

# 2018 Custaloga Town Scout Reservation Parents Guide

## Welcome!

We are so excited that your son will be spending time with us this summer at Custaloga Town Scout Reservation. Whether it is their first summer or their fifth we promise a great time, or your money back guaranteed (ok just joking about the money back, but not about the great time ☺) Our staff is already working hard to ensure your son has the best summer of his life! This guide is a reduction of the Leader's Guide and is more user friendly to the parents in preparing your scout to attend camp. If you have any questions please feel free to contact your unit leader or:

- 1) The council web site [www.frenchcreek-bsa.org](http://www.frenchcreek-bsa.org) under Camping.
- 2) e-mails can be sent to the Service Center addressed to Sue ([susan.eckbloom@scouting.org](mailto:susan.eckbloom@scouting.org)).
- 3) McGarvey Service Center – 814-868-5571.

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## What is Custaloga Town and what do you have to offer?

Custaloga Town Scout Reservation (CTSR) consists of more than 500 acres, located on French Creek in Carlton, Pennsylvania and has been serving thousands of youth since 1968. The fully trained and BSA accredited staff is eager and willing to help you and your unit make the best of your stay at CTSR. Currently there are many programs at CTSR including: Rifle Shooting, Scout Skills, Nature, Aquatics and program specifically designed for first year campers. Along with all of its programs and energetic staff, CTSR is rich with history. Camp history contains the names of George Washington and Chief GUYASUTHA (which history states may be buried on camp grounds). If you want to learn more just come to camp or log onto the council website.

When attending CTSR you will find a camping program that will meet the needs of every Boy Scout, Cub Scout, and Adult Scouter. A first year camper program, GUYASUTHA'S BRAVES, guides scouts through achieving requirements in Tenderfoot, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, and 1<sup>st</sup> Class. There are more challenging programs for the experienced Scout including: canoeing, climbing and rappelling, boating, zip-lining, shot gun/rifle shooting, and much more.

Custaloga Town provides a shower facility, a fully equipped dining hall and a First Aid building, which is staffed 24 hours a day by certified medical personnel. A supervised boating and swimming program offers many water activities including paddle boards. Our field sports program includes .22 rifles, shotgun and archery ranges. Other activity areas include a nature building, craft lodge, scout craft area, a climbing tower with a 900 foot zip line, and trading post and much more.

## How much does it cost?

### 2018 Resident Camp Fees

- \$300 .... Boy Scout Resident Camp (Paid before 5/15)
- \$320 .... Boy Scout Resident Camp (Paid after 5/15)
- \$350 .... Boy Scout Resident Camp (Late-less than 2 wks)
- \$280 . . . Boy Scout 2nd additional week of Camp Fee

**2018 Youth Camp Shirt INCLUDED!!!!!!!!!!!!!! When registered by 5/15/2018 Adults and Extra shirts can be ordered on-line**

## **Does it cost less if I have more than one Son attending?**

### ***Same Family Discount***

Each additional Scout attending CTSR from the same family will receive a \$20.00 discount for each week they are attending. This applies to brothers who attend Cub Scout Resident Camp or Boy Scout Summer Camp. The on-line system, will automatically apply the discount IF the exact same address is entered during registration, when you check out on line. If there is a problem and the discount does not apply, please contact the McGarvey Service Center.

## **My son really want to attend, but I just can't afford it this year:**

### **Camperships**

Langundowi Lodge administers the camperships for the French Creek Council. Monies raised by Lodge members through various activities, and from donations by dedicated family and friends of Scouting. Applications are available to all units through the roundtable drop boxes, at the McGarvey Service Center, from the Lodge web site ([www.langundowi.org](http://www.langundowi.org)) or the French Creek Council web site. Scoutmaster information and a fact sheet are also available in drop boxes and from the web site. The completed application needs to be submitted prior to **April 1<sup>st</sup>** for consideration.

## **My Son needs to leave camp for a while is that ok?**

### **Leaving Camp**

Any Scout or Scouter whom leaves camp at any time, for any reason, must sign out at the camp office. When returning, he/she must also sign-in. NO SCOUT will be permitted to leave camp without written permission of the Scoutmaster and parent/guardian indicating times of departure, return, travel arrangements, and with who the Scout is to be traveling. Persons leaving camp, and/or picking up Scouts, may be required to show their driver's license or other photo ID. This is to insure the protection of our Scouts and Scouters. This policy is so we know your whereabouts in case of an emergency.

## **Can I come and visit my son?**

### **Visiting Day for Parents**

All visitations should be coordinated through the unit leader, and families must check in at camp office. Frequent visits are discouraged, as they tend to interfere with program and advancement. The staff is trained to deal with homesickness.

Wednesday evening is "Parent's Night". Families can come visit their Scouts after 3:00pm and visit several program areas, the trading post, and enjoy a meal with their Scouts. Meal tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 in the Trading Post or camp office. Please coordinate these meals with your unit leader so we know how much food to prepare. Note that parking is limited, and some toilet facilities are primitive. The activities will culminate with an entertaining campfire program for the units and their families. The Order of the Arrow Calling Out ceremony will conclude the campfire program.

# What health forms do I need, and what about my son's medication?

## ***Health Forms***

A medical form, less than one year old, must be submitted for every youth and adult staying at camp. Only the official BSA form available from the National BSA web site or the French Creek Council web site, is acceptable. All information must be complete. Please review these forms before you turn them in; this will help reduce problems at check in. Specifically, check for parent and doctor signature, immunization dates, insurance information, emergency contact names and numbers, etc.

The new (current) BSA Medical Form #34605 requires EVERYONE to have a physical annually. It also contains information about prescription medications, a photo release form, and a hold harmless section. All three pages must be completed and returned to the Scout Leader prior to camp. Parts A, B, & C must be completed and a **Doctors signature is required**. *Part D is required for anyone participating in the Summit High Adventure program*. Copies of Insurance information are also required. Each leader must bring a folder of the completed health forms with them to camp and turn all forms in at the health lodge. **NO HEALTH FORMS ARE TO BE MAILED TO EITHER THE MCGARVEY SCOUT SERVICE CENTER OR TO CUSTALOGA TOWN SCOUT RESERVATION.** Be sure your district, troop, and summer camp session are noted when submitting them. Any Scout or Leader not having a complete and signed medical form will be **UNABLE** to stay at camp and **WILL NOT** be permitted to take part in any activities at Camp. These forms will remain on file while the unit is camped, and returned to the leader upon check out.

## ***Medication***

**All prescription medication for Scouts and Scouters must** be turned in at designated area on check-in day. Medication must be in the original container, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. The Camp Health Officer will supervise the administration of the Scouts medication. Inhalers and bee sting kits will be allowed to be carried by Scouts provided a duplicate is left in the Health Lodge. This is the policy of Custaloga Town and the French Creek Council to insure the safety of our Scouts. We realize this may be an inconvenience for some adults, but the safety of our Scouts is first. Scouts may not possess nor administer over the counter medication. Treatment for minor ailments can be obtained at the Health Lodge under our standing orders from the camp physician. Please make sure that all medications are properly labeled including the identification, dosage, Scout's name, unit number, and campsite. These medications must be listed on the medical Form.

# **“Wait He cannot eat that he has an allergy!”**

## ***Special Needs, Allergies and Dietary Restrictions***

Scouts or adults who have special needs due to a physical or mental disability, or special diets due to medical or religious requirements will be accommodated to the best of our ability. **Please be sure to complete the required information on-line (use NA or NONE if not applicable) and complete the Custaloga Town Special Need Form, available from the council web site, if special housing, transportation or equipment needs must be addressed. The sooner this information is available, the better we will be able to meet your needs.**

## Can my son take this ... merit badge? What prerequisites are there?

A complete list of our merit badge offerings can be found at: <http://frenchcreek-bsa.org/camp.php/Summer-Camp-Leaders-Guide-and-Forms/53/2229/731/3400> Also there you can find the merit badge matrix that lists: merit badge difficulty, pre/post camp requirements, and any additional costs.

## My son is taking shooting sports can he bring his own gun? How about bow?

### **Rifle and Archery Equipment**

**Personal firearms are prohibited.** Archery equipment will be limited to a 35-lb recurve and compound bows. Personal archery equipment is acceptable if it meets BSA Camp Health and Safety regulations at the **discretion** of the Field Sports Director. This must be given to Field Sports director for lock up.

## Can Johnny Bring His Goldfish?

**No: Pets are not permitted in camp at any time.**

## Can I send Him a Letter?

### **Mail Service**

Incoming mail should be addressed:

Scouts Name

Unit Number and Campsite

Custaloga Town Scout Reservation

7 Boy Scout Lane

Carlton, PA 16311

# What should my song bring to camp?

- Pack or foot locker
- Sleeping Bag/2 Sheets & Blanket
- Full Class A Scout Uniform
- Sturdy Walking/Hiking Shoes
- Underwear, class B shirts & shorts 7 pair
- Extra Clothing\*\*(see Appropriate clothing)
- Sneakers
- Mess Kit and Mug
- Flashlight
- Canteen
- Socks- 7 pair
- Rain Gear
- Cap/Hat
- Jacket
- Pocket knife (**sheath knives are not permitted**)
- Swim Trunks
- Bug Repellent (**Aerosol cans are not permitted**)

## Health & Cleanliness:

- Bath Towel/ Wash Cloth
- Personal first aid kit
- Soap in container
- Toothbrush, toothpaste
- Brush or Comb, metal mirror

## COMPLETED MEDICAL FORM:

Scouts cannot be admitted to camp without a completed medical form (current doctor's and parent's signatures, vaccination dates).

## For Advancement:

- Merit Badge Pamphlets
- BSA Handbook and Fieldbook
- Pens, Pencils & Paper
- Merit Badge Partials
- Merit Badge Projects (pre req. Started or Completed)

## Optional Items:

- Fishing Gear
- Camera and Film
- Musical Instrument
- Bible, Testament or Prayer Book
- Old shoes or water socks for creek hikes
- Shower shoes for in shower not walking to shower

## What to Leave Home:

**Fireworks, ammunition, firearms, sheath knives, valuables, radio boom box or CD players, motorized or remote controlled toys, personal CB radios, and aerosol cans of any type. Valuables that are merely "creature comforts" (radios, tape players, Game Boys etc.) should be left at home. We carry no insurance on personal items.**

Additional Items :

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## **\*\*Appropriate Clothing**

All campers are to wear proper footwear at all times to prevent stone bruises, cuts, and thorn punctures. Camp terrain is not suitable for walking in sandals and bare feet are not allowed. Any article of clothing with foul language or images will not be permitted. Per National policy, the Confederate flag is inappropriate for the Scouting Program. Female leaders should also keep in mind that appropriate dress is required at all times. Only one-piece bathing suits are appropriate. We should all keep in mind the Scout Oath and Law as it pertains to our clothing.

# How do I there?

## Directions to Custaloga Town

Custaloga Town Scout Reservation is located south of Meadville, PA and east of Interstate 79

### Directions from the north:

- Exit Interstate 79 at the junction of Route 285 (Exit #141). Follow Route 285 East approximately 7.5 miles to the junction of Route 173.
- Turn right onto Route 173 east, and go approximately 3.9 mile to Carlton Road (on the left) in Milledgeville.
- Turn left on Carlton Road and proceed approximately 2 miles to New Lebanon Road.
- Turn right onto new Lebanon Road and proceed approximately 1 mile to the intersection with Deer Creek Road.
- Turn left onto Deer Creek Road and travel approximately 2.5 miles to the camp entrance on the left.

### Directions from the south:

- Exit Interstate 79 at the junction of Route 62 (Exit #130). Follow Route 62 North (towards Franklin) approximately 8.5 miles to the intersection with Route 173 in Sandy Lake.
- Follow Route 173 north approximately 9.5 miles to the junction of Carlton Road (on the right) in village of Milledgeville.
- Turn right onto Carlton Road and follow it for approximately 2 miles to the end where it will join New Lebanon Road at a "T".
- Turn right on New Lebanon Road and travel approximately 1 mile to intersection with Deer Creek Road.
- Turn left onto Deer Creek Road and travel approximately 2.5 miles to the camp entrance on the left.

### Camp Address:

Custaloga Town Scout Reservation  
7 Boy Scout Ln  
Carlton, PA 16311  
Phone: 814-425-3672

### Council Address:

French Creek Council, BSA  
1815 Robison Rd West  
Erie, PA 16509  
Phone: 814-868-5571

## Questions?

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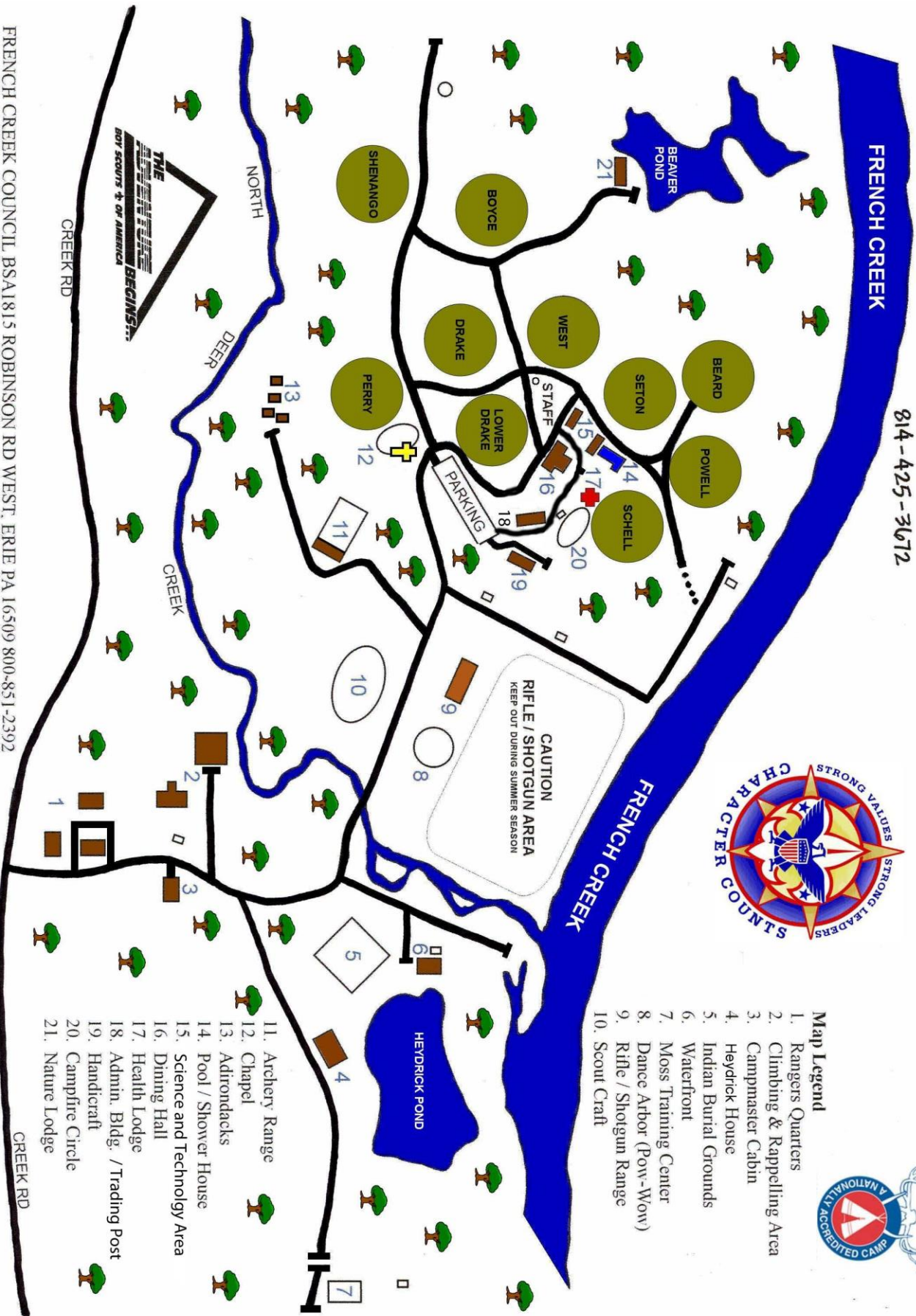
FRENCH CREEK



### Map Legend

1. Rangers Quarters
2. Climbing & Rappelling Area
3. Campmaster Cabin
4. Heydrick House
5. Indian Burial Grounds
6. Waterfront
7. Moss Training Center
8. Dance Arbor (Pow-Wow)
9. Rifle / Shotgun Range
10. Scout Craft

11. Archery Range
12. Chapel
13. Adirondacks
14. Pool / Shower House
15. Science and Technology Area
16. Dining Hall
17. Health Lodge
18. Admin. Bldg. / Trading Post
19. Handicraft
20. Campfire Circle
21. Nature Lodge



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