

CAMP MINSI

Boy Scout Camp 2012



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Join the **ADVENTURE**

Camp Minsi gives Scouts the ultimate camping experience in a nationally accredited camp. Located on top of the Pocono Plateau in Pocono Summit, PA, Camp Minsi has more than 1,250 acres with streams and woodlands for hiking and camping.

Great Camping

Camp Minsi has 10 large group campsites that easily accommodate groups up to 66. The dining hall comfortably seats 500 at mealtimes ... and the food is great, too.

Camp Minsi is known for its great waterfront with a sandy beach and swim dock. The waterfront offers a newly expanded sailing program, kayaking, canoeing, snorkeling and more in addition to all the swimming and lifesaving activities.

Action Packed Days

Boy Scouts at Camp Minsi enjoy a wide range of daily camp activities like:

- Silver Turtle Award to challenge Scouts of all ages
- Great expanded beach
- Aqua-Knots Challenge
- Shotgun and rifle shooting
- Archery and a "field archery" course
- More than 50 Merit Badge courses
- 20 miles of hiking trails
- Enhanced Ecology Conservation program
- Top-notch, first-year camper program
- The famous Minsi Muck Hike
- Team sports activities

- Order of the Arrow evening
- Family Bar-B-Que night
- Annual Troop Olympics Competition

Stillwater Lake Waterfront

Terrific waterfront programs and activities allow campers to fully enjoy all that 314-acre Stillwater Lake has to offer ... including sailing, snorkeling, swimming, the Aqua-Knots Challenge, life guarding, and much more! Interactive inflatables and other fun additions make Stillwater Lake the place to be. Give sailing a try next summer. There's almost always a breeze blowing on Stillwater Lake and there's no better place to be than gliding across the water under the wind's power. Spend the week working on the Small Boat Sailing merit badge and learn to make the wind work for you ... or just enjoy our newly expanded beach!

Get in on New Adventures next summer!

Calling Advanced Scouts and Venturers ... want a challenge beyond traditional summer camp experiences? Well, check out these three great high adventure summer camp opportunities:

- Fish Camp – Imagine yourself in a cool Pocono Mountain stream casting to a rising trout. Enjoy the full range fishing experiences while you sharpen your skills and get in on the action of Fish Camp. (Available weeks 3 and 4)
- River Trails of the Delaware – Follow the same river trails of the Native Americans. River Trails participants spend the week on the Delaware River traversing both calm, deep waters and swift, flowing rapids in search of adventure. (Available weeks 1-6)
- Hawkeye Action Center – Get ready to climb the 60-foot climbing wall! Travel the tree tops on the zip line, and scramble up the Giant's Ladder and rappel back to earth to cruise through the New BMX/Mountain biking course.

All three programs are focused on challenging young adults to push their comfort zone with fun and memorable outdoor experiences.



VENTURE!

Silver Turtle Award

Camp Minsi's innovative Scouting spirit award, challenges all Scouts to visit each program area in camp, participate in evening programs, complete service projects, learn about the history of camp, meet the staff, and most importantly: HAVE FUN! Every Scout is sure to have an amazing week at camp while earning this award along with a special patch.

Locked and Loaded at Shooting Sports

This summer our shooting sports program is fully loaded! Both the rifle and shotgun ranges have extended shooting times. Scouts can also participate in the exciting "field archery" course, tomahawk throwing, and other great alternative shooting programs.

Great Hiking and Mountain Biking

This summer, the extensive hiking trails in the backwoods of Camp Minsi are sure to be enjoyed. Geocaching, orienteering, and general hiking programs will be available to take advantage of the beautiful Pocono wilderness. Over 20 miles of hiking trails will be open for use this summer!

Mountain bikes are part of the experience at summer camp. Scouts and leaders may bring their bikes to ride to all the program areas. Also, challenging trails will be open to Scouts looking for a mountain bike adventure. Just remember to bring your helmets!

Adventures for All

With so many great activities and Merit Badges to choose from, you can make your week at Minsi as action packed as you want! And it doesn't stop there ... with even more activities for campers of all ages and skill levels:

- **Trail to Adventure** – this first-year Scout/camper program is specially designed to help younger Scouts advance along the trail to First Class. Scouts will earn several requirements toward their Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class rank along with working on their First Aid Merit Badge and getting a great introduction to Scout summer camp.
- **Adult Leader Merit Badge** – just for the leaders, this program puts Scout leaders through their paces and lets them earn a special patch for those that complete the course.



- **Muck Hike** – this famous weekly, camp-wide event challenges Minsi campers as they hike through and explore the mucky, backwoods bogs of Camp Minsi. Be prepared to start out clean and finish up covered in Minsi's finest mud. Hint: remember to duct tape your oldest pair of shoes to your ankles or they'll be lost in the muck forever!

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Sign up for the adventure

Reserve your summer adventure now! With six weeks to choose from, Scout camp 2012 can fit almost any schedule. Camp registration fees and general dates are shown below.

Dates

**Weekly from
6/24/2012 to 7/28/2012**

Fees

\$315 Boy Scout/Venturer – discount fee
(For registrations prior to March 1st)

\$340 Boy Scout/Venturer – full fee
(For registrations on or after March 1st)

**Talk to your Unit Leader and parents/guardians about Scout camp today!
Find out when your Troop or Crew plans to attend summer camp in 2012.
Be sure to reserve your space early for your summer Scouting adventure!**

Plan a **FUN SUMMER** at Scout Camp in 2012!

Camp Minsi earned great satisfaction scores (highest ever 4.81 out of 5.00!) from unit leaders ...

"Excellent staff, lots of energy - very courteous and friendly. Terrific week at camp! One of the best summers ever"

— Scoutmaster, Week Three 2011

"Camp Minsi is my favorite of all the camps I've been to. It is my favorite in the whole ... wide ... world!"

— Boy Scout, Week Four 2011

Your camp hosts

Our staff members are experienced camp counselors with more than half being 18 or older. Camp Minsi is directed by a National Camp School Certified Camp Director and Program Directors who have experience with Scout camp management. Most key program positions are nationally certified in their respective program areas. Our enthusiastic camp staff is fully trained and dedicated to making your camp stay the best. They go above and beyond to make your week memorable.

Camp accommodations

Camp Minsi's large group camping areas are outfitted with durable canvas tents on raised wooden platforms. Each tent is a large, two-person tent and comes with two cots for sleeping. Campsites also have large canopy areas for added cover in the event of inclement weather. Every campsite has a comfort station equipped with a sink and running water. Camp Minsi has a centrally located shower house that is divided into separate sections for youth, women, and men (over 18), all with separate entrances. All sections come equipped with flush toilets, sinks, hot water, electricity, mirrors, and individual private shower stalls.

Provisional opportunities

Some Scouts love camp so much they want to come back for a second week or maybe their Scout troop is not going to summer camp. At Minsi, we offer provisional opportunities for Scouts who are interested in coming to camp without their entire troop. Contact the Council office for more information.

Financial help is available, too!

To help ensure that all Scouts can participate in a camp experience, a campership fund is available to help provide partial financial assistance for those Minsi Trails' Scouts who might otherwise not be able to attend camp. Interested families may request an application at the Scout Service Center by calling 610-465-8568. All requests are handled in a confidential manner.

All campership applications must be received in the Scout Service Center before May 1st.



*The famous
Minsi Muck Hike*



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