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Camp Leaders' Guide

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Hello!

Thank you for choosing Ockanickon as your 2026 summer camp destination. Our program admin team and area directors have been hard at work planning and preparing for the upcoming summer. This guide is a resource to stress-free preparation for your stay at OSR.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you all to a pre-camp leaders meeting taking place virtually on May 2nd, starting at 9am. Troop points of contact that were listed when making the deposit will receive a notification about registration for the meeting.

For all camping and program related questions email our program team at: program@ockanickon.org.

For all payment and reservation questions email our Business Manager, Michelle Cathers at: Michelle.Cathers@scouting.org

Please note that the camp office does not open until June 8th. If you are reaching out by phone prior to that date, please call the Washington Crossing Council Service Center at 215-348-7205.

We look forward to meeting you at the May 2nd leaders meeting and can't wait to keep the adventure alive with all of you this summer!

Yours in Scouting,

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OSR Camp Director

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2026 Summer Camp Youth Fees

Camp fees at OSR include the materials required for merit badge programs. This means Scouts do not pay extra for basketry kits, leather kits, clay, arrow kits, rifle and shotgun ammunition for merit badges.

Non-merit badge participants may purchase ammunition, craft kits at our Trading Post.

Rate Type	Post Marked By	Camp Fees
Tier 1 Discounted Rate	February 28, 2026	\$550.00*
Arrow of Light Crossover Rate	May 31, 2026	\$550.00*
Tier 2 Discounted Rate	April 30, 2026	\$575.00*
Regular Rate	After April 30th until check-in	\$605.00*
Individual Camper Rate A (1st stay at OSR)	Payment Due Same schedule as above	Tier 1 \$560, Tier 2 \$585, or Regular rate \$615*
Individual Camper Rate B (2nd stay at OSR must occur after the 1 st stay)	Payment Due by Sunday Check-in	\$500.00**

* A family with more than one Scout attending OSR may receive a \$25 discount per Scout.

** Individual Camper rates do not apply to units.

- Camperships are available to youth camping with their unit or attending as individual campers. This includes youth from other councils. Applications due by April 1, 2025.
- Please talk to your Scouting families about our [refund policy](#).
- Individual Camper adults will pay at the Individual Camper rates listed above.
- Linked Boy and Girl Troops are separate units and must register as two separate units and provide adequate adult supervision per the guide to Safe Scouting.
- Family Troops chartered as one unit need one summer camp registration with a minimum of 2 deep leadership; at least one of the leaders must be a 21+ female if female youth are attending.
- Troops enrolled in the Loyalty Program have the Tier 1 discounted rate until April 30th, skipping the Tier 2 discounted rate. The Regular rate goes into effect on May 1st. Loyalty Program Troops either paid their deposit and booked their summer camp week on or before October 31st.



Adult Fee Structure

At least one of the leaders in a Scouts BSA troop for girls must be a registered female leader (age 21+).

Adult payments are due by Sunday check-in.

# of Paid Youth Attending	Free Adult Slots	Additional Adult Slots at \$250.00 per Slot
2-19	2	any adults over the first 2
20-29	3	any adults over the first 3
30-39	4	any adults over the first 4
40-49	5	any adults over the first 5
50-59	6	any adults over the first 6
60-69	7	any adults over the first 7

- Adult Weekly rate is \$250.
- Daily rate is \$65 per day.
- If your troop has special needs Scouts which require additional adults, please contact us at 215-348-7205.



Camping Opportunities

Traditional Camping

Separate tenting arrangements are provided for male and female adults and youth. Scouts are either housed in two person canvas tents on wooden platforms with two canvas cots, or in our Adirondack shelters which are three-sided wooden buildings with six built in wooden bunks. Each site is supplied with a latrine and there are separate shower facilities for Scouts and Scouters. All food is prepared by our professional food-service staff in Foster Hall.

Individual Camping

For Scouts who cannot attend with their own troop or want to come back for another fun-filled week at OSR, there is always the option of individual camping. This means the Scout attends alone and would be housed with another troop staying that week.

Camping Sessions

Ockanickon will be offering 6 week-long sessions of Scouts BSA Resident Camp. All camp sessions begin between 1:00pm and 4:00 pm on Sunday and end by 10:00am on Saturday.

Campsite Assignments*

Units will be allowed to indicate three choices of campsite in order of preference on the campsite request form which is posted on our website. The online form has a comments section for any special needs your Troop might have. Medical needs will be given the highest priority. Site assignments will be made based on attendance and campsite capacity. We will contact your Troop two weeks prior to arrival at camp with your assignment information. Most Troops will share a site with at least one other unit. Contact information will be provided so each Troop sharing a site can contact each other prior to camp. All site assignments are being completed with the expectation each open bunk/cot will be used. Units may bring their own tents if they would like to spread out more.

***Please be aware that all assignments are subject to change at the discretion of the Camp Director.**



Campership

Campership Recipients

If your Troop has a Scout who was awarded a campership, **DO NOT** pay for the Scout in full. Please contact the camp business manager first so the campership award can be added to Tentaroo before you pay. Be sure to have the Scout's complete profile available in the "manage my group" section of the Tentaroo account.

Scouts must be paid in full to schedule their merit badges; however if a campership family absolutely needs up until check-in day to pay the balance, please contact the business manager with the Scout's name and classes.

Camp Business Manager: business@ockanickon.org

Council Office 215-348-7205 through May

Ockanickon 215-297-5290 June & July



Refund Policy

Preparing for camp requires the Council to purchase food, supplies, equipment, hire staff and keep camp facilities in good repair in anticipation of the number of participants registered to attend. We don't automatically give refunds for Scouts or adults. Below are cases where refunds may be requested:

- Medical reasons
- Summer school
- Death in the immediate family
- Scout or adult is moving
- Scout is leaving Scouting
- Custody issues
- Reasons that don't involve choice

Units can remove a Scout for any reason **by June 1st** and the **entire camp fee** will be refunded to the unit's account.

After June 1st, refunds will only be issued for qualifying events listed above. From June 1st and prior to the beginning of your week, **75%** of the camp fee is refundable to the unit.

The following applies if any of the reasons for refunds listed above occurs during your camp week:

- If only Monday of the camp week is attended, **50%** of the camp fee will be refunded.
- If Monday and Tuesday of the week are attended, **30%** of the camp fee will be refunded.
- If Monday thru Wednesday of the camp week are attended, **20%** of the camp fee will be refunded.

If the Council closes camp for the summer season or any part thereof, whether for its own reasons or because the closure is mandated by law or the action of any government agency, we will refund all deposited funds to both the units and individual campers who have not yet arrived.

Examples of circumstance NOT qualifying for a refund are conflicts between camp and activities such as family vacations, sports, school activities or band trips.

All refunds are not **automatic** and must be requested in writing by the Troop or Individual Camper. **All requests must be accompanied by either a note from a doctor, school, or other supporting documentation.** Include the participant's name, reason for the withdrawal, Troop, Council, camp week #. Submit to Washington Crossing Council, One Scout Way, Doylestown, PA 18901.

No refund requests will be accepted after September 30th.

If approved, refunds will be made by check to the participant's Troop or Individual Camper's family. The refund will be made to whomever made the payment.

For questions, please contact the Council Office at 215-348-7205 or business@ockanickon.org.



Ockanickon Scout Reservation Camp Staff

Here at Ockanickon, we depend on one of the best trained and dedicated groups of Scouts and Scouters to run our camp and program each and every year. Being able to serve on this camp staff really is the opportunity of a lifetime. It offers an unprecedented chance to lead, teach, and work with 1800+ Scouts from around the region toward a goal with a team that is just as excited to be here as you are.

This staff only operates with the help of the troops attending OSR. As leaders, we hope that you will encourage your Scouts, who you think will be a good fit, to apply! Without you and your Scouts, Ockanickon would not be nearly as successful as it is.

Anyone interested in a job at Ockanickon can apply on our website at:

<https://www.ockanickon.org/camp-staff>

C.I.T. Program

Ockanickon is proud to offer a Counselor in Training program for anyone who is 14 years old and interested in working at OSR. This program lasts the whole summer and is an intensive program designed to immerse your Scouts in the Camp Staff while building their leadership and teaching skills. CITs will also earn at least two merit badges a week and get to experience working in most of our departments. Best of all, the program is completely free for any participants!

Interested Scouts can apply here: <https://www.ockanickon.org/CIT>



Adult Leaders In Camp

Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth.

Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age and program appropriate supervision must always be provided. All adults staying at camp must be currently registered with the Troop that they are staying with and hold current YPT certifications.

Holding a Troop Summer Camp Meeting

Sometime in the spring, we recommend holding a special “Summer Camp Meeting” for the benefit of the Scouts and their parents. The purpose of such a meeting will vary from Troop to Troop. Here are some possible topics of discussion that would be beneficial for such a meeting.

- Your troop’s travel plans (maps, departure & return times, etc.).
- Collection of medical forms, camp fees & merit badge selections.
- Time to counsel individual Scouts on their summer camp plans and to review pre-requisite requirements.
- Selection of troop and patrol activities for the week.
- Confirm adult leadership for the week of camp.
- Collect all required background check results and affidavits, if applicable.
- Question and answer time for parents and curious Scouts.

Getting Summer Camp Commitments from AOLs

If your troop is associated with an established Cub Pack, it is important that you always maintain a healthy relationship with that Pack. Cub Scouts are the primary source for new Scouts BSA. To make sure that AOLs crossing over have the opportunity to come to summer camp at Ockanickon, it is important that you start talking to them about summer camp as soon as possible. Please keep in mind that, AOL crossovers qualify for the Tier 1 discounted rate through May 31st.



Summer Camp Leader Background Check Information

There are two requirements impacting adult leaders that stay at camp:

1. PA Act 153 of 2014 and PA Act 15 of 2015.
2. Scouting America requires that all adults be registered as leaders, including the completion of a criminal background check and Youth Protection Training.

What clearances are needed?

Adults **may** be required to obtain up to three clearances. The three clearances are as follows:

1. Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Background Check

Adults **residing** in Pennsylvania shall be required to obtain a **criminal background check run by the Pennsylvania State Police**. This background check is free to all volunteers.

Visit <https://epatch.pa.gov/home>

2. Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Child Abuse Clearance

Adults **residing** in Pennsylvania shall be required to obtain a **child abuse clearance from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services**. This background check is free to all volunteers.

Visit <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>

3. Federal Bureau of Investigation Fingerprint-Based Background Check

Adults **residing** in Pennsylvania and have lived in the state for less than ten consecutive years (including the current year) must obtain a fingerprint-based FBI Background Check. Adults who have lived in the state of Pennsylvania **for the last ten consecutive years** are exempt from this check, but **must complete an affidavit** affirming such: [PA Volunteer Disclosure Statement](#)

Visit <https://www.identogo.com/locations/pennsylvania> Service Code: KG6ZJ

What if I live out-of-state?

This circumstance is applicable to many camp leaders. The laws make a provision for camp leaders that **reside** out-of-state. The laws state that out-of-state camp leaders that would otherwise be required to obtain clearances are exempt from obtaining the clearances, provided that they work with children in the state of Pennsylvania for 30 days or less in a given calendar year. All adult leaders will be required to sign an affidavit stating they are compliant with their local laws and have not been convicted of any of the crimes listed on the affidavit.

If you work with children in the state of Pennsylvania for more than 30 days in a year, you must obtain the clearances.

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Note that this exemption is based on your residency, and not your volunteerism location. Therefore, if you are a volunteer that works with a New Jersey unit but resides in Pennsylvania, you must obtain the clearances.

These documents may be brought to Sunday camp check-in or submitted in advance to logistics@ockanickon.org. Submitting these documents in advance will facilitate a smooth Sunday check-in.

NO ADULT WILL BE PERMITTED TO STAY OVERNIGHT WITHOUT BEING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE.

How do I submit the clearances?

All clearances must be valid during your week at camp. There are some very key provisions regarding the clearances for summer camp:

- A signed affidavit is required for all camp leaders who reside in Pennsylvania and are exempt from the FBI fingerprint check. Please use this link to access it: <https://www.ockanickon.org/files/51258/affidavit-disclosure-statement-application-for-volunteers-23-pa-c-s-section-6344-2>
- A signed affidavit is required for all camp leaders who reside out-of-state. Please use this link to access it: <https://www.ockanickon.org/files/51259/affidavit-disclosure-statement-application-for-out-of-state-leaders>
- The laws provide for the acceptance of copies for volunteer purposes.
- Submit clearances in advance by emailing to logistics@ockanickon.org or bring all affidavits to the Sunday camp check-in.

Compliance verification of the Scouting America Registration:

Ockanickon allows several methods to verify compliance:

- **Preferred:** One of the Unit's Key 3 members can access the unit's "Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) Aging Report." from "Training Manager" from their my.Scouting.org account. This report shows every adult on your charter and includes the SYT valid through date. You must be a registered Key 3 member to access. For instructions on how to obtain this report, contact your council registrar **or**
- Bring an unexpired unit registration card and a current SYT training certificate for each adult on the roster; **or**
- Use either "SYT Clearance for PA resident" or "SYT Clearance for non-PA resident" as appropriate. The primary unit's contact should sign the form. The form is then submitted to your local council's registrar who will verify the information and sign it.

What if I have more questions?

Please direct any further questions to Rob Michell at robert.michell@scouting.org, or at the Camp office starting June 8th: 215-297-5290.



To Do List:

January to March

- Collect Early Camp Fees.
- Begin Planning with the Patrol Leader Council.
- Inform families of our refund policy.
- Assist families in need of assistance to fill out and send in camp campership forms.

April to June

- Check online for program updates.
- Health forms and Merit Badge schedules.
- Collect Camp Fees.
- Arrange for adult leadership.
- Understand background check requirements and collect necessary documents.
- Apply for required background clearances (see pages 10-11).
- Hold Troop summer camp meeting.
- Attend the Pre-Camp Leaders Meeting virtually on May 2nd. Registration link will be sent out prior.
- Conduct Swim Tests which can be administered by a Scouting America: Aquatics Instructor or Swimming & Water Rescue certification holder; Red Cross Lifeguard or Lifeguard Instructor; StarGuard Elite Pool, Open Water, or Instructor Certification; American Lifeguard Association Certification; Ellis Pool, Deep Water, or Instructor Certification. Swim test form found here: <https://www.ockanickon.org/files/51260/swim-test-record>
- Sign up for Merit Badges no later than 4 weeks prior to your arrival to ensure inclusion in any lottery Merit Badges.

Two Weeks before Arrival

- Submit background clearances to logistics@ockanickon.org.
- Submit SYT Aging Report or Proof of Registration to logistics@ockanickon.org
- Submit final unit roster to logistics@ockanickon.org.
- Submit swim tests to logistics@ockanickon.org.
- Mail in Health Forms to be pre-checked prior to your arrival at camp.
- If desired, order porta-john through your Tentaroo summer camp registration.

Upon Arrival at Camp

- Bring a copy of your final roster.
- All necessary background check results and/or affidavits (if not submitted earlier).
- Final Payments (be prepared with a troop check and a final youth and adult head count to make this part of check-in quick and easy).
- Questions regarding your invoice should be handled **before** you arrive at camp.
- Complete the Scouting America pre-event medical screening checklist before departing for camp.
- Bring all health forms that were not previously mailed to camp.



Health & Medical Policies

****HEALTH FORMS WILL NOT BE RETURNED****

National Camp Standards:

“A Current Annual Scouting America Health and Medical Record (<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>) with Parts A, B, and C completed within the past 12 calendar months is required for all staff, **leaders**, and participants while in attendance. Health histories and records of required physical examinations for all staff members, leaders, and campers are on file while in attendance. Health forms are shared only on a need-to-know basis.”

**You can find a blank copy of the health form here: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf **

Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record:

In order to provide better care for its members and to assist them in better understanding their own physical capabilities, Scouting America requires that everyone who participates at summer camp have an annual medical evaluation by a certified and licensed health-care provider: a physician (MD or DO), nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.

Validity of Health Forms:

An annual health and medical record is **valid through the end of the 12th month from the date it was administered by your medical provider**. For example, a physical administered July 3, 2025, would be valid until July 31, 2026.

Every Scout and adult who stays overnight must have a copy of a valid health form upon arrival at camp.

Medical Insurance:

Scouts are not required to have medical insurance to attend camp, but it is strongly advised. Parents must complete all areas on the health form that request insurance information. Failing to do so can greatly delay medical rechecks as most Scouts are not familiar with their medical insurance status. **Please attach a photocopy of the Scout's insurance card to the back of the health form.**

Health forms will NOT be returned:

Please make copies BEFORE coming to camp. Anyone who is attending camp MUST have a current, completed Scouting America health form including Parts A, B1, B2 & C. This includes youth participants and adult leaders spending a night at camp.



Medical Record Reminder

All physical forms require more than one signature and many blank spaces to be completed. During check-in, our staff will check for the following:

- Type of Form (must be the 2019 version).
- Physician signature and date.
- Parent signature (where appropriate) and date.
- Immunization history.
- Allergies and chronic conditions.
- Current medication.
- Any other conditions of which the health officer should be aware.
- Participant Signature

Physicals are merely an overview of a Scout's health. Remember to ask Scouts how they're feeling before they come to camp and take appropriate action. ***Don't let a sick Scout ruin your Troop's stay.***

Temperature and Pre-Screening Policy

Any camper with a temperature above 100.4°F will be sent home. Temperatures will be taken during medical rechecks and all campers should have their temperature taken before leaving for camp. This may be done by parents at home, or by troops at their meeting locations, but must be done before you leave for camp. Campers who have a temperature above 100.4°F may return later in the week when their temperature has dropped, but their temperature will be taken when they enter camp property. Units are expected to view and complete the pre-screening form before arriving at camp. We do not collect the forms.

Medications in Camp

Units may have their campers' medication stored either at the health lodge or in a unit-provided locking container stored by a unit leader in the unit's site. A vehicle does not qualify as an appropriate medication storage option. In any case, Ockanickon is not responsible to make sure that a camper receives his or her medication or that the medication is taken once dispensed, only that a storage location is provided. Units must specify during medical rechecks if they will be storing and dispensing any of their unit's medications. If the unit does not specify, the camp will assume that all unit medications will be stored and dispensed from the health lodge.

Complete and bring to camp the Routine Drug Administration Record for each Scout with medication. This can be found at: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/RoutineDrugAdministrationRecordRevised2011.pdf>



Medication Stored by Unit

Units who wish to oversee the storage and dispensing of medications to their campers must meet the following requirements:

- All medications must be stored in a lockable container that remains locked except when the unit is dispensing medication.
- All medications will be dispensed by an adult leader.
- Units must bring their unit storage container with them to medical rechecks so the container can be inspected.
- Medications shall be stored in their original containers in the unit storage container.
- A camper shall not bring more than a one week supply of a medication.
- Scouts must take their medicine at their campsite or in the health lodge, not in the dining hall or other areas of camp.

Units may choose to have some medications stored and dispensed by the health lodge and some stored and dispensed by the unit. Unit leaders overseeing medication storage and dispensing for their unit do not need to be medical professionals. Units do not need to bring common medications like aspirin or acetaminophen, these will be available at the health lodge.

Medication Stored by Health Lodge

During check-in, Scouts with medication will have their medications placed into a gallon size plastic bag labeled with their name, troop number, and campsite. There are several stock medications in the health lodge so you do not have to pack basic medication (this does not include over the counter allergy medication). The Health Officer asks that if someone is on emergency inhalers or has an epi-pen, they provide one for the health lodge and keep one on their person. Storing camper medication is a National Policy, not a choice of Ockanickon, and we are not permitted to allow campers to hold their medications. Exceptions include emergency medications such as an EpiPen or fast-acting heart medication.

- The health lodge has a refrigerator for medicines that must be kept cold.
- Morning medications will be given out from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and evening medications will be given out from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Campers who need medication at other times should review their medication schedule with the Health Officer on the first full day of their stay. Having a leader check with their Scouts to ensure they've taken their medication is strongly recommended.
- All medications **will be returned**. One adult leader from the Troop should check-in Saturday morning at the health lodge.

MED FORM PRE-CHECK:

All units attending Ockanickon have the option to have their medical forms pre-checked before their arrival at camp. This is very highly recommended in order to expedite your Sunday check in process. What you need to do is mail or drop off your troop's completed medical forms and roster to the camp office no later than two weeks before your arrival at camp. You will receive a confirmation email when your forms have been read and accepted. If there are any form issues or missing forms you will be notified and expected to bring the updates with you to camp for check in. **PLEASE ONLY SEND COPIES NOT ORIGINALS, UNITS WILL NOT GET THEIR HEALTH FORM BACK AT THE END OF THEIR SESSION.** Please include a cover page with a Troop point of contact for follow-up communication.

Please send all health forms to:
ATTN: AHMR PRE CHECK
Ockanickon Scout Reservation
5787 State Park Rd
Pipersville PA, 18947



Allergies and Special Diets

Scouts with severe allergies who normally carry an EpiPen should do so at all times at camp. If the Scout brings an extra EpiPen, the extra unit must be stored in the Health Lodge. Scouts who suffer from an allergy attack must report it to the Health Lodge. Campers may seek treatment for non-emergency food reactions at the Health Lodge.

Camp Menu

Tentative menus will be available on the camp website to aid Scouts with significant dietary needs in planning alternative food for their stay. Please note that the menu may change on short notice as supplies vary and seasonal goods become available.

Reporting Food Allergies and Restrictions to Camp

We ask that anyone who is staying at Ockanickon this summer and has a dietary restriction please inform the camp of this before their arrival. Please follow this link: <https://www.ockanickon.org/dietary>. Please complete this form no less than 2 weeks before your arrival at camp. All communications for Dietary needs should be directed to dininghall@ockanickon.org. This email is not monitored until June 8, 2026.

** In most cases the OSR Food Service team is able to accommodate the needs of our Scouts. In extreme cases, Scouts can bring their own food from home. All of this must go through the Camp Health Officer and Food Service Director prior to arrival.**

Medical Emergencies

All injuries and/or illnesses *must* be reported to the Camp Health Officer as soon as possible. In the event that an injury requires emergency medical transportation, 911 may be dialed from any phone in camp. Emergency transportation should be requested through the Health Officer or Camp Management if at all possible and as soon as possible. Once an emergency has been reported and any initial care has been delivered, the parents or guardians of the injured Scout will be contacted based on the information on the provided health form. If a Scout needs to be transported to receive non-emergency care, this will be done by any parents at camp, followed by a unit leader if no parent is available.



Emergency Procedures

The camp emergency signal is a set of tones which can be heard throughout the camp. The following is a list of situations under which the signal may be sounded:

EMERGENCY DRILL (once a week)	LOST CAMPER
FIRE	SERIOUS ACCIDENT
SEVERE STORMS	A GENERAL EMERGENCY
LOST BATHER	

GENERAL EMERGENCY: (Set of Tones)

The emergency signal is used for emergency drills and emergencies only. If this signal sounds follow these procedures:

A) Remain in or go to your campsite under the leadership of the Scoutmaster. All staff members will report to the Camp Office under the leadership of the Camp Administration. **Unit Leaders should begin a head count and identify any missing Scouts.**

Shelter assignments will be posted on your unit's latrine. Please view the posting with your site manager during check in to make sure that you understand.

B) A Camp Staff member will report to your site or location to offer aid and/or instruction.

OTHER LOCAL, REGIONAL, OR NATIONAL EMERGENCY:

Unit Leaders will be informed as situations develop. Instructions will be given as necessary.

In the event of a serious or fatal accident or illness, the Camp Director or his designated representative will act as the spokesman for the camp. Information concerning the emergency will be communicated as soon as the facts are gathered and it is determined to be appropriate.



FIRE:

- A. If it is in your site, report it to the Camp Office immediately.
- B. Use fire extinguisher to control if possible.
- C. Evacuate Scouts to your assigned emergency area.
- D. If the fire is elsewhere in camp remain in or go to your campsite.

STORMS: (Includes tornadoes & earthquakes)

- A. Information will be given by staff members to all units as soon as received.
- B. In case of storm - Scouts and leaders will be notified to report to their assigned emergency area.
- C. If on a hike or unable to get to your area, seek shelter away from large trees or hill tops. If no shelter is found, lay in depressions in the ground if possible.
- D. All aquatics areas are closed and off limits during storms. These areas remain closed 20 minutes after storm has passed.

LOST OR MISSING CAMPER:

- A. Report situation to Camp Administration as soon as possible.
- B. Camp Administration will take over and give details as needed.

LOST BATHER:

- A. Upon signal (set of tones) all campers should report to their campsites, all staff should report to the Camp Office.
- B. Unit Leaders should take a head count and search campsite for any missing Scouts. Stay in campsite until all clear signal is given.
- C. All available staff should report to the Aquatics Director for further instructions.

CHILD ABUSE:

- A. Call ChildLine 1-800-932-0313 to report suspected child abuse or general child well-being concerns. Also, report to the Camp Administration immediately.
- B. The Camp Director will report the incident to the Scout Executive for further action.

ACTIVITIES IN HIGH TEMPERATURES AND HIGH HUMIDITY:

- A. Hiking in high temperatures is not recommended.
- B. Report any heat related illness to the Health Officer as soon as possible.

HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL SPILLS:

- A. Contact the Camp Administration.
- B. Safety Data Sheets on all hazardous materials in camp are located in the Camp Office. Use these sheets for specific information related to the problem.
- C. Employees may not use chemicals without S.D.S. training.

SMOG OR UNHEALTHY AIR:

Any restrictions will be announced as needed.

INTRUSIONS OF UNAUTHORIZED PERSON(S) IN CAMP:

- A. Any camper or staff member who identifies or is concerned about a possible unauthorized visitor should report it to the Camp Administration as soon as possible.
- B. If it is determined to be necessary the camp administration will sound the tones, all campers will return to their campsites, all staff will report to the Camp Office.
- C. Further instructions will be issued by the Camp Administration as needed.
- D. The Camp Director or designee will contact the police if necessary.



Dealing With Wildlife at Ockanickon

COPPERHEADS & RATTLESNAKES

Snakes are very shy animals. They will do all they can to get out of your way. Several kinds of American snakes have hollow fangs, through which they can inject venom into a victim or attacker. The rattlesnake may be the best known of these reptiles. Its tail is equipped with dry horny rattles that sound a warning whenever the snake is alarmed. They are uncommon at Ockanickon.

Copperheads live in the eastern woodlands and are a bit more common at Ockanickon. You can recognize it by its copper-brown color with an hour glass pattern of darker shade. It also has a diamond shaped head.

Snakes can often be found sunning themselves on rocks. Please leave them alone! Should you or someone you know be bitten, please report to the Health Lodge as soon as possible. Be prepared to describe the snake and the location in camp where you were bitten.

RACCOONS & SKUNKS

Raccoons and skunks usually feed on insects, reptiles, eggs, and small rodents. Unfortunately, the availability of food discarded by thoughtless humans attracts them to places like our camp. Please help to prevent this by properly discarding leftovers and not storing food (including candy and snacks) in your campsites. The smell alone will attract these animals to your campsite and an encounter with a skunk or raccoon is rarely a pleasant one. For defense, skunks can spray an attacker with a chemical that stings the eyes and leaves a foul, long-lasting odor. Raccoons will fight violently if cornered and their claws and teeth are sharp. Avoid problems by keeping food out of your campsite.

INSECTS

Ticks are a major concern in the eastern woodlands and there are some precautions you can take to avoid getting Lyme Disease from them. Wear high socks or long pants while in the woods to prevent ticks from contacting your skin. Also, check yourself regularly for ticks. Should you find one attached to your skin go to the Health Lodge to have it removed. If a tick bite results in a bulls eye pattern developing on your skin, you should go to your physician as soon as possible.

Other insects to be careful of at camp are bees and wasps. Persons who are allergic to stings from these insects should be especially careful to avoid them. Bee stings that result in swelling or difficulty breathing should be reported to the Health Lodge immediately.

The brown recluse spider is rare at Ockanickon. Their bite is venomous and it should be reported to the Health Lodge immediately.

ANIMAL BITES

If it breaks the skin, the bite of a dog, cat, rat, or any warm blooded wild animal, is not an ordinary wound. The animal may suffer from rabies, a deadly disease carried in its saliva.

- 1) Give first aid (scrub the bite with plenty of soapy water to remove the saliva and cover the wound with a sterile bandage).
- 2) Go to the Health Lodge.
- 3) Inform the camp administration of where and when the bite took place as soon as possible.



Camp Policies

Accident Insurance – All troops attending camp are required to carry current accident insurance for their unit. Documentation is only needed for units in Councils who do not provide blanket coverage for their units.

Background Checks – All adult leaders must comply with Pennsylvania Act 153 of 2014 and Act 15 of 2015, requiring background checks for youth-serving volunteers. See page 11 for details.

Bicycles in Camp – Leaders may bring a bike to ride around camp, but must observe the 5 MPH camp speed limit, wear a helmet and submit their bike to inspection at the request of the Camp or Adventure Sports Director. Leaders may not ride after dark.

Buddy System: The Buddy System is always required (see Scouting's Barriers to Abuse and the NCAP Standard HS-511). Buddy pairs cannot be coed. Two youth males or two youth females constitute a Buddy Pair. Co-ed groups of three or more Scouts is acceptable. Please plan merit badge and camp activity attendance accordingly.

Gender meaning male or female based on current registration in Scouting America

Daily Inspections – A safety checklist is provided to your unit, and your junior leadership is required to inspect their camp site each day for the items listed on it. The Camp Commissioner Staff may also conduct safety inspections of your campsite daily and as needed.

Emergency Procedures – All emergencies must be reported immediately to the Camp Administration, Health Officer, or the nearest staff member. In the event the camp emergency signal sounds, please return immediately to your campsite and begin accounting for each of your Scouts. Staff runners will report to each campsite to collect head-counts and to pass along any pertinent information. For more specific information concerning emergency procedures, please refer to your campsite bulletin board. In the case of severe weather during the day, campers may be retained in program areas. During the evening, campers may be evacuated to camp buildings at the direction of the camp director.

Firearms in Camp – Personal firearms and bows are prohibited on camp property. Only camp-supplied arrows and ammunition may be used.

Fireworks in Camp – Fireworks are not permitted in camp. Violators will be expelled with no refund.



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Fishing Licenses – Campers 16 and over who wish to fish at Ockanickon are required by state law to have a fishing license. These are available through the state web page and through some local merchants located approximately 25 minutes from camp.

Hazing/ Bullying in Camp – Hazing will not be tolerated at camp. Your unit leadership is responsible to see that it does not occur within your troop. If intertroop incidents occur, report to camp Administration.

Illegal Drugs & Alcohol in Camp – Illegal drugs and alcohol are prohibited on camp property. The use of or the possession of any illegal drugs or alcohol on camp property will result in immediate expulsion from the property (and reported to Scouting America as a membership infraction) This prohibition includes the possession or use of marijuana and its derivatives, whether ingested by smoke or consumed as an edible (including any and all THC products, CBD/THC gummies and the like). Local and state authorities will be contacted. All prescription medication must be kept with the Health Officer, or locked in an approved container in your campsite.

Knives & Axes in Camp – Those Scouts using knives and axes at camp will be required to carry a Totin' Chip card signifying they have completed a basic axe and knife safety course. Sheath knives are not permitted in camp. The purchase of knives at the Trading Post requires the possession of a current Totin' Chip card.

Leaving Camp – Anyone, Scout or leader, who is leaving camp MUST first check out at the camp office (or at Totem Lodge with the Duty Officer, between 5PM & 8AM) and check in upon returning. Scouts are not permitted to leave camp unless they are signed out by their adult leader at the Camp Office in the presence of a parent or legal guardian. All visitors picking up Scouts at camp must also sign in and sign out. Remind parents this process can take some time and to plan accordingly.

Liquid Fuels in Camp – Liquid fuel such as white gas, unleaded gas, or kerosene must be stored in a lockable non-flammable container.

Lost & Found – All lost items in camp should be taken to the closest program area. Any valuables should be taken to the camp office. Please advise Scouts not to bring anything to camp that is considered valuable.

Off-Limits Areas – For safety reasons, certain areas of camp are off limits. The rifle range, shotgun range, and archery range are off limits except to participants who have been given permission to enter by the Area Director. The maintenance yard, climbing tower, pool and boating areas are off limits when unstaffed. Staff quarters are restricted access areas.



Parking – All vehicles must be parked at the camp parking lot located near the lake. Permits to park in camp are available for handicapped persons through the Health Officer. Each unit is permitted to drop one trailer in their campsite.

Personal Hygiene – The camp environment is often very conducive to the transmission of illness. Due to this, all campers and staff are encouraged to shower regularly and always wash their hands before meals. Additionally, everyone is required to sanitize their hands before each meal. It is important that everyone keep themselves reasonably clean. **Troop Leadership is expected to promote and enforce routine hand and body hygiene.**

****Feminine Hygiene Products** can be obtained from the Heath Lodge for an immediate need and are available for purchase at the Trading Post for additional supplies. DO NOT put in latrines nor flush down toilets. Proper disposal is the responsibility of the Unit. If you have females in your group, please bring a disposal container to keep in your campsite latrine stalls. (ie. plastic snack barrel with screw-top lid & plastic bag liner) Please use this link to read an informational guide to use while at camp: <https://bit.ly/3NGriZs> **

Pets in Camp – Campers are not permitted to bring pets to camp. Exceptions are allowed for service animals.

Policies and Restrictions Specific to Your Troop – Unit leaders have the prerogative to not allow their Scouts to participate in some activities or deny Scouts usage of specific departments, facilities or tools. These policies will not be expressly enforced by the Ockanickon Camp Staff but we will support you in these decisions.

Quartermaster – The QM is located at the maintenance area (behind the dining hall). Hours will be published at camp. All equipment and supplies must be signed out. Damaged or lost equipment will be charged to your unit. (Emergency toilet paper supplies may be obtained at Totem Lodge at all other times).

Refunds – See page 8.

Swimming Attire and Clothing Policy - Units should develop a clothing policy based on the guidelines at: <https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/scouting-activity-clothing-guideline/> Please also see Uniforming on next page.



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Telephone, Faxes, Mail & Email – Ockanickon Scout Reservation's telephone number is to be used for emergencies and camp business only. The camp telephone number is: (215) 297-5290. The camp fax number, (215) 297-8702, is also to be used for business purposes only. Mail service is provided to all campers and staff. Outgoing mail should be deposited by 10:00AM each morning and stamps are available at the Camp Office. The mailbox is located on the camp office porch. Letters to campers should be addressed as follows:

Scout's Name

Troop #, Campsite Name (if known), Week # attending Camp

Ockanickon Scout Reservation

5787 State Park Road

Pipersville, PA 18947

It is strongly recommended that you send any mail to Scouts at least a week in advance of their arrival to ensure it arrives while your Scout is at camp. Packages that need to be returned to sender will incur an additional fee.

Be aware that packages are often delivered to the ranger's house. Let your parents know that a delivery notification from the shipper doesn't mean the package has been delivered to their Scout.

The camp's email addresses are for business use only and emails addressed to campers cannot be delivered. Thank you for your understanding.

Tobacco Policy – Youth and Young Adults (under the age of 21) are prohibited from using tobacco or tobacco-like products. The use of tobacco products by adults is strongly discouraged by Scouting America. Adults who use these products are asked to refrain from using them in the presence of Scouts, in doorways, buildings, tents, or on porches. Please use the designated areas behind the dining hall and on the back porch of Totem Lodge. These policies pertain to all forms of smoking / use including, but not limited to, cigarettes, pipes, cigars, e-cigarettes, vapes, electronic nicotine delivery systems, and the like.

Trees – Trees are a valuable resource. No tree, living or dead, may be cut down without the permission of the ranger. Units will be charged if they violate this policy.

Uniforming – Articles of clothing that exhibit slogans or products that are contrary to Scouting principles are prohibited on camp property. The official Scouts BSA Field Uniform (worn correctly) which includes the uniform shirt, socks, and shorts, is proper dress for dinner and retreat (unless otherwise announced). During the week, uniform parts can be obtained through Washington Crossing Council by making a request at the camp office with the business manager. During the day, dress may be shorts and t-shirts. **No tank tops, sleeveless shirts, or bathing suits are to be worn during meals. Closed-toe footwear is required at all times.**

Visitors in Camp During Sunday Check In – Parents may accompany Scouts to camp as needed for transportation and join the Troop during their Sunday check in process at the discretion of the unit leadership. Those who are not spending the week are requested to leave as soon as their Scout is checked in. This will allow for more space in our parking lot. All who are not staying for the duration of the week must leave camp by 5pm. During our program week OSR has a **NO VISITORS** policy.



Arrival & Departure

Sunday Arrival Process

Before Leaving for Ockanickon

- Each camper should have his or her temperature taken. Campers with a temperature above 100.4°F should wait for their temperature to drop before coming to Ockanickon. Campers that arrive with a temperature above 100.4°F will be sent home.
- Complete Pre-Event Screening form for every member of the troop found here: <https://bit.ly/36vFDf1>. We will not collect this form, it is for unit use only.

Please Plan to Arrive as a Troop

1:00 – 4:00 Arrival

- Troops must arrive before 4:00 to allow sufficient time to complete the check-in process before dinner. **Earlier arrival is strongly encouraged.**
- Meet your Troop Guide at the Manny Marks Lake Pavilion near the front of the parking lot, if you can't find them, please ask the nearest staff member for help. Once you meet your Troop Guide, they will take you to your campsite and get you started on the check-in process.
- Only one vehicle per troop may enter the main camp area at a time. Pack all troop gear and any large personal gear into this vehicle and have your troop members carry any remaining gear to the site as directed by your Troop Guide.

2:00 – 6:00 Medical Rechecks, Swim Tests and Camp Tour

- Send one leader to Foster Hall with a current copy of your roster, a troop check or credit card* to pay any unpaid balances, and copies of all required background checks and clearances that have not already been submitted.
*Please note: a convenience fee is added to credit card payments.

Please leave medical forms in campsite with the Site Manager.

- A staff member will be waiting at your campsite to begin your medical rechecks.
 - ♦ Please provide your Medical Forms to the staff member. Be sure to complete this step before setting up the site or picking tents. It is a priority in order to keep the rest of check-in running smoothly.
 - ♦ The Staff member will see each camper to verify the key areas of the medical form and check-in any medications.
- The Scouts' temperatures will also be taken and Scouts with a temperature above 100.4°F will be sent home.
- Once your troop is ready to go (in swimsuits if swim tests are required), your Troop Guide will take you on a tour around camp, stopping at different stations. Conducting swim checks in advance is highly recommended. The appropriate form can be found at <https://www.ockanickon.org/files/51260/swim-test-record>



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- All Scouts will visit the pool for an orientation. Swim checks will be given after the orientation. If your troop has pre-tested, you will continue on your tour.
- Sign-up for CPR at the camp office if not done on-line before camp. Please be aware that these activities can fill-up prior to camp and require payment prior to attending.
- The unit will return to the campsite and finish setting up camp.

5:00 – 6:30 Dinner Pick Up

- Dinner is held in the campsite, each troop will have to send a few Scouts to Foster Hall to pick up the meal.

6:30 Leader Meeting for one Adult Leader and SPL from Each Unit at the Chapel

- Brief program changes
- Emergency procedure and emergency drill information
- Question and Answer time with Camp Administration

7:30: Flag Ceremony at Grand Parade Field, followed immediately by Opening Campfire in the Campfire Circle.

Departure Information

Saturday Departure

All good things must come to an end and that includes your stay at OSR unfortunately. Your camping session will end at 10am on Saturday. Parents are permitted to begin entering Camp at 7am and can accompany the unit to the closing ceremony at the discretion of the unit leadership. Please be sure to arrange your check out time with your Site Manager prior to your final day in camp. Make sure to pick up any medications stored at the health lodge prior to your departure. We will not mail medications home. Medications left behind will be properly destroyed.

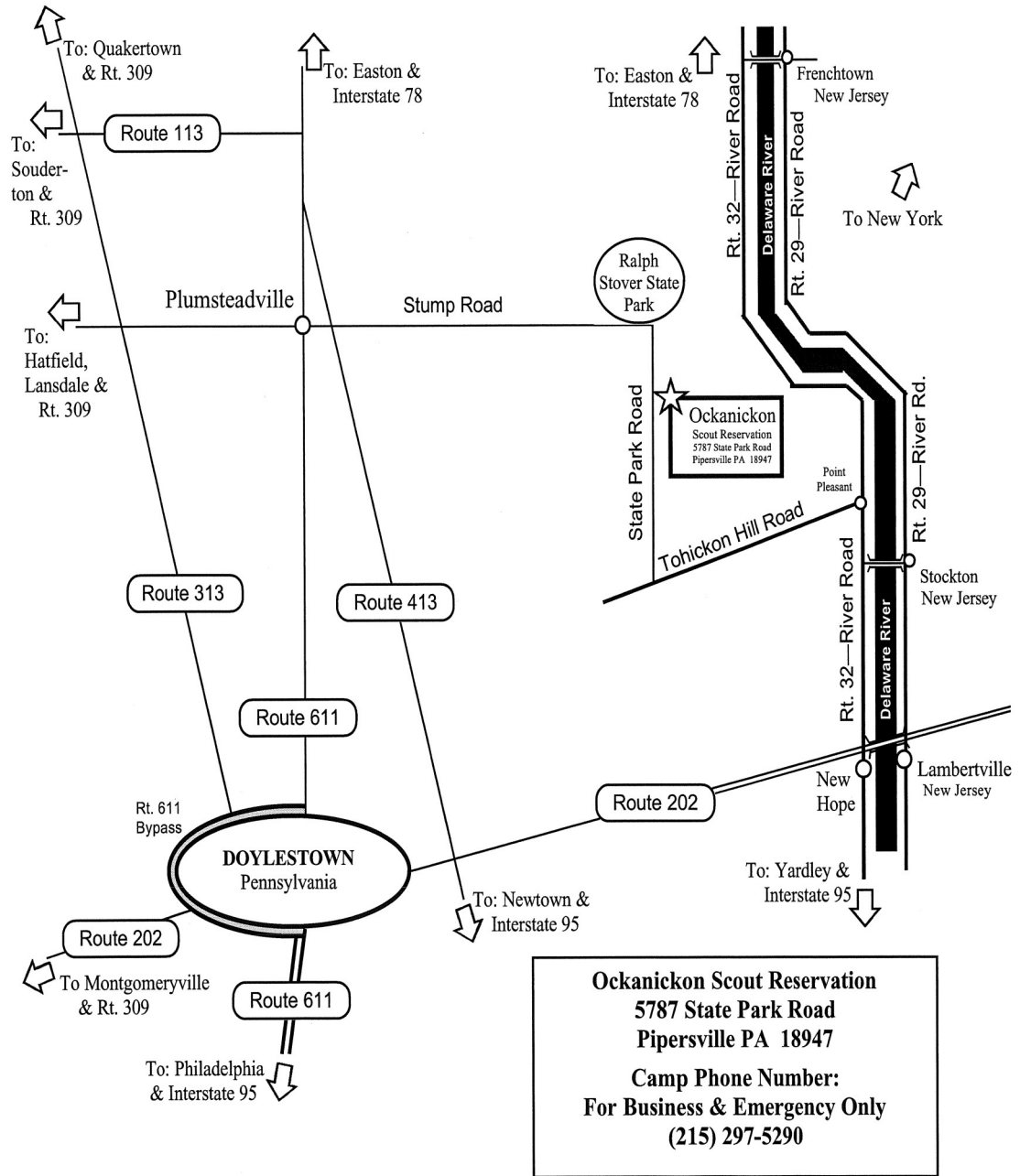
Wifi Access

The camp has limited wifi access for both staff and leaders. Priority is given to camp staff in performing their roles. Leaders who require access to the internet can come to the camp office with your device during regular hours to pick-up a coupon. There will be a complete instructions sheet posted in the office and the staff can assist if needed.



Directions to Ockanickon Scout Reservation

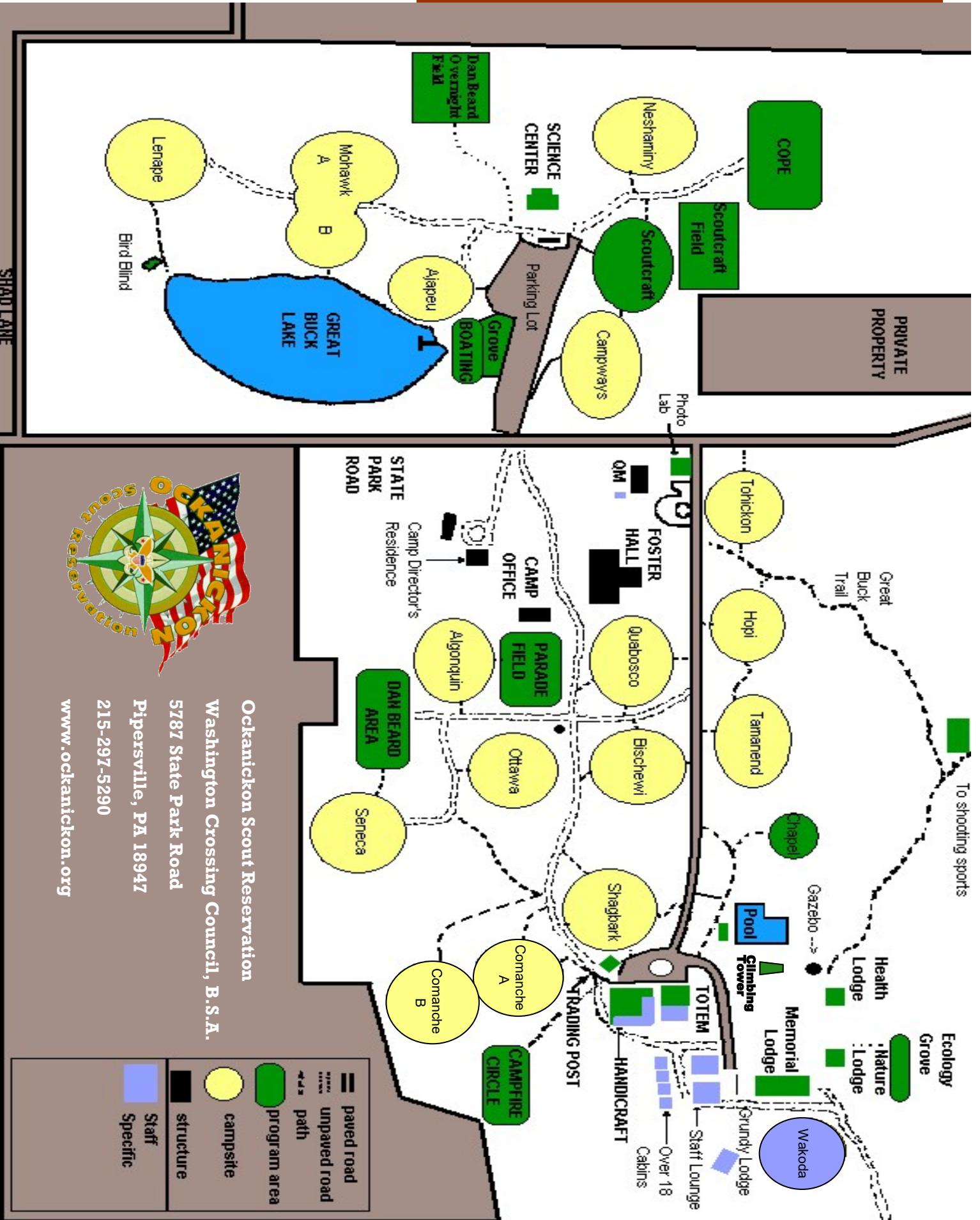
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Ockanickon is situated right next to **Ralph Stover State Park** in Central Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The State Park is marked on most road maps and we highly recommend that you consult a map before starting off for camp for the first time.

For more information go to: www.ockanickon.org





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Contact Information

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During Camp Season (June 9 through August 8)

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