

## **SIGN YOURSELF UP FOR A WEEK OF DISCOVERY THIS SUMMER!** August 5 to August 10, 2018 at Camp Minsi in Pocono Summit, PA

Minsi Trails Council is excited to offer **SkillsFest**, an exciting summer program for Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers. Sign your Scout up for an amazing week of discovery, advancement, and fun at Camp Minsi this summer. This special week-long program is open to all registered Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers (co-ed ages 11 to 20).

Participants will learn directly from real-world scientists, doctors, field professionals and other experts in an exciting, in-depth and hands-on learning environment. They'll discover new abilities, build new skills, and explore new careers! Scouts at SkillsFest will be able to earn cool merit badges, Venturing electives, Exploring achievements, STEM awards and other special BSA achievements.

Scouts can sign-up individually (or with a buddy) and will be placed into a fully-staffed sub-camp for the week, living and learning alongside other Scouts with shared interests. Each sub-camp has a specific in-depth focus — experience mechanics and engineering in the **Engineer** sub-camp, explore science and technology in the **Scientist** sub-camp, learn about emergency response and preparedness in the **Responder** sub-camp, dive into environmentalism and exploration in the **Naturalist** sub-camp, or practice safety and precision in the **Marksman** sub-camp.

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity! Learn more, and sign-up for SkillsFest today, at **www.skillsfest.org**.

## **EXPLORE THE FIELDS OF...**

- Astronomy
- Automotive Maintenance
- Chemistry
- Crime Prevention
- Dentistry
- Digital Technology
- Electricity
- Electronics
- Energy
- Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Exploration
- Farm Mechanics
- Fire Safety

- First Aid
- Fish & Wildlife Management
- Fishing and Fly-Fishing
- Forestry
- Medicine
- Nuclear Science
- Plant Science
- Rifle & Shotgun Shooting
- Search & Rescue
- Space Exploration
- Traffic Safety
- Truck Transportation
- Welding
- ...and more!

## A DIFFERENT SUMMER EXPERIENCE

**Develop skills** – The experiences in SkillsFest give participants a chance to be creative, develop skills and learn from professionals and real-world experts.

**Dive deeper** – The specialized sub-camp atmosphere of SkillsFest allows participants to immerse themselves in a field of study – including specific focuses on science, engineering, emergency response and environmentalism.

**Learn from the experts** – The instructors at SkillsFest are the real deal. Participants will get to work with, and learn from, real-world scientists, doctors, engineers, trade technicians, first responders, and other professionals working in the field.

**Prepare for your future –** Develop skills, build your résumé, and establish connections. Pave the way for a future career! Jobs in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) are projected to grow 17% in the next year and salaries average 26% more than non-STEM jobs.

**Earn unique achievements** – By working with counselors and mentors during SkillsFest, participants will be able to complete unique merit badges, STEM awards, Venturing Ranger electives, Exploring Career Achievement Awards, and other special achievements and awards within their field of study!

**Collaborate (and make new friends) –** This week allows participants to work alongside other youth with shared interests and with experts and professionals in a variety of fields. Meet and work with other youth from around the region with a shared interest.

**Have fun!** – This is probably the most important part of any week at camp, participants at SkillsFest will have lots of great opportunities for fun, fellowship, action, exploration, and adventure.

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