

What's New

Can't make it to Camp Horseshoe the same week as your troop? Or maybe you want to come an extra week to experience everything that Horseshoe has to offer. **Provisional camping** is the answer. In 2007, Horseshoe began its provisional troop program with incredible success. All Scouts are invited to participate in this special program where they have the opportunity to further their achievement while meeting boys from other units. The troop is staffed by qualified adult leadership selected by Horseshoe, but of course, the youth run the show! Learn more by visiting our website.

And for those seeking thrills, the C.O.P.E. course has recently added a **third climbing wall**. There's always something new happening at Camp Horseshoe!



At A Glance

- Accredited National BSA Camp
- 1200 acres
- 70+ trained, enthusiastic staff
- Family-style dining hall
- New Walk-in Trading Post
- Monday - Friday MB program
- Aquatics: Olympic size swimming pool, boat docks
- Shooting Sports: Full rifle, shotgun and archery ranges
- 3 Full Hiking Trails plus the Nature Trail
- Fun and adventure around every corner!

Contact Us

We would love to hear from you! For more information about our camp, its activities and facilities, or to express your interest in our summer *and* winter programs, log onto:



Directions



- Travel along U.S. Rt. 1 to Rising Sun, MD
- Turn North onto Red Pump Rd. -- 0.7 miles
- Take a left at Ridge Rd. -- 2.9 miles
- Continue on dirt road into camp -- 2 miles



A CAMPING TRADITION SINCE 1927!



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History

In 1926, after numerous searches for a suitable camp for summer programs, Chester County Council came upon a property owned by the Reynolds family that straddled the **Mason-Dixon line**. The camp opened in 1927 with staff working on the first facilities, and it was named Camp Horseshoe for the shape the Octoraro Creek makes around the property.

But the history of the camp reaches much farther into the past. Native-Americans from the Lenni-Lenape tribe once lived on the property, as evidenced by an archaeological dig in 1988 that unearthed numerous artifacts such as arrowheads.

In recent years, the camp has undergone numerous changes. From the original farmland and the handful of campsites to follow, Horseshoe grew its program, expanded to 14 campsites and built other excellent facilities to support the Scouting movement in Chester County and beyond.



In 2007, Horseshoe celebrated its **80th anniversary** of service to the youth of the East Coast, having accommodated units from NJ, MD, DE, VA, and NY. One of the few full 7-day camps still around, Camp Horseshoe's appeal has drawn units all the way from Connecticut to North Carolina!

"They say that once you get the dust of Horseshoe in your mocassins... you can't get it out."

Program

Camp Horseshoe offers 40+ **merit badges**, including:

- Swimming
- Canoeing
- Camping
- Pioneering
- First Aid
- Nature
- Leatherwork
- Climbing
- Astronomy
- Archery
- Basketry
- Lifesaving
- Indian Lore
- Cooking
- Cit. in Nation
- Communications
- Weather
- Envi. Science
- Woodcarving
- Rowing
- Wild. Survival
- Emerg. Prep.
- Rifle Shooting
- Shot. Shooting
- Orienteering
- Reptiles
- Plants
- Woodworking
- Art
- Metalworking
- Personal Fitness
- Space Expl.
- Bird Study
- Oceanography
- Cit. in the World
- Mammals
- Soil & Water
- Sports
- Geology

The **Special Interest Program** (S.I.P.) is another popular program which allows youth and adults to further explore one program area throughout the week and earn a special segment for their uniform.



Camp Horseshoe also features an impressive retreat ceremony each evening as well as camp-wide games, belt branding, inter-troop competitions, astronomy hikes, OA pageants and other troop and patrol activities designed to shape an awesome week of memories!



Fun For All

As well as the merit badge and S.I.P. programs, Camp Horseshoe offers special programs for the new and experienced Scouts alike. The **Trailblazer program** was created as a First Year Camper Experience where the new Scouts can not only see and participate in every program area in camp, but also make serious strides in rank advancement towards First Class.

Older Scouts will enjoy the **C.O.P.E. program**, which provides them with team building and leadership challenges all while enjoying the world-class low and high ropes courses. An offshoot of C.O.P.E., the **Mountain Biking** program provides older Scouts with an opportunity to explore the various trails of the camp.

And of course, Adult Leaders can participate in all that camp has to offer, from Troop Swims and Open Shooting Ranges to special certification courses and so much more!!!



Camp Horseshoe has something for just about anyone, whether you're interested in high adventure, rank or MB advancement, leadership challenges or just having a great time!

"Young and old... the Spirit of the Horseshoe beckons all to celebrate the joys of Scouting..."