Take your Scouting experience to the next level!



CAMP MINSI 2016 Adventures for venturers

Camp Minsi has a variety of exciting programs and opportunities for Venturing Crew and older Scouts patrols seeking more adventure, independence, and challenges at summer camp. Located in the heart of the Poconos, Camp Minsi has a flexible program filled with adventure for co-ed Scouting groups of all sizes and interests.

Program highlights include: sailing on the 314-acre Stillwater Lake; whitewater rafting the Lehigh River; conquering the summit of Mount Minsi in the Delaware Water Gap; mountain biking in the Lehigh River Gorge; climbing our 30-foot spar-pole; traversing the Bolder Field of Hickory Run State Park (a National Natural Landmark) and exploring Hawk Falls; kayaking to ruins of Stillwater Lake's the Ice House (a relic of a time before refrigeration); honing your skills at archery, rifle, and shotgun shooting; hands-on blackpower rifle shooting; paddling in a giant war canoe; exploring Camp Minsi's swamps on the infamous Muck Hike; testing your wilderness survival skills; extreme pioneering and lumberjacking; hiking; swimming; sports; crafts; campfires; and much more! Camp Minsi is also excited to offer programs, trainings and opportunities that support Venturers working on the Ranger, Discovery, Pathfinder, and Summit Awards.

Most importantly, Scouts and Venturers get to plan out what they want to do! Every experience can be different! Our experienced staff will help your crew, troop or patrol have the week of a lifetime. There is so much to do at Camp Minsi. Check out some of the morning options, afternoon adventures and evening programs that we can offer your Venturing Crew... or let us work to tailor a custom program just for your crew.



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~ MORNING JOURNEYS ~

MINSI WARIORS



Participate in Camp Minsi's unique living Native American village. Learn about Native American culture first-hand as you take an active part in the village!

Build primitive shelters, carve totem poles, practice tracking and trapping techniques, experience dug-out canoe making, construct primitive tool, learn how to start fire by friction, throw tomahawks, develop your wilderness survival skills, and more!

Note: Boy Scouts in this program will be able to work on the Wilderness Survival and Indian Lore merit badges. Venturers in this program will be able to work on the Wilderness Survival and the Outdoor Living History electives for the Ranger Award.

STILLWATER EXPEDITIONS



Set sail for adventure! Sailing is one of the most enjoyable pastimes on the open water. Learn how to harness the wind to navigate the open waters of Stillwater Lake as part of our small-boat sailing instructional class on Stillwater Lake.

Paddling your way around in a personal watercraft is another fun way to explore the waters of Stillwater Lake. Learn how to kayak well and hone and master your skills in and on the water.

Note: Boy Scouts in this program will be able to work on the Small-Boat Sailing and Kayaking merit badges. Venturers in the program will be able to complete the Kayaking BSA award and requirements towards the Watercraft elective of the Ranger Award.

~ AFTERNOON ADVENTURES ~

OR



Mount Minsi Hike

Assend 1,060 feet to the summit of Mount Minsi in the Deleware Water Gap. The 6-mile hike provides impressive views and breathtaking vistas.



Whitewater Rafting

Enjoy an exciting rafting trip on the Lehigh River. The 8-mile trek gives you an afternoon of fun on the river interspersed with a touch of Class III rapids.



The Muck Hike

Here's is an experience you will never forget! This hike will take you through the muddy swamps as you hike (and occasionally swim) through thick mud.



Hickory Run Expedition

Explore the majestic 25-foot Hawk Falls and traverse the stunning bolder field at Hickory Run State Park. Plus try your hand at geocaching and disc golf.



Mountain Biking

Ride through the Lehigh River Gorge. As you pedal the 25-mile trail, you'll see fantastic rock formations, waterfalls, historic sites, and abundant wildlife.

~ EVENING PROGRAMS ~



Twilight Kayaking

Paddle around Stillwater Lake and explore the abandoned ruins of the Ice Harvesting Industry in the Poconos (a relic of the days before refrigeration).



Reach great heights as you climb our 30-foot sparpole. Learn belaying and climbing techniques as you work to conquer the vertical pole.



Voyager Outpost

Paddle our giant war canoe across the lake to a special outpost site where you'll complete backcountry challenges, cook your own meal, and spend the night.



Shooting Sports

Hone your skills with some special hands-on shooting sports events – including rifle, shotgun, archery, and blackpowder shooting!



Camp-Wide Campfire

Celebrate the end of an amazing week at camp with a special camp-wide campfire and show!

Lead the adventure...

CAMP MINSI 2016 ADVENTURES FOR VENTURERS

Don't miss out on a great summer adventure in the heart of the Pocono Mountains! Register your Crew for a week at Camp Minsi today!

Pick your week:

- Week 1 June 26 July 2
- Week 2 July 3 July 9
- Week 3 July 10 July 16
- Week 4 July 17 July 23
- Week 5 July 24 July 30
- Week 6 July 31 August 6

Reserve your place:



Reserve a space for your crew at Camp Minsi in 2016! You can register your unit online by visiting <u>www.campminsi.org</u> or by calling the Minsi Trail Council's camping desk at 610-465-8568 for assistance.

Questions:

Contact us as compminsi@gmail.com with any questions or to start planning your week!

Our friendly and enthusiastic summer camp staff is always available to answer your questions and share information on Camp Minsi's 2016 summer camp programs. We would be more than happy to come visit a crew meeting to give a short presentation on what a week of summer camp at Camp Minsi has in store for you. Or if you want to see the camp in person, our staff is also available to schedule a personal tour of our camp facilities. Let us know what we can do to make your week at Camp Minsi the experience of a lifetime.

