



Hello Scouts and Families,

It's summer camp registration time!

We've been hard at work sorting things out and setting up our troops' enrollment at Camp Sinoquipe for the summer of 2023. We've set up a web page where you can register both scouts and adults and submit payments to hold your spots. Read on for all the details!

Executive Summary

- Where: Camp Sinoquipe, Fort Littleton, PA
- When: June 25 – July 1, 2023
- Cost: Scouts, \$585; Adults, \$240. (If paying by credit card, the cost is \$600 and \$248, respectively.)
- Payment due: February 7, 2023

Action Items – see below for instructions

- Register each scout and each adult separately by February 7, 2023
- Submit payment by February 7, 2023

- Schedule physical exams (for both scouts and adults) to have your medical professional sign your medical forms
- Returning scouts: start thinking about what merit badges you're interested in!

Description of Camp Sinoquipe

The picturesque 500-acre Sinoquipe Scout Reservation, owned and operated by the Mason-Dixon Council, BSA, is nestled in the mountains of Fulton County, Pennsylvania around a 10-acre lake. Camp Sinoquipe, as it is commonly called, offers year 'round camping and program opportunities. Conveniently located off the Fort Littleton exit of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, discover why so many Scouts and Scouters make Camp Sinoquipe their home away from home. 2023 will be Sinoquipe's 75th Anniversary! The 2023 camp season will be BIGGER and more EXCITING than EVER!

A four-minute video introduction to Camp Sinoquipe is available here:

<https://youtu.be/ts9wxnuh2x4>

Programs

For first-year summer campers, Camp Sinoquipe offers their Lakusin program. This program is designed for new scouts to have fun and to leave camp with a positive camp experience and enthusiasm for the scouting program. Lakusin scouts will work on many of the skills necessary to earn the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class while also building teamwork and leadership. They will work on the Nature and Mammal Study merit badges, and will work on two more merit badges to be selected. (Likely choices include Fingerprinting, Basketry, Leatherworking, and Art.) In addition, Lakusin scouts will receive aquatics instruction. Those scouts with a strong swimming background may be able to complete the Swimming merit badge. Please see the attached description page for additional information on the Lakusin program.

Returning summer campers have a wide variety of merit badge programs to choose from. Scouts age 13 or older may choose to pursue the Paul Bunyan award in the Scoutcraft area. Scouts who will be at least 14 years old have the option of participating in special programs as follows. The Cowboy Action program offers a fun and safe introduction to cowboy action shooting with pistols, rifles, and shotguns. The Trailblazer program offers a variety of activities including knife construction and tomahawk throwing. See the attached merit badge schedule and description pages for more details. Instructions for submitting your programming preferences will be sent separately in a few weeks.

How to Register

Please indicate your intention to attend summer camp by registering each scout and adult by February 7th at the following web site:

<https://troop893.com/activities/summer-camp-2023>

Use the blue buttons on the right. You will be asked to enter the camper's name, contact information, birth date (for scouts), and t-shirt size. Adults will also be asked about their preferred tenting and transportation arrangements.

Cost and Payment

The cost for scouts, \$585 per camper, includes all camp expenses (including meals), our annual Troop 893 Summer Camp t-shirt, and round-trip transportation (most likely via charter bus). The cost for adults, \$240, covers the same except for the transportation. Please note that payment by credit card incurs a fee of approximately 3%. In this case the cost is \$600 per scout and \$248 per adult.

This year, we ask that full payment be made by February 7th. Unlike camps we have gone to in the past, Camp Sinoquipe opens merit badge registration on March 1st *for those troops who have paid in full*. Since the popular merit badge classes fill up very quickly, we aim to have everything set up and paid for by that date. Thus, receiving full payment by February 7th will give us the most flexibility and the highest likelihood that your scout can be registered for their desired merit badges. However, if needed, we can accept your payment in two installments, with the first half to be delivered by February 7th and the second half by February 28th.

Payments can be made via check (preferred) or online by credit card.

Checks should be made payable to "Troop 893". You may combine payments for multiple scouts and/or adults into a single check. Please deliver your check to Ernie Barreto or Paul Taylor at a troop meeting. One or both of us will be at a table set up in the narthex of the church, or if meeting at the activity field, hovering about near the pavilion. Alternatively, checks may be delivered to Paul Taylor at The Centreville Dance Academy, 6031 Centreville Crest Ln, Centreville, VA 20121, or to Ernie Barreto at 15129 Stillfield Place, Centreville, VA 20120.

Credit card payments can be made online at <https://troop893.com/activities/summer-camp-2023>. Note that payments via credit card will include a fee of approximately 3% as described above.

Medical forms

Every participant – both scouts and adults – will have to provide an up-to-date medical form. The specific medical form needed is attached. These will be discussed and collected at a later date. However, note that Part C of the form must be completed by a certified and licensed physician (MD, DO), nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant. Thus, please begin now to plan how you will obtain this authorization.

Most general practitioners will fill out Part C of the form as part of a person's annual physical exam. Alternatively, CVS's Minute Clinic provides this service.

The examiner's signature must be dated within 12 months of the end of camp. If you plan to use a completed form that you already have, check that the authorization is dated no earlier than July 1, 2022. Of course, it would be best to have an unambiguously up-to-date form.

Troop Expectations

In order for everyone to have a fun and exciting time, scouts will be expected exhibit scout spirit while at camp and to follow the scout oath and scout law. It is also expected that scouts will attend for the **FULL WEEK** and will travel to and from the camp with the troop. This ensures maximum engagement and maximum fun and accomplishment!

Please feel free to reach out to Ernie Barreto, the Troop 893 Summer Camp Coordinator, at ernie_barreto@yahoo.com – or any of our troops' adult leaders – with any questions or concerns you may have.

Yours in Scouting,

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Section 1: Program & Registration

Shooting Sports: Frontier Area

Cowboy Action



The program offers a fun and safe introduction to cowboy action shooting with pistols, rifles, and shotguns. While attending camp, Scouts BSA members and Venturers age 14 years or older can take part in a special shooting experience with opportunities to shoot single-action .22-caliber pistols, lever action .22-caliber rifles, and 12-gauge or 20-gauge shotguns.

All youth participants are required to have written permission from their parent or guardian before they can take part in the program. The permission form is included in [section 4](#).

Trailblazer Program

Like the Cowboy Action program, the Trailblazer program is a half-day program for older scouts. The program features the following badge and activities:

[Wilderness Survival MB](#): Prereq. 5.

Dutch Oven Cooking

Knife Building and Construction

Fire Building Skills

Seneca Run Competition

Tomahawk Throwing

Black Powder Rifle Shooting

A permission form is required for this program. See [section 4](#).



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LAKUSIN (First-Year Campers)



To a scout, summer camp is the greatest adventure in scouting. It can be particularly exciting for those attending camp for the first time and first-year/crossover scouts. The Lakusin program is Camp Sinoquipe's premier first-year camper program. During the week, scouts will build many of the skills necessary to earn the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class while also building teamwork, leadership, and scouting skills. However, the main goal is for the scouts to have fun and to leave camp with a positive camp experience and enthusiasm for the scouting program.

Lakusins are organized into patrols and led by a staff member who will serve not just as an instructor but as a friend, mentor, and role model. Adults are encouraged to join Lakusin scouts to help keep scouts organized and on task. Adults may be able to lead stations if they share their skills with the Lakusin Director at Sunday's 5:15PM orientation at the Hose Pavilion.

Merit badges are built into the Lakusin daily schedule, no need to sign up separately. All Lakusin scouts will work on Mammal Study and Nature merit badges. At the handicraft lodge, scouts will choose two merit badges which could include Fingerprinting, Basketry, Leatherworking, and Art. Additional time outside of program hours may be needed to complete the projects for these badges.

In the aquatics area, Lakusins will focus on the First and Second Class aquatics rank requirements. Scouts will be grouped by swimming ability and receive swimming instruction in preparation for the beginner or swimmer test and Swimming MB. Scouts should put on their bathing suits during Turtle Time so they don't have to change at the pool.

Scouts with a strong swimming background may be able to complete the Swimming MB. They must demonstrate requirements 3, 4b, 6, and 7 to the Aquatics Director. For requirement 3, they must be able to demonstrate all five strokes correctly for the total distance. Click [here](#) to see the skills for each stroke.

Like merit badges offered to older scouts, the Lakusin staff will enter rank requirements like merit badges in Tentaroo. Unit leader should review Tentaroo at the end of the week and ensure the skills are met to his or her satisfaction. Below, you will find the Lakusin schedule and to the right, the requirements the scouts will work on during the week.



Rank Requirements

Tenderfoot Reqs. 3, 4abc, 5, 7 & 8
 Second Class Reqs. 2-6 & 8ab
 First Class Reqs. 3, 4a, 5a, 6, & 7abc

Lakusin Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9AM	Lakusin Pavilion	Lakusin Pavilion	Spirit Day with Troop	5-Mile Hike	Lakusin Pavilion
10AM	Lakusin Pavilion	Lakusin Pavilion			Lakusin Pavilion
11AM	Ecology	Ecology			Ecology
2PM	Rifle or Archery	Rifle or Archery		Rifle or Archery	
3PM	Handicraft	Handicraft		Handicraft	
4PM	Aquatics @ Pool	Aquatics @ Pool		Aquatics @ Pool	

Lakusin scouts will rejoin their troops for flag ceremonies, meals, campfires, and open program.

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Merit Badge Schedule

Indicates Eagle Required Merit Badge

Indicates New for 2023 Merit Badges

	9AM	10AM	11AM	2PM	3PM	4PM
Frontier Adventure	Trailblazer Program (includes Wilderness Survival MB)			Cowboy Action Program		
Aquatics: Swimming	Instruct. Swim			Lifesaving		Lakusin (pool)
	Swimming		Swimming		Swimming	
Aquatics: Boating	Kayaking MB	Canoeing		Rowing MB	Kayaking MB	
			Kayaking MB			Lakusin (lake)
Aquatics: Awards		Mile Swim (lake)	Snorkeling (pool)	SUP & Kayak Awards (lake)		
Aquatics: Supervision	BSA Guard (pool, age 15+)				Swimming & Water Rescue or Paddle Craft	
Cultural Center	Cit. in the Nation	Cit. in Society	Cit. in the World	Cit. in the Nation	Cit. in Society	Cit. in the World
Cultural Center	American Cultures	Chess	Communication	Law	Chess	Music
Ecology	Environmental Science		Lakusin	Environmental Science	Plant Science	
Ecology	Weather	Nature	Astronomy	Astronomy	Nature	Weather
Ecology	Fishing		Fish & Wildlife Mgmt.	Fly Fishing	Fishing	
Handicraft	Basketry	Art	Fingerprinting	Art	Lakusin	Basketry
Handicraft	Woodcarving	Leatherwork	Pottery	Pottery	Lakusin	Wood Carving
Health & Safety	Search & Rescue		First Aid	Emergency Preparedness	First Aid	
Scoutcraft	Geocaching	Cooking		Signs, Signals & Codes	Orienteering	Pioneering
Scoutcraft	Camping			Paul Bunyan Award	Paul Bunyan Award	
Shooting: Archery	Archery		Archery	Lakusin	Archery	
Shooting: Rifle	Rifle		Rifle	Lakusin	Rifle	
Shooting: Shotgun	Shotgun		Shotgun			
Tech Center	Robotics	Digital Tech	Moviemaking	Digital Tech	Programming	Moviemaking
Tech Center	Photography	Space Exploration	Game Design	Space Exploration	Game Design	Photography