

CAMP TREXLER

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Welcome to your Guide for Camp Trexler! Here we'll have info that should help you in your process of checking out our camp, as well as sending your scouts to Camp Trexler this summer! [***What are YOU doing this Summer?***](#)



Why Camp Trexler? *Camp Trexler has been operating since 1928.* Built on a donated tract of land from local philanthropist Harry Trexler and the surrounding community, we've been offering a classic camp experience since the 20's. We've got many summers under our belt and use that 90+ year history to guide our future. With an experienced team of Staff and a National Yearly Accreditation Inspection, we offer a safe environment for Scouts to get the best Program that Scouting has to offer.

Here at Camp, Scouts will earn badges/requirements that will advance them through their Scouting career, but we personally think Camp is much more than that. Camp is the PEAK of the Scouting Program, it's where Scouts will make new friendships, create memories, and experience new things that can only be found at Camp.

For a detailed look at our Schedules, Programs, Events, Merit Badges, and plenty more info, check out our [***Files Page.***](#)

[Interested? Make sure to Register for Camp today!](#)

Camp Trexler is home to hundreds of Scouts each summer. If you're interested in our Camp, you can register your troop at the above link, or if you're an individual Scout interested in coming to Camp on your own, we can help put you with a provisional troop to Camp with this summer! ***Feel free to reach out to Minsi Trails Council for more info.***

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Camp is for **ALL SCOUTS**

At Camp, Scouts have the opportunity to find out what they're interested in, to learn, and to become better scouts, and we will make sure that ALL scouts are involved and have these opportunities afforded to them. We have ZERO tolerance for bullying, non-inclusive language/actions, or negative comments targeting specific scouts. Scouting has become a fantastically inclusive organization, and here we will make sure it's adhered to, leave your political opinions, your cultural opinions, and any divisive rhetoric at home -Camp is a place for positivity, learning, getting muddy, working hard, and personal growth in the Scouting Program. We'll make sure our Staff is held to this standard, and expect all Leaders, Parents, and Campers to adhere to this as well. Any actions against this policy should be reported to our Management team.

Merit Badges

At Camp, Scouts have the opportunity to earn *up to* 6 badges during the week. Check out our **Merit Badge Guide** for a full list of Badges. You can also find all badges broken down into time slots **here**. Badges are run by qualified Staff members, some area Directors having gone to National Camp School to run their respective Programs. To sign up for merit badges, Scouts should provide their Scoutmaster/Leader with which badges they're interested in. On March 15th, we'll be hosting our Online Signup for Leaders to add Scouts into the badges that they're interested in. From there, leaders can log in and edit/add scouts to merit badges up until the start of Camp.

Camp Programs

Like we said, there's way more to Camp than just earning Badges and we have a wealth of programs offered here at Camp. For a rundown of some of the best areas at Camp, check out our **"Program Highlights"** guide. From Campfires to Exploration Treks, Climbing Towers, and getting muddy, Camp needs to be experienced. Each day is filled to the brim with new and exciting things to do. Check out our **"Events"** guide for a detailed list of each day's activities!



Our Buttress/Parade Field -

This is our Buttress! Initially built back in the 20's/30's, this stone structure welcomes our Scouts each summer as they start their week at Camp! It's where we meet daily for Colors, it's where announcements are made, and where we gather for anything important. If you ever hear us refer to "The Buttress" this is where we mean!

A Day at Camp -

Scouts will typically start their day at their site. Meeting first at The Buttress at 7:45 with our Morning Colors Ceremony, we'll head off to breakfast at the Dining Hall. After Breakfast, Scouts will head off to their first Merit badge starting at 9! Throughout the day, scouts will complete badges, or whichever programs they're interested in until Lunch. After Lunch, scouts have an hour of free time during their Siesta. From there, it's back out into camp for more Programs/Badges. Towards the evening after our Closing Colors/Dinner, we offer more activities and programs for Scouts to take advantage of. For a full layout of our Schedule, check out our "[Campwide Schedule](#)" on the files page.

Meals and Dining at Camp* -

*Meals at Camp in 2021 will function a bit differently due to COVID precautions. While typically held in the Dining Hall, this summer, we'll be holding new methods of Dining. We'll still be meeting at the Parade field/Buttress for each meal/colors, then, after that we'll break off for meals. We recommend bringing Camping Chairs, or the always handy mess kit with you as well!

Breakfast/Lunch - Breakfast and Lunch will be "Grab and Go". You'll come through cafeteria style, grab your food, and head out to our many picnic tables, pavilions, eating areas, or you can head back to your campsite to eat before heading out to badges. The entire camp will be open for you after you get your Lunch, so feel free to use that time to go for a hike, rest, or meet with your troop before Program opens back up at 2.

Dinner - For Dinner, we'll be hosting daily "Event Meals". Similar to our Sunday BBQ, we'll be having our daily evening dinners outside in a fun Camp way. More info on menus and meal specifics will be coming soon. In the event of poor weather, we will deliver meals to your site!

In site Cooking - We'll also be offering (as we always do) In Site Cooking options, where you can get each meal's ingredients from us, and cook in your site! In-Site Cooking is encouraged for those interested. The kitchen will supply the food needed for your scheduled meal as per the current menu for the day. Please inform us ([by using this form](#)) as to which meal(s) you would like to prepare in your campsite site. You may stop at the Kitchen prior to the meal to pick up your food/ingredients.

Sunday Family BBQ - For 2021 we are looking into whether we're hosting our traditional Sunday Family BBQ. We'll be sure to update as to whether we're welcoming families to stay (albeit in a socially distant/segmented by family or troop, way)

Dietary Needs/Allergies - For any scout with Dietary Needs/Allergies, please check out our "Food Allergy" form on our [Files Page](#) that you should fill out, and send to Camp.

- We are able to prepare food for most dietary situations, but the more information that you can provide the better.
- Vegetarian/Vegan options are available upon request, please let us know of any needs for the week
- For stricter diets, some parents/campers prefer to bring their own food, in this case we will absolutely offer to store any food you bring for the week in our Walk-In Fridge/Freezer
- We can provide ingredient information upon request if you're unsure of the contents of the meal

Encounters with Wildlife

Trexler Scout Reservation is a beautifully remote wooded area with a wide variety of wildlife that inhabits our camp. Sometimes, however, we can forget that this is their home, not ours. If an encounter with a wild animal should occur, relax and back away, leaving the animal alone. Please do not feed any wildlife, refrain from keeping food in your living quarters, and maintain a clean trash bag/Campsite.

Early Departure from Camp

If you need to pick up your Camper early, please make sure to see and fill out [this form](#) so that we can allow this to happen in a safe/official manner.

Visitors at Camp

Visitors are welcome in camp as long as they have been invited by the unit with knowledge of the Scoutmaster. It is required that all visitors check in and out at the camp office, and receive a visitor's pass for security purposes. Please do not park in maintenance or main roads, visitors should check in at the Camp Office, and then park in the lower parking lot.

"What to Wear" at Camp Trexler

All Scouts and Scouters are required to attend Colors and Retreat. We ask that your unit be on time, proper BSA Field Uniform (Class A) is required for retreat. We only require Full Class A for Dinner, Chapel, and the OA Call-Out. Troops are more than welcome to hold their own standards for uniform.

- Bring your Class A Uniform
- Bring clothes/shoes that you can get VERY muddy

- Class “B”, or Troop Shirts are encouraged!
- If taking any “painting” related badges, bring clothes that you can paint in
- Bring clothes that you don’t mind working/hiking around in
- A Swimsuit

Camp Trexler Mail at Camp

Incoming mail will be delivered to units at evening retreat. Outgoing mail may be dropped off at the mailbox.

Camp Trexler Lost and Found

Each year Scouts leave items at camp, which if unclaimed, are given away at the end of the summer. Scouts are asked to mark their belongings with their names and troop number. The Lost and Found is located in the camp office, and a smaller version in each program area. If you find something please turn it in. Valuables will be kept in a safe place; all other items will be kept in lost and found boxes.

Songs/Skits at Camp

Here at Camp, Scouting Songs and Skits are a key part to maintaining our Traditions and delivering on the expected Camp feel and energy! If you have a favorite song/skit, let us know! We’d love to have you lead it either at meals or at the Closing Campfire when Scouts have the chance to get up and perform!

Youth Protection Rules & Guidelines

As Leaders in one of the largest youth organizations in the world, we must be aware of some policies that will not only ensure the health and safety of our Scouts, but also protect us from any misinterpretation of action or deed. We have been charged with the care and guidance of our Scouts by their parents or guardians, and we’re dedicated to strictly adhering to the policies as set by National BSA standards. Please see Scouting’s YPT [page](#) for a full rundown.

- **All Scouts must use the Buddy System at Camp** - This is a great system put in place so that Scouts are safe/accounted for at all times. When choosing programs/badges, make sure scouts have a general idea of friends/fellow troop mates that they can stick with.
- **Two Deep Leadership** - Two registered adult Leaders must be present at all times if youth are present. Overnight in sites this is required, if your troop is without two deep leadership, please let us know and we’ll help accommodate.
- **Leaders/Adults must respect Youth Privacy** - We have separate bathroom/showering accommodations here at Camp, we ask that Youth and Adults stick to their respective Showerhouse locations, and only in an emergency should this not be in effect. Same with sleeping quarters, no adults should enter a youth’s tent.

- **Reporting Violations** - Any serious offense must be reported to the Camp Director immediately.

We hope we helped you learn a bit more about Camp Trexler!

This document will continually evolve as we find more info we'd like to express to you all. If you have any thoughts, questions, or comments, we'd LOVE to hear from you. You're the reason we do this, and we want to make sure we can help you out as much as possible.

Adam Mikuchonis, Camp Director - Adam begins 7th year on Camp Staff as Camp Director here at Camp Trexler this summer! We're looking forward to Adams leadership, his passion for Scouting, and the energy he's going to bring to our Camp this year! Previous Akelaland Campers will know Adam very well, as Adam is a Scouter who has been on various Camp Staff Teams as Aquatics Director, and Health Lodge Director. He's currently a retired Air Force Veteran, and leads his Troop/Crew 88 on their journey through Scouting. We can't wait to start our 2021 season with Adam!

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Ben Glueck, Program Director- Ben has been on our Camp Staff for 6 years. Having spent his first two Camp Staff years as the Aquatics Director, Ben had joined the management team in 2016 season, and looks to lead the program to great places again in 2021. Ben is a local artist, who has designed most of our Camp shirts, various patches, and many signs and graphics around our camp. He is an Eagle Scout from Lehighon Troop 145, who has experience as a Scoutmaster, Aquatics Instructor, and is National Camp School Certified.

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Yours in Scouting,

Adam & Ben

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