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HAWK MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

HAWK MOUNTAIN SCOUT RESERVATION

YEAR-ROUND LEADERS CAMP GUIDE

2020-2021



Thank you for choosing to come to Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation.

We are proud of our facility, and we hope you enjoy yourself on your visit.

Leadership in the outdoors, is one of the things that separates us from other youth serving organizations. We appreciate you taking the time and effort to bring your Scouts here.

This guide is meant to help you with the policies and procedures of camp, emergency procedures and information you need to make your trip successful.

Please make sure that you are following the *Guide to Safe Scouting, and Restart Scouting Checklist*. Both, of these documents will help you in plan your trip with safety first.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at:

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The Boy Scouts of America Mission Statement

- It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law

Scouting: A Program for Everyone

- The programs offered by the Hawk Mountain Council are open to all registered Scouts.
- Rules for acceptance and participation are the same for everyone, without regard to race, color, age, ability, orientation, religion or national origin.

Camp Administration Summary

- Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation is owned and operated by the Hawk Mountain Scout Council, Boy Scouts of America.
- It is administered by full-time Camp Director and Ranger trained and certified by the National Camping School of the Boy Scouts of America. The camp is supervised by the Council Executive Board.
- The camp is inspected by the Department of Agriculture, Department of Environmental Protection and is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Camp in the time of COVID-19

- Please make sure you download and use the *BSA Restart Scouting Checklist* to plan your trip.

Council and Camp Contact Information

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Essential Youth Protection Guidelines

- Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation and the Hawk Mountain Scout Council adhere to all Youth Protection guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America.
- The responsibility for caring for your campers at camp is a 24-hour-a-day duty.
- All adults must be current members with all their background checks and Youth Protection Training.
- All adults must follow all the *Guidelines to Safe Scouting*.

Good Stewardship

- Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation is a year-round camping facility maintained by the Hawk Mountain Scout Council.
- The Camp Ranger, Council Camping Committee, Council Properties and Maintenance Committee, volunteer Camp Masters and the Council Program Director work hard to maintain and improve our facilities.
- The continued improvement of our facilities is dependent on the care given to our facilities.
- We must be good stewards of our facility, equipment and environment so that they may remain for others to enjoy in future years.

Environmental Statement

- The Boy Scouts of America fosters environmental respect and "Leave No Trace". All Scouts and Leaders are charged to protect and nurture our environment, especially when at camp.
- Help us keep your camp clean by:
 - Recycling – Reduce the use of all paper, Styrofoam, and plastic. Reuse containers and recycle. Dispose of your trash appropriately and take home your recycling.
 - Low Impact Camping – Be gentle to your campsite and surrounding area. Always stay on established paths. Don't cut, remove, trample or damage any plants or trees. Never build any new fire rings anywhere.
 - Follow the Outdoor Code always.
 - As an American, I will do my best to:
 - Be clean in my outdoor manners
 - Be careful with fire
 - Be considerate in the outdoors
 - Be conservation minded

Alcohol and Illegal Drugs

- These items are strictly prohibited. Violators will be asked to leave and/or prosecuted.

Arrival and Departure

- When arriving at camp the troop leader must check in at the Welcome Center before proceeding to the camp site.
- Check in starts at 6:00pm. If you are arriving at an earlier time, please coordinate that in advance with the Council Program Director.
- You must turn in a roster at the Welcome Center at check in.
- You will get a check out time for departure when you check in at the Welcome Center.
- For departure you must check out with the Camp Master or Camp Ranger. Your site will be inspected before you leave. If you do not check out your \$50 deposit will not be refunded.

Bullying and Hazing

- Initiations, hazing or bullying of any type is in violation of the BSA Youth Protection policies and is cause for removal of Scouts or leaders from camp.

Facilities

- The established sleeping capacity of buildings is not to be exceeded.
- All buildings, furnishings and equipment will be left in as good or better condition than when you arrived.
- Bunks, furniture, tables etc... are to be returned to their original locations if moved.
- No alterations are allowed, to any buildings or grounds.
- Donations of equipment or furniture should be approved prior.

Fees/Deposits

- Reservation fees are due in full when you place your reservation.
- Refunds/Cancellations – Please see HMSR Refund Policy. (attached)

Fires

- Absolutely no new fire rings may be built anywhere. Fines will be assessed for clean up and removal of new fire areas.
- Fires may be built in established rings only at reasonable heights/sizes.
- BSA fire safety and Totin' Chip rules must be followed.

Firewood

- Cut and split firewood for building fireplaces is located up by the Camp Ranger facility.
- You may gather deadfall firewood around your site.
- Firewood may not be brought into camp from anywhere outside camp.

Fuels

- The use of liquid or chemical fuels must follow BSA Safety guidelines outlined in *Guide to Safe Scouting*. Equipment and fuel should be handled by adults. Bulk fuel should be stored in locked vehicles and kept in original containers.

Hunting and Fishing

- Fishing is permitted on BSA property but prohibited in the boating dock area.
- All PA state fishing laws are applicable.
- Hunting or disturbing wildlife in any way is prohibited. All camp facilities close during major hunting seasons.

Leadership

- At least 2 responsible adults will be, in charge of the Unit at, all times. Leadership arrangements must conform to the National Youth Protection policy standards.

Personal Equipment

- Firearms, bows and ammunition are not allowed without prior permission from the Council Program Director. All weapons must be checked in at the Welcome Center on arrival.
- Adults with carry permits may not carry their weapon in camp. Your weapon should stay at home, be checked in at the Welcome Center or stay locked in your car. (unless you are a current law enforcement officer)
- Personal motor-boats are not allowed. Personal craft canoes, kayaks etc... are only allowed with prior permission.
- Space heaters are prohibited.
- No fireworks.
- Chainsaws are not allowed in camp.
- No ATV's, snowmobiles, motorbikes, golf carts etc... are allowed without prior permission.
- Personal small knives and multi-tools are allowed. Large sheath knives, butterfly knives and K-bars are not allowed.

Program Menu

- When you make your site reservation you may also choose from activity areas that are open.
- These program options have an additional fee as well as a maximum number of people for each session. If you have more than the maximum number of participants, you will need to reserve 2 time slots.

Reservation

- We use the Tentaroo system for site and program reservations. Go to www.tentaroo.com. See more information later in this guide.

Taps

- Campers may not leave their campsite without a unit leader after 10pm.
- Lights-out and quiet is at 11pm. Please be respectful of others.

Trash

- All trash should be taken home with you.
- All recycling should be taken home with you.

Qualifications and Availability

- Camp facilities are reserved for use by organized scouting units on a "first come, first served" basis
- Outside groups – contact Michele Bement at michele.bement@scouting.org

Restricted* or Caution Areas** (restricted* are places you are not allowed to be, caution** areas only there if participating in some program related activity)

- All Shooting Sports Ranges **
- Boating Docks **
- Cope Course**
- Climbing Tower**
- Cub Confidence Course**
- Family Cabins*
- Ranger Maintenance Garage and Surrounding Area*
- Any Construction Area*

Smoking

- Smoking and tobacco use is prohibited at camp.

Trading Post

- Is available on Saturdays from 5-7pm.
- Can be open other times by request.

Trees and Plants

- No standing timber, plants or small trees (dead or alive) may be disturbed.
- There is a fine of \$100 or \$10 per inch in diameter, whichever is greater, for every tree damaged or removed without permission.

Vehicles, etc:

- All vehicles must be parked in approved camp parking areas only.
- Bicycles are allowed with permission on established roads or trails only.
- Troop storage trailers must be kept at the campsite, properly stabilized and unhitched from the towing vehicle.

Water

- Water is available at all sites fall, spring and summer. In the winter some sites/cabins do not have water. When you check in the Camp Master will tell you where the closest water location is to your reservation.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES IN CAMP

The best defense against any emergency is preparedness. Being prepared, understanding the policies and practices governing the actions of adults and campers is the adult leader's responsibility in camp. The safety and well-being of each and every camper is our primary concern, and therefore, these procedures are not optional. Your help and cooperation in these situations, is required to ensure a positive outcome.

At no time should any adult or camper contact or allow themselves to be interviewed by the media. In emergency situations, the Scout Executive is the only designated spokesperson. This policy keeps unfounded rumors to a minimum and eliminates unnecessary worry for parents and the public.

If the camp is sounding a general alarm you will hear a siren. The designated meeting point is Miller Dining Hall. Make sure you orient yourself to where it is in comparison to where you are staying.

In an emergency, if it is a matter of life and death please make sure your campers and adults are safe, and then dial 911.

- Your location is Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation, 402 Blue Mountain Road, Schuylkill Haven PA 17971
- Your camp site is: make sure you know where you are staying.

After any incident an incident report must be filed. Please see *Guide to Safe Scouting* for details.

General Emergencies

- **Child Abuse**
 - Any incident or suspicion of abuse must be reported immediately to the Camp Ranger. If not available, call the Scout Executive directly. Reports will be kept confidential.
- **Fatalities and Death**
 - In the unlikely event that a fatality occurs in camp, the Camp Ranger must be notified immediately.
 - They are trained to help in situations like this in accordance with BSA and Local policies.
 - The Scout Executive or his designee will make contact with family members and handle all other procedures.
- **Lost Person**
 - Report any person whom you suspect to be missing to the Camp Ranger. Do not delay in reporting a missing or lost person.
 - Remove your campers and adults to one location.
 - With the Camp Ranger and Camp Master follow the HMSR Lost Person Protocol.
 - Don't forget to fill out an incident form.

Natural Disasters

- **Fire**
 - Remove your campers and adults away from Danger.
 - Dial 911
 - Call the Camp Ranger, then the Camp Master
 - At no time should you risk your life or injury to fight a fire.
- **Flood**
 - Move to high ground.
 - Contact the Camp Ranger then the Camp Master.

Weather-Related and Environmental Emergencies

- **Weather Related Emergencies**

- During lightning storms, seek shelter inside a building or in your pavilion.
- You can call the Camp Ranger and/or Camp Master if you need a location to move to.
- Keep away from water, metal objects, isolated trees or trees that are much taller than adjacent trees.
- If under tarps or tents, stay away from metal poles.
- Leaders are highly encouraged to complete the BSA Hazardous Weather Training on-line at www.scouting.org

- **Communicable Diseases**

- Please use the *BSA Restarting Checklist* for communicable diseases protocols.
- If a camper or adult has a fever and is going home, you must notify the Camp Ranger who will notify the Scout Executive.
- The Scout Executive will advise you on the next steps.
- An incident form will need to be filled out.

- **Medical Emergency**

- If your medical problem is an emergency dial 911.
- Call the Camp Ranger.
- Make sure your campers and other adults are away from the incident.
- Don't forget to fill out an incident form.

- **Contact with Wildlife**

- Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation is home for many species of animal. Some are very commonly seen: deer, rabbits, squirrels, groundhogs, skunks, raccoons, turtles, snakes and frogs. Wild turkey, pheasant, geese, owls, hawks and several types of owls and birds can be seen or heard here at camp.
- Please keep in mind that these animals make their residence here on a year-round basis.
- If you encounter any while on a hike or in your campsite, do not disturb, injure or attempt to chase it away.
- Do not disturb or destroy any dens or nests.
- Wild animals are very unpredictable when they feel threatened.
- Any camper or adult who intentionally injures, harasses, or kills any of the wildlife in camp will be held legally and financially responsible. Please report any cases to the Camp Ranger.
- At times there have been sightings of bobcats, coyote, fox and bears in and around camp. Most likely these animals will stay away due to the amount of activity in camp.
- Typically, we have the most trouble with the raccoons, squirrels, chipmunks and mice. They love to break into food storage areas and have even been known to chew through an entire cooler chest to get at food.
- Keep your food in airtight containers, away from tents and sleeping areas or you may have an unwanted visitor rummaging his way into a backpack, footlocker or sleeping bag.
- Leftover food should NEVER be thrown into the woods.
- Strange Behavior – If you come in contact with an animal that is behaving strangely, (staggering, lying still-not trying to flee, seems sickly, foaming at the mouth etc...) or if the animal is nocturnal and is being seen during the day. IMMEDIATELY report it to the Camp Ranger. DO NOT ATTEMPT to pick up or touch the animal.

- Bites & Scratches – If you are bitten or scratched by any wildlife please seek first aid. Never pick up or touch an animal that is injured or dead. You put yourself at great risk if you do. Contact the Camp Ranger with the details.
- Ticks – Insect and tick repellent (with high content of DEET) is highly recommended, however they are not totally foolproof. Wearing long pants, long sleeved shirts and hats while in tick infested areas cuts down on the risk of bites. Educate your campers about ticks and have them check themselves on a regular basis while at camp. If a tick is found, you should remove it and keep it in a plastic bag. Make sure the parent gets it in case a rash forms where you were bit.
- Mosquitoes & West Nile Virus – The best defense against contracting this disease is to take proper precautions when in areas that may have a large population of mosquitoes. Wearing a good insect repellent (with high content of DEET) and loose-fitting clothing that provides maximum coverage over exposed is a good start.
- Bats – Many people fear bats and associate them with spreading of diseases. While there are some health risks, they are also an important part of our ecosystem, and thrive in and around camp. Keep your eyes open. Special care should be taken to avoid coming in contact with them. Anyone coming into contact with a bat – whether bitten or by touch must fill out an incident report and report it to the parents. You should never intentionally touch or handle a bat living or dead.

RESERVATIONS/DIRECTIONS

- Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation is open all weekends starting July 10, 2020 until the first weekend in June, 2021. There may be some weekends that Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation is closed. Please check out our Council Calendar for events and closures.
- Hawk Mountain has several different facilities, please see below:
 - Tent Sites – 15-25 tent platforms you bring your own tent. Each tent site has a covered pavilion, and fire circle. All have access to a latrine or bathroom. COST: \$85 (2 nights), and \$2 per person. If you want more than 2 nights you will need to contact Michele Bement at michele.bement@scouting.org
 - Cabins – all cabins have bunk beds with mattresses, woodstove or fireplace, propane stove and refrigerator. Some also have Central Heat, toilet and showers. All of our cabins have a \$50 refundable to your Tentaroo account building deposit. This is refunded if you check out with the Camp Master and no damage is found to the building.
 - DuPortail sleeps 14 people, cost \$100 (2 nights), plus \$2 per person,
 - Lake Lodge sleeps 14 people, cost \$100 (2 nights), plus \$2 per person
 - Randy Rowe sleeps 28 people, cost \$125 (2 nights), plus \$2 per person
 - Hoffman sleeps 28 people, cost \$125 (2 nights), plus \$2 per person
 - Hafer sleeps 40 people, cost \$185 (2 nights), plus \$2 per person
 - Fox Lodge sleeps 12 people and has central heat, shower and toilets, cost \$215 (2nights), plus \$2 per person
 - Akela sleeps 24 people and has central heat, toilets, cost \$225 (2 nights), plus \$2 per person
 - Activity Room 1 or 2 sleeps 20 people and has central heat, toilets and showers, cost \$285 (2 nights), plus \$2 per person.
 - Other Buildings that are not listed that can be rented. Please contact Michele Bement at michele.bement@scouting.org for rental information.
 - Willits Dining Hall: seats 380, has a kitchen
 - Miller Conference Center seats 300, there is also a kitchen.
- Outside Scouting Groups please contact Michele Bement at michele.bement@scouting.org for rental information.
- Program Rentals
 - Archery - \$25 per 1 hour session, plus \$2 per person, maximum of 12
 - Boating - \$50 per 1.5 hour session, maximum of 12
 - Rifle - \$25 per 1.5 hour session, plus \$5 per person, maximum of 12
- Directions – We are located at 402 Blue Mountain Rd, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972
 - From the South, Interstate 78 take Rt 183 North over the mountain and turn left onto Blue Mountain Road and follow the signs to camp.
 - From the North, Interstate 81 take Rt 61 to Pottsville, then Rt 183 South to Blue Mountain Rd and follow the signs to camp.

PLACES TO GO FOR DAY TRIPS NEAR HAWK MOUNTAIN

- ❖ Knoebel's Grove – 391 Knoebels Blvd, PA 487, Elysburg, PA 17824
 - Amusement park, day and evening hours, 43 miles away
- ❖ Hawk Mountain Sanctuary – 1700 Hawk Mountain Rd, Kempton, PA 19529
 - Hiking Trails, Group Tours, 18 miles
- ❖ Appalachian Trail – We have a trail that leads to the Appalachian Trail. You can hike South to the 501 lookout which is approx. 9.1 miles each way. The 501 look-out also has a good parking lot where you can drop some cars off and only hike one way. The 501 look-out has a great view of the valley.
- ❖ Saint Anthony's Wilderness – (also known as Stony Valley) – Go just about 20 miles to reach the Gold Mine Road trailhead. From camp go north on 183 to 443. Follow 443 and just as you past I-81 go 6.1 miles and turn right onto Gold Mine Road. Go 2.8 miles and look for trailhead parking on your right.
 - There are several different entrances to the Stony Valley Rail Trail, which follows an old railroad grade. It is a 20-mile trail, from start to finish, mostly flat and cuts through several ghost towns including Rausch Gap.
 - There is also a side trail out of the valley to visit "The General" an old steam shovel that once was used to mine coal. There is also a stone-lined tower that was part of an old coal mines.
 - On the eastern fringe of Stony Valley, Gold Mine Road cuts through the valley connecting Rts 325 and 443. From parking areas along the road, visitors can walk a brief trail to Box Car Rocks, named after the enormous boulders, that have formed due to eons of erosion.
 - Gold Mine Road is also an easy way for cyclists to access the Stony Valley Rail Trail. On this trail you will find the remains of Rausch Gap, and its small cemetery, and the foundation of the Cold Spring Hotel.
- ❖ Pioneer Tunnel Coal Mine and Steam Train – 19th Street & Oak Street, Ashland PA 17921
 - Approx. 41 miles from camp.
 - They offer a scenic train ride as well as a mine tour.
 - There is also the Museum of Anthracite Mining in Ashland
- ❖ Lake Tobias Wildlife Park – 760 Tobias Rd, Halifax, PA 17032, approx. 43 miles
 - Zoo and wildlife tours in open-air safari vehicles. Reptile and Exotics, tigers, black bears, African lions, etc...
- ❖ WK&S Railroad/The Hawk Mountain Line – 42 Community Center Dr, Kempton, PA 19529, approx. 32 minutes
 - 40-minute round trip aboard their vintage train through farmland and verdant forests as the train follows the Ontelaunee Creek on its journey.
- ❖ Cabela's – 100 Cabela Dr, Hamburg, PA 19526
- ❖ Heisler's Cloverleaf Dairy – 743 Catawissa Rd, Tamaqua, PA 18252, 30 minutes
 - Mini golf and ice cream
- ❖ Gettysburg National Military Park – Gettysburg, approx. 1.5 hours
- ❖ Turkey Hill Experience – 301 Linden St, Columbia, PA 17512, approx. 1 hr & 15 minutes
 - Learn how ice cream is made, about the people of Turkey Hill and create your own virtual ice cream flavor, ice cream package and a commercial. You will get your own pint of ice cream!
- ❖ Strasburg Railroad – 301 Gap Rd, Ronks, PA 17572, approx. 1 hr
 - America's oldest operating railroad dating back to June 9, 1832. You can take a 45-minute round-trip ride through the Amish countryside to Paradise, PA being pulled by a working steam locomotive.
 - The Railroad Museum is also there.

HAWK MOUNTAIN CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Effective 2/15/2020

Unless otherwise stated in writing in a flyer, brochure, or other promotional piece for a specific event, activity, camp program or product the below stated refund policies shall be in effect:

- Event or Activity Fees — Indoor (University of Scouting, STEM/merit badge college, banquets, indoor trainings, etc.)
 - Prepaid event or activity fees for an indoor event/activity are refundable in full if the request is received in writing at the Scout Service Center more than 30 days prior to the start of the event/activity.
 - Event or Activity fees for an indoor event are also fully refundable if the Council cancels the event/activity. Refund request received at the Scout Service Center 30 days or less before the start of the event or activity and more than 72 hours before the participant's scheduled arrival will be refunded 50% of the paid fee.
 - No fees will be refunded less than 72 hours before the start of any event or activity.
 - All Event or Activity fees collected on-site are nonrefundable. If an event or activity is restricted to a limited number of participants, and the event/activity is sold out and there is a waiting list of approved applicants, then the prepaid event or activity fee will be refunded, or transferable to another qualified, Council approved participant.
 - All Refunds will be made in the form of a check within 30 days of the cancellation of the indoor event/activity.

- Event or Activity Fees — Outdoor (Other than Resident/Day Camp Fees) (Camp-o-rees, Cub Scout Family Campouts, Venture Camporee/shooting sports, outdoor trainings, etc.)
 - Prepaid event or activity fees for an outdoor event/activity are refundable in full if the request is received in writing at the Scout Service Center more than 30 days prior to the start of the event/activity.
 - Event or activity fees for an outdoor event are also fully refundable if the Council cancels the event/activity.
 - Refund request received at the Scout Service Center 30 days or less before the start of the event or activity and more than 72 hours before the participant's scheduled arrival will be refunded 50% of the paid fee.
 - No fees will be refunded less than 72 hours before the start of any event or activity.
 - All Event or Activity fees collected on-site are nonrefundable. If an event or activity is restricted to a limited number of participants, and the event/activity is sold out and there is a waiting list of approved applicants, then the prepaid event or activity fee will be refunded, or transferable to another qualified, Council approved participant.
 - If an outdoor event or activity must be cancelled due to weather, and a weather makeup date was provided in the event/activity promotional materials, the inability to attend on the weather make-up date is not justification for a refund.
 - If a weather make-up date is offered after the cancellation of an event/activity then, at the participant's choice, they may either attend the make-up event/activity or receive a refund.
 - All Refunds will be made in the form of a check within 30 days of the cancellation of the outdoor event/activity.

- Resident Camping Fees (Scout BSA Summer Camp, Cub Resident Camp, NYLT, etc.)
 - Refunds of prepaid camp fees will be made by check to the participant's unit or the individual who paid the fee as follows:
 - Written refund requests received at the Scout Service Center more than 45 days before the first day of the camp will be refunded in their entirety except for \$50.00 administrative fee for resident camp, NYLT, and Wood Badge and \$25 administrative fee for day camp.
 - Written refund requests received at the Scout Service Center 45 days or less before the first day of the camp and more than 7 days before the participant's scheduled arrival at camp will be refunded in their entirety less 60%.
 - No refunds will be granted less than 7 days before the participant's arrival at camp. Written refund requests will be granted, unquestioned, according to the guidelines outlined above. Prepaid camp fees may be transferred to another Scout within the same

Scouting unit without a penalty. This refund policy is being enacted to provide the maximum flexibility to Scouts and their families while protecting the council's pre-paid camp expenses based on the unit's reservation numbers.

- Exceptions for Resident Camping Fees:
 - The Scout's family moves out of council.
 - There is a death or serious illness in the Scout's immediate family that requires his attendance.
 - The Scout himself becomes ill and is therefore unable to attend camp. A doctor's note MUST be attached with the refund request. Last minute cancellations due to chronic conditions may not meet the criteria of becoming ill.
 - A parent or guardian is recently deployed in the military. If a refund is granted, the initial deposit and commitment payment will be forfeited (a total of \$50 for resident camp or \$25 for day camp) for that Scout.
- POLICIES PERTAINING TO CAMP ACTIVITIES AND RESERVATIONS Off Season Camping Reservations (Cabins, Facilities, Campsites)
 - Cancellation of reservations 45 days or more prior to the scheduled date will receive a full refund. All refund requests must be made in writing to the Council Program Director. Mail to: HMC, 5027 Pottsville Pike, Reading, PA 19605.
 - Cancellations made 21 days to 44 days prior to the scheduled date may transfer fees to another reservation but will not be eligible for a refund. Transfers must be coordinated with the Council Program Director within 30 days of notification of the cancellation.
 - Cancellations made 14 days to 20 days prior to the scheduled date may transfer 50% of the fees paid to another reservation but will not be eligible for a refund. Transfers must be coordinated with the Council Program Director within 30 days of notification of the cancellation.
 - Cancellations made less than 14 days prior to the scheduled date, or "no-show" units, will forfeit ALL fees paid. Weather Related Event Cancellations
 - No event will be cancelled due to temperature considerations alone. However, the Council will make provisions for the health & safety of participants in the event of extreme cold or heat.
 - No event will be canceled due to thunderstorms or the threat of thunderstorms. Thunderstorms are usually short in duration. Portions of events or activities may need to be postponed, rescheduled, or canceled during an actual thunderstorm or severe weather event, but seldom will an entire event be canceled due to severe weather.
 - No camping related Scouts BSA or Venturing event or activity will be canceled due to the rain or the threat of rain. Participants need to come prepared for the possible weather conditions.
 - If an Event or Activity is Cancelled due to an extreme weather event, we will attempt to get the information out to participants by phone, by e-mail, by posting a notice on our Council website, and Council Facebook page.
- Scout Shop Refund Policy
 - All items must be returned within 30 days of purchase.
 - When returning items for refund, please include the following:
 - Receipt
 - Tags still attached to clothing
 - Exceptions to this Policy Order of the Arrow Event/Activities:
 - The Order of the Arrow sets their own refund policies separate from those of the Hawk Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America.
 - Please consult the Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser for information about their refund policies. National Events

- Activities and Facilities:
 - Refunds for national events, activities and facilities that you register for directly with the National Council, BSA are between you and the National Council, BSA in Irving, TX.
 - The National Council usually publishes an event's refund policy in that event's promotional materials.
 - The refund policy for national events can change dramatically from one event to the next. Please read and understand that event's refund policy before paying any fees.
- National Registration Fees:
 - All National Registration Fees are non-refundable except upon the death of the registered member when the remaining monthly prorated portion of the registration fee will be refunded, if requested in writing with appropriate documentation, from the date of the request through the remaining unexpired registration period.
- Boys' Life Magazine:
 - Please contact the Boys' Life Magazine Circulation Department at 972-580-2000 for issues related to this magazine.
- If you have comments, suggestions or questions regarding these refund policies, please direct them to the Scout Service Center, care of the Scout Executive.