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Copies of this brochure, along with trail maps of both camps can be downloaded by clicking the "CAMPING" button at the Pennsylvania Dutch Council website:

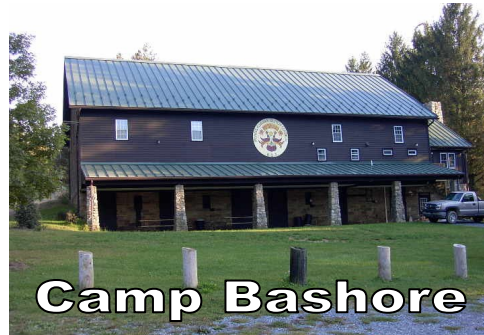
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# Adoption Programs



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## Camp Adoption Programs

The Pennsylvania Dutch Council operates two Nationally Accredited camps which comprise 1,000 +/- acres of land with over 25 miles of trail systems.



**Bashore Scout Reservation** is 397 acres and has approximately 10 miles of hiking trails, 10 campsites and four lodges for weekend camp.

**J.E. Mack Scout Reservation** is 603 acres and has 15 miles of hiking / biking trails, 9 campsites, 4 lodges and 3 pavilion areas for short-term camping.

Each camp has a full-time Ranger to maintain and care for the buildings and grounds. With thousands of people utilizing the camps each year, it's nearly impossible for the Rangers to keep up with all of the wear-and-tear that occurs in the most-used areas. Volunteer labor is crucial to keep our camps looking good and operating safely.

**How does it work?** Your unit commits to adopting a trail, campsite, or building at Camp Bashore or Camp Mack, which means providing at least 1-2 service days (minimum 8 hours) of work per year to improve and maintain it. The Camp Ranger

will help coordinate and communicate the work that is needed, and provide any necessary tools and materials.

After your first successful project is completed, your unit will receive an adoption certificate, along with appropriate signage designating the trail, campsite or building is being maintained by your unit,

The "Adoption" will remain in effect as long as your unit performs its yearly maintenance / service project.

*(Larger trails and campsites may have multiple units adopting them.)*

### Your Unit Benefits By:

- Generating service hours towards advancement.
- Instilling the values of stewardship and conservation in youth.
- Creating a sense of "Pride in Ownership". Scouts will take better care of something they help build or maintain.
- **Free weekend of tent camping** (or that value credited towards rental of a lodge or other council facility). The Ranger will issue a voucher upon successful completion of a work day. Only one certificate may be earned per calendar year.



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## Some of the most common projects needed are:



- Clean-up of storm damage— limbs & trees.
- Repairing erosion on trails and pathways. Install erosion bars.
- Clearing overgrown brush and vegetation.
- Picking up litter and trash.
- Maintaining trail markers— new signs or painting blazes.
- Cleaning out campfire rings.
- Staining / Waterproofing Latrines, Picnic Tables and Benches.
- Repairs to Tent Platforms and other items in the campsite.

## CABINS / BUILDINGS MAY NEED:

- Cleaning interior walls, windows, floors, furnishings, etc...
- Painting or Staining interior / Exterior.
- Projects that may require skilled trades.

**FUNDING FOR PROJECTS:** Units are welcome to contribute in part or in whole the funds needed to accomplish service projects. This is not a requirement of adoption. There are some circumstances where the council or another organization will partially or fully fund projects. Work may not begin until plans are approved and fully funded.

## Program Terms & Conditions:

Adoption of a building, campsite or trail at Bashore Scout Reservation or J Edward Mack Scout Reservation does not imply any form of ownership or special privilege other than the free weekend of camping, recognition signage and adoption certificate as described in this brochure.

All projects must be pre-approved and work days coordinated with the Camp Ranger where the site or trail is located. The Camp Rangers work within a maintenance budget and need to plan and approve any expenses.

All BSA safety rules and standards must be adhered to, as well as any camp-related rules. Chainsaws and other power tools may only be operated by properly trained and authorized adults.

Units may not construct or post any additional signage or structures or lay claim to "ownership" of their adopted area.

Adoptions automatically renew yearly and remain in effect as long as the unit provides the minimum amount of service hours per year.

The unit agrees to notify the Camp Ranger of any changes in leadership or contact information.

If a unit fails to complete the minimum number of hours required for "adoption" or ceases to provide maintenance as agreed, the Camp Ranger may reassign that trail or campsite to another unit.

Voucher for "Free Tent Camping" will be issued after successful completion of the service project. Vouchers will be valid for one calendar year, Voucher will have no cash value, but may be used as credit (the current value of a tent site fee) towards rental of a lodge or other facility at either Camp Bashore or Camp Mack.

## APPLICATION:

Please fill out this application and submit to either a Camp Ranger, Campmaster, or the Council Service Center

Type of Unit:  Cub Pack  Scout Troop  Venture Crew Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

District:  Iron Forge  Susquehanna  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Council:  Pennsylvania Dutch  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

We wish to adopt (insert 1st choice\*): \_\_\_\_\_  Trail  Campsite  Cabin at  Bashore Scout Reservation  J.E. Mack Scout Reservation.

\* If your first choice is already taken, please select an alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

## UNIT CONTACT PERSON: (This is the person that coordinates Service Projects with the Rangers.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### BASHORE TRAILS:

- 3-D Archery
- COPE
- Blue Mountain Summit
- Bones Spring
- Charcoal Flats
- Feeman
- Homestead
- Lakeside
- Nature
- Timberline
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### BASHORE CAMP SITES:

- Adirondack
- Appalachian
- Blue Snow

### BASHORE BUILDINGS

- Buckskin
- Greenleaf
- Karmany
- Powderhorn
- Rotary
- Swatara
- Outpost
- Staff
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Brown Lodge
- Brown Lodge Annex
- Friends Pavilion (Upper)
- Friends Memorial Pavilion (Lower)

### MACK TRAILS:

- Activity
- Big Timber
- Hammer Creek
- Light
- Loggers
- Lost Valley
- North Valley
- Powerline
- Ridge Camp
- Sharp Valley
- Spring
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Conestoga
- Delaware
- Iroquois
- Mohawk
- Seneca
- Susquehanna
- Tuscarora
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### MACK BUILDINGS:

- Blair Lodge
- Dellinger Lodge
- Esbenshade Lodge
- Swarr Lodge
- Ford Pavilion
- Hyman Pavilion
- Snavely Pavilion

### MACK CAMP SITES:

- Cherokee
- Chippewa