

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT APPLICATION FOR NON-PA RESIDENTS
Required by the PA Child Protective Service Law

BACKGROUND

In October 2014, Governor Corbett signed PA Act 153 of 2014 into law. This legislation is designed to increase the safety of children by requiring specific background checks and child abuse clearances for all individuals who are responsible for children. This law impacts all organizations who serve youth and also includes strengthened mandatory reporting requirements. Act 153 was amended effective July 1, 2015 by the passing of PA Act 15 of 2015.

The new background check requirements apply to anyone who may have responsibilities in which they:

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

It is the local council's responsibility to ensure that all individuals partaking in and or administering their programs meet these requirements. While the BSA has and will continue to conduct its own background checks on all registered volunteers, those checks are conducted through a third party provider and do not meet the specific provisions of the law.

In consideration of the local council's responsibility and considering that some summer camp attendees may not be fully registered members of the Boy Scouts of America while supervising children, the PA Dutch Council Executive Board has passed a resolution that all adult participants in any summer camp program provided by the council, regardless of BSA registration status, must:

1. Have current Safeguarding Youth Training
2. Meet the requirements of the PA background clearance law

Individuals who are not residents of Pennsylvania and who are part of a Scouting unit in a BSA Council headquartered outside of Pennsylvania are exempt from the background clearance requirements provided they meet two specific criteria:

1. They meet the background clearance requirements of their state of residence **and**;
2. They do not volunteer with children within PA more than thirty (30) days in any calendar year

All Non-Pennsylvania Residents planning to attend a summer camp program at either Bashore Scout Reservation or J. Edward Mack Scout Reservation must review the attached Disclosure Statement Application for Non-PA Residents and provide a signed copy as part of their pre-camp paperwork.

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I swear/affirm that I am a volunteer and am not required to meet the background clearance requirements of the PA Child Protective Services law because:

- I am not a resident of Pennsylvania;
- I meet the background clearance requirements of the state of which I am a resident; and
- I will not be working with children in Pennsylvania more than thirty (30) days within the calendar year.

I swear/affirm that I have not been named as a perpetrator of a founded report of child abuse within the past five (5) years as defined by the Child Protective Services Law.

I swear/affirm that I have not been convicted of any of the following crimes under Title 18 of the Pennsylvania consolidated statutes or of offenses similar in nature to those crimes under the laws or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or under a former law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Chapter 25	(relating to criminal homicide)
Section 2702	(relating to aggravated assault)
Section 2709	(related to stalking)
Section 2901	(related to kidnapping)
Section 2902	(relating to unlawful restraint)
Section 3121	(relating to rape)
Section 3122.1	(relating to statutory sexual assault)
Section 3123	(relating to involuntary deviate sexual intercourse)
Section 3124.1	(relating to sexual assault)
Section 3125	(relating to aggravated indecent assault)
Section 3126	(relating to indecent assault)
Section 3127	(relating to indecent exposure)
Section 4302	(relating to incest)
Section 4303	(relating to concealing death of child)
Section 4304	(relating to endangering welfare of child)
Section 4305	(relating to dealing in infant children)
Section 5902(b)	(relating to prostitution and related offenses)
Section 5903(c) (d)	(relating to obscene and other sexual material or performances)
Section 6301	(relating to corruption of minors)
Section 6312	(relating to sexual abuse of children), or an equivalent crime under Federal law or the law of another state.

I have not been convicted of a felony offense under Act 64-1972 (relating to the controlled substance, drug device and cosmetic act) committed within the past five (5) years.

I understand that I shall not be approved for service if I am named as a perpetrator of a founded report of child abuse within the past five (5) years or have been convicted of any of the crimes listed above or of offenses similar in nature to those crimes under the laws or former laws of the United States or one

of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or under the for law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

I understand that if I am arrested for or convicted of an offense that would constitute grounds for denying participation in a program, activity or service under the Child Protection Services law as listed above, or am named as perpetrator in a founded or indicated report, I must provide the program administrator or designee with written notice no later than 72 hours after the arrest, conviction or notification that I have been listed as a perpetrator in the Statewide database.

I understand that If the person responsible for employment decisions of the administrator of a program, activity or service has a reasonable belief that I was arrested or convicted for an offense that would constitute grounds for denying participation in a program, activity or service under the Child Protective Services Law, or was named as perpetrator in a founded or indicated report, or I have provided notices as required under this section, the person responsible for program, activity, or service administration shall immediately require me to submit current clearances obtained through the PA Department of Human Services, the Pennsylvania State Police, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as appropriate.

I understand that if I willfully fail to disclose information required above, I commit a misdemeanor of the third degree and shall be subject to discipline up to and including denial of program, activity or service participation.

I understand that the person responsible for program, activity or service administration is required to maintain a copy of this disclosure.

I hereby swear/affirm that the information as set forth above is true and correct. I understand that false swearing is a misdemeanor pursuant to Section 4903 of the Crimes Code.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Witness: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Current BSA Youth Protection Training Date: _____