

Summer Camp PA Act 15 Compliance

PA Act 15, which was passed by the PA Legislature in 2015, requires all volunteers working with youth in Pennsylvania to meet specific state mandated background check requirements including:

- Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Check
- Department of Human Services Child Abuse Check
- FBI Fingerprint Based Federal Criminal History Check
 - Volunteers living in the state for 10 years or more are exempt, however, they must complete a Disclosure Statement for Volunteers that they have 1) lived in the state for 10 years or more and 2) have not been convicted of a list of crimes.

Non-PA Residents are exempt provided:

- They do not volunteer more than 30 days in any calendar year with youth in PA
- They meet the volunteer background check requirements of their state of residence

An adult must complete the background checks if at any time they will:

- Act in lieu of, or on behalf of a parent by providing care, supervision, guidance, or control of children, or...
- Have regular, ongoing contact with children that is integral to their volunteer responsibilities.

It is the local council's responsibility to ensure that all volunteers partaking in their programs meet these requirements.

Based on this, and at the recommendation of the National Council, BSA, the PA Dutch Council Executive Board has passed the following policy related to participation in our council summer camp programs:

1. All adults, regardless of BSA registration status, must have current BSA Youth Protection Training.
2. All PA residents must meet PA Background Check requirements.
3. All Non-PA residents must provide a signed Non-Resident Disclosure Statement that they will not be in the state more than 30 days and that they meet the volunteer background check requirements of their home state.

PA Residents:

Provide proof of completion of the state mandated background clearances listed above. For further information and directions on how to obtain clearances go to <http://padutchbsa.org/act15/>.

Non-PA Residents:

Complete and turn in a [Non-Resident Disclosure Statement](#).