

FAQ for Scouting Units regarding Camping on MTC Owned Camp Properties

Please recognize this upcoming short-term camping season will be unlike any other. The information below is extremely important and will potentially affect a rental/reservation at any given time.

Q: Who determines the Color COVID-19 Phases for Pennsylvania and Stages for New Jersey?

A: Each state determines; either through the Governor's office or State Department of Health. Both Camp Minsi and Trexler Scout Reservation are in Monroe County, Pennsylvania.

Q: What color phase determines if the properties are open or closed?

A: Red and yellow – Minsi Trails Council Properties are closed. Green – open with limitations/restrictions.

Q: Please define the Green Phase for Camp Minsi and Trexler Scout Reservation?

A: In the Green Phase, both properties are available to BSA units for a short-term rental (Friday evening into Sunday morning). During the Green Phase, only outdoor open air areas are available for rental (Camp Sites – Pavilions – Select Program Areas). All indoor (Buildings) are not available during the Green Phase, Yellow or Red Phases.

Q: What if our unit reserves a cabin for January and we are still in a color phase?

A: 30 days prior to the rental or within reason, Minsi Trails Council Camping Department will evaluate each rental and notify the reservation owner of any changes; due to color phases. Again, under Red-Yellow- Green PA Phases all indoor buildings are closed. If the rental is cancelled by Minsi Trails Council, a full refund will apply.

Q: Why not just make each rental building unavailable in the system now?

A: Most rentals are reserved in August for the upcoming camping season. It is easier to monitor each month as the phases may change. Therefore, units can plan now and adjust later.

Q: How do I know, as a Unit Leader what are the BSA guidelines and policies on Outdoor Programs?

A: All units must follow the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#).

Q: What is the BSA's policy on social distancing in a tenting environment when camping?

A: Camping should only take place following the guidelines from the States Department of Health and or Center for Disease Control. There is no formal national policy on social distancing in tents. The Minsi Trails Council strongly recommends following the CDC guidelines as it relates to camping. There is no prohibition on tenting alone if logistics can accommodate that request. As always, all BSA youth protection policies and the Guide to Safe Scouting must be followed.

Q: Can a troop or crew unit reserve a short-term campsite at either Camp Minsi or Trexler Scout Reservation?

A: The Minsi Trails Council Camping and Property Committees has established an opportunity for units to reserve a short-term campsite at either Camp Minsi or Trexler Scout Reservation. A rental opportunity will open for available weekend dates (arrival Friday evening - departure Sunday morning).

Outdoor open air areas will be available on a first come first serve basis through the Minsi Trails Council reservation system.

- Each rental must be a paid before arrival
- Restricted areas will be established.

Q: The above language indicates reserve, what does that mean?

A: Through the online rental facility system, a unit will be able to reserve an asset. Ability to physically act upon the reservation will be determined by the current color phase the property. Example: If Green phase and the indoor building reserved is Memorial Lodge, Minsi Trails Council will confirm with the registration owner they are cleared to go within reasonable time. Again, the PA phases will determine accessibility to buildings.

Q: Will equipment or supporting facilities will be available for use?

A: No. All camp program equipment, watercraft, shooting sports ranges will not be available for use. Units are not permitted to bring watercraft onto property at any time. Rental of the 8 Canoe Pack or 10 Canoe Pack through the Camp Minsi rental system will be available during this time. Rental use of the Canoe Packs requires Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat are met by the unit.

Q: Will buildings and cabins, Shower Houses, Dining Halls or Kitchens available.

A: No. Due to various COVID-19 protocols, these indoor facilities will not be available during any color phase. Dining Halls or other assigned structures will be made available in emergency situations only.

Q: Will the Canvas walled tents be on the frames and platforms in the camp sites?

A: No, units will need to bring their own tents and equipment.

Q: Are Campmasters needed for the Fall and Winter?

A: Yes, please reach out to Gregory.borowski@scouting.org

Q: What if I have other questions that have not been addressed here?

Camping or Camp Properties

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