

Muskingum Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America

# Guide To Boy Scout



## Summer Camp 2008

### BSA Uniform Buy-Back Program

The Muskingum Valley Council is pleased to announce a very special service for our scouts. We will pay \$5.00 to \$10.00 for any used BSA shirt.

We will clean the shirt, strip it of the advancement patches and unit numerals and then offer it to our unit leaders as an 'Experienced Shirt'. The 'Experienced Shirts' will be made available to our unit leaders at a price between \$5.00 and \$10.00 for use in their unit. Pass the word, for this could help several needy families in our area.

All transactions must take place at:  
Muskingum Valley Council Scout Shop  
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Zanesville, OH 43701

# BOY SCOUT

# SUMMER CAMP

# “MEDIEVAL QUEST”

What makes Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation special? It might be that we have 515 acres, a swimming pool and many lakes, including our main 8-acre boating lake.

Maybe it's because we offer over 40 merit badges of which 9 are Eagle required. (Most Eagle required merit badges are offered twice a day). Maybe, just maybe, it is because of the rifle, shotgun, and archery areas or trying to compete for the target of the week.

What makes MVSR exciting? It might be the Climbing Tower which offers rappelling and climbing, or it might be our weekly night hike in which you have the opportunity to hike the perimeter trail.

Maybe it is going to the Field Sports area and scoring the highest at the rifle range or shooting skeet at the renovated shotgun range with our new shotguns.

Maybe it's the camp-wide games, in which you and your troop can show off your skills. Or maybe, just maybe, you will catch the largest fish of the week or solve the mystery to win an award.

Maybe you will handle the animals at Eco-Con, (even the snakes!) and learn to love the outdoors. It just might be that you learn to cook pizza and doughnuts on an open fire, boil water in a paper cup and cook breakfast in a paper bag, or learn to make a whistle to drive someone crazy!

What makes MVSR a bargain? First it costs just \$170 per Scout (if you have your money in a month early). This is one of the lowest camp fees anywhere. Our food is the best that camps have to offer. We have experienced cooks who dedicate their talents to you. We have a well-stocked trading post with T-shirts, Scout equipment, pop, ice cream, candy, and snacks all at great prices.

What makes MVSR convenient? When you arrive at camp you will find, in your Troop campsite, tents with wooden floors and a bunk for everyone. Most sites are close to showers and the dining hall and there is a fire ring, latrine (KYBO), drinking fountain, and wash sink in every site.

What makes MVSR friendly? First, our camp director, Rev. Tim Lehman, who is celebrating his 32nd year at MVSR. The family atmosphere with Rev. Tim, Therese and their family ensures that Scouts can feel at home and enjoy their time together. Eighty-five percent of his staff has been with us for many years.

Our camp slogan is “FOR FRIENDSHIP”. By the time you leave our camp we hope you have found a real friend in us.

## Personal Gear

- Pocket Knife
  - Personal First Aid Kit
  - Rain Gear
  - Water Bottle
  - Flashlight
  - Extra Batteries
  - Suntan Lotion
  - Bug Repellent
  - T-shirts
  - Shorts
  - Socks
  - Underwear
  - Long pants
  - Uniform to be worn at supper each evening
  - Sweatshirt
  - Light Jacket
  - Sleeping Clothes
  - Sleeping bag/blankets
  - Pillow
  - Soap
  - Toothbrush
  - Toothpaste
  - Dental Floss
  - Comb
  - Washcloth
  - Towel
  - Watch
  - Camera\*
  - Notebook and pencil
  - Sunglasses
  - Swimsuit
  - Tennis Shoes
  - Hiking Boots
  - Paperwork
  - Money
  - Medication
  - Trash Bags
  - Bible or Prayer Book\*
  - Handkerchiefs
  - Metal Mirror\*
  - Drinking Cup
  - Boy Scout Handbook
  - No Youth Cell Phones**
- \* optional items



# GENERAL INFORMATION

## ABOUT MUSKINGUM VALLEY SCOUT RESERVATION

### MAIL

Our address at Camp is:  
Scout: (put name)  
Troop #:  
Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation  
16905 County Road 271  
Coshocton, Ohio 43812

In-coming mail will be distributed to Scoutmasters at meal times. Out-going mail can be dropped off at the Health Lodge. Stamps are available at the Trading Post.

### TELEPHONE

The camp phone number is (740) 829-2526. Only emergency calls will be accepted for Scouts. There is a pay phone available for campers on the porch at the Health Lodge. A Scoutmaster MUST be present for all Scouts under 18 to make calls.

Youth are prohibited to carry cell phones during summer camp. **NOTE:** Adults - cell phone coverage is not available for some carriers.

### VISITORS POLICY & MEALS

ALL visitors MUST check-in and out at the Health Lodge. Reservations for meals can be made at the Health Lodge and must be paid for in advance. Prices of meals are as follows:

Breakfast: \$4.00  
Lunch: \$6.00  
Supper: \$7.00

### PARKING

NO cars are allowed in campsites or to be driven beyond the parking lot after Sunday without authorization from the Camp Director. Please move vehicles to the Parking Lot after unloading on Sunday afternoon as quickly as possible.

### SUNDAY ARRIVAL AT CAMP

Check-in will begin at 2:00 pm Sunday (no one will be checked in before this time). Please do not arrive any later than 4:00 pm so we have time to go through all the orientation necessary.

As you arrive in the parking lot, the Unit Leader and SPL (Senior Patrol Leader) need to check-in at the shelter. Any fees due will be paid on Monday morning.

You will be assigned a USA (Unit Staff Adviser) who will be helping you with the check-in procedure. This staff member will take the boys to your campsite to unload gear first.

If weather permits, you will be allowed to drive a single vehicle to your campsite to unload gear. After unloading, please take your vehicle(s) back to parking lot.

**Boys must have swim gear handy as well as medical forms with medications and instructions.** The USA will take boys and leaders to the Health Lodge for medical checks and to hand in any medications.

**REMEMBER: A parent MUST sign the Class 1 health forms each year and EVERYONE staying a night at camp MUST have a current health form.**

Following medical checks, swim checks will be done at the pool and meal procedures covered at the dining hall. After this, you will have time to arrange your campsite. Your USA will remain with you for any help you may need and will fill out a check-in sheet for site equipment. Fireguard charts and emergency procedures should be reviewed.

Supper is at 6:30 pm. Your USA will escort you to the dining hall. Please wear your uniform.

### LEAVING CAMP

Any camper (adult or scout) leaving camp for any reason MUST sign in and out at the Health Lodge.

### CAMPER RELEASE POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Muskingum Valley Council to release a camper only to an authorized person listed on the Campers Health/Medical form or in writing from the legal parent or guardian.

Each camper leaving camp will do so with the permission of his Scoutmaster or adult in charge. Each camper will sign out at the office before departure and will sign back in upon his arrival back at camp. Each camper will remain in the office for pick up, so verification can be made by camp personnel as to the identification of the transporting person or persons.

When the transporting person(s) arrive, the camp administration will verify that the correct person(s) are approved transport people as specified by the legal parent or guardian.

**\*\*\*NO CAMPER WILL BE RELEASED TO ANYONE NOT APPROVED IN ADVANCE.**

### FAMILY NIGHT AND ORDER OF THE ARROW

Wednesday evening is family night at Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation. Scout families are welcomed in camp if it is in your Troop's program. Guest meals are \$7.00 and are to be paid for as a part of the check-in procedure by the Troop. This will give us some idea of how many you are planning to have visit on Wednesday night. Families can also bring a picnic and use one of our camp shelters.

The evening activities include Trading Post time, Order of the Arrow call outs, and the campfire program put on by the campers.



## MEDICAL FORMS

Before coming to summer camp, youths and adults must have a BSA medical form completed by their family physician.

Current medical forms are available from your scoutmaster, at the council service center or on-line at [www.muskingumvalleycouncil.com](http://www.muskingumvalleycouncil.com). Everyone must have a signed medical form to even stay one night. The form (#34414 - Class 1 & 2) requires that the Class 1 section be updated every 12 months, this includes the parent's signature if under 18, and a Class 2 physical examination every 36 months if under 40.

Those 40 and over must use form #34412, which requires a physical exam every 12 months.

If you use a school medical form, attach a copy (do not submit original) of the school form to the Boy Scout's Medical History form signed by your parents.

## Counselor In Training

This program is for training boys who would like to see what being a staff member is like. Excellent training in leadership, teaching, and communication is taught and new friendships are formed.

Boys must be at least 14 years old and first-class rank. Applications are available from the Scout Office, the Camp Director, or at camp. A letter of recommendation from the Scoutmaster is required.

This is a two-week program and boys must complete week one successfully before being asked back a second week. At least two merit badges are earned this week and a T-shirt, hat, and certificate are awarded to each participant.

The fee for this program is just \$65.00 payable at camp the week of being a CIT. We are taking applications now and will continue to take them through the last week of camp.

## CAMP FEES FOR 2008

The following fees have been set by the Camping Committee for the 2008 camping season. See page 6 for the council refund policy.

**Site Fee:** \$50 per Troop. This fee is non-refundable, but sites can be changed prior to your week at camp if a new site is available.

**Adult fees:** Each Troop may send two adults at no charge. Each extra adult is \$70. Troops with 21-30 boys are allowed three adults free; Troops with 31-40 boys are allowed four adults, etc.

**Youth fees: (Deduct \$10 per youth if attending Week 2)**

- \$170 if paid in full 4 weeks before camp week
- \$180 if paid after the 4 week deadline but before arrival at camp.
- \$195 if paying any part of the fee at camp.
- \$35 per day charge to return and complete merit badges

The base fee applies when the total amount is paid to the Scout office at least four weeks prior to your week at camp. Here are the deadline dates for each week.

### ALL FEES SHOULD BE PAID BY THE TROOP AT THE SCOUT OFFICE

<u>If your 1st day of camp is:</u>	<u>Your fees are due in the office by:</u>
June 22, 2008	May 23, 2008
June 30, 2008	May 30, 2008
July 6, 2008	June 6, 2008
July 13, 2008	June 13, 2008
July 20, 2008	June 20, 2008

## Woodlands Tribe program keeps camp fresh for Scouts of all ages

Whether this is your first year or your fifth year, MVSr Summer Camp has an ever-changing program to keep you busy.

The Woodlands Tribe program, found only at MVSr, helps boys advance in rank, provides a fun-filled pre-planned schedule and ends with a memorable ceremony on Friday evening.

For first year Scouts, the emphasis is on visiting every area of camp and working their way to First Class. For older boys, the activities are more High Adventure oriented: trips to the rappelling wall, overnight canoe trips, etc.

Even adults can participate in the Woodlands Tribe program.

The Woodlands Tribe programs are:

- **Netami:** For first-year campers not yet Second Class.
- **Hunter:** For second-year campers at least Second Class in rank.
- **Brave:** For third-year campers at least First Class in rank.
- **Warrior:** For fourth-year campers, at least Star in rank.
- **Dream Maker:** For fifth-year campers, at least Life in rank.

Additional information, including requirements for earning each program's totem, are available from your Scoutmaster.

# Merit Badges offered at Boy Scout Summer Camp (Revised: Feb. 2008)

Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation's merit badge program offers everything you need on your trail to Eagle. Whether a first-year Tenderfoot or a fourth year Life Scout, there are enough merit badges offered to keep you busy all week long.

Below is a complete list of the merit badges available this summer. Review with your Scoutmaster which badges would be good for you to try to complete at summer camp. Please note that some of the merit badges have requirements that should be completed before coming to camp; others have an additional fee involved. Be Prepared!



## AQUATICS

### AT THE LAKE

#### BADGES OFFERED & PRE-REQUISITES

**Canoeing:** Bring towel and spare clothes if needed when swamping!

**Motor boating:** Only takes 2 or 3 days

**Rowing:** None

**Small-Boat Sailing:** Merit badge book helpful.

**Kayaking Award**

**NOTE:** ALL these badges require participant to have passed the "swimmer" classification test. You are also required to wear shoes because of the weeds and stones, so make sure you bring an extra pair that can get wet!

### AT THE POOL

#### BADGES OFFERED & PRE-REQUISITES

**Swimming:** Need long pants, long sleeve button-up shirt, and shoes. These clothes WILL get wet to complete the requirement.

**Lifesaving:** MUST have swimming merit badge. You will need long pants, long sleeve shirt, socks and shoes. These clothes WILL get wet to complete the requirements.

**NOTE:** ALL participants of these badges MUST have passed the "Swimmer" classification swim test.

### Other Opportunities

**Instructional Swim**

**Mile Swim Award**

**Snorkeling Award**

**Open Swim**

**Troop Swim**

## CIVICS

#### BADGES OFFERED & PRE-REQUISITES

**American Culture:** Req. 1

**American Heritage:** Req. 4b,c,e

## Civics (continued)

**Citizenship in the Nation:** Req. 2a,b

**Citizenship in the World:** Req. 7

**Communications:** Req. 5 & 7

**Public Speaking:** Must be able to communicate with a group

*NOTE: You will need a note pad and pen/pencil for these badges. Look over the requirements carefully. Merit badge books are a MUST!*

## FIELD SPORTS

#### BADGES OFFERED & PRE-REQUISITES

**Archery:** Prior experience helps. Cost involved.

**Rifle Shooting:** Prior experience with target shooting would be helpful. New rifles for 2007. Cost involved.

**Shotgun Shooting:** New shotguns for 2008. Prior experience helpful. Cost involved (Minimum of \$25 to qualify).

### Other Opportunities

**Open Rifle Range**

**Open Shotgun Range**

**Best Rifle Target of the Week**

**Best Shotgun Round of the Week**

## HANDICRAFTS

#### BADGES OFFERED & PRE-REQUISITES

**Art:** None. Recommended to bring own paper and colored pencils.

**Astronomy:** First meeting will be after Sunday evening campfire.

**Basketry:** Need to purchase 3 kits. (Kits cost range from \$5 to \$12 each)

**Electricity:** Req. 9a

**Electronics:** None

**Leatherwork:** Req. 4 & need to purchase materials for a project. (Project cost range from \$5 to \$15)

**Metalwork:** Req. 4

**Model Design & Building:** None

**Railroading:** None

**Sculpture:** None

**Woodcarving:** None - a sharp knife is needed. Cost for project if purchased. (Project cost : \$5.00 - \$10.00)

**Woodworking:** None, but cost will be involved (Project cost: \$10.00 - \$15.00)

## Health Lodge Area

#### BADGES OFFERED & PRE-REQUISITES

**First Aid:** Must have completed 1st Class first aid requirements.

## SCOUTCRAFT

#### BADGES OFFERED & PRE-REQUISITES

**Camping:** Req. 1, 3, 9a, 9b & bring a backpack

**Cooking:** None

**Emergency Preparedness:** Must have First Aid merit badge, Req. 2c & 9a

**Indian Lore:** Req. 2d

**Orienteering:** Req. 10

**Pioneering:** Knowledge of knots necessary

**Wilderness Survival:** Overnight in shelter required, bring ground cloth, sleeping bag, and mess kit.

**"Leave No Trace" program\***

## ECO -CON

#### BADGES OFFERED & PRE-REQUISITES:

**Environmental Science:** None - book helpful

**Fish & Wildlife Management:** Req. 5, 6c & 7d

**Fishing:** None

**Forestry:** Req. 5b & 7c

**Geology:** Req. 8, 9b, 11b & 12b

**Mammal Study:** Req. 4a, 4b, 4d, & 4e

**Nature:** Req. 4a2, 4d1, 4d2, & 4f2

**Reptile & Amphibian Study:** Req. 8

**Soil & Water Conservation:** Req. 7a

**Weather:** Req. 8b

**List of Merit Badges is subject to change.**





# FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

The Muskingum Valley Council believes summer camp should be experienced by all Scouts, regardless of their financial status.

no less than six weeks before the Scout leaves for camp, because funding is limited.

Youth who show need may receive a campership of up to 50 percent of the camp base (early) fee, dependent upon availability of funds and the number of campership requests received by the council.

Camperships are good only for registered youth members of Muskingum Valley Council. They can only be used at any summer camping programs offered by the Muskingum Valley Council.

For those youth who receive a campership, we ask that they follow the Scout Oath and Law. A Scout is friendly, courteous, and kind. We would request that a handwritten thank you note be sent to the Council Service Center, for us to forward on to a few special friends and contributors.

## CAMP REFUNDS

As a general rule, once fees are paid and a Scout has committed to come to a Muskingum Valley Council Summer Camp, those fees are not refundable if the Scout fails to attend camp.

Troops may, however, transfer the paid fees to cover another Scout.

The council understands that emergencies do sometimes arise, however, and through no fault of the Scout he may find himself unable to attend camp.

In these cases, refund requests should be submitted in writing to the council office, within four weeks of attending camp, where they will be reviewed by a committee for consideration.

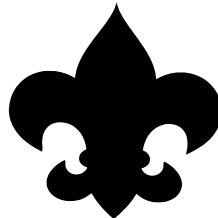
**NO REQUEST FOR REFUNDS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION AFTER AUGUST 31, 2008.**

That is why several thousand dollars are budgeted each year to help the less fortunate with their summer camp fees. Funding for camperships comes from the Friends of Scouting Campaign, the popcorn sale, and other sources.

Campership request forms are available at the Council Service Center, Roundtables, as well as the website. They must be filled out and returned as soon as possible to be reviewed by the council committee.

Leaders should encourage the parents of needy Scouts to complete a campership form, however, leaders may not fill out the form on a family's behalf.

The forms must be filled out by the Scout's parents and should be turned in directly to the Council Service Center



## Boy Scout Summer Camp To-Do List for Troops

- Appoint a Summer Camp Coordinator.
- Encourage leaders and Scouts to get their physicals scheduled right away. Make sure all physicals are in two weeks before camp.
- Invite the Order of the Arrow to do a summer camp promotion and elections at a Troop meeting or Court of Honor.
- Set up a weekly payment schedule to collect summer camp fees.
- Collect fees and registration forms early enough to meet the registration deadline.
- Arrange for drivers to haul equipment to camp; recruit leaders to cover all days of summer camp.
- Encourage all Muskingum Valley Council Scouts from underprivileged families to apply for camperships at least four weeks before arriving at camp.
- Inform parents of Parents Night at camp (Wednesday night) and get their reservations in advance.
- Encourage boys to pick the merit badges they plan to earn at summer camp and begin working on the prerequisites.
- Come to camp and have a great time!



# WHAT IF OUR TROOP IS NOT PLANNING TO GO TO SUMMER CAMP?



Some Troops call a time-out in the summer.

If your Troop is not planning to participate in the council's summer program, but your son is interested in attending, here is what you should do:

1. Talk with your Troop leadership. They may be under the false assumption that the Scouts and their parents are not interested in participating. Remind them that the promise of summer camp is one of the major reasons boys join Scouting. Volunteering as camp coordinator may help.
2. If the Troop leadership is still not interested, talk to the other parents. Get a small group of interested Scouts together and participate, with parents taking turns as chaperones.
3. If you have trouble getting a group together from your Troop, contact other Troops in your area and see if they would mind letting your son tag along. Make sure you volunteer to help.
4. If all else fails, contact the council service center and ask for help. It is the council's job to make sure every boy who wants to go to summer camp is given the opportunity.

## COUNCIL POLICY CONCERNING MEDICATIONS

For the health and safety of our Scouts, **all** medications must be turned in to the camp first aid officer upon registering the first day of camp. No Scout will be allowed to carry or self-administer any medications, including over-the-counter products such as aspirin. Campers with "epi" pens or inhalers may carry them, but the medication must be logged with the health officer.

All medication must be in the original container. Prescription medication must have the Scout's name and dosage instructions clearly visible on the original label. All medications must be accompanied by a "Medication Instructions" form (1 per medication), signed by a parent. Medications are given out at sick call after each meal. If a Scout needs to take medication at a time other than meal time, this needs to be on the "Medication Instructions" form.

**MEDICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ Campsite: \_\_\_\_\_

Medication Name:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Instructions (how much, how often):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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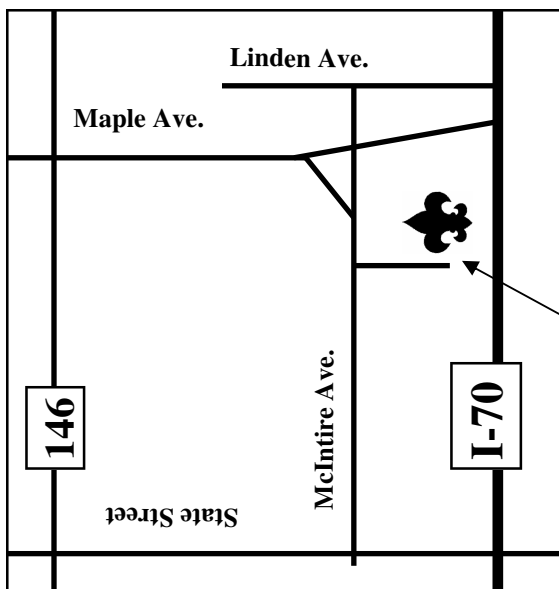
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