

2019 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. 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 under Camping.
- 2) e-mails can be sent to the Service Center addressed to Sue (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 along French Creek near Carlton, Pennsylvania, serving thousands of youth since 1968. A fully trained and BSA accredited staff is eager and willing to help you and your unit make the best of your stay at CTSR. Scouts attending summer camp have many program areas to choose from, including: Rifle Shooting, Archery, Scout Skills, Nature, Aquatics, Climbing, and Zip-line. These, are just a few of the many activities specifically designed to keep Scouts busy during their week at camp, including first-year campers. CTSR has a rich history including George Washington's visit to Custaloga Town on his way to Fort LeBeouf, Chief Guyasutha, (which history states may be buried on camp grounds), and early settlers, whose families still reside in local communities. Additional information can be found at Custaloga Town's Heydrick House Museum, open during select times throughout the summer, or log onto the council website.

Custaloga Town is licensed to operate as a youth camp by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Health Department, and the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. An accredited camp, CTSR is inspected annually, meeting or exceeding strict quality standards which include, a long-range plan, staff qualifications/training, and health and safety requirements. Copies of the most recent Pennsylvania Health Department or National BSA inspections are available upon request by contacting the McGarvey Service Center.

While attending CTSR you will find a camping program designed to meet the needs of every Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, and Adult Scouter. During the Scouts BSA Summer Camp Program, the first-year camper (called GUYASUTHA'S BRAVES) is offered and for the more experienced Scout, a program designed to learn new skills/challenges. including boating, climbing and rappelling, and much more. Custaloga Town provides a shower facility, a fully equipped dining hall, a First Aid building staffed 24 hours a day by certified medical personnel, supervised boating and swimming, a field sports program with .22 rifle, archery, and shotgun ranges; a nature building, craft lodge, scout craft area, STEM, a climbing tower, (including the 900-foot zip line) the trading post, and much more.

The Cub Scout resident camp program offers age appropriate activities for Cub Scouts. In addition to the swimming, boating, scout skills, crafts, STEM, nature, and archery programs, BB gun shooting, and sling shots are available. The climbing wall is adjusted for Cubs, but the zip-line is only available to leaders. All activities are compliant with the BSA age appropriate guidelines.

Custaloga Town Scout Reservation provides each unit with a campsite, which contains two-man tents on wooden platforms with cots, bulletin board, flagpole, campfire area, washstand, and a latrine. Each camp site includes a pavilion with picnic tables, for eating, working on projects or just hanging out and having fun. Adults attending camp will have access to facilities for leisure time activities.

Additionally, CTSR offers a wide variety of camping opportunities to units during the off-season. These include camporees, Klondike Derby's, as well as weekend opportunities for individual units. More information is available on the council website including the ability to register on-line.

How much does it cost?

2019 Resident Camp Fees

- \$310 Boy Scout Resident Camp (Paid before 5/15)
- \$330 Boy Scout Resident Camp (Paid after 5/15)
- \$360 Boy Scout Resident Camp (Late-less than 2 wks)
- \$290 . . . Boy Scout 2nd additional week of Camp Fee

2019 Youth Camp Shirt INCLUDED!!!!!!!!!!!!!! When registered by 5/15/2019 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 Custaloga Town Scout Reservation from the same family will receive a \$20.00 discount for each week they are attending. This applies to brothers/sisters who attend Cub Scout Resident Camp or Scouts BSA Summer Camp.

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

Camperships

Langundowi Lodge administers camperships for the French Creek Council. Lodge members raise money through various activities, along with donations from dedicated family and friends of Scouting. Campership applications and a fact sheet are available to all units through the roundtable drop boxes, at the McGarvey Service Center, or on the French Creek Council website (www.FrenchCreek-bsa.org). There are separate applications for each camping program (Scout BSA Summer Camp, Cub Scout Resident Camp, and Cub Scout Day Camp). A Scout's participation in unit fundraising, a contribution by the unit, and parental support are all part of the campership consideration. There is information that must be completed by the unit leader and committee, the parents, and the Scout. **April 1st** is the application deadline for consideration. All camperships awarded will be credited to the camper's on-line registration prior to the May 15th payment deadline, appearing as a credit for the Scout. Camperships are not transferable or refundable and are limited to Scouts attending Custaloga Town.

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

Every camper must submit a BSA Medical Form #680-001 (parts A, B, and C) available from the National BSA website or the French Creek Council website, no other medical forms will be accepted. The form requires EVERYONE to have a physical annually, all prescription medications listed, a hold harmless, a photo release, along with instructions on copying the front and back of your insurance card. Information on this form must be reviewed and complete, specifically check for parent/doctor signatures, immunization dates, insurance information, emergency contact names and phone numbers etc. The unit leader will turn in all completed forms to the CTSR medical staff during the medical check at summer camp and will be returned to the unit leader upon check-out. Any camper not bringing the completed and signed medical form will be UNABLE to participate in any activities at camp.

NO HEALTH FORMS ARE TO BE MAILED TO EITHER THE MCGARVEY SCOUT SERVICE CENTER OR TO CUSTALOGA TOWN SCOUT RESERVATION

Medication

- **All prescription medications for campers must be turned in at the designated area upon check-in.**
- Medication must be in the original container, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Medication must be labeled with the drug name, Scout's name, unit number/campsite, dosage, and time/amount to be administered.
- Medications in camp must be listed on the *Prescription Medical Form* and will be turned in during check-in.
- CTSR medical officer will supervise the administration of medication.
- Campers will be allowed to carry Rescue inhalers and EpiPen's provided that the camper has left a duplicate in the Health Lodge.
- Campers may not possess nor administer over the counter medication, any treatment for minor ailments can be obtained by visiting the Health Lodge.



This is the policy of CTSR and the French Creek Council, though this might be an inconvenience for some adults, the safety of everyone at camp is French Creek Council's first priority.

“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). 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/> 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

How do I get 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.

Directions from the east:

- Follow Route 322 West out of Franklin for 17 miles.
- Turn Left on McCartney Rd. (toward Patterson Wrecking)
- At "T" turn left, follow Cochran Rd (old 322) into Carlton
- After Post office stay right and follow State Rt 1015 across French Creek on New Bridge to Deer Creek Rd. Camp Sign in Front Left corner of intersection after bridge.
- 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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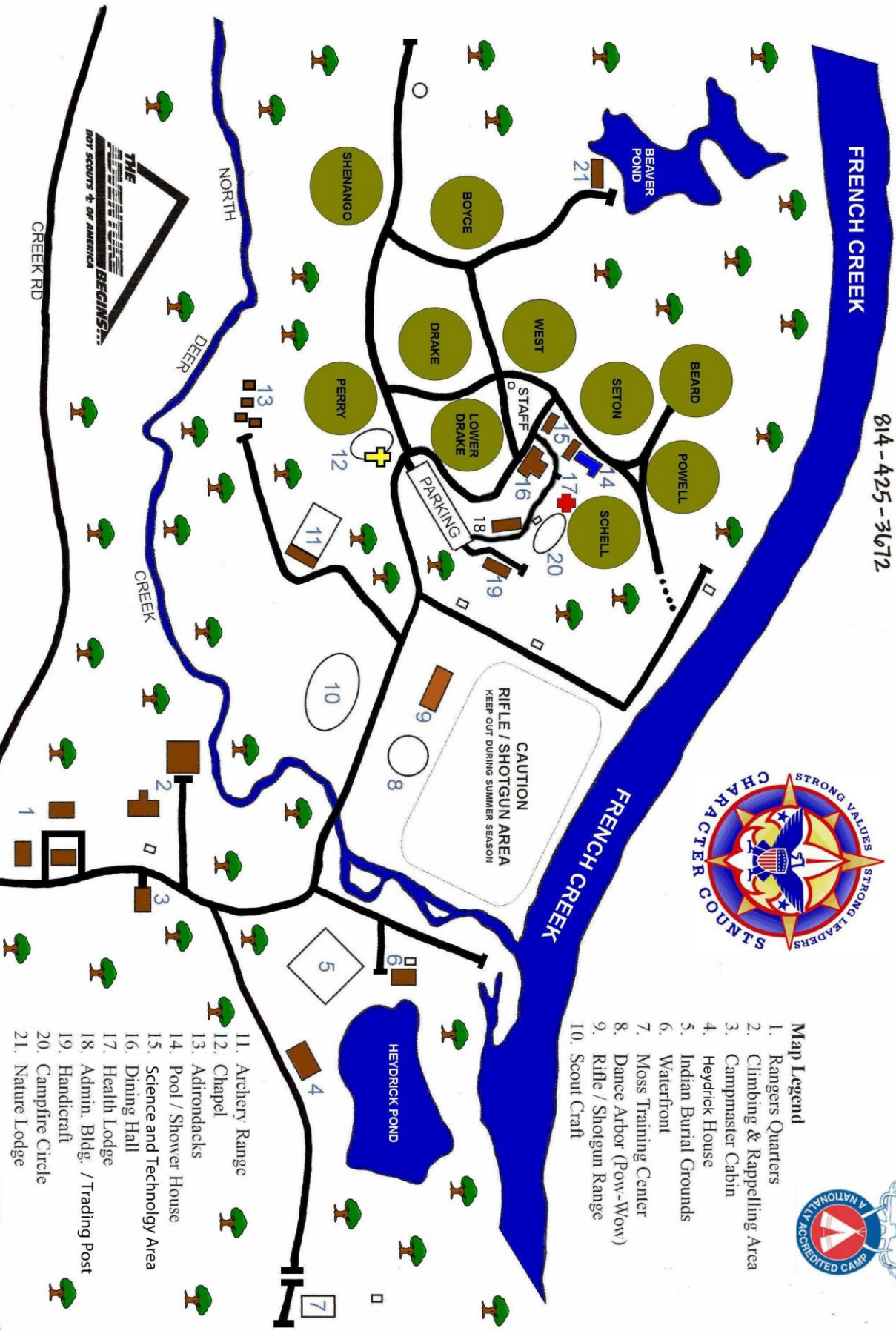
CUSTALOGA TOWN SCOUT RESERVATION

7 BOY SCOUT LANE, CARLTON, PA 16311

814-425-3672



- 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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