

CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL ~ BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

2012 CAMP HORSESHOE PROVISIONAL/INDEPENDENT CAMPING

Camp Horseshoe is a tradition for which units and Scouts cannot get enough. Boys proudly declare that they've been to Horseshoe four, five, even six summers; accomplished patrol, troop and individual achievements and had a great time doing so.

These boys are the backbone of the Scouting movement, but choices for young men during the summer continue to grow at an incredible rate, from summer jobs to high adventure trips and sports. How can Scouts fit in all of these opportunities? What can they do when something conflicts with the dates their troop is attending camp? Camp Horseshoe has the answer: **Provisional camping!**

Provisional camping is available every week of the summer camp calendar. Thus, no matter what, we can fit the Scout's schedule! Scouts are matched with a Chester County Council unit that hosts them for the week. Through the qualified and trained adult leadership of their "troop for the week", these Scouts will satisfy their personal achievement goals even when unable to attend camp with their own unit. Everyone has great times learning from other Scouts while having incredible experiences like any other week at Horseshoe.

HOW DOES PROVISIONAL CAMPING WORK? Any registered Scout, having at least one prior year experience camping as a Boy Scout, is eligible to participate in provisional camping. While the Chester County Council encourages youth to experience summer camp with their home unit, this program is specifically designed for those Scouts whose schedules conflict with their own troop's selected week at summer camp - or - for those campers who want to participate in an additional week or two over above their unit's time out at camp.

Many Scouts come during an earlier week of camp with their own troop and returned later in the season as a provisional camper to work on additional advancement opportunities.

As mentioned before, Scouts attending in a provisional capacity are placed with a Chester County Council unit during the Scouts week of choice. Every unit chosen to 'host' a Scout provisionally is carefully selected to ensure a smooth transition into the host troop's already existing dynamics.

The number of provisional Scouts in each host unit is typically limited to three Scouts, to allow for the possibility of more attention being required by a Scout attending provisionally. More than one Scout attending provisionally from the same troop, the same week, will be placed in the same 'host' unit.

Prior to arrival, the parents of a provisional Scout will be put in contact with host troop leadership to provide opportunity to discuss any questions, needs, traditions the hosting troop has at camp, etc.

All provisional Scouts should choose and prepare for those merit badges they wish to take prior to attending camp. Their merit badge choices will be submitted along with the choices of the host troop Scouts on the Sunday of arrival. Please direct merit badge questions and/or program questions to Program Director, Craig Cohen @ cacohen15@yahoo.com.

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR A PROVISIONAL WEEK? Any Scout wishing to attend a provisional week at camp should submit a completed Provisional Week Application, included below, to the Chester County Council Service Center. Please ensure Scouts attending multiple weeks retain a copy of their Personal Health & Medical Records for each week.

For additional information on how to attend Camp Horseshoe provisionally with another troop, contact Amy Dalesandro at the Horseshoes Scout Reservation, Chester County Council, BSA (amy.dalesandro@scouting.org or 717-548-7045).

In order to be entitled to the reduced provisional camp rate, verification of attendance with the troop must be obtained from the scoutmaster. This verification is made on the provisional camp application.

**SUMMER 2012 PROVISIONAL/INDEPENDENT SCOUT APPLICATION
CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL, BSA
504 S. CONCORD RD. ♦ WEST CHESTER, PA 19382 ♦ 717-548-7045**

**MUST BE AT LEAST 11 YEARS OLD OR HAVE PREVIOUS B.S.A. BOY SCOUT
SUMMER CAMPING EXPERIENCE TO APPLY FOR PROVISIONAL CAMPING**

NAME: FIRST _____ LAST _____ MI _____

ADDRESS _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

DATE OF BIRTH _____ RANK _____ POSITION _____

PHONE # _____ TROOP _____ COUNCIL _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE # _____

RELATIONSHIP _____ EMAIL _____

FEES (payable upon registration):

Provisional (one week) - Discounted	\$325.00 per week/scout
Provisional (one week) - Full	\$365.00 per week/scout
Provisional (additional weeks) - Discounted	\$305.00 per week/scout
Provisional (additional weeks) - Full	\$345.00 per week/scout

*Applies to any Scout who has attended a week of summer resident camp (at Camp Horseshoe) in the current year as either a provisional scout and/or with their own troop and is returning for an additional week or weeks **in a provisional troop.**

Date attending provisional camp:

- June 24 – July 1
 July 1 – 8
 July 8 - 15
 July 15 – 22
 July 22 – July 29
 July 29 – Aug. 5
 Aug. 5 – Aug. 12

A SCOUT IS REQUIRED TO FILL OUT THE PERSONAL RESOURCE SUMMARY FORM AND RETURN IT WITH THIS APPLICATION. SCOUT IS REQUIRED TO HAVE HIS HOME TROOP SCOUTMASTER APPROVAL.

I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE ADDITIONAL FEES FOR MERIT BADGES EARNED AT CAMP. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL BE ATTENDING AS A RESIDENT CAMPER AND AS A MEMBER OF PROVISIONAL TROOP 539. WHILE IN CAMP I WILL FOLLOW THE SCOUT OATH AND LAW AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO ALL THE NORMAL RULES OF CAMP HORSESHOE AND THE CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL B.S.A. MISCONDUCT MAY RESULT IN EXPULSION FROM CAMP AND FORFEITURE OF ALL MERIT BADGE WORK.

All merit badges offered during the camping season, the pre-requisitions and fees, may be found in the Horseshoe Leaders Guide on our web site www.hsr-bsa.org.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

PARENTS SIGNATURE

SCOUTMASTER SIGNATURE

SCOUTMASTER:

Please initial below verifying the above provisional camp applicant is also attending Camp Horseshoe during the week of _____ with his troop; thus entitling him to the reduced rate of \$305 or \$345 per week/scout (depending upon when the application is submitted).

SCOUTMASTER'S INITIALS: _____

Parent Note: An Annual Health & Medical Record must accompany this application for provisional camp. Please send a photo copy, keeping the original for your records. Please mail application, medical form, and fee to Chester County Council Service Center (see address above) make check payable to Chester County Council.

