

Troop 72 Summer Camp 2026

Parent/Camper Meeting



Camp Minsi

106 Camp Minsi Road
Pocono Summit, PA 18346



July 12 – 18, 2026
Week 4 – **Shawnee** Campsite

Leaders at Camp

Jacob Nissley – SPL

Colton Hanna – ASPL

Simon Salvestrini – ASPL

Steve McKenzie

– Scoutmaster

Robin Fitch

– Summer Camp Coordinator

Kamaal Anas

Dana Cope

David Hunsicker

David Johnson

Jeffrey Kocher

Stephanie Long

Monalisa Maity

Roy Werley, Sr.



“The SPL and ASPLs are in charge”

SPL

Jacob Nissley

ASPLs

Colton Hanna

Simon Salvestrini

I have
THREE
NUMBER ONE
RULES!!!

Rules? What rules?

1. Have FUN!

1. Don't get hurt!

Why? Because ... If you're having fun you're not getting hurt...

AND ... If you're getting hurt you're not having fun!

1. The Scout Oath and Law are the rules of the camp!

2. Respect!

3. Never go into anyone else's tent without their permission.

4. BUDDY SYSTEM!!!

5. BUDDY SYSTEM!!!

Camp Rules, continued

- Campsites and tents are homes and must not be entered without permission – including, and especially, friends' tents.
- Night time rules – IN site 10 PM – QUIET 11 PM
- **Closed toed footwear & SOCKS must be worn at all times.**
- ALL electronics should be left at home. **NO cell phones!**
- Personal firearms, ammunition and archery equipment not allowed.
- No sheath knives or inappropriate knives. (See Troop 72 Knife Policy)
- Wear appropriate clothing. (See Camp Minsi Clothing Policy)

TROOP 72 KNIFE POLICY

- Knife blades shall be no longer than 4.5”.
- Blades should be sharpened to provide a clean cut, thereby reducing the need for force to make a proper cut.
- Knives shall be manually opened, and either locking or spring-held into position. (Automatic open knives are illegal in the state of PA.)
- During scouting activities, the knife user shall carry a signed Totin’ Chip card, and apply the knowledge from this training AT ALL TIMES when using his knife.
- Knives prohibited from use and possession during scouting activities include: machetes, straight knives (non-folding), butterfly knives, throwing knives, and the like, plus those employing spring-assist to open or close the knife, such as spring-assist folding or stiletos.
- **If there is a question regarding the use and possession of a particular knife, the scout or parent must FIRST confer with a Troop 72 Leader.**

Cell Phones & Electronic Devices

Taken DIRECTLY from the Camp Minsi Leader's Guide:

Leave all electronics at home.

These devices take away from the summer camp experience. They can promote home-sickness, and often lead to other problems.

Staff members will discourage the use of cell phones, MP3 players or other electronics by Scouts in program areas.

Camp Minsi will not be responsible for the lost or damaged electronics.

Minsi's Summer Camp Clothing Policy

- 1) Closed toe shoes are required outside of the Showerhouse and aquatics activities.
- 2) Camp Minsi requires everyone to wear a shirt with sleeves that does not have inappropriate for Scouting images or wording, and does not show bare midriffs when outside of the aquatics area or engaged in an aquatics activity. Clothing should cover undergarments completely. Continued inappropriate dress that is not corrected can result in removal from camp.
- 3) All attire must be appropriate for the activity.
- 4) Swimwear should cover areas where undergarments are normally worn. Bikini type swimwear for males or females is not permitted.

Minsi's Summer Camp Clothing Policy, cont.

- 5) Long pants and sturdy shoes are **required** when participating in **Welding** or **Metalwork** activities.
- 6) Long pants recommended for hiking and trails, but not required. **Sturdy shoes required for Hiking.**
- 7) Scouts who are not dressed appropriately for an activity will not be able to participate until adequately equipped (for example, coming to metalwork in a swimsuit, or showing up to hike in flip flops).

FISHING

- Pennsylvania requires that **anyone age 16 and older** has purchased and displays a current Pennsylvania Fishing License.
- Please see www.fishandboat.com for more information.
- **Barbless hooks** are recommended to reduce the impact of hooking accidents.
- We recommend that you wear sunglasses or other eyewear while fishing to protect your eyes.

Summer Camp Procedures

Summer Camp begins in the Camp Spirit parking lot

Leaders will be driving scouts to camp

2026 – 10 Leaders, 27 Scouts

No “Drop In” or “Surprise” visitors during the week

Check Troop FaceBook page for photos during the week.

At Camp:

- **The SPL and ASPLs are in charge – “Lead singers”**
 - Help with organization, define roles and duties, as well as be the first response for incidents while at camp
- **Adult Leaders provide GUIDANCE – “Backup vocals”**
- The Scout Oath and Scout Law are the rules of camp
- Required Troop attendance – Morning colors and Evening retreat, all meals , Opening and Closing Minsi campfires, OA Call Out
- **Class A/Field uniforms required** – Sunday drive and check-in, Opening Campfire(?), Evening colors and dinner, OA Call Out and Friday night Closing Campfire (maybe?)
- Two-deep leadership per BSA guidelines

What to Pack

- **Foot locker**
 - Clear plastic bin is helpful to see your stuff
 - Tight sealing to keep dry
 - Hinged lid can be helpful
 - Consider putting each day's clothes in separate Ziploc bags
- Clothing and personal items
 - **Full Class A / Field Uniform** – Shirt, shorts/pants, socks, belt
 - **Class B shirt(s)**, including Red and Green Troop shirts (**do not wear these on Sunday**)
 - Rain Gear (Frogg Toggs are great and inexpensive ... \$18 – \$22 on Amazon)
 - Use the “What to Bring to Summer Camp” list on the Troop 72 website
- Muck Hike and/or Trexler Rangers – Be Prepared!
 - CLOSED TOE shoes. No water socks (soft sided)
- **Merit Badge Pre-requisites**

ITEMS CHECKLIST
Please label all gear!

This list may not include everything, but should be used as a guide.

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|---|--|
| ___ Complete Scout Uniform (s) | ___ Boy Scout Handbook in a Ziploc |
| ___ Extra Shirts (preferably Class B) | ___ Notebook, Pen or Pencil |
| ___ Extra pants (jeans, shorts) | ___ Pocket Knife (<i>See Troop Knife Policy</i>) |
| ___ Socks | ___ Watch and Alarm Clock |
| ___ Underwear | ___ Camera (NOT cell phone camera) |
| ___ Jacket or Sweatshirt | ___ Compass |
| ___ RAIN GEAR | ___ Personal First Aid Kit |
| ___ Sleep wear | ___ Stationary & Stamps |
| ___ Sneakers, and shoes that can get wet | ___ Toiletry Articles |
| ___ Hiking Boots | ___ Toothbrush/Toothpaste |
| ___ Swim Trunks | ___ Shampoo |
| ___ Beach Towel & Shower Towel | ___ Soap |
| ___ Sleeping Bag | ___ Deodorant (no aerosols or Axe) |
| ___ Pillow | ___ Comb, Brush |
| ___ Laundry Bag | ___ Tissues |
| ___ Day Pack & Water Bottle | ___ Flashlight, extra batteries & bulb(s) |
| ___ ^{Papers/} (Merit Badge Books) / Merit Badge | ___ Insect Repellent (no aerosols) |
| pre-requisites completed | ___ Sunglasses, Sun Screen, Hat |
| ___ Muck Hike clothing and/or | ___ Reading material, playing cards |
| Trexler Ranger clothing | ___ Wallet & Money |
| ___ Fishing Pole and Tackle (<i>Barbless hooks</i>) | ___ Clothes Line, Rope, Twine |
| License if 16+ | ___ Tarp for covering tent - 9 x 11 |
| ___ Any extra items specifically required for your merit badges, including any outpost or camping equipment needed (ground cloth, tent, back pack with trash bag cover, etc.) | |

UPDATED LIST !!!

Available
on
TROOP 72
WEBSITE

Pre-Requisites:

DO

THEM!!!

OPPORTUNITIES BEFORE CAMP MINSI

~~June 15~~

~~ADVANCEMENT NIGHT~~

June 22

~~PRE-REQUISITE NIGHT~~

June 29

Totin' Chip Night

What to Pack, cont.

- **PACK YOUR OWN FOOTLOCKER!**
- Warm sweatshirt &/or jacket
- Long pants
- Hanger for Class A shirt
- **9' x 11' tarp for over the tent**
- Twine/Clamps for tent corners and to tie tarp down
- Mosquito netting (optional – some use it, most don't)
- Nalgene or other reusable water bottle, preferably 32 oz.



Hydrate or Diedrate!!!

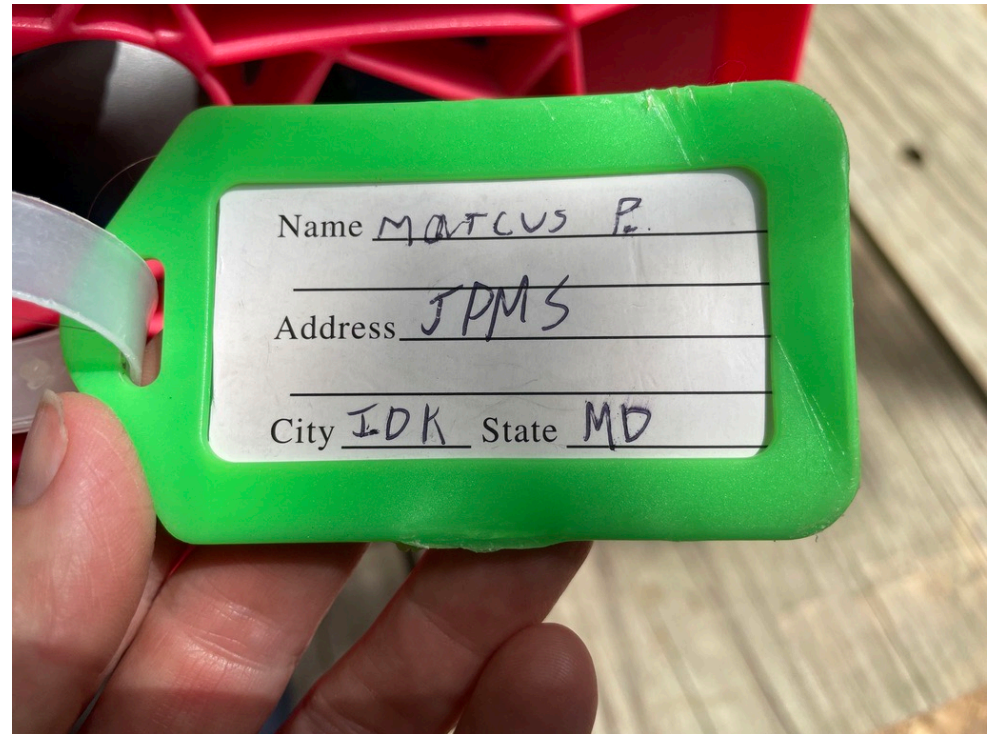


Scouts should drink 3 – 5 32 oz. bottles of water each day.

Hydration is key to a Happy Camper!!!



EFFECTIVELY
LABEL YOUR GEAR !!!



What NOT to Pack

- Packaged food
 - Food is NOT allowed in tents – it attracts wild animals, including skunks, raccoons and black bears (and ants and bees!)
- Electronics of any type – **ESPECIALLY CELL PHONES!**
 - (Exception – camera, not cell phone camera!)
- Aerosols or flammable substances
- *Please no Axe or highly scented products – severe allergy within the Troop*



Some advice...



PACK YOUR OWN GEAR!



Tents and Tentmates

- Tentmates must come to me TOGETHER to tell me.
- Talk about who is bringing what – tarp, card games, etc.
- Tents will be chosen by rank, but First Year Scouts will be kept together

What Happens
At Camp SPIRIT
on
Sunday, July 12?

Sunday, July 12 – *At Camp SPIRIT*

- Arrival time – **TBD**
- ALL Gear loaded into trailer beginning at **TBD**
- Class A Uniform – Must be wearing it! We travel in Class A.
 - Leave pins and neckerchief home.
- Have Day Pack with:
 - **LUNCH** that does NOT need refrigeration, packed in **disposable** bag
 - Nalgene filled with water (NO FRUIT/SUGARED DRINKS!)
 - Towel & **Swimsuit** for Swim Test – **For those not tested at Parkland 2026**
 - **Medications** (if applicable), **including over-the-counter medications:**

Routine Drug Administration Form

Name: _____ Unit Number: **Troop 72B - MTC/Lehigh**

Week 4 - July 12-18, 2026

Week: _____ Campsite: **SHAWNEE** Date of Birth: _____

Medication #1: _____

Times to be Taken	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Breakfast							
Lunch							
Dinner							
Night							

Comments: _____

Medication #2: _____

Times to be Taken	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Breakfast							
Lunch							
Dinner							
Night							

Comments: _____

Medication #3: _____

Times to be Taken	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Breakfast							
Lunch							
Dinner							
Night							

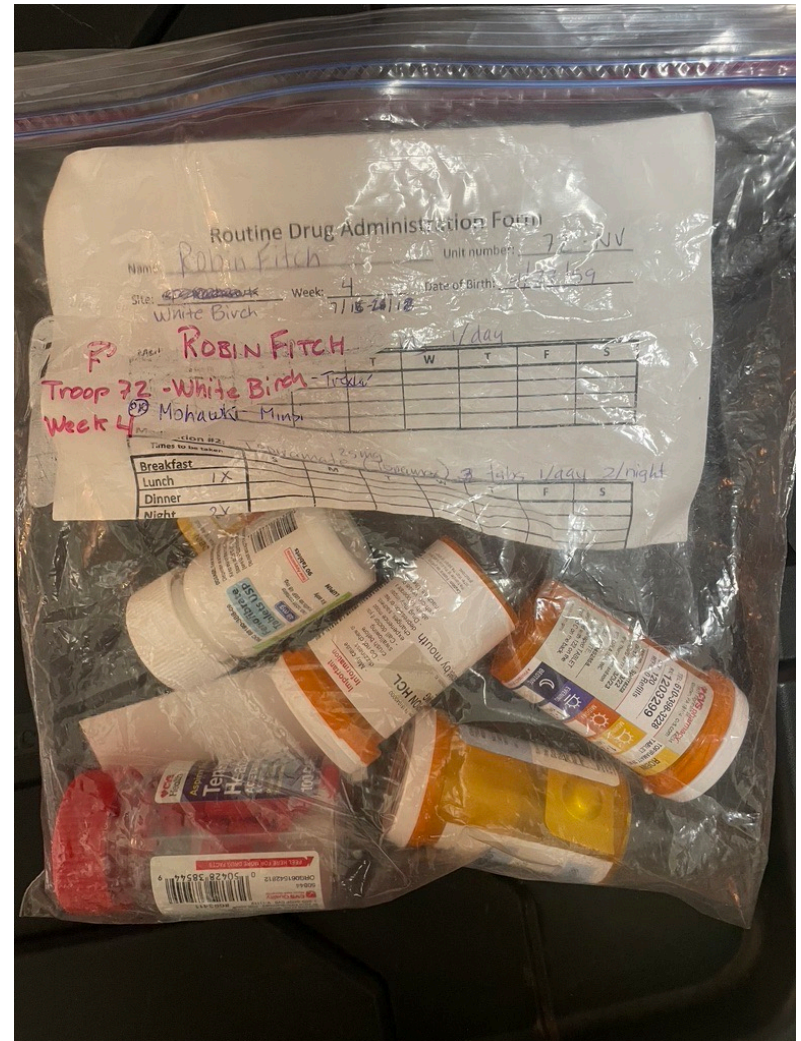
Comments: _____

Medication #4: _____

Times to be Taken	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Breakfast							
Lunch							
Dinner							
Night							

Comments: _____

UPDATED !!!



Medications

- If sending medications, **including over-the-counter meds**, to camp:
 - Must **neatly** complete [Routine Drug Administration Form](#)
 - Medications must be in **original containers** with **current** information on labels
 - **Label must match** information on Routine Drug Administration Form
- Place medications in a Ziploc bag with completed **Routine Drug Administration Form** (on Troop website and available tonight)
 - Write the following on the bag:
 - Scout's first and last name
 - Troop 72
 - Week 4 – **SHAWNEE**



Sunday, July 12 – At Camp SPIRIT – ALL GEAR ...

- Footlocker/Rubbermaid Tote **LABELED** WITH **NAME** ON **OUTSIDE!!!**
- Sleeping Bag & Sleeping Pad (optional) in **LABELED** plastic or duffel bag
- Camp Chair (optional) **LABELED** WITH **NAME** WRITTEN ON **CHAIR AND BAG**

BEFORE HEADING TO CAMP MINSI...

- EVERYONE MUST BE CHECKED IN AND HAVE GEAR LOADED
- ROUTINE DRUG ADMINISTRATION FORMS and MEDICATIONS signed in
- SIGNED Knife & Cell Phone FORMS obtained from **ALL SCOUTS!!!**
- Final instructions given by SPL Jacob, Mrs. Fitch, Mr. McKenzie
- ONLY after this... Kiss parents goodbye ... Go to cars for drive to Minsi

Sunday Check-in [AT](#) Camp Minsi

- Only Troop vehicles with gear may go to site.
- Scouts are responsible for carrying any gear not packed in trailers.
- During check-in the following will occur:
 - Campsite inspection PRIOR to moving into tents
 - Tents chosen by RANK, highest first, youngest grouped together
 - Medical checks done in the SITE
 - Troop 72 PHOTO taken
 - Swim Test – IN LAKE – as needed


Minsi MAP

KEY

 Merit Badge/Program Area

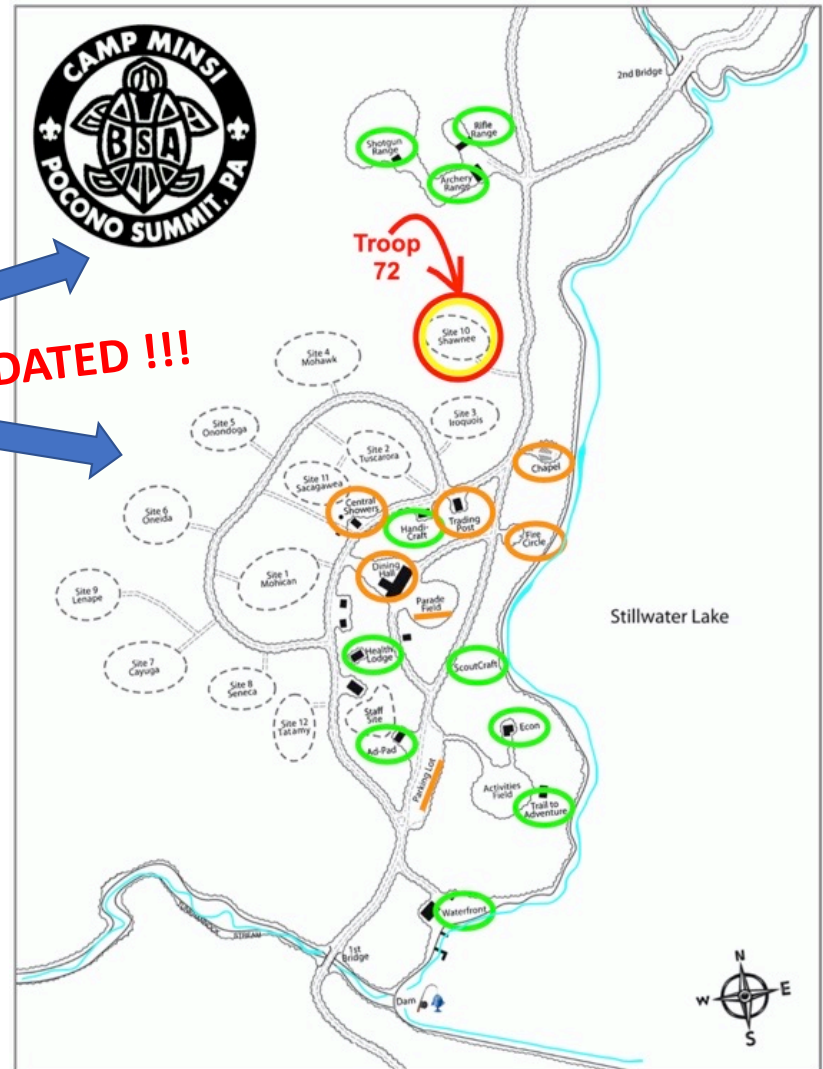
 Basic Needs Areas

DH, Showers, Parade Field, TP

 Troop 72 Campsite

 Parking Lot for Drop-off

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Saturday, July 18 – CHECK OUT

- **LOOK FOR AN EMAIL later in camp week**
- Minsi Dismissal – Approximately 9 – 9:30 AM...
- ONLY after campsite has been inspected
- Camp Spirit Dismissal – Approximately 11:30 or 12 PM
- **ONLY AFTER ALL TROOP GEAR IS PUT AWAY**

Due ASAP

- BSA Health Form **Part C** – Doctor Physical Exam (**17 of 27 MISSING!!**)
 - Must be completed by a physician
 - **Make SURE ALL FIVE STATS** (Height, Weight, BP, etc.) **are COMPLETED!**
 - Must have physician's **signature**
 - Must have a **CLEARLY WRITTEN date**
 - **If you don't have Part C by June 29, (3 WEEKS FROM TONIGHT!!!) you must bring TWO COPIES of it directly to Mrs. Fitch's house.**
 - Without this form, **NO ADMITTANCE TO CAMP!!**
- Picture Orders TBD!!! Look for an email.

Miscellaneous:

- Camper Release Form for early departure (Swim Finals, etc.)
- Visitors in Camp – Not allowed
- Do daily “Tick checks”
- Do regular “pee checks” during the day
- Camp information: on
 - Troop 72 Website: <https://troop72campspirit.org>
 - (in the Camp Minsi section)
 - Emails from Mrs. Fitch – “Summer Camp 2026 - _____”

WHERE
IT
ALL
BEGAN...



AFTERNOON ADVENTURES

MONDAY – HORSEBACK & BARN EXPERIENCE

TUESDAY – TREXLER RANGERS - *FREE!*

WEDNESDAY – WHITEWATER RAFTING

THURSDAY – LEHIGH GORGE BIKE TRIP

FRIDAY – MUCK HIKE - *FREE!*



MINSI MUCK HIKE



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2021



Scouts BSA Troop 72, Fogelsville, PA

LEHIGH DISTRICT, MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL



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Troop Meeting – Monday, June 29 at 7:00 P

Totin' Chip Night

This meeting is for all our current Scouts who have not yet earned their Totin' Chip card. This is an important designation to have if you will be doing any merit badges at summer camp (or other event/activity) that requires you to use a pocketknife, ax or saw.

Troop 72

We are located at the beautiful Camp Minsi Spirit, west of Allentown, PA:
1718 Mulberry Road
Fogelsville, PA 18051
(Map shown here)
We welcome new Scouts!



Camp Minsi Summer Camp: July 12-18, 2026

- o Minsi Map – Updated 6/24
- o Tutorial: Finding Pre-Reqs
- o Basic Packing List
- o Routine Drug Admin. Form – Updated 6/24
- o MB Schedule w/ Full MBs Marked
- o MB Pre-Reqs
- o MB Sched. w/ 1st Yr Suggestions
- o Health Form 2026
- o GUIDE – Health Form 2026
- o Camp Minsi Website

Fundraisers

- o FDHAS Fundraiser, Jul 12
- o Giant Gift Card Order Form
- o Weis Gift Card Order Form

Photos 2026

- o Winter Weekend Camp Ichthus
- o Klondike Derby
- o March Court of Honor
- o Game Lands Service

Roy W. Jr. – Eagle Scout #149 – as of 9-18-25



John R. – Eagle Scout #148 – as of 5/15/25



Troop 72 at Rodney Scout Reservation, July 2025

HIGHLIGHTING denotes FULL as of 6/29/2026

CAMP MINSI MERIT BADGE SCHEDULE 2026

Updated 2/22/2026	9:00-9:50	10:00-10:50	11:00-11:50	2:00-2:50	3:00-3:50	4:00-4:50
Athletics & Adventure	Sports & Athletics	Personal Fitness	Cycling	\$ M: Horseback Riding & Barn Experience (Arrive 1:30) T: Trexler Rangers W: Whitewater Rafting \$ \$ R: Lehigh Gorge Bike Trip F: Muck Hike		
Aquatics	Kayaking	Rowing	Kayaking	Open Boating Open Swim Mile Swim On Wednesdays, Waterfront Closes at 4 pm		
	Canoeing	Canoeing	Canoeing			
	Swimming	Swimming	Lifesaving			
	Lifesaving	Small Boat Sailing				
	Small Boat Sailing		Rowing			
Citizenship		Communications	Communications	M: Citizenship in the Nation, Chess T: Citizenship in the World, American Heritage W: Citizenship in the Nation, Chess R: Citizenship in the World, American Heritage F: Open Chess		
ECON	Environmental Science	Environmental Science	Sustainability	M: Pulp and Paper, Forestry T: Mammal Study, Reptile & Amphibian Study W: Pulp and Paper, Forestry R: Mammal Study, Reptile & Amphibian Study F: Fishing Derby		
	Weather	Astronomy	Bird Study			
	Nature	Fish & Wildlife Management	Fishing			
Station 940	First Aid 	Emergency Preparedness	Search & Rescue Merit Badge	M: Safety T: Crime Prevention W & R: Fire Safety (Both Days Required) F: Safety		
Industrial Arts	Automotive Maintenance	Plumbing	Home Repairs	First Aid	Emergency Prep	
STEAM (Includes Handicraft)	Space Exploration 	Photography	Moviemaking	M: Robotics T: Aviation W: Aviation R: Robotics W-R Radio (both days required) F: Radio Fox Hunting		
	Woodcarving 	Woodcarving 	Woodcarving 	Offered Daily Leatherwork, Basketry 		
	Sculpture 	Music	Art 			
	Graphic Arts	Pottery 	Game Design			
Scoutcraft	Wilderness Survival	Geocaching	Signs, Signals & Codes	M: Exploration T: Paul Bunyon Award W: Exploration R: Geocaching/Trail Marking Competition (Required for MB) F: Paul Bunyon Award		
	Pioneering	Camping				
		Cooking - Extends over lunch & Siesta				
Shooting Sports	Archery 	Shooting req. not easy to complete		Archery		Open Archery
	Rifle Shooting 	Rifle Shooting	Open Shooting (Friday MB Only)	Shotgun Shooting	Shotgun Shooting	Open Shooting (Friday MB Only)
Trail to Adventure	Tenderfoot	Second Class	First Class	Tenderfoot	Second Class	First Class
Minsi Mountaineers		Metalwork **	Metalwork **	**M-W-F: Open Blacksmithing T-R: Voyageur		

NEW DATE!

AS OF:

6/29/2026

AVAILABLE AGAIN!

Cit. in the Nation – Wed.
Welding – Mon./Tues.

Eagle Required Badges are in Bold – Programs that do not earn a merit badge in Italics

\$ MB has a FEE

** Minimum age 14

Recommended for First Year Scouts