scout Day Camp program offers the promise of Scouting to our youngest members. Day Camp is an opportunity for units to strengthen the bonds of their Scouts and leaders and to engage in an exciting day long program complete with water and shooting sports activities.

Webelos Resident Camp

Set on the East side of Browning Pond inside Treasure Valley, Webelos Resident Camp begins to explore the world of overnight camping for the oldest members of the Cub Scout program. Scouts entering the fourth or fifth grade in the Fall are eligible to participate in either week along with their parents and/or adult leaders in the overnight experience of camping at Treasure Valley.

Boy Scout Resident Camp

Set on the East side of Browning Pond inside Treasure Valley, Boy Scout Resident Camp is the essence of camping with your Troop. A week-long experience in the outdoors and a chance to explore a variety of merit badge opportunities in aquatics, shooting, ecology, handicraft, Scoutcraft, and more await every camper this summer. With added program features like war canoe racing, Magee Day games, an ice-cream social sponsored by the Order of the Arrow, and more.

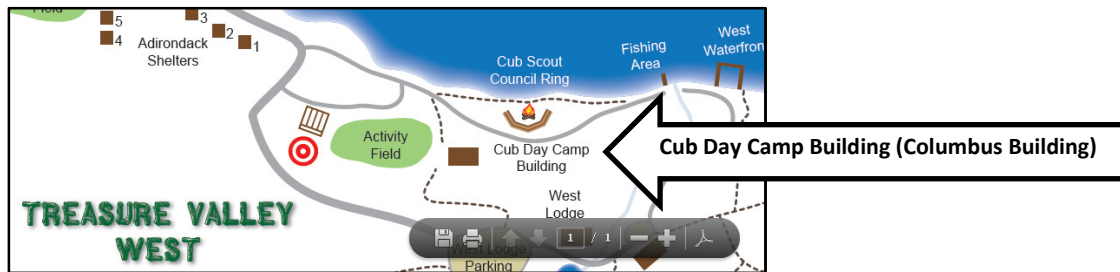
Camp Headquarters

Each of Treasure Valley's camping programs has its own base of operations.

A full map of Treasure Valley can be found in the forms section of this guide as well as on the Mohegan Council website: www.MoheganCouncilBSA.org

Cub Scout Day Camp

Columbus Building (Cub Day Camp building on map)



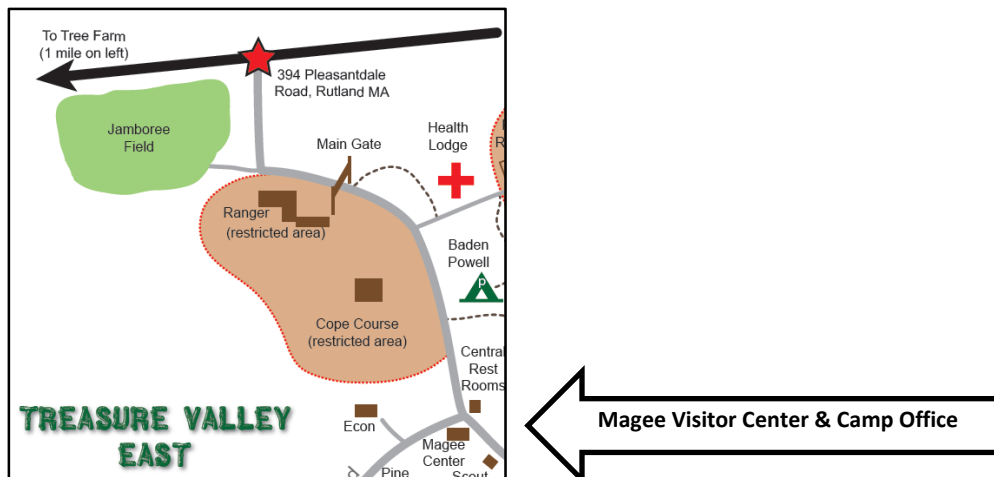
Webelos Resident Camp

Eagle Lodge (Commissary on Map)



Boy Scout Resident Camp

Magee Visitor Center and Camp Office



Lost and Found

Lost and found will be maintained at the Magee Visitor's Center. Items not claimed by the close of camp will be disposed of. Treasure Valley Scout Reservation is not responsible for items that are potentially lost or stolen. Please have your Scout make a list of all items brought to camp and check them off when leaving. Label everything!

Mail

Mail may be sent to **attendees of residential camp** at Treasure Valley and will be delivered through the Magee office. Letters and items should be mailed one week prior to the recipient's arrival at camp or be given to the unit leader for delivery through the unit.

***Hint:** Please give your Scout strength to be at camp, tell them you trust them and can't wait to hear about the adventures they're having. We ask that you do not include family pictures or statements like "we miss you" as this may lead to the Scout reflecting about what they don't have and worrying about you at home.*

Mail should be addressed as follows:

**Treasure Valley Scout Reservation
c/o Scout's Name, Unit type (Pack/Troop) and Unit #, Campsite Name
394 Pleasantdale Road
Rutland, MA 01543**

Telephone

Scouts are encouraged to leave cell phones and other electronic devices at home. Summer camps in Scouting are an excellent chance to connect with nature and their fellow Scouts and disconnect from the electronic world of our everyday lives. Communication with family (though discouraged as a preventive measure to home-sickness) is often available through a Scout's adult leadership or through the camp leadership. In the event of an emergency, communication will be made by the camp leadership through the appropriate leadership or parental/guardian channels as necessary.

If urgent communication must be made from your family to a Scout at TVSR, contact may be made at the Magee Visitor Center (**508-886-2213** [fax is 508-886-6693]). Messages received during the day will be placed in the unit's campsite mail box at the Magee Center. If the caller identifies the message as an emergency or urgent, the message will be taken directly to the campsite by a staff member.

Website

The Mohegan Council, BSA is online. Documentation, forms (including this "Guidebook"), and more are available online at: www.mohegancouncilbsa.org. The website also contains updated Summer Camp information as well as weekend rental information. This site will also have up-to-date information on camp, scheduling and more.

Contact Information

Blogs and information for each camping program can be found at www.MoheganCouncilBSA.org under “camping” tab.

Cub Scout Day Camp Director

Camp Director

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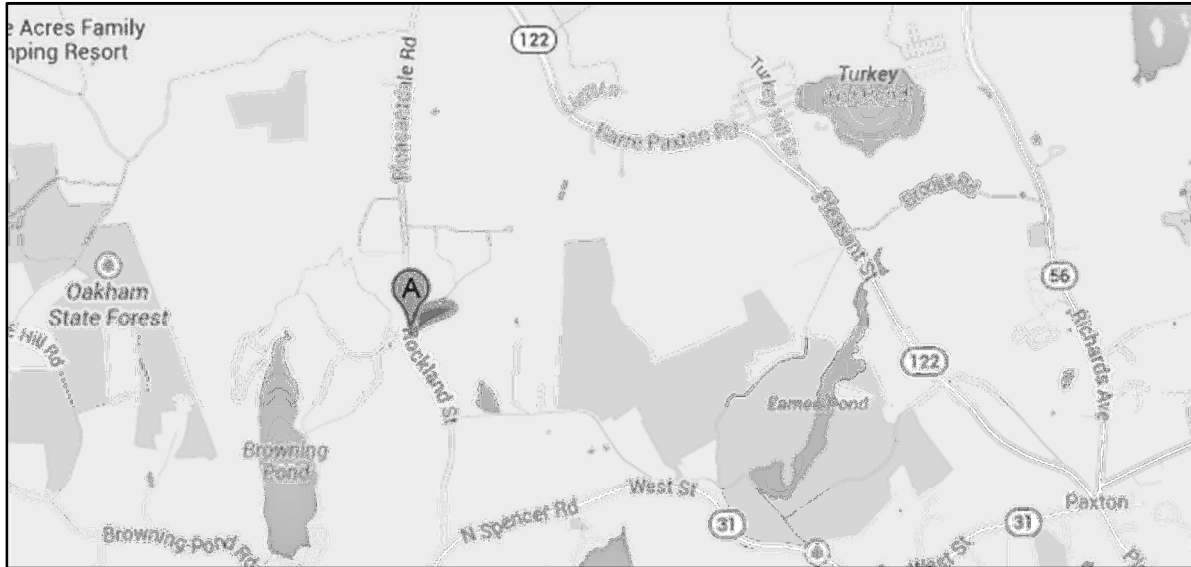
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Directions to Treasure Valley

Located 12 miles northwest of Worcester, Massachusetts, Treasure Valley is easily reached.

If you're unfamiliar with the Worcester area or need further guidance to camp, please use the contact information for your respective camp or contact the Mohegan Council Service Center at 508-752-3769.



From the Mass Pike (Interstate 90)/Interstate 84

Exit at Sturbridge Route 20 and go east. Approximately 1 ½ miles turn left on Route 49 toward Spencer and follow to Route 9. Turn right on Route 9 (east) and go approximately ½ mile to the traffic light and turn left on Meadow Street (on the corner there is a Big Y, Flexcon, Hess Gas Station and a cemetery). Follow Meadow Street approximately 2 miles to stop sign and turn left onto Route 31. Continue on Route 31 past St. Joseph's Abbey and the Black and White Restaurant. About ½ mile past the Black and White restaurant turn left onto Barclay Road (TVSR sign is posted). Treasure Valley is 1 mile on your left.

From Interstate 290 (from Marlboro)

Take Exit 18 (Lincoln Street) and follow signs to Lincoln Square (Route 9). Turn right on Route 9 (heading toward the Worcester Airport and Paxton). Follow Directions from Route 9 below.

From Interstate 290 (from Auburn)

Take Exit 17 and turn left onto Route 9. Follow Directions from Route 9 below.

From Route 9/290 in Worcester

Stay straight on Route 9 – picking up Pleasant Street (north)/Route 122 toward the Worcester Airport and Paxton. Turn left onto MA-31 S and then right onto Nanigan Road. Take a right on Rockland St./Pleasantdale Road. Follow Pleasantdale Road approximately 2 ½ to 3 miles, Treasure Valley Scout Reservation entrance is on the right side.

Camp Refund Policy

All requests must be made using the **refund request form** found in the forms section of this guide and received at least two weeks prior to the start of the camp. Requests must be sent to the Mohegan Council Service Center 19 Harvard Street Worcester, MA 01609. An official form can be found on www.MoheganCouncilBSA.org under “Camping.”

Any last minute refunds will only be given for extenuating circumstances (i.e, death in the family, major illness). Refunds will not be given for a change of mind, vacation plans, summer school, or no shows.

Refunds will not be given once the session of camp has begun.

Fees may be transferred from one Scout to another within the same unit.

Because many expenses occur 6 weeks prior to the start of camp, the Mohegan Council reserves the right to withhold an administrative fee of \$50.00 for any refund given.

Camperships

It is the policy of Mohegan Council to make sure that all Scouts have the chance to benefit from the programs offered at Treasure Valley. Should a Scout’s family be in a financial situation where assistance is needed, they may apply by filling out the “Application for Campership Assistance” available at the Council Service Center and for download off the council website: www.mohegancouncilbsa.org (look under “summer camp”). This application must be returned to the Council Service Center no later than

Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

Provisional Camping

Treasure Valley Scout Reservation offers Provisional Camping for Scouts that are unable to attend camp with their unit. Reasons may include not being able to attend camp during their unit’s scheduled week, or for those Scouts who would like to spend a second week or more at Treasure Valley. Provisional fees are slightly higher because the camp must arrange for or provide adult supervision for those Scouts. Provisional camping is not a viable substitute for a residential camp experience with the Scout’s own unit; effort should be made to attend the overnight camp with the unit! Scout camp exists to strengthen the relationship of a Scout and their unit.



Health and Safety

General Health and Safety

Treasure Valley Scout Reservation employs full time health professionals that are licensed by and meet all requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. **NO PHYSICALS CAN BE GIVEN AT CAMP!**

Medical Exams

Cub Scout Day Camp-All campers, leaders, and staff must submit at least parts A and B of the National BSA Annual Medical Form. This form should be completed by a parent or guardian for all minors.

Webelos Resident Camp and Boy Scout Resident Camp -All campers, leaders, and staff must have a physical examination within the year prior to the arrival to camp. Parts A, B, and C of the National BSA Annual Medical Form must be updated and signed annually by personal physician. All must submit their Health and Medical Record filled out completely and signed by a medical professional and by a parent or guardian (for those under the age of 18). Current medical forms must be on file to attend TVSR. This is a MA state law as well as a BSA policy, we cannot make exceptions. This is why we ask Scoutmasters to make certain that their unit, adults and boys alike, have their forms ready prior to camp.

Medical Rechecks

All campers and leaders must attend the medical recheck to complete the check-in process on the first day of camp. The purpose of this is to make sure no major health changes have occurred since the physical was completed. Any illness must be reported or any other change to medical history.

Medications

In compliance with state regulations, all prescription and over the counter (OTC) medications brought to camp must come in their original containers, and permission must be given on the medical form authorizing the camp medical officer to dispense the medications. The camp health officer must hold ALL medications (including over the counter medications) for minors, excluding inhalers and epi-pens as dictated by physicians.

Health Lodge

The Health Lodge is intended for the temporary care of sick or injured campers, leaders, and staff. A resident health officer is always on duty, and a physician is always on call. At Cub Scout Day Camp, the Health Officer's station is at the Columbus building (Cub Scout Day Camp building). For Boy Scout Resident Camp the Health Officer is at the East Lodge before and after mealtime to dispense medications. There will be a schedule made to instruct all regarding medication and proper protocol. If there is a medical issue in camp during the day from 7:45am

through 11pm, please report to the Magee Visitor Center and the Health Officer will advise. If out of that time period, please report to the Health Lodge at the top of the hill where the Health Officer resides.

Injuries

All injuries and illnesses of any type occurring at Webelos Resident Camp or Boy Scout Resident Camp must be reported to the Camp Office (Magee Visitor Center) who will contact the Health Officer. The health officer may be out and about within camp. Any injuries and illnesses occurring at Cub Scout Day Camp must be reported to the camp management at the Columbus building (Cub Scout Day Camp building).

Medical Treatment

Campers in need of treatment beyond that provided at the Health Lodge will be seen at a facility to be determined by the Health Officer and/or the Scout's parents. In most cases, the Scoutmaster or an adult assistant will be responsible for providing transportation. Leaders must not take campers out of camp to seek medical attention without the knowledge of the camp health officer.

Parent Authorization Form

Each minor must have a Parent Authorization Form completed and submitted. This allows each camper the privilege to shoot BB's, .22 caliber rifles, shotguns, and archery (suitable to the developmentally appropriate program). This form also provides additional information about over the counter (OTC) medication distribution in camp. Note: talent release authorization for photographs and video is located in Section B of the BSA Health and Medical Record.

Adult Supervision

Supervision of campers at camp is a responsibility shared between unit leaders and camp staff.

Each unit attending camp must have a minimum of two adult leaders in camp at all times. If for emergency reasons two leaders are not in camp please notify the Camp Office and staff will be provided. All adult leaders in camp MUST have a current CORI /SORI check from the State of Massachusetts on file and must be approved by the unit committee. CORI and SORI Forms must be submitted to the Council Service Center by June 15th so that they can be processed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Adults without current CORI/SORI on file will not be permitted to stay overnight (should be submitted on a yearly basis).

NO EXCEPTIONS! Adults in camp overnight must also be BSA registered.

Adults must be conscious of their behavior while they are in camp. Excessive yelling, verbal abuse or other inappropriate actions/behaviors will be grounds for removal from camp. Please live the oath and law to its fullest.

Adult leaders in camp must communicate their location to their unit at all times. If unit leaders will not be able to fulfill the two-deep requirement in their campsites, alternative arrangements should be made with camp management.

Buddy System

The Buddy System must be followed at all times in camp, site and sound on camp roads is permissible.

Controlled Substances

Possession or use on camp property of alcohol, or any drug or medicine prohibited by law is strictly prohibited. The Camp Management will not hesitate to involve local law enforcement as necessary and will restrict the party from camp grounds.

Fire Protection

A Fire Protection Plan is located in every site. It is camp policy that fires should not be fought, rather reported to the Camp Office immediately. Firefighting equipment is in each site for life and death situations only.

Firearms and Archery Equipment

Personal Firearms and Archery Equipment are not allowed in camp. Law enforcement not on duty must lock their firearm in their trunk.

Fireworks

Fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts and are also illegal in camp.

Non-Discrimination Policy

The Mohegan Council of the Boy Scouts of America operates in compliance with all relevant laws, codes, ordinances, statutes and regulations. The council does not unlawfully discriminate with respect to employment, volunteer participation or the provision of services, on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, ancestry, or disability status, veteran status, marital status, or political affiliation. The council policy forbids sexual harassment. The council has a right to exclude membership to those whose behavior is inappropriate for the defined mission and values of the council.

This resolution approved and duly recorded on the 26th day of July, 2012

Harassment/Hazing

Harassment and hazing of any type from Scouts, leaders, staff and visitors is prohibited at Treasure Valley Scout Reservation. This includes, but is not limited to verbal, physical, sexual, initiations, etc. All local, state and federal laws will be enforced. Persons found to have engaged in such will be removed from camp immediately and proper authorities notified.

Insect Sprays

Aerosol sprays are not allowed in camp because they are a fire hazard and also damage tents.

Insurance

The Mohegan Council maintains an insurance policy, which covers all Mohegan Council Scouts and adults while in Camp. This policy is an excess plan. This means that if your Scout is injured at camp, your personal insurance policy becomes primary for coverage, with the camp insurance picking up any remaining amount. It is the duty of all Leaders and Scouts to report accidents to the Magee Visitor Center or health officer. Out of council units are required to be covered by a similar council policy, by their own unit insurance, or by insurance carried by the individual.

Leaving Camp

Campers must have parental permission to leave camp at any time. Parents may designate which individuals their son may leave camp with on the medical form/Parent authorization Form. Individuals must sign out at the Magee Visitors Center.

Liquid Fuels

Liquid fuels are allowed in camp provided that BSA policy is followed for the safe use and storage of liquid fuels (posted in campsites). Fuels must be stored in the Ranger's Area.

Pets

Pets are only permitted under camp management approval under very specific individual circumstances. UNITS SHOULD NOT bring in animals to camp.

Sheath/Throwing Knives/stars

Sheath/throwing knives are not to be carried by campers or leaders. For all other knives, the rule of thumb is that if it is bigger than your hand, it does not belong at camp.

Propane (Resident Camp Only)

Each in-site cooking campsite is equipped with a three-burner stove, grill and a hot water tank. All in-site cooking must be directly supervised by an adult 21 years of age or older. There are no pilot lights on the gas stoves and grills; therefore, this equipment must be lit manually by an adult when it is to be utilized. There is a pilot light on the hot water tank, should it go out it will need to be relit. If you need help with this please contact the Magee Visitor Center for assistance. An emergency shut off valve is located on the top of each gas tank. No fires/smoking near fuel.

Refrigeration

Treasure Valley Scout Reservation cannot store foods for Troops other than those required for special diets or medicines. Food requiring refrigeration may not be kept in the site per agreement with the Oakham Board of Health. The Cub Scout Day Camp does offer refrigeration for lunches brought to camp.

Security

Treasure Valley Scout Reservation is committed to providing the safest atmosphere possible. Browning Pond has public access and many people often mistake Treasure Valley as a state park. If you notice anything or anyone suspicious, please contact the Magee Visitor Center (Camp Office) immediately. All leaders, Scouts, and visitors leaving or arriving at camp must sign in and out at the Magee Visitor Center (Camp Office). Visitor's passes must be visible at all times.*

*Cub Scout Day Camp operates out of the Columbus Building (Cub Scout Day Camp building) on the West Side of camp. All visitors to this camp should check-in through this headquarters – it is not necessary to check-in at the Magee Visitor Center if you are checking in at the Cub Scout Day Camp.

Showers (Residential Camps Only)

Showers are available to resident campers between the hours of 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM. Adults and Scouts must shower separately. It is preferable for adults to shower during program hours. The shower house will be closed during campfires. Wear bathing suits in group shower please! Block showers are for youth, individual showers are for adults. Appropriate clothing and footwear should be worn to and from the shower house. Please have at least one leader accompany a group of scouts to the shower house. Shower house will be closed for cleaning daily, times will be posted. Please understand it is everyone's responsibility to keep camp neat, a Scout is CLEAN. It is an outdoor environment and dirt is constantly brought into the shower house. Please dispose of your personal items appropriately.

Sleep (Residential Camps Only)

It is important that all campers, leaders, and staff get the appropriate amount of sleep each night. Most scouts need at least 8-9 hours of sleep. Quiet hours are from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM daily.

Tobacco Products

There is no smoking in the presence of Scouts! We will provide you with a smoking area. Smoking will be limited to this designated area. Scouts under the age of 18 may not smoke in camp.

Youth Protection

The Mohegan Council and Treasure Valley Scout Reservation are committed to full enforcement of BSA Youth Protection Standards as well as applicable laws. The camp management will not hesitate to involve social services and law enforcement agencies as necessary.

For more information about the Boy Scouts of America's youth protection visit www.myscouting.org.

Personal Bicycles (Boy Scout Resident Camp Only)

Personal bicycles are permitted for resident campers only. Those Scouts bringing their bicycles to camp must: Have the permission of their Scoutmaster; have the bike inspected by a member of

camp management, park bikes in appropriate places out of harm's way; a helmet must be worn at all times, and bicycles are ridden with a buddy and only on trails (no bridges). Bicycles must appear to be in good working condition with Mountain Terrain tires (no "touring" tires are permitted). A complete list of rules will be discussed with the Scout upon inspection. Cyclists not following the rules, or bikes that have not passed inspection will have their bike "impounded" for the remainder of the week. The Mohegan Council, BSA and Treasure Valley Scout Reservation will not be responsible for repairing or supervising bicycles or equipment lost, stolen, or broken during the week. The Mohegan Council and Treasure Valley Scout Reservation reserve the right to discontinue the use of private bicycles in camp or alter these rules at any time if it is deemed necessary.

Camp Emergency Procedures (Webelos and Boy Scout Resident Camp)

The Signal

The signals for emergencies are sirens mounted on the roofs of the East Lodge and the Trading Post and can be heard from all areas in camp. The siren may be tested for up to 10 seconds at times during the week. No response is required for sirens that last less than 10 seconds.

What to do when the siren sounds steadily (Troop Leaders and Campers)-

1. When the siren sounds, program areas will close. All leaders and campers must report to their campsites immediately. Due to distance, campers in the Hemlocks campsite should report to the waterfront. At this time only camp vehicles are allowed to be driven. All staff (excluding waterfront staff) should report to Magee for direction.
2. The unit leader will do a roll call and in no more than ten minutes report to the Magee Center via two troop representatives (please send older Scouts). Troop representatives will stay together and report troop number, campsite, and the names of any missing persons. It is the leader's responsibility to know the whereabouts of all unit campers.
3. The representatives will return to their campsite with instructions from the staff at the Magee Center. All campers and leaders must stay in their campsite until notified (When the sirens stop, the emergency is over unless otherwise instructed).
4. All medical emergencies should report directly to the Magee Center. The staff on duty will contact the Health Officer.

Drills

Drills will be conducted to ensure that everyone knows how to respond calmly and efficiently. Drills are a serious matter, please treat them as real emergencies.

Siren signal for lightning or severe weather

Siren will sound intermittently, indicating to units that there is a weather warning and all units will evacuate campsites to the respective building. Unit leaders will take rosters with them to buildings and make certain roll is taken. Staff will get direction following evacuation.

During program: proceed with staff to nearest building. If walking in camp, proceed to nearest building!

When units are all in campsites they should report as follows (Resident Camp Only):

Location	Campsites Assigned	Staff Assigned
Magee Building	Madore, Thunderbird	Econ & BSI Staff
East Lodge	Chippewa, Hi Mesa, Pine Acres, Evergreen	Scoutcraft & Sports staff
Handicrafts	Sleepy Hollow, Hickory, Hemlocks	Aquatics Staff
Trading Post/Commissary		
Health Lodge	Baden Powell, Tall Maples	Shooting Sports & COPE Staff

Shooter or hostage situation in camp:

In the event there is a situation where camp is under threat of hostage or shooter, the following procedures are to be followed. In all circumstances each individual in camp is to stay safe and out of harms way. Camp staff and leaders are to keep campers calm and orderly. As in any emergency, do no more harm. Keep yourself and those around you as safe as possible.

Active shooting situation:

1. Identification of the situation by camp personnel to camp administration
2. Camp administration will immediately notify authorities who have a copy of this plan and who know the camp layout well. When safe to do so Scout Executive will be notified.
3. Radio communication will be limited, report sighting of incident, giving only information of the shooter, not campers. Then remain off radio. Report number of shooters, identification, location and heading, only if safe to do so.
4. As the above is unfolding, all camp areas (program and camp sites) are to shut down. All are to be brought out of the line of danger as soon as possible. If unsure of the location of the threat stay put and take cover. Do not move into a threat unknowing.
 - a. They are to be either led outside of camp by leaders or camp staff by the nearest access road, or if evacuation will place them in harms way, they are to go into the closest secured building and remain still and silent away from windows and doors.

- b. If an individual is in camp and cannot get to a building or evacuate and contact with a shooter seems imminent, they are to take cover as best as possible remaining still and silent.
5. Communication with authorities responding to the scene is critical. Reports will be made by camp director or agents as to the location and nature of the threat(s), updates will be made as the situation requires. Information of campers is to remain quiet on radios in case of radio communication being monitored.
6. Once authorities are on scene, they will take control of the situation. It is up to the local law enforcement agency command to clear the situation.
7. When clear, all will be accounted for. If evacuation from camp occurred, the leader will contact the authorities to find out if it is safe to enter camp. The leader will keep the individuals in their care together and will sit tight until given the go ahead.
8. All camp leaders will take control of their units to make certain all are accounted for. If there is an issue of a missing person we will work with authorities at this point to form a proper search.
9. Parents will be notified to work with us to get the campers home safely.
10. Council staff will work to mitigate the situation appropriately.
11. All paperwork and debriefing will be handled as well as getting the necessary aid to those in need

Hostage situation:

1. Identification of the situation by a witness to camp personnel of what is happening.
 2. Local law enforcement will be notified and communicated with by camp director or agent. When it is safe Scout executive will be notified.
 3. As the above is unfolding all areas and sites will be shut down and all participants will be kept inside safe away from doors and windows or they will be evacuated if safe to do so.
 4. If unsure of where the threat is stay put and take cover.
 5. Once local law enforcement is on scene their command will take over the situation and camp staff personnel will do as asked.
 6. It is important to get unit information to account for all in camp and then proper notification will be made to get all home safely and get help is needed.
- As with all emergency situations, once the immediate threat is taken care of, the situation will be reviewed and we will look at what to do better in the future.
 - Exits of camp by road: Ridge road and main road that will meet at gate to main drive.
 - Off ridge road to the east is Pleasantdale/Rockland road that can be accessed by foot.
 - Ridge Road heads to west camp. To the north of Ridge Road is East Hill Road.
 - Trails to the west of west camp will lead out to Oakham State Park/Flint Road.
 - Following dirt road on both sides of the pond to the south will exit to Browning Pond Road.

Camp Emergency Procedures (Cub Scout Day Camp)

Emergency Signals

Any emergency situation that applies to Cub Scout Day Camp will be announced on the public address system or transmitted to staff members by radio and then relayed to Dens. Special instructions may be included with such an announcement and override these procedures. Be aware that there are sirens in East Camp (the Boy Scout side of the lake) that are used as an emergency warning system. The sirens have no direct effect on the operation of Cub Scout Camp. The Rainbow Child Development organization rents part of Treasure Valley to provide a day camp for about 75 boys and girls. They have an emergency warning signal, which is a handheld air horn. Their air horn warning will have no direct effect on the operation of Cub Scout Day Camp.

Lost Bather Drill (waterfront) or Lost Boy Drill (non-waterfront) -- (LBD)

Upon the sounding of the alarm calmly and quickly have all boys sit on the ground without moving. Both the Den Guide and Den Escort should count (do not fumble with an attendance list) count ALL people with your den - Cub Scouts, Adults, and Den Guides and agree on a count. The Den Guide will report to the Camp Office with this count, and remain there until "cleared" or told to return for a recount. Should you have a visitor with your den, count and report them separately as: "Den 7, 12 and 1 visitor" The Purpose of the LBD is to be able to account for every person in camp with the utmost speed and accuracy. It shall be the Goal of this Camp to complete an accurate attendance within four minutes, upon sounding of the LBD alarm.

The Aquatics Director and the Camp Director shall be responsible (cooperatively) for scheduling and executing LBDs. The Camp Director shall be responsible for notifying the Camp Director or Aquatics Director on the Boy Scout side at least 15 minutes prior to sounding the LBD alarm.

First Aid

For minor injuries and medical problems, report them to the Health Officer at the Camp Office/First Aid Station.

For serious injuries and medical problems (or if unsure as to the extent of the injury), do not move the person! Send a pair of runners to the Health Officer at the Camp Office/First Aid Station. The Health Officer will take the necessary precautions. An adult leader from the group or camp staff will accompany an injured boy to the hospital.

Electrical Storm or Other Weather Conditions

Rainy day program is sunny day program with a poncho.

This does NOT include electrical storms. We will do our best to provide information on upcoming weather events that will impact program as far in the future as we can. However, this is New England, and we all know that weather changes can happen in a matter of minutes. If we should need to suspend program for emergency weather conditions you will be informed either by the public address system or by a Program Area Director or other staff member. Take immediate but calm measured action. Take attendance. Move the den to the Columbus Day Building. Take attendance, again. The staff will provide an indoor program.

Intruder and Visitor Policy

Be friendly, courteous, positive, observant and cautious.

Ask if the person has checked in with the office. They must have a visitor's badge or camp wristband displayed, if they don't ask them to put it on. If they don't have one, escort them to the camp office immediately. Colored wristbands will be designated for each week of camp.

If you have any concerns or if the intruder refuses to cooperate or gets angry, back off and go immediately to the Camp Director with a description of the person. Make note of where the intruder was first seen and which direction he/she was heading. Make note of the physical description of the individual and approximate time of the encounter

Security

Treasure Valley Scout Reservation is committed to providing the safest atmosphere possible. Browning Pond has public access and many people often mistake Treasure Valley as a State Park. If you notice anything or anyone suspicious, please contact the Magee Visitor Center (Camp Office) immediately. All leaders, scouts, and visitors leaving or arriving at camp must sign in and out at the Magee Visitor Center (Camp Office). Visitor's passes must be visible at all times. For security reasons, the main gate to camp may be locked at any time.

Examples of Emergency Situations:

- **Communications** During an emergency, the radio and telephone systems may be used for official camp communications. Adult leaders and campers will refer all media questions to the Camp Director or their agent. Troop use of 2-way radios is permitted for unit leaders only.
- **Animals** Anyone bitten or scratched by an animal must contact the health officer immediately. Prevent these issues by storing food securely, removing all trash and garbage from your area. Do not approach, handle, or feed wild animals. Report any unusual behavior to the camp office.
- **Child Abuse** Current Abuse: Stop the abuse; protect the victim(s); identify the perpetrator. Past Abuse: Listen to the camper; take notes if possible. Do not ask questions or interviews. Report the situation to the Camp Director immediately. The Camp Director will report to Scout Executive. Discuss the situation on a "need to know" basis only.
- **Earthquake** Quickly exit buildings .Move away from unstable objects. Make your way to open ground quickly and safely. Turn off propane tanks as soon as it is safe to do so.
- **Fatality** Secure the area; move campers away from the scene; keep witnesses near. Notify the Camp Office immediately.
- **Fire** Get campers away from the fire; leave any building immediately. Take a camp roster, make sure to account for unit. Report the fire to the Camp Office and keep boys out of the way of emergency vehicles.
- **Flash Flood** Proceed uphill quickly.
- **Hazardous Substances Spill** Move safely away from spill. Identify the substance; report to the Camp Office. Remove ignition sources.

- **High Temperature/Humidity/Smog Alerts** Limit activities and allow for frequent rests. Drink water frequently. Promptly report any medical problems.
- **Lightning and Tornadoes** Limit outdoor activities. Management will sound the siren if severe; get to a grounded building such as: Magee Visitors Center, East Lodge, Health Lodge, and Trading Post. Three siren sounds will indicate to go to campsites and evacuate building. The Waterfront and field activities will be closed. Stay away from tallest objects, open spaces, telephones, electrical devices, and the shower house.
- **Lost Bather** Begin quick but efficient search of the area. Notify waterfront, Camp Office, or staff member immediately, management sound siren, wave team activated. Contact State Police, account for all troop members Identify person who saw the lost person last and interview them to find out more information. Keep other Scouts and adults calm.
- **Lost Person** Conduct a preliminary search of the area. Notify the Camp Office with all details. Account for all troop members. Identify person who saw the lost person last and interview them to find out more information. Keep other Scouts and adults calm. Contact Police if need be.
- **Medical Emergency** Begin first aid if qualified; do not move the victim unless life threatening. Notify the Camp Office /Health Officer immediately and have ranger crew representatives wait for EMS at Gate to direct appropriately to emergency

Swim Classification Procedures

The swim classification of individuals participating in a Boy Scouts of America activity is a key element in both Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. The swim classification check is renewed annually, preferable at the beginning of each outdoor season. Trained lifeguards are on docks and boats ready to assist if there is any issue during the swim checks. Swimming lessons are available to assist a Scout who can already swim become better prepared for the swim check or swimming merit badge. It is not geared to teach a non-swimmer.

All persons participating in BSA aquatics are classified according to swimming ability. The classification checks and procedures have been developed and structured to demonstrate a skill level consistent with the circumstances in which the individual will be in the water. The Swimmer's check demonstrates the minimum level of swimming ability for recreational and instructional activity in a confined body of water with a maximum of 12-foot depth and with shallow water footing or a pool or pier edge always within 25 feet of the swimmer.

The various components of each test evaluate the several skills essential to the minimum level of swimming ability. Each step of the test is important and should be followed as listed below: (intended to ensure a fun safe experience)

Swimmers

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using a forward stroke: side stroke, breast stroke, trudgen, or crawl; then

swim 25 yards using an easy resting back stroke. The 100 yard swim must be continuous and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

Beginners

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before, and return to starting place.

Non-swimmer/Learner

For some Scouts camp may be their first experience with swimming and other aquatic activities. No test is required for this level, but Scouts are all encouraged to at least get in the water.

Waterfront Safety

The waterfront is one of the most popular areas in camp. At the waterfront, our main focus is the safety of campers, leaders, and staff. The following rules must be followed:

1. The Camp Health Officer issues buddy tags only to those whose medical exams indicate that they are physically fit for swimming.
2. Those who wish to use the waterfront must take the Swim Classification Test.
3. Each adult leader should participate in the Safe Swim Defense Plan class.
4. Everyone must wear footwear to and from the waterfront area.
5. The waterfront area may only be entered with the permission of the staff and a proper buddy tag.
6. The Buddy System is used for all water activities. Buddies must stay within **10 feet** of each other.
7. Troop swims must be conducted using the Safe Swim Defense Plan and only with the Waterfront Director's permission.
8. Swimming is allowed at the Carr waterfront only (East side) and Cub Scout waterfront (West side).
9. Good discipline will be enforced at all times. Running, pushing, and horseplay are not permitted.

The Waterfront Director has complete authority for the operation, safety and interpretation of all rules and policies.

Preventing Homesickness

Homesickness can be a very real issue at summer camp, especially for first time campers. If you are having issues with homesickness in your campsite please talk with our camp staff to see how they can help your Scout. Below are some tips for preparing for summer camp to help prevent homesickness.

1. **Practice:** Don't let camp be the first time a child is away from home! Make sure youth attend family camping opportunities or practice in the back yard before attending camp.

2. **Preview:** Part of a child's preparation will be knowing what to expect at camp. Talks with other campers who have been to camp before, seeing their pictures, or showing them pictures of the camp from our website at www.mohegancouncilbsa.org can all help them preview what they will experience.
3. **Prepare:** Promising your child you'll bring them home if they don't have a good time is the same as saying "If you want to come home, here's what to do: don't have a good time." Once a child knows they are at camp to stay, they will make the effort to have a good time, but not before. You can always change your mind later, but do your child the favor of *not* letting them in on the option of an early departure.

Boy Scout Resident Camp Fees

This is a week long program for registered Boy Scouts. Additional fees may apply for specialty programs. Camperships will not be considered after Tuesday, March 3, 2015 and early bird fees will not be granted after May 12, 2015. Please plan ahead!

2015 Summer Camp Session Dates:

- Week 1: July 5-11 **Stem Nova Offered!**
- Week 2: July 12-18
- Week 3: July 19-25
- Week 4: July 26-Aug 1 **Provisional Week**
- Week 5: Aug 3-9 **Eagle Week Offered**

Each Troop will be allotted a specific number of adults at no cost to ensure proper adult leadership. Additional leaders will be charged a fee to cover the cost of meals for the week.

Fees paid before May 12th 2015

- Youth regular & Provisional (early bird) \$360
- Additional Week (early bird) \$310
- Extra Leader (each) \$100

Fee Paid After May 12th 2015

- Youth regular & Provisional (early bird) \$420
- Additional Week \$370
- Extra Leader (each) \$100

Scout/Leader Ratios	
# Youth	# Free Adults
1-20	2
21-30	3
31-40	4
41-50	5
51-60	6

Camperships

It is a policy of Mohegan Council to make sure that all scouts have the chance to benefit from the programs offered at Treasure Valley. Should a scout's family be in a financial situation where assistance is needed they may apply by filling out the "Application for Campership Assistance" available at the Council Service Center and for download off the council website: www.mohegancouncilbsa.org under summer camp. The 2015 deadline to apply for camperships is **Tuesday, March 3th**.

Provisional Camping

Treasure Valley Scout Reservation offers Provisional Camping for Scouts that are unable to attend camp with their Troop. Reasons may include not being able to attend camp during their Troop's scheduled week, or for those Scouts who would like to spend a second week or more at Treasure Valley. Provisional camping is not a viable substitute for a Scout attending summer camp with his troop; he should make all efforts to attend overnight with his Troop! Camp exists to strengthen the Troop/Scout relationship.

Pre-Camp Planning

Suggested steps to follow as you prepare for camp. Check off each item as it is completed.

- July/August: pre-register for your next year of camp during your week at camp this year.
- September: Appoint a Webelos contact person. Promote camp to Webelos throughout the year. Ask Camp Director to speak with Webelos Parents.
- Fall: Begin money-earning activities for your troop program including camp. Have Scouts and parents commit to attending camp.
- Fall/Winter: Develop a budget for your week at camp.
- November: Attend roundtable for the Camp Kickoff
- January: Make reservations for qualified Scouts to attend National Youth Leader Training (NYLT).
- February: Secure quality adult leadership for your week at camp.
- February/March/April: Conduct a camp information night for Scouts and Parents. Contact Camp Director for a camp promotion. Often hearing about camp from the camp director can increase the amount of first year Scouts attending camp, all questions can be answered helping parents ease into the crossover. Contact your Order of the Arrow (OA) rep or Council for an OA Election, elections must be done prior to camp.
- March: Distribute Medical forms.
- April: CORI/SORI forms for any leaders staying at camp. These must be turned in to Council Service Center at minimum two weeks prior to camp.
- May: Confirm schedule with troop leadership. Review your troop's equipment, prepare first year Scouts and parents for camp. Have a pool night to acquaint them with swimmers check.
- May 12, 2015: All camp fees due to receive early bird price.
- 5 Weeks prior to camp: Arrange transportation to and from camp.
- 4 Weeks prior to camp: Complete a Scoutmaster's Conference with each attending Scout.
- 3 Weeks prior to camp: Establish troop and Scouts' program schedule
- 2 Weeks prior to camp: Collect and review medical forms/parent authorization forms and insure that all Scouts attending camp are appropriately registered with the BSA (note: Webelos who have crossed over are not automatically transferred to the troop. This paperwork MUST be filed prior to camp for those boys to receive credit for advancements completed while at camp).
- 1 Week prior to camp: Scoutmasters attend the 7:00pm Monday Night Orientation Night at Treasure Valley and check in at the Magee Visitor Center. Please bring med forms Monday for pre-check, this will help check in on Sunday.

Introduction to Boy Scout Camp

Camp Director

The Camp Director is in charge of the Summer Camping Operation and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of camp, the management and of the staff and food operations. During the Camp Director's absence, questions or concerns should be directed to the next in charge- which is available through the camp clerk. If you are not satisfied with the response you are given, please contact Scout Executive Jeff Hotchkiss at the Mohegan Council Service Center.

Chaplain Services

Religious services are planned for each week of camp. Our Camp Chaplain is on call during the entire week. Please remember that "A Scout is Reverent". All Scouts, leaders, and staff are expected to participate in religious service(s). Grace before meals is also expected. We anticipate having both Catholic and All Faith services available. Some weeks, this may not be possible.

Order of the Arrow

The Mohegan Council's Order of the Arrow Pachachaug Lodge #525 is a youth run service organization of the Mohegan Council and the Boy Scouts of America. They are dedicated to providing cheerful service as well as assisting with camp promotions. Throughout the year, the Pachachaug Lodge completes a variety of service projects at Treasure Valley Scout Reservation. Join the members of the Order of the Arrow for their weekly fellowship at Treasure Valley.

Profanity

Profanity is not acceptable behavior by anyone in a Scout camp.

Staffing

Our programs are administered by Nationally Certified Camp and Program Directors. The National Camping School of the Boy Scouts of America also trains Key Staff in their respective areas. Any leaders are welcome into program areas but any concerns or questions should be directed to the Area Directors, the Program Director or Camp Director as necessary.

Uniform

The Official Boy Scout Field Uniform (Class "A") consists of the official shirt, belt, shorts and socks. This uniform is worn each day for evening dinner as well as chapel & evening retreat. The Activity Uniform (Class "B") consists of Boy Scout Shorts and a Boy Scout T-Shirt with a belt and socks and is appropriate at all other times.

Trading Post

The Trading Post offers a variety of Scouting, novelty, and refreshments during posted hours only. Many advancement awards are also available. An advancement reservation form will be provided for your unit upon check-in and is due at the Tuesday morning Scoutmaster meeting so that we can ensure we will have enough badges for your Scouts in stock. Adjustments to the order may be made during the final purchase.

Credit cards (Visa/ MasterCard) are accepted with a minimum purchase of \$10. Personal checks are accepted and should be made out to Mohegan Council, BSA. Scoutmasters may wish to monitor their Scouts' purchases however the Trading Post staff will not take responsibility holding individual Scout cash. The Trading Post cannot enforce limits on candy or other sales.

Troop Accounts

Scout Shop Troop accounts will no longer be used at the trading post. Please ensure that your unit is ready to provide any funding needed for your week.

Patches

All registered campers and adults will receive one free camp patch at the end of the week. Additional patches may be purchased at the trading post.

Food Service

Dining Tent

Dining Tent meals are prepared on site by Licensed Food Service Handlers. Please communicate early your Scouts dietary restrictions for medical or religious reasons. Send an email to the camp director please expressing as much as possible. Troop leadership is a critical factor in making sure their Scouts stay rested and nourished. If a Scout has a dietary restriction please speak with the Camp Director on Monday pre-camp orientation meetings the week before you are scheduled to attend camp to ensure a protocol can be worked out with the Scout, unit and kitchen.

In Site Cooking

Units who choose to participate in the In-Site Cooking Program need to fill out the appropriate request form ASAP. In site Cooking Troops will receive as much raw food as possible with some things that are not camp friendly prepared slightly. Instructions for some meals that require it will be included. Please speak directly with the camp director if there is an issue with your food service and we will correct anything possible. All units are required to eat camp-wide meals on Sunday and Friday nights under the tent dining area as well as Saturday morning. Please contact the Camp Director if you have any questions regarding this program prior to attendance in camp.

General Visitors Meals

Visitors are welcome to join us for a meal during the week. Meal wrist bands may be purchased at the Magee Center. Advance notice is preferred to ensure adequate quantities. We cannot assure meals without at least weeks' notice.

Friday Night Dinner

We will have a Camp wide dinner under the dining tent each Friday Night and families are welcome to attend! Wrist bands for Visitors must be purchased by Scout Leaders during Sunday Check-in to ensure a proper food count. Those showing up without a wristband will not be served. Friday night meals are \$8.

Remember: Troops are NOT permitted to bring in their own food per MA State LAW

Campsite etiquette

Campsite Inspections

The camp commissioner conducts weekly inspections of campsites and recognitions will be provided to sites found in good repair and clean!

Tents

Tents at Treasure Valley Scout Reservation are the property of the Mohegan Council, BSA. Many of the tents are new and others have been set up in good condition. Troops are responsible for any damage occurring to the tent during their stay. This includes rips, holes, burns, bending or breaking of poles, etc. If you notice damage upon your arrival, it is your responsibility to discuss this with your Troop Guide or the Ranger staff. Members of the opposite sex are never permitted in the same tent. Visits must take place in an open area (i.e. under the dining fly or hard roof shelter). Per Youth Protection Guidelines, adults and youth do not share the same tent. Visitors, Scouts and Leaders are not permitted in the staff camping area- including tents and housing.

Trash

Treasure Valley must properly dispose of all trash and garbage. Units must manage their own trash and garbage by placing it in plastic trash bags, and depositing them in a dumpster. No trash or garbage should remain in unattended campsites to prevent the wildlife from "trashing" your site.

NO trash or garbage should be left in a campsite overnight.

Dumpster Locations:

- Eagle Lodge – near loading dock (1)
- East Lodge - parking lot (2)
- Ranger Station – near barn wall (1)

All areas of camp should be policed regularly for trash left on the ground. TVSR is your CAMP, please help keep it clean

Site Reservation Guidelines

1. Units in a site have until Check Out on Saturday of the week they are in camp to reserve the site they are currently using for the following year.
2. Units may also reserve any open site that is either not being used that week or any non-reserved site in previous weeks or future weeks.
3. Reservations will not be accepted unless accompanied by the full (non-refundable) \$200 per campsite deposit and completed reservation form.
4. Reservations will only be accepted at Treasure Valley Scout Reservation during the scheduled summer camp. Following the close of the Summer Camping Season, reservations may be made at the Mohegan Council Service Center.
5. Site deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable.
6. Deposits will be applied to the total unit fees due for Camp. Note: we do not keep track of individual Scout payments. All Scout payments should go to the unit and the Troop should write a check or authorize a deduction from the unit account for the dues.
7. The Mohegan Council reserves the right to adjust campsite selection or add a Troop to the site as needed based on size, etc.
8. Units will not be able to reserve a site that is occupied during the desired week until the week is officially closed.

Approved by the Council Camping Committee

Equipment Lists

Each campsite is equipped with:

- ✓ Bulletin Board
- ✓ Fire broom, shovel & rake
- ✓ Flag Pole
- ✓ Campfire Ring Fire Bucket
- ✓ Canvas Tents on Platforms
- ✓ Cots
- ✓ Latrine
- ✓ Hard Roof Shelter
- ✓ Picnic Tables
- ✓ Toilet Paper and Disinfectant issued upon request

Personal Equipment Checklist

- ✓ Bathing suits
- ✓ Camera
- ✓ Class A & B Uniforms
- ✓ Compass
- ✓ Long & Short Pants
- ✓ Merit Badge Books
- ✓ Pillow
- ✓ Poncho/ rain gear
- ✓ Shoes (boots or sneakers, closed toe)
- ✓ Jacket
- ✓ Underwear (6 pairs)
- ✓ Socks (6 pairs)
- ✓ Sun Block
- ✓ Sweat Suits or Pajamas
- ✓ Sandals for showers
- ✓ T-Shirts (6)
- ✓ Toiletry Items
- ✓ Comb
- ✓ Deodorant (no aerosol)
- ✓ Soap in Container
- ✓ Toothbrush in container
- ✓ Toothpaste
- ✓ Washcloth & Towel(s)

Suggested General Troop Equipment

- ✓ Axes, Bow Saws, sharpening stone
- ✓ Campfire Material
- ✓ Basic First Aid Kit
- ✓ Flags- American, Troop, and Patrol
- ✓ Garden Hose
- ✓ Lanterns, Fuel, Extra Mantles
- ✓ Map & Compasses
- ✓ Paper & Pencils
- ✓ Rope, Duct Tape
- ✓ Sports Equipment
- ✓ Pencils/pens/paper
- ✓ **Troop leaders may bring 2-way radios to camp (notify Camp Director so there is no interference with camp radios).**

Other Items:

- ✓ BSA Handbook
- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Extra Batteries
- ✓ Flashlight or Headlamp
- ✓ Frame Pack or Footlocker
- ✓ Mosquito Repellant (non-aerosol)
- ✓ Mosquito netting
- ✓ Notebook, pens, pencils, paper
- ✓ Pocket Knife (no sheath knives)
- ✓ Sleeping Bag
- ✓ Spending money

Additional Equipment for 1st Year Campers participating in the Wilderness Survival Badge:
Backpack, sleeping pad and tent

Prohibited Items include but are not limited to: archery equipment, and guns of any type, throwing stars or implements as such. Alcohol or drugs of any kind.

Treasure Valley Scout Reservation reserves the right to deny any item it feels detrimental to the safety of the facility, campers, staff or visitors

Check-In Procedures

All units are asked to report to Jamboree field to meet their guide at 11:30 Sunday morning of your week at camp in Class A uniform. The gates to camp will be closed prior and no early arrivals will be permitted unless you speak with the camp director personally. Please speak with your parents about meeting time and place at Jambo field. Bring drinks and shelter if a hot/rainy day, unprotected field. Only leader vehicles and those used to carry gear are allowed in camp or handicapped vehicles.

1. All scouts on the roster must be present to begin check in procedures. If a scout is not present a note is required stating the reason for late arrival, who will bring him and approximate time of arrival. One leader from your Troop will proceed to the MaGee Visitors Center to complete checkin-in while your Troop proceeds with your Troop Guide.
2. A Staff Troop Guide will be assigned to your campsite and will take your Troop to have a group photo taken. Photos are optional and are ordered directly through Top Photography.
3. Your Troop Guide will then lead your Troop by foot to your campsite where they will conduct an inspection (to ensure your leadership approves of the condition of the site) of the site as well as bike inspections for any personal bicycles and helmets brought into camp. Scouts will be able to put their gear into tents while your Troop Guide waits for clearance to lead your group to swim checks and med checks. When your campsite is given the go-ahead be sure to drop everything and go with your guide. You will have time to set up camp later.
4. Dinner is always Class A unless otherwise indicated. It is customary for Troops to bring their colors to dinner then *Find out Fair* and leave them for opening at Boonesville Plain while at religious services.
5. We ask that vehicles carrying equipment only be brought to sites, drop off then parked in designated areas. If Scoutmasters allow parents into the site, we ask they park at Jamboree field and walk in with the unit and remain in the site as some young Scouts have already said goodbye and have a difficult time seeing parents with Scouts within camp. One vehicle is allowed in the site at a time to cut down on the amount of traffic in camp. Vehicles must be parked in a safe and non-obstructing

manner near the entrance of the campsite. Please respect the need to ask you to move a vehicle.

6. Units are asked to report to Boonesville Plain for the *Find out Fair* at 6:15. This is where specific program information will be shared with your scouts.
7. After the *Find out Fair* you may go to one of two offered services, Catholic or Non-Denominational. Upon Dismissal please meet at Boonesville Plains for our official camp opening.
8. The Opening Campfire at the Council Ring is scheduled to begin directly following opening. All Troops are expected to attend. Information regarding program and medication is delivered there.

Troop Guides- Each Troop will be assigned a staff member who will serve as that Troop's Guide for the week. The staff member will take the troop through the check-in process on Sunday and the check-out process on Saturday. No troop is to check-out unless cleared by their staff member. Your Troop Guide will be your point of contact with the Camp Office, will provide you with daily newsletters, and will be available to help your Troop in just about any way possible.

Photographs- Troop photographs are available for \$10. Photographs are available for pick-up on Friday afternoon only. Photos will be taken at the gate (East Lodge if the weather is inclement). Photos will be handled by Top Photography and will be ordered and paid for at the time the photo is taken. More photos may be purchased directly through Top Photography after camp has concluded.

Tent Platforms- Tent Platforms are not to be moved without permission from the Camp Ranger or designee. No nails are to be driven! If there is any issue please report to Magee Visitors Center.

Vehicles- In an effort to minimize traffic in camp and keep our youth safe only one vehicle is allowed in campsites at a time (the exception is for vehicles with handicapped plates). If there is a unique need, please speak with the camp director and we will accommodate you accordingly. No one under the age of 18 may drive within camp during program hours, only for transportation upon entering or leaving camp with individuals cleared to be in their vehicle by parental authorization. The speed limit in camp is 10 MPH

Program Guidelines

- **Selecting Merit Badges**

Selecting a merit badge depends on a variety of factors: Scouts age, abilities and the Troop's Year round Program. Each scout's schedule should be challenging and push the scout towards developing self-initiative, follow through, and ultimately success with completion of the merit badge, HOWEVER, the Scout's schedule should not overwhelm him.

- **Merit Badge Pamphlets**

Each Scout should have a copy of the Merit Badge Pamphlet for each of the Merit Badge classes he plans to take while at camp. Scouts are responsible to know the subject matter of the merit badge. For your convenience, Merit Badge Pamphlets will be available for purchase from the camp Trading Post. All Scouts are expected to be a participant in a class which means they need to read the information to partake in discussions.

- **Extra Help**

If a scout is having trouble with any merit badge make sure to talk to the camp staff in that program area so they may give him the help he needs. If needed unit leaders may wish to contact the program director for additional assistance. We want to work with the unit leaders and scouts to correct any issues that might hinder the success of the merit badge.

- **Blue Cards**

Blue Cards (merit badge applications), must be provided by the Troop/Scout. Each Scout must have a Blue Card for each Merit Badge class he is taking and turn it in to the instructor by Wednesday to get credit for the merit badge. Scouts are responsible to handle their signed cards. Scouts/Unit Leaders may bring the Blue Cards with them to camp or may purchase them at the Trading Post.

Partial Blue Cards: If a Scout comes to camp with a partial blue card they should check-in with a counselor during the *Find out Fair* to set up an appointment for completion. Should a scout receive a partial at camp and wishes to try and complete the work at home after, he may speak with the area director to coordinate an appropriate time that will not interfere with the campers during the future weeks. It is possible to get checked out for a partial badge if all protocol is handled correctly. No pop-in visits to camp please. Arrangements should be discussed prior to leaving camp or call.

- **Merit Badge Class size and Quality**

Staff members will make every effort to accommodate all scouts for merit badge sessions. However, to ensure effective counseling and safety of the particular skills required in the merit badge, we may limit merit badge classes to a reasonable number. At the same time, we will work to establish another time period that the scouts could also work on the merit badge. Please do have a secondary class in mind for time periods as class size is held for best learning potential.

Advancement Hints

- We recommend that Scouts read over their Merit Badge Pamphlets before arriving at camp.

- **Many merit badges require prior preparation.** Scouts should review requirements to see what work they need or want to begin before arrival. Proof of completion of any requirement done before arrival should be brought with the scout to his merit badge class to be reviewed by the counselor in order to receive a completion on a merit badge.
- If you are taking a badge that requires a lot of skill and practice like rifle shooting, allow free time to practice after receiving proper instruction. Free Shoot is recommended for everyone taking rifle, shotgun, and archery merit badges.
- Rifle, Archery, and all Eagle required merit badges are not recommended for 1st year Scouts unless they have a background in the subject matter.
- If a Scout is going to try for the Mile Swim, he should participate in the Free Swim to build his endurance. (This has proven to be a must).
- Scouts should bring a notebook, some pencils or pens, Scout Handbook, Merit Badge Pamphlets, and any work already done. Also bring any special equipment needed, such as a pocket knife for wood carving.
- When you get to camp, be sure to go to your merit badge sessions every day. Keep up with any work or practice that you have to do at camp.

Merit Badge Programs

A variety of merit badges will be offered through program areas (Aquatics, Ecology/Conservation, Handicrafts, Public Health, Shooting Sports and Scoutcraft). A complete list of classes will be posted on our Council website by April 1, 2015. Please check www.MoheganCouncilBSA.org under the camping tab for more information.

Browsea Island Adventure (1st year camper program)

The Browsea Island Program is designed for Scouts who have just joined a troop or who have recently crossed over. The boys will be placed into patrols with others from different troops. During the week they will be instructed in basic Scouting skills using a method very similar to that used by Lord Baden-Powell at the first Boy Scout summer camp on Browsea Island.

Lord Baden-Powell once said, *“A formal lecture is apt to bore the boys,”* therefore, the majority of our skill instruction will involve hands on activities which will promote true learning.

The boy’s time will be spent as follows:

- **Browsea Troop Time:** Inter-patrol activities and special topics.
- **Patrol Time:** Instructional time to learn Scout skills and patrol method.
- **Camp Time:** An opportunity to sample program areas offered by the camp.
- **Free Time:** Time for the boys to relax during their day and get to know the members of their “new” troop.



Though the boys will learn many Tenderfoot through Second Class requirements in their Boy Scout Handbook, the goal is not to advance their rank in one week. Our goal is to teach the basic Scout skills needed to function successfully in your troop while keeping them enthusiastic about the Scouting program. The program is designed as a half day program in the morning or afternoon, you specified time will be determined at the Monday Night pre-camp planning meeting. Please consider either option when discussing scheduling with your scouts.

COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience)

COPE stands for Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience. It comprises group initiative games, low course elements and high course elements. Some activities involve a group challenge while others test an individual's skills and agility. Participants climb, jump, balance and swing their way to creative solutions through a variety of different physical problems. COPE is ideal for emphasizing group synergy. The activities are not designed to be competitive but to stress the goals/objectives of Project COPE: Develop trust, teamwork, leadership, communications, planning, problem solving, decision making, and self-esteem.



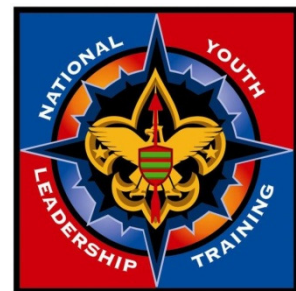
Scouts 13 and older are eligible to sign up. COPE is a week-long, half day event which participants must attend each session. Adult leaders are encouraged to participate if there is an open spot. Younger Scouts will defer to older Scouts if all 12 slots are filled. Scouts sign up at the find out fair and will be informed at camp fire which half of the day they will participate.

Mountain Bike Program

This is a ½ day program exploring over 25 miles of trails at TVSR. The focus is on earning the mountain bike Cycling merit badge, (alternate. Eagle required) requiring two week participation to earn the full badge. Mountain bike riding safety and skills, techniques and bike maintenance will be covered. Participants must be first class and 14 years old. Parental permission to travel off site is required. This program is limited to 10 scouts per week that it's offered. A parental permission form and more details can be found on www.MoheganCouncilBSA.org.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

This is an exciting six day course for Boy Scouts and Venture youth members to gain important leadership skills and experience. Participants must be at least 13 years old, a First Class Scout or Venturer and have Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor approval. Details on which week this program is offered will be available on www.MoheganCouncilBSA.org



STEAM/NOVA Program Week 1

For the second year during week one Scouts with an interest in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) or STEM + ART, topics will have a week long program dedicated to earning the NOVA awards, in addition they will be able to choose from STEAM based merit badges unique to the program and only offered week one. The Focus will be on tasks to complete the NOVA awards, and to provide resources to work toward SuperNOVA awards if the scout is ready to do so. Starting in February there will be posted on Mohegan Council's web page a significant amount of information, as to more details about the program, to include specific merit badges offered, prerequisite work that must be done before camp arrival, and the sourcing and potential cost for required materials.



As a part of the program Scouts will work in collaborative teams to design and fabricate several hands-on projects using a variety of hand and power-tools. The projects will have a cross purposes of meeting NOVA and merit badge requirements and exposing the scout to new skills and ideas with “fun with a purpose”, in some cases the project may not be tied to a specific award. For example setting up a computer network, not a requirement for anything but handy to know about! The scout must commit themselves to the program for an afternoon or morning session, the rest of the day can be used for traditional Merit Badges, or the STEAM week offerings. Scouts involved in the program will have priority access to and Time in our Computer Lab and Shop-space, in addition to special instruction and STEM speakers. Scouts may continue the work they have not finished during week one by contacting the volunteer instructors and staff post camp week. Scouts who have attended in the past are welcome back to work on additional NOVA awards or on Supernova awards.

Scouts may attend the STEAM/NOVA Program as a provisional camper staying in Evergreen, OR if the Scout's own Troop is already at Treasure Valley Week One, he will also have access to the program Week ONE ONLY. Scouts will be encouraged as well to avail themselves and have access to all the other traditional merit badges and other offerings at camp as well.

Scouts will need to pre-register for the program. There will be limited number of Spots available for this program, and registration will be controlled based on the availability of facilities, and instructors/staff. The Staff are all Volunteers, and for the most part are educated as Engineers, we would LOVE to have additional volunteers and help so we can open this up to more kids and have some expanded expertise. IF you have a STEAM or STEM (STEAM minus the Art) background and are interested in helping please contact David.Harelson@Woodmeister.com

THIS IS NOT A PROGRAM FOR SCOUTS ATTENDING THE FIRST YEAR OF CAMP. A significant part of the program requires the exposure and knowledge that comes from, as a minimum, six grade Math and Science.

Check out our website for more information on 2015 STEM/NOVA programs for week 1 campers! www.mohegancouncilbsa.org

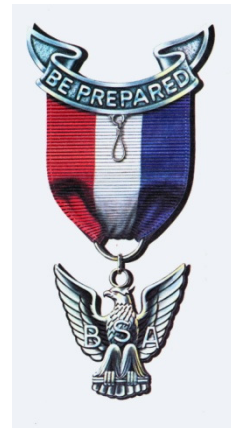
Provisional Week 4

Week 4 provisional is your opportunity for: a second week+ of camp or scouts who cannot make their troop's regular camp week and scouts whose troop do not come to TVSR but want to experience camping and program offering at TVSR. It is open to all ages and ranks. In camp troop leaders are long time scouters who offer guidance and assistance to the scouts and special evening programs of Dutch oven cooking, camp fires and fellowship.

Provisional Week Contact Dave Hardies at: David.Hardies@Scouting.org

Eagle Week 5

Need that little extra help to get those merit badges earned, but are afraid to ask? This the week for you! Preregistration advised so the Scoutmaster/councilors can work with you to come prepared to complete those merit badges at camp! Special presentations on Eagle projects, workbooks and award ceremonies are offered. ALL Eagle required merit badges can be offered. Participation priority is for older Life rank scouts needing assistance, but is open to Star scouts who may also need that "Extra Push" Scouting fellowship and team work are also emphasized. Scoutmaster referral is required.



Eagle Week Contacts:

Ken Simpson ksimpson@harringtonhospital.org

Program for Adults

The Mohegan Council Training Committee will be offering **Training Sessions** for all leaders during their stay in camp. Specific information including dates and times will be announced in upcoming issues of the MiniMoc, roundtables, and at Scoutmaster Coffees daily. Trek Safely, Climb on Safely, Leave no trace, youth protection, hiking/backpacking skills, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat are among the programs offered.

Leader Award of Merit is available for adult leaders to earn. Complete skills at each program area and speak with the Program Director

Survey/Evaluation- Each week, Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leaders will be given the opportunity to share their thoughts through the Summer Camp Survey/Evaluation. The Scout Executive & Council Camping Committee reviews these documents to improve and adjust the Summer Camping experience both during the current Summer Camping season and beyond. Please be sure to complete the document and return it to the Commissioner upon checkout.

Daily Schedule

Sunday

PM Schedule

- 11:30 Camp Gate opens and check-in begins / photos at Pine Point when called for med check. Med Checks and Swim Checks assigned upon arrival time and readiness. Please follow your guides!
- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:30 Program Area Expo/Opening on Boonesville Plain
- 7:30 Chapel Services of your Choice
Opening ceremony.
Campfire at Council Ring

Monday – Friday

AM Schedule

- 7:00 Reveille
- 7:45 Waiters report to Dinning Hall*
- 7:50 Colors & Grace
- 8:00 Breakfast (Dining Hall)
- 9:00 Program Session Begins
- 9:00 Free Boating Activities
- 9:30 Scoutmasters Meeting
- 11:00 Open Swim @ Waterfront
- 11:45 Waiters Report to Dinning Hall

PM Schedule

- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 SPL Meeting (East Lodge) Check Acorn
- 1:00 Siesta Time
- 1:30 Program Time
- 1:30 Free Boating Activities
- 4:00 Free Swim @ Waterfront
- 4:30 Staff Swim
- 5:15 Waiter Report to Dinning Tent (except for Friday)
- 5:20 Retreat & Grace
- 5:30 Dinner (Class "A") – Dinning Tent
- 6:45 Evening Program
- 8:15 Evening Program ends
- 10:00 Taps

Please check *The Daily Acorn* (available at breakfast and during Scoutmaster coffee) for changes to the schedule or announcements! See the Magee Visitor Center for extra copies.

Please Note:

Time schedules and merit badges may change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

*Waiters must remain after meals and be sure that all tables and chairs are clean, ground is swept and free of debris. You must check in with the Steward to be dismissed. We ask that a Senior Leader or Adult remain to supervise their Scouts for clean-up. A Scout is CLEAN.

Scouts eating at their table should assist with organizing the dishes, cups and flatware to make it easier on their waiters. A Scout is HELPFUL, COURTEOUS and KIND

Unit and Patrol Awards

We encourage all units and patrols to look consider earning Treasure Valley Baden Powell Award and the Treasure Valley Honor Award this summer. Once completed, the Scoutmaster needs to sign and submit the form (available at the Magee Center and in this packet) to the camp office no later than Friday morning at 10:30am

The Patrol Method

The Patrol System is the one essential feature in which Scout training differs from that of all other organizations, and where the system is properly applied, it is absolutely bound to bring success. It cannot help itself!"

–Lord Baden Powell

The heart of the Scouting method is the use of patrols. The idea that a troop is just a mass of boys is not a part of Scouting. Each troop should have its boys organized into patrols at home and should also follow through with this system at camp. The boys, through their Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader should run the troop's program at camp. When planning your program at camp, make room for patrol activities and make sure that the program is planned with the PLC.

The following are things that your Scouts plan to strengthen the patrol method at camp:

Troop Campfires
Patrol Hikes
Inter-patrol Competitions
Campsite Inspections
War Canoe Races
Troop Swims
Conservation/Service Projects

We will promote the Scouting Spirit this year by encouraging patrols to bring their patrol flag to camp and sing their patrol yell/chant often. Especially during Magee Day Games

Other opportunities available to your troop/patrol include:

- **Volleyball** Please make arrangements through the Sports Center Staff for Troop use during the week.
- Dodgeball games offered through Sports, check Acorn
- **Horseshoe Pit-** Treasure Valley Scout Reservation has redesigned horseshoe pits for use during your stay. Please make arrangements through the Sports Center Staff.
- Disc Golf, Basketball half court, Geo-caching(Scoutcraft) and Driving range

Summer Camp Forms

The following forms can be found on the Council website (www.MoheganCouncilBSA.org)

Camp Coordinator/Scoutmaster Forms

2015 TVSR Campsite Reservation Form..... Due in order to reserve a campsite
2016 TVSR Campsite Reservation Form.....Due at the end of your 2015 week
2014 TVSR Unit Information Form.....Due with payment
2014 TVSR Unit Roster.....due one week prior to your camp week
Treasure Valley Baden-Powell Award.....due at camp
Treasure Valley Honor Unit Awarddue at camp

Forms for Individuals:

BSA Annual Health and Medical Recorddue one week prior to camp for youth/adults
Campership Request Form.....due March 3, 2014
2015 TVSR Provisional Camper Registration Form.....due upon registration
Parent/Guardian Authorization Forms (3).....for all youth one week prior to camp

Adults Only: Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) Form.....due prior to camp
Adults Only: Sexual Offender Registry Information (SORI) Formdue one week prior to camp
Adults Only: Youth Protection Training Instructions.....due prior to camp
Refund Request Form.....before Aug. 12, 2015

